

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

October 2013

The President's Message

By Reggie Jones

Our Grand Opening/Christmas Party day, Saturday, December 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., is rapidly approaching, and this generates both excitement and challenges for your Board Members. Excitement, because that day will bring to fruition the hopes and aspirations of many who have been involved with CVHS for years, even decades. Some have been actively involved since the first meeting in February 1987. Our main challenge is to have a celebration which does credit to past and present members while we continue to function within our financial and manpower constraints.

Fortunately we seem to always have just enough money and just enough hard working and capable people to cope with the tasks at hand. When December 7 comes, we will also have a commitment for future operation of the History Building. Operating hours, manning and all associated details are being addressed, and we will keep you informed as plans become firm.

Preparations for the three museum displays continue well as a result of the dedicated efforts of Donna Zahn, Indigenous Indians, Jeff Ohlson, Zeigler Cowboy Photography and Kim Williams, Early 20th Century Parlor. Each of these displays will, I am confident, be very impressive. Additionally, as a result of recent grant money we have received, we hope by December 7 to have made substantial progress with the display of historic farm equipment at the rear of our building. The enclosure for the display will be built by Regency Construction, and Ellsworth Gregory will be the lead CVHS person.

We are being helped with the displays and the basic museum operations by a part time consultant, Chalet Booker. We hope to soon get additional help using a student intern from CSUMB. Our website is up and running thanks to Jeff Ohlson. It's a work in progress but you will be impressed by what's already on it. The web address is shown elsewhere in this newsletter. The railing around our building, mentioned in the last newsletter, is now complete and looks very good. It is also very substantial and has, temporarily at least, put an end to skateboarder activity.

We have recently been encouraged by receiving some significant grants from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop and the Upjohn California Fund. We are also constantly encouraged by the year round support of our loyal members and friends. Our sincere thanks to you all. We hope to see you on December 7 so you can review the results of your and our commitment and work.

Party in the Village!



Are you polishing up your dancing shoes? Have you practiced those new line-dancing steps? Are you ready to spend an evening listening to the best Country-Western music, tripping the light fantastic and feasting on excellent barbecue? You are in luck!

On Saturday evening, October 26th, CVVIC and the Carmel Valley Historical Society will present the famous California Cowboys in concert and barn dance, the second **Party in the Village** at Hidden Valley Seminars!

The big event begins at 5:00 PM with a Silent Auction, a No-Host Bar managed by the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club, a superb barbecue prepared and sold by the chefs at the Kiwanis, and several excellent salads. A raffle offers you chances to take home a wheelbarrow full of some of the finest wines or a wagonful of the best beers. The Back Country Bluegrass Band will provide music for your dining pleasure.

Promptly at 6:30 PM, we will gather inside to hear the opening band featuring our very own Casey Frazier, who won so many new fans at the Fiesta. Dancing will be encouraged. Snacks will be available. At 7:45 PM, the California Cowboys with featured steel drummer Bobby Black, will take to the bandstand and provide us with their unique style of toe-tapping music, guaranteed to get you out there on the dance floor.

All during the evening, the raffle table will be accepting chances for you to win the afore mentioned beverages. The Silent Auction will offer you bottles of fine local wine, restaurant certificates, and other unique items. – it's an evening you should not be able to resist.

The whole event is a benefit for the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee and the Carmel Valley Historical Society. Tickets are \$35 prior to October 26th, and \$40 that evening, so get your tickets early. Tickets are available at:

DoReMi Music

Hacienda Hay and Feed

Carmel Valley Business Service

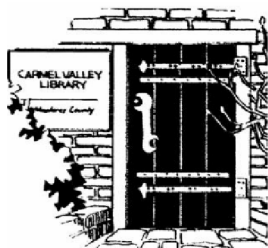
Salinas Feed and Trough

The Running Iron

Athena Cafe - Mid-Valley Center

We are looking for more donations for the Silent Auction or if you have something special for the wine barrow or beer wagon, please call Marj Ingram Viales at 659-9419. We'd also be most grateful for any financial contributions and you will be recognized on the honor poster at the Party. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged and they are fully tax deductible as both groups are 501(c)3 organizations. For more information, visit our website at www.partyinthevillage.org or call Marj.

Everyone had such a good time last year – come out and make this Party an even better success!



News from the Carmel Valley Library

First Saturday Series, Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
10:15am – Free – Coffee and Cookies, Bagels, and Donuts
First Come, First Seated

November 2: The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District: 40 years of Environmental Education, with Joseph Narvaez.

The Nov. 2 program will be followed by the Friends Annual Meeting afterwards. Please join us.

December 7: The Ukulele Club of Monterey performing oldies and goodies, back by popular request. Get ready for some sing-alongs!

January 4: Learn About Recent Mars Exploration Progress, from Brian Jacobson

February 1: Lessons from Our Year in Beer, by Chris and Merideth Canham-Nelson

Did you know that our Valley has had library services for over 100 years? The Library is in the process of gathering the community's hopes and expectations for library services in the future. A short online survey is available from the library's website at: www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org Click on the green icon that says Carmel Valley survey at top. It only takes about 10 minutes - don't forget to hit the box "done" on last page. Hard copies are also available at the library if you would rather submit by that method. Please take the survey by October 31st and encourage your family, neighbors and colleagues to complete it as well. Thank you for your input. For more information, call the library at 659-2377.

