



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January, 2000

Happy New Year to everyone! We all survived the excitement of the holidays and the anxiety surrounding Y2K, thankfully. Now we are ready to get back to the business at hand and, perhaps, find some new ways of accomplishing our goals.

This past year has seen a great deal of progress made toward the building of a museum in the Village. There have also been some special events that have been very important to the Society and what the future museum will encompass. Here are some of those events looking at the year in review.

January - The Board of Directors began to look into some options for the type and size of building proposed for the museum. The Building Committee was reactivated to scrutinize these ideas and recommend their choices to the Board.

Paula West donated a pear picking machine, pear picking apron and Edison batteries for the museum.

February - Don Sweiss was welcomed to the Board as a new member.

March - The annual Monterey County History Day held at Monterey Peninsula College on March 13. Several of our members attended to view the projects of the local students on the history of Monterey County.

April - Stephanie Culbert, working in close connection with the Goat Ranch Group at Rancho San Carlos, was able to obtain several original boards from the Joseph Wright cabin for the museum. This is the cabin where Robert Louis Stevenson spent his recuperating time in Carmel Valley in 1879. Stephanie took several pictures of the area and cabin remnants for our museum archives.

Roger Williams was welcomed to the Board as a new member.

Bernard "Buzz" Schulte gave a slide presentation and talk on the early days of Carmel Valley, at Sunset Center in Carmel. Several members attended the talk and had a chance to visit with Mr. Schulte. Leo Berta, who lived in the Valley during the same time Mr. Schulte did, added his own memories to the talk, giving the audience even more perspective. Schulte Road is named for Mr. Schulte's family.

Hank Ketcham gave the Society permission to print and sell up to 500 autographed Dennis the Menace-Rosie's Cracker Barrel T-shirts at our fund-raisers. Barbara Marks left the Society nine albums of photographs of the early Valley scenes and residents, in her will. It is a wonderful collection of the early days in the Valley.

Monterey Peninsula Airport opened an exhibit of photographs of early street scenes in the cities of Monterey County. Fifteen members of the Society went to see the exhibit in a group outing.

May - Joseph Hertlein was authorized to do the preliminary drawings for the museum, and to be the liaison with the County for all permits and regulations that will be required for the building.

The Building Committee made a decision as to the type of building that would be best for the museum. The Board of Directors requested that a drawing and small model be built and displayed at the Cowboy Show.

June - The 7th annual Cowboy Show at Hidden Valley Seminars, with performers Cliff Guinn, Belinda Gail and Wild Wind, Sourdough Slim, Bob Moore and Bill Ingram, plus wine-tasting, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. The Society realized a profit of over \$6,000 from the show.

The annual Giant Rummage Sale at the Trail and Saddle Club, held in association with Wild Life. The Society received nearly \$5000 from participation in this event.

July - The drawings and model of the museum were shown to the Monterey County Historical Advisory Committee near the site of the proposed museum. The plans were met with approval and support by the Committee, which also offered some suggestions and cautions to be aware of when building the museum.

August - The donation of the California Gem, the Benitolite, was shown at the Board meeting. Mrs. Z's Gemological Laboratory in Pacific Grove donated the gem to the Society through Stephanie Culbert.

The Society's booth at the annual Carmel Valley Fiesta sold T-shirts, wine glasses, Ziegler photo prints and gave out Society information. Another \$192 was added to the treasury from these sales.

The Berta Family Ranch was sold and member Leo Berta donated many pieces of farm equipment to the museum for future outdoor display. The pieces were moved to Roger Williams' property for storage and preservation.

September - The Society participated in Ranchers Days at the Trail and Saddle Club. Again T-shirts, wine glasses and photographs were sold and the Society gained \$419.

November - Mrs. Marie Pasquinelli donated many winery-related items to the Society, including a large wine vat, wine barrels, a wine press, antique platform scales and a steamer trunk. They will be a great asset in telling the story of vineyards and wineries in the Valley.

December - The annual Christmas Party was attended by about 45 members at the home of Stephanie Culbert. This is always a festive affair and "a good time was had by all."

We are very grateful for all the donations made to the Society during 1999, and for the people who have worked so hard to keep the museum progress moving. Our president, Ellsworth Gregory, has given many tireless hours to promoting the idea of a museum to the local business people. He never wastes an opportunity to publicize our fund-raising events to everyone he knows, and to persuade them to come and take part. We know that the Historical Society has almost become his "second job," and we appreciate all the work he has done to bring us so very close to our goal.

Joseph Hertlein, our Vice President, has been so helpful in putting the "dream museum" down on paper and building a model to help us visualize what it will look like. He worked up the comparisons of costs and needs for three kinds of buildings, so the decision could be made in the best interest of the Society. Joseph has worked with the authorities in the County, and has explained to the Board the requirements that will have to be met. His work and knowledge have been vital to this goal.

One of the truly unsung heroes in the Society is Stephanie Culbert. In addition to her duties as Treasurer, Stephanie is our Librarian, and has bought about 300 books and pamphlets for the museum's library. She is always on the lookout for books where the Valley is mentioned, and for authors who have lived in the Valley, ready to make sure their books are a part of our heritage. Stephanie has also been our representative with the other historical groups in Monterey and the Valley. Without these terrific people, the Society would be a great deal poorer.

Our hats are off to Stew and Sandi Clough, two of the Society's founding members. With their daughter, Tammera, they are operating a residential day care facility in Redding, CA, and were recently honored by the Redding Chamber of Commerce for outstanding customer care at their center. They have only been in business for 1 1/2 years, so this is truly an outstanding honor for them. Congratulations Stew and Sandi!

The Society has made excellent progress on the plans for a museum and the hard work done by our members is shown by the increases in the Building Fund. We are enclosing a copy of the financial report with this newsletter and hope that you will read it carefully. This could not have been accomplished without the dedication of the Board of Directors and the continued support from our members.

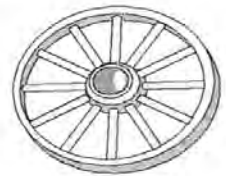
The new year promises to be full of excitement for the Society, as our progress toward the museum continues. We want our members to know there are several events through the year that will be worth putting on your calendars. Here are some of them, and we hope that all of you will participate.

Annual Monterey County History Day at Monterey Peninsula College.	March 12
8th Annual Cowboy Show Hidden Valley Seminars (We're bringing the Sons of the San Joaquin back again this year!)	June 3
Giant Rummage Sale Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club	June 17-18
Carmel Valley Fiesta Community Park	August 4-6
Membership picnic Community Park	September date to be announced
Cultural trip	October date to be announced
Christmas Party	December date to be announced

Remember, this is your Historical Society and the Board of Directors appreciates suggestions you may have to help our Society grow. Participation in the events and support for the goals is always encouraged. We hope to make the year 2000 the best year yet - come and join us!



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May, 2000

To all Members:

Plans for the 8th annual Cowboy Show are in full swing and everything is coming together for a great evening. Remember, it starts at 6:00 P.M., June 3, at Hidden Valley. We will have hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, a free wine glass and an excellent Silent Auction. The Sons of the San Joaquin will headline the evening's entertainment and Belinda Gail and Fred Ingle will add their special touches to top it off.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?

We are adding an exciting new opportunity for everyone attending the Cowboy Show! Just before the intermission, there will be a SPECIAL LIVE AUCTION with three of the most spectacular rewards for the successful bidders. Here is a brief description of what is in store for you, thanks to some very generous Historical Society members.

* The Valley's newest resort and spa, Bernardus Lodge, has donated a complete 2-Night Romance Package for two people that includes a 2-Night Complimentary Stay in a Deluxe King Room, Dinner for 2 in their fine dining restaurant, Marinus, and a Couples Spa Treatment in their unique Couples Massage Room (50 Minutes), that is valued at over \$1600. Special details and pictures will be displayed at the Show.

* Warren and Penny Wood, Lifetime Historical Society members, have generously donated a 45- to 60-minute ride in a former Russian fighter jet, which Warren will personally pilot. The plane was in use by the Russian Air Force until 1994, and has a top speed of 475 MPH. He has assured us that he will make this a fabulous and exciting flight for the lucky bidder. Pictures of the plane and further details will be available at the Show.

* For wine aficionados and collectors, Penny and Warren have also graciously donated six bottles of very rare French and California wines.

Two bottles 1981 Chateau Margaux-Bordeaux

Two bottles 1986 Leoville Las Cases-Bordeaux

Two bottles Silver Oak Cabernet

These wonderful wines would be marvelous for anyone's collection, plus exactly the right addition to that special occasion. See them on display at the Show!

The Historical Society is very grateful for these extraordinary donations that give the Cowboy Show guests a wonderful opportunity to indulge some totally different experiences.

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

Have you finished your spring cleaning? Let us pick up those items you cleared away for more space, and we'll include them in the GIANT RUMMAGE SALE on June 17-18, at the Trail and Saddle Club. We are looking for clean usable goods such as appliances, books, household items, collectables, art, furniture, horsetack, antiques, handbags, jewelry, etc. Call Ann Mills, at 659-3845, and she will arrange to pick up all those items, with the exception of any clothes.

June, 2000, promises to be a very exciting month for the Historical Society, and the goal of the museum. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the festivities.

8th Annual
**CALIFORNIA
COWBOY SHOW**



SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2000

Featuring

SONS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN

Belinda Gail • Fred Engle, Cowboy Poet

Wine With Glass • Hors d'oeuvres • Silent Auction

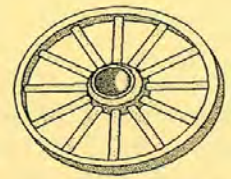


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CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



July, 2000

To our Members:

There was a party atmosphere in the air on the evening of June 3. Everyone who came to the Cowboy Show was there for a good time and no one was disappointed. The walls of Hidden Valley echoed the melodic sounds of the Sons of the San Joaquin and Belinda Gail and the laughter created by Fred Engel's Cowboy poetry. Good wine was sampled, good food was consumed, great Silent Auction items were purchased - the evening was a rousing success!

The Historical Society was privileged to receive some wonderful "special" items that were presented to the audience during the intermission of the show in a live auction. They included an air ride over the Valley in a Russian Fighter Plane, personally piloted by the donor, Warren Wood. He and his wife, Penny, also donated six wonderful rare vintage bottles of wine.

Bernardus Lodge offered a two-night stay at the lodge including dinner and all the other guest privileges plus a 50-minute couples massage, to the lucky bidder. A matted and framed limited edition print, by Frank McCarthy, rounded out the unique live auction.

There are so many people to thank for all their help in putting on the eighth Cowboy Show and making it the success that it was this year. The Society's president, Ellsworth Gregory, was tireless in his efforts to coordinate the entertainment, lights and sound, and all those other little details that just seem to keep coming up. A job well-done, indeed, Greg.

Special thanks to Cheri Gayman for her excellent work in setting up the Silent Auction. Cheri and her crew of workers have done the auction from the beginning of the shows, and every year she makes the event an even better success. Stephanie Culbert continues to achieve great success persuading the local merchants to take out ads in our booklet. We are most appreciative of all the efforts by Janna Gregory, Char and Randy Randazzo, Carolyn Metcalf, and Art and June Taylor that evening, to help make this year's Cowboy Show the best ever.

We also want to thank all of you who attended and participated in the Silent and Live Auctions. The Historical Society was able to realize a profit of \$13,000 from the Show, and we are all very grateful for your interest.

You will be pleased to know that those items you no longer needed and donated to the Gigantic Rummage Sale, held June 17-18, at the Trail and Saddle Club, happily went to new owners. This year the sale was two days and there were plenty of unusual items to pique the interest of all those who came by to shop. This sale is an annual event, held in conjunction with Wildlife, an animal rehabilitation organization. The Historical Society's profit was \$3876 plus \$80 at the Snacks and Bakery Sale.

Our thanks go to Anne and Rod Mills of Wildlife, to Sue Pius, Judy Benjamin, Maxine Callinan, Art and June Taylor, for their hard work collecting all the donations, setting up the tables for display and manning the cash registers. Besides offering an interesting array of goods, the sale was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

In this spirit, we would like to invite all of you to an appreciation Picnic in the Park, on July 22, at the Community Center, from noon to 3:00 P.M. It's our way of showing our members how much we value your support of our goals. We want you to come and bring a good appetite, enjoy a lovely lunch, meet members of the Board and hear our thanks first hand.

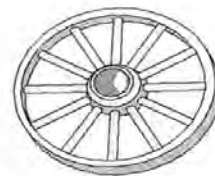
Progress on the museum is still moving forward, but it is a long, slow process. We want you to know that as steps are completed, we will keep our members informed. In the meantime, we want you to feel appreciated for all of your help as we move toward this big goal. Call Janna Gregory, at 624-9611, and tell her you'll be there. We look forward to seeing all of you!

The Historical Society will have a booth at the Carmel Valley Fiesta, August 5-6, at the Community Park. We hope that you will find time to stop by and visit with the members who will be at the booth and see some of the pictures and artifacts we will display. We need some members to help man the booth during those two days, so if you can spend a couple of hours chatting and visiting with those who stop by, call Janna Gregory and let her know. It's a good way to meet people and promote the Society as well.

Come to the picnic and enjoy the day, the food and the thanks!



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



November, 2000

To all our Friends:

Autumn has come, complete with some very welcome rain, and the hills and yards are greening up again. The fire season has closed early and all of a sudden, we're looking at the arrival of the holidays again. Where did the year go?

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?

Society President, Ellsworth Gregory, has been in close contact with the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department Board. During the month of November, a flyer will be sent to everyone living in Carmel Valley regarding the coming events to be held in the Community Park. In the flyer, there will be a questionnaire asking if local residents would be in favor of having a museum in the Village area.

We are asking all our members to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Parks Department, or to the Historical Society as soon as possible. This is VERY IMPORTANT! The opinions of the residents will be used by the Department to determine if the Society will be granted a small portion of the land next to the park to build its museum. We also ask that you encourage your neighbors to return the questionnaire with their opinions. A large positive response could be a big boost in achieving our goal.

The Historical Society joins with all his friends and associates in the Valley, in sending our sympathy and condolences to Dodie Williams and her family, on the death of her husband, Roger. He was a stalwart in the Valley, helped to make so many things better for all the residents here and was an important member of our Board of Directors. His ideas and enthusiasm helped all of us work together to keep the Valley the special place that it is. He will be greatly missed.

Many of our members know Susanne Villucci, and are aware that she has had some health problems during the last year. Susanne recently moved to Ohio, to be closer to her daughter and family. She would like to stay in touch with her friends in Carmel Valley and her new address is:

249 Kendall Dr.
Oberlin, Ohio 44074
Phone: 400-775-9953

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, Janna Gregory was formally elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of Roger Williams.

Please take careful note of the enclosed flyer regarding our Christmas party. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible for our holiday celebration, so mark the date and time and plan to be there.

Be sure to return your questionnaire regarding the museum as soon as possible. We will keep our members informed on the outcome and any decisions that bring us closer to our goal.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Carmel Valley Historical Society's
annual pot-luck Christmas Party is:

Saturday, December 9th
2:00 to 5:00 PM

Where: Stephanie Culbert's home
1 Paso Del Rio
(CV Rd to Boronda - right on Garzas to
Via Las Encinas to Paso Del Rio)



Please bring your favorite Holiday dish!
Dessert & coffee will be served at the
Barrett's home across the street.
Please call Janna Gregory at 624-9611 by
Dec 4th to let her know if you're coming.



NEWSLETTER



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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February 2001

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

The start of a new year always inspires us to make revisions in our habits, lose those pesky pounds, be more efficient, finish those nagging chores we keep putting off, start on a new page. It's the same with the Historical Society - we are looking forward to a progressive year.

The Christmas Party was a great success at the homes of Stephanie Culbert and Elizabeth and Richard Barratt. About 40 members attended and were treated to a delicious meal in lovely atmospheres. Our heartfelt thanks go to the hosts.

The Society received a generous grant of \$1000 from the Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services in December. The money was deposited into our Building Fund.

Our progress is reflected in the Society's Annual Financial Report. Also enclosed is a list of our Lifetime Members.



January

Donations of a wine vat, platform wine scales, wood swede saws, scythe, sickle, 3 lanterns, wine barrel, wine press and hand press were given to the Society by Marie Pasquinelli.

February

Our files and records help a Carmel Middle School student with a "Turning Points History" project on the Japanese Interment.

The annual Village Affair, sponsored by C.V.V.I.C., reports profits raised enabled them to pay off the mortgage on the property next to the Community Park, where it is hoped one day, a museum will be built.

March

Leo Berta and Ellsworth Gregory give a talk at the March 6 meeting of the Carmel Valley Seniors Program at the Community Center. Leo talked about the early days in the Valley and Ellsworth explained the part the Historical Society is playing in preserving the Valley's history.

May

The Historical Society joins, along with their many friends, in congratulating President Ellsworth Gregory, and his wife, Janna, in celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

June

June 3, the 8th annual Cowboy Show and Silent Auction at Hidden Valley Seminars, with the Sons of the San Joaquin, Fred Ingle and Belinda Gail.

The Giant Rummage Sale held June 17-18, at the Trail and Saddle Club.

July

Profits from the Cowboy Show and the Rummage Sale totaling \$17,000 are deposited in the account at the Community Foundation.

August

Participation in the 11th annual Carmel Valley Fiesta. Local Cub Scouts represented the Society by carrying the banner in the parade.

The yearly picnic at the Community Park brings together 60 members and friends for a social afternoon on a beautiful day.

September

The Society mourns the passing of Roger Williams, one of our Board Members and strong supporter of the best interests of Carmel Valley Village.

Acquisition is made of one of the original Garland Park wooden signs. It will be displayed when the museum is built.

November

A special survey goes to all Valley residents regarding the preferred use of the land next to the Community Park. Society members were urged to return their surveys immediately.

December

Participation in the annual Santa's Fly-in Parade.

Christmas party was held at the home of Stephanie Culbert with coffee and desserts at the home of Elizabeth and Richard Barratt.

2001 COWBOY SHOW



It is not too early to start planning for the annual Cowboy Show. This year, it will be held on Saturday, June 2, at Hidden Valley Seminars. Favorite entertainers, the Sons of the San Joaquin will again sing their way into hearts. Sourdough Slim will return with his fun-loving presentations and classic cowboy songs. So mark your calendar and plan to make your reservations and purchase your tickets early.



We are looking for help from members who would be willing to give us a hand this year. We will need help locating articles for the Silent Auction, setting up the theatre, tables for the Auction, helping when the buyers pay for their treasures, working with the food servers, or being on the ever popular clean-up team.

Several members who have helped out in previous years have indicated they would like to have the evening off, so this gives many of you the chance to be an integral part of the Cowboy Show and help make our 9th annual show the best ever. Wherever you can assist, it will be very much appreciated. Just call Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611, and he will do the rest.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS
JANUARY, 2001

Sally E. Hayes	July 14, 1993
Roy Woods	February 24, 1993
Juanita and Marvin Pylate	February 9, 1995
Dr. Richard and Karin Strasser Kauffman	February 9, 1995
Bernardus Winery	January 8, 1996
Nick Lombardo	January 8, 1996
Anne and Bush Abadir Durand	February 15, 1996
Joseph and Cynthia Hertlein	June 16, 1996
Peter and Sherry Coakley	October 28, 1996
Irene Kellner	September 16, 1997
Pat and Don Cummings	November 5, 1997
Susan A. Pius	December 29, 1997
Warren and Penny Wood	January 12, 1998
Louise C. Thompson	March 31, 1998
James and Beverley Flippen	June 25, 1998
Marjorie M. Foote	September 15, 1999
Prof. Norman and Sybil Frances- Balfour Levin	November 9, 1998
George and Betty Groves	November 8, 1999
Thomas C. and Tracy Coppinger	November 10, 1999
Marian Weygers	March 17, 2000
Stephanie and Michelle Culbert	May 10, 2000
Brenda Lambert-Mellinger	May 16, 2000
Don and Sharon Pezzolo	July 16, 2000
Joanne Millard	September 25, 2000
Dolores McGlochlin	November 7, 2000

HONORARY MEMBERS

Hank Ketcham	
Doyt Early	
Cheri Gayman	June 17, 2000
Cole Ryan Gerome	September 22, 2000

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NINTH COWBOY SHOW A SELLOUT!

June, 2001

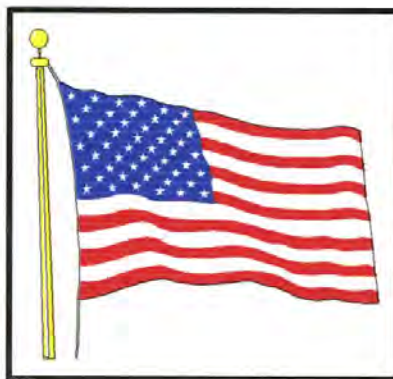
The Ninth Annual Cowboy Show, held June 2, at Hidden Valley Seminars, was a sell-out for the first time. The nearly 400 people who attended laughed at the poetry of Sourdough Slim and thoroughly enjoyed the rich harmonies of the Sons of the San Joaquin. Adding to the Sons' music was "Cousin" Richard Chon, and he could certainly play a mean fiddle!

A new menu of hors d'oeuvres greeted the folks, plus excellent wines to soothe the pallet. And did you see all those marvelous articles included in both the Live and Silent Auctions? Well, the evening was a huge success, and we are so glad that you all could come.

Special thanks for all the preparation for this evening goes to Ellsworth and Janna Gregory for all the work they do so the show will run smoothly. Ellsworth spent many hours working with merchants, wineries and entertainers to coordinate everything. Janna manned

the phones with all the answers to the questions and ticket requests. Cheri Gayman again orchestrated the Silent Auction with the help of her top-notch staff.

We also want to acknowledge that without the experience and just plain hard work of Stephanie Culbert, Dolores McGlochlin, and Art and June-Taylor, the Cowboy Show would not be the great Valley event it has become. Our hats off to all of you!



**JULY 4TH IS
INDEPENDENCE
DAY
FLY THE FLAG!**

RUMMAGE SALE IS A WINNER

The Gigantic Rummage Sale, held in association with Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, was held on June 9, at the Trail and Saddle Club. Bargains, antiques, collectibles and rare finds were on sale for all who came to shop.

Anne and Rod Mills, Penny Wood and Sue Pius were instrumental in finding, amassing and storing the amazing bargains that were offered. Items ranged from art work, patio furniture, books, electronics, seasonal items, a big-screen TV set and the star of the sale, a 1913 genuine Player Piano!

On Sunday afternoon, Serena Underwood, local musician extraordinaire, stopped by, and noticing the piano, broke into a rendition of "The Entertainer." and then a Strauss waltz. Not long after that, the piano was sold. We think there is a connection here!

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September, 2001

New Activities Set To Begin The Fall Season

With the arrival of September, the Historical Society, along with many other organizations, begins a new season of activities. It has been an active and productive summer for the Society, and the fall looks just as busy. We hope that you will be able to take part in many of the events planned for our members.

The first of our events is the annual Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days to be held at the Trail and Saddle Club on **September 14-16**. The Historical Society will participate in the festivities by having a booth and displaying many of the photographs and other articles from our archives. The photographs are of old Carmel Valley, its scenery, its ranch life and some of the people who lived here in the early days. You may even recognize someone in them!



For a taste of the western way of life, horses, and cowboys, take in Ranchers' Days and stop by.



*Remember, to those who
are prepared, success
can come at any time.*

Fiesta Booth Draws Many Visitors

The annual Carmel Valley Fiesta was held August 4-5, and our booth was again part of this local celebration. Many of our members, plus other visiting the Fiesta, stopped by to check out the photographs and artifacts on display. Local author, Marilyn Sanders was on hand to sign copies of her book, "**Rosie's Cracker Barrel**."

Our Fiesta booth was profitable as well, adding \$200 to our treasury with the sale of T-shirts and wine glasses. Our thanks to all of you who helped man the booth and promote the Society.

Field Trip Scheduled For September 29

With the help of Frank Tarantino and Board member, Stephanie Culbert, a field trip for all members and their guests is being planned for **Saturday, September 29**. We will go through the Hatton Milk Barn, on the Hatton Farm, which is located across from September Ranch.

We will meet at the Community Center in the Village at **10:30 A.M.** and carpool to the Farm. This is an historic part of the Valley. The chance to have a guided tour will acquaint people with one of the seldom seen buildings in the Valley. Mr. Tarantino will conduct the tour and afterwards, members will have the chance to ask questions and learn more about the running of the farm.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a bag lunch, and we will return to the Community Center to eat. If you would like to go on this tour, please call **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**. This should be a very good opportunity to see some of the older buildings in the Valley and to hear about their history.

PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK PLANNED FOR OCT.

Mark your calendars now for the Third Annual Picnic-in-the-Park to be held **Saturday, October 13, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M.**

This year, the picnic will be held at the Trail and Saddle Club and we hope you all can come. It is our way of thanking our members for all the help and support they have shown the Historical Society through the year.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings, plus a chance to meet the Board and other members of the Society. A short meeting will be held to bring you up to date on the progress of the museum, and the other important happenings the Society is planning.



The Board is always looking for new ideas to make the Historical Society better known and an integral part of the community. If you have an idea to help, share it at the picnic. We are hoping that more of our members will become involved in the activities of the Society, and catch the enthusiasm for a museum in the near future.

We hope to see all of you, especially our newer members, at our thank-you picnic. Please call **Janna at 6 24-9622** and let her know you'll be there.

GRANTS AWARDED TO SOCIETY

Two grants have recently been awarded to the Historical Society. They were given to us by Granite Construction, Inc. for \$500, and the Carmel Valley Kiwanis for \$250. Both grants will be added to our Building Fund.

We are very grateful to Tom Coppinger and Randy Randazzo for all their help in advising these institutions of our goals. And our sincere thanks to Granite Construction and the Kiwanis.

September 3 is Labor Day! FLY THE FLAG!

DONALD SWEISS

Don Sweiss passed away peacefully at his home on August 20, 2001, with his family around him.

Don was one of those people who was enthusiastic about everything, blessed with an artistic streak and a "can-do" spirit. He became a member of the Society's Board after he retired from teaching, and was always encouraging the Board to go forward and "do it!" when he agreed with a good idea. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to Lory and her family.

LEO BERTA ON THE AIRWAVES!

Our very own "Historian in Residence," Leo Berta, was recently interviewed on the local station KAZU. Leo talked about his life as a rancher and how different ranch life was in the early days. He has many stories of growing up in the Valley, of going to school, attending Saturday night dances, plus driving cattle over the Laureles Grade to Salinas.



Leo is quite a singer and he sang a song he wrote for his late wife, Mary Lou, as well as yodeled and recited some poetry.

Earlier this month, Leo donated several farm tools and implements, to our archives. They will be displayed when our museum is built, and we are very grateful to him.

Leo is our own treasure, and we are glad that KAZU gave him the chance to share some his stories about Carmel Valley with their listeners.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS THE VICTORIAN WAY

There are plans in the making for a grand celebration at Christmas time. Madeline Burnett, former owner of the Summerhouse Restaurant in the Village, and currently catering for Holman Ranch, has outlined to the Board, a delightful and different Christmas party, all in the Victorian style.

The merriment will be held at Hidden Valley Seminars on **December 1, from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

The dinner will be served buffet style, and consist of all those wonderful dishes served in Old England - roast beef, plum pudding and some marvelous surprises.

Our dining room will be festooned with hand-made decorations, many of which will be available for sale. Christmas music will be played, carols will be sung, poetry will be recited and there will be a special Christmas tree lighting ceremony. There may even be a raffle. Those attending will be encouraged to dress in period costume.

The cost of the dinner would be \$35 per person, and will be limited to 160 guests. The Historical Society will help with the decorating on the day of the party as well as selling tickets prior to the event. This promises to be a delightful new way for all of us to enjoy the

Christmas season. We hope that you will save this date, and mention the party to many of your friends. More details will follow in subsequent Newsletters.

LIVING HISTORY DAY

On **October 20,** a Living History Day will be held at Garland Park. It will run from **11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** and will include some very interesting events. Old California dances will be performed and there will be a group from the 1st New York Volunteers in uniform. You can examine a 1917 tractor, a rope machine, see how a blacksmith works, even enjoy a petting zoo. There will also be food available for your picnic.

You can just arrive at the park and you will be shown where to take part in the History Day. It promises to make us more aware of the amazing changes that have been made from days gone by.

*When you're on a trip,
take the time to stop at those
designated "scenic
overlooks."*

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Please call **President Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611,** or **June Taylor at 659-2038.**



There is a meeting of the Collection Committee on the third Tuesday of each month, at **7:30 P.M. at the Community Center.** Everyone is welcome.

CV HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

It was another terrific sale with more merchandise than ever before, so shoppers had a wealth of interesting choices. John Delessio, Rod, Ellsworth and Art aided customers load up their treasures and even delivered some of the bigger buys. We want to thank all of you who helped out setting up, cashiering, delivering and cleaning up.

With the success of the two big fund-raisers this month, the Building Fund of the Historical Society will enjoy more than a \$14,000 gain! We sincerely appreciate all of your support.



LOCAL AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT LIBRARY

Remember when the Society meetings were held at Rosie's Cracker Barrel? Remember when we all sat in the back room and Sandi (Clough) graciously had snacks and drinks ready for everyone?

Marilyn Sanders, one of our local authors, has written a new book, appropriately titled, "**Rosie's Cracker Barrel**," and it's a history of our local landmark. Ms Sanders will be at the Carmel Valley Library on Saturday, July 7, to talk about her book and how she came to write it. She will speak at 10:00 A.M., and everyone in the Society and the Valley is invited to come by, listen and talk with her, or just reminisce about those days when Rosie's was the center of activity in the Valley. She has included Hank Ketcham's love for the Valley in her book, and members of the Society will be there with our Hank Ketcham

T-shirts on sale. For more information, and to reserve a seat, please call the **Library** at **659-2377**.

OUR FRIENDS IN SICK BAY

We want to extend our best wishes to former Board members Don Cummings and Don Sweiss, and enthusiastic supporter, Shirley Forsythe. Don Cummings has been battling pneumonia, Don Sweiss is dealing with some heart problems and Shirley fell and injured her back. Our thoughts are with all of you, and we hope you all are well on your way to recovery.



LEO BERTA RECOGNIZED

Whenever the Society has needed clarification about an event, a location, some former residents, Leo Berta has been there with the answers. He has been a virtual encyclopedia of information about the Valley - mostly because he grew up here and knew everybody! In a unanimous vote, the Board has awarded Leo an Honorary Membership in the Historical Society, in appreciation of all he has done, and continues to do, for us. Leo recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and we wish him continued health, stamina and many more enjoyable years.



HOW TO REACH US

To reach President Ellsworth Gregory, please call **624-9611**. If you have news to share with our members, please call June Taylor, at **659-2038**.

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November, 2001

Christmas Party to be held December 15th

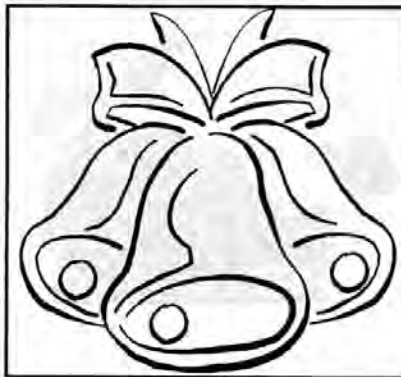
The annual Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 15th**, from 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P.M. **Stephanie Culbert** has again graciously offered her home at **1 Paso del Rio** for our celebration. It will be a pot luck dinner, so we are asking you to look up that favorite holiday recipe and share it with us.

Our Christmas Parties have always been filled with good fellowship and holiday spirit, and we encourage you to come and enjoy the festivities.

Call **Janna Gregory**, at **624-9611**, for reservations and to let her know what you will bring.

Victorian Christmas

The Victorian Christmas Dinner, scheduled for December 1, has been canceled. Madeline Burnett's unique idea for a fund-raiser would have brought a new dimension to our Christmas festivities, and our thanks to her for her generous offer to organize this celebration. We hope that the problems associated with this year's event can be worked out for a successful presentation next year.



*Never underestimate the
value of good old
common sense.*

Old Scenes of the Valley Donated by Uniglobe Travel

When Uniglobe travel closed its doors in MidValley Center this summer, **Fran Farina** generously donated six large, historical prints of Carmel Valley to the Society.

These pictures provided customers with a glimpse of how the Valley used to be, the hills, the buildings, the tranquillity.

Our thanks to **Fran Farina** for thinking of us.

New Members

A special welcome to our newest members, **Evelyn**

Rhoades, Bernadine Van Ostrand, Evelyn Zoellin, Maryanne Dalton, Geoffrey Hand and Natalie Eberly. We are happy they decided to join the Society, and grateful to **Dolores McGlochlin** for showing them the wisdom of their decision.

We also want to acknowledge the arrival of another new member, perhaps our youngest. **Isaac Paul Remington** signed in on August 9, 2001, joining his parents **Fawn (Nicholson) and Michael Remington** of Colorado Springs, CO. He probably isn't ready to become a very active member just yet - we'll wait. Our congratulations to **Fawn and Michael**.

DID YOU KNOW:

....that there are six sites, twelve structures and three bridges in Carmel Valley that are listed on the California Historic Sites list. Can you name any of them?

... or that our archives provide an excellent research library for history projects and just general information about the Valley as it has grown?

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Historical Society's Board of Directors, unfortunately, lost two of its members this past year, Roger Williams and Don Sweiss. The Board is looking for new members, people with ideas and a spirit of cooperation that will help the Society go forward to make the decisions about the new opportunities in the future.

Wouldn't you like to help shape the Society's place in the Community, to have a part in seeing the museum become a reality? Your ideas could be just what we're looking for. If you want to talk about it,, call **June Taylor, at 659-2038**

On a related note, the Society also has a big need for members to step forward and offer their talents for our fund-raisers and community events. Ask yourself these questions:

- * Have you participated in our fund-raisers this year?.
- * Did you enjoy the Cowboy Show in June?
- * Did you find any interesting bargains at the Gigantic Rummage Sale?
- * There is always a Society booth at the Fiesta - did you stop by and visit a spell?
- * Did you take in any of the activities at Ranchers' Days and visit our table?
- * Did you come to our Thank-you picnic in October?

