

# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2010

## PROGRESS!

By Reggie Jones

As shown in the photograph, the Park Board has begun working to pave the parking lot adjacent to the History Center. CVHS is financially responsible for 8 of the approximately 24 total parking places. After extensive interaction with Cal Am, the Water Board, PG & E and the Park Board, and also selecting a sub contractor (Monterey Peninsula Engineering, MPE) to dig the required trenches, our contractor, Tim Scherer, (Regency Construction) has amassed all the necessary paperwork needed to move ahead and bring water, gas, electricity, telephone and TV cables into the History Center.

Trench excavation is expected to begin at the end of next week (June 18). The work will be coordinated with that for the parking lot paving so as to minimize duplication of effort. As a security measure, we plan to install external lighting, actuated by motion sensors, as an initial task after utilities are hooked up. Following this, we will begin the tasks remaining to complete the inside of the building—funds permitting!! We are deeply grateful for your encouragement and support.

## BOOK SALES ARE BRISK!

Congratulations Elizabeth Barratt on the very informative and positive article about your new book, "Images of America, Carmel Valley!" in The Herald on Friday, April 23rd. Thanks to Marc Cabrera's very nice review many Valleyites came to Borders Books in Sand City April 24th, and were delighted to meet the author and buy the book. That article may also be a reason her book was No. 1 on the Local Interest List of Best Sellers in The Herald on Sunday, May 2nd, and in the top five every Sunday thereafter.

In the past month she has given talks and slide shows about the book at the Carmel Foundation, at the Pilgrim's Way Bookstore, the Kiwanis, and the Monterey Corral of Westerners. Elizabeth will be presenting talks and selling book at the following places:  
June 25: Del Mesa, Library Room, lecture and slide show, 11:00 AM.  
July 10: Cooper House, a talk to docents at Garland Ranch.

She also has been asked to spend a couple of hours on Saturday mornings at

Rosie's Cracker Barrel for book sales and signings. Anyone wanting to purchase a copy can call Elizabeth at 831-659-2751, or 831-659-4211. You can also order online at [info@chesbrohouse.com](mailto:info@chesbrohouse.com) or by going to our blogspot at:

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

Richard Barratt is also available to speak to groups about the progress of the museum and about joining the Historical Society. Just call him at the above numbers.



## WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD

On Saturday, May 1st, Richard Gadd, Director of the Weston Gallery in Carmel, came out to the History Center and gave members of the Board some ideas regarding the use of space for the display of our artifacts. He spent an hour with us walking through the Center and suggesting different ways of using the wall space, putting emphasis on certain special displays, maximizing the use of corners and giving us tips to make the Center a source of interest for the whole Valley.

He showed us how to make the traffic flow easily and progressively through the Center, how to make a tour more interesting to field trips by students and gave us hints on making the best use of lighting. He pointed out some places where we could find many ideas on displays, storage and partition placements. We are very grateful for all of his information.



Photo by Reggie Jones



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR



## OUR DOLL COLLECTION

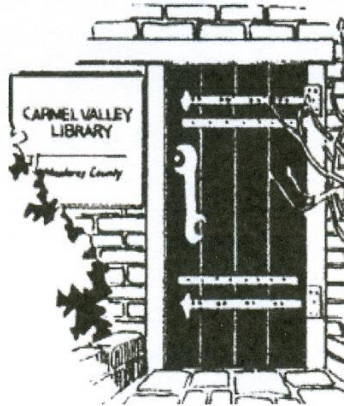
Many members will remember the Newsletter article in February 2007, about the wonderful donation of over 600 dolls from all over the world. These beautiful dolls were donated to the Society by Ernie and Annie Marshall and are currently lovingly displayed in the Marshall home. Each doll is identified with a tag, and has a history and photo preserved in notebooks.

Due to the declining health of Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Marshall has asked that the dolls now be carefully wrapped, cataloged and removed from his home. Maxine Callinan has contacted Neddra Shutts, who would be willing to hold a seminar to instruct volunteers from the Society on the proper wrapping and packing of each doll for storage. She would be available on a Thursday or Friday in July for this demonstration and it would last about 1 1/2 hours.

We need about 8 people who would be willing to be part of this project. It would require attending the seminar and then spending 2 or 3 days in July to work on the packing. Mr. Marshall has been most gracious in keeping the dolls at his home after the official donation, but it is now time for the Society to come forward and show our appreciation by carefully storing these dolls. We hope to have them completely packed by the end of July or early August.

If you would like to be a part of

this project, please call Maxine, at 659-4925. We hope to have the dolls finished by early August. Please consider being a part of this very interesting endeavor.



## NEWS FROM THE CARMEL LIBRARY

*Thirty years – and we didn't  
even celebrate....*

The doors of the present Carmel Valley Branch Library opened on February 5, 1980, in what had been the Buckeye Restaurant. Before settling in this building, the Library was located in Mrs. George Koch's home (1938), the Box Stall (1948) and the back of the Post office/Irene Baldwin's Real Estate building (1949). This last building now houses Lobos and Jim's Window Cleaning.

