

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The President's

Message

By Reggie Jones

I'm happy to report that satisfactory progress continues. To ensure that we have specific goals to work towards, the Board has committed to setting up at least three displays and opening our building to the public before the end of this year. The Display Committee meets regularly to consider options. We will select them at the end of July.

We are beginning discussions with the Park Board regarding displaying farm equipment on the land immediately behind our building. Cleaning and identifying each piece of equipment, and preparing the exhibit area, will be a challenge. We'll keep you posted.

We are blessed by capable people who work hard in various areas of our enterprise. Not least, we are very encouraged by the direct support we receive from the community. CVVIC and the Kiwanis putting so much effort into the Party in the Village and the Rummage Sale, respectively. The Carmel Valley Garden Association who have evidenced their generosity towards us with a \$1,500 grant—this is a continuation of on-going acts of kindness which includes establishing and maintaining our landscaping and previous grants.

To keep us on the right path, we have arranged for the consulting support of Jessica Lubniewski, employed by the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Jessica has expertise in collection management, inventory control and artifact storage, something we sorely need. We are very pleased to have her help: It has already been of great benefit.

Soon we will be organizing a project where we will ask for volunteers to help. This will include going through saved newspapers and cutting out articles pertinent to Carmel Valley for our research library. We will also ask if members have saved copies of The Herald from years past to share them with us and let us have or copy any articles regarding events in the Valley. It is an exciting time for us as we truly begin to set up our long-awaited museum.

Our heartfelt thanks to all



A Gigantic Success!



By Maxine Callinan

The CVHS and CV Kiwanis joined forces in a successful Gigantic Rummage Sale the last weekend in April. The two groups worked hard on the event which raised \$6,663.39 for the Society. This was a joint venture and all agreed there was a real community spirit in working together. The Kiwanis men provided most of the assistance with the setup and cleanup as well as distributing most of the leftover rummage. We couldn't have done it without them! To top it off, they put on a barbecue for all of the workers on Saturday!

Cindy Thatcher, Sue Pius, Anne Jones, June Taylor and I spent many hours pricing the items and conducting the sale. Many thanks to the tireless workers who made it all possible by helping out in setting up the tables and sale items, cashiering, helping shoppers, answering questions and generally making this sale a wonderful time for all.

Our Super Helpers

Barbara Babcock	Lance & Jennifer Boen
Dinny Craviotto	Robin Currie
Susan Francis	Ellsworth & Trudi Gregory
Reggie Jones	Judy King
Jean Lovell	Ellen McGrath
Jeff & Cherie Ohlson	Patricia Porter-Taylor
Haven Roberge	Art Taylor
Mike Thatcher	Cheri Von Bibber
Kim Williams	Penny Wood
Donna Zahn	

Oakland Mayor Planted Boronda Eucalyptus Trees

By Elizabeth Barratt

In 1874, Oakland's Fifteenth Mayor, Nathan Weston Spaulding (1829-1903), purchased the sprawling Rancho los Laureles. The mayor had begun life in California as a sawmill operator, later inventing and patenting saw teeth. He was the third owner of the sprawling Los Laureles acreage, originally granted in 1839 to the Jose Manuel Boronda family.

The Mayor owned Rancho los Laureles from 1874 to 1881. He introduced many modern farming and dairying improvements, as well as modern irrigation and wood rail fencing, for the first time in Carmel Valley. The innovative rancher blasted an 8-mile long ditch and reservoir to provide additional water for his crops and dairy cattle, also bringing piped water into his ranch houses.

Besides building barns at Los Laureles Ranch, Spaulding raised hogs and grew alfalfa for cattle feed on 1,000 ranch acres. The next owners of Los Laureles Rancho, the Pacific Improvement Company, expanded Spaulding's cattle and dairy operation.

In the volume, "Images of America: Carmel Valley," the final four pages of the book are devoted to the fine row of venerable Eucalyptus trees which line Boronda Road at Carmel Valley Road. In one, a placid 1886 scene, "Dairy Pasture, Los Laureles Ranch," shows cattle grazing on the site of the present Sotheby's Real Estate office. A twin row of the still-young blue gum eucalyptus appears in the background. A century later, the trees became a topic of heated local controversy. Since 1985, ongoing efforts by Monterey County Public Works to remove the historic tree row has stirred lively debate

The eucalyptus row appears in an 1898 photo, taken across Carmel Valley Road from Los Laureles Lodge. Pioneer family members from the Valley's past pose for the shot: Flora Steffani, Sarah Hatton, Joseph Steffani, Joseph Hitchcock, Sr., and Alex Escobar, a nephew of Loretta Meadows.

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February 1957, after much debate over whether or not the trees posed a traffic hazard, the Carmel Valley Property Owner's Association (now Carmel Valley Association) voted overwhelmingly to retain them. This did not stop county efforts to chop them down, however, and after decades of recurring debate, in 2007, a group of citizens representing the Carmel Valley Historical Society applied for historic status for the venerable Australian blue gums.

On January 10, 2008 the 130 year-old Carmel Valley Road-Boronda Road Eucalyptus Tree Row was successfully placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The county now agrees with preservation of the trees, and recently Monterey County Public Works hired an arborist who will oversee their trimming and maintenance, thus helping to preserve a living monument to our Valley's past.

