

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2011

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REVIEW

Our annual General Membership Meeting was held Saturday, March 5th, in the History Center Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Barratt. He introduced Ed and Dolores McGlochlin, their son Bruce and his wife, Marcia, who were here to make a presentation to the Society. Dolores is a founding member and was its first recording Secretary. The original meetings were held in Rosie's Cracker Barrel and Dolores remembers how residents would just drop in with pictures and stories to share about living in the Valley. Dolores and Ed have lived in the Valley for just under 50 years and raised their five children here.

The family wanted to donate the flag that had draped the casket of their son and brother, David, who was killed in Viet Nam, and asked that it be flown on holidays and displayed in the Center when it is open. Bruce then made this presentation of the flag:

"Thank you. My parents, Ed and Dolores McGlochlin, my sisters, Laurie, Linda, Joan and I, appreciate the opportunity to be here at the Annual Meeting of the Carmel Valley Historical Society. We would like to give you the flag that was presented to us at our brother David's funeral.

I joined the Coast Guard Reserve during my first year in college. Shortly after David graduated from high school, he announced that he was joining the Navy Reserve. He was happiest when he could be with people and help them in difficult times. This fact had an influence on his decision to become a Hospital Corpsman. While David was serving as a Corpsman in Japan he announced to us that he had been "drafted" by the Marines. His final assignment was the Marine Corp Outpost on Hill 38 at Nui Tac Huong. On January 10, 1968 at the beginning of the Tet offensive, the unit came under fire. David died that day, sacrificing his own life to save his buddies.

David enjoyed spending time with his friends in Carmel Valley. Weekends were the time to help his friends or to have a party. By flying his flag here at the History Center in Carmel Valley you will be honoring David's memory and letting everyone know that his spirit is still here in the Valley."

The Historical Society is immensely grateful for this honorable gift.

Richard then related the progress during the past year and what steps will be needed to complete the interior. From the ground-breaking on January 5, 2009, the building is now finished enough to hold the Board meetings as well as the past Christmas party

Treasurer Art Taylor gave a brief report on the finances for the year. The Society raised \$96,459.84 during the past year through grants, personal donations, the Gigantic Rummage Sale, floor tile sales and the royalties from Elizabeth Barratt's book, "Images of America: Carmel Valley." The Linda Corr Foundation gave us a grant of \$25,000, and members donated \$10,635 in matching funds.

The McGlochlin family, left, Bruce, Marcia, Dolores and Ed.



Photos by Reggie Jones

The tile sales this past year amounted to \$2,000. Personal donations including the royalties from the book totaled \$25,397.

In October, 2010, we received a grant of \$15,000 from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, who are sponsors of the AT&T National Pro-Am Golf Tournament. We were invited to participate in their "Birdies for Charity" event for the 2011 Tournament. Art explained our participation in this program that helps charities raise needed funds by adding a 15% bonus to any donation of \$20 or more and designated for a particular charity. The program is in its fourth year and raised \$267,547 from 1042 donors in 2011.

Our members contributed \$13,301 to the program and as a result, we will receive an additional 15% or \$1,995.50 for a total amount of \$15,296.50. Eighty-five charities took part this year and we hope to participate again next year.

Richard introduced the Board members who explained the particular part they play in help to keep things running smoothly. Richard asked for any nominations from the floor for the three vacancies on the Board. There were no nominations and Ruth Pryer Hardisty moved the Board be re-elected by acclamation. Trudi Hart seconded the motion and it was approved. We are fortunate to have several long-serving Board members who have agreed to stay on and see the History Center opened. He then asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience, and said the Board would be available after the meeting for any further discussion. He pointed out there were copies of Elizabeth's book available for sale and encouraged people to walk around the interior and see the

progress for themselves and enjoy the refreshments. He announced the next General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10, 2012. The meeting was then adjourned.



Art Taylor and Richard Barratt fold the flag for its proper storage.

CVHS INFLUENCE GOING WORLDWIDE!

In February we received a letter from Kent, England. Ian Graham and his family had rented a house on Robinson Canyon Creek in the 60's and 70's, and he was interested in knowing if the house was still standing and occupied. Maxine and her husband, Dan, took a trip out to the area described by Mr. Graham and were fortunate enough to speak with the present owner, Ruth Westcott. She said the property was now called Honey Hill Farm. While the house had been renovated, there was still a portion of it that dated back to 1889. Many of the old farm implements were still on the property and one apple and one pear tree from that time were still bearing. Maxine forwarded the information back to Mr. Graham. This letter gives solid credence to what our Historical Society is all about. It's quite exciting to learn the Society's fame has spread worldwide!



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome to our new members, Donna Zahn and Nancy Rushmer! We are always happy to spread our message in the Valley. As the Center gets closer to completion, we hope to have the whole Valley in our membership! If you know of someone who would like to join the Society, membership applications are always available from Chairman Maxine Callinan. Just call her at 659-4925, or to any answers about membership.

Our special thanks to Mary Jernegan for a very generous donation to the Building Fund. She and her husband, John, will be remembered on a plaque of donors that will be displayed in a prominent place in the Center.

Jane Galante, who was a notable benefactor to the Society passed away recently. She was a sponsor of the Cowboy Shows for many years and supported our goal of the History Center in the Village. Her son Jack, owner of Galante Vineyards, will continue the membership in her memory and we sincerely appreciate his support. Our sympathy goes to her family.

