

# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## General Membership Meeting

On March 10, the General Membership Meeting was held in the Conference Room in the History Center. Chairman Richard Barratt opened the meeting by introducing Linda Yamane who is an expert on Indian history of the Valley. He then introduced the members of the Board of Directors.

Art Taylor, Treasurer, gave a report on the finances of the Society, listing the income and the expenses during the past year, and the expected costs to finish the building. Special thanks was given to Roy Kaminske for his donation of \$10,000 in memory of his wife, Jeanelle, to Elizabeth Barratt for donating the royalties from her book that totaled \$2,451 to date. The Birdies for Charity participation brought in \$13,415. He emphasized our involvement in the Village being members of the Chamber of Commerce and CVVIC. Art outlined the work that our contractor, Tim Scherer of Regency Construction, has directed and the extra lengths he has gone to in obtaining special prices on the carpeting and the bathroom tile.

Art thanked all the members of the Society for their support and participation in the fund-raising activities that made this History Center possible. Over \$520,000 has been spent on the building so far, and would not have been possible without our members' support and their belief in our goal.

Maxine Callinan, Membership chairman, announced the dates for the fund-raising events that will be coming during the year including a Fashion Show, the Gigantic rummage Sale and a cooperative event with CVVIC in September to be held at Hidden Valley Seminars.

Reggie Jones called attention to the carpet tiles ready for installation the next week and the tile wall just to the left of the main entrance. He said he is working on another section for the tile wall. Reggie explained our relationship with the Park and Recreation Board has had its ups and downs, and urged members to come to their monthly meeting on March 14th to support the Society's desire to get use permit from the County so events can be held in the Center.

Elizabeth Barratt said her book is on sale at dentist Dr. Steve Austin's office and at the Business Center. She is available to groups and organizations for talks on her book along with an interesting slide show about it. To get in touch with her call 659-2751 or email her at

[hrhandqe3@gmail.com](mailto:hrhandqe3@gmail.com).

Ellsworth Gregory welcomed members and pointed out he had chaired the annual Cowboy Show for 16 years that helped raise over \$100,000, for the Society.

Stephanie Culbert told everyone she has been carefully cataloging the events of the Society in albums with pictures, copies of newsletters and information gathered from other organizations and residents about the history of the Valley.

Maurice Wolfe, the newest Board member but who has been a Society member since 1989, has experience in setting up a museum and will be of great help as we go forward. He felt the education of residents and especially students should be priority one.

A question of renting out the building for events came from Penny Wood. Rules for doing this have not been formulated and won't be until the use permit is obtained.

Members were then urged to explore the building and if there were any questions to ask a Board member. The meeting was formally adjourned at 3:30 PM. The Board thanks all of you for making your voices heard.

## History Center News

By Reggie Jones

Our Building Contract with Regency Construction is 99.9% complete. Some routine inspections need to be done and the contract will be complete --- except for some unpaid bills.

As anyone who has looked at the building can see, Regency's work has been outstanding. We are very grateful for this and for the debt they have willingly carried to finish the task. Our next tasks are to install a stove in the kitchen and put bookcases in the office/library. The latter will enable us to catalog and display the more-than-400 Carmel Valley history books which have been faithfully collected for many years by our librarian Stephanie Culbert.

Finally, we need to get an Occupancy Permit. To do this we are working with the Park Board trying to resolve Parking Lot paving cost issues, talking to Supervisor Dave Potter regarding Traffic Fee waiver. Dianne Woods is generously working on landscaping requirements.

Have you seen the panel of engraved tiles on the wall of the building? It has received nothing but rave reviews.



## The Tile Panel



But it has occasioned several "Where is my tile?" questions. We now have put up an identical adjacent panel with 35 8"x8" and 105 4"x8" tiles. However we need orders for 5 more 8x8 tiles to complete the panel. These are available by calling Reggie Jones at 659-4338 for order forms. The 8"x8" tiles are \$250 for family and friends and \$400 for businesses and corporations. The 4"x 4" tiles are \$100 for families and \$200 for businesses. Our tiles are a wonderful way to honor those people who mean so much to you and who should always be remembered. Or maybe you have a short favorite saying that has a special meaning to you. Do you have a loyal pet who's name will always bring you fond memories? Since the tiles have been installed on a protected wall they will have a place in Carmel Valley history for years to come.

