

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD

By Reggie Jones

Since our last Newsletter we have made significant progress with utilities hook-up. Connections were made from Carmel Valley Road to our building for both a 1" water line and a separate 4" water line for the fire sprinkler system, along with the gas line. Also, trenches were dug and lines installed for eventual phone and TV connections. We currently do not have electricity connected but that is next on the agenda. When we have electricity we will install security floodlights inside and outside the building. The fence around the building is now permanently removed.

The Park Board are in the process of paving the parking lot but have run into funding issues so the work has been delayed mid stream. Hopefully they will find a way to continue their work soon.

We invite all of you to come and see the interior of the History Center during your visit to the Fiesta on August 7th or 8th. Members of the Board will be on hand to answer any questions you have and there will be floor tiles set out that will give you an idea of our plan for installing them later. Order forms for tiles and membership applications will be available there, and at our booth at the Fiesta.

It is true that there is still a lot to be accomplished before our Center can open and present the artifacts and stories of Carmel Valley's history. Working together with the community and the help of all our members, we hope to make this a reality in the very near future.



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE AUGUST 28-29

The big, big Gigantic Rummage Sale takes place on August 28-29, at Hidden Valley Seminars, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We have been collecting sale items for several months and Maxine Callinan, Anne Jones and Trudy Hart have been working hard sorting and pricing them.

There will be some very interesting and unusual items for sale and we encourage you to plan to come out and see them. For example, there are some absolutely stunning pieces of china that have come from the estate in Carmel which Sidney Slade and Frank Quilty set aside for us. One complete set of china includes settings for 12, plus serving dishes. The china is white with a gold rim and a narrower gold band within the piece.



We have several rare, one-of-a kind, hand-painted, antique and vintage plates, cups and saucers, serving plates and bowls. Some of these lovely dishes will be on display at the Center during the Fiesta. You can set up an appointment after August 15th to see them more closely.

Some of our more interesting donations include framed artwork, computer desks, unusual cabinets, a table saw, distinctive glassware, and some lovely linens to grace your table. The History Center will be open every Saturday morning in August from 10:00 AM to noon and all day Saturday and Sunday during the Fiesta. If you have any donations, bring them to the Center on any Saturday after the Fiesta, or call Maxine to arrange for them to be picked up.

All of our sale items will need to be moved to Hidden Valley on Friday, August 27th. We need YOUR help in moving everything, especially if you have a pickup truck. Almost all the donations have been packed in boxes, so the transporting should go smoothly. We would need several workers both at the Center and at Hidden Valley for quick loading and unloading. It would be ideal to have three or four pickup trucks. Do you know of some teenage young men who could lend a hand lifting boxes and loading the trucks? Giving us a hand setting up and loading will give them a head start on their community hours. We would be very happy to acknowledge this for their records.

Do call and offer your assistance – we want our members involved in our events, and this Sale is a lot of fun. You get to meet some great people and it helps us with the expenses we will face going forward. For more information, please call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, or June Taylor at 659-2038.

AN AWARD FOR OUR SOCIETY!

On July 27th, Board member and our own author Elizabeth Barratt, received this notice from Mona Gulgel, the Executive Director of the Monterey County Historical Society:

"Every year at our annual BBQ we give a Historic Community Award to an individual or organization for their outstanding part in preserving the history of our county. this year we would like to give the award to the Carmel Valley Historical Society. Last year we gave it to the new Soledad Historical Society."

Our Chairman, Richard Barratt, has notified Ms Gulgel we'd be most pleased to accept the award and will be issuing a press release regarding this as soon as possible.

Our sincere thanks for this award!

MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE

The Linda Corr Foundation Matching Fund Challenge has spurred our members to add \$9,670, to the Building Fund. A big THANK YOU! We still have a way to go to meet the goal of \$25,000, and we would be happy to add your name to our challenge list.

As you can see, steady, albeit sometimes slow, progress is being made on the History Center and the donations to this Challenge, which goes to the Building Fund, make the Grand Opening come even sooner. If you no longer have the Challenge form and you'd like to make a dedication to a friend or family member, just indicate "Matching Challenge" on your check.

We acknowledge all donations in writing that includes our Tax I.D. number, and appreciate your continued backing of our preservation of the history of Carmel Valley for all to enjoy.

WORK HAS BEGUN ON OUR DOLL COLLECTION

On July 16th Maxine Callinan, Stephanie Culbert, Elizabeth Barratt, Pat Jones and June Taylor met with Neddra Shutts at the home of Ernie Marshall, to learn how to preserved the extensive and unique collection of dolls the Marshalls have donated to the Society. Ms Shutts is an expert in wrapping and preserving the dolls and we all had hands-on experience in learning this craft. These dolls will be used in connection with the changing displays and be featured in separate commemorations once the Center is open.



Another member, Robin Currie, joined us as we met again on July 22nd and chose over 20 dolls from different parts of the world that will be shown in a specific area in the Center as representatives of the collection. These are particularly colorful, authentic to the different countries from which they came, and will made a distinct part of the Center's attractions.

Preserving them will take an extended period of time as there are over 600 dolls that have been cataloged and photographed carefully by the Marshalls. We now are taking the next step in keeping them fresh and vibrant for the future.pen.

What local figure said this?