We know that everyone is busy with their own activities and

time is precious. However, many hands make light work, and they also make each event more fun. Working together gives us a chance to meet others, and make the Society a much more visible part of Carmel Valley.



Get Well Soon

We all send our best wishes for recovery to **Don Cummings**, former Vice-President of the Board, who has been fighting an elusive virus of late. Don is a long-time resident of the Valley and has been instrumental in getting the Historical Society started. We're all pulling for you, Don.

Prints on Display

Many of you are familiar with the Ziegler prints that were given to the Society several years ago. They are wonderful pictures of Carmel Valley, the old buildings, the variety of scenery, the people. Several of the prints will soon be on display at the Agricultural and Rural Life Museum in King City as part of the history of the County..

Holiday Hint

Looking for a unique gift for a relative or friend? Stop by Di-Mar Designs in the Village and get a signed Hank Ketcham T-shirt for that special person. Everyone like surprises during the holidays, and this idea will definitely fill that bill - plus, it will help the Society as well.

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Be Yourself!

Who is better qualified?

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August, 2002

THE OLDEN DAYS OF CARMEL VALLEY REVISITED AT LIBRARY

On July 13th, the Carmel Valley Library in cooperation with the Historical Society, hosted a panel discussion about the days gone by in Carmel Valley. Members of the panel included **Bruna Odello, Leo Berta, Lawrence Berta, and Bob Wilson.**

Over ninety Society members and residents came to hear the panel tell of the stories of growing up in the Valley, the hardships, the triumphs, the trials, the hard work, and the fun, at a time when everything was less hectic and harried.

Recently, Society member **Bob Wilson** traced his family's history of living in the Valley. During his research, he found he could trace the history back over 200 years! And he discovered that his early family was part of the DeAnza party that reached Monterey in the late 1700's!

After many of the panel's stories were shared, the audience was invited to ask questions and relate some of their own histories.

Fortunately for all of us, the library had the whole discussion video-taped, and it is now available to be checked out from the library. The Society will also have a tape for our archives.

If you were unable to attend, we are sure you will find the tape very interesting and enlightening. Check it out!

C.V.H.S. TAKES PART IN FIESTA - DRAWS MANY VISITORS

The annual Carmel Valley Fiesta was held August 3-4, in the Community Park. Our bright yellow and white canopy stood out among the booths attracting many Society friends and Fiesta-goers. Of particular interest was the picture of the proposed museum.

Some of the **James Ziegler** prints, extra wine glasses, our specially designed T-shirts, and books by local author and member, **Marilyn Sanders**, were on display for sale.

Ellsworth and Janna Gregory, Patti Cummings, Stephanie Culbert, Dolores McGlochlin, Franklin and Ruth Peace were some of the members who helped to explain the purpose and the goals of the Historical Society to all who stopped by.

Our participation in the Fiesta has always added to our ranks. We welcome the nine new members! As an added bonus, our sales totaled \$173. Thanks for another successful weekend!



PROGRESS ON MUSEUM IS SLOW, BUT STEADY

The Historical Society is working with the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department on a lease for a small portion of the land next to the Community Park for the museum.

The Parks Department is planning to build a public bathroom adjacent to the museum and the Boards of Directors are cooperating to structure the lease in the best interest of both organizations.

We all are anxious to see the building started, and we appreciate your patience as the Boards work out all the details.

NEW DONATIONS FROM OUR FRIENDS

The Society has received some wonderful donations to the historical collections that will be displayed when the museum is built.

Inge Clarke has donated several books, a saddle, branding irons, bits, a hay hook and some old bottles that are representative of life in the early days of California.

Anne Riemer has given a collection of **The Carmel Valley News**, a former local weekly newspaper, to our research library. The copies of the paper run from 1948 to 1956 and include some of the most fascinating stories of those days in Carmel Valley. For example, the account of the much anticipated, and finally, the grand opening of the Carmel Valley Market. This is the same market that is now owned by **Randy and Charlene Randazzo**, two of the Valley's leading citizens.

If you needed a baby-sitter in those days, you just had to check the Valley News as all local sitters were listed with all their phone numbers.

We are very grateful to **Inge and Anne** for their generous contributions to our archive collections. These items will be enjoyed for years to come.



We also want to thank **Dodie Williams** and the **Carmel Valley Kiwanis** for their generous donations to our Building Fund. It is the support of our members and friends that will make the museum a reality.

A CHANCE TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Do you remember **Susanne Villucci**? She is still a member of our Society, but now living with her daughter in Ohio. When she lived in the Valley, Susanne was a dedicated member, coming out for all the events and helping out with fund-raisers.

Several years ago, failing health made it necessary for her to move to Ohio. She would love to hear from her friends in the area - just a note to say "Hello!" and let her know she's in your thoughts.

Her address is:
Susanne S. Villucci
249 Kendall Dr.
Oberlin, OH 44074



If you have an item or a story for the Newsletter, please call **Ellsworth Gregory**, at 624-9611, or **June Taylor** at 659-2038.

COMING EVENTS

As we travel to the mouth of the Valley, we tend to view the scenery in a bored manner - we've seen it all before. But do you know how many special and historical spots are scattered along this familiar drive?

Here's your chance to find out. On **Saturday, November 2**, the Society will be hosting one of two Carmel Valley Historical Tours, from the mouth of the Valley to the Mid-Valley. **Maxine and Dan Callanan** will be leading the tour, and **Dolores McGlochlin and Stephanie Culbert** will be the historians and explain the significance of the areas to be explored.

The time and meeting place are still being worked out, and members will be notified in plenty of time for reservations. Carpooling is strongly suggested. This promises to be a very informative tour and we urge you to come out and see all the historic places along your regular drive. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Save **Saturday, October 12th** for the Society's annual "Thank you to members and volunteers" Picnic. It will be held at the Community Park in the barbecue area, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Many of you have given your time and energy to help us this year, and we hope you will let us thank you properly at this picnic. Call **Janna**, at 624-9611, and sign up. This party's on us, and we want to see you!

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February, 2002

YEAR IN REVIEW 2001

Looking back over the year, these are some of the events and highlights from 2001:

February. - Donation from **Pauline Hermann** of many paintings, farm items, and signs from the old Farm Center.

April - **Ellsworth Gregory** gave a talk to a group from NASA-Ames at the Carmel Valley Lodge, on history of the Valley and our Society.

June - 9th Annual Cowboy Show at Hidden Valley Seminars, with the **Sons of the San Joaquin, Sourdough Slim and Clem Albertoni**.

The Giant Rummage Sale was held at the Trail and Saddle Club and was a rousing success. The Farm Center donated an old pear wagon to the Society which is now stored at the Gregorys.

July - **Marilyn Sanders**, author of "Rosie's Cracker Barrel" gave a talk at Carmel Valley Library and signed copies of her book. She donated a copy of her book to the Society.

August - the Society had a booth in the annual Carmel Valley Fiesta. We were pleased to sign up several new members.

September - The Society had a display table at the Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days at the Trail and Saddle Club.



Six historical prints from old Carmel Valley were donated to us, thanks to **Fran Farina**, from the Uniglobe Travel Office.

October - Annual membership picnic at the Trail and Saddle club. About 50 members turned out for a great lunch, and a lovely day.

Living History Day at Garland Park included a display by the Society.

December - Boy Scout Troop #127 carried the Society Banner in the Santa Fly-in Parade.

Our annual Christmas party was held at **Stephanie Culbert's** home.

Very sadly, the Society lost two vigorous Board members this past year, **Don Sweiss** and **Don Cummings**. Their ideas, spirit and enthusiasm for our goals was contagious and they will be greatly missed. Our sympathies are with their families.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

A grand welcome to the newest Board of Directors member, **Ruth Peace**. Ruth is no stranger to Carmel Valley, having grown up here and graduating from Tularcitos School in 1935. Her father, Herb Brownell, was in real estate, and since there were no high schools in the Valley, they moved to Pacific Grove to attend school there..

After high school, there were several moves, but in the 1950's, Ruth, now married to **Franklin**, returned to Carmel Valley where they bought property and built a home.

Ruth was a teacher and taught at Tularcitos for one year, then in Carmel for 24 years. She will be an asset to the Historical Society with her knowledge of the area, her memories of the Valley in the 30's and 40's and her interest in preserving this history for others. We are indeed fortunate to have her on the Board.

**JUST DO WHAT YOU DO
BEST**

Red Auerbach

NEWS FROM MONTEREY COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission meets every other month at various historical sites around the county or at Meg Weldon's office on Laurel Drive in Salinas. The Carmel Valley Historical Society is fortunate to have former Board member, **Elizabeth Barratt**, as a member of this Commission from District 5. To keep our members aware of the work other historical preservation groups are doing, Elizabeth sends along this report from the Commission's last meeting.

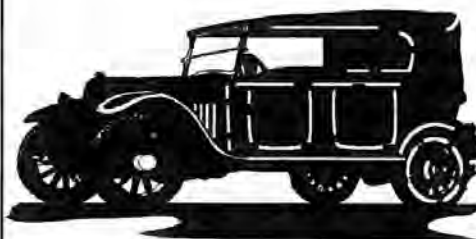
Members will fondly remember the "Sunday Drive" features in The Herald, that were written by Elizabeth. The Commission has been awarded a grant to write up and publish an historical road itinerary.

Last year, with a similar grant, Elizabeth designed and wrote a historical tour down River Road which included photos by her husband, **Richard**, and historical postcards loaned by **Rick Wilkerson** and others. Thanks to another grant to the commission, this year's historical road tour will feature a drive down old Stage Road from Natividad to the site of Pleito, complete with map, brochure and special stops along the way. Elizabeth will write the itinerary with the sidetrip contributions coming from from SAVHA and other local historical societies. The brochure will then be placed in many tourist information offices and with local Chambers of Commerce.

A call for help from the Commission.

The folks at Lockwood would appreciate any information on Willie Hess, a German immigrant who lived and mined in the Plaskett Hills. His portrait has been donated to the Nacitone Regional Interpretive Center, and will be displayed in their museum, when they get one. If you know anything about Willie Hess, please contact Linda Saylor, P. O. Box 224, Lockwood, CA 93932. They are looking for a windmill to install at their building site, bottom, top, or the entire construction. Also, if anyone would like to go on a Mansfield Mine Driving Tour, contact Donald Gillett at their website: www.clik.to/nacitone.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 11 at the Royal Presidio Chapel. For more information, please call **Elizabeth at 659-2751**.



GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

Every year the Society joins with Wildlife, an animal rehabilitation organization, to sponsor the Giant Rummage Sale. This year's sale will take place **June 22-23**, at the Trail and Saddle Club on Garzas Road.

While it may be a little early to think of spring cleaning, we are asking that you put aside those articles you longer need and save them for this big sale. We can use everything including electronics, exercise equipment, working appliances, books, furniture, accessories, art work and more.. We cannot accept clothing, however. If you need the space right now, please call **Ann Mills at 659-3745**, and she will arrange to have your items picked up.

If you would like to help set up the tables or work during the sale, please let Ann know so we can call on you later. This sale brings in many unusual and unique articles from all over the Peninsula and has been known to be a very enjoyable way to spend a weekend, meet new people and help out the Society and Wildlife.

COWBOY SHOW DATE SET AT HIDDEN VALLEY SEMINARS

The annual **Cowboy Show** will be held on **June 1**, at **Hidden Valley Seminars**, and will again feature the Sons of the San Joaquin as the evening's main entertainment. Randy Rieman will be the Cowboy Poet this year. There will be wine and hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful Silent Auction.

The Cowboy Show is an excellent opportunity for our members to help out in a variety of ways. Do you have an article that would be a great for the Silent Auction? If your business could use more publicity, an ad in the show's brochure would be the way to help both you and the Society. Can you help selling tickets? There are several jobs to fill that evening, and your help would be very much appreciated. Put this date on your calendar, and plan for a good time. If you want to help, please call **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report for 2001 is enclosed. We urge you to read it. If you have any questions regarding the report, send them to the Board at P.O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, CA, or call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**



BORONDA ADOBE PRINTS DONATED

We want to extend our thanks to **Joanne Millard** for her donation of many pictures and the written history of the **Boronda Adobe**.

This home has a rich history from the early days of Carmel Valley. The pictures are of the early owners and their families, the grounds, the additions to the house, and stories about those who lived there as the Valley grew and evolved.

The Society is very grateful to Joanne for giving the Society these pictures and history of one of our own Historical Sites.

**ACCEPT GRAVITY
FEW THINGS ARE
WHERE THEY
ONCE WERE.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The annual Christmas party at the home of **Stephanie Culbert** was a wonderful holiday afternoon. About 45 members brought their favorite dishes to share, meet other members and visit. Stephanie's home was festively decorated and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. Dessert and coffee were served across the street at the home of **Elizabeth and Richard Barratt**. Even though the day was cool, the warm fire on their patio and the lovely view of the mountain behind them just made everything taste better. Our thanks to all who helped make the party a big success.

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COWBOY SHOW SET FOR JUNE 1st AT HIDDEN VALLEY

The Tenth Annual California Cowboy Show will be held on **Saturday, June 1**, at Hidden Valley Seminars, beginning at 6:00 P. M.

The evening promises to one of great entertainment, great food and a great Silent Auction. We hope you are planning to come and enjoy it.

The **Sons of the San Joaquin** will again be the featured artists, with their smooth harmony and easy western rhythms. **Randy Rieman** will delight the audience with his renditions of Cowboy Poetry

We are indeed fortunate to have local caterer and chef extraordinaire. **Madeline Burnett**, in charge of our food. She will spotlight many of her famous hors d'oeuvres to savor before the show. Wine will also be served by one of our local wineries.

While you are indulging your appetite, you can check out all the items displayed in the Silent Auction. Donations from local merchants and residents will be arrayed for you to choose from and enjoy. There are wines, dinners, lunches, jewelry, golf packages, paint-



ings, baskets, and so much more to peruse and ponder.

Cherie Gayman is our super auction organizer who always amazes and surprises us with her findings and creativity.

If you are interested in helping out at the show, please don't hesitate to call **Janna Gregory, at 624-9611**. This evening is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Carmel Valley Historical Society. We are sure that all of you will enjoy all the entertainment we have in store for you.

If you are unable to help out, show your support of our future museum by attending the show. Maybe you'll find something you have always wanted at the Auction.

Tickets are on sale at the Carmel Valley Business Service, the Running Iron, and the Carmel Valley Market, in the Village. Also at Hacienda Hay and Feed and in Salinas, at the Feed Trough on Main Street, and in Carmel at DoReMi Music next to Brinton's. Or you can call **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**.

**WE
NEED
YOUR
SUPPORT!**



YOU CALL WE HAUL!

Spring is beginning to show up (finally) and that phenomenon known as spring cleaning is happening all over the Valley. And for so many of us, we discover that there are many items we no longer use or want - what to do?

Call **Ann Mills at 659-3745**, and she will solve your problem.

The **Giant Rummage Sale** will be held at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club on **June 22-23, 2002**. Every year the Society joins with Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation to sponsor the annual giant sale and it is a wonderful opportunity to pass along those items you no longer need and support two worthy organizations at the same time.

We can arrange to pick up your **CLEAN** usable goods such as appliances, books, household items, furniture, art, horse tack, exercise equipment, household decor, etc. We can not accept clothing, TVs or used computers.

The Giant Rummage Sale will have some great bargains and unusual articles on sale, so be sure to come by the Trail and Saddle Club to shop and socialize!

C.V.H.S. IS GOING HIGH TECH

As the computer becomes a more natural source of information for everyone, the Carmel Valley Historical Society is proud to add our name as a source.

Through the expertise and kindness of **Phil Childress**, a resident of Rippling River, the Society now has its own website! We will be posting the important information about the Society on this site so those wanting to know can now just click on.

This website will be a big help for those who want to become more active in our activities, and help make the Society a bigger part of the Valley.

Our Website address is:
cvhs@cvhistory.com

Be sure to check us out the next time you're online!



The Historical Society is always looking for new members, new idea, and volunteers. We want to keep the Society current while we keep the Valley history intact. There are many opportunities for you to offer your spare time - the Giant Rummage Sale, the Fiesta, Ranchers' Days just to name a few. If you can give us just two hours on any of these events, you can help make the Society a more active part of the community.

HOW TO REACH US

If you need to reach **Ellsworth Gregory, President**, please call **624-9611**. If you have items to share with our members in the Newsletter, please call **June Taylor at 659-2038**.

**You can observe a lot
just by watching.**

Yogi Berra

MUSEUM BECOMING A REALITY!

After many years of hoping, dreaming and hard work, the members of the Carmel Valley Historical Society will soon be rewarded.

Our Board of Directors is negotiating with the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department Board, for a lease for land for our new museum. It will be located near Carmel Valley Road on the land adjacent to the Community Park. At the same time the Parks Board is planning to build a separate public bathroom near the museum. This is a great step forward for the Society, and although there are many hurdles to jump, we are on our way!

Society President, Ellsworth Gregory, has led the way in working with Village merchants and leaders to promote the need for the museum and explaining how it can become a strong part of the Valley community. He has been instrumental in locating and collecting many of the artifacts that are ready to be displayed once the museum is built. Our members owe him a great deal of thanks.



We are presenting an artist's rendering of the proposed museum and the adjacent bathroom. It should fit in well with the atmosphere in the Village. Support from our members has been a strong factor in helping make the museum a reality and we will continue to count on them as negotiations continue.

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June, 2002

THE 10th COWBOY SHOW IS A WINNER!

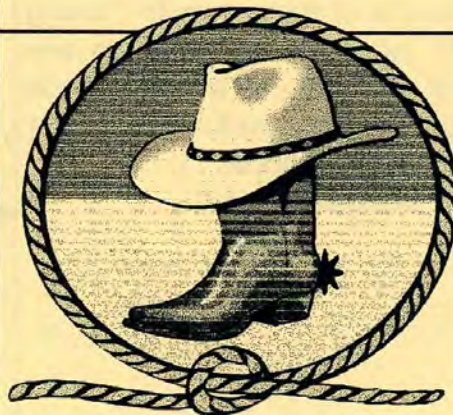
The Tenth Annual California Cowboy Show, held at Hidden Valley Seminars on June 1, was one of the Valley's highlights of the year. It was an evening of light-hearted poetry and music, excellent food and wine, and a Silent Auction filled with intriguing items.

Randy Rieman entertained us with his particular style of Cowboy Poetry, telling the stories of the old west and the life 'way back when. This year there was an added treat with the recitation of original poetry of **Alyssa Rose Jayne**. Just nine years old, she has already published "An Anthology of Poetry," and will be making an appearance at the Nevada Cowboy Poetry Festival later this year.

The **Sons of the San Joaquin** delighted the audience with their own inimitable style of harmony and music. Each year they seem to get better and better, sharing with us some of their own hit songs. They have become a regular part of the Cowboy Show and have quite a following of fans throughout the Central Coast.

Putting on the annual Cowboy Show takes a lot of cooperation from the membership and the untiring work of President **Ellsworth Gregory**. He works with all those people without whom the show couldn't come together - the local merchants, the wineries, the sound technicians, **Peter Meckel** of Hidden Valley Seminars and many others, so all the details come together for a wonderful evening.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to members of the Society who helped to make it such a success; **Sharon and Don Pezzolo, Stephanie Culbert, Carolyn Metcalf, Janna Gregory, Ruth Peace, Lory Swiess, and Art and June Taylor**.



The delicious food was catered by **Madeleine Burnett** and her able staff. Her selections left everyone licking their fingers and looking for more!

Once again, the Silent Auction was run by **Cherie Gayman**, who did an outstanding job of organizing the items, writing the descriptions, creating unique, bidding displays and setting up the Auction that Saturday. Do you remember the beautiful hand-made afghan in the red, white and blue patriotic theme that was an Auction item? In her "spare" time, **Cherie** knitted this truly marvelous work of art. Our deepest thanks to her for all her work and talent.

And once again, our hats off to **Dolores McGlochlin** for selling so many tickets. She really has a persuasive way about her and we know those ticket-holders enjoyed a superb evening.

To all those who helped make the evening a success

A BIG THANK YOU!!

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE WAS — GIGANTIC!

For the past five years, the Historical Society has joined forces with Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation to hold a Gigantic Rummage Sale at the Trail and Saddle Club, that benefits both organizations.

This year the Sale was held June 22 and 23, and offered shoppers an enormous variety of items to see, choose, wonder about, and buy. From a Maine racing boat to a wind surfer; from beds and bookcases to a vintage radio - antique rockers to an Apple computer complete with printer - rare and odd books to best sellers - fitness equipment to sofas for couch potatoes - serious art to the whimsical, the Sale had it all! And besides all the wonderful selections, shoppers had a chance visit with all those friends they hadn't seen in a while!

It takes a full week to set up the tables and put out donations, and there were many workers turning out to lend their hands to put that special touch on the arrangements. We want to extend our thanks to all who spent the week gathering items, rearranging tables, categorizing, displaying. They include **Dan and Maxine Callinan, John Delissio, Ellsworth Gregory, Inger Ramskov, Patti Cummings, Betty Groves** and her daughter, **Patti** plus her daughters, **Madelyn and Olivia,**

Dolores McGlochlin, Sandy Ellis, Reggie Jones, and Art and June Taylor.

Then there were those who helped in dozens of other ways including cashiering and the labor-intensive job of cleaning up - **Jean, Beverley, Cherri, D'Anne, Haven, Joanne Millard, Beverly Flippen and Royce and Jim Foster.** You helped SO much!

We especially want to thank **Anne and Rod Mills**, for all the work they have done throughout the entire year, in seeking out the items for this Sale. They spend many hours picking up items, cleaning and polishing, pricing, packing and storing them, so that when the big days come, most of the work is already done.. The Sale would not be the success it is without their expertise.

Our appreciation also goes to **Sue Pius and Penny Wood** who fielded calls for donations and arranged to have them picked up. This year's sale was truly an example of many hands making light work for all, and we are most grateful for all the hands you lent and work you did for both organizations

.Bouquets to All!.



MUSEUM BUILDING FUND ENLARGED BY TWO SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISERS

The hard work, dedication and support of the members of the Historical Society and the Valley have resulted in a substantial increase in the Building Fund for the museum.

Our annual Cowboy Show Silent Auction brought in about \$7,000 and the Gigantic Rummage Sale added over \$5,000 to the account.

It is evident that the future museum is an important goal for the residents of the Valley. The Board members of the Society are working with the Parks Department to make the museum a reality and we will keep you informed on the progress as it develops.

For more information on the status thus far, please call **Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611.**

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HOW TO REACH US

If you have a question about membership, the museum or history of the Valley, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611** If you have a story or item of interest to share with our members, please call **June Taylor, at 659-2038.**

HISTORY OF THE VALLEY TO BE SUBJECT AT LIBRARY

On Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M., at the Carmel Valley Library, there will be a gathering of Valley residents for a sharing of stories about the early history of this area.

Bruna Odello, Leo Berta and Bob Meadows will be the featured speakers and they will tell about growing up in the Valley, their triumphs and trials, and some of the more interesting details about living here in the early days.

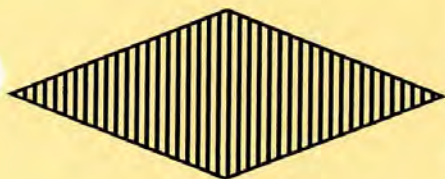
The discussion is free, and part of the Library's Second Saturday Lecture series. To make a reservation or for more information, please call the Library at **659-2377**.

COMING EVENTS

Carmel Valley Fiesta
August 3-4

Annual Picnic
September date to be
announced.

Christmas Party
December date to be
announced.



Monterey County Advisory Commission to meet in Carmel Valley Park

The Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting at the Community Park in Carmel Valley on Monday, July 8, at 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Historical Society are invited to attend and hear about what is going on in the county and to give the Commissioners an update of the museum, the Cowboy Show and other important developments within the Society.

We are fortunate to have Society members **Elizabeth Barratt and Rick Wilkerson** as our representatives from District 5

The Commission has just completed the next to last draft of their new brochure, "Old State Road." It is similar to the one written by **Elizabeth** last year on the River Road, and provides a map and historical guide for daytrippers from Natividad to Pleito along the stage routes of yesteryear. The brochure will be placed at tourist offices and Chambers of Commerce throughout Monterey County.

After the meeting at the Park, **Elizabeth** will be hosting a buffet lunch for the Commissioners and Society members at her home at **8 Paso de Rio**. If you would like

to come to the meeting and then attend the lunch after, please call **659-2751**, and leave a message so **Elizabeth** can have a head count.

The meetings are always very interesting and **Elizabeth** is a wonderful hostess. You won't be disappointed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The past month has been a very busy time for the Society. But just ask those who worked with the Board and other members on the fund-raisers, and they will tell you that it was a great experience and even a lot of fun.

Our next event will be participation in the annual Fiesta where we have a booth to spread the word about the Society and the efforts for the museum. There is always a need for people to man the booth, answer questions and sell T-shirts and copies of our Valley prints.

If you can spend an hour or two on either Saturday or Sunday, August 3 or 4, give **Janna or Ellsworth Gregory**, a call at **624-9611**. It will be fun to take part in the Fiesta as well as promoting the Society and what it means to the Valley. We look forward to meeting some of our new members there..

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2002

HISTORICAL TOUR OF VALLEY SET FOR NOVEMBER 2ND

Have you ever heard of the Cheese House? Do you know the location of the Hatton Barn? What is the importance of the Carmelo School House? Have you seen a building along Carmel Valley Road, and wondered when it was built, who was the original owner, or what it was first used for?

Well, now is your chance to find out. On **Saturday, November 2**, Historical Society members **Maxine and Dan Callinan**, will lead a tour down Carmel Valley Road to visit these and other historical places that are part of the landscape of beautiful Carmel Valley. The excursion will cover sites from Garland Park west to Carmel Middle School.

Our "in-house" historians, **Stephanie Culbert and Dolores McGlochlin**, have researched many of these houses and buildings, and will provide us with maps and a short history about what we will be seeing, and will be able to answer your questions.

Dolores and Stephanie are also encouraging you to share a fact or anecdote about the places we will be visiting.

The Historical Society wants to invite all members and their guests to join **Maxine and Dan** on what should be an informative, social and fun outing. We do need to know how many will attend and we ask that you call **Maxine at 659-4925**, to make your reservations.

We will meet at **Garland Park at 9:30 A.M.**, in the **western-most parking lot**. Carpools will be formed. Please bring along a bag lunch, and after the tour, we will enjoy a picnic at the Cooper Ranch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Society. The Cooper Ranch is located up a hill and to the right of the parking lot. We will be able to drive up to the Ranch.

Another outing is planned after the new year, that will take in the historic sites from Garland Park east through the Village. If you have a question about a possible historic place in our midst, let us know. We will check it out. Come and learn the stories of historic Carmel Valley!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 15

Save **Sunday, December 15**, for the Society's Christmas Party. The party will be held at the home of **Stephanie Culbert, 1 Rio de Paso**.

Many of our holiday parties have been held with **Stephanie's** gracious hospitality, good company and delicious food. It will again be a pot luck dinner, so plan to share your favorite holiday dish with us.

Watch for a flyer in November with the details and how to make reservations. Don't miss this party!

ENTHUSIASM IS
CONTAGIOUS.
BE A CARRIER!

LEASE FOR MUSEUM LAND TO BE SIGNED IN NOVEMBER

The Board of Directors for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department and the Board of the Historical Society have agreed on the terms for the lease of land on which to build a museum.

Both Boards have worked together to see that the museum is a reality. The lease signing will take place at the combined meetings of the two Boards in November.

You probably noticed that construction has started on the bathrooms for the Parks Department. They should be completed soon and will be a welcome addition to our Community Park.

The Historical Society is looking forward to taking the next steps needed to build the museum, and to preserving the history of the Valley for all of our residents.



THANK-YOU PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

The annual "Thank-You" picnic was held on a lovely, warm fall afternoon at the Community Park. About 40 members came out and enjoyed good food, drinks and a delicious dessert. They were also able to see first-hand the proposed location of the new museum.

President Ellsworth Gregory welcomed everyone, and told them how much he appreciated their work at the Cowboy Show, the Giant Rummage Sale and all the other ways members have given of their time and energies.

Through the years, the Cowboy Show alone has increased the Building Fund over \$50,000, and that only happened with the help of all our volunteers. With all of their generous support, our museum is closer than ever, and he encouraged everyone to keep up the excellent work.



HOW TO REACH US

If you have a story, concern, or item for the Newsletter, we want to share it with our members. Please call **Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611, or June Taylor, at 659-2038.**

NOVEMBER 5TH IS

ELECTION DAY!

MAKE HISTORY!

GET OUT AND VOTE!

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November, 2002

THE LEASE IS SIGNED!

It's finally happened! The lease for us to build our museum on property adjacent to the Community Park has been signed! At a joint meeting of the Carmel Valley Parks and Recreation Department Board and the Historical Society Board, the signatures were affixed to the agreement.

Our Historical Society President **Ellsworth Gregory** and the whole Parks Department Board, **President Dave Lyon, Dorothy McEwen, Sherrie May, Randy Randazzo and Nick Craft**, are to be congratulated for their persistence and hard work in getting the Village behind our museum and making it a priority. The Parks bathroom, now under construction, will open after the first of the year.

A small and enthusiastic celebration toasted the completion of many months of deliberation for the best use of the land, coordination with the bathroom construction, and planning for the place our museum will have in the Community.

The Society will begin to go through the per-

mit process, getting the bids on construction and working on the final plans for the museum design. This work will start after the new year.

The museum will be a one-story building that will blend in with the atmosphere of the Village. It will measure 40' x 60', and will be surrounded by a 10' covered porch. It will house a small office and a workroom. There will be lots of room for displays of our collections of artifacts. It is hoped that some of the features in the museum will be active, or hands-on, to be of more interest to all the students in the Community.

The Society has assembled many articles and newspapers from the earliest times in Carmel Valley, which will be available for research when the museum is completed.

The Society Board is very excited about being able to share with all of you this important first step to putting a museum in Carmel Valley. Our heartfelt thanks to all who made this "historic" agreement possible, and to our members who supported us every step of the way.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARTY!

On **Sunday, December 15th**, you are cordially invited to our annual Christmas Party! It will be held at the home of **Stephanie Culbert**, at **1 Rio del Paso**, from **2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

The party will be a pot-luck dinner and we urge you to share your favorite Christmas dish with all. It is a well-known fact that the food at the party is simply superb, the atmosphere is festive, and the company most enjoyable.

We urge you to save the date, and to make your reservations with **Janna Gregory**, at **624-9611**, by **December 10th**. Come and celebrate the holidays with other members of the Historical Society.

FIRST HISTORICAL TOUR OF VALLEY A HUGE SUCCESS

It was one of those warm, clear, wonderful fall days, just right for doing something outside. Twenty members of the Historical Society met in the parking lot at Garland Park to go on an historical tour west on Carmel Valley Road to the Middle School.

Dan and Maxine Callinan gathered the group and outlined the sights that would be visited. Maps and short explanations of each were handed out. Dan told everyone to keep a sharp eye out for him in his yellow shirt - he'd be the tour director.

Did you know that the gray house on the right side with all the geranium plants, just beyond Scarlett Road, was once called Casa Verde and was rumored to have been a hunting club?

Have you ever looked into the Canyon of the Natives? It's on the right, just above the Robinson Canyon Underpass.

Our first stop was the Carmelo School, which is now the site for adult education in the Valley. This one-room school was constructed in 1851 by James Meadows, then torn down in 1916 to build a two-room school.

There are several old homes along Carmel valley Road, not always visible, that are part of the history of the Valley. The group made stops at The Soberanes Home, the Meadows House, the Stewart House, and the Stone House.

Do you recall that little wayside on the right just past San Carlos Road, where fresh flowers always seem to just appear? It is a memorial to Indian pallbearers, who were bringing their deceased to the Mission for burial.

Have you ever noticed the trench behind the Carmel School District Offices? It was dug by the Indians in the early 1800's, to allow water to flow from the Carmel River to the Mission.

On the return trip to Garland Park, stops were made at the Hatton Barn, the Milk House, the Martin Ranch and the Farm Center.

There's a large, white building across Robinson Canyon Rd. from the Farm Center. At one time it was the center of social activity in the Valley, a place for suppers, dances and birthday parties.

Stephanie Culbert and Dolores McGlochlin did the research for all the planned stops, and **Stephanie** told the history of the houses, barns and other buildings along the route. Many of those on the tour were amazed at what they had been passing by each day, and very interested in knowing the history of how the Valley was built. At the end of the tour, everyone drove up to the Cooper-Lang house in Garland Park for a picnic lunch. It was a fitting end to a lovely morning.

If you would like a copy of the tour route with the historic notations, please call **Stephanie, at 659-3562.**

Another historic tour is being planned for the early part

of 2003. This one will go east from Garland Park into the Village. Many, many thanks to **Dan and Maxine Callinan, Stephanie Culbert and Dolores McGlochlin**, for all their research, outlining and tour direction. It was a most enjoyable event.

RECENT GIFTS TO OUR BUILDING FUND

There have been several recent donations that we want to acknowledge.

Our thanks go to the Board of the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club, for their generous donation of \$1000. We sincerely appreciate their support for our museum.

Our appreciation also goes to the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club for their grant of \$250 and for their continued help.

We also received \$175 as our share from a late sale from the Gigantic Rummage Sale, held in June. **Ann and Rod Mills** spend a great deal of time collecting and storing items all year for this sale. We are truly grateful for all their work - and for those unexpected surprises between Gigantic Sales!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February, 2003

MOTHER NATURE CANCELS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The tables were set up, the decorating just about complete, the furniture moved, the turkey trussed, everything was ready for a party. Everything - except the power.

