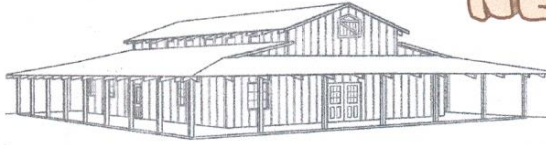


# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



February 2010

## GENERAL MEETING SET FOR MARCH 4TH

Have you marked your calendar for March 4th? That's the date of our General Membership Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM at Peter Coakley's Carmel Valley Lodge, Ford Road and Carmel Valley Road. This will be very important for all members as we will discuss the progress on the History Center and talk about the next phase of building and the completion of the interior. It has been a very busy year for the Society and we would like everyone to be as enthused as the Board as we become an important part of the Valley community.

During the meeting, there will be opportunities for your questions to be answered. The Board of Directors would also encourage you to offer your ideas regarding the Center.

As we have mentioned in recent Newsletters, we need nominations of people to serve on the Board. Our By-laws require yearly meetings with reports on the general status of the Society and to present a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors. The terms for Board members vary from one to three years and many of our present Board members have served long past their designated terms. We are

looking for new ideas and directions to help steer the Society into the next decade. Self-nominations are definitely accepted.

There will also be a very important announcement made during the meeting. We urge you to save the date and come and be a part of moving the Society into new territory.

### **HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!**

After many months of research, organizing and writing, Board member Elizabeth Barratt's book, "Carmel Valley," is now out and available for sale! The volume, published by Arcadia Publishing as part of its "Images of America" series, presents a panoramic pictorial history of our Valley "as it was." Looking through the book, which is filled with wonderful pictures, you will see many people you recognize from 'way back when', and learn about the early happenings and activities that made the Valley and Village what they are today.

Elizabeth will give all of us a preview of her book at the General Meeting. Writing it was a labor of love, research and long days, and hunting for all those pictures and information over several months. She will have a special table at the meeting with copies of her books for sale and signing. "Carmel Valley" can also be bought directly from Elizabeth if you call her at 659-2751. The cost is \$23.75, including tax, and proceeds from the book sales will go directly to the Society. Elizabeth will be the featured speaker at the

Friends of the Library's First Saturdays talk on March 6th and books will also be available there. It would make a great gift for your friends or relatives who have moved away. We urge you to get your copy and read about the history of this wonderful part of the Central Coast, written by our very own author and historian!



## NOTES FROM THE CARMEL VALLEY LIBRARY

*Have you heard that the Carmel Valley Branch Library in its days as The Buckeye restaurant was the first dining establishment ever to feature only California wines? We've come a long way since then... come and see.*

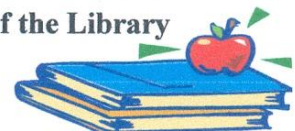
*You are welcome to attend our Saturday Series events, 10:15AM the first Saturday every month.*

*February 6- John Provost, "Rumi the Sufi poet"*

*March 6- Elizabeth Barratt, "Carmel Valley History"*

*Find out how your library can open up new worlds for you!*

**Friends of the Library**



## BUILDING NEWS

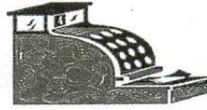
By Reggie Jones

Our hoped-for progress regarding hooking up utilities and a 6 inch water main for the emergency sprinkler system has not materialized yet. This is principally due to PG&E problems in getting a work package to us to enable us to obtain final bids for the installation work. We are requesting a 20 ft. easement from the Park district Board to avoid running the utilities trench through oak trees which are between the History Building and Carmel Valley Road, where we will tap into the Cal Am water supply. This request will be submitted at the Park Board monthly meeting on February 10. As a result of the delay in progress, we have money accumulated to enable us to pay for this "work package". We will continue to operate on a "pay as you go" basis, so all contributions are gratefully received.

## GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Although it is still months away, we are already making plans for the 2010 Gigantic Rummage Sale. An organizing meeting was held recently at Maxine Callinan's home to put together new ideas for the sale which will be held August 28-29, at Hidden Valley Seminars. And the door is open for you to express your thoughts to help with this fund raiser. Maxine has begun to form a committee with Anne Jones, Trudy Hart, Ruth Hardisty and June Taylor, but she is also

looking for other members or former Rummage Sale workers who would again like to be a part of this group.



Beginning Sat., March 6th, we will start our monthly 1st Sat. Morning Rummage Sale Drop-off at the History Center. Between 10 and 12 AM., people may drop off rummage or else request a pickup during that time. The building will be open then so it is a good time for you to come by and take a look. If anyone needs a pickup at another time, they should phone Maxine at 659-4925.