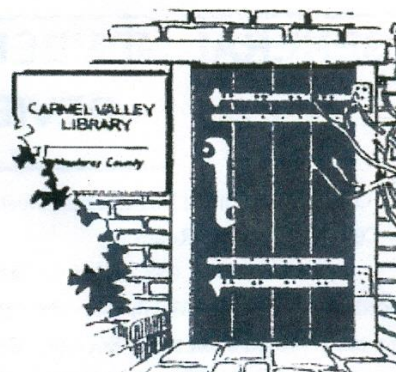
We want to let our members know our Board meetings are always open and we encourage your attendance. They are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM in the History Center.

It is our plan that the Society will become a vital part of the Valley and we want to address any ideas or concerns from our members as well as the business community in the Village.

If you'd like to attend a Board meeting, we ask that you call Richard at 659-2751, so he can allot you time on our agenda. The Board would like to meet you!

Copies of Elizabeth Barratt's book on the history of Carmel Valley can always be obtained by calling her at the number above. She will be glad to dedicate the book to anyone you choose and it makes a lovely and unique gift for anyone who has lived or spent time in the Valley.

NEWS FROM THE CARMEL VALLEY LIBRARY



By Doug Pease

The First Saturday Series continues at the Carmel Valley Library. Programs are free to the public and refreshments are served. Seating is first come, first served. The Library opens at 10:00 AM and the programs begin promptly at 10:15.

April 2

Elliot Ruckowits-Roberts, Poet and Director
Tor House Foundation
"Robinson Jeffers"

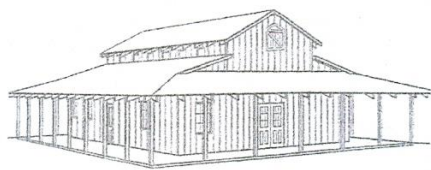
May 7

Dr. Bruce Weaver, Director,
Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy
(MIRA) "Current Events in Exo-planet
Discoveries" (planets beyond our solar
system).

June 4

Myra Goodman, Co-founder,
Earthbound Farms
"Savoring a sustainable Harvest"
(with recipe demonstrations)
Everyone is invited to attend these talks, which
are hosted by the Friends of the Carmel Valley
Library.





BUILDING NEWS

Have you stopped by the new History Center? The area in front of the building is paved and striped making parking very easy. If you came to the General Membership meeting on March 5th, you were able to see the progress that has been made inside through the winter. In our last newsletter, the name of the electrician working on the wiring for the Center was incorrect. He is Rick Herd, not Conlon. Mr. Conlon is the owner of Carmel Valley Electric. We regret the error.

While it may only look like a big, open, empty space right now, Mr. Herd and his crew have been working to put in the rough wiring throughout the building. He has been in close contact with our liaison, Reggie Jones, to install the wiring that will best facilitate all the displays, videos and research areas when the Center opens. Mr. Herd has not only suggested the best locations for lights, but the kinds of lights that would be the most efficient, and how to use certain fixtures to direct lights that will spotlight specific displays. We all appreciate his cooperation and work to insure our interests.

We also have the rough sheet metal work for our heating and ventilation installed. The next move will be to put in the insulation, then the sheetrock, the furnace and the lighting fixtures. We still have many steps to finish, but we are moving forward as our funds allow. When you get the chance, drive by the Center. You should be pleasantly surprised.



GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER

The annual Gigantic Rummage Sale will be held a little later this year - September 10th and 11th. Thanks to Peter Meckle, we will be able to hold it again in Hidden Valley Seminars. The Sale will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday. We are looking for all your gently used articles - books, kitchen items, lamps, small appliances, linens, small furniture, garden items and plants, horse tack - to make our sale another successful event. When you do your spring cleaning and clearing, think of this sale. If you need help in bringing the donations to the sale, please call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, to arrange for pickup.



We are very much in need of some storage space for our Sale donations. If you have a safe, unused garage or a covered area that we could use for these items, we would be very grateful. Until the History Center interior is completed, we have been asked not to bring in extra items so as to keep the building interior open for workmen. We would need easy access to your space and we would be very careful of your property. If you have space we could use, please call Maxine.

The Sale is one of the most important fund-raisers for the Society. During the past years, the Sale has raised over \$72,000 for our Building Fund! This event is one way our members can "get involved" by donating their items for the Sale and taking part in the organizing of these welcome donations. It has always been a very social and heart-warming weekend, so please look for things you no longer use and give us a call. And mark your calendar for some terrific bargain hunting!



CONGRATULATIONS, PETER!

On February 19th, at a dinner sponsored by the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce and held at the Community Center, our friend and ardent supporter of the Society, Peter Meckle, was honored with the annual "Good Egg" award. This honor is given every year to an outstanding citizen of Carmel Valley and couldn't have been given to a more deserving person. Our past President, Ellsworth Gregory and his late wife, Janna were recipients of this prestigious award several years ago. Ellsworth presented the "Egg" to Peter.

Peter is the owner and all-round manager of Hidden Valley Seminars. His generosity has seen the Historical Society hold the Cowboy Shows there for many years and more recently, our Gigantic Rummage Sales have been held in the auditorium. This Valley Conference Center is also host to many Elderhostels and musical seminars including master classes with distinguished artists.

The Society is very proud of the work Peter has done in making Hidden Valley Seminars the center of the Village for gatherings of many local organizations and visitors. Our hats off to a very worthy citizen of Carmel Valley!

TO REACH US

If you have a question, a story to share or just need information about the Society, please call Richard at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038. We will be glad to answer your questions or steer you to someone who can give you more information.