For subsequent panels we'll change the layout to accommodate more 4x4s. Be sure to stop at the Center the next time you're in the Village or in the park walking the dog, and see the newly installed tile panels. they have been put together mostly in the order in which they were purchased starting from the top left tile, the first one purchased by Ken Bizzini.

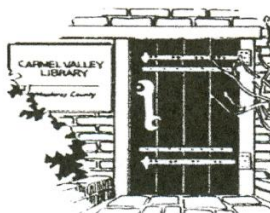
We're sure you can find yours and maybe find the ones your friends and neighbors bought. This is a truly unique construction.

Please consider buying or helping us sell more tiles. Read the varied inscriptions that have been chosen. There's room for many more.

## A LIBRARY GALA!

By Doug Pease

We want to include you in our We want to include you in our centennial celebration on Saturday, April 28. When you see our flyer around town, imagine what it must have been like to wait for your librarian to reach your ranch riding her burro. Think ahead to the present and ask yourself, "How many libraries do I know can position staff behind a wine bar?" Then think into the future and ask yourself "What's next?"



We look forward to seeing you at the party on the 28th. Admission is free... ours is a branch of Monterey County Free Libraries, but we hope you will participate by sharing what the library—any library—has meant to you in your life. Do you remember the Buckeye? Did you help in moving the Carmel Valley Branch from Mrs. Baldwin's Real Estate Office to our current location? Did you participate in the Summer Reading Program? Did the library help you find a job or plan a trip or learn a language? Are you a Friend of the Carmel Valley Library (any donation makes you a Friend for a year)? Was there a book that changed the way you see the world? Come tell us so we can add your story to our history... and bring the grandkids.

April

*the angel of the months, the  
young love of the year.*

Vita Sackville-West

## Our Thanks!

We sincerely thank the Board of Trustees of the Barnet Segal Charitable Trust for their generous grant of \$15,000, to our Building Fund. This gift will be of enormous help as we work on the cataloging and organizing of our artifacts and books for future exhibits and displays. Our past President Ellsworth Gregory was instrumental in explaining to the Board of Trustees our desire to make the History Center a vital place in the Village and a source of interest and information for the many students in this area.

We also want to thank Joanne Millard for her gift of \$300. Joanne was a long-time resident of the Valley and she and her late husband, Malcolm, owned the Boronda Adobe for many years. The Society was privileged to hold several picnics on those historic grounds. She now lives in Reno, NV, but continues her membership and interest in seeing the History Center up and running. Joanne, be sure to stop by for a tour the next time you're in town.

## Membership Notes

A big WELCOME to our new members Ron and Dorothy Allen, Wendy Geiger and Julia Batchev! As we move steadily toward the opening of the History Center, we hope all our members will stop by to see what a wonderful building their donations and support have made possible. Did you know we have over 235 members of the Society? And we are always looking for more. For membership forms and any information you would need about becoming a member, please call Maxine Callinan, at 659-4925.

When you have questions or suggestions for us, consider coming to a Board meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Center. Just call Reggie Jones at 659-4338 to get on the agenda.





## IN MEMORIA

The Society is much smaller right now after the death of Rod Mills. He was a quiet man who believed in the beauty of the Valley, the protection of animals and worked very hard to see both those beliefs were preserved. Rod and his wife, Anne, worked tirelessly for over eight years on our annual Gigantic Rummage Sale, collecting, storing and pricing all donations throughout the year.

While he lived in Carmel Valley he was a president of the Carmel Valley Association, the Big Sur Land Trust and many other civic organizations. He was one of those "doers" who work so hard to keep this Valley beautiful but never seek any public recognition of his efforts. Both Rod and Anne will be missed by all of us.