We also want to remind all those with donations that we need good, clean items including small furniture, antiques, books, holiday items, art work, kitchen items and small appliances, all kinds of jewelry, linens, garden items and plants, children's items and horse tack. We cannot accept clothing or electronic equipment such as computers, old cell phones, etc. Everything must be in working condition. If you know of someone moving away or have friends who want to downsize, let them know of our sale for their no-longer-used items.

Once again we are in need of additional storage space for our donations.

If you have a weather-secure shed or empty garage space that can be used until August 27th, please call Maxine. We are also looking for help in moving our donations to storage. We could use several high school students to aid our drivers in picking up donations. Their participation is also a way to fill in their required public service hours. If we have the phone numbers of a few teenagers willing to lend a hand, we can arrange a

schedule for picking up goods.

This sale is always a fun weekend for members and a worthy fund-raiser for the Society, plus a great time to visit with friends and check out some terrific bargains.

## THANK YOU JAMESBURG PLAYERS!

The Society wants to thank the Jamesburg Players Reunion Committee for their generous donation of \$500 to our Building Fund. The Players held their big reunion on November 14th at Hidden Valley Seminars and the evening was a great success.

Many years ago the Jamesburg Players provided the Valley residents with their renditions of the musical plays on Broadway. They were well attended and enjoyed, all the more so since the actors and singers were neighbors and friends. Their reunion brought back many memories of those entertaining evenings.

Last July, members of the Players, the Heartstrings Band and the Society joined forces for the Hair Flare. Marj Ingram and Paulette Lynch instigated this celebration to finally part with their lovely long locks and to do it for a very worthy cause. Over 30 people stopped by and had at least 10 inches of hair cut by Jody Sherman and Claudia Gano. The tresses were then carefully saved, bagged and sent off to Locks of Love to be made into wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy.

Our thanks to the Reunion Committee for the entertaining evening and the wonderful donation.

We also want to thank the Carmel Valley Garden Association for their support to our Building Fund. We look forward to working with them as we will need to ask for their expert help on native plants for our future planter boxes.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We would like to welcome our new members Dr. W. Lane Verlenden, Paula Washington, Sidney Slade, Charles Erickson and Mark and Dorothy Enayati. And we issue a special invitation for them to attend our General Membership meeting on March 4th.

Our membership extends beyond the boundaries of Carmel Valley and we are proud to have our interests and goals extended to all of the Monterey Peninsula.

Membership Chairman Maxine Callinan has forms available for anyone interested in joining the Society so please call her at 659-4925. We continue to work toward becoming an important part of the community, and we welcome all new members and their ideas.



**IT WAS A "DELICIOUS" CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Christmas Party had a new venue this time and from all reports, a good time was had by all. Over 30 people stopped by to share the festivities, meet

and greet the Board and other members and celebrate the season. We want to thank Maxine Callinan for arranging for us to use the White Oaks Clubhouse, and for making the setting warm and inviting.

Members were invited to bring their favorite dip and appetizer recipes and there was a good variety of everything to sample. We have had several requests for the recipe for one dip in particular, and we are glad to share it with you.



**Penny Wood's Hot Crab Dip**

- 16 oz. Cream Cheese
- 16 oz. Crab Delight (Faux Crab)
- 2 Tbsp. green onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup Horseradish

Mix until smooth. Pour into 9" pie plate. Top with slivered almonds and paprika. Bake in 375 degree oven for 25 minutes. Serve warm with crackers.

**SAVE THOSE ANTIQUES**

Just a gentle reminder. Do you have photographs of friends and relatives who lived here years and years ago? Are there tools in the garage that Grampa used? Do you dust that table every week that once belonged in your great aunt's living room?

These articles are the kinds of artifacts we want to preserve and incorporate into our displays when the History Center opens. And if you have a story about the article, maybe an amusing or unusual use of that tool, let us know about it. Personal stories are so welcome

in describing the way people lived many years ago - it makes the evolving of this area more interesting to all who will visit the Center.

And please don't forget the Girls Scout project of Amanda Gates. She is collecting used horseshoes to be installed in the floor of the Center along with a short history of the horse that wore them. Amanda is working toward her Gold Award and is looking for as many horseshoes as possible. The only requirements are that the horse was owned and lived in Carmel Valley, It would be great if you had a little history about the horse as well.

If you need any more information, please call Amanda at 659-9132.



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBLOG**

Thanks to Richard and Elizabeth's son, Nels, our Weblog is up and running. Information about the Society, newsletters and membership forms are posted on it and the site is updated frequently. The address is:

<http://carmelvalleyhistory.blogspot.com>.

If you have a story to share, an item of interest to the Society, or any questions, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038.

**COME TO THE GENERAL MEETING MARCH 4TH!**