During the storms that soaked us almost every weekend in December, the cessation of power just added to the frustration of preparing for Christmas. Most of us were lucky to have our power restored within a few hours, but at the home of our hostess, **Stephanie Culbert**, it remained dark and cool on the morning of the party - with no idea when PG&E would restore electricity.

After consulting with our president, **Ellsworth Gregory**, and some of our Board members, it was decided to can-

cel the party and notify those who had planned to come. We hope those already "special" pot luck dishes were enjoyed, anyway.

We all were disappointed to miss this holiday event, as it is one of the most enjoyable times to connect with our members, review the past year, and look forward to the new year and progress on building the museum. As those losing baseball teams keep saying, "Wait 'til next year!"



OUR PREZ GETS THE WORD OUT

President Gregory has been invited to share our plans for the new museum with several local groups. He spoke to

the Carmel Valley Kiwanis on January 21, describing the location for the museum's and the tremendous support the residents have given the Society. He also scheduled to give an update to the Carmel Valley Association.

If you are a member of an organization whose members would like to learn more about the C.V. Historical Society and the building of the museum, we encourage you to contact **Ellsworth at 624-9611**, and ask him to speak to your group. We are very interested in keeping the support of all groups in the Valley, and appreciate hearing their ideas and concerns.

Memberships to the Society are also very welcome. They are available for individuals, families and businesses by calling **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**.



MONT. COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SETS MEETINGS

Elizabeth Barratt announces the next meeting of the Monterey County Historical Society will be held on **Monday, March 10th, at 10:00 A.M. at their office at 333 Boronda Road, in Salinas.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Society keeps track of the events and progress of the Historical Societies and museums in Monterey County. Our own Rick Wilkerson is the current President, and Elizabeth is the representative from the 5th district.

The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, May 12, at Soledad Mission.** Elizabeth reports the restoration of the olive orchard and pressing the olive oil is moving along beautifully, and to be sure to ask how all of this got started.

Immediately after that meeting there will be a lunch prepared by Nick Bianchi - a gourmet buffet,

(in Elizabeth's words) "to die for." There is a nominal charge for the lunch, but Nick turns all of it over to the Mission. Reservations can be made by calling **Meg Clovis at 755-4913.**

And the best news is Elizabeth will again be preparing an historical travel brochure, similar to the ones already published on River Road and the Old State Road. This one will encompass the drive on Carmel Valley Road from the mouth of the Valley to Greenfield, with side trips and stops. To learn about the history of the area and to investigate the little known treasure spots along the way, Elizabeth's travel brochures

owners? And that it is called the Hastings Natural History Reservation?

If not, join us for the Society's second tour of the Valley. It will take place on **Saturday, April 5th, beginning at 11:00 A.M.** We will meet at a spot in the Village and carpool to the Reservation where we will explore this unique preserve. Members and friends are invited to join us for this tour. Plan to bring a picnic lunch - drinks and dessert will be provided.

Following lunch, we will tour the Reservation, taking in the different types of growth, terrain, and sanctuary for wild life. There is so much history about the local Indians and their ties to the early settlers in this area. Besides, it's just a beautiful place to visit.

Maxine and Dan

Callinan will direct us and our resident historians, **Dolores McGlochlin and Stephanie Culbert,** will relate all the history. Reservations can be made by calling **Janna Gregory at 624-9611.** More details will be explained in our next Newsletter. The first tour was a big success and we hope that you will save April 5th to enjoy a very interesting and enlightening afternoon.



SECOND TOUR OF VALLEY IS APRIL 5th

Are you aware there is a natural history preserve in Carmel Valley? That it is 2,253 acres, with another 20,000 acres under use agreement with local private land

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2003



March

1 - Saturday

History Day
Monterey Peninsula
College

10 - Monday

Monterey County
Historical Society
Meeting
10:00 A.M.

April

5 - Saturday

Second Tour of
Carmel Valley -
Hastings Natural
History Reservation
11:00 A.M.

May

12 - Monday

Monterey County
Historical Society
Meeting
Soledad Mission
10:00 A.M.

31 - Saturday

11th Annual
California Cowboy
Show
Hidden Valley
Seminars
6:00 P.M.

June

21-22 - Weekend

Annual Gigantic
Rummage Sale
Trail and Saddle Club
9:00 A.M. to 4:00
P.M. Saturday, 9:00
A.M. to 3:00 P.M.,
Sunday.

August

2-3 - Weekend

14th Annual Carmel
Valley Fiesta
Community Park
10:00 A.M. to 5:00
P.M. each day

September

Annual Membership
Picnic

Date to be an-
nounced.

December

Annual Christmas
Party

Date to be an-
nounced.



OUR WEBSITE REUNITES TWO FRIENDS

In case you have forgotten, the Historical Society has a website - and it is working.

In mid-January, the site received a request from a person looking for our local author, **Marilyn Sanders**. A friend and classmate hadn't heard from Mrs. Sanders since 1990, when she was living in Carmel Valley, "was she perhaps a member of the Historical Society? And did she have a computer and e-mail address?"

Marilyn Sanders is definitely one of our members and the author of "**Rosie's Cracker Barrel**," We phoned her and told her of her friend's request and were rewarded with a delighted shout of recognition!

We hope they connected and enjoyed the reunion online, and perhaps, on the phone.

Our website is updated regularly, so if you're in doubt about dates for certain events or have questions, please log on to:

cvhs@cvhistory.com.



SPRING CLEANING ALERT!

Once again the Society will team up with Wildlife to sponsor the annual **Giant Rummage Sale**. This year it will be held the weekend of **June 21-22**, at the Trail and Saddle Club.

The sale is the culmination of a year's worth of collecting, sorting and setting aside items from all over the Valley and Peninsula, offering us some of the best bargains in the area.

If your New Year's resolution to "Get Organized" has resulted in your finding several items that you can no longer use, please call

call **Ann Mills, at 659-3475**, and she will arrange for them to be picked up and stored until the sale. We are looking for furniture, small appliances, books, household items, horse tack and art. Please note that we can not accept used TVs, computers, large appliances or clothing. This variety of items on sale always promises our customers an adventure in shopping.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is pleased to note that the Society continues to add new members as word gets out that the Valley will finally have its own museum. Now we will have a place to display our many collected artifacts, maintain a research library and introduce our residents to the settlers and Indians that have

helped make the Valley the special spot it is today.

Our Building Fund is growing, thanks to many donations from our members and from organizations that support the museum.

For your information, the Historical Society is a registered **501(c)3** organization with all our donations tax deductible. Our Tax Identification number is **77-0174405**, and we are happy to provide acknowledgments of all gifts.

There are many steps to be taken before the first shovel is turned for the museum, but we are confident that we are making good progress and will continue to keep our members advised as we go along.



Do you have a story or an item of general interest for the Newsletter? Please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**, or **June Taylor at 659-2038**.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March, 2003

HASTINGS RESERVATION TOUR SET FOR APRIL 5th

The second tour of the Valley, sponsored by the Historical Society will be held **Saturday, April 5th.**

We will meet in the parking lot of **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, on El Caminito, at 10:00 AM,** and form carpools to drive to the Reservation. Please bring a picnic lunch.

The Hastings Natural History Reservation is located about 14 miles south of the Village on the south-facing slopes of Upper Carmel Valley and encompasses three narrow valleys, each with some small level areas. It is covered with perennial grasslands, native California trees, many kinds of oaks plus deciduous hardwoods, and is dominated by old agricultural fields that were used between 1865 and 1937.

We will enjoy our

lunch at the Reservation - drinks and dessert will be provided - followed by a tour of the natural and historical sites located in this lovely wilderness area.

Maxine and Dan Callinan, will lead the tour and **Stephanie Culbert and Dolores McGlochlin** will be telling us of the significance of the area, how it came to be and the efforts to keep it a nature preserve.

Plan to save this day for a tour of a protected and unique site right in our own back yard. Call **Janna Gregory, at 624-9611,** for reservations. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an early spring outing in this incomparable Reservation.

If it rains, the tour will be postponed.



COWBOY SHOW TO BE HELD MAY 31st AT HIDDEN VALLEY

The Eleventh Annual California Cowboy Show is scheduled for **May 31st,** at Hidden Valley Seminars. The evening will begin at **6:00 PM,** and will offer, food, wine, and a Silent Auction.

At **8:00 PM,** the show is on! Headlining the entertainment again will be the **Sons of the San Joaquin** with their incomparable harmony. **Belinda Gail** will charm us with her lovely voice and **Fred Engle** knows just how to bring out the smiles with his Cowboy Poetry.

It promises to be another memorable evening.

Tickets are \$35, and will be available in April at the **Business Service and Randy's Market** in the Village or reserved by calling **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**.

Lots of willing workers and helping hands are needed to make the show a success, so if you can help setting up or work during the evening, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have an unusual item you'd like to donate to the Silent Auction, we'll be glad to pick it up. For more information, please call Janna Gregory.

As progress on the museum continues to move forward, the Cowboy Show is an important way to help us to increase our Building Fund, and make the museum a reality sooner.

**COME
AND ENJOY!**



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

How are you coming along with that spring cleaning? Did you find all sorts of things you no longer use? Well, we can use them for our **Gigantic Rummage Sale, on June 21-22**. The **Historical Society** teams up with **S.P.C.A. Wildlife Center** to offer to you a variety of unusual and fascinating items at remarkable bargains.

We are looking for household items, small appliances, furniture, horse tack, books and art.

The February Newsletter contained the wrong phone number for pick-up of your donated items. The correct number for Anne Mills is **659-3745**. Our apologies, Anne.

THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

We want to extend our enthusiastic thanks to Jeanelle and Roy Kaminske, Dr. Iris Litt, Maxine and Dan Callinan, Mary Jernegan and the Carmel Valley Association and their president, John Dalessio, for their recent generous donations to our Building Fund.

The support of our members for the museum and our goals is indeed heart-warming and we deeply appreciate it.



HOW TO REACH



Have you visited an interesting museum lately? Can you share a story about the early times in Carmel Valley? Do you know of an event our members would enjoy attending? We'd like to hear about it. Please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611, or June Taylor, at 659-2038**, and we'll put the story in the next Newsletter.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June, 2003

ELEVENTH COWBOY SHOW HERALDED A WINNER!

The evening was warm and clear. The tables were set with tempting selections of finger food, the wine was ready to be poured, and the Silent Auction beckoned patrons to bid on some of the most fascinating objects. And that was just the beginning!

The 11th Annual California Cowboy Show held May 31st at Hidden Valley Seminars, was one of the best shows in our history. With the promise of the museum becoming a reality, over 300 people turned out to show their support and enjoy the music and fun of the evening.

Opening the show, **Fred Engle** recited his Cowboy Poetry, lifting spirits and bringing out lots of smiles in the audience. Then, the lovely, lilting voice of **Belinda Gail** just added to the enjoyment. She had a great range of songs to share, and, for her finale, she wowed everyone with her enchanting rendition of "Amazing Grace." No wonder people were in such good spirits!

After the intermission, the **Sons of the San Joaquin** took the stage and sang up a storm. Their

harmony is so well blended and the songs they sing are fun to hear again and again. The evening's entertainment lived up to all its publicity and was definitely enjoyed by all.



Cheri Gayman again was the indefatigable organizer of the Silent Auction. Every year she comes up with some amazing items. There were certificates for many lunches and dinners at local restaurants, and fitness club memberships to work them off, some stunning jewelry for all occasions, several prints of western scenes, baskets of goodies, cases of wine, special items of clothing. To **Cheri** and all her workers, a **THOUSAND THANKS!**

The food was catered by **Rosie and Ron Martin**, of our local Salt and Pepper

Cafe. Their choices were just right for the evening, and who will ever forget those marvelous strawberries! The wine was provided by Sabala Vineyards and added just the perfect finish to the hors d'oeuvres.

We also want to thank all those who helped set up, and those who helped during the evening, including **Sharon and Don Pezzolo, Maxine and Dan Callinan, Pat Sandstrum, Michelle Culbert, Cynthia and Joe Hertlein, Carolyn Metcalf, Ruth Peace, Nick Brockman, Cheryl Thomas, Ken Bizzini, Ruth Hardesty, Grig Roberts, Brenda Reese, and Art and June Taylor.** We couldn't have done it without you!

We also must express our sincere gratitude to **Janna and Ellsworth Gregory.** Their tireless efforts to coordinate all the aspects of this evening can not be overlooked. They start at the beginning of the year, sending out notices, taking ticket orders, contacting sponsors, organizing workers and lining up the entertainment. Both have spent countless hours promoting the museum to members, groups and individuals, gaining their support. All their hard work has paid off again, and our hats are off to them!



COMING SOON: GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Be sure to save the weekend of **June 21-22**, and come to the **Trail and Saddle Club** for our annual **Gigantic Rummage Sale**. Items have been collected and saved for a year, so you will have a big selection of wonderful treasures to explore.

There is furniture, small appliances, (there's even a good, working washing machine available), bicycles and helmets, art, kitchen items, horse tack, baskets, books, office equipment, plus much more all priced to suit any budget. The sale runs from **9:00 AM, to 4:00 PM, Saturday and 9:00 to 3:00 on Sunday**. Rest assured, coffee, lemonade and sweets will be there while you mull over your choices. And there is an enjoyable extra - you get to see people that you haven't seen in a while!

One of the most intriguing items is a brand new patio awning that is completely automatic and retractable. It has a wind sensor and a manual override, measures 10' x 13', and can be mounted on a roof or the side of the house. Just imagine enjoying a sunny afternoon with friends, sheltered by an attractive awning that keeps the temperature comfortable. The awning is still in the original shipping package and has never been used. The price is negotiable, and is a wonderful addition to any patio.

We can still use those items and discards you found while spring cleaning, so if you have donations for this sale that you'd like picked up, please call **659-3745, or 659-2038**.

All proceeds will benefit the **SPCA-Wildlife Center and the Carmel Valley Historical Society**.



ON THE MEND AND DOING FINE

We are pleased to report that Society Board member, **Dolores McGlochlin** is recovering nicely from recent back surgery. Dolores is a very active person, involved in many groups and adding her considerable talent to all of them. Being sidelined with any kind of physical problem does not sit well with her, and while she is making good progress, she is anxious to get back to normal. Every day she ventures just a little further, and is pleased with the results - and so are we.

Dolores is an avid gardener and her top goal is getting back out in her garden, tending those plants that need her special care. We send along our best wishes for her continued recuperation!

VISIT OUR BOOTH
AT THE CARMEL
VALLEY FIESTA,
AUGUST 2ND AND
3RD, IN THE
COMMUNITY PARK

NEWS NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are definitely on our way! Plans for the proposed museum have been submitted to the Monterey County Planning Commission. This is the first in a long series of steps to get final approval for our building.. While they are looking over the plans and the filing form, we will be working behind the scenes to make sure everything is ready to get the building started.

I would like to thank all the Sponsors of the recent Cowboy Show. Your response to our letter with the drawing of the proposed museum was heartwarming indeed - our promise is becoming a solid reality. We are very enthused and gratified by the support of our goals by the Sponsors and the Community. We all realize there is a lot of work ahead, but we are ready, willing and able to rise to the occasion! Thanks to all of you!

Ellsworth Gregory



NEW TRAVEL BROCHURE READY FOR PRINTING

For those of you who remember **Elizabeth Barratt's** weekly column, **Sunday Drive**, in The Herald several years ago, she has informed us that her third historic tour brochure, "**A Drive Down Carmel Valley Road**," done on behalf of the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission, is ready for printing..

This trip covers an itinerary beginning from the old "**Hattons Corners**," at the mouth of the Valley, all the way to **Greenfield**, with some side trips to **Robinson Canyon Road** and **Tassajara Hot Springs**. Publicly accessible historic locales and sites along the way are featured and marked on a colorful map, along with a brief description of the locale's sig-

nificance in local history. Other brochures already printed by Elizabeth are "**Drive along the River Road**" and "**Old Stage Road, Drive Through Monterey County's Past**." Elizabeth has a knack for making these day trips a real adventure. Imagine how impressed your guests will be as you show off the County with Elizabeth's help!

She will be designing a fourth brochure on the drive down Highway One to Big Sur, with a side trip on the old Coast Road when funding become available.

The Commission invites all Historical Society members to their next meeting which will be held **Monday, July 14th, at 10:00 AM**, at the **Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, 155 Van Buren Street, in Monterey**.

TO REACH US



If you have a story about our members to share, or an announcement for the Newsletter, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**, or **June Taylor at 659-2038**.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August, 2003



GOOD NEWS FOR BUILDING FUND

The Eleventh Annual Cowboy Show, held May 31st at Hidden Valley Seminars, was a success not only for the evening of entertainment, good food and wine it offered attendees, but for the boost to our Building Fund.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction will reach over \$14,000, a record! It must have been those enticing items that you just couldn't live without! This addition to the Building Fund brings the goal of a museum even closer and we are all cheering!

The Committee that contacts and collects the items for this Auction does an outstanding job. They spend time and energy calling on people for donations that will tempt buyers and

offer interesting and unusual things you might not see elsewhere. We have been remiss in expressing to them our appreciation for all the work they do. So a very heartfelt **Thank You!** and **Job Well Done!** to **Stephanie Culbert, Shirley Forsyth, Grig Roberts, Penny Wood and Ellsworth Gregory.** We couldn't have done it without you!



MORE GOOD NEWS



The

Gigantic Rummage Sale held June 21-22, at the Trail and Saddle Club was another success story for the Historical Society and the SPCA-Wildlife Center. An even larger array of interesting and intriguing sale

items brought out many people to browse and buy and visit. When all was settled up, each organization received about \$5,000 to further their goals.

And remember the brand new automatic awning that had all the amenities? With some extra publicity and an ad in the newspaper, it has been sold to an enthusiastic buyer.

We want to extend our thanks to **Anne and Rod Mills, and Art Taylor**, for all their work in collecting the donations - to **Konnie Murray** for storing them in her garage - to all who worked at the sale - to everyone who baked goodies - all of you made the sale a rousing success. Our united efforts have reaped a harvest of benefits for all.

To find joy in
work is to discover
the fountain of
youth.

Pearl S. Buck

A QUERY FOR MEMBERS FROM OUR WEBSITE

The Society's Website, info@cvhistory.com, has received an interesting inquiry from a woman who lives near St. Louis, MO. (Alma) Lynn Wilmot Garrett said her sister recently found the original documents showing that their grandfather, **Marcus L. Wilmot**, homesteaded in Hitchcock (or Rattlesnake) Canyon in 1922 and 1934.

Her e-mail to us continues: "The land was sold in 1959 for \$100 an acre by the 5 heirs. I heard at one time from **Jonathon Augustitus**, who I believe still lives in the Valley, that the old homestead was bought by the county as a park. Do any of you know if that's a fact?"

Mrs. Garratt's great-grandfather was born in Springfield, IL, traveled by wagon train to California as a teenager and settled in Pacific Grove. He worked for a time for a Mr. Birks who owned the Pacific Grove Bath House and pushed a wheelbarrow full of wet, soiled towels from the bath

house up Pine St. in Pacific Grove, for his mother to launder the towels. Mr. Wilmot's mother, **Malinda Peckenpaugh Wilmot**, later tragically drowned in the Carmel River in 1915 while fording the river near where **Rosie's Cracker Barrel** was built.

Can anyone remember if this homesteaded land was indeed purchased by Monterey County? And could part or all of this land be located in Garland Park?



Mrs. Garratt has generously offered to share with us copies of those original homestead papers, signed by Presidents Harding and Roosevelt as well as some family photos taken in 1935 at the homestead.

These papers and photos will be a wonderful addition to our archives and in preparation for a personal section in the museum where stories, pictures and recordings of past residents can tell the history of how Carmel Valley grew.

If you have any information about the park land, please call **June Taylor at 659-2038**, and we will for-

ward it to Mrs. Garrett by e-mail. Isn't it amazing how the Internet and our website can connect people all over the country?

A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Our best wishes go to **Lifetime Member Marvin Pylate**, for a quick and complete recovery from his recent heart attack.

Marvin is a founding member of the Society and has been instrumental in obtaining and categorizing so many of the artifacts now housed in the container. When the Society held meetings at Rosie's Cracker Barrel, you could always count on Marvin to be there and tell stories about the "early days" and have the answers to our questions. When you came into the Village, you could count on meeting Marvin as he kept in touch with all the happenings. We send him our best for a swinging recovery!



PICNIC SET FOR SEPTEMBER 27

You are cordially invited to the annual membership "Thank You" picnic, **Saturday, September 27th, from 12:00 PM to 3:00, in the Community Park, in the Barbecue Area.**

We urge all members to come and enjoy an afternoon of socializing and meeting members of the Board. The picnic is our way of thanking all of you for your support of the fund-raisers and contributions to the goal of building a museum. Pictures and plans for the building will be there for you to see.

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and enjoy good food, good company and a good time. Please call **Janna Gregory, at 624-9611, by September 24th,** and tell her you'll be there!



MUSEUM PLANS MOVING AHEAD

Preparations are now being made to submit plans for the museum to the Monterey County Planning Commission.

At our last Board meeting, **Vice President Joseph Hertlein** laid out the steps and procedures we must take prior to building. He will be leading the effort to fill out those forms and complete the various reports so we can begin construction as soon as possible. Joseph has warned that this will all take time and we must be patient, but he is confident that everything will move along quite smoothly.

The museum should be a great addition to the Park area. It will make the story of Carmel Valley come alive for all of us and we are looking forward to its completion with great anticipation.

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NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome **Ann Flood and Barry Harrow** to the roster of our Lifetime Members. We appreciate their confidence and support of our goals to become an important part of the Community.

If you'd like to become a Lifetime member, there is a one-time payment for dues of \$250. For more information, please call **Janna Gregory, at 624-9611.**

You can observe a lot by just watching.

Yogi Berra

TO REACH US



If you have an item for the Newsletter, or a story to share, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611 or June Taylor at 659-2038.**



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November, 2003



COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

You are cordially invited to the Historical Society's annual Christmas party to be held **Saturday, December 13th, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, at the home of Stephanie Culbert.**

A festive afternoon is planned and we are counting on you to help make it a great holiday celebration! It will be a pot luck dinner, so we are asking you to call **Janna Gregory, at 624-9611**, to make your reservation and to tell her what you will bring. We will need salads, vegetables or dessert. The main course will be provided by the Board. If you are not adept in the kitchen, there will be a jar available for donations.

Elizabeth and Dick Barratt have again graciously offered to host dessert in their home just across the street.

To get to Stephanie's, take Carmel Valley Road to Boronda Rd., right to West Garzas, left on Via Los Encinas, and right on **Paso Del Rio to #1.**

The Christmas party is a chance to socialize and share the holiday season with other members, as well as enjoy a delicious dinner. You will have a chance to meet the Board and offer your suggestions for the coming year. We urge you to make your reservations soon - you will not be disappointed!



SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANTS

We are pleased to announce the CVHS has received three new grants to our Building Fund.

The Society received a grant from the **Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club** for **\$250**, from **Carmel Valley Ranchers' Days**, **\$250**, and from the **Upjohn California Fund** a grant in the amount of **\$3000**.

We want to extend our sincere thanks to these organizations for their support of our goals and the building of the museum in

the Valley.

We want to remind everyone the Society is a 501(c)3 organization and your donations are tax deductible. Our Tax ID number can be obtained by calling **Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611.**

NEW BROCHURE READY FOR PRINTING

Our representative to the **Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission, Elizabeth Barratt**, reported that the fourth in her series of automobile trips around the county is now ready to be published. It is titled, "**The Carmel Valley Drive**," and describes the sights and historical places along Carmel Valley Road going east from the Village.

The Commission received grant money for this printing, but there will only be 2500 copies published. Elizabeth will inform us when they will be distributed.

The next meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held **January 12, 2004, at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas**. It is hoped they will be able to

tour the new Agricultural wing. Members of the Society are welcome to attend any of their meetings. For more information, please call Elizabeth at **659-2751**.

The Commission meets on the second Monday of every other month, and there are meetings planned at the Carmel Mission, Soledad Prison and the Ag Museum in Watsonville, during the coming year. They are very informative regarding the historical events and projects for the different historical societies in Monterey County.



CALLING ALL CAMERA BUFFS

Do you have old family movies, photographs, or slides of Carmel Valley?

We are looking for some scenery shots of the Valley that can be used to transfer to DVDs. They will be processed to be shown in the coming museum. Even if there are people in the pictures, they can be edited out so just the background will show. Or, if the family has been here for many years, perhaps those in the pictures could be identified for our archives. If you would be willing to loan them to the Society, please call **Ellsworth, at 624-9611**.



SOCIETY MOURNS LEO BERTA

Long-time local rancher and Society member, **Leo Berta**, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2003. He was 92.

Leo was one of 14 children who lived on the Berta Ranch in a very small house. His family raised cattle and Leo was part of many cattle drives over Laureles Grade into Salinas. He was of Swiss and Italian ancestry, loved to sing and even composed the Carmel Valley Song.

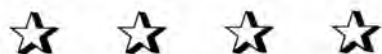
He was committed to saving the history of the Valley and when the ranch was sold, donated many farm and ranch implements, artifacts and maps for display when the museum is completed. He was an Honorary Member of the Society.

Leo and his wife, Mary Lou, (who died in 1996), raised 7 children and had 13 grandchildren. He was a great source of information for CVHS because he had actually lived here during the formative years, knew the "movers and shakers" and how the Valley grew to what it is now. He always had a story about a building, a ranch, or a resident in the

Valley - he knew them all.

Mott Hitchcock, who was a brother of the Valley's Joe Hitchcock and lived in Northern California, was so inspired by Leo's love of the Valley that he wrote a poem describing beautiful Carmel Valley. We are including the poem at the end of this Newsletter.

Except for a hitch in the Army in 1941, Leo lived his whole life in the Valley, and took his first and last breaths within two miles of the Village. He will be truly missed.



VISIT THE LOCAL THRIFT SHOP

During the month of January, plan to stop by the Thrift Shop in the Village center. The Shop shares its profits with many nonprofit organizations in the Village, and CVHS will be the recipient in January. 15% of their profits for the month of January will be given to the Society. If you have clothing or other donations for them you can be sure they will put them to good use.

The Thrift Shop may have just that extra, unusual item you could add to your decor, or perhaps the replacement of that favorite baking utensil. Stop by.

*Those who are happiest are
those who do the most for
others.*

Booker T. Washington

PLAZA LINDA RESTAURANT OFFERS PORTION OF PROFITS TO SOCIETY

Plaza **Linda Restaurant**, located on Del Fino Place in the Village, is celebrating its 40th anniversary in Carmel Valley. As part of their yearlong commemoration, they are donating 10% of a week's profits to various nonprofit organizations in the Valley.

During the week of **January 11-17, 2004**, the Historical Society will be the beneficiary of their generosity.

Plaza Linda has been a stalwart business in the Village, serving delicious meals with Mexican flourish and detail. **Dean and Rosie Diaz** have been wonderful hosts for many years, and now their son, **Robert**, continues the tradition.

We urge you to plan an evening out at their restaurant during that week. Please use the coupon below to designate your support of the CVHS. You will enjoy a great meal and enrich the Building Fund as well!

**I AM SUPPORTING
THE CARMEL
VALLEY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY!**



RANDY RANDAZZO RETIRES

The unofficial Mayor of Carmel Valley, **Randy Randazzo**, owner of **Carmel Valley Market** in the Village Center, has decided to retire. After 31 years running the Market, and helping to work on almost all the local organizations in the Valley, Randy has sold the market to Thomas Bach of Arizona.

Randy has been instrumental in shaping the Village and the way it is maintained by the local businesses. The Society is very grateful for the influence he had in obtaining the land for the proposed museum.

He and his wife, **Charlene**, have opened the Christmas season in the Valley with the **Santa Fly-in** every year, and he has organized the parades for the annual Carmel Valley Fiesta. They have promised to stay in the area, and Randy says he is looking forward to just doing what he wants to do.

The Society produced a video interview of Randy that tells the story of his life in the Valley, in the Marines and in our hearts. We wish Randy and Charlene a very Happy Retirement!



MUSEUM UPDATE

The forms and applications for the museum are still being prepared for the Monterey County Planning Commission. There are many questions to be answered and it has taken longer than we expected. However, they are expected to be submitted in the very near future.

It will take several months for everything to be stamped "Approved!" before we can turn over the first shovel, but we are looking ahead positively and planning optimistically.

Artifacts that have been collected are being sorted and categorized for future displays, so work behind the scenes goes on. We will let members know any new developments.



A WORD ABOUT MEMBERSHIPS

We always welcome new memberships and encourage you to renew them every year.

Our dues are \$10 for a single person, \$15 for a family, and \$25 for a business.

We also offer **Lifetime Memberships**, a one-time dues payment of \$250. We are including a list of our Lifetime Members in this Newsletter.

CARMEL VALLEY

*Where the large free green oaks on high
Mountainsides grow,
And tall sycamores guard a small valley
Below
An old river has chosen to lazily roam
Through the silence and peace for its
Last few miles home;
And the happy birds sing in the soft
Ocean breeze
That caresses the grass and then sighs
Through the trees.*

*Dear Old Carmel Valley, I wish you could
Share
The peace that is yours with those
Everywhere.
Your mountain, your trees, the old river
Too
My pals of the West, I am dreaming of you.
Please watch and protect while we are
Apart
The one who is waiting, you both share my
Heart.*

Mott Hitchcock, 1944

Inspired by Leo Berta, a Carmel Valley Native..

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS
DECEMBER, 2003

Sally E. Hayes	July 14, 1993
Roy Woods	February 24, 1993
Juanita and Marvin Pylate	February 9, 1995
Dr. Richard and Karin Strasser Kauffman	February 9, 1995
Bernardus Winery	January 8, 1996
Nick Lombardo	January 8, 1996
Anne and Bush Abadir Durand	February 15, 1996
Joseph and Cynthia Hertlein	June 16, 1996
Peter and Sherry Coakley	October 28, 1996
Irene Kellner	September 16, 1997
Pat and Don Cummings	November 5, 1997
Susan A. Pius	December 29, 1997
Warren and Penny Wood	January 12, 1998
Louise C. Thompson	March 31, 1998
James and Beverley Flippen	June 25, 1998
Marjorie M. Foote	September 15, 1999
Prof. Norman and Sybil Frances- Balfour Levin	November 9, 1998
George and Betty Groves	November 8, 1999
Thomas C. and Tracy Coppinger	November 10, 1999
Marian Weygers	March 17, 2000
Stephanie and Michelle Culbert	May 10, 2000
Brenda Lambert-Mellinger	May 16, 2000
Don and Sharon Pezzolo	July 16, 2000
Joanne Millard	September 25, 2000
Dolores McGlochlin	November 7, 2000
Dick and Feesie Heuer	March 15, 2001
Max Lloyd and Sharon Miller	February 8, 2002
Janna and Ellsworth Gregory	February 5, 2003
Ann Flood and Barry Harrow	August 18, 2003
Betty and Bob Wilson	September 14, 2003

HONORARY MEMBERS

Hank Ketcham
Doyt Early
Leo Berta
Cheri Gayman
Cole Ryan Gerome

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February, 2004

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

Spread the News! The forms have been filled out! The applications have been signed! The blueprints have been copied! Everything required for the approval of a Land Use Permit is now in the hands of the Monterey County Planning Commission. The Museum has taken a giant step toward becoming a reality!

Vice-president, Joseph Hertlein has been instrumental in obtaining the forms for this application, and doing much of the research to find the correct information required. He has talked to people in the Commission's offices, spent many days on the site, and has worked on extra letters of explanation making sure all the details have been covered.

He did enlist the help of the Board on one important occasion - the traffic impact report. For twelve hours one day, **Ellsworth Gregory, Carolyn Metcalf, Ruth and Franklin Peace and Joseph** took turns counting the cars that turned into and out of the driveway to the service area that will also serve as the entrance to the Museum parking lot. Our

thanks for all their efforts!

Joseph said it will be some time before we hear their decision, but he is confident we have gone the extra mile to present the Museum in the best light possible. As members, we all know what an asset the Museum will be to the Valley, now the County of Monterey will know, too!



WELCOME!

A warm welcome is extended to our newest Lifetime members:

Everett and Faye Messenger, Inge H. Clarke and Dan and Maxine Callinan.

Special certificates have been sent to them in appreciation of their dedication and support of the goals and purpose of the Historical Society.



A
MERRY
TIME
HAD BY
ALL!



A smaller than usual group gathered at the home of **Stephanie Culbert** on December 13th for the annual Christmas Party. Several new members joined in the festivities and shared a delicious pot luck dinner including turkey and all the trimmings.

President Ellsworth Gregory told everyone of the progress toward the museum's building and thanked all those who have been working so hard to get to this point. He said he hopes the Society will be able to arrange more events for member participation and he encouraged everyone to get involved and make the Society a viable part of the Valley.

Our thanks to **Stephanie** for again hosting a lovely party. She definitely is our "Hostess with the Mostest!"

LIFE!

PUT YOUR HEART
IN IT!

"THE CARMEL VALLEY DRIVE" NOW AVAILABLE

The fourth brochure describing the sights and history of Monterey County is now hot off the presses and ready for distribution. The author, the Historical Society's own **Elizabeth Barratt**, has announced that several copies will be sent to the Board, and more will be available at the Chamber of Commerce in the Village.

Since there was only enough funding for 2500 copies, they may go fast. President **Ellsworth Gregory** will be looking into the possibility of having more copies printed to be sure members will have access to them. Elizabeth's brochures are designed to be day-trips around the county, setting forth the history of the area and talking about the people and events that made the county what it is today. They have been printed under the auspices of the **Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission**.

Meg Clovis, **Historical Coordinator for Monterey County**, is finalizing an important exhibit on irrigation in Monterey County for the **Agricultural Museum** in King City. She is looking for any photographs, drawings or postcards depicting farming in the County from the 1870's through World War II. Anyone willing to loan a photo or illustration will have it scanned and then returned to them. She would appreciate hearing

from anyone with a photo they would be willing to loan. She can be reached at **755-4913**, or by calling Elizabeth at **659-2751**.