Early Restoration Efforts at Carmel Mission

By Elizabeth Barratt

By the latter part of the 19th Century, only low adobe walls, the remains of original buildings, stood alongside the venerable but crumbling Mission Carmel. By then, photographers, artists and writers personified the old church, romantically portraying it as a silent witness watching the centuries pass as it guarded the venerable tomb of its founder, Padre Junipero Serra.

Father Ramon Mestres (1865-1930), an expert in Spanish colonial architecture and history, began a meticulous restoration and reconstruction process of the original buildings. Under his guidance, pilgrimages to mark special occasions were often held at Mission Carmel, many intended as fund raisers to start a grand restoration plan. Work began on the Serra Chapel, which lies to the left of the church entrance as you enter the property. Manuel and Alejandro Onesimo, Rumsen Indian descendants whose ancestor was baptized by Father Serra, were invited by Father Mestres to lay the cornerstone in a solemn ceremony at the mission on October 21, 1921.

Artist-sculptor Jo Mora designed the travertine marble and bronze cenotaph which graces the chapel today. He intended it as a memorial to Father Serra. It was placed inside the first restored room of the original mission quadrangle in 1924 when the space was named the Serra Memorial Chapel

That day, crowds to attended the dedication ceremonies of the restored chapel room and witnessed the unveiling of the exquisitely sculpted Jo Mora cenotaph. The event included a seven-day pageant scripted by Father Mestres and Perry Newberry in which 750 costumed performers reenacted historic events in the Mission's past. Father Mestres at the time still presided over a church bearing the inappropriately designed 1884 shingle roof, which had been added to protect the structure from further collapse.

Historically accurate restoration efforts of the church and its connecting buildings earned Father Mestres formal recognition from the Spanish government in 1915, when King Alfonso XIII awarded him membership in the Royal Order of Isabella. Following Father Mestres' death, Sir Harry Downie continued and completed the restoration process. The historic church was reactivated as a functioning parish in 1933, and has become a popular tourist destination in the years since.



Birdies for Charity

By Kim Williams

\$100 becomes \$120! \$1000 becomes \$1,200! "How?" you ask. "Is it Magic?" Well, actually it is easier than magic. Every donation made to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation on behalf of the Carmel Valley Historical Society will be increased by 20%!

This year we will again be partnering with the Monterey Peninsula Foundation in the charitable distributions from the AT&T National Pro-Am golf tournament in the **'Birdies for Charity'** program. All donations receive between November 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014 will be increased by 20%.

How do you make a donation to CVHS?

You can go online and make a donation with your credit card at www.attpbgolf.com/charity/birdies-for-charity. Be sure to select CVHS as your charity.

OR Make your check payable to *The Monterey Peninsula Foundation* with the stipulation in the lower left corner of your check **"For CVHS."** This designates that your donation will go to the Carmel Valley Historical Society.

- Mail your check to the Historical Society address CVHS, P. O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, CA 93924-1612. We will enter your donation online for you.
- As always, your tax-deductable donation will be acknowledged.
There are two kinds of donations you can make:
Flat Donation: Make a one-time donation (\$20 minimum)
- Per Birdie: Pledge one cent or more per birdie scored by PGA TOUR professionals during the competitive rounds at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, February 6-9, 2014. For example, if you pledge one cent and 1800 birdies are scored, you would owe \$18. The past three year birdie totals were 1823 (2013), 1833 (2012), and 1798 (2011). Per birdie pledges will be processed in mid-February and must be paid by February 28, 2014. If you want to make a per birdie pledge you can do that online, or just send us a note with the pledge amount.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Williams, CVHS Treasurer, at 659-1307 or by email at cvhstreasurer@gmail.com.

Remember

Each day comes bearing its own gifts.
Untie the ribbons.

Ruth Ann Schabacker

Have You Seen it?

Our new road sign on the Carmel Valley Rd is now in place. The Society contracted Tom Ewen Woodworking in the Village to provide the sign which was designed to architecturally fit in with the existing Service Center signage.

Bill Parham from the Service Center provided his able guidance and concurrence during the process. The sign also signifies to the community that we will soon be open to the public and gives much needed direction of where we are located for those unfamiliar with the area.

Jeff Ohlson was instrumental in designing the sign and getting the cooperation of the other businesses in the area. He and Dianne Woods of the Carmel Valley Garden Association, also trimmed the bushes near the sign so it stands out better, especially to those cars heading west. Our thanks to Jeff for moving ahead on this project.

The History Center is Online!

The Historical Society has a new Website that is filled with all our news! Our "technician in residence", Jeff Ohlson and member Julie Cason have been working for several months putting together the site for easy access to the Society. It contains upcoming events and other important dates, plus information about the History Center, the Board of Directors and how to join us. Check it out at:

<http://carmelvalleyhistorical society.org/>

We also have an email address where you can contact us with questions or general information. Put us in your address book:

www.cvhs3@att.net

After many years of collecting artifacts, storing them in a myriad of places, and planning to build our History Center, it is all coming together for a Grand Opening on December 7th. We are working to become an integral part of the Village and one day hope to have all the residents of the Valley joining our ranks!

In Memoriam

All of us in the Historical Society extend our deepest sympathy to our Board member, Maxine Callinan, and her family, on the death of Maxine's husband, Dan, on October 16, 2013.

