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THE SEA RANCH, CALIFORNIA

The Sea Ranch is a coastal community in Northern California, made up of timber houses nestled in hedgerows for protection against the sea winds that affect this long, thin strip of land. Built in the early 1960s with a marriage of modernist architecture and environmental principles at its heart, it was designed to exist in the landscape rather than on it. It was meant as a kind of anti-suburb in response to many of the manicured developments springing up in America at the time. The Sea Ranch still thrives today and is self managed by a commitee made up of residents and volunteers - proving longevity in well designed and forward thinking community housing.

From the Sea Ranch homepage : *In 1964, when Oceanic Properties, Inc. decided to build a new town, Al Boeke, architect and Vice President for Community Planning, was sent to California from his Hawaiian headquarters to find the right site. Al fell in love with the barren and grand Rancho Del Mar owned by Ed Ohlson and his family. He recommended Oceanic purchase the entire ranch property. To give tangible, visible form to the principle of harmony between inhabitants and nature, Boeke assembled a stellar group of architects and design professionals.*
Their challenge was to demonstrate that people can inhabit a beautiful and fragile land located along a wild stretch of the California coast without destroying it. Adherence to their original architectural and design concepts resulted in the evolution of an 'intentional community', one that is unique on the California coast, if not the world.

Here is a video describing more about the origins of this special place.

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Renaissance Alternative Music Festival on 14th May at Electrowerkz in Angel. From Enza Ascione - *It's a one dayer multiarts, alternative festival, including live music performances, DJ sets, entertainment, photo exhibitions and film screenings and I've been involved in the photo exhibition and film screening parts, the latter with The Fall of the House of Fitzgerald*

get tickets here

L I S T E N

to Andrew Coram's most recent playlist here

W A T C H

The Gospel According to Andre (Mubi) : Filmmaker Kate Novack explores the life and career of fashion journalist André Leon Talley -- from his childhood in the segregated South to his iconic, barrier-breaking work at Women's Wear Daily, W and Vogue.

The Second Mother (Mubi): When the estranged daughter of a hard-working live-in housekeeper in São Paulo suddenly appears, the unspoken class barriers that exist within the home are thrown into disarray

The Hand of God (Netflix): In 1980s Naples, Italy, an awkward Italian teen struggling to find his place experiences heartbreak and liberation after he's inadvertently saved from a freak accident by football legend Diego Maradona

The Mickey + Lynn Show (Instagram live): Fashion writer Lynn Yaeger and magazine editor Mickey Boardman (see right) get together every Friday night for an irreverant run down of the week's fashion, culture + politics

HOUSING UPDATES

* The sale of 2 St Johns Church Road has been agreed and completion of the sale will go through on 29th April

* Phoenix Annual General Meeting reminder - Wednesday 27th April - Mulberry Hall, St Margarets House, Old Ford Rd, E2 - 7.00PM. A vote will be held on the proposed 4.1% rent increase this year, as well as the election of the Management Committee

* Please do not forget to return Equality and Diversity Form, if you require another form please e-mail Colin at the Office

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thank you!

Mickey + Lynn