Membership Chairman

We extend a big welcome to our new Membership Chairman! Trudi Hart-Gregory has graciously offered her services and we are definitely the benefactors of her largess. Outgoing Chairman, Maxine Callinan has chosen to work with Maurice Wolfe and Donna Zahn as they put together our future displays

Trudi will begin her job this month so if you have membership questions, please call her at 624-9611. This job fits well with the Gregorys as Ellsworth, a past president of the Society and tireless supporter of our goals, has inspired many of his clients and friends to become members and help us make the History Center a reality. We are certainly in good hands.

Our heart-felt thanks goes to Maxine for a wonderful job keeping our membership lists up to date and sending out dues' notices among her other jobs. Maxine has also chaired last year's Fashion Show and has worked many long hours on the Gigantic Rummage Sales for the last several years. We are very happy we are not losing her talents. Maxine will now be working on the many files and boxes of artifacts that have been collected through the years to help organize them for cataloging and display.

And speaking of members, Drs. Rolf Zerges and Lynda Rummel have joined the Society and we are happy to have them. They live in Keuka Park, New York much of the year but spend January through March with us in Carmel Valley. They join several other "far-flung" members – we enjoy spreading the word of our Society throughout the country!

We're Online!

In addition to the progress Reggie has mentioned, the museum software "Past Perfect" has been successfully installed in our new computer and Jeff Ohlson has been working to become familiar with the various components of the program. This program is the one most used by historical societies throughout California and will be enormously helpful in our being able to contact and cooperate with other museums. It will enable us, for example, to borrow articles from other museums to enhance one of our displays, or to loan something in our collections to complete their exhibits.

Past Perfect will be used to number and catalog all our artifacts and archives, install the membership list and keep it current, keep the financial records of the Society and generally be the heart of the History Center. This is a very important step in our progress and we are grateful to Jeff for all his work on this project.

Thanks also to Jeff for spear-heading the installation of new glass in our display cabinets as well as following through on updating the lighting. These improvements will help make our exhibits come alive!

Jeff is currently working on our Website that will have the most recent information available on it. We are hoping to include membership forms, tile order forms and the latest Newsletter as well as any coming events you will want to know about. He has been working with our member Julie Cason putting the site together and making it easy to access. We are very proud of all their work and opening up another phase for the Society. The Newsletter will have all the details when they are available.

The telephone number for the History Center is:
831-659-5715.

You can leave a message and we will return your call. Or you can Email us at:

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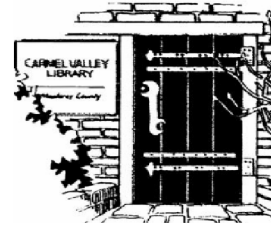
In Memoriam
Ernest and Anna Marshall

On June 15th, the family of Ernie and Annie Marshall held a Celebration of their Lives in the History Center. Many, many of their friends and relatives stopped by to pay their respects to a wonderfully gifted couple who left memories with everyone they met. Ernie Jr. told about the early lives of his parents, how they met and married, how the family grew and the many places they lived. Along the way were "off the cuff" stories about growing up in a family with six children and all the adventures living in a large family can bring.

Cynthia Marshall Bigbee and LindaSue Marshall had their own recollections to share and let us know the all the ways this couple touched so many people. There were albums and posters and a slide show of many of the events in their lives and it was such fun to look through them and remember those "old days."

The family chose to serve those favorite foods that Anna had made and included ham and cream cheese squares, skewered chicken strips, cheese balls and her excellent grasshopper pie.

The Marshalls also were staunch supporters of the goals of the Historical Society and we will ever be grateful for their generous financial donations and especially of the doll collection that meant so much to the family. It was a warm celebration of the lives of two people who spent time in many places in the country and around the world, but wound up in our small *valley*. All are better for knowing them.



Summertime Activities
at the Carmel Valley Library!

Are the kids telling you they are "bored?" And "there's nothing to do?" Well, there are some wonderful and imaginary adventures for you and your children at the Library this summer. Here's a list of some you don't want to miss:

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| June 26th | 4:00 PM | Boswick Turnstyle, Jr. Magical Clown |
| July 3rd | 4:00 PM | Something Ridiculous - Juggling! |
| July 10th | 4:00 PM | Puppet Art and Show |
| July 17th | 4:00 PM | Timothy James - Magic |

Our wonderful local Kiki Wow will be doing "Bugs and Beats," a music and movement program in the Library patio garden for children and families. Learn about rhythm and rhyme and bugs and gardens! And help us grow our vegetable garden at the library! (The Library's Toddlertime children have planted tomatoes, carrots, chocolate mint and nasturtiums, which they water every week.) Time and date for "Bugs and Beats": Friday, July 19th at 3:00pm. Free for all ages.

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| Dream a little! | Visit an exciting place! |
| Learn something new! | Stimulate your imagination! |

READ A BOOK!

Did you know that.....

the best way to clean your eyeglasses is to put a drop of dishwashing liquid on each lens?

if you glue a large paper plate to the bottom of a paint can it will catch those messy drips?

if you sharpen your hoe on the inside edge, it will be considerably easier to pull it through those pesky weeds?

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***Join us at the
Trail and Saddle Club
for the Carmel River Festival
Sunday, October 13th.
Membership Information,
Tile Orders and
Party in the Village tickets will be available.***

TO REACH US

If you have a question, a story to share or just a comment about the Newsletter, please call Reggie Jones at

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Or you can call June Taylor at

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For Memberships, call Trudi at 624-9611

To order a tile, please call Reggie.