"You start with what you find and continue in the same way. You have to do it the way they did, putting in all the crooked walls and inaccuracies. If you follow your own ideas, you'll fizzle."



PENNIES FROM ... RUTH!

Ruth Peace, Board Member Emeritus, and her husband, Franklin, have been saving pennies for years and years . They accumulated in three large jars and Ruth has decided to donate this "collection" to the Society. Maxine Callinan took the pennies home and spent several evenings (while watching baseball games) counting and wrapping the pennies for deposit. They totaled \$74! That's 148 rolls of pennies! We're sure First National Bank will be surprised by this deposit. Thank you Ruth and Franklin we appreciate - every penny!

C.V. BOOK STILL GOING STRONG!

Elizabeth Barratt, has spent the past several months promoting her book, "Images of America, Carmel Valley." She and her husband, Richard, have presented slide shows in conjunction with her talks about the book, to many groups in the area. Sales have been brisk and it has been listed on the "Local Interest" top sellers in The Herald for many weeks. Elizabeth was part of the Local Authors gathering at the Barnyard in Carmel on July 24th, and it was noted later that the record crowds that turned out that day were very interested in reading about the Monterey Peninsula. Elizabeth was very pleased with the sales of her book.

The history of the Valley in pictures and stories makes excellent reading and it's amazing to learn the importance and distinction some of the buildings in the area. And they have become today. Copies of the book can be purchased by calling Elizabeth directly at 831-659-2751, or 831-659-4211 or by e-mailing her at: info@chesbrohouse.com.



SPECIAL THANKS

As the dates for the Gigantic Rummage Sale get closer, the Society wants to express a big THANK YOU to Anne and Rod Mills and Susan Pius for all the work they have done for us. For almost 10 years they chaired this huge event and did a tremendous job rounding up donations, storing them, pricing them, moving them to the sale site, finding helpers and overseeing the sale both days.

But it didn't stop there. They would work all year keeping an eye out for Sa' donations, checking with people moving away, reminding friends to keep us in mind and generally looking out for our best interests.

Anne recently sold the two saddles mentioned in our last Newsletter adding over \$400 to our Building Fund. The lengths to which they have gone to support our goals is far above and beyond the normal. We could not have made the progress we have without the dedication and just plain hard work of these wonderful people.

MANY, MANY THANKS!

JAMESBURG PLAYERS REUNITE- AGAIN!

Mark your calendars for a night of great entertainment, local style. The Jamesburg Players are going reunite again

for two evenings of wonderful music, fun and food on September 24-25, at Hidden Valley Seminars. On Friday, there will be a reception beginning at 6:30 PM and a show later designed to brighten the spirit. Prices begin at \$25. For \$35, on Saturday, there will be a barbecue beginning at 3:00 PM, then the show starts at 6:30 PM and a dance with the show's band starts at 8:30 PM. If you just want to see the show and kick up your heels, it will cost \$25. Senior and children's prices are also available.

Parts of the productions from the group's "glorious" past will be featured - laughs are guaranteed. Tickets are available at DoReMi Music in Carmel, at the Carmel Valley Business Service or at their booth at the Fiesta. You can also go to their Website, JamesburgPlayers.com, for more information, ordering tickets and for a chance to view some of the past shows from years gone by, just by clicking on the poster. We urge you to plan to come out and enjoy this Reunion II - see all the talent we have right here in Carmel Valley!

Laughing stirs up the blood and gives the whole system a cleansing rehabilitation.

Anonymous

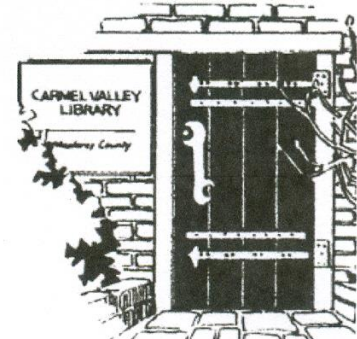
A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

You may have noticed that this Newsletter carries a "Non-Profit" stamp.

Because the CVHS membership continues to grow, we have met the Postmaster's requirement for 501(c)3 non-profit organizations "bulk mailings." This is a huge savings in the cost of our mailings and helps us keep our office expenses down. We want to personally thank all who have supported the Society over the years and as we near our "Grand Opening", I hope you will continue that support.

NEWS FROM THE CARMEL VALLEY LIBRARY

By Doug Pease



The "local figure" who uttered those astute directions was Harry Downie, 1903-1980. He was the Curator at Mission Carmel, and he was talking about restoring the Mission's walls and was quoted in "Soldiers, Scoundrels, Poets & Priests" by David McLaughlin. This book is at your library, as are many other books about the history of Mission Carmel. Check it out!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Darby Moss Worth and Bridget and James Booth. If you know of someone who would like to be a member, call Maxine Callinan for an application.

TO REACH US

If you have a story to share or need information on membership, tile orders or the Gigantic Rummage Sale, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038. We want to stay in touch with our members and always appreciate their ideas.

The history of Carmel Valley is filled with stories of ranchers and farmers and Indians. We want the History Center to reflect as many of those stories as possible, so if you have information we can use, please let us know. We can arrange for interviews and videos of long-time residents with their first-hand knowledge of living here to share with visitors to the Center.