HISTORY DAY

Meg Clovis reminds the local Historical Societies that **Saturday, February 28th**, is the annual **Monterey County History Day, at Monterey Peninsula College**. This year's theme is **"Exploration and Change in History"** and students in grades 4 and 5, 6 thru 8, and 9 thru 12, are invited to present exhibits depicting this theme. Meg is encouraging any volunteers from local societies to help judge the student work. There will be a separate, brief orientation session to help volunteers with the judging..

Students from Carmel Valley schools have participated in past History Days and the Society has awarded a prize for the best exhibit in each grade level about Carmel Valley's history within this theme. This is a great way for students to get to know the pioneers of the Valley and share their accomplishments with the public. If you can help out, call Meg at **755-4913**.



SAVE THOSE COUPONS!

It may seem a little early, but the Board is thinking ahead.

When the museum is built, there will be many furnishings that will be needed beyond tables and display cases. Meetings of the Board and perhaps some social gatherings are expected to be held at the building., so in n preparation for this, we are asking everyone to save the General Mills premium coupons that are printed on boxes and packages of all General Mills products. They are valued from 5 to 50 points.

The next time you open that box of Cheerios or Wheaties, or make a cake, if you would just remember to cut out that coupon and save it for the Society, we will be able to obtain reliable silverware and other entertaining utensils at a discount. You can mail them to:

**P. O. Box 1612
Carmel Valley, CA
93924-1612**

TO REACH US

If you have an item of interest to our members, a story to share, a fact that needs attention, please call **Ellsworth Gregory**, at **624-9611**, or **June Taylor**, at **659-2038**.



HISTORICAL VILLAGE WALK- AROUND TOUR SET FOR MARCH

The next tour of the historical places in Carmel Valley will be held **Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 9:30AM.**

The first tour took us to the western half of the Valley. This time the tour will include Los Laureles Lodge then east through the Village.

Our historians, **Stephanie Culvert and Dolores McGlochlin**, have spent considerable time researching the buildings, their origins and ownership, and how the Village has evolved from its modest beginnings. There will be several stops as we learn the history of those buildings and shops we see on our visits to the Village.

Maxine and Dan Callinan will again serve as tour leaders, and carpooling is encouraged. Members will all meet at **9:30 AM**, at the future site of the museum, located near the newly constructed bathrooms in the Community Park. If you would like to go, or need more information, please call **Maxine, at 659-4925.**

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*Leisure does body
and
soul good.*

German Proverb

COMING EVENTS

Saturday
February 28th

**Monterey County
History Day.** Monterey
Peninsula College.
Information: 755-4913

Saturday
March 27th

**Historical Walk-around
Tour of Carmel Valley
Village: 9:30AM**
Information: 659-4925

Saturday
June 5th

**Twelfth Annual Cowboy
Show.** Hidden Valley
Seminars. 6:00PM
Information: 624-9611

Saturday and
Sunday
June 26th, 27th

Giant Rummage Sale
Trail and Saddle Club
9:00AM to 3:00PM
Information: 659-3745

This year's **Cowboy Show** will again feature the **Sons of the San Joaquin**, plus **Dave Stamey**, and **Cowboy Poet, Clem Albertoni**. There will be hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and a Silent Auction with very unusual and exciting articles awaiting your bids. Be sure to save the date.

We will be looking for useable items for the **Giant Rummage Sale**. Furniture, books, antiques, kitchen items, jewelry, and the unusual will be offered for all of you bargain hunters. We can't accept any computers, large appliances, or clothing. Call the number above for pick-up of your donations.

Be sure to consult the Newsletter for more events and details. Some now in the planning stages include another visit and tour of the **Boronda Adobe**, the **Member Thank You Picnic** scheduled for fall and the annual **Christmas Party**.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

May, 2004

COME TO THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA COWBOY SHOW!

Mark Saturday, June 5th, on your calendars and prepare for a great evening of entertainment!

The Twelfth Annual California Cowboy Show will be held at **Hidden Valley Seminars**, beginning at **6:00 PM**. There will be hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and a Silent Auction with some of the most interesting and unusual items awaiting your bids.

The **Sons of the San Joaquin** will headline the musical part of the evening. Their beautifully blended voices will bring back some of the old western songs, recalling good memories and lifting spirits.

Cowboy Poet, Clem Albertoni has a stack of tales to tell, all in poetry, and they bring out lots of laughs. An added feature this year is **Balladeer Dave Stamey**, who will sing his way into your hearts.

Come for an evening of socializing, meeting friends, good food, good wine, an extraordinary Silent Auction and excellent entertainment. Tickets are on sale at **The Business Service and Carmel Valley Market in the Village, Hacienda Hay and Feed, The Feed Trough in Salinas, and Do Re Mi Music in Carmel**. Call **Janna Gregory at 624-9611**, for more information or to reserve your tickets.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Will you help us out at the Show?

We are in great need of a couple to give out the wine glasses and programs, others to pour wine, and several other jobs. This would be a great opportunity for you to help the Society with the year's biggest fund-raiser and we would appreciate your lending a hand. Many hands make light work. We promise you won't miss the hors d'oeuvres, the wine or the show! Call **Janna**, and ask her where you can help. Our sincere thanks!



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual **Gigantic Rummage Sale** will be held **June 26-27th**, at the **Trail and Saddle Club**.

The Carmel Valley Historical Society joins forces with the **SPCA - Wildlife**, to sponsor this Sale of all Sales for the benefit of both groups. All through the past year **Anne and Rod Mills** have been leading the search for the distinctive and unusual items that will be on display for your perusal on that weekend.

If you have items you would like to donate to this sale, we ask that you put them aside until the sale and we will pick them up. Please call **Anne, at 659-3745**, and let her know the best time to come for them.

We need furniture, books, antiques, kitchen items, jewelry, horse tack or the rare and unusual. We

are sorry, we cannot accept computers, large appliances or clothing.

The Sale is a good way to get rid of those useable discards, shop for some excellent bargains, and see many of your friends from the Valley.

Coffee, lemonade and sweets will be available at the Society's Half-a-Buck Bakery. Save that weekend for shopping and finding just the special object you need to add your special flair to your decor.



MANY ATTEND HISTORIC TOUR OF VILLAGE

About 40 people came out on a cool Saturday morning to walk through the Village and hear about the history of the shops and buildings that have been here for many years.

The tour began at the site of the museum and spread out from there taking in the Buckeye (the Library), the Community Center, the Williams House, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Wills Fargo, M. J. Murphy Lumber, the Community Church, the Chatterbox, the Milk House, the Running Iron Restaurant and several more familiar sites. Our historians, **Stephanie Culbert** and **Dolores**

McGlochlin, did a wonderful job researching all these buildings and bringing their history alive for tour attendees. Dolores even came appropriately dressed in period clothes!

We want to thank **Dodie Williams**, who graciously opened her home and yard to tour visitors and told many of us some of her adventures making a former stables a beautiful home. And thanks to **Pinkie Terry**, who opened Los Laureles Lodge so all could leisurely wander through and see the pictures and memorabilia on the walls and in the dining areas.

Stephanie and Dolores prepared written histories of all the buildings in and around the Village giving us a great perspective of the way life was in the early days of Carmel Valley Village. A map of the Village accompanied this history, and can be obtained at the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce Office.

Once again, the tour leaders were **Maxine and Dan Callinan**, keeping us moving and directing traffic. They also helped prepare the map indicating the stops, and we want to thank them. Following the tour, lunch was available at the **Stirrup Cup**, next to the **Running Iron**.

These tours have been well received, and the Society will look into the possibility of organizing more of them to specific places in the coming months. Thanks to all who made this tour such a success!



MUSEUM PLANS GOING FORWARD

They say that patience is a virtue, and patience is what we are trying to have as we wait word on the progress of the museum.

Vice president, Joseph Hertlein, is staying in close contact with the Planning Commission, ready to answer any questions they have and to address any problems they find and bring to his attention.

The Board of Directors has been encouraged by the support of many Village businesses and neighbors in the area. It has always been a priority of the Society to become a valuable part of the Village. We will keep our members apprised of all progress toward turning over that first shovel on our way to building our museum!



TO REACH US

If you have a item to share with our members, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**, or **June Taylor, at 659-2038**, and it will be put into the next Newsletter.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

June 2004



THE COWBOY SHOW - A GREAT EVENING

The Twelfth Annual California Cowboy Show, held June 5, 2004, at Hidden Valley Seminars turned out to be an evening of top entertainment. **Clem Albertoni** brought out the smiles with his stories in cowboy poetry. **Dave Stamey** sang his way into our hearts as a balladeer extraordinaire.

The **Sons of the San Joaquin** highlighted the evening with their great harmony and songs of the West. What great memories they brought back with their renditions of the old favorites! There is something about sitting back and listening to the music about time past that can be soothing to the ears.

In addition to the entertainment, there were great hors d'oeuvres catered by Rosie and Ron Martin, owners of the **Salt and Pepper Cafe** in the Village. The Cabernet wine came from the **Heller Estate** of Carmel Valley. Special thanks to **Zabala Vineyards** of Soledad, for their donation of the Chardonnay.

Our appreciation goes to **Stephanie Culbert, Shirley Forsyth, Grig Roberts, Penny Wood and Ellsworth Gregory**, for finding those Silent Auction items. There was something for every taste and fancy and because of their efforts over \$6400 will be

added to our Building Fund. And thanks also go to **Cheri Gayman**, for organizing and setting up the Auction. She continues to do a wonderful job.

Hats off to everyone who helped at the Cowboy Show and for making it another terrific success!

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR JUNE 26-27

Save the weekend of **June 26-27**, and make plans to attend the **Gigantic Rummage Sale at the Trail and Saddle Club**. The Sale will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

The Historical Society joins forces with the **SPCA-WILDLIFE** for a time of great bargains and unusual finds. It's a chance to look for those extra little touches for any room, and to see old friends again.

The Society's **Half-a-Buck Bakery** will also be open featuring coffee, lemonade, rolls, muffins and sweets to satisfy the palate.

If you have donations for this sale, please call **Anne Mills, at 659-3745**, and arrange for the items to be picked up. Or bring them to the Trail and Saddle Club during the week before the sale.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

November, 2004

PRESIDENT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF STORE CLOSING

Ellsworth Gregory, President of the Historical Society, has an eye for a bargain, and our new museum will be the beneficiary.

The Big K-Mart store in Seaside has now closed, and in addition to selling all its stock, the display equipment and store fixtures were also offered at bargain prices. Ellsworth heard about the sale and went to see if the museum would be able to make use of any of the equipment. Voila! The jewelry cases presented a myriad of possibilities for displaying artifacts, pictures, and memorabilia for the museum!

He negotiated with the manager and bought 14 display cases. They are the right height for showing smaller and delicate articles, plus the glass casings will protect fragile items as future museum attendees view the Valley's past.

The cases are presently in storage and will be installed when the building is completed. We hope Ellsworth will be able to find more bargains that will benefit the future museum!



OLD EUCALYPTUS TREES IN JEOPARDY

By Elizabeth Barratt

Carmel Valley residents who have traveled past the intersection at Carmel Valley Road and Boronda Road may have noticed the sudden disappearance of an historic eucalyptus tree facing Carmel Valley Road, on the northwest corner of the intersection. The tree was part of a row of historic eucalyptus trees which have existed along Carmel Valley and Boronda Roads at the site since at least the 1890s. (There is an 1898 photograph for proof). The trees may possibly date to the 1878-1881 time frame, when Rancho los Laureles Lodge owner, Nathan Spaulding, built the first of the Los Laureles Lodge buildings, and his brother-in-law, Kinzea Klinkenbeard, who lived with his wife in the

Boronda adobe, was said to have planted the eucalyptus trees. If so, that would make the trees possibly as old as 126 years. We know from the photo that they were in existence at least 106 years ago.

The eucalyptus tree currently in question was removed on October 5, 2004. This was following a recommendation made by the Carmel Valley Road Committee to the Monterey County Public Works Department, following the committee's September 30, 2004, meeting. There was no public notification of the tree removal nor was a hearing held for the public's benefit or input. The tree was removed only 5 days after the committee made its recommendation to Public Works.

Carmel Valley Historical Society members may recall when, in 1990, then-Supervisor Karen Stasser-Kaufmann in responding to complaints of the accidents or possibility of accidents at that intersection, had recommended topping the trees. There was some talk around that time that County Public Works had indicated that it would like to simply remove all the trees as a visual hazard to drivers. After a huge public outcry, a statement was made in the Carmel Valley Sun by then-director of of Public Works, David Collins, that

"We won't do anything with the trees without conferring with the citizens of the area first. We've been reminded how important trees are to residents of your area."

However, two years later, in 1992, the Carmel Valley Road Committee, aka Blue Ribbon Carmel Valley Road committee, was created under Karen Strasser-Kaufmann's tenure by the County Board of Supervisors. The purpose was to create a long-term plan for the Carmel Valley Road and to help the Public Works Department develop fees to improve the road without losing the "rural character" that Carmel Valley residents want to keep.

The Committee is made up of appointed citizens of Carmel Valley, coming from different representative geographical locations in the Valley, such as Cachagua, Mid-Valley and the mouth of the Valley. Also included in the Committee are two large developers (like Rancho San Carlos), the CHP, and members from the Public Works Department. Dave Potter, our Supervisor, Fifth District, is currently Chairman of this committee.

Created when it was and as it was, this advisory committee is not required to post public notice of its meetings as are the more recently appointed boards and committees, which now come under the requirements of the Brown Act. There are no term limits to the Carmel Valley Road Committee members and apparently the same members who were appointed in 1992 are still

serving.

Reasons cited for taking down the tree on October 5, 2004, were that over the past year a number of complaints have been received concerning sight lines for oncoming traffic at this intersection, plus potential county liability in the event of death by accident at the site. Also, there have been complaints by horse-trailer owners who claim they have difficulty in making the turn onto Boronda Road due to the tree's presence. A further finding was that the tree's roots were encroaching beneath the roadbed.

As a member of the Carmel Valley Historical Society, I will be working with the other members to submit an application to the County Historical Review Board to consider designating these eucalyptus trees as "trees of historical interest." If such a recommendation is approved, these trees will then come under the same protection currently afforded the walnut trees lining Spreckles Boulevard. Among the requirements for those trees are that, if one has to be removed due to disease or other hazard, it must be replaced with a new planting of the same species.

I will notify and send copies to your Board of Directors as well as to your Newsletter editor when this process has moved along sufficiently, for your consideration. Please help support your Society in ensuring these remaining historic eucalyptus are preserved as an important part of Carmel Valley's past.

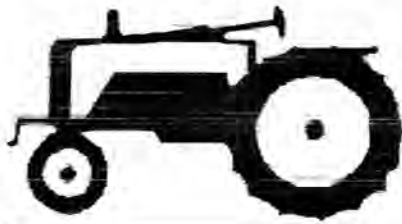
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For many years, the Board of Directors has stepped forward to organize and develop the activities and fund-raisers build our museum. The Society has over 150 members. As we get closer to building, it is important that we get your input and especially your help.

For example, the Gigantic Rummage Sale is held in June. Members **Anne and Rod Mills** are vigilant about finding items for that sale all through the year. They can't do it alone. Do you have a pickup truck and an hour or so, that you could help them pick up these items and bring them to our storage locations? Call Anne, at **659-3745**, and let her know you can help. She will work with your schedule.

As you know, the Society sponsors the Cowboy Show the first weekend in June. We always need help to find Silent Auction items, sell ads for our booklet, and distribute and collect tickets from local stores. Everyone's free time is precious, but many hands can make light work of any job. Give this some thought and let Ellsworth know when you'll be there to help us. Many thanks.

***Don't just be good.
Be good for some
thing.***



TRACTOR GETS NEW HOME

When the meeting place for the Society was at Rosie's Cracker Barrel, a 1933 Allis-Chalmers farm tractor was donated to us by Dr. Hamish. It has been stored on the property ever since.

Recently, the Cracker Barrel was sold and the new owners asked us to find another place for the tractor. At the moment, the tractor is not in working order, so it will be moved by a tow truck to a Board member's property.

The Society has a number of old farm implements that will be displayed around the grounds and on the porch of the future museum. They will help in telling the story of the farming and ranching that once was such an important part of life in the Valley.

If you have an interest in old farm tractors and would like to tinker with this one, (Ellsworth thinks it needs a new starter), contact him at 624-9611. It would be wonderful to see the tractor running and representing the Society in the parades for the annual Fiesta and Santa's Fly-In.

UPDATES ON OUR MEMBERS

Stu and Sandi Clough, two of the founding members of the Society, were recent visitors to the Valley. They participated in Ranchers' Days at the Trail and Saddle Club, in September, and spent time visiting with friends and their family. The Cloughs now live in Redding, CA, where they own a small nursing home. It was good to see them again.

Board member

Dolores McGlochlin recently returned from a trip to the British Isles. She and husband, **Ed**, joined a tour in London and then traveled throughout Britain, Scotland and Wales. They had a wonderful time, especially enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Many members remember **Susanne Villucci**, who has moved to Ohio to be closer to her daughter. She has a new address, and we know she would enjoy hearing from her friends here, especially during the holiday season. Her new address is:

**511 Kendal Drive
Oberlin, OH 44074-1915**

The Society is very pleased to have received the saddle always used by long-time member, **Leo Berta**. Leo was a wealth of information about the history of the Valley, and we miss his insight. Our sincere thanks to Leo's son, **Ray**, for this cherished memento.

We want to extend our congratulations to **Maxine and Dan Callinan Elizabeth and Richard Barratt**, as our newest **Life Members**. Both couples have been members for a long time and they have volunteered for us in many special ways. Maxine and Dan have been instrumental in organizing our tours of the Valley last year. Elizabeth has written four brochures of the history of the Valley designed to lead visitors on day-long auto tours. She also wrote the Newsletter for many years. She is the 5th District's Representative for the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission.

Every year, the Society has a booth at the Carmel Valley Fiesta and Ranchers' Days and when our presence is made known to those who attend, we gain new members. A warm welcome to **Patricia Porter-Taylor, Merritt and Stephanie Bruce, Tom and Sally Ponleithner, and Toni Lucas**.

The Society has recently received two grants to our Building Fund. **Upjohn California Fund** sent us \$3,000, and **Ranchers' Days** gave us \$250. We deeply appreciate their support of our goals.

***A Friend is a
gift you give your-
self.***

Robert Louis Stevenson

IT IS PARTY TIME!

Our annual Christmas Party will be held **Saturday, December 11th**, from 2:00PM to 5:00 PM, at the home of Stephanie Culbert.

It will again be a pot luck dinner, so we're asking you to prepare your favorite holiday salad, vegetable, or dessert and bring it along.



We always have a wonderful time at this party, and this year we'll have even more to celebrate as the museum gets closer to becoming a reality.

Stephanie is always a gracious hostess and her lovely decorated home adds to the festivities. Her address is **1 Paso del Rio**, one block off W. Garzas Road.

To make your reservations and advise what you will bring, please call Janna Gregory, at 624-9611, by December 8th.

For those of you challenged in the kitchen, don't stay away. We'd be glad to accept a donation in lieu of a prepared dish.

**COME!
ENJOY THE DAY!
CELEBRATE!**



MUSEUM NEWS

We are now working with **Pat Sandstrum**, who is the Developmental 'Director for Meals on Wheels. She is our consultant with the Board to reach out to members and foundations for funding. Pat is helping us set up the outlines for the museum - the purpose and the goals and the guidelines we will need to reach them.

While we wait for the final okay from the Planning Commission, work behind the scenes continues to get the museum inner-structure off the ground. Besides the fixtures in the building, we are planning the outlines for sustained support, new and changing displays, as well as interesting ways to reach out to the Valley residents.

Pat's professional help will give us the opportunity to work with many more of our members and the community at large, so our museum will be an integral part of the Village.

If you are thinking of making a tax-related donation as the year ends, we would welcome your consideration. There are many ways to help with the museum and we would be proud to recognize your support.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY THANKS- GIVING!



TO REACH US



If you have a story to share, an item of concern or a question, please call **Ellsworth at 624-9611** or **June Taylor, at 659-2038**.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2005

A COUPLE OF GOOD EGGS

Congratulations to our **President Ellsworth Gregory** and his lovely wife, **Janna**, for being honored by the Chamber of Commerce with their **GOOD EGG AWARD!**

This award is given every year to outstanding volunteers in the Valley and we certainly agree with their choice. From the beginning, Ellsworth and Janna have offered their knowledge of the Valley, their time, their ideas, their dedicated efforts to grow the Historical Society into the viable, strong presence it is today.

The way we hear it, they did not plan to attend the dinner. Then, Ellsworth was invited to bring the Chamber up to date on the progress of the Museum and point out the need for continued support from the businesses in this area. Society Members **Jeanette and Ray Kaminske** also encouraged them to attend by offering to write an article about the museum - a slight "stretch of the truth." Can't you just imagine how surprised Ellsworth and Janna were when they won the Big Prize?



We all are very proud of Ellsworth and Janna, and we are very fortunate to have them leading our Society and moving the Museum closer to being a reality.



THIRTEENTH COWBOY SHOW DATE SET

Mark the date on your calendar, and plan for an exciting, musical evening!

This year, the annual **Cowboy Show** will be held on **Friday, June 3rd, at Hidden Valley Seminars.**

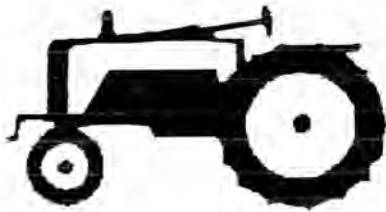
The evening begins at 6:00PM, with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting. A **Silent Auction** will be set up with an unusual and distinctive array of items just waiting your successful bid. If previous Silent Auctions are any indication, you will have a wonderful time browsing the tables.

At 8:00PM, the entertainment begins with Balladeer **Dave Stamey**, back by popular demand. He has a great repertoire of classic and original Western folk music, and holds the awards of Male Performer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year.

We also are pleased to welcome back the **Sons of the San Joaquin**. They have performed for us for many years, and they add more and more fans each time.

The Cowboy Show offers our members a chance to help out with the work that goes on behind the scenes. Setting up the stage, the tables, and the Silent Auction are some of the jobs where we would welcome an hour or two of your assistance. Many hands make light work, and if you can spare some time on Friday morning, we would greatly appreciate it. Call **Janna, at 624-9611**, and let her know you can be there. And save that evening for great musical entertainment! Bring a friend! We need your support!





TRACTOR UPDATE

In the previous Newsletter, we told the story of the 1939 (not 1933) Allis-Chalmers tractor that was donated to us. It had been stored at Rosie's Cracker Barrel for many years and now the "new" owners asked that it be moved from the property. Actually, the owners have had the Cracker Barrel for some years now - we regret the mistake.

The tractor was moved to the yard of Dean Hatfield and he and Vic Carder and Paul Turner have completely taken it apart to estimate the cost of restoring it to working order.

The years in storage and the ravages of the weather have taken their toll on the old machine. Even with these volunteers donating their labor, restoration of the tractor could cost in the range of \$5,000.

Ellsworth would be very pleased to see it running again. It could be used in the Fiesta and the Santa's Fly-in parades, plus be on display in the Museum yard. He is asking members interested in helping to restore the tractor to running order for donations, large or small. If you would like to help, you can send your donations to: Carmel Valley Historical

Society - Tractor Fund
P.O. Box 1612
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
If you have questions or suggestions, please call Ellsworth, at 624-9611.
Thank you.

DOROTHY MCEWEN

All of Carmel Valley regrets the passing of Dorothy McEwen on February 1st. Dorothy was a wonderful friend and member of the Society for many years, a person one could count on at any time.

She bought the Holman Ranch in 1989, a property she restored from almost obscurity to a prominent showplace and retreat. Dorothy was always there when the Valley needed help, and started the Carmel Valley Angel Project after the floods of 1995. She opened the Ranch facilities for a Society Christmas party one year, and was the most gracious hostess.

Dorothy supported the goals of the Society and volunteered her many talents to many organizations. She had many friends throughout the whole Peninsula, and she will be greatly missed. Our sympathy and prayers go to her family.



WHITHER THE WACKY WEATHER?

The winter of 2005 certainly has brought with it some of the wildest weather in a long time. The local forecasters have made reference to a mild El Nino, as their answer to our wind and extra inches of rain. Most of the Valley residents are grateful for the added rainfall as it fills up the aquifers, helping alleviate dry conditions in the summer.

However, where were you in the winter of 1962? On January 22nd, to be precise. One of our founding members, Dolores McGlochlin, remembers that day vividly and she relates it here.

"On January 22nd, 1962, it snowed in Carmel Valley - really snowed! Enough to make a snowball, even a snowman, depending on where you were!

"Our family was in the process of moving into their new home on Garzas Road, so the snow was rather inconvenient. But it was nothing compared to the problems in Pebble Beach, where the Crosby Golf Tournament (later, the AT&T Pro-Am Tournament) was in full swing.

"The conditions became so bad, the tournament had to be cancelled.

"What a beautiful sight it was to see the Valley all blanketed in white."

If you think the rain has disrupted the peace of the Valley this year, think what it must have been like with several inches of snow!



MUSEUM NEWS

With the holidays behind us, progress is going forward on approving the plans for the museum.

Joseph Hertlein, our Vice-president, is working closely with the County Building Department in our interests. He has spent time working with the plan check engineer, answering questions regarding the specific details within the building. Details such as wall finishes, floor finishes, ceiling height and the outer wall coverings.

We hope to have the final plans back soon, and after the rains have passed, work toward a date for the ground-breaking.

Pat Sandstrum has been working with several foundations to secure grants for our building. We should be hearing the results of her applications soon.

Although many of us are anxious to see the first shovel turned for the new building, progress toward that event is being made. The museum will be worth the wait.

*As knowledge increases,
wonder deepens.*

Charles Morgan

JULY DATES FOR GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Anne and Rod Mills have already been busy collecting and storing donated articles for the coming **Gigantic Rummage Sale**.

The sale will be held again at the **Trail and Saddle Club**, on **July 2nd and 3rd**, from **9:00AM to 4:00PM**.

We are looking for donations of furniture, kitchen items, small appliances, books, accessories, pictures and art, collectibles, and horse tack. We cannot accept computers, clothing or large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators).

When you clear out that garage or back room and have things left over, call Anne at **659-3745**, to have them picked up. Or just let her know you have donations and we can pick them up sometime closer to the sale.

The Society joins with the **SPCA-Wildlife** to put on the sale every year. The items offered for your perusal are often unusual, mostly interesting and reasonably priced. Many times that certain something you need to brighten up that corner or decorate that wall can be found right on our tables.

If you would like to help out picking up items or working at the sale, tell Anne. We always have a lot of fun and meet interesting people - come join us!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Please read the Financial Report that is enclosed in this Newsletter. It shows the comparison of funds, donations and expenses for 2003 and 2004.

We are making good progress toward the cost of building our museum, and we hope that the coming fund-raisers will add to those totals.

If you have any questions about this report, please call Ellsworth, at **624-9611**.



TO REACH US



Do you have an item that our members would be interested in reading? Do you have a story to share?

Please call **Ellsworth** at **624-9611**, or **June Taylor** at **659-2038**. This is a Newsletter for all our members and your contributions are much appreciated.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

The annual Christmas party, held December 11th, 2004, was a highlight of the year. It was graciously hosted by **Stephanie Culbert**, who definitely has to be our own "Hostess with the mostest."

Over 40 people joined in the celebration, each bringing their favorite dishes and good cheer to the festive occasion.

After the delicious dinner, many strolled across the street to join **Elizabeth and Richard Barratt**, for desserts, coffee and conversation.

Our Christmas parties have always been a delightful way to meet with our members, enjoy the camaraderie and hear of the progress the Society is making toward our goals. Ellsworth told the guests that the prospects for the coming year are looking very good and he thanked everyone for all their work.

We extend our thanks to Stephanie and to the Barratts for their hospitality.

MEMBERSHIPS RISING

We are pleased to report that every month our membership is growing. **Janna Gregory**, Membership chairman, sends out renewal notices each month with cheery notes, and has been pleased to see the response at an all time high. The

membership of the Society in C.V.V.I.C., and participation in the annual Fiesta and Ranchers Days are good ways to make our presence known in the Valley. New members are signed up at all these events, and we're very proud they want to support our goals.

Our present membership stands at over 180, and we always welcome interested participants. Tell your friends about our goals and encourage them to join with us!



CHART YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

At the February Board meeting, an interesting suggestion was made by two of our new members. **Kate and Patrick McAnaney**, who live in Robles del Rio, wondered how their neighborhood got started. They got together with their neighbors and asked about how long they had lived there, the history of their homes and any present or previous neighbors who stood out in their minds. The McAnaneys were able to get acquainted

with those who lived around them and uncovered an outstanding former resident.

They were able to track down James R. Gould, who now lives in Oregon, and who fondly remembers his life in Carmel Valley. He told Kate and Patrick that he has several artifacts he would like to see returned to the Valley.

Not only did the McAnaneys make new friends, but they were able to add to their knowledge of the Valley and their street in particular. And what a good way to get to know those who live around you.

What's the history of your street? How many neighbors do you know? This idea could add greatly to the history of the Valley and would be a wonderful addition to the Museum archives. Think about it. Call your neighbors, hold a party, ask about how your neighborhood grew. The Society would be grateful for all your efforts!



WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY EASTER!



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2005

COWBOY SHOW ENJOYED BY SONS' FANS

Once again the **Sons of the San Joaquin** delighted old and new fans with their unique style of Cowboy songs. On the evening of June 3rd, their music filled Hidden Valley Seminars and wafted over the Village.

The evening began with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting, plus a Silent Auction featuring a wide assortment of unusual items. Local restaurateurs, Rose and Ron Martin, owners of the **Salt and Pepper Cafe**, catered the food and the wine was provided by the **Georis Winery**.

The evening entertainment began with Balladeer **Dave Stamey**, making his second appearance at the Cowboy Show. His down-home style of old time cowboy ballads always brings smiles to listeners.

Then the Sons were on, bringing their special style to the Cowboy songs that tell the stories of the Old West and life on the range. It was an evening of great food and music for all who came out.

An evening such as this could not have been put on without the help of

many people and we want to express our thanks to all of them. **Ellsworth Gregory, Stephanie Culbert and Shirley Forsyth**, did their usual great job of rounding up articles for the Silent Auction, while **Cherie Gayman** put the description and bidding cards together and designed the display tables.

Maxine and Dan Callinan made sure everyone had their programs and the special glass for wine. **Dean Hatfield and Vic Carter** did the wine-pouring, **Ruth and Franklin Peace** offered lemonade, water and coffee.

We also want to thank **Joseph Hertlein, Carolyn Metcalf and Kirk Gayman** for their help in making sure everything ran smoothly. Our hats off again to **Dolores McGlochlin**, for selling the most tickets! We could not have put the show together without your help. Many thanks.



WE'VE LOST MORE THAN WE CAN AFFORD

Janna Gregory, wife of our president, Ellsworth, died suddenly May 25, 2005. She was the voice of the Historical Society, the one to call for answers to questions on everything from how the Society could help a researcher to reserving tickets for the Cowboy Show. We could not have asked for a more gifted personal relations ambassador.

Janna and Ellsworth joined the Historical Society when it was just forming and put their energies into learning more about the history of the area as well as making good friends with everyone they met. Janna's upbeat manner, her easy mile, her genuine interest in you instantly made her one of your friends.

She loved animals, horses in particular, and rode regularly on her own horse for many years. When health problems forbade that, she accepted it with grace. Janna also loved clothes and always wore colorful and flowing fashions with a dramatic flair. Her dashing hats, her elaborate jewelry, her sense of style

and warmth - you were always drawn to her.

Janna's health problems worsened over the past few months, but she never let you know she was in any discomfort. She was such a social person, loved being around people, enjoyed interacting with everyone she met.

Whenever the Historical Society had an event, she took the reservations, answered all the inquiries and brought her good cheer to the activity even if it was hard for her to be there.

Ellsworth and Janna were recipients of the "Good Egg" award, given by the Chamber of Commerce, for outstanding volunteer contributions to the community, an award they both richly deserved. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 20th.

Janna leaves behind her husband, Ellsworth, a daughter, Meg, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter. The Historical Society has lost a dear friend and she will be greatly missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



*True Generosity
You give your all and yet
you always feel as if it costs
you nothing.*

Simone de Beauvoir



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE JULY 2-3

Save the first weekend in July for the annual **Gigantic Rummage Sale**, held at the **Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club** from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day**.

The Historical Society teams up with the **SPCA - Wildlife** for this big event, and it is a highlight of the summer. **Anne and Rod Mills** have been collecting items for months and they are ready to be set up and sold. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, please call Anne, at **659-3745**, and arrange for pickup.

Furniture, horse tack, kitchen items, books, accessories, toys, games and art are always good sale items. We **CANNOT** accept computers, large appliances, clothing or television sets.

Members of both organizations begin setting up the tables **Monday, June 27th**, and if you can lend a hand for a couple of hours any day during that week, it would be most appreciated.

The Historical Society will also be providing treats and sweets, coffee and lemonade at its **Half-a-**

buck Bakery.

This is always a fun weekend, a time to come out and take advantage of the great bargains, socialize with friends and neighbors and enjoy yourself. We'll see you there!

THE TRACTOR



One of the historical items the Society owns is an older Allis-Chalmers tractor. It is not in working order, but there is hope that one day it will be, and then be available for local events.

We are grateful to Dean Hatfield for storing the tractor and for carefully going through the engine to determine what will be needed to restore it to former days.

We have established a Tractor Fund for this purpose and it currently totals \$270. If you would like to see our tractor as a part of the local parades for the Fiesta, Santa's Fly-in, and to be on display at the future museum, you can send any donations to the Historical Society at:

P. O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, CA 93924-1612.



MARVIN PYLATE

One of our founding members passed away. Marvin Pylate died March 8th, at age 85.

