

CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

September 2012

Gigantic Rummage Sale Scores Again!

Our 14th Gigantic Rummage Sale was a big success! We hope you had a chance to come out and take advantage of the bargains we had to offer and to see the new building. Many of our friends dropped by to shop and visit and so many of you made nice comments about our Center – we were delighted to see all of you!

It is a lot of work to put together our Sale and we are fortunate to have a group of the same volunteers who come out early and often to help set up, price and generally make it a time to enjoy. We couldn't have done it without Maxine Callinan who did the over-all organizing of the Sale, separating and pricing the items and seeing that donations were picked up and brought to the Center.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the rest of you who helped us put everything together and to see it all ran smoothly. Sue Pius, who is an experienced trooper for the Society, brought together the cashiers and helpers and personally checked out the table displays on the Sale days. She was our “go-to” person for all the answers and bargaining decisions and it certainly paid off to the tune of over \$7,000! Many thanks, Sue!

There are many others who gave of their time and effort (and some even found their own special treasures!) Hats off to:

Barbara Babcock	Elizabeth Barratt
Richard Barratt	Jennifer Boen
Lance Boen	Marshall Boen
Nakota Boen	Beverley Brownell
Martha Campbell	Dinny Craviott
Susan Francis	Ellsworth Gregory
Ruth Prior Hardisty	Anne Jones
Reggie Jones	Judi King
Francesca Koumarianos	Ellen McGrath
Jack McKay	Gloria Rodda
Art Taylor	June Taylor
Cheri Van Bibber	Penny Wood

Also many thanks to those who loaned us their tables.

The Community Center	Stephanie Culbert
David Fairhurst	Karin Strasser-Kauffmann
Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club	

PARTY IN THE VILLAGE CONCERT AND BARN DANCE!

The Society is joining forces with CVVIC to produce the “Party in the Village”, a great evening of sensational western music and a chance to test your dancing skills! Saturday, October 13th, at Hidden Valley Seminars, the California Cowboys will be the main attraction with special guest Bobby Black on the pedal steel guitar.

Local groups Heartstrings and the Hay Boys will start off the evening by lifting your spirits and getting those toes tapping. It promises to be an exceptional evening of fun for everyone.

The Carmel Valley Kiwanis will man the no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the evening. There will be a Silent Auction featuring certificates for meals, sports lessons, lodgings and more! Also included in the Auction are some of the best wines around. And we'll have a raffle for a whole barrel of wines! Plus another barrel of selected beers!

You can be a part of the festivities by:

1. Sponsoring a band member.
2. Giving a gift certificate from your business for our Silent Auction.
3. Offer a **Day-of-Event Dining or Wine Tasting Special**, which we will advertise in area papers. (Let's draw even more folks to our Village!)
4. Contributing **beer or wine** for the raffle.
5. Making a financial contribution (any amount is welcome, but \$250 brings sponsorship recognition).

Sponsorship forms and advance tickets, at \$35 each, are available on our Website, www.partyinthevillage.org. All donations will be acknowledged at the **Party in the Village!**

This is a benefit for both the Historical Society and CVVIC to help them in their goal to make our Village a truly remarkable place to visit, shop and explore. Tickets can also be purchased at Hacienda Hay and Feed, The Running Iron and the Carmel Valley Business Service plus the UPS Store at MidValley Center, Do Re Mi Music in Carmel and the Feed Trough in Salinas.

The committee wants to bring together businesses and residents to celebrate the fall season and to enjoy some really terrific country music. Any questions? Call 831-659-9419. Plan to make this evening a “must-do” on your calendar!

Early Inhabitants in Carmel Valley

By Elizabeth Barratt

During a severe 1993 winter storm, a cluster of ancient bedrock mortars was discovered, nestled as it had been for centuries into the base of a cliff edging the Carmel River State Beach at Stewart's Cove. Here, where the Carmel River meets the Pacific Ocean, the wave-washed rocks revealed a find which surprised archaeologists with its evidence of previously undocumented native activity at the site.

Thousands of years ago, along the course of the Carmel River, life was lush with fish, animals and vegetation. The first dwellers of Carmel Valley, the Esselen in the upper valley and the Rumsen in the lower reaches, led a largely self-sustaining existence. The climate was congenial, providing quantities of seasonal food gathered by men, women and children. The small groups, called tribelets lived by a yearly cycle. They collected acorns and grasses, and caught fish from the abundant river with nets, harpoons and basket traps. They hunted for deer and fowl along the valley floor. Along the coast shellfish such as mussels, clams and crabs were available in great seasonal supply, as was salmon and waterfowl at the mouth of the river. Even beached whales were reportedly consumed with gusto.

For millennia, these native inhabitants led a relatively stable way of life, living in dome-shaped woven rush huts in *rancherías*, or villages, which they moved occasionally for sanitary reasons. They migrated between the coast and valley according to the season. For dress, the men either went naked or wore a short covering of rabbit or similar skin, the women dressed in an apron made of twisted cords reaching to the knees. Cultural finds at Tassajara and at a Carmel River site show these early peoples used tools such as mortars, pestles, scrapers, and awls. Esselen rock shelter and cave art in the form of carefully drawn images of hands has been found at remote locales in the Los Padres Forest. Linguistically the groups spoke so many distinct dialects that residents of one village might not recognize the language of their neighbors.

After Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio Carmelo was founded in 1771, Spanish padres began their missionary quest to gather members of neighboring tribal groups, convert them to Christianity and bring them to live in the mission compound. There, the neophytes were put to work doing chores or making crafted goods. Others were sent into the valley to cultivate the mission-controlled farms. For these first, free peoples of Carmel Valley, life was changed

forever.

