



**It's not polite to share a woman's age, but in this case, it is a celebration!
On May 3rd, Ann Elliott celebrated 99 years on Planet Earth!
*Happy Birthday Ann!!***



Ann With Her Son Mark and Grandson Tucker!

Image Courtesy of Angelynn Bostrom

To Commemorate Ann, We Look Back On This Day in History - May 3rd

- 1933 - The US Mint was under the direction of a woman for the first time.
- 1937 - Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With The Wind."
- 1952 - The first airplane landed at the geographic North Pole.
- 1966 - The game "Twister" was featured on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.
- 1971 - National Public Radio broadcast for the first time.
- 1988 - Artist Jasper Johns' "Diver" inexplicably sold for \$4.2 million.
- 1998 - "The Sevres Road" by 18-century landscape painter Camille Corot was stolen from the Louvre.

To Commemorate Ann, We Look Back On This Day in History - May 3rd Cont'd

2000 - Geo-caching began with the first cache placed and the coordinates posted on Usenet.

2003 - New Hampshire's famous *Old Man of the Mountain*, a series of five granite cliff ledges resembling a human face, collapsed.

2008 - Kentucky Derby: Big Brown wins by nearly 5 lengths.

2013 - A Theropod dinosaur, dating from 161 million years ago, fossil remains are discovered in China.

2022 - Ann Elliott of Sunset Beach, Watsonville, California celebrated her 99th Birthday!

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Two neighbors reported seeing three raccoons (likely youngsters) climbing trees in the neighborhood and causing a big ruckus! Clapping hands and shooing them off seemed to do the trick - for now.



One of the three dog waste bag dispensers was relocated near the bluff-side fire hydrant on Sunset Drive for easier access. Thank you to all involved in the relocation and thank you for picking up after your pet!

Eyewitnesses reported coyotes in the neighborhood in early May. Please do all you can to protect your pets and also, bungee cord your gray trash bins to discourage wild animals from having a party. And just a friendly reminder to please break down your cardboard boxes to make the pick-up and recycling process smoother.

Sky watchers got a treat when a total lunar eclipse occurred on May 15-16 2022, which will be the first of two this year. It occurred near lunar perigee, which caused it to be generally referred to as a "blood moon." Clear skies allowed most of California to appreciate the event, including here at Sunset Beach.



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A Little Bit of History

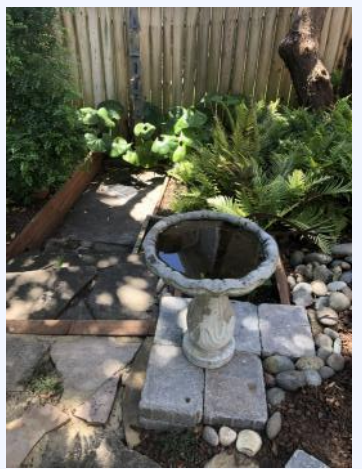
The next editorialized excerpt from the "Blue Book" by former SB resident, Jean Wenzel. From the *Preface* - "I wrote this as a Local History class term paper... and it needed to be done before the pioneers of Sunset Beach had gone away. We fell in love with Sunset Beach when we camped in the park in 1959. Weekend residence became permanent in 1963. We subsequently built three more houses to live at various places on the hill. We cherished our 30 plus years at the beach. It is only a special individual that can live in an isolated enclave so close to one another, lasting over the years through differences and crises as real neighbors and friends, and still stand firm as a distinct individual. Unique people for a unique place. Long may you remain on your sand top with a benign slope and a placid ocean below you."

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Our neighborhood has many wonderful plants and gardens and in this section, their beauty will be shared.

FYI - A new page has been started on the SBIA website to showcase the gardens of Sunset Beach. Still many more gardens to be added to that page, but you will find the link at: <http://sunsetbeachimprovementassociation.org/about-us/photos/the-gardens/>

In This Month's Edition, We Take A Peek At 16 Mesa Way



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In Gratitude And Remembrance

May 21st, Armed Forces Day, was a time to thank current military members serving their countries around the world.

Memorial Day on May 30th is for remembering and honoring U.S. military personnel who have died serving their country. May we never take for granted their ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer and we wish everyone a healthy and safe season!