Marvin was a veritable encyclopedia of information on the history of Carmel Valley. He seemed to know everyone, every area of the Valley, and was always ready with a story or two about what happened yesterday or 'way back when.

As the Society began accepting articles of historical interest for a future museum, Marvin began a long and sometimes tedious job of collecting, cataloging and organizing them for reference. He would accept any donation willingly and his philosophy was, "you never know when it will come in handy."

He leaves behind his wife, Juanita, and two sons. We will miss Marvin, all the work he did for the Society, and for the special person he was. Our sympathies are with his family.



TO REACH US

If you have news we should know or a story you'd like to share with the Society, please call **Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611, or June Taylor, at 659-2038.**



MUSEUM NEWS

We want to extend our thanks to several local businesses for their support of the museum with financial donations to our Building Fund.

To Tom and Judy Gladney of M.J. Murphy Lumber, Rob and Cindy Talbott of the Audrey S. Talbott Foundation, Nelson and Genn Foreman of the Running Iron, and Larry and Sharon Bacon of the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club, we are very grateful for your gifts. We also want to thank **Jerry Hecker, of Farm Center Barns,** for all his efforts on our behalf. We will need the backing of our local merchants as we begin building the museum and make it a part of the Village.

As we all know, the wheels of commissions, departments and divisions turn slowly. However, our Vice-president, **Joseph Hertlein,** has been working with these groups and answering all their questions. No date has yet been set for the groundbreaking, but all that can be done is being done and when that date arrives, you will be the first to know. In the meantime, patience is our watchword.



HOW YOU CAN HELP THE SOCIETY GROW

The membership of our Society has reached almost 200, and we are very proud we are to continuing to grow.

With the unfortunate loss of Janna Gregory, we are in need of another Board of Directors member and new Membership Chairman.

We are looking for someone with new ideas and enthusiasm for working toward our goals. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the events we sponsor. As mentioned, if you can lend a hand with the Gigantic Rummage Sale, call **Anne Mills at 659-3745,** and let her know.

If you can bake a batch of muffins or cookies for the Half-a-Buck Bakery, we'd welcome your efforts.

If you have special talents, or even if you don't, but would like to see the Historical Society grow and become a vital and strong part of the Village, call **Ellsworth, at 624-9611,** and let him know where you want to help. We'd all be very grateful.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2005

BUILDING FUND GROWING LARGER

The Society's Building Fund has been given a very nice boost, thanks to the fundraising events of the summer.

The California Cowboy Show, held June 3rd at Hidden Valley Seminars, realized a profit of \$8500 from the Silent Auction. The evening of wine-tasting and entertainment was enjoyed by all who attended and the Silent Auction offered many lovely and unusual items.

The Trail and Saddle Club was the venue for the Gigantic Rummage Sale, held July 2nd and 3rd. **Anne and Rod Mills** did a wonderful job of collecting donations throughout the year, and putting the event together with their usual organization. The Historical Society teams up with the SPCA-WILDLIFE, and each group added \$5262 to their coffers.

We want to thank everyone who helped make our fund-raisers such successes. As we get closer to building the museum, these funds will help make the dream a reality.



PICKUP TRUCK HITS ROSIE'S

On July 23rd in the wee hours of the morning, **Rosie's Cracker Barrel** sustained a considerable amount of damage due to the appearance of a deer.

A pickup truck was coming down Esquiline Road toward the bridge when a deer suddenly crossed the road. The driver swerved to avoid hitting the animal but the wide turn included hitting a corner of Rosie's Cracker Barrel and scattering wood and debris everywhere.



Rosie's has special meaning for many members as it was the site for the organization and the first meetings of the Historical Society. **Sandi and Stu Clough** lived in the building in those early days and welcomed members on Tuesday evenings for stories, discussions and refreshments. Many tales of days gone by were shared with those who

attended. Rosie's will always hold a special place in the hearts of the founding members.

The new owners had just finished purchasing the two buildings and were planning to renovate them into a coffee shop and neighborhood grocery. Although there was much damage, members will be glad to know the original Cracker Barrel, next to where "Rosie" used to warm himself, came through the accident unscathed. We all hope the buildings can be restored.

JANNA GREGORY MEMORIAL

The Board of Directors wants to thank both members and nonmembers who remembered **Janna Gregory**.

She was the Society's one-person Public Relations department with her warm and gracious manner. Janna was the Membership Chairman and we think her upbeat reminders are one of the biggest reasons we have so many membership renewals.

Her memorials to date amount to \$3725, and the Board has chosen to find an appropriate place in the coming Museum to honor her memory. Our sincere thanks to all.



WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

We want to extend a warm welcome to **Ann Flood**, the newest member of the Board of Directors.

She will share her enthusiasm for preserving the history of the Valley and offer new ideas to keep the Society an important part of the Village.

Ann and her husband, **Barry Harrow**, have lived in Carmel Valley for 16 years and they have been Life Members of the Society since 2003. She is a clinical psychologist with offices in Salinas and Monterey. Her clients include people of all ages, but she does most of her work with children and young people.

Ann will take over as Membership Chairman and will revise and update our roster while working on recruiting new members as we look forward to building the museum.

She will be a great addition to the Board.

WELCOME!

MUSEUM NEWS

We are still waiting for our plans to be returned from the Planning Commission. There is hope that the groundbreaking can take place in the fall.

The Society received an antique cash register, complete with tape, donated by **Joanne Millard**.

The register was made in 1916 especially for the Mitchell-Silliman Co., a company that worked on large lumber beams, and washed the small white beams for the homes in the area. There were several of



the mills bearing the Mitchell-Silliman name along Highway 101 from Salinas to Gonzales to Camphor, in the early 1900's.

O.P. Silliman, who originally was an ornithologist, started the business, and then teamed up with Mr. Mitchell. The company later became a warehousing business, using their huge buildings for commercial storage. Mr. Silliman's daughter, Karen, is still living in Salinas.

Having the cash register that was used in this area for many years is truly a wonderful addition to our archives, and we thank Joanne for making it possible.

We also want to thank **Dolores McGlochlin** for her donation of a book from her friends, Lucy and

Bill Post. This lovely book tells in pictures and text the history of the Post family, who are the owners of the Post Ranch in Big Sur. Our museum will house an extensive research library about the whole area and this book will be a vital addition.

OUR PRESIDENT IS GRAND MARSHAL

The annual Carmel valley Fiesta was held August 6th and 7th, and the Society was represented by a booth at the festivities.

But the highlight of Saturday was the parade, where our president, **Ellsworth Gregory**, was the Grand Marshal. The Kiwanis, which sponsors the Fiesta, always chooses outstanding citizens to be the Grand Marshal for their parade, and we couldn't have agreed more that Ellsworth deserved the honor.

Our banner was carried by Ann Flood and Barry Harrow along with their family pet. The booth was decorated with that banner and the specially carved wooden sign, plus many of the ribbons won by pear growers in years past. Members of the Board manned the booth and were pleased that so many people stopped by to say "hello" and to inquire about the Society.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLSWORTH!



ALL ABOARD!

Have you ever wanted to follow the trail taken by Lewis and Clark as they searched for a waterway to the Pacific Ocean? Well, you are in luck.

Nanci Lambert, from Bob McGinnis Travel in Carmel, is organizing a cruise on the Columbia River, to set sail **April 8-15, 2006**.

It promises to be a very interesting and informative cruise of over 1000 miles on the Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers in Oregon. The cruise will begin in Portland and will pass through eight locks and dams, view the dramatic cliffs and waterfalls of the Columbia River Gorge, visit historic forts and learn how the Native Americans, early missionaries and Oregon Trail pioneers lived during the early days of the Northwest exploration.

Historian **Rex Ziak** will narrate the stories of the exploration and make the whole trip come alive.

The ports of call will include The Dalles, Hood River, Umatilla, and Pendleton in Oregon plus Clarkston/Lewiston, Longview, Mt. St., Helens,

Astoria and Fort Clatsop in Washington.

The cruise ship is the "Queen of the West" from the American West Steamboat Company.

Rates for the excursion begin at \$1765.30, for a First Class Cabin with a large view window, and there are other categories available. This rate will also include a \$100 donation to the Carmel Valley Historical Society. The rates include all shore excursions, all onboard entertainment, meals, snacks, specialty coffees, nonalcoholic beverages plus meals off the ship when included in the itinerary schedule. Airfare to Portland, port charges, transfers to and from the vessel and alcoholic beverages are not included.

This promises to be a beautiful trip with so many of the early spring flowers beginning to bloom. Plus the bonus of learning about the explorations of Lewis and Clark from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean.

If you would like more information, please call Nanci Lambert with Bob McGinnis Travel at **831-624-2727, or 800-243-5959**. Or you can call **Ellsworth at 831-624-9611**. What a wonderful way to begin Spring!



THE TRACTOR

The Tractor Restoration Fund has grown to \$470. Memorials to **Marvin Pylate and Janna Gregory**, have helped to increase the total.

We are hoping to restore the tractor to running order and if you'd like to help, any donations would be welcome at:

P. O. Box 1612; Carmel Valley, CA 93924-1612.

DON'T FORGET!

If you use General Mills products - flours, cereals, cake mixes, etc., - save the merchandise coupons on the packaging for our museum utensils. Mail them to the address above.

And if you have a story or item of interest you'd like to share with our members in the Newsletter, please call **Ellsworth at 624-9611, or June Taylor at 659-2038**.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2005

SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT OF \$30,000

The Historical Society has received a grant of \$30,000, from the **Robert and Virginia Stanton Endowment Foundation of the Community Foundation for Monterey County**. The grant will be added to the Building Fund and will be acknowledged in the museum when it is completed.

The grant application was submitted thanks to the dedicated work of **Pat Sandstrum**. She has spent many hours gathering all the information needed for review of our museum project and we salute her excellent talents.

When the Society was just beginning to form ideas about a museum in the Valley, longtime Carmel Valley resident, the late **Virginia Stanton**, supported the concept wholeheartedly. As we get closer to the actual construction of the building, we are thankful to be still supported by her generosity.

We look forward to the day when the first shovel will begin to dig the foundation for our museum. Our thanks to Pat and the Stanton Endowment Fund.



CRUISE DATES CHANGED

The early spring cruise on the Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers, originally scheduled for April 8-15, 2006, has now been rescheduled to **March 5-12, 2006**.

Nanci Lambert, from Bob McGinnis Travel in Carmel, is still in charge of organizing the cruise and will be glad to answer any of your questions about the cruise, the accommodations and the history of the area.

The cruise promises to be filled with beautiful vistas as well as the stories of the Lewis and Clark expedition, as they looked for a waterway to the Pacific Ocean. There will be many ports of call along the way and the narrations of historian, **Rex Ziak**, will make this exploration well worth the trip.

As of now, there are nine people signed up. Keep in mind that our Society benefits from the tour. The

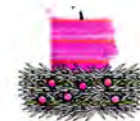
more who sign up, the more the Society earns. Shed the winter blahs on this lovely cruise.

For more information, call **Nanci**, at 624-2724.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Holidays are fast approaching and you know what that means. Our annual **Christmas Party!**

Put a big reminder on **Sunday, December 11th, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, and plan to enjoy the afternoon. The party will be held at **1 Paso del Rio**, the home of **Stephanie Culbert**.



It will be a potluck dinner, with turkey with all the trimmings, plus your favorite holiday salad, vegetable, bread or dessert.

Elizabeth and Dick Barratt have again offered to serve coffee and dessert at their home across the street.

Please call **Ruth Peace**, at 659-2448, to let her know you're coming and what you'll bring. Come and celebrate the season!

JANNA GREGORY MEMORIAL

Members and friends continue to remember **Janna Gregory** with their donations to our Building Fund. These gifts now amount to \$3850, and our thanks to all who wanted her dedication, warmth and enthusiasm for the Society always remembered.

UPJOHN CALIFORNIA FUND

The Upjohn California Fund has given us a grant of \$3,000, to our Building Fund. Over the past three years, this Fund has sent us grants totaling \$9,000. We are very grateful for their support of our efforts to build a museum in the Village.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Although the Gigantic Rummage Sale was held last July, **Anne Mills** has been able to sell some of the articles that remained through a consignment store. She has sent us a check for \$181 and we appreciate her efforts on our behalf. Anne says she is already collecting donations for next year's sale, to be held **June 24-25, 2006**. Anne's number is **659-3745**, for more information.



MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

By Ann Flood

Greetings to all of our new and "old" members of the Carmel Valley Historical Society. As you know, I am stepping into some big cowboy boots left by Janna Gregory's passing. She was a joy to know and we will miss her dearly.

I would like to thank all of you for your membership and your generous support. That support will enable us to build a museum complete with memories of our lovely valley and the folks who loved living here and, in the course of their lives, shaped its history.

If you know anyone who is not a member and has stories to share or has the seeking spirit to hear about the stories of old, please encourage them to join. We value all of our members. Each one has something to contribute to our Historical Society.

I look forward to meeting you all in person, either at the Christmas Party or in the near future at our brand new museum.



BOARD MEMBER RESIGNING

One of our most dedicated members, **Dolores McGlochlin**, is leaving the Board of Directors. She is a founding member of the Society, and has been part of the Board since July 1995.

Dolores is the epitome of the "history buff." She reads the local newspapers carefully to look for any news regarding Carmel Valley. And if there are interesting items about the general history of Monterey County, you can count on Dolores to keep it in her records.

When the Society was just beginning she was the secretary, and has kept the minutes of all the Collections Committee that met every Tuesday evening at Rosie's Cracker Barrel.

When asked why she is leaving, she reluctantly said she felt it was time to let someone else have the opportunity to serve the Board, and to offer their new ideas. We will miss her interesting tidbits at the meetings, and her enduring support of all of us.

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Would you like to be a member of the Board? We invite you to call our president, **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**, and visit one of the monthly meetings. They are the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

ADVISORY COMMISSION TO MEET

Elizabeth Barratt, 5th District representative to the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission, will be hosting their meeting at her home on **Monday, November 14th, at 10:00 AM.** All members are invited and encouraged to come and share the news about our Society's projects. Elizabeth will also be serving lunch, and she would appreciate your call reserving a space. Her number is **659-2751.**

The Advisory Commission is made up of members from King City to Monterey who share their ideas and coordinate the historical preservation of Monterey County. They have been very enthusiastic about Carmel Valley's plans to build a museum. If you are able to attend the meeting, you will come away encouraged about how other communities are keeping history alive in the County.



CORRECTION

In the previous Newsletter, it was mentioned that new Board member **Ann Flood**, and her husband, **Barry Harrow**, have lived in the Valley for 16 years. Barry has lived here for 25 years. We regret the error.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

LOOKING BACK, WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

By Ellsworth Gregory

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their kindness in sending the cards and notes regarding Janna's passing. My family and I were deeply touched by your thoughts and concern. The memorial contributions received in Janna's name, almost \$4,000, reflect a wonderful tribute to her life and love of Carmel Valley!

This year the Carmel Valley Historical Society has received many donations and grants towards our Museum Building Fund. These contributions, combined with the proceeds from the Cowboy Show and the Rummage Sale total **\$65,421.** This brings us so much closer to our goal.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual Christmas part on December 11th.

JUST A REMINDER

The Historical Society is a 501(c)3, charitable organization. As the year ends and the tax season nears, the Society welcomes your donations for tax purposes. Our Tax I.D. Number is 77-0174405.

TO REACH US

If you have a story or news about members that you would like to share, please call **Ellsworth Gregory, at 624-9611, or June Taylor at 659-2038.**

Do you need an extra copy of the Newsletter, or a past copy, to share with a friend? Call June and she will be happy to send one to you.

The Society is very interested in videotaping members with stories about the history of the Valley. We can arrange a meeting with you and making the interview easy and friendly. Videotapes would then be available in the museum and the history of the Valley would come alive to future visitors. It's an important tool to preserve our history.

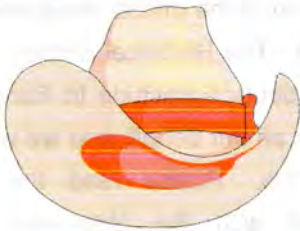
**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
TO ALL
OUR MEMBERS!**



Carmel Valley Historical Society

Newsletter

February 2006



FUNDRAISER DATES SET

The 14th annual California Cowboy Show will be held **June 3, 2006, at Hidden Valley Seminars**. The show is always a wonderful evening, and this year promises to be no exception.

Our favorite stars, the **Sons of the San Joaquin**, will headline the entertainment. Newcomers **Pam and Bruce Foreman** will open the show, with their style of songs. Then a return artist, **Clem Albertoni** will bring lots of smiles to all with his special stories in Cowboy Poetry.

The evening starts at 6:00 PM, with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting, plus a unique, distinctive Silent Auction. The entertainment will begin at 8:00 PM.

Putting on this show requires

lots of help and we would love to have you lend a hand. Securing auction items, getting ads for our program, setting up on the day of the show, selling tickets, handing out wine glasses and programs – all these jobs can use your assistance. Call **Ellsworth at 624-9611**, and tell him where you can help. Come and be a part of a wonderful evening.



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Gigantic Rummage Sale will be held **June 10th and 11th**, at the Trail and Saddle Club. The Historical Society teams up with the **SPCA-WILDLIFE**, to offer some of the most interesting, unusual,

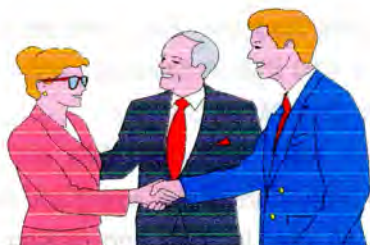
rare and exclusive articles for your shopping pleasure. Hours will be 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

Anne and Rod Mills are the main organizers of this event and they work all year locating and picking up the items that make this sale so memorable. Just recently, they were successful in selling a donated piano for \$800, so each organization starts off with a profit of \$400!

We are always looking for other donations, so if you have clean, working, usable items you no longer need, please call **Anne, at 659-3745**, to arrange for pick-up. We can use kitchen items, toys, lamps, artwork, dishes, books, furniture, garden items and horse tack. If you can keep them until closer to the sale, it would be appreciated. We cannot accept large appliances, electronic items (TVs, computers or components) or clothes.



If you would like to help with the sale - picking up sale items, setting up the tables or working on the sale days, call Anne and let her know. Lots of hands make light work. The sale usually brings out many of the Valley's resident, so come and visit with your friends plus find some great bargains. as well!



MEMBERSHIP

MEMOS

by Ann Flood

Welcome to all our new members, and welcome back to those renewing their memberships.

Memberships and fundraising, (the Cowboy Show, the Gigantic Rummage Sale) as well as donations, are the main vehicles by which we are funding a museum, soon to become a reality.

I know it's been a long time to wait for a museum, but it takes a lot of money and planning to get a museum going. Thank you for hanging in there with us.

If you have any questions about your membership, please call

Ann Flood at 659-0712.

PARK BATHROOMS VANDALIZED.

It is such a shame. It took many people a lot of work and dedication and perseverance to get the bathroom build at the edge of the Community Park. The bathroom was very welcome to all the picnickers who used the park, to delivery drivers who came to the Village, to the tourists.

Not long ago, persons unknown smashed out the windows. Why?

The windows were replaced with strong, clear plastic, and metal mesh was installed over the plastic. It looks like it wasn't enough. The inside of the bathroom was totally vandalized. Again, why? The bathrooms have been closed, perhaps permanently. It is such a shame.

A CALL FOR VALLEY RESIDENTS

Sometimes when you least expect it, life deals you a band hand and there is little you can do but handle it. Randy and Charlene Randazzo are facing such a situation. These two people have been a part of Carmel Valley for decades and have given of themselves tirelessly and without complaint to help make our community a better place in which to live. Now we have a chance to give back to them some of the loyalty and

support they showed all of us for so long.

When Randy was a member of the Parks Department Board, he was instrumental in seeing that the Society be allowed to lease the land on the edge of the park's parking lot for its museum. He worked diligently to show everyone how much a museum would add to the Village and was Master of Ceremonies at the dedication of the official designation of the land. The Historical Society owes a large debt of gratitude to Randy for his work on our behalf, and we will not forget this. Please read the flyer enclosed with the Newsletter and come to the Carmel Valley Lodge on February 26th.

LOOKING BACK, WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ellsworth Gregory

I was thinking back to when Janna and I first moved to Carmel Valley thirty years ago. After a few months, we decided to buy a horse. As you know, horses eat hay and Randy Randazzo sold hay from a building behind his market. Yes, Randy sold hay and delivered it, too. It was a real treat to watch him wrestle a bale of hay that wasn't much different in size from him!

That began our treasured friendship. This is the man that some people call the unofficial Mayor of Carmel Valley, because of his dedication and involvement in the many Carmel Valley service

organizations. He is a past president of C.V.V.I.C., the Kiwanis Club, and the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce, plus past president of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department, and a long time member of the Carmel Valley Historical Society.

Randy is a past recipient of the Chamber's "Good Egg Award," and was one of the organizers of the Carmel Valley Centennial in 1989.

Randy and Charlene also worked tirelessly for many years on the Thanksgiving Dinners at Rippling River. I'm sure that I must be leaving out some of his community achievements after so many years of dedication to the Valley and its residents.

Randy has made a lot of friends through his years of community involvement. He has also stirred up some controversy along the way. But, at least he wasn't sitting home watching re-runs of "Law and Order!"

Randy and Charlene could really use our help now. The Village, which some people call a little piece of Heaven, needs the Randazzos' continuing presence and energy. So, let's all rally around the Randazzos!

VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Vice-President for many years, Joseph Hertlein, has submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors. We are very sorry to see him leave. Joseph has been instrumental in guiding the Board through the steps needed to obtain the required permits and in coordinating permission from other groups and agencies to build the

museum. We appreciate his friendship and his contributions to the Board, and are pleased that he has agreed to continue as a consultant for the museum.



ARCHIVE CATALOGING

As we get closer to building our museum, we will begin officially cataloging all of our archives. They are now stored in several locations and while many of them are organized, we will need a more sophisticated cataloging method for immediate reference and to aid in designing future exhibits. Members of the Board will be working with professionals from other local museums and using their expertise to make this part of the museum very efficient.

If you would be interested in helping with the cataloging, please call Maxine Callinan, at 659-4925, and let her know. Work sessions will be set up in the spring.

As the cataloging begins, we also urge our members to help us put together as complete a history of the Valley as possible. Do you know of someone who has grown up here or

lived in the area for many decades? Are you a long-time resident?

We would like to audio and/or video tape residents who have stories to tell about life in the Valley in the early days. These tapes are so helpful in telling the history to students and letting them see how their neighborhoods evolved. Call Maxine and she will arrange a convenient time for us to get together.

If you have artifacts that depict the way life was lived as the Valley came to be, please consider donating them to the Historical Society. We can assure you they will be carefully preserved and displayed with great respect in our exhibits. Call Ellsworth at 624-9611, to discuss your concerns.

VISITING OTHER MUSEUMS

Board member, Ruth Peace and her husband, Franklin, recently visited the historical museum in Santa Ynez, CA. They were fortunate to talk extensively with the docent and curator there, and brought back many ideas and suggestions for us to use as we set up our museum. There were several designs and exhibits from the local Indian populations, similar to the history of this area. In addition, she recommended going through the near-by carriage house as it was a beautiful display of old carriages from the area. We value these ideas as we plan our museum.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *NEWSLETTER*

MAY 2006

GREAT NEWS!

The Historical Society's Board of Directors is **VERY** pleased to announce that the Building Permit for the museum in Carmel Valley has been approved! The Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Department has also agreed to the plans. A few details still have to be synchronized, and we are working diligently to finish them. This is a **GIANT** step forward!

The Society is now in the process of selecting contractors to do the ground grading, erect the building, and design the interior to best serve our purposes. We are finalizing plans for a groundbreaking in the near future. It seems this has taken such a long time, but we are looking forward to construction and the completion

of our dream of a museum.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!



**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**

The 14th annual California Cowboy Show will be held **Saturday, June 3rd, at Hidden Valley Seminars.** Festivities begin at 6:00 PM with wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, plus the most interesting and unique Silent Auction.

At 8:00 PM, the entertainment starts with Pam and Bruce Foreman of Cow Bop, followed by Clem Albertoni and his special brand of Cowboy Poetry. The featured stars of the evening are the Sons of the San Joaquin and

their inimitable style of western songs. Be sure to check the flyer for more information.

We are looking for help Saturday morning to set up the chairs and the stage. Also, do you have teenagers who are short on their community service hours? We could use their help keeping the food tables filled before the show and they could add a couple of hours to their totals. Call **Ellsworth at 624-9611**, to let him know you can help.

Tickets for the show are available at the businesses mentioned in the flyer. You can also call 659-2038 to order or reserve them.

We hope you will consider your invitation to become a sponsor of the Cowboy Show. All sponsors will be recognized in the official brochure, and we appreciate your support of our efforts to build a museum in the Valley. The show promises to be a very entertaining evening and we

look forward to seeing you there!



THE DATE HAS CHANGED

The dates for the **Gigantic Rummage Sale** have been changed to **June 17-18**, at the **Trail and Saddle Club**.

The Society has teamed up with the **SPCA-Wildlife** for several years to hold this big sale. It brings out the community for a weekend of wonderful bargains.

The sale will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, and from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

If you have donations for this sale, we will be glad to pick them up. Or, you can bring them to the Trail and Saddle Club the week before the sale. We can accept kitchen items, toys, lamps, artwork, dishes, books, furniture, garden items and horse tack. We cannot accept large appliances, electronic items (TVs, computers or components) or clothes.

This will be the final year

of chairmanship for **Anne and Rod Mills**. They have done a wonderful job of collecting donations all through the year, plus pricing and sorting them as they go along. An enormous thank you goes to both of them for all the hard work and dedication that has made these sales such big successes.

Next year we will be looking for new people to organize and run the sale for 2007. It does require picking up and transporting donations, sometimes including furniture, pricing the items and finding workers for the sale. It can be a big job, and it will take time, but several people working together would be able to make it lighter for everyone. Many of the people who have worked on the sales would continue to help out, and Anne and Rod would be willing to add their expertise to answer any questions you might have. Or, if you know of another non-profit organization that would be interested in being a working partner in this sale, please contact Ellsworth.

If you would be interested in finding out more about this job, or need your donations picked up, please call **Anne at 659-3745**, or **Ellsworth, at 624-9611**. The sale

is not only a fund-raiser for both organizations, but also a social event for the Valley.



MEMBER MATTERS

by Ann Flood,
Membership Chair

Greetings! Spring is sprung and the grass is riz...and there are all sorts of good things blooming in the CVHS garden. No allergies here! Once again you have responded with new memberships and renewals. Welcome to the new members and thank you to our continuing members. Your support of the vision of the CVHS will help us to build a quality museum worthy of the beautiful valley we live in and its wonderful people. History continues to be made here and we don't want to lose sight of that, either. I can't tell you enough that your membership matters! Thank you! And if you know people who are not

members yet, let us know. So get out those boots and clean out that garage and come to our two big fundraisers of the year: The Cowboy Show on June 3rd and the Gigantic Rummage Sale on June 17th and 18th. If you've never been to The Cowboy Show, you're missing something. It's a great fun time and a good time to see your neighbors and friends. And as for the Rummage Sale, who knows what treasures await (after you've gotten rid of the stuff you don't need, of course). Hope to see you there!

Ann

PICTURES OF THE CRACKER BARREL

We are most grateful to Jeff Ohlson of Bellevue, WA, for contacting us and offering some pictures of William Henry, otherwise known as Rosie, of Rosie's Cracker Barrel. Rosie is shown inside the store and we know it will bring back many memories for members and residents who have lived in the Valley for a long time.

Jeff is married to Cherie Filo, who grew up in the Valley. They are frequent visitors to

Cherie's mother, Mary Filo, a long-time resident of the area, and who now lives in the former home of Hank Ketcham.

We are very grateful to Jeff for forwarding these pictures to us, especially now since The Cracker Barrel has sustained considerable damage. No decision has been made regarding the restoration of the building. We are hoping the pictures will be of help in remembering how the Cracker Barrel once looked inside.



ARCHIVE CATALOGING

On April 21st, Ann Flood, our Membership Chairman, organized a meeting with members of the Society's Board and several professionals who are staff members of museums in the Monterey area. We were fortunate to meet with Deborah Silguero, collections manager of

the Maritime Museum, Darcie Fohrman, a freelance museum design and exhibit planner, Ileen Tuttle of the Museum on Wheels and Airport Exhibits and Ellen Fondeler of the Carmel Middle School Habitat.

There is so much to learn about putting the museum together and these women were so helpful in presenting the steps that will be needed to make the museum work for everyone. They reminded us this will be a slow and continuing process, and pointed out many ways for us to reach out to our members and the community to spread the word of our beginnings and then, our growth.

They outlined many ideas for our Archiving Committee to pursue in cataloging our artifacts and moving the organization of the museum forward. The committee realizes the Society will be working to open the "business" of a museum, and there is much to be explored and utilized. Eleanor Avila, a former librarian, also attended the meeting and has offered her expertise to get our own library organized. There is much to do. And we will need

many people to work on these projects.

In the coming months we will be working in small groups cataloging, photographing and organizing our artifacts. This will entail using a digital camera for detailed photographs of each item and a laptop computer to keep all records organized and available. The Society is in need of each of these items. If you would like to help us find these tools, if you are upgrading and could donate your used camera or laptop, we would appreciate it very much.

We will be using a computer program especially designed to facilitate museum artifact cataloging, one that is also used by the other museums in the Monterey area. It will be an exciting time and if you are interested in helping with this project, please call **Maxine Callinan at 659-4925**. If you have experience in cataloging and working with a computer, we are in great need of your skills. Come and work with us.



COLUMBIA RIVER CRUISE

Our President Ellsworth Gregory and his daughter Meg Aliano, were among the passengers on the cruise ship, Empress of the North, in mid-March. Other members and friends who enjoyed taking the trip along the lower Columbia River, included Stephanie Culbert, Susan Pius, Judith and William King, Donald and Lura Mae Sherman, and Janice Robertson. A portion of the cruise fares is being donated to the Museum's Building Fund.

The onboard historian was Rex Ziak, who has published several books on the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The cruise was in connection with the Bicentennial celebration of this expedition, which continues through 2006.

The stops along the way included visits to an interpretive center near the base of Mt. St.

Helens, a Native American cultural complex, the seaside town of Canon beach, Fort Clatsop National Memorial, the Portland Museum of Art, and the Columbia River Gorge's Multnomah Falls.

While the ship cruised the Columbia and Willamette Rivers during the evenings, passengers enjoyed dinners in the Russian inspired Romanov Room, and were entertained by talented showboat style musicians.

This was a very informative way to see the areas first explored by Lewis and Clark, and to enjoy a break from California's extended rainy season. We are grateful to Meg for providing this information about the cruise — we understand a good time was had by all.



TO REACH US

If you have information for our Newsletter, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611** or **June Taylor at 659-2038**. We want to hear from you.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

July 2006

A GREAT EVENING FOR EVERYONE!

The 14th annual California Cowboy Show, held June 3, 2006, was a tremendous success! The evening was warm and breezy and a record crowd came out to enjoy the food, the Silent Auction and especially the entertainment.

Pam and Bruce Forman opened the evening with their distinct interpretation of western music and jazz, and they were roundly applauded and appreciated. Clem Albertoni followed with his amusing cowboy stories, told in poetry. And the stars, the Sons of the San Joaquin, more than lived up to their billing. The music, the soloists, and the stories made the evening sparkle with fun.

There were so many people who helped make the evening a success and we want

to thank them profusely. Our president, Ellsworth Gregory did a superb job chairing the event. Stephanie Culbert, Maxine Callinan, and Ann Flood were instrumental in obtaining the items for the Silent Auction and Cherie Gayman coordinated the Auction with her special knack for descriptions and pictures.



Randy and Charlene Randazzo gave out the programs and the special wine glasses, Carolyn Metcalf ran the Society's T-shirt table. Michele Culbert, Pat Sandstrum and Ann Flood sold tickets and Michele and Pat cashiered the Silent auction.

We are most grateful to all the sponsors and especially to Penny and Warren Wood for underwriting the food, and Peter Meckle for his generosity to the Society. The event brought in **\$11,197**, for the Building Fund, and our hats are off to all who helped make this evening such a great success.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS EVERYWHERE!

The Trail and Saddle Club buzzed with activity all week as workers picked up and arranged items for the Gigantic Rummage sale held on June 17th & 18th. Anne and Rod Mills were in charge of overseeing the whole event, and they were magnificent in putting it all together.

The sale offers many unusual items as well as a

chance to find things you didn't realize you actually needed! Many people came out to take advantage of all the bargains, and it was great to see so many of our friends and neighbors again.

We want to thank those who helped collect, set up and work at the sale including Sue Pius and Pete Harrison, Beverly Brownell, Ann and Reggie Jones, Maxine and Dan Callinan, Sandi Ellis, and Art and June Taylor. Our cashiers were Gloria Rodda, Carol Jarvis, Sue Grill, Jean Lovell, and Barbara Babcock, and the jewelry table was manned by Jill Roberts. After the sale, Vicky Andrews and Judy King helped in boxing up the remaining items for other charitable organizations.



The Society offered a "Half-a-Buck Bakery" at the sale, and with the help of Betty Groves, Dolores McGlochlin, Maxine Callinan, Ellsworth Gregory and June

Taylor, the bakery netted \$39.

The Society teams up with the SPCA-Wildlife Center and each organization will realize **\$5,384** for all their work. This sale might well be the last Gigantic Rummage Sale, as Anne and Rod Mills have relinquished their chairmanship. They have spent much of the whole year collecting and pricing the sale items in preparation for this big weekend, and our deepest thanks goes to them for doing such a wonderful job.

If any of you know of a non-profit organization that would like to join the Society in putting on this sale, please call Ellsworth at 624-9611. This event has almost become a tradition in the Valley, but it does take time and effort to make it a success. The workers are a great group of people, and the atmosphere throughout the sale is upbeat and positive. The event is an excellent fundraiser for both organizations and many people working together can make it easier for all. Then it becomes an enjoyable and profitable effort for everyone.