Elizabeth Barratt's book, "images of America: Carmel Valley" is still available by emailing her at: hrhandqe3@gmail.com. She has graciously donated all the proceeds from the book to the Society and we are very grateful.

Membership Notes

A big warm welcome to Julie Cason and Lisa Crawley as well as Arthur and Kate Latimer, our newest members. We want to encourage everyone who lives in the Valley and beyond to join us and be part of our history. If you have friends or neighbors who are not yet members, let us know and we'll send them an application along with our latest newsletter. Call Membership chairman, Maxine Callinan at 659-4925.

Ellsworth Gregory represented us at the recent Ranch Round Up, September 8-9, where he was able to hand out some membership applications and tile order forms. He also put up a display some of our pictures of the Valley from years past for the ranchers to enjoy and maybe spot their own ranch. Elizabeth joined him with her books for sale and we appreciate both of you helping to spread the word about the Society.

Articles and Artifacts

Several of our members have indicated they have articles from their family or friends that are relevant to the Valley and would be part of our history. As we make progress on organizing our artifacts, we will be asking to see those articles and deciding if and how they can be used in our Center.

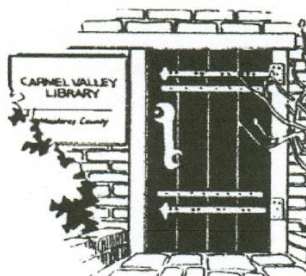
It would be most helpful if you knew how the article was used, or any story pertaining to it. Such as a favorite rocking chair that was used by one's Grandfather after a day in the fields and it had a particular spot in the house or on the porch. We know there are tools and implements in many places that are standing idle now. Who used them? If you know of an event where a tool, a piece of furniture, a special tablecloth was an integral part, we'd like to know about it.

Please call Elizabeth Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038, and tell us about it. We will work with you so we can make our historical exhibits more meaningful to all our residents.

When our History Center is open, you will be able to enjoy the many historical albums of pictures, newspaper articles and stories that have been gathered over the years by our Librarian,

Stephanie Culbert. She has been diligent in collecting the books for our research library, but she has gone beyond that to find the facts and history of how Carmel Valley is connected to the rest of the Monterey Peninsula. She has spent many hours making these albums easy to read and enjoy, especially for our local students.

Stephanie, we salute all your efforts!



News From The Carmel Valley Library

On October 6th, at 10:15 AM, the First Saturday series will present John Burk, a retired Russian Specialist for a free lecture on the current events in Russia today. With the tumult in the Middle East and the re-election of Vladimir Putin, Mr. Burk's insights should prove to be very interesting. The lecture is free to all and refreshments will be served following the talk.

The Friends of the Library offer a unique Wine Tasting Experience on Saturday, November 17th, at 5:30 PM, at Hidden Valley Theater. The evening includes "The Insights of Wine Maker," a special talk by Rich Tanguay, Wine Master. There will be a wine seminar and tasting, hors d'oeuvres buffet and glass of wine, with additional wine available at \$5 a glass. Plus there will be a Silent Auction of fabulous wines.

Tickets are \$35 each or reserve a table of eight for \$240. Tickets can be purchased at the Carmel Valley Library and at Casa Del Sol on Center Avenue. The event benefits Friends of the Carmel Valley Library and promises to be an evening to remember.

Grants and Donations

Our sincere thanks to the Yellow Brick Road Thrift Shop for their generous grant of \$2,000, for our History Center. We also extend our thanks to the Carmel Valley Association for their donation of \$500, in memory of long-time member and Society benefactor, Rod Mills and to Sue Pius for her magnanimous gift "for the privilege of working with you wonderful people" - her words. As we move forward to the second phase of the Center, these donations will help in the cataloging, organizing and display designs

prior to our opening. We deeply appreciate their support.

When passing the History Center, have you noticed the new tile frame? It has plenty of room for your very own tile.

Our intent is to put tiles in these frames all around the building, so we ask you to consider remembering a family member, a friend, or a pet with their own special tile.

You can pick up a tile order form from the rack near the new frame, or call Reggie Jones, at 659-4338, and he will send you one. Tile sales are an on-going fund-raiser and we need your support.

In Memoria

Carmel Valley has lost a very dedicated and special woman with the death of Pat Sandstrom on September 2nd. She made a difference in many lives in Monterey and Carmel as well as the Valley. She gave of her time to Meals on Wheels, the Carmel Valley Women's Club, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and the Historical Society. Pat was an advisor to our Board of Directors and offered some excellent ideas on moving forward with the building, ways to fund-raise and suggestions on how to make the Center an important part of the Village. We will miss her very much. All of us send our sympathy to Allan (Sandy) Sandstrom and his family.

Did you know that

you can remove all the worm and bug spots from your windshields by rubbing them with a moist pad or an onion mesh bag dipped in baking soda?

if you get one of those multi-drawer nut and bolt containers, you can save the seeds from spent flowers for next spring? (Be sure to mark the drawers).

that it is easier to avoid temptations than it is to resist them?

Moving Forward

Things are beginning to happen in the Center! Elizabeth Barratt has donated several bookcases for our Conference Room/Library and Elinor Avila and Dorothy Becker will be resuming the cataloging of our collection of books.

Dan and Maxine Callinan have donated a computer which means we will be able to begin cataloging the artifacts that will comprise our historical exhibits. This is a very important step in setting up the Center as a working museum and telling the history of Carmel Valley. Our thanks for all this wonderful help.