We are also saddened by the death of Anna Marie Marshall on March 3rd. She was truly a friend of the Society and we will forever be grateful for the donation of her amazing doll collection that her husband, Ernie brought home to her when he traveled throughout the world.

Anna was a very learned lady earning a Masters degree in Microbiology at Purdue University. She met Ernie, her husband of 65 years at Purdue and they embarked on a life of travel, involvement as volunteers in community affairs and hosting international students from countries such as Argentina, France, Germany and Japan. Ernie traveled extensively for Union Carbide Co. and wherever he was, he collected a doll dressed in native costume and indicative of the country he visited. They carefully cataloged the dolls which numbered over 600 when they were donated to the Society. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Our condolences also to the family of Richards Heuer on the death of his wife, Mystia, "Feesie." Dick was a founding member of the Historical Society, and was once the owner of the Carmel Valley Sun. He and Feesie were always present at our Christmas parties and supported the Society's building of the History Center. Feesie had a wonderful sense of humor and was at ease with all the people she met. She will be missed by her family and by the Society.

## The Carmel Valley

### Borondas

By Elizabeth Barratt

Today, when we refer to the Boronda Adobe, we must clarify there are three Boronda Adobes. There is the first one, built by Manuel Boronda in Monterey, is located at the end of Boronda Lane, off Fremont St. The adobe home of his son, José Eusebio Boronda, is located on Boronda Road in north Salinas. Lastly, then there is the one we are familiar with, the home of his son, José Manuel Boronda, located on Boronda Road in Carmel Valley. José Manuel Boronda was born September 5, 1803. Records are sketchy, with one source claiming he was born at Santa Clara another in Santa Barbara. He married Juana Cota on May 2, 1821 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey. Juana was born in Santa Barbara December 28, 1805. Her parents were Manuel Antonio Cota and Maria Gertrudis Romero.

In 1839, the José Manuel Boronda family acquired the 6, 625-acre Rancho Los Laureles in Carmel Valley. They were not the first grantees. The tract had first been granted to José Antonio Romero in 1835. But, four years later, it was re-granted to José Manuel Boronda and Vicente Blas Martinez, along with José Manuel's son, Juan de Mata Boronda, who was about age 18 or 19 at the time. In 1840, José Manuel, Juana, and 13 of their eventual 15 children, settled on the rancho,

becoming the first permanent settlers in Carmel Valley. The Boronda adobe at first had only three rooms. Floors were of dirt and the thatched roof was tied on with rawhide strips. The house had been enlarged from a smaller dwelling used by an Indian family who oversaw mission cattle. Other sources have claimed that there were two separate adobe buildings on the property. The Boronda family's grant, Rancho los Laureles was said to be named for a large bay laurel which grew near the present Los Laureles Lodge on Carmel Valley Road.

The Rancho los Laureles land grant was bounded to the east by the Los Tularcitos Rancho, near the present Carmel Valley Village. On the west, it bordered the James Meadows Tract near the boundary of today's Garland Ranch. The north-south boundaries of the vast grant stretched from the top of Laureles Grade, sweeping across the valley floor to the top of Sniveley's Ridge.

## Coming Events

Every year we hold our Gigantic Rummage Sale and this year it'll be held on the weekend of **August 25-26, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**.

As you look around your home and yard with an eye to making some changes or replacing things, remember our Sale and set aside those items you no longer use. We are planning to hold the Sale in the History Center this year. Beginning in June, the Center will be open from 10:00 AM to noon each Saturday to receive your donations.

Big plans are also in the works for **September 15th**, in cooperation with CVVIC!

It's a "Party in the Village" to be held at Hidden Valley Seminars, and will feature some great Country Western music, silent and live auctions and a time to kick up your heels and dance the evening away! Festivities will begin at 6:00 PM and go on until at least 10:00 PM. Watch this space for more details, but definitely mark your calendar for this big celebration and evening of fun!