THE WORK BEGINS

Board member Maxine Callinan has begun to organize and take the steps needed to set up the cataloging of all our artifacts. Through the generosity of Pat Sandstrum, we have a digital camera to take the pictures of each item and will be using a computer software program to list them. There will be a complete description of each artifact, the donor if available, when it was donated, plus photos from at least two angles.

The sorting of the items collected over the years has begun at our container (located at the rear of the Community Park parking lot). Before she can enter this information into the computer software, everything in the container will be gone through, sorted, discarded as the case may be, or designated for other uses. This can be a daunting job, but Maxine is eager to assess the information and artifacts so we can easily prepare for future exhibits in the museum.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX!

Final preparations are now being made for our ground-breaking for the museum. We will be sending out invitations to our members to come and be a part of this momentous occasion, so keep an eye out for yours.

The last "i's" have been dotted and the "t's" crossed, so we are making plans for a joyous celebration of the hard work that seems to have taken forever! Plan to come and be a part of a new beginning in the Village!

GET WELL, STEPHANIE!

We want to send our Treasurer our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Stephanie Culbert has experienced some physical problems recently, and while visiting her son in Reno, NV, she was hospitalized. Stephanie never lets things get her down however, and her spirits are good. We hope she will be 100% soon, and enjoy continued good health.



MEMBER MATTERS

by Ann Flood

Greetings to our members, new and renewed! Which brings me to our topic of the month. Every month we get new members and renewing members, whom we love to say "hello" to. I have a question for all of you. I'm considering putting the names of people whom we are welcoming or re-welcoming into the newsletter.

Just names, no addresses, phone numbers, dues amounts, etc. Just names, so we all know each other as members. Please let me know what you think of that idea. This is a small town newsletter and sometimes people also like to have information distributed to others, such as new addresses, deaths, births, etc. Anything that is of note to our Valley. However, I

don't want this to be an invasion of privacy. Please let me know what you would like to see in your newsletter. If you have information you would like to share, especially historical information, you can email me at:

flood@california-law.com

In the meantime, we will continue to omit names and just say: "Welcome! And Thank You for your support!" And, for Heaven's sake, stay cool!!

Best regards,

Ann Flood

TO REACH US

If you have a question or a story to share with the Historical Society, please call **Ellsworth Gregory** at **624-9611**, or **June Taylor**, at **659-2038**. We are always happy to be in contact with our members and know their concerns about the Society.



Carmel Valley Historical Society Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2006

GREAT MUSEUM NEWS!

It has been a long, drawn-out process, uplifting at times, frustrating at times, and always tinged with apprehension, but Monterey County has approved the building of a museum in Carmel Valley! It's time for a big membership cheer!

Every time we thought the process was going smoothly, there was an item here or a connection there that wasn't quite right and had to be amended or changed. We all wanted to be sure the building would meet all the criteria for Monterey County, as well as correctly protect and display the artifacts we have collected through the years.

We have met this challenge and are ready to move to the next process. This will include working with the construction contractor, as well as many professional museum personnel, to be sure we design the best museum for Carmel Valley. This is a very high priority for the Board.



It was hoped we could begin construction this fall, but it looks like it would be more prudent to wait until most of the rainy season is over. Then the actual building will go forward more easily, and all the details for the interior of the building will be finalized. With the permit now ready to be utilized, we can all enter the New Year with a new focus and an exciting grand opening to be anticipated!

LOOKING BACK WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was thinking back to when Janna and I joined the Society in 1989, and how excited everyone was about collecting artifacts with the hope of someday building a museum.

I am so happy to report that all of the "t's" have been crossed and all of the "i's" have been dotted with the County's permit process and we are that much closer to building that museum.

The Board and I were so thrilled at the prospect of breaking ground for the museum this fall, but because of the rainy season we have had to postpone this celebration until the early spring.

At this time I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this

dream a reality. I know that we will need more grants and donations to meet our goal, but I am confident that with your help and the support of the community, the CVHS museum will soon become a treasured addition to the Valley.

Thank you all again, and I look forward to seeing you at the annual Christmas potluck in December.

Ellsworth Gregory
President

NEW ADVISORY BOARD

We want to extend a BIG welcome to our new Museum Advisory Board! Darcie Fohrman, Ilene Tuttle and Deborah Silguero will be of enormous help to our Board in planning the various components for the interior of the museum, and how we can best serve the community in preserving our history for years to come.

Darcie Fohrman spoke to the Board in December, 2005, and offered many suggeststions we hadn't

thought about before. She has worked on the designs for museums in several cities, including San Diego, Chicago and San Francisco.

Ilene Tuttle has worked as gallery director for the Monterey Bay Aquarium from 1985-1990. She was the executive secretary for the Conference Center Art Commission, which bought all the art work for the Monterey Conference Center. Ilene also has been the director of the Museum on Wheels, which brings artwork to schools and introduces students to the world of art. She has also designed the art exhibits for the Monterey Airport. Her expertise in helping with arranging our displays and thei relationship to the history of the Valley will be invaluable.

Deborah Siguero currently works with the Monterey Maritime Museum designing exhibits and organizing artifacts.

We look forward to meeting with them often in the future and using their knowledge to make our museum an important place in the Village.

Our thanks to Ann Flood, who was so successful in persuading these professional advisors to join us.

MEMBER MATTERS

BY ANN FLOOD

Holiday Greetings to all of our members! Where did the year go? Or, as we say in museum lingo, "Where have the years gone?" And that's the beauty of preserving history – pretty soon we'll be able to see how fast time flies!

We appreciate your thinking of The Historical Society. We would also like to thank all those members who have renewed their memberships, and welcome those who have just joined. It promises to be a very exciting 2007!



If you have a story to share or an item of interest to our members, please call **Ellsworth Gregory** at **624-9611**, or **June Taylor**, at **659-2038**.

ANOTHER TOUR IS ALMOST READY

Elizabeth Barratt has told us that her fourth and final historic drive brochure, which she has written for the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission, is in the proofing stages prior to publication. This one describes a drive down Coast Highway 1, from the Carmel River to Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. There is also a side trip on the Old Coast Road. The other brochures she has written are on the River Road, the Old Stage Road and Carmel Valley Road.



Elizabeth does extensive research on the areas of Monterey County that offer wonderful day tours, and her stories make you want to pack up the car and get started! If all goes well, the pamphlet will be available just after the first of the year. We'll spread the word where you can obtain a copy for



TIME TO CELEBRATE!

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas Party! Once again our "hostess with the mostest," Stephanie Culbert, has offered her home for the festivities and we hope you will come and enjoy the afternoon. This is a chance to visit with the Board and many other members of the Society, and celebrate the season in fine style.

The party will begin at **2:00 PM, on Sunday, December 10th.** We again will have a potluck dinner, so plan to bring your favorite holiday dish to share with us. A great deal of progress toward our museum has been advanced this year and we have good reason to be optimistic looking forward to the New Year.

Mark your calendar and plan to spend the afternoon with

us. Call **Maxine Callinan**, at **659-4925**, and tell her what dish you will bring. We look forward to seeing you.

REMEMBERING THE SOCIETY

As the year comes to a close, we'd like to remind our members that the Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization. This means any donation to us is tax deductible.

Do you have certain personal heirlooms that have been part of your life in Carmel Valley? Would you like them preserved carefully and shared with people who are interested in the history of the area?

The primary objective and purpose of the Carmel Valley Historical Society is to identify, catalog and preserve the historical heritage of Carmel Valley. In future Newsletters, we will share stories of special collections and artifacts that have been given to the Society to exhibit in the museum.

If you are considering end-of-the year contributions for tax purposes, we would appreciate your thinking of us as we move forward with the museum.

Carmel Valley Historical Society Newsletter

February 2007



DOLLS, DOLLS AND MORE DOLLS!

Our Society has received a wonderful donation from Annie Marshall. Over the past fifty-five plus years, Annie has collected 600 dolls from over 80 countries and provinces, and she has given the Historical Society the honor of preserving and displaying them in our new museum. They are all ethnically dressed and each doll is indexed according to country. Pictures of the dolls are cataloged and on a CD.

Ann Flood recently interviewed Annie about how she came to receive all these wonderful dolls, and herein is a delightful story.

Annie's husband, Ernie was working in North Carolina and in 1950 was assigned to the International Department of Union Carbide. He traveled all over the world visiting more than 87 countries. He first brought back two dolls from Europe for their two daughters, Lindasue and Pamela.

Rather than having the girls play with the dolls, Annie taught them about the countries they came from and the dolls would stay on a shelf. The Marshalls had two more daughters and as Ernie continued traveling, he brought home more dolls.

Having the dolls in authentic dress helped Annie teach the girls about the different cultures around the world and their enthusiasm grew with each new doll. Ernie made friends with many of his customers and, on learning of the doll collection, many of them gave Ernie a doll from their native country. Later on, some of his customers' children stayed with the Marshalls as exchange students. And the Marshall daughters became students in other countries. The students were from Argentina, France, Germany, and Japan, and they stayed with Annie and Ernie for a year. At one point, the whole family moved to New Delhi, India where the girls went to school at the American Embassy School.

They traveled extensively throughout Europe and wherever they went, they added more dolls to the collection. Numerous friends and guests from all over the world came to visit them when they lived in Connecticut, and many of them brought Annie more dolls from places she and Ernie would never have had the chance to visit.

Every doll has a story behind it, and some stories are amazing. One

doll was brought to Annie by a couple from Rumania, which at that time was behind the Iron Curtain.

Many years later, Annie and Ernie visited Rumania and in one shop, Annie spotted a doll that was the female counterpart to the male doll she had received over 20 years before! When the Annie and Ernie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, several very unique dolls were made by a friend for the decorations - what a lovely surprise!

There is even a doll from Carmel Valley! Guiseppe, the Village jeweler for so many years, gave Annie a stuffed rabbit, his wife's favorite doll.

We extend our sincere thanks to Annie for her generous donation of the marvelous dolls to the Historical Society. They will be a wonderful addition to the displays in the museum, and for the extra education they will provide about other countries, cultures and connections to this Valley. Our thanks also to Ann Flood for interviewing Annie and bringing us this story.



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

As we get closer to building the museum, the Board has been active in seeking bids for many of the components inside the building. The flooring, the sprinkler system, the lighting - everything needs to be chosen and we are in the process of getting the bids we need to make it a terrific landmark.



In an effort to get more of our members involved in the Society, we will be calling on you to come forward and offer your assistance.

For example, every year, as our main fund-raiser, we put on the California Cowboy Show at Hidden Valley Seminars. This is an evening of musical entertainment, a Silent Auction, wine and hors d'oeuvres. This year the show will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. The Board of Directors has usually shouldered most of the work to put on this exciting evening.

Now, we're asking you to step forward and give us a hand. The jobs include some behind-the-scenes work such as setting up the hall for the concert, setting up the tables and helping coordinate items for the Silent Auction, and assisting in selling tickets and helping with the

Silent Auction sales. The Board will be working on setting up committees to work with members and explain just what we need and how best to achieve it.

You can volunteer by calling Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611, and offering your help to do a specific job. Then as the building of the museum progresses, we will need volunteers to do some painting, putting up shelves and the like. With lots of help, the work will be light.

In other areas, do you have a flair for displaying articles? We need your input! Would you like to tell a class of third-graders about how things were in Carmel Valley a hundred years ago? We will have the pictures and stories. Do you have an artistic eye with a video camera? A vital addition to the museum would be interviewing our older residents and getting their stories and personal accounts of living in the Valley in the early days. We will be asking all of you for some of your time for certain jobs, and we'll provide all the details. And maybe even refreshments!

There are so many ways our membership can make the Society a vital part of the Valley and give the museum a contributing role in the Village. We're counting on you!

**ASPIRE TO
INSPIRE
BEFORE YOU EXPIRE**

MEMBER MATTERS

By Ann Flood

Greetings to all of our members, new and renewing! As the year stars unfolding, we are pleased to announce that our membership roster has grown tremendously over the past year. The momentum is building and we have you to thank. New membership renewal forms are in the works, as are new renewal envelopes to make it easier for you to send in your yearly dues. I know we've said it before, but it cannot be said enough, that it is your generosity and support that makes this effort worthwhile.



If you know of anyone who *should* be a member and has not yet joined the Historical Society, please tell them to call Ellsworth at **624-9611**, or me, Ann, at **659-0712**, and one of us will get an application off to them pronto! We look forward to seeing you among our supporters this coming year!

**CVHS APPRECIATES
ALL ITS MEMBERS!**

THE ORGANIZING CONTINUES

Maxine Callinan, Chairman of the Collections Committee, along with Stephanie Culbert and Ellsworth have been working diligently to sort and organize all of the artifacts in the container.



A great deal of progress has been made that will make it much easier to catalog when they enter their work into the computer program. Since part of the museum will house a research library for the Valley, their work now will be most appreciated by students who will be studying the history of Carmel Valley.

While this is a big job and will take quite some time, the committee and our Board will be calling on the new Advisory Board for the suggestions and assistance. Deborah Sigüero, who is an instructor at Cal State University - Monterey Bay, and works at the Maritime Museum in designing exhibits, has offered to assist us and send interns from her classes to help in all our efforts.

Darcie Fohrman and Illene T... are also available for sharing their particular talents in setting up the various exhibits we will be showing when the museum is

completed.

Do you have items that you would like to see preserved in a museum setting? Have you saved older copies of the Carmel Valley Sun, or the Carmel Valley Observer, or any other Valley newspaper? What about old photographs of the hills and ranches in the area? Do you have photos of old buildings - barns, shed, homes - that are not longer here? And the people who owned them, or lived in then?

We encourage our members to bring us those items, pictures and stories that will make our museum a true history of all the life of the Valley. They will be cared for as you would. Then we can all see how the Valley came to be what it is today.



BROCHURE STILL BEING EDITED

The printing of the fourth tour brochure, written by our member, Elizabeth Barratt, has been delayed by some corrections that had to be made. Elizabeth is the Fifth District Representative of the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission, and former feature writer for The Herald, has written three other day tour brochures for areas in Monterey County. She reports that the mock-up of this edition looks very good and she is hopeful the pamphlet will be available very soon. When we get the word they are printed and ready, we will let our members know where they can be found.

A BIT OF CARMEL VALLEY HISTORY

Do you remember the year:

When the Rancho del Monte Country Club offered Thanksgiving Dinner - Turkey, New York Steak or Leg of Lamb - for \$3.75, children under 12, \$2.50?

Or when Rex White, proprietor of Princess Camp, was elected President of the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce?

Or the name of the telephone prefix before it became "659"?

Or what owner of a popular restaurant in the Village was married on November 9th? (Hint: great Mexican food).

Or see "Our Man in Havana" starring Alec Guinness, Noel Coward, Maureen O'Hara, Ernie Kovacs and Burl Ives, at the old Tantomount Theatre on Middle Canyon Road for \$1.00, and get free coffee at intermission?

Or when Joanne's Sportswear, next to the old Village Post Office, offered reversible parkas for \$9, and ski pants for \$9?

TO REACH US

If you have information our members should know, or a story to share, please call **Ellsworth at 624-9611, or June Taylor at 659-2038.**

Answers:

Telephone prefix: Olive
Carmel Valley Outlook, November 27, 1963

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The plans for the Carmel Valley Historical Society's Museum are moving ahead with some new designs and a change in our representative with Monterey County. Marj Ingram Viales, a respected designer in Carmel Valley Village, has been hired to work with the County and the various component planners to coordinate the master plan so a contractor can be chosen to erect the building.

When the Board first considered building a museum in the Village, it was hoped it would resemble many of the established buildings in the Village. A barn-type example seemed to be the least obtrusive for the area the Parks Department had leased to us. In March of 2003, Jerry Hecker, a local contractor, met with the Building Committee of the Society and explained how his company erected steel pole barns and stables for ranches in the area. He said the museum could be constructed in this fashion for less than a wood building. He outlined what the building would entail, how it would conform to the requirements of the Parks Department and how he would work with the Board on the sub-contractors for specific components of the building.

In June 2004, Farm Center Barns Contractor Mr. Hecker was invited to the regular Board meeting. He explained how he had worked with the Monterey County Building and Planning Commissions in the past and would be able to have the plans for the building drawn to the County's approval, including the engineering done by Blue Ribbon Barns, a firm in Los Angeles that sold materials for this type of building. He said the costs of steel had risen over the year, and were expected to rise 18% again before the 5th of June and if the pole building was agreeable to the Board, he would strongly suggest buying the steel now, at the lower price, and he would store it at his facility until ready to use. The steel would cost \$43,000.

The Board spent a considerable amount of time in discussion regarding this purchase. In the end, it was agreed to buy the steel and store it with Mr. Hecker. One check for \$38,000, and a second for \$5,000 were sent to Farm Center Barns. We all expected the process to go forward easily and without delay.

In March, 2005, Joseph Hertlein, former Board Vice-president and our liaison with the County, informed the Board the County rejected the steel pole building. Mr. Gregory scheduled a meeting with Mr. Hecker to discuss this turn of events.

Mr. Hecker informed the Board that his firm would be able to build a wood building and the Blue Ribbon Barns would alter the plans to reflect this. It was not determined whether Mr. Hecker actually bought a specified amount of steel and stored it, or if he simply secured the needed amount of steel at the

lower price to have it delivered when construction began. In the latter case, it was assumed the money had been held in an escrow account.

In September, 2005, a special Building Committee meeting with Mr. Hecker discussed the finalized plans of the building and he presented the status of the Society's deposit with him. He said since there were changes in the building plans, architect charges from Blue Ribbon Barns of \$12,485.10, were deducted from the original amount. The balance of \$30,514.90, would be applied to his labor costs.

While the use and building applications were moving extremely slowly through the County System during the next two years, the Board went through several changes. Some Board members resigned, others came forward to take their places and with those changes, new ideas were brought forward, discussed and acted upon.

Unfortunately, in August 2007, we were dealt a blow when it was learned that Mr. Hecker had filed for bankruptcy. The Board immediately sought legal help to protect the Society's funds. In researching the situation, it was discovered that Mr. Hecker had defrauded many other firms and private citizens in the area and was seeking to have his debts erased in bankruptcy court. The Board will continue to pursue our options to determine dischargeability of the debt owed to us.

The Board has chosen to re-evaluate our position and to reach out to the Valley residents for more direction and support. In this spirit, in early September, we met with Todd Leuders, president of the Community Foundation for Monterey County, and his office manager, Judy Sulsona. As you know, the Society has had an account with the Foundation for many years. Both Mr. Leuders and Ms. Sulsona, live in the Valley and are very much in support of the museum being built. The Board explained the progress that has been made toward building the museum – the fund-raisers, donations from many members, the support that has been received from various businesses and groups in the Valley, working with the County to get all permits required, the collection and storage of artifacts, and the construction bids from several local companies. The Board also explained the Hecker bankruptcy and loss of funds.

Mr. Leuders and Ms. Sulsona felt that even though this setback was serious, it was not a collapse. There were many more positive elements on which to concentrate to move the project forward. Mr. Leuders supported the idea of expanding the Board up to 15 members and establishing an advisory committee outside the Board to offer suggestions and assistance. The Board totally agreed and is now taking the steps to request community support and involvement.

Ms. Ingram, the designer, has been working with several people in the Planning Department to reinstate expired permits without extra charges, and to determine when we can go forward with the building responsibly at this juncture. We are aware that this event can expand our horizons and direct us to reach out for new ideas and help in making the museum a reality. By working with Ms. Ingram, a great deal of progress has already been made with the permits and approvals needed by the County. Our intent is to go forward, to seek new Board members, to become a more visible and viable entity in the Valley. We ask for the help and support and patience of all our members as we implement our plans.

Carmel Valley Historical Society Newsletter

November 2007

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We want to thank our members for their support and understanding as we deal with our financial loss. Many of you called to express disappointment in the unfortunate situation with Jerry Hecker, but let us know that you are standing behind us in our quest for a museum.

The Board of Directors is moving forward on finding new members as well as looking for those willing to serve on the advisory committee in various capacities. Elizabeth and Richard Barratt, long time Society members and former members of the Board have agreed to come back and help in our work. We welcome them.

We are asking all our members to seriously consider becoming a part of the Board. At the moment, we especially are in need of someone to take over the membership organization. The renewal notices are sent out

every month, and someone with computer skills could set up this process for easier distribution. It would not be a difficult job, but one that is most necessary and would be appreciated.

Another very important need is for someone to become the Treasurer. A person with financial skills would be most welcome as most of the Society's accounts are not complicated, but must be kept separate and reported on each month. The Treasurer would work closely with the Board and the advisory committee in working on fund-raisers and membership events.



National Gallery of Art

Our work with designer Marj Ingram is going very well. The permit process that had slowed has been accelerated and there is good news. A hearing is

scheduled for December 13th, for the approval we have been waiting for, and it looks very positive. After the approval, we will have time to work on finding a good contractor, setting up fund-raisers and moving forward on our project. In this vein, we again remind you that we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations to our Building Fund are tax deductible. We continue to need your financial and active support. The Society is looking forward to doing all it can to see the museum built.

SAVING THE TREES

Perhaps you have seen the signs on Carmel Valley Road calling attention to saving the eucalyptus trees at the intersection of Boronda Road. These trees are an important part of the history of the Valley and Monterey County has drawn up a plan to eliminate the trees as a traffic hazard. Concerned citizens have come forward to object to this plan citing the age and historical relevance to the area and their work is paying off.

Kudos and high praise go to Elizabeth and Richard Barratt for their continuing and outstanding work preserving this row of eucalyptus trees. On Saturday, November 10, 2007, word was received from the State Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento, that the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously approved recommendation for these trees to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

There were many months of working with the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board and Supervisor Dave Potter. Letters were sent to members of the Carmel Valley Association alerting residents to the proposed plans of Monterey County Public Works and through all these actions, the trees have won a reprieve.



The history of the trees goes back to the very early days of Carmel Valley, when Juan Manuel Boronda, his son Juan de Mata Boronda and Vincente Blas Martinez were granted the

Rancho Los Laureles 1839. The rancho comprised about 6,625 acres running from the top of Laureles Grade to Snively's Ridge north to south, and from Carmel Valley Village to Garland Park, east to west. Both families lived on the rancho until 1851, when the Vincent Blas Martinez sold his share to the Borondas for eight horses, one mare, four tame milk cows and two tame milk cows with calves.

In 1868, the Borondas sold their share and it passed through several different owners until 1874 when Nathan Spaulding bought a half-ownership. He became a full owner in 1878 and owned it until 1881. It was during this seven-year period that the eucalyptus trees were planted by Kineza Klinkenbeard, a man who lived at the Boronda Adobe and was building his own home on what became the nucleus of Los Laureles Lodge.

According to the memory of former long-time resident Joe Hitchcock, the trees began along Carmel Valley Road, and then continued down Boronda Road ending at the historic Boronda Adobe. So they have been a part of the Valley's history for more than 130 years and hopefully, will remain for many more years.

The official letter of recommendation for the National Register of Historic Places was

sent to Supervisor Dave Potter, and he forwarded it to the State Office of Historic Preservation. It will be sent on to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, DC, who will have 45 days to respond with a yes or no on its national recognition. If all goes well, in 45 days, Carmel Valley will have a major landmark of national importance! And the State of California will also have a new historic site.

The Historical Society extends congratulations and many thanks to Elizabeth and Richard Barratt for their tireless work on this project. And especially to Elizabeth who has kept supporters informed on their progress by email, much of which is contained in this article. But they say they will not "rest on their laurels," and will be alert for anything affecting this decision down the road. For now, our sincere appreciation for a job very well done!

TO REACH US

If you have a story to share with us or question, please call **Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611**, or **June Taylor at 659-2038**.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2008

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As nearly everyone greets the New Year with promises to make changes, do things differently, and expand their horizons, the Historical Society has opened the year with a lot of new and exciting changes that will be taking place in the coming months. The first and most important will be the ground-breaking and building of the new museum.

The Board of Directors has accepted several new members including a new President pro tem. Richard Barratt has agreed to take on that office, Reggie Jones has signed on to chair the Building Committee and Art Taylor is the new Treasurer. The Board now has nine members, all dedicated and ready to move in our new direction.

The membership meeting, held January 30th, at Peter Coakely's Carmel Valley Lodge, was a big success. Almost 50 members came

out to hear the status of where we are right now, where we plan to go and how we plan to get there. It began with a brief history of how the museum idea developed and bringing members up to date on our progress. Marj Ingram Viales of Carmel Valley Design, an enthusiastic supporter of the museum and who is representing the Society with the County, also gave a short report on her work getting permits and approvals from the various County Commissions and Departments.



Several changes had to be made to the original museum plans and now they are about ready to be sent out to contractors for bids. We want our building to be community enterprise so it is our plan to solicit the bids from contractors in the Valley – Rod de Leon, Steve Park, Bob Eaton and Doug Britton are some of the builders who have suggested they would be interested in this project.

We will have to concentrate on raising a substantial amount of money for the building, and members were encouraged to come forward with their ideas for fund-raisers. Some of those ideas included holding a barn dance, organizing a social committee to plan membership gathering events, and putting on a wine tasting evening. The annual Cowboy Show has been one of the big evenings of the summer and new ideas about its format are now being considered.

We feel we have made a good start to including the membership more in making the museum a personal part of the Valley. We want all of Carmel Valley to remember this museum will be *their* museum. It will be a place where those who have made contributions to the development of the Village, and the Valley in general, will be remembered and their stories will be told so future generations will know their heritage.



FROM THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM

By Richard Barratt

My sincere thanks to all the members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our first (in a long time) General Membership meeting on January 30th. The excitement over the Society's reorganization and repositioning to drive forward with the construction of the museum building was most gratifying. Many fresh ideas were put forward, and I can assure you the board of directors has taken each and every one very much to heart. The establishment of Action Committees has begun, and we're most grateful to the members who have stepped forward to chair this "new endeavor." As the momentum builds we'll be talking to ever more of you to take advantage of your ideas and talents as we press on to achieve the goal of having a building in place by the end of this year. I encourage each and every member of the Society to contact a board member now to relay your ideas, and volunteer your talents towards this goal.

I'd like to add my note of thanks to our past president, Ellsworth Gregory, who's untiring

efforts have guided the Society for more years than he'd anticipated when he came into office. It was with reluctance, but understanding, that the board accepted his resignation in January. We're pleased he's agreed to stay actively involved as a member of the board. Finally, great applause is owed to all those members of the board who've worked so tirelessly over the years, and who are now enthusiastically engaged in the "Year of The Museum Building." I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year.



THE COWBOY SHOW RETURNS

Once again, our California Cowboy Show promises to liven up the opening days of summer. The sixteenth annual event at Hidden Valley Seminars is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 31st. The Sons of the San Joaquin will return to entertain us with their smooth and easy style of singing.

Some changes are in the

works. We want to make the show more fun for everyone, appeal to more of our local residents and make it an evening to remember. Our committee has not yet formalized their plans, so watch this space for more information.

BUILDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

By Reggie Jones

The contractor selection process has begun with the distribution of questionnaires to seven (possibly one more to be added) contractors. After evaluation of the responses, we anticipate selecting approximately four contractors to submit final bids. We expect to select a contractor by about mid-June and that building will begin after July 1.

Landscape planning has also begun. Definition of plant locations (California natives) and an associated watering system (drip feed) should be completed prior to distribution of History Building. If you have any questions about the Building committee and the plans for the museum, please call Reggie Jones at 659-4338.



OUR LITTLE VALLEY - NOW NATIONALLY KNOWN!

Would you believe little Carmel Valley, CA now has its own listing in the National Register of Historic Places? Well, we do, and it's all due to the efforts of Richard and Elizabeth Barratt and countless supporters of the historic place in our history the Boronda eucalyptus trees represent. Just check out the "official" listing at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm>.

As of January 10, 2008, the row of historic trees, which received the unanimous support from the State Historical Resources Commission in November 2007, and the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board, won their listing in the National Register. The trees were planted in the 1870's, first along Carmel Valley Road, then continuing down Boronda Road and ending at the historic Boronda Adobe.

While this registration gives the trees some notoriety, it does not completely protect them from the federal or state governments trying to attach restrictive covenants to the property or trying to acquire them for future alteration or destruction. The Monterey County Public Works officials are still working on

ways to do away with the trees, but they will have their work cut out for them. Many months of red tape and environmental review would have to be completed first. As Elizabeth has warned, "Be aware there may be meetings with Supervisor Dave Potter, public hearings and perhaps a final say-so by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors," if Public Works persists in their efforts to take down the trees.

In these days when too many older and mostly historic buildings and yes, trees, are being shoved aside for "modern conveniences", it's heart-warming to know there are people who are willing to stand up and say "Stop!" Again, our thanks to Elizabeth, Richard and their band of supporters who took the time and worked their magic on the "powers that be" to save our trees!

IT'S

B - A - A - C - K!

Grab your calendar and save the dates July 12th and 13th! Our Gigantic Rummage Sale will once again be held at the Trail and Saddle Club and your donations will be needed to make it the success it has been in the past!

Anne Mills and Susan Pius have graciously offered to chair the event and we are looking forward to another great sale. This year, however, a few

changes will be made. The Trail and Saddle Club will be available to us July 7th, and we are asking all the with donations to *bring* them to the Club during that week, rather than having them picked up. Members of the Society will be there to set up the table to receive your donations and price the items.

We want those items you long need or use like household goods (small lamps dishes, pans etc.) art, decorative articles, books and toys, just to give you some ideas. If you have something you wish to donate and have no way to bring it to the Club, some arrangements for picking them up may be made during that week. We cannot take any large appliances - refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, - nor can we accept any electronics or clothing.

This sale has been one of the highlights of our fund-raising, and always turns out to be a lot of fun and well. It's a social gathering, a time to pick up many interesting bargains, and a chance to help the Society reach their goals. There will be reminders as we get closer to the sale, but if you want more information now, please call Anne Mills, at 659-3745.



TO REACH US

If you have a story to share or need to talk to a Board member, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or at dande@chesbrohouse.com or June Taylor at 659-2038, or at jltayl@mindspring.com.



GARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

COWBOY SHOW ON TAP MAY 31st

The sixteenth annual California Cowboy Show will light up Hidden Valley Seminars on Saturday, May 31st. Get out the jeans, the cowboy hat, boots and shirt and come out for an evening of fun! Everything starts at 5:30 PM with a Silent Auction, good food and some terrific western music.

To open the entertainment, Pam and Bruce Forman of Cow Bop will get us all in the mood with their unique style. They have opened our Cowboy shows before and have a way of lifting those spirits with their choice of songs.

Later, the Sons of the San Joaquin will delight us with their harmonious voices. They have a wonderful knack for bringing the songs of the old West to life and making everyone feel like a cowboy again.

The Carmel Valley Kiwanis has generously offered to prepare the food and there will be tasting of the wines of Crane Lake. We encourage you to browse through the tables displaying the Silent Auction, where there will be some interesting items for your bids and you will be helping a very good cause.



A lot of progress has been made toward building the new Carmel Valley History Center, and all profits will go toward seeing the construction start this year. Sponsorships for the show are available at several levels and will be recognized in the program booklet. Tickets can be purchased at Carmel Valley Business Service and Carmel Valley Market in the Village, Hacienda Hay and Feed, DoReMi Music in Carmel and The Feed Trough in Salinas. Or you can call 659-2038 to order them before the show.

By the way, are you busy that Saturday morning? We could use your help setting up the chairs in Hidden Valley theater for our show. Also, putting up the tables for the Silent Auction, the ticket sales, our food selections, the wine and any other of those details that make the evening just right. Many hands make light work. Call Ellsworth Gregory at 624-9611 and let him know you'll be there.

The Cowboy Show is the Historical Society's biggest fund-raiser of each year. We are making a special effort to have this event give a significant boost to our efforts to get the new History Center built in the Village. Your support and attendance at this entertaining evening will show our membership's backing of this worthwhile goal. Save the date and plan to join us! Be a part of making the History Center a reality in the Village!





CONSTRUCTION BIDS ARE SOLICITED

In early April, after evaluating preliminary inputs from seven contractors, we selected three contractors and requested that they submit bids to build our History Center. The schedule we are currently following is:

Receive bids on Monday, May 19th.

Evaluate bids, select preferred contractor, negotiate final bid by Monday, June 16th.

Begin construction in early July.

It is not apparent that there are any significant material or physical difficulties which would cause this schedule to be delayed. We are, however, required to post a bond before work begins, which ensures the funding of the project through completion. This may be our most significant issue.

Reggie Jones
Building Committee
Chairman

Call to Action From the President *Pro Tem*

We need money!

Sound like a familiar call? Sure it does. This time however it's a bit different. Not that we'd turn any tax-deductible offers down, however we need more. We need the membership to step up to the plate with information and ideas. We need your recommendations as to where we can turn to get funds necessary to move ahead with our legacy project to secure Carmel Valley's gracious and colorful history.

Since the general membership meeting in January your Board has taken major procedural steps toward the construction of the building to house the collection of Carmel Valley memorabilia and artifacts that have been painstakingly collected and assembled over time by members of your Historical Society. Business permits are in place, plans have been put out for bid, and within a few weeks we expect to award the contract with a view to breaking ground in early July of this year.

Those of you who attended the January meeting know we have

over \$200,000.00 in place to start this project. Let me stress the word "start." As everyone knows, this amount will allow us to accomplish just that much – "start." We need to seek a source, or sources, that will provide that much again – for "starters." Our future landlord, the Park Board, as placed a requirement on us for a bond before construction can get underway. To secure this we must be able to present evidence that we have the financial base to complete the project. In addition, once the building is a reality, we will need operational funding to keep the historical center open and running for the benefit of all who come to this glorious spot we all proudly call home.

In the next weeks the Board will be looking at some of the obvious funding sources such as grants. We also have two fund raising events in the works, the annual Cowboy Show at the end of this month, and a giant rummage sale scheduled in July. This is a "start." With my most sincere thanks to all who are involved in those projects, I need to point out that more is needed.

