

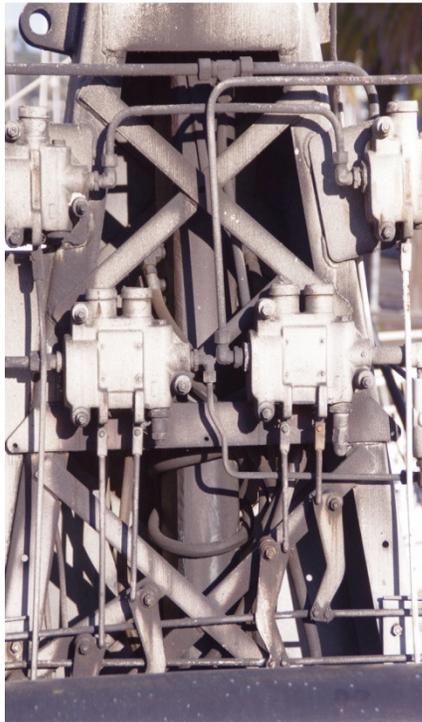
## **Presentation Day**

**By: Gavin Harding**

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Marin County 4-H held their County wide presentation day at Vallecito Elementary School in Terra Linda. Many 4-H clubs from Marin participated in the day and Tri-Valley (my 4-H club) had approximately 12 members who came and presented either individual presentations or group presentations.

Thanks to the judges and the countless people who put hours of their time so that it would all work out and run smoothly. Also volunteers helped run a snack bar this year and there were even home-made treats.

Many people participated in this year's presentation day and received gold and blue seals. The people who received gold seals have the opportunity to move on to a sectional competition which will be held at U.C. Davis on Saturday, March 30, 2013. I am proud to say I am personally moving on to sectionals and am excited for the opportunity to present my demonstration of How to Judge a Dairy Cow at another event.



## Tamalpais 4-H Photography Project By Kit Broms

Last photography project meeting at the Tamalpais 4-H Club, we went to the bay model in Sausalito. 4-Hers examined photos from the Creekwalker, a photographer who takes fascinating photos of water reflections in local waterways. All of her photos were very abstract and taken close up. We then continued on and walked along the waterfront looking for interesting objects that would look compelling when photographed close up, in the style of the Creekwalker. We also tried to incorporate what we had learned about in the January meeting, composition and camera settings. This location presented some interesting possibilities for photos. There was rust, barnacles, old wood and concrete. Here are a few of the photographs that were taken along the Sausalito waterfront.



Editor's Note: State Field Day at UC Davis hosts a photography contest that is open to all members, whether they are in a photography project or not. Please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>

### **Mill Valley Superintendent of Schools Honors Emily Press**

Emily Press, Mill Valley 4-H member was presented with a special award from the Superintendent of her school district. At a public meeting, he read the following:

"This is Emily Press. She is a fifth grader at park school. She read a post on my Facebook about 120 miniature horses seized from a hoarder situation in Southern Oregon that were slated for slaughter. She researched it and found it to be a true and sad situation. The horses were in bad shape, emaciated, injured, and not socialized. With the organization of her amazing teacher Danny Marsh and the park school principle Andrew Withers, she rallied her classmates to save these miniature horses. She made posters, had bake sales, and the park school world repair club also donated money. They raised enough money to send two rigs up the I5 to bring back as many ponies as they could. The larger rig brought 12, and the smaller rig held 6. On the way back down I5 at night in the middle of nowhere, the larger rig ran into mechanical difficulty. They stopped in a small town and woke up the only mechanic. He got them back on the road, and all 18 ponies made it safely to Lost Hearts and Soul Rescue association in Sonoma, where they were rehabilitated. Most of them have been adopted out to loving homes. A couple are still having foot work done, and should be adopted out soon. Through Emily's efforts 18 lives were saved. Emily has a light inside her that shines so bright. She can make anything happen. For this we honor her tonight."