In 1958, the Library moved to the front of Mrs. Baldwin's building and increased the space in that building in 1967. In 1979, the Library finally moved to The Buckeye Building and opened their doors for business in early 1980. We have come a long way, haven't we?

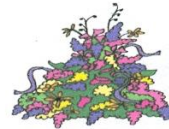
Friends of the Carmel Valley Library



## MATCHING GRANT UPDATE

You should have received a letter explaining the challenge for our members to match a grant donation of \$25,000, we received from the Linda Corr Foundation. It is our hope to raise another \$25,000 as soon as possible to help with the installation of the utilities in the Center, especially electricity. Many of our members have been most generous including a donation when they renewed their memberships. We would be happy to add your extra donation to our goal. Any amount toward matching this grant will bring us closer to finishing our Center and opening it to the public. We are happy to report that as of this writing, \$8,775, has been received to meet this challenge. We are very grateful to those donors, and hope you too will consider carefully making a donation to help us meet our task of doubling the Linda Corr Gift. Your donations can be sent to our P.O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, CA 93924-1612. And

Thank You!



## SPECIAL THANKS

A special note of thanks goes to Caroline Pritchard for her donation of a wonderful Mission table and six chairs for our Center's library. The table is about six feet long and made of solid oak – a beautiful addition for us. We are looking forward to using the table for the meetings of the Board of Directors in the future.

We also want to acknowledge Sidney Slade and Frank Quilty for thinking of the Society as Ms Slade works as executor for an estate in Carmel. The home is to be put on the market, but there were several items Ms Slade felt could be donated to our Gigantic Rummage Sale. We appreciate being the recipient of their generosity.



## BANK DONATION POLICIES

We received a donation from Romaner Strong, Jr. of \$100, in January, 2010. Mr. Strong inquired if his bank, JPMorganChase had a policy of matching donations to non-profit organizations. We received a matching donation about a month later. Does your bank or financial institution have a similar policy for non-profits? This could make our goal of raising the second \$25,000, come much faster. We would be glad to provide information about our status as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Donna Kneeland, a member of the Fund Builders Alliance, was hired by the Board of Directors to write grants for the Society. She works with many local organizations who are interested in furthering the efforts of non-profit organizations including the Community Foundation for Monterey County. She will continue to pursue opportunities for us through the year.



## GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

*It's sooner than you think!*

We'd like to remind you the Gigantic Rummage Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29, at Hidden Valley Seminars. There have been some donations already that might be of special interest to "early" buyers. Four large windows that would be ideal for an authentic remodel are being offered at \$100 each. Also available are two saddles. One is a 15 1/2" Western saddle, made by Crates, black tooled leather and beautifully done. It is valued at \$1,000,

and we would definitely consider another offer. The second saddle is made in Argentina, an English type, with all the fittings, and valued at \$150. If you want more information on then, please call Anne Mills at 659-3745.

When Holly Henson closed her shop in the Village, she donated many wonderful and intereseting items to our Sale and we send her our thanks.

If you have donations and you need the room now, remember the History Center will be open from 10:00 AM to noon on July 3rd. You can bring those items to the Center then or arrange for them to be picked up. The Center will also be open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the Carmel Valley Fiesta August 7-8, and from 10:00 AM to 12:00 every Saturday in August. We are looking for books, kitchen items, dishes, linens, small furniture, lamps, art work as well as horse tack, plants and jewelry. We cannot accept large furniture or appliances, electronics including TVs or computers. Call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, to arrange for pick-up or for any information about the Sale.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A big welcome to our new members Jim and Lucy Morris and Parker and Janel Hornbeck!

Do you know of someone who has expressed interest in joining the Society? Or would someone you know enjoy a gift membership? Please call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, for applications and any information you need about membership.

The Board of Directors voted in May to raise the membership dues. The new amounts are:

Individual	\$25	Family	\$35
Business	\$40	Lifetime	\$350

We need the support of all our members and we are hoping to have the whole community join the Society and enjoy the new History Center.

## THANKS, MR. ZABALA!

A big thank you to Luis Zabala for letting us store some very large cabinets in one of his buildings at the Zabala Vineyard for several years. Before our History Center was built, the cabinets were donated with the possibility of using them in our building for storage and/or display. They have now been moved to the Center and we appreciate Mr. Zabala letting us use this space for the past few years.



## JUNE PLUMLEE

Our thoughts and prayers are with June Plumlee, our "Saleslady Extraordinaire". June suffered a stroke about two months ago and her recovery has not been forthcoming. She is a delightful woman, warm and friendly, knows just about everyone in the Valley, full of the enjoyment of life. But sometimes even those attributes falter. We are all thinking of you, June.

## TO REACH US

If you have a story to share or need information about the Society, we want to hear from you. We have matching grant and tile order forms and membership applications available to send to you. If you have artifacts for our History Center or if you know of a long-time resident who has stories to tell about growing up here, we'd like to interview them. Please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or Sue Taylor at 659-2038. The installation of electricity in the Center is another step closer to opening the building to the public. Help us continue to move forward!