We're looking for the proverbial "big bucks" to bring this long-term project to fruition. We

need the support and involvement of each and every member of the Carmel Valley Historical Society!

We need your ideas, your contacts, your influence and action. And we need them now!

As your acting President of the Board I'm asking each and every one of you to please take stock of how you can contribute to the financial support of this project that will be our legacy to future generations of this beautiful Valley. Please contact me, or any of our Board members, to include Art Taylor, our Treasurer, and Warren Wood, our Financial Committee Chairman. We need your help!

Thank you.

KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP GROWING!

If you wish to be a part of the Historical Society and continue to receive the newsletters and other information, it is necessary to keep your membership dues up to date. Maxine Callinan, Membership Chairman, mailed out renewal letters in February and March, and has received annual dues from several members. If you have not responded and wish to continue your membership, please let her

know. We need you!
Memberships are: Individual, \$15; Family, \$20; and Business, \$30. A Lifetime Membership is \$250.

Maxine Callinan
Membership Chairman



OUR "HISTORY CENTER"

Perhaps you've wondered about the name change from "museum" to "History Center." This new name describes more of what we are aiming to build, to make the history of Carmel Valley come alive for all our residents and visitors.

It has been discovered that people enjoy visiting an area not only for the more obvious attributes, but to find out what happened "before," how it evolved to the present, the general history, and who were the movers and shakers. The Historical Society believes we can accomplish this goal; to make visitors to the Center enjoy seeing how our Valley grew to the lovely spot it is, and even learn a little more about the history of California.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE RETURNS JULY 12-13

Gather up all those articles you've been putting aside for "someday," and bring them to the Trail and Saddle Club for our Gigantic Rummage Sale July 12th and 13th. The Club will be open all week to receive donations beginning Monday, July 7th. We can accept kitchen items, small appliances, dishes, household items, books, decorative items and jewelry. We are asking donors to bring their items to the Club during that week, but if you aren't able to do this, please call Anne Mills at 659-3745, and some arrangements can be made for picking up your donations. This sale is always a great social event, so come out, shop and meet your friends!

TO REACH US

If you have a story to share or need an answer to a question, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038.





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The Carmel Valley Historical Society Board of Directors wants to update our members on the situation regarding the building of the History Center. We are moving forward! We are making progress! Much work has been done, from design, plan checks and re-checks to plan approval and the necessary permits. The great news is that the Board has unanimously decided to move ahead with building construction. Grading activity is expected to begin before the end of this month (November). Substantial progress towards the completion of the History Center will be made by mid 2009. The Board decision to move ahead makes inconsequential a stumbling block, explained below, which the Parks Board has used to hinder our progress for the past few months.

When the Society held a membership meeting in January, 2008, it was announced that the Carmel Valley Recreation and Parks Board, owners of the land where the Center will be built, had required the Carmel Valley Historical Society to provide a bond or assurance that the total funds for the building construction were at hand. At that time, the Society had over 50% of funds available, with pledges from other supporters. It has been our belief that once construction began and progress was clearly evident, more people would come forward with donations to finish the building completely.

President Richard Barratt and Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones, met with the Parks Board in July to explain that the building permits were already in the hands of our contractor. Even though they presented our current financial situation and the likelihood of more money becoming available as the building progressed, the Parks Board was adamant in their request for the full cost of the building and be in the bank *under their control*.

In an effort to show the Parks Board the Community support for the Center, petitions were drawn up and made available at the Carmel Valley Fiesta, at businesses in the Village, and at our second membership meeting held August 5, 2008. Over 250 people offered their signature in support.

Reggie Jones wrote to the Parks Board asking for a specific time slot to discuss the situation at their regular monthly meeting on October 15, 2008. The letter asked the Parks Board to agree to let the building begin with 60% of the total cost, or \$250,000, in the bank. The Society Board called members and Center supporters asking them to attend this meeting.

Reggie gave our reasons for approving the start of construction, detailing the months of work that went into obtaining the planning approvals and permits as well as their costs. He presented the Parks Board with the signed petitions and also explained how the denial of the project would affect the possible future of the Society as a whole.

Everyone was allotted time to give their views regarding the building. The main goal was to convince the Parks Board the asset the Center would be to the Village, the tourist draw, and the educational value with all the artifacts so close to the grade school. There were offers of donations of building supplies and other components for the Center. Past President, Ellsworth Gregory brought in solid pledges of \$75,000, bringing our available funds to over 75% of the cost. Tim Scherer, our contractor, indicated he could begin construction within the month.

The Parks Board then gave their opinions regarding the Center and ultimately voted 3-2 again, to deny the start of the building until the total cost was raised. No further discussion was allowed.

Because of the uncompromising position of the Parks Board, and the fact that the Parks Board required assurance of total funding, our Board sought legal advice regarding the terms of the lease agreement. It was their opinion that this is a unilateral modification to the original ground lease agreement, and is therefore not legal. We have unanimously decided to pursue the following option. We will first request that the Parks Board cooperate with us in the grading and construction activities. Should they not cooperate, we will still move ahead with construction, since this is our legal right. We have an obligation to all of our members and friends to do this.

Just in time for all our new activity, and thanks to the work of Richard and Elizabeth Barratt's son, Ned Henderson, a blogspot on the Internet has been designed and is now up and running. We can keep our members right up to the minute with our building progress. Newsletters and updates will be posted there plus valuable information about the Society. Check it out at:
<http://carmelvalleyhistory.blogspot.com>

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this letter, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or email him at dande@chesbrohouse.com or call June Taylor at 659-2038.

We need the additional support of all our members and friends. Our thanks go to all of you for your patience and backing as we have gone through the procedures to build the Center. We could not have made it this far without you.

As the end of the tax approaches, we ask that you seriously consider helping the Society reach the goal of the History Center in the Village. Each donation will be acknowledged and is tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We are moving forward and are very excited about the prospect of seeing the construction of this dream become a reality!

Carmel Valley Historical Society
Board of Directors

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

December 2008

THE HISTORY CENTER, A REALITY!

The wait is coming to an end. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting larger! We're finally ready to go!



Our contractor, Regency Construction, has begun work on the History Building project. Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones says, "accomplishments so far may appear to be modest (site survey and staking) but are extremely important to us since they enable us to have the building permit signed and thus extended for six months. Certain Park Board members continue to oppose us, however we have notified them that we are moving ahead with construction and their unilateral requirements are no longer a consideration. We expect to achieve visible progress with our construction by mid-January."

The Board of Directors did not

accomplished this alone. We worked together with many loyal members who offered their knowledge and ideas to get the necessary permits approved. It has been a pleasure to work with all of them. The Community has shown us that the History Center will be an asset to the Village and we are dedicated to making that happen!

We also want to thank all of you who have responded with donations to our Building Fund. This has been a gratifying acknowledgment of support for the History Center from our members.

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD!

As we look forward to a new year, it is a good time to remind you to round up those historic items you no longer use, but would like preserved, and put them aside. They can help reconstruct the history of Carmel Valley and be incorporated into exhibits that will tell the stories of how our Valley evolved. We would like to have the names of those who were here, what they did for a living, how they used the items you have saved and how your family became a part of today's Carmel Valley. It is a vital part of our heritage to know what happened many years ago that makes this part of the world the unique place it is today. We will be

making more information available on how your cherished items can be a part of our historical displays as the building progresses and we design the exhibits.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBLOG!

The next time you're working on the computer, go to :<http://carmelvalleyhistory.blogspot.com> and peruse the new informational website that was set up for us by Nels Henderson, the Barratt's son. It will be updated regularly with reports about the construction, our latest Newsletter plus general information about memberships, meetings and special events. This will be a great help in contacting you faster and keeping you informed about all the workings of the Society. Our thanks to Nels for his great work and for helping us move smoothly into the 21st Century! In the future we are planning to send Newsletters and other information Online to those who want to receive them on computers.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

by Maxine Callinan

Membership renewals are sent throughout the year. We usually send a couple of reminders while continuing to send newsletters and other mailings. Because of the cost, we will need to stop sending to those of you who do not respond.

This is an exciting time to be involved with CVHS. We need you, and we hope you will continue to be part of our membership, which is now around 200. And don't forget, we're always ready to welcome new members.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chairman Maxine Callinan at 659-4925.



BORONDA TREES PLAQUE

Now that the eucalyptus trees along Carmel Valley Road and south on Boronda Road are officially on the National Register of Historic Places, a plaque has been installed to mark this distinction. It is located on the east side of Boronda Road on the Williams property and amid the trees and in a large boulder.

These trees were planted in the

1870's, and thanks to the dedicated efforts of Elizabeth and Richard Barratt working with the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board, the trees' historical importance has been preserved. Next time you travel on Boronda Road be sure to look for the official designation of these stately trees.



OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 14TH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th and come to our annual Christmas Party! It will be a pot luck dinner and will be held again at the home of our "Hostess with the Mostest," Stephanie Culbert, with dessert and coffee at the home of the Barratts, across the street.

This party always brings out the holiday spirit in all of us and this year it will be a time to celebrate the concrete progress on the building of the History Center.

The festivities will run from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. All the details are included in the flyer. We ask that you bring your favorite salad, vegetable dish or dessert to serve about eight people, and to call Ruth Peace at 659-2448, to let her know how many will be coming and what you are bringing. Come and enjoy!



GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, 2009

The Historical Society is planning a general meeting of the membership and the Board of Directors early in March, 2009. The date and time will be determined at future Board meetings and everyone will have ample notice to plan to attend.

We are planning to have a slate of nominations to the Board for the coming year. The present Board has been on the job for many years and we are looking for more people with new ideas, new perspectives and talents. Now that our building is under way, we need the members to come forward with their ingenuity and enthusiasm to see that the History Center becomes the integral part of the Village we envision it will be. We all know that many hands make light work. Please seriously think about joining the Board or offering your knowledge on one of our committees. If you want to be part of the Board or know of someone who should be contacted, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, with your nominee.

TO REACH US

If you have a story to share or news that would interest the membership, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or online at dande@chesbrohouse.com, or call June Taylor at 659-2038.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2009

WE ARE BUILDING!

The building on the History Center has begun! The footings have been dug, the grading has been done, the construction fence now surrounds the site and there is activity bustling all over the site! The big day has arrived and progress is being made at long last. All the waiting and planning and tweaking and working with the County has paid off and we're on our way!

Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones is keeping up to date with the progress of construction. He has reported "site excavation began at 10:30 AM on Monday, January 5th, and Regency Construction, our building contractor, has been making excellent progress.



Additionally, we are very pleased and encouraged by the very good cooperation between Regency, the Park Board and CVHS. As of Monday, January 19th, Regency has completed the sub excavation and recompaction, fencing, excavation for building footings, rough plumbing, and underground

electrical for floor outlets. Re-bar was installed in preparation to pouring the concrete floor that was done on Wednesday, January 28th. The order for exterior doors and windows was placed Monday, January 19th.



Weather permitting, the ten-foot-wide concrete walkway around the building will be poured on February 12th. Framing will then begin, and the building exterior shell will be complete by early April.

We have sufficient funds on hand to complete the building shell and close it up. To proceed further, more funds are required. If our project was fully funded, the building would be completed by early June, and the exhibit area would require another two months, or so, to finalize. We could be open to the public in August. We are planning for this schedule."

When you pass the Community Park, watch the progress of our History Center. It will be a valuable addition to the Valley and is designed to blend in easily with the atmosphere of the Village.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

After all the years of planning, it is wonderful to see we have actually started building the History Center. But even with the construction, the planning doesn't stop. There are many more details to be addressed – docents, times of operation, building maintenance, displays, programs, the list can go on and on.

Our greatest challenge is the need to raise more funds. The construction will be the biggest expenditure for us, and we also have to be prepared for detail changes and unexpected costs as they arise. Envelopes for joining our road to completion went out with the previous Newsletter and the response was very heartwarming. We are fully aware the current times make everyone more careful about where their discretionary spending goes. We hope that you will also realize how important a History Center can be to the Community. Not only will it present the story of how Carmel Valley evolved, but will be a research center for this area, a central meeting place for other organizations, a teaching "extra" for the schools and a valued tourist attraction.

The Board of Directors consists of nine dedicated people with many talents. But you can see having a beautiful History Center in the

Village will need more of our members to come forward with their *own* ideas and talents. It is well known that enthusiasm breeds even more enthusiasm and ideas seem to evolve to make any project better and even more fun. We are also aware that putting up the exhibits, preserving and displaying the artifacts for all to learn about the history of this area is a big job, but not too big with the membership we have.

What talents do you have that you'd be willing to share with us? We are setting up committees to work on specific areas and we will need everyone's help. If you would like to work with public relations and publicity, we could use you. We need to complete the identifying and cataloging the artifacts using special software on the computer. Is this where your expertise lies? Are you a whiz with numbers? The Finance Committee is looking for you. We will have a research library of over 300 books plus local newspapers from the early 1900's. We have audio and some video tapes of residents who lived here "way back when," and we'd like to make even more of these – could you help?

If you have been part of the history of Carmel Valley and there are articles from your family you want to share, but still have them preserved, please contact us. Some of those we are now keeping include farm implements, a wine press, and small Indian tools. The articles that will work well for inside display would include small tables and chairs, linens, dishes, baskets, children's toys and games etc. We are also planning revolving and seasonal presentations depicting the history of the Valley.

We are looking forward to having a History Center that will benefit all the residents of the Valley and that visitors

will want to stop by and wander through. It can happen and will happen with the cooperation of all who live here. So don't be shy, join our "do-ers and shakers." Call June Taylor at 659-2038 or Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, and let's get together.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM, at Carmel Valley Lodge. This is the time for an election of officers for the Board of Directors, and for an update on all our progress. A slate of nominations will be available in the next Newsletter or online at our weblog, <http://carmelvalleyhistory.blogspot.com>. Several of the people on the current Board have served for many years and it is time to give others a chance to be part of this exciting time and to move forward with new talent and new ideas. The committees that are being set up to facilitate the new History Center need leaders and members. There are opportunities to make the Society a contributing part of the Community as a whole, and joining the Board of Directors will give you the chance to make your ideas known.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 4:00 PM, in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Meetings last about an hour. We *need* your participation.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE RETURNS

There's big news about the Gigantic Rummage Sale! It's back! Anne Mills and Sue Pius have once more agreed to chair the sale and this time there will be a few changes.

The dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, so keep those dates free on your calendar. The biggest change will be the location. Our sale will be held at Hidden Valley Seminars! Peter Meckle has graciously offered Hidden Valley for our use and will also let us use many of his tables. We will have Friday, June 12th, to set up these tables and arrange the sale items to be irresistible to buyers.

As you pursue your New Year's resolutions to get more organized, or you get moving on spring cleaning early, consider saving those no-longer-used items for our sale. We will be looking for kitchen items and *small* appliances, dishes and glassware, books, garden pots and plants, pictures and art work, some linens, lamps and small tools. We cannot accept any electronics, large appliances (refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.), large furniture or clothing. If you're in doubt about any donation, please call Anne Mills at 659-3745, and she'll advise you.

Call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038, with your questions, stories, and new ideas. Be an active part of your Historical Society!

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2009

GENERAL MEETING SET FOR MARCH 18

On Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM, our annual General Membership meeting. Thanks to Peter Coakley who has again graciously offered his Carmel Valley Lodge, located at Ford Road and Carmel Valley Road, for this important meeting.

We encourage all members to be present as it will be your chance to ask questions, and offer suggestions about what you would like to see in our History Center.

Your help is vitally needed as we go forward with both the construction of our building and the many diverse projects to complete before we can hold a Grand Opening. Our most pressing need is donations to our Building Fund. We have a series of opportunities showing how you can be a part of the building and be personally recognized in the History Center for years to come. They will be

described in detail at the Meeting. As the Historical Society becomes an important part of the life of the Village, we want all our members know how **their** support of our goals has made the History Center possible.

Here are examples of the progress of the construction in just over a month.



Also on the agenda will be the election of the Board of Directors. Two of our newer members have expressed interest

in joining the Board. They are Dr. Susan Moein and her husband, Dr. Ronald Brenner. The current Board will complete the slate of nominees. They are:

President, *Pro Tem*

Richard Barratt

Treasurer

Art Taylor

Secretary

June Taylor

Membership Chairman

Maxine Callinan

Board Members

Elizabeth Barratt

Stephanie Culbert

Ellsworth Gregory

Reggie Jones

There will also be a chance for members to offer other nominees to this list.

This Membership Meeting is **very important** for all of us, so please plan to save Wednesday, March 18th, and come to our General Meeting. Refreshments will be served!

**SEE YOU AT THE
MEETING!**

OLD PHOTOS NEEDED!

Historical Society Board Member Elizabeth Barratt has signed a contract with Arcadia Publishing to do the Carmel Valley pictorial history volume as part of the company's Images of America Series. She is seeking photos of Carmel Valley life "as it was lived." If you have scenes of social events such as dances, fiestas, barbecues, church events, old businesses; work scenes such as ranchers, herdsmen, farming scenes, vineyard scenes; also resort life, famous names which have visited the Valley, any interesting scene involving home life, school life, old buildings that no longer stand, or old buildings that have been rehabilitated.

Maybe you have some interesting photos of people and pioneers in our past, of the homes they lived in and activities they participated in? The time frame can be from the oldest and earliest scenes you have, up to the 1980s or 1990s when the vineyards and more upscale lifestyle began to come in. She will be submitting materials to the publisher this spring, and if all goes well, the book will be out in December.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES WILL GO TO OUR CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM BUILDING FUND.

Please call Elizabeth at 659-2751 or 659-4211, or email at info@chesbrohouse.com if you would like to share your treasured scenes of Valley life for this upcoming brochure. Thank you!



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE DATES CHANGED

There has been a change in the dates for the Gigantic Rummage Sale. Our new dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th. It still will be held at Hidden Valley Seminars. thanks to Peter Meckle. We will be able to set up the sale on Friday, August 28th, and members and friends will be encouraged to bring their donations on that day.

As you remember, we are looking for your gently used kitchen items, small appliances, (hand mixers, toasters, coffee

makers, etc.) books, bathroom accessories, linens, garden pots and plants, all kinds of art, pictures, horsetack, etc. We cannot accept large appliances, (dryers, refrigerators, washers, dishwashers) electronic goods or clothing. If you have questions about any donation, please call Anne Mills, at 659-3745, and she will help you. This is one of the Society's events that brings out many people in the Valley to wander about, socialize and pick up some excellent bargains. And you can take time for a cup of coffee or glass of lemonade and a sweet treat as well. Watch for more updates as the sale gets closer.

ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE

If you have friends who aren't members of the Society, encourage them to join. Please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038, if you need application for your friends, you have stories to share or want to give us your ideas.



CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

April 2009

2009 GENERAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Membership meeting was held Wednesday, March 18th, in Peter Coakley's Carmel Valley Lodge. President *Pro Tem* Richard Barratt presided and brought the members up to date on the progress of the History Center. He introduced the current Board of Directors and announced two new members Dr. Susan Moein and Dr. Ron Brenner, had volunteered to join the Board, but were unable to attend this meeting. During the meeting, the Board was unanimously re-elected.

The Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones, was called upon to give more details about the status of the construction, and what steps were expected to be completed in the next few weeks. He urged the members to inspect the "virtual layout" drawings he had made by Marj Ingram of Carmel Valley Designs, so they could get a prospective of how the interior of the building could be laid out.

Ernie Marshall, longtime member of the Society with his wife, Annie, gave a summary of the doll collection they are donating to the Society. They will make a wonderful display in the Center along with their detailed histories and pictures of each doll.

Elizabeth Barratt told the members she had signed a contract with Arcadia Press to put together a book on

the history of Carmel Valley. There are many of these books describing Pacific Grove, Salinas, Carmel and Pebble Beach done by this publisher, and she is urging members to share their photos of early Carmel Valley so they can be put into the book. The best types of pictures would be those of celebrations, fiestas, gatherings of residents for an event. She will make copies and return them when finished. Contact her at 659-2751, if you have photos she can use.

Other issues discussed included a request from Rod Mills for storage space for items for the Gigantic Rummage Sale to be held August 29-30, at Hidden Valley Seminars. A space in a garage or a weather-proof shed would be ideal. He can be reached at 659-3745.

Richard announced that three members of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Board will be up for election in November and stressed how important it would be to have a person from the Society on this Board. He asked that members give this careful thought.

He thanked all those who attended and asked for more membership involvement as the building progress continues. The meeting was then adjourned.

THE HISTORY CENTER COMES TOGETHER

By Reggie Jones

Construction of the History Building has been progressing very satisfactorily and in about six weeks we expect to have a completed exterior (roof, doors, windows, paint, etc.) securely in place. With recent and past generous donations we have sufficient funds to achieve this goal. However, it is our intention to deliver a completed and operational History Building to the community. With adequate funds, this goal could be achieved this year. If financial support is "slower", then we will continue towards a completed building in a piecemeal fashion, as funds are accumulated. We believe the Tile Project (described elsewhere) is a potentially powerful approach to fund-raising--if we all get behind it.

Join us in reaching our goal!

Photos by Reggie Jones



BUY A FLOOR TILE! BE A PART OF OUR HISTORY!

Have you noticed the new display in the shop next to the Wild Goose Café in the Village? Mrs. Elizabeth Springer, owner of that part of the Village, has graciously allowed the Society to use that room promote our new fund-raising effort.

There will be a section of the flooring in the new History Center that will be covered with terra cotta tiles. We are offering our members and anyone else who would like to participate, a chance to be remembered by buying a terra cotta floor tile with their personal inscription embossed on the tile.

The tiles come in two sizes, 4" x 8", and 8" x 8". The smaller tile will have three lines available, with 20 characters on each line (including spaces) and are priced at \$100. The larger tile will hold six lines, also with 20 characters each, priced at \$250. There are also tiles in those sizes for businesses and organizations.

We are all very excited about this event as it will give all our residents and their families a chance to actually be a physical part of the History Center. Buying a tile would make sure others knew of your support for the Center. A tile could be a way to honor someone special in your family, or your children and/or grandchildren. A tile in memory of someone who meant very much to you would insure they would be remembered for years to come.

The tiles are very durable and can be walked on without damage. When friends and relatives come to visit, the History Center will be a number one place to visit so you can show off your actual part in the building!

Our Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones, is handling the tile orders and will be open to your suggestions as to how you would like your tile(s) displayed. He will work with you on arranging a series of family tiles together and in making sure your wording on each tile is as you specify.

We urge you to carefully read the enclosed order form and look at the examples on the reverse side and put your own tile wording together. All tiles will be artistically displayed in the Center and will make a statement of how much the history of Carmel Valley means to all who live here.

MOST IMPORTANT!

**This is one of our major fund
raising campaigns.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

AND SUPPORT FOR

THIS PROJECT!



If you have a story to share, a question to ask or need more information about the Society, please call Richard Barratt, at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038. Also, be sure to visit our weblog:
<http://carmelvalleyhistory.blogspot.com>.

EUCALYPTUS TREES THREATENED AGAIN

By Richard Barratt

Dear Friends and supporters of Carmel Valley's first National and State Register of Historic Places site:

Monterey County Public Works has drafted an EIR to try and take out 30% of our beloved local landmark trees to widen the road and make way for a left turn lane at Boronda and CV Roads that no one wants. Please write to the below officials and ask them to come up with an alternative to destroying our history. Some of us feel that moving the 35 MPH sign another 300 feet west would help slow traffic, many also are asking for a demand stoplight, which would not disturb the normal traffic flow on CV Road.

The family who lives at the corner of Carmel Valley Road and Boronda Roads is threatened with losing a large chunk of their property and having speeding cars, road noise, and exhaust within feet of their back deck if this road widening and turn lane project goes through. Not Fair! Not the Carmel Valley spirit! Please help stop this nonsense.

Please see an updated sample letter and other information at
<http://savetheborondatrees.blogspot.com>.



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May 2009



THE HISTORY CENTER IN FULL COLOR!

By Reggie Jones

Construction progress continues very satisfactorily. As of May 2, all windows are installed, all exterior doors are installed, all roofing tar paper is in place and the exterior 8 x 4 wall panels have been delivered and are being installed. Before our next newsletter is published, we can confidently expect to

have the outside completely painted and the roof completely finished. If you haven't looked closely at the building, please do so. Both from the outside and inside, the design and construction is impressive. Our general contractor, Tim Scherer, Regency Construction, is doing a great job of ensuring that the highest quality is maintained while cost goals are being met. You can be confident that the funds that many generous people have donated to us are being spent frugally and responsibly.

As we have mentioned in our last newsletter, we have enough funds on hand to 'close-out' the building, but

we need another \$150,000 to complete the interior, meet all code requirements and bring everything to a point where we will be permitted to operate the building as a History Center.

We are greatly encouraged by the initial success of our 'Tile Project'. In one month, April, we have received slightly in excess of \$10,000 for tiles to be installed on the History Center floor.

Many, many thanks to those who have donated and encouraged others to donate. Please help us to continue to reach out and sell more tiles. We feel we may have just 'scratched the surface' of a potentially very large funding source. This is rapidly becoming a wonderful community project and, of course, it puts the CVHS Board under a great obligation to deliver to you a History Center of which you can be pleased and proud.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR SPECIAL TILE

Have you purchased your floor tile for our History Center? The tiles are a great way for everyone to have a real part of the Center and to be appreciated as a supporter of preserving the history of Carmel Valley for posterity. It also gives you an opportunity to honor and remember those who are special to you and your family, to note a new arrival or to advertise your business.

When you are in the Village, stop in at the Business Service and talk to our "sales representative," June Plumlee on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. She has order forms available, plus pictures and a sample tile for you to design your own special embossing. June has been a blessing to the Historical society and has graciously donated her time to help us with this project. Besides being an excellent sales person, she has been contacting many of the Valley residents and other local businesses and letting them know why purchasing a tile for the floor of the Center is so important. And she can help you with all the information you will need. She has done a marvelous job in promoting our tiles.

MANY THANKS, JUNE!



All orders are acknowledged by mail and your particular instructions for tile placement will be noted in the final

design. If you received an order form with your last Newsletter, we would appreciate your returning your order as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need more order forms, please call Reggie Jones at 659-4338.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT!



AN EXCEPTIONAL DONATION

Holman Ranch has very generously donated a 1920 Playola Player Piano for display in our History Center. The piano, in excellent condition, comes with 25 rolls of music. We are extremely grateful for this addition to our artifacts and look forward to looking at it and also listening to it.

This is the time to ask, "What do you have to share?" As we get closer to opening our History Center, we would like to know if you may have anything hidden away in your garage, attic or basement that would be of historical value relevant to Carmel Valley. As our incorporation

mission statement reads in part, "to identify, collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret the artifacts which document the history of the culture of Carmel Valley," so items should pertain to the Valley or a person important to the evolution of this area.

We do have numerous articles from the Berta Ranch which we will display in and around the Center, pictures of the many ranches in the Valley, an extensive research library with books dedicated or related to Carmel Valley, articles from the various wineries, etc.

Are you saving a tablecloth, a cooking utensil, a rancher's hat, a harvesting tool or perhaps a cowhand's lasso that has a history of use here? Do you have a story to share about a relative or friend that we should not forget? We could arrange for a taping, audio and/or visual, of those who have lived here from 'way back when, and want to tell their stories for posterity. We do not want to overlook the vital and interesting people who have made the Valley what it is today. Look to us to save and display your stories of the "olden days." Call our Historian, Stephanie Culbert, at 659-3562, with your questions or ideas.

CVHS SPEAKERS

Recently, Richard Barratt spoke to the Carmel Valley Kiwanis about the History Center and how we want to become an important part of our community. We would like to present these ideas to other local organizations at their regular meetings

as well as explaining the importance of buying one of the floor tiles. If you would like him to speak to your organization, please call him at 659-2751, to arrange the time.

THE BORONDA TREES

We are sure you have seen the signs at the corner of Boronda Road and Carmel Valley Road alerting everyone about the threat from Monterey County to remove the eucalyptus trees from that corner. The trees were planted between 1874-1881 by Kinzea Clinkinbeard who was the brother-in-law and ranch manager for Oakland Mayor Nathan Spaulding, who owned Los Laureles Ranch at the time and who put in many modern improvements.

Through the tireless work of Elizabeth and Richard Barratt and a group of volunteers, the trees have been officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Nevertheless, Monterey County Public Works has designed a plan to take down some of the trees as they feel that corner has safety concerns. Many Valley residents also think the trees present a hazard to those turning onto Carmel Valley Road from Boronda Road. However, research by

Elizabeth has proved that corner has fewer "fender-benders" than at other intersections on Carmel Valley Road.

The Barratts and new homeowner, Leslie Svetich, have been working with Monterey County Public Works to find a satisfactory solution to all the concerns at this corner. To show the support for keeping the trees, they have been collecting signature on petitions from many citizens in the Valley to present to Public Works and there are already over 500 signatures. If you have a suggestion or question about the trees or the intersection, please call the Barratts at 659-275, or visit the Boronda trees blogspot at <http://savetheborondatrees.blogspot.com>. The trees are an important part of our history. Let's be sure they remain protected!

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR AUGUST

Are you storing those items you no longer need for our Gigantic Rummage Sale? It will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 29-30, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Hidden Valley Seminars.

We are looking for kitchen items, vases, toys and games, art, linens as well as books and many garden items. If you have any donations for our sale, please Anne and Rod Mills at 659-3745, and they can advise you about what we can accept.. If you have a shed or garage space we could use until the sale, it would be appreciated.. We're looking forward to seeing you at this sale!

THE MORE, THE MERRIER!

Since the beginning of this year, there have been about ten new members who have joined the Society. Among those joining us are the Carmel Valley Library and Jennifer Smith as well as Wills Fargo Restaurant and Gene Rosenberg and Pat Miles. We welcome them and hope they will spread the word about becoming a member to friends and neighbors. Your membership in the Society entitles you to receive a regular newsletter detailing current and upcoming events, participation in field trips and special tours, and the opportunity to take part in the Society's growth and preservation of the history of Carmel Valley. Yearly dues are modest at:

Individual	\$ 15
Family	\$ 20
Business	\$ 30
Life	\$ 250

If you have received a renewal notice recently from our Membership Chairman, Maxine Callinan, (659-4925) we urge you to fill out the form and return it as soon as possible. As the Center continues toward completion, we need the support of our member to maintain the building so it will become an important and contributing part of the Village. So if you have put this off, we urge you to return your renewal and again be a part of the Historical Society.

If you have some history news, a question or need a tile order form, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 658-2038.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HISTORY CENTER CONTINUES TO IMPRESS

By Reggie Jones



Photo by Reggie Jones

As of June 4, our History Center external structure is very close to completion. The walls were painted on Saturday, May 30, by TNT Painting and Decorating who provided their labor at no cost. We greatly appreciate their generosity. The painting effort was aided by several volunteer CVHS members. The roofing has been completed and all gutters and downspouts are in place. All that remains outside is painting the doors and installation of hardware. We expect external completion and to have the keys in our possession by Wednesday, June 10. If you have not already done so, we urge you to take a close look at the building. The structural design is very impressive, and the building contractors, very ably directed by general contractor Tim Scherer, Regency Construction, have done an excellent job down to the smallest details.

We are very pleased with all that has been accomplished to date, but we are now in a position of having exhausted available funds.

From here on, we can only continue with the building interior as funds become available. The first job increments we will aim to complete will be to install a security system and to get water, gas, electricity and telephone connections. This latter item will involve trenching out to Carmel Valley Road to hook up with the PG & E system.

Regarding finances, we are very encouraged by the community response to our Tile Project. As of June 4, we have placed an order for more than 125 engraved tiles, with a gross value of more than \$17,000. These tiles will be delivered to us in three weeks and will be ready for installation. A hearty "Thank You" to all who have ordered tiles. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to order a tile, and contribute their tax deductible donations to raise funds. Names and messages will be on display for years to come, and we will be able to continue with our building project.

If you feel you can not order

a tile just now, please remember the possibility of ordering a tile for you and your family will continue even after the Center opens. We are hoping to have our floor covered with these tiles depicting the people who live here and ensuring their place in the history of Carmel Valley. As residents and visitors come to the Center, profits from the tiles will help sustain our building and enable us to bring you more exhibits and interesting events.

Please check out our exhibit in the Village next to the Stirrup Cup Restaurant - tile orders are available at the Business Service. We have also set up an exhibit next to Safeway at the Mid-Valley Shopping Center. Tile orders can be found at the UPS Store.

If you need any more information or have questions, please call Reggie Jones at 659-4338.





GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Dodie Williams for her generous offer of garage space to store donations for the Gigantic Rummage Sale.

Our big Sale will be held at Hidden Valley Seminars on August 29-30, from 9:00 to 3:00 each day. Once again Anne Mills and Susan Pius have been collecting and pricing many items that have been donated to our sale. This is always a great social event, where you can meet your friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, and peruse so many terrific bargains to boot!

We are looking for *your* gently used goods for the sale and now we have a place to store them until August. Please call Anne Mills at 659-3745, to arrange for pickup or for advice on what items can be used. We need kitchen items, small appliances, all kinds of art, decorator items, linens, books, plants, garden tools, horse tack and children's items. We cannot accept large appliances, clothing, computers or electronics. Look around your home and let us help you move those things that are still useful but you no longer need. And plan to come out and enjoy the sale!

COME TO THE HAIR FLARE!

Save July 11th for a celebration! There are big plans for an afternoon of good fun, refreshments, and lively music. "Heartstrings," a band of Valley women, (plus one man on occasion) will be playing their special music in the vacant store next to the Business Service on that afternoon.

The reason for the party? The ladies of the band, Marj Ingram Viales, Guitar, Laura Burian Fiddle, Paulette Lynch, Hammered Dulcimer, and Pat Skinner, Mandolin, have been letting their hair grow for the longest time and it's now time to get it cut. But not just a regular cut. The women will be donating their shorn tresses to "Locks of Love", the organization that makes wigs for kids who have undergone chemotherapy for cancer. Bravo to these terrific people!

Jody Sherman, owner of Devannie's Hair Design, has volunteered to do all the hair cutting – FOR FREE – and has even offered free hair cuts to others that day as well. One requirement – 10" minimum length only. There are optional "pledges per inch" available – call Jody at 659-4024.

In addition to "Heartstrings," they will welcome some "special musical guests" to add to the festivities. The big shearing will take place from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In addition to "Locks for Love," the party will benefit of the Carmel Valley Historical Society's Building Fund and

the Jamesburg Players Reunion scheduled for November 14, 2009, at Hidden Valley Seminars.

This promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun and music, along with great Community spirit. Put that date on your calendar and come to the party!



The Twentieth Anniversary of the Carmel Valley Fiesta will be held July 31- August 2, in the Community Park. Once again the Society will have a booth and it will be a great opportunity to show off the new History Center. We will have tile orders available with examples on display plus membership applications, pictures of the olden days in the Valley and lots of information about our new building.

We have a booth every year and it is a great place to connect with our neighbors. This year it's even more important to show how much we have progressed. Could you plan to spend a couple of hours in the booth on either Saturday or Sunday? It's vital for us to make the Society known in the Valley, and how we want to be an important part of the Community. If you can help, please call Richard Barratt, at 659-2751. Many hands make light work. Come to the Fiesta, enjoy the food, music and visit the arts and crafts booths. Then, sit and relax for a couple of hours while you visit with visitors to *our* booth!



President Richard Barratt presenting June Plumlee with an Honorary Membership.

MANY, MANY THANKS, JUNE!

At our regular monthly Board of Directors meeting, we officially and enthusiastically opened the "month-long celebration" of our dedicated, hard-working, faithful sales representative, June Plumlee's 90th birthday! And to mark this special occasion, our president presented her with a certificate of Honorary Membership in the Carmel Valley Historical Society. "Happy Birthday" was sung and chocolate cake was enjoyed.

This lovely lady has set up her table from 10:00 to 2:00 in the Business Service each Monday and Tuesday for over two months, explaining to the customers how buying a floor tile for our History Center will establish their family legacy for years to come. A tile could advertise their business or honor some one they love. She has personally been responsible for selling 27 4" x 8" tiles and 4 8" x 8" tiles. We are so very proud and appreciative of all her efforts.

She told us that while "on duty" she has been able to connect with many of the Valley residents as well as

coming into contact with people she hasn't seen for many, many years. All her work has brought us great rewards and we now welcome her into the fold as a distinguished Honorary Member.

CARMEL VALLEY ASSOCIATION'S SUNDAY TALKS

All through the summer and into the fall, the Carmel Valley Association has scheduled some very interesting Sunday afternoon talks. They are held on the second Sunday of every month, at the Sanctuary Bible Church on Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road and begin at 2:00 PM.

The main theme of these informational talks is how Carmel Valley evolved and the people who made it come to life. For example, on July 12th, Burton Anderson will talk on Land Grants in Carmel Valley. On August 9th, Mark Stromberg of the Hastings Reserve will talk about Life Among the Carmel Valley oaks.

On September 13th, Historical Society members Ruth Peace and Lou Allaire plus Walt Victonne will share their memories of the Valley over the decades. And for all gardeners, Pat Regan will talk about Landscaping with Native Plants on October 11th.

A rare deviation from this theme will be held on June 14th, when David Gordon will reveal the "Man behind the Myth" when he presents an insight into Johann Sebastian Bach.

If you happen to miss any of the talks, they will be available on DVD about a month after the event. The CVA website will let you know when the DVD is ready and they can be viewed with free check-out at either of Pete Jones' video shops in the Valley. These afternoons have been well attended and can enlighten you about the lovely area where we live.

BORONDA TREES UPDATE

On May 8th, the Committee to protect the Boronda trees along with several local interested people, met at the Trail and Saddle Club with Yazdahn Emrani of Monterey County Public Works, and two of his assistants.

Public Works has indicated several trees should be eliminated at the corner of Carmel Valley Road and Boronda Road for safety reasons. Richard Barratt chaired the meeting and led the discussion of the many other solutions offered to solve that problem and would protect the trees. During the discussion, it was discovered the consulting firm that made the drawings of the corner had made some mistakes and they will have to be corrected.

There was a great deal of mutual understanding gained through this meeting, and the Committee was encouraged by Mr. Emrani's desire to find a solution that will address the concerns of everyone.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

July 2009

THE HISTORY CENTER, THE TILE SALES: WHERE WE ARE

By Reggie Jones

Since our last newsletter was published the building exterior has been completed—as expected. Door hardware installation and door painting is finished, and we have the keys to a very impressive building. At the same time, our available funds have been depleted—as expected, and we are currently in debt to our building contractor. Principally due to a very generous contribution which CVHS has received, added to steady income from our tile program, we will fully retire our debt by the end of the month. After that, as we have stated before, we will proceed on a “pay as we go” basis.

Our first task increment is an expensive one: to get electricity, gas and water to the building. This will involve hooking up with PG & E and trenching out to Carmel Valley Road. Among other things, this will enable us to install a security system and a sprinkler system, both of which are priority items. This could cost up to \$30,000. We'll have a current and more precise estimate in the next week or two. The total cost estimate to complete the building

interior and meet all building permit requirements for public occupancy is \$150,000.

Our engraved tile program continues to generate significant funds, and we are extremely grateful to the very many who have contributed donations for the tiles. Not only are we receiving donations from Carmel Valley and Monterey Peninsula residents, but also from various places around the country. (We have yet to receive a tile donation from overseas!)

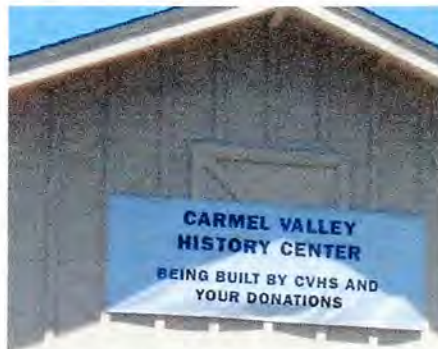


Photo by Reggie Jones

There are two banners on our building, one on the driveway side and one on the parking lot side.

The number of tiles donated at this time is 179, having a gross value of \$24,900. Please continue to “spread the word” and encourage friends and neighbors to participate. Our exhibits at the Mid-Valley Shopping Center next to Safeway and in the village next to the Stirrup Cup (where June Plumlee is doing such a yeoman service for us) continue to generate donations. These have been very successfully supplemented by the Hair Flare event on July 11 (many thanks to

Marj Ingram) and also an article published in the *Pine Cone* on July 4. Extrapolating numbers, if we could “sell” another 1,000 tiles, we would gross another \$140,000 and our building would be essentially complete. This is not an “impossible dream” and we will, of course be also raising money by other means. We can do it: one tile at a time.

THE GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Be sure to plan for the Gigantic Rummage Sale to be held on August 29-30 at Hidden Valley Seminars! Anne Mills and Susan Pius are again the Chairmen of this annual event and they are looking for your donations to help make it another great weekend.

If you no longer need your gently used items such as dishes, small appliances, linens, small lamps, art work, bathroom accessories, decorative items, books, or horse tack, donate them for the sale. Call Anne at 659-3745, to arrange for pickup if needed. Or you can bring them to the sale on August 28th. We cannot accept large appliances, clothes or computers or electronics.

There will be coffee, lemonade and treats to help make shopping more interesting. This event is always a fun

weekend, a chance to find some really good bargains, to meet some of the other Society members and to know your donations will be helping the new History Center.



THE HAIR FLARE!

And a wonderful time was had by all! On July 11th, the Heartstrings Band, including Marj Ingram Viales, Laura Buran, Paulette Lynch and Pat Skinner, held a party in the store area next to the Business Service and delighted everyone with their own special down-home music. The Carmel Valley Historical Society joined the Jamesburg Players Reunion Committee to provide sweet treats for one and all who ambled by that afternoon. But the real purpose of the party was to celebrate the decision by Marj Ingram and Paulette Lynch that after many, many years of letting their hair grow, it was time to get it cut. And instead of just "getting a haircut" it was a great excuse for a party! With some careful planning by Marj and her band, it became a big Village event and an encouragement to fellow Valley residents with long and lovely tresses to have them cut for the Locks of Love.

This organization is affiliated with the American Cancer Society and provides wigs for children who have lost their hair during cancer treatments. Well, they now have a lot of new material for children as close to 30 people dropped to take part in the party and to have their hair cut for this wonderful cause! And all

the hair-cutting was done by Jody Sherman and Claudia Gano of Devannie's Hair Design totally free of charge! The 10-inch swatches were then carefully preserved each in its own plastic bag with the name of the donor and sent to the Locks of Love organization in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Party guests were able to make "pledges per inch" with the proceeds going either to the Reunion Committee or to the Historical Society. The Society realized over \$800 from the pledges and the sale of the treats! There was even a silent auction of wine and cheese gift baskets, a group of "mystery" certificates and a lovely bag of fresh fruits. An added surprise – Marj was able to arrange for the California Old Time Dancers to come by and spend an hour doing the dances enjoyed by the early settlers of this area! There were four couples in costumes from the 1840's waltzing and whirling for all to see. Then the couples asked those in the audience to join them for a spin around the floor – what fun to see the participation!

Special thanks goes to Annie Conneau for agreeing to the use of the space in the Village for this celebration.

We appreciate all the preparations and publicity done by Marj and her band for this terrific afternoon for a very worthy cause and for the camaraderie of all those who came to the party!



The annual Carmel Valley Fiesta will be held in the Community Park on August 1-2. It will be the 20th anniversary of this community event and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Society will have a booth and it will give us a great opportunity to show off the tiles and explain how they will become a vital part of our History Center.

We will need people to spend up to two hours in our booth answering questions and helping to sell tiles, T-shirts and wine glasses. This is a very important opportunity for all our members to come by and note the progress we've made on the History Center and to find out what activities the Society will be working on next.

Come and meet members of the Board, sit and chat with other members, greet your friends and neighbors and let the community know how the Society is becoming a contributing part of the Village. If you are planning to come to the Fiesta, let us know if you can "sit a spell" in the booth. Please call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925.

Photo by Art Taylor



CHEERS TO OUR AUTHOR!

We are pleased and to announce that our Board member Elizabeth Barratt's pictorial history volume, "Carmel Valley," part of the "Images of America" series by Arcadia Publishing, was submitted to the publisher at the end of June. The book should be out on the shelves and available for purchase in December. Besides local signing events, the book will also be available for purchase at Borders, Barnes & Noble, Costco and Amazon.com.

Arcadia's West Coast Editor, Devon Weston, has praised Elizabeth for her extraordinary work. She said the photographs were of outstanding quality and her text and the coordination of the book is very readable. The book chronicles the early Valley inhabitants, the founding of Mission Carmel, the rancho and settler era, the first resorts, and the way Valley folks lived from over a century ago up to about the time of the establishment of the wineries.

This is wonderful news for the Society, since the book will be available in our History Center as well as museums and shops throughout the Monterey area. All sales proceeds go to the Carmel Valley Historical Society. A packet of 15 historic photo postcards based on scenes from the book will also be available for sale. Many kudos to Elizabeth for all her hard work and for doing such a superb job.



EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

We are extending the publicity of our activities into the greater Monterey Bay Area. On June 8th, our Building Committee Chairman, Reggie Jones, was interviewed by Jim Vossen of KRMV 1240 AM Radio's Monterey Bay Morning Show. Our Board member, Dr. Ron Brenner who has his own radio show on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM, arranged this interview. Reggie was able to explain all about the building of our History Center, its current status and tell a wider audience about the floor tile program. He emphasized that the response to this fund raiser has been very encouraging and was also able to tell listeners how they could be a part of the History Center. Reggie has been asked to make one-minute Public Service Announcements about the tiles, and he is hoping to get them on the air very soon.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We want to welcome Fred Ask and M. J. Murphy Co. to the Society's membership. Our Chairman, Maxine Callinan has been quite successful in urging membership renewals, and she would like to clear up any misunderstanding there might be about memberships and tile sales. Several members have sent in tile orders with

checks for them but the tile order is not a membership renewal. They are completely separate. If you have been sent a renewal notice, we definitely want you to continue being a Society member and we would also appreciate your buying a tile for our History Center. If you have any questions, please call Maxine at 659-4925.

C V A SUNDAY TALKS

On Sunday, September 13th, the Carmel Valley Association will hold a talk on Life in Old Carmel Valley with Society members Ruth Peace, Lou Allaire along with Walt Victorine. Our president, Richard Barratt will be the panel moderator and they will share their experiences as long time residents Valley. The talk will be held at the Sanctuary Bible Church on Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and learn about the early times in the Valley. Many things have changed, some for the better, some not, but it should be a very interesting walk down memory lane leading to where we are now. If you need more information, please call Richard at 659-2751.

TO REACH US

If you have a story to share, an item of interest to our members or need information on the Society, please call Richard Barratt, at 659-2751 or June Taylor at 659-2038. We welcome your input.

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE!

It's almost here! The Gigantic Rummage Sale! Save Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th for a great bargain -hunting experience and a chance to meet and greet other members and old friends.

The Sale will be held at Hidden Valley Seminars from 9:00Am to 4:00 PM each day. Our chairmen, Anne Mills and Susan Pius have been collecting and pricing donations for several months now and they are ready to display them for browsing and purchase.



We have heard there will be some unusual items this year. There is a unique collection of salt and pepper shakers that will certainly catch your eye. And an intriguing rock collection. We have it on good authority that there will be some interesting antiques available.

It's not too late to donate any of your gently used but still useful items to the Sale! We can use all kinds of art, books, antiques, kitchen items and small appliances, all kinds of jewelry, linens, garden items and plants, home furnishing items – table lamps, small tables, etc. – children's items and horse tack. Unfortunately, we cannot take electronics like TV sets, computers and

their components, or large appliances. If you have something you'd like to donate but aren't quite sure we can use it, call Anne at 659-3745, and she will advise you. Also, if you need your item picked up, please let her know.

Our floor tiles will be on display and you will be able to get an idea of how they will look on the History Center floor.

And there will be order forms available for those who would like to be remembered in the Center.

We still need the help and support of our members to complete our newly constructed History Center. So plan to come early to our Gigantic Sale and take part in this annual fund-raiser for the Society – one that is a lot of fun, offers great opportunities and is of tremendous help to the Historical Society



BUILDING AND TILE SALES STATUS

By Reggie Jones

Thanks to generous donations, and income from tile sales, we currently have no debts, and we are accumulating finances to accomplish the next phase of our building project. To initiate the work to get electricity, gas and water to the building and install security and sprinkler locations, we need about \$15,000. To complete the task will require \$25,000 to \$30,000, total.

On August 17th, we received a second shipment of engraved tiles bringing the total received to 185. Additional donations this month bring the total to 199, with a gross value of \$27,500. Progress continues to be steady and very encouraging. We are very grateful to all who support this effort and especially to Jeanelle and Roy Kaminske for their generous donation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The monthly Board of Directors meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 PM, in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. We welcome members with ideas, suggestions, comments and complaints to come to the Board meetings and voice their opinions.

However, we would ask that if you plan to attend one of these meetings, please check with Richard Barratt at 659-2751, about a week ahead, so he can put you on the agenda and schedule time for you to talk. All Board members want to keep the lines of communication open with our members, so if you have something to bring to their attention, please don't hesitate to come forward.

If you have an item of interest or a story to share with our members, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038.

ARCHIVAL DONATIONS WELCOMED

In many of our newsletters, we have reminded members that we are always looking for artifacts from Carmel Valley, to incorporate in our displays in the Center. This month, Heidi Peterson (nee Nicholson, and sister of Fawn Nicholson Remington) brought us a large bag of clippings from early newspapers of the Valley. They were found in the estate of her late uncle who had lived here for many years. There is also a wonderful photo of a very young Georgia Rugg reaching up to touch the nose of a horse.

Do you have photographs of people who lived here "in the good old days?" Do you have items they used, older tools, furniture or mementos that you would like to see preserved and shared with visitors to the Center? We would be happy to have them and know their stories so we can tell the history of the Valley in living color. We will make sure you are thanked in writing for bringing these artifacts to us and all donations will be properly documented and acknowledged.

Another valuable tool in telling the story of the Valley would be interviews with the people who lived here in earlier times. We would be happy to set up a video interview with a resident and/or member who remembers stories about the Valley. These videos are most valuable in telling the story of Carmel Valley, especially to young students who get to actually see the

person who lived the story. If you know of someone who would be a good video subject for our history of Carmel Valley, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, and we will make the arrangements.



The Twentieth Carmel Valley Fiesta, held August 1-2, was a successful celebration in the Community Park. More visitors than ever came out to enjoy the food, take in the music, peruse the various arts and crafts booths and generally spend a weekend enjoying themselves.

The Society's booth was visited by more people than ever and most of them took the opportunity to go into the new History Center. Several Board members were on hand to show visitors how the floor tiles would look when the building is finished and to explain our plans for making it a beautiful part of the community. Inspired by this display, many tile order forms were handed out both at our booth and at the Center. We encourage everyone who took an order form to fill out and return it so you and your family can be a physical part of the building.

Our thanks goes to Maxine and Dan Callinan for scheduling those who spent time at the booth both days. We also want to thank Patty Cummings, Karen Strasser Kaufmann, Warren Wood, Franklin Peace, Ken Bizzini, Richard and Jack Barratt, Priscilla Walton, Stephanie Culbert, June Plumlee, Dr. Susan Moein and Dr. Ron Brenner, for spending time

greeting visitors, showing off the new Center and also for selling \$157 worth of pictures, T-shirts and wine glasses.

COMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

On Sunday, September 13th, Society President Richard Barratt will moderate the panel at the Carmel Valley Association's monthly talk, Carmel Valley Voices- "Memories of Carmel Valley Over the Decades." Board member Ruth Peace, along with Lou Allaire and Walt Victorine will share their memories of living in early Carmel Valley and the changes that have happened during the ensuing years. The talk will be held at the Bible Sanctuary Church, on Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road, at 2:00 PM. All Valley residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Trail and Saddle Club will be hosting the Ranchers Round-up on the weekend of September 26-27, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. There will be contests, exhibits and good food both days. The Society will have a booth for information, displaying our floor tiles and selling wine glasses, T-shirts and photographs. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun.

THE MORE, THE MERRIER!

A hearty welcome to our newest members Alec and Harriet Duarte, and Tyler and Margot Baker.

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CONSTRUCTION IS SET TO BEGIN SECOND PHASE

By Reggie Jones

The good news is that we have accumulated sufficient funds so that we have begun activity on the next phase of our construction. We are hooking up utilities, gas and electricity, and may soon begin trenching to Carmel Valley road to obtain an independent water supply for our sprinkler safety system. This may not sound or look impressive, but it is an essential next step in building construction and will cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Initial steps, already taken, have been to transmit a deposit of \$5,000 to PG & E and provide them with three sets of plans, per their requirement. Most of this construction phase is expected to be completed in November. A similar accumulation of funds will be needed for the next phase.

The not-so-good news is that the rain gutters received some damage, shortly after the last heavy rainfall, as a result of an unidentified truck driving too closely to the safety fence and striking the protruding gutter at the building corner. The damage is not extensive but is clearly visible. We shall take action to preclude a recurrence.

We are very grateful for continued donations for inscribed floor tiles. Tiles donated to date total 235, giving us a gross income of \$33,600.

This amount is very significant, contributing to our ability to complete building external construction and to continue the incremental building phases such as utility hook-up described above. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to donate a tile. We can finish the project if we sell one thousand more (CV population 16,000?)

In our May newsletter we reported that Holman Ranch had very generously donated a 1920 Player Piano that had been owned by Mrs. Vivian Holman, for display in the History Center. We are grateful to Holly and Zan Hansen for storing the piano since that time and thus depriving themselves of the intended use of their garage. On October 17, utilizing transportation kindly supplied by Rod Mills, the piano was moved into storage at the home of Susan Moein, CVHS Board Member where it will remain until it gets placed in the History Center.



VALLEY HISTORY BOOK READY SOON

Board member Elizabeth Barratt's new book on the History of Carmel Valley is scheduled to be in bookstores by January 25, 2010. There are book-signing dates already in the works and she will be speaking to the Carmel Valley Women's Club and she

will be making a Power-Point presentation at the Carmel Valley Library in the spring. Elizabeth spent many months researching the history of the Valley, talking to ranchers and other residents, and gathering pictures to illustrate the beginning growth of the Valley up to the establishments of the local wineries. The book will be available at Border's, Barnes and Nobel, Costco, other local bookstores plus Amazon.com and Borders.com. We encourage you to buy a copy as the royalties from those sales will come directly to the Society. Many kudos and thanks to Elizabeth for this vital contribution to all the people who live in Carmel Valley.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

A grant of \$500 has been received from the Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services, and a second grant of \$1000 was donated by the Upjohn California Foundation, which is managed by our Life Member, Cynthia Hertlein. Each grant included an order for a tile that will honor their organizations.

Both associations have been very generous to us in support of our goals through the past few years. We extend our sincere thanks.



HORSESHOE PROJECT

Our lovely Valley contains many ranches where horses roam and their owners enjoy riding, training and entering them in various kinds of competitions. And we know they often need new horseshoes. We are offering a place to donate those used horseshoes, a place where the horse will be remembered in our History Center.

Amanda Gates, a junior at Carmel High School, and an accomplished Girl Scout, is collecting the used horseshoes as a project for her Gold Award in Scouting. She needs at least 100 horseshoes, which will be preserved in the concrete of the Center's floor. The shoes will be displayed in a special design complete with a map of what shoe belonged to what horse, where the horse lived and when the shoe was worn. The shoes must have been worn by a horse owned in Carmel Valley and Amanda will be asking for a little "history" about the horse.

The Gold Award is similar to the Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts, and she would like to collect the horseshoes as soon as possible.

If you have any used horseshoes you would like to donate to Amanda's coming display, or need more information about this interesting enterprise, please call her at 659-9132.



RANCHERS ROUND-UP

The Historical Society had a booth at the recent Ranchers Round-up held at the Trail and Saddle Club on September 26-27. Ellsworth Gregory and Reggie Jones greeted many ranchers and their families and were able to hand out tile order forms and offer T-shirts, wine glasses and vintage photographs for sale.

Amanda Gates and her friend Mike Stapleton joined in explaining her horseshoe project to the many ranchers who expressed great interest in the project. Anne and Rod Mills set up the saddles that were for sale at the Gigantic Rummage Sale and many people stopped by to check them over. They are now very well presented on Craig's List, with pictures and descriptions of these truly beautiful saddles. If you'd like more information about them, please call Anne at 659-3745, to arrange to see them.

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The Historical Society's By-laws provide the outlines for holding a yearly General meeting and election of the Board of Directors. This meeting will be held on March 4th, 2010. The meeting will be a chance for members to be brought up to date on the progress of the History Center, what is in store next and the plans for the opening of the Center.

We are looking for people who want to see our Society to grow. It would be ideal to have several new members who have new ideas and contributions about how the new History Center can best serve the community and Society members.

If you would like to help make the Society an integral part of the Village, and can serve on the Board for a year or longer, don't wait to be asked – volunteer! Call Richard Barratt at 659-2751 and be a part of the new and vital History Center!



MEMBER NOTES

We want to extend a big welcome to all our new members: Roger and Rochelle Dolan, Jean Grace, Homer Hayward, Ken Hinshaw, Gloria Rodda, Bob and Nancy Scarpitto and Maurice and Warwick Wolfe as well as our new Life Members Faye and Everett Messinger.

The Society is saddened by the passing away of William Drake, Jr. Bill was a staunch supporter of building the new History Center and who made many donations to help that cause. He often helped out at the Gigantic Rummage Sale and the Cowboy Show and we will miss him. We extend our sympathy to his family.

TO REACH US

If you have questions or a story to share, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Richard Barratt

I was very graciously offered the opportunity to moderate the Carmel Valley Association's program "Carmel Valley Voices" on the 13th of September this year. This was a delightful prospect given my role as President of the Carmel Valley Historical Society, and one to which I readily agreed. This was even more agreeable in light of the fact that two of the three "voices," Ruth Peace and Lou Allaire, are members of the Society, and Ruth is a member of the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, Lou underwent surgery the Friday before the event and was unable to attend. On his recommendation Roy Kaminske, another member of our Society, agreed to step in for Lou. Rounding out the panel was Walt Victorine.

The panel represented the historic range of the Valley: Walt the Western portion or mouth of the Valley, Roy the mid-Valley sector, and Ruth the Eastern or Village sector.

Walt was born down on the coast in the Point Lobos/Carmel Highlands area where he's lived all his life. He attended Bay School and was a Monterey County deputy sheriff for 30 years. Walt's great-grandfather was a Portuguese whaler who settled at the whaling station at Pt. Lobos. His great-aunt married Joe Hitchcock and settled Hitchcock canyon. He remembers the Valley full of red pears before WWI.

Ruth admitted to being 87 years old, and has been in the Valley since 1930 when she came with her widowed mother. Her mother ran the Carmel Valley Tavern (now Wills Fargo) as a restaurant and tea room. The family lived on the other side of the archway. Ruth attended Tulare Union School, which was

beyond the village overlooking Camp Steffani - 18 pupils in 8 grades. After her mother remarried (Mr. Brownell), they moved around the county, eventually settling back in the valley. After the war Ruth married Franklin Peace of the Valley. She taught at Carmelo and Tularecito Schools for 24 years.

Roy was the relative newcomer to the Valley, living here since the early 1950's following a career with the United States Army. Roy's interest and involvement in real estate matters made his insights into the evolution of the Valley especially interesting in light of recent political discussions.

The question and answer period following the panelist presentations evidenced the interest the audience holds in our historical background. What better comment on the need for our evolving History Center to provide a resource for further study and research for present and future generations? Our thanks to the panelists who participated in this delightful afternoon, and to the membership of the Carmel Valley Historical Society who continue to support our efforts in moving forward with our evolving History Center.

SHERIFF MAKES VISIT TO BOARD

In July, Sheriff Mike Kanalakakis and Commander Tracy Brown visited the monthly Board meeting. This gave us a chance to talk with them on the concerns the Board has about the new building and the sheriff's ability to protect the area. Sheriff Kanalakakis explained that there had been cuts of up to 7 1/2% in the budget for the county and they were doing their best to keep the area well protected. With the visible office in the Village, and the obvious parking of a patrol car in front of it, he felt it was a reminder to visitors and residents of their

Board members expressed their concerns about the speeding through the Village, and on Carmel Valley Road in general. The sheriff said he knew that the Road is a dangerous one, especially at night, and they were working as diligently as they could to deter speeders. He said he would definitely look into having a bigger speed limit signs at both entrances of the Village.

The Sheriff noted that the California Highway Patrol has expressed interest in having a visible presence and sharing the current office with them. There are some requirements that would have to be met before a CHP "speed designator" trailer could be stationed near a Village entrance to slow down traffic. He encouraged anyone seeing a speeder in the Village to get the license number and car description and notify the sheriff's department.

Commander Brown explained that while drivers don't appreciate "routine traffic stops," there are times when drugs, drunk drivers, weapons and other contraband have been found during these stops. Getting these people off the roads and out of the area is part of why these stops are made.

Both Sheriff Kanalakakis and Commander Brown empathized the department is more than willing to work with the local residents of all communities and if they have concerns or want questions answered, to call the department and explain the problem or ask for one of the deputies to come to talk to the local group. The enforcement of the laws works both ways, and cooperation with the department and citizens will result in a much better relationship.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE A WINNER!

The annual Gigantic Rummage Sale held at Hidden Valley Seminars on August 29th and 30th was a big success. Many of our friends and neighbors came out to check out the variety of items for sale and to learn of the progress of the History Center.

Although Saturday, the 29th turned out to be one of the warmest days all summer in the Valley, that didn't stop people from coming to shop for a good bargain. When all the expenses were paid, the Sale brought in close to \$7,000, and we want to thank everyone who worked setting up, answering questions and then cleaning up afterwards.

Our steadfast chairmen, Anne

Mills and Susan Pius have officially resigned their position, but we would like to continue collecting items and organizing the sale for the last weekend of August, 2010. Several new ideas have been suggested to build on the solid basis Anne and Susan have built, and there will be more information about this in coming Newsletters. Our Sales have brought together some wonderful people who work together well and make these events not only profitable but thoroughly enjoyable. If you'd like to be part of the committee, call June Taylor at 659-2038.

CHRISTMAS PARTYTIME!

Please save Sunday, December 13th for our annual Christmas Party. This year's party will be at the White Oaks Club

House and will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Instead of a dinner this year, we will be asking you to bring appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, and/or wine. Or perhaps a \$5 donation.

The party is being held in an historic building in Carmel Valley. The Club House was once the site of a barn where the White Oaks theatre presented plays and musicals. The original barn burned down, and is now rebuilt as the Club House.

You can call Elizabeth Barratt for reservations and what you will bring, at 659-2751. We are hoping more of our members will come to the party and get to know one another – we have great plans for the year ahead!



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CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Richard Barratt

With this issue of our newsletter we approach the end of a year filled with highlights for the Carmel Valley Historical Society. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you, our members, who've worked so hard this past year to help bring our History Center from the drawing board to reality. We have a long way to go, however given all the support you've provided over the past year our future success is guaranteed. Thank you.

I also want to thank your Board of Directors who has worked so hard and diligently in 2009. June Taylor, our Secretary, has kept us all informed with the newsletter, and taken care of volumes of correspondence – as well as coordinating many of our fund-raising activities. Our Treasurer, Art Taylor has kept the bills paid and the wolf away from our doors. Maxine Callinan, our Membership Chair, has kept us on the straight and narrow as we look to expand that wonderful base of support. Throughout the year we've looked to Reggie Jones who spearheaded the Building Committee and oversaw the construction of our beautiful new History Center. Stephanie Culbert has continued diligently in her efforts as the Society Historian/Librarian. We've continuously

tapped the corporate memory of our past president, "Mr. Carmel Valley Historical Society," Ellsworth Gregory. Elizabeth Barratt, who's just completed the first book on Carmel Valley history, is stepping up to the soon-to-be formidable task of Archivist as we begin plans to moving our extensive collections into the new facility. Dr. Susan Moein and Dr. Ron Brenner have been key members in our Outreach programs, bringing the Society and its efforts to the attention of the greater Monterey County community – and beyond. Ruth Peace is ending a long and noteworthy "career" on the Board at the end of this year to become our first *Member Emeritus* beginning in 2010. We're grateful to all her contributions to the Society and look forward to a continued, though perhaps less active, relationship in the future. To all of these wonderful folks, please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

A safe, serene, and blessed Holiday Season to you all.

THANK YOU, STEPHANIE!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Stephanie Culbert for hosting the past Christmas parties at her lovely home. She has welcomed all of us warmly into a beautifully decorated atmosphere, and we are most grateful for

all she has done in making these parties truly memorable. Stephanie has been our Collection Committee chair, Treasurer and now official Librarian for the Society. She has done a yeoman's job preserving pictures and posters of all the events we have been recording the history of the Historical Society! We appreciate all you have done for the Society and the Board, as well as beautifully hosting all the festive Christmas parties!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 13th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00PM at the Club House in the White Oaks Community. We hope you will stay by and share your favorite appetizers and finger foods with us - we'll provide the beverages. This is our chance to meet more of our members and to bring you up to date on the progress of the History Center and the plans for the coming year. Please read the enclosed flyer for all the information and join us!

TILES FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you looking for something unique to give to that "someone who has everything?" Consider buying a tile for our History Center, which can honor that someone with their name, a favorite nickname, or a special saying. By getting a tile, they will have their own spot in the Center and thus be remembered by all who visit Carmel Valley. There are two sizes available, 4" x 8", and 8" x 8", for both personal and business embossments. And by ordering a tile, you'll save a trip to the Mall!

Tile orders are available at the Business Center from our "Super Sales Representative," June Plumlee, or by calling Reggie Jones at 659-4338. When the tiles are installed, there will be a map of where each person's tile is located, so when you visit you can check the location. A wonderful way to show your affection for years to come.



THE HISTORY CENTER

As noted in the last newsletter, we have sent a deposit of \$5000 to PG&E to begin work on installing the electricity and gas to the building. They have not provided us with a starting date for this project, but Reggie Jones, our Building Chairman is in touch with them and our contractor, Tim Scherer, to start as soon as possible. However, there is good news. The damage to the corner guttering where it was hit by a "truck" has

guttering where it was hit by a "truck" has been repaired. To avoid this happening again, the fencing was moved farther out from that corner of the building. A cement-encased pole may be erected at a later date.

MEMBER NEWS

We have lost two of our enthusiastic supporters, Tom Branson and George Groves. Both of them participated in many of our events, fund-raisers and Christmas parties. We welcomed their personal involvement in helping us reach our goal of a History Center, and they will be missed. Our sympathies go to their families.

A big Welcome is extended to our new members; Barbara and David Allard, Frieda and Frank Bresk, and Elsa Con and Buck Jackson.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Just a reminder that our annual General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 PM. We want you to reserve that date and plan to come and voice your interest and concerns about the future of the organization.

This will also be an opportunity for you to make nominations for the Board of Directors. Our present Board has served for many years and we know there are others in our membership with new ideas on how best to serve our community and make the History Center a vital part of the Village.

The Board meets at 4:00 PM, the first Wednesday of each month in the parish hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Meetings last about ninety minutes and each

member has time to bring up and discuss their questions as we go forward. We urge each of you to consider becoming a Board member and help us grow.

The location of the General Meeting will be announced in the next Newsletter. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

REMEMBERING THE SOCIETY

We are very proud of the new History Center in the Community Park and delighted by how well it blends into the general ambiance of this lovely area. Our thanks goes to all those who have supported this goal with their generous donations.

The completion of the inside of the building will be our next big project and there are many opportunities for our members to be a part of this endeavor.

As the year ends and if you are looking for a tax deductible contribution, we encourage you to think about the Historical Society. We are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

TO REACH US

If you have questions or a story to share, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038. We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

