

A Message from the President, Kim Williams

I hope to see you all on Saturday, April 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 at our **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**. Come and see what's been happening at the History Center. Our volunteers have worked very hard and we can say that last year was a very successful year.

Speaking of **VOLUNTEERS**: "What," do you wonder, "do our volunteers do?" Here are some job descriptions that will help you decide where you could get involved.

Collections: The Collections Committee oversees the intake, documentation, preparation and archival storage of historic documents, printed material such as library reference books and newspapers, photographs, posters and historic articles and furnishings. They meet Monday afternoons from 1:00-3:30 along with our invaluable office assistant, Krissy Huston, who inputs the collection data into a computer program designed especially for museums.

Exhibits: The Exhibits Committee oversees the development of displays that depict and interpret the rich heritage of the Valley. A Society curator works with subject-matter experts and community volunteers to develop a storyline using artifacts, archival materials and photographs from the Society's collection and other sources. Curiosity about a topic is the only necessary requirement. Payback is having fun with the process and the satisfaction of bringing an idea to life for the community to enjoy.

Facilities: Just like any home, the History Center periodically must be cleaned inside and out. The area around it must be picked up and the windows and walkways cleaned. Typical inside tasks are cleaning the rug, display cabinets, kitchen, and toilet areas. Additional workroom tasks are tending to the computer and printers.

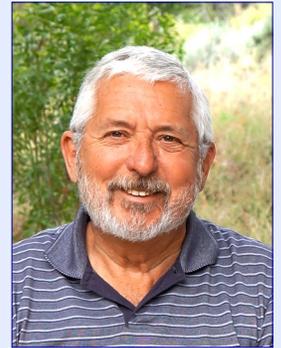
Board: The Board meets once a month on the first Wednesday to monitor all the functions of the society, make decisions about the operation of the organization, and set direction and policy per recommendations from the various committees.

Fundraising: Since money is needed to operate and develop new exhibits, we are always looking for creative ways to raise money. Our annual *Party in the Village!* dinner/dance/auction raises a considerable amount. We apply for grants for major exhibits. Our honorarium and memorial Tile Project also generates funds for the society.

Newsletter: Published quarterly, members write or recommend articles. The newsletter is formatted using Microsoft Publisher. When it arrives from the printer volunteers ready the 700+ copies for mailing and take it to the post office.

Docents: Docents provide a warm welcome and a smile for visitors to the History Center. The museum is open on the weekends: Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am to 2:00-pm.

So, give us a call and let us know how you want to be involved!



Kim Williams

Volunteers in Action



Docent Coordinator Maxine Callinan (left) provides training for Sandy Schachter and Dave Burbidge, our newest docents.

Maxine would love to have the opportunity to help YOU become involved in our docent program. Docents typically work one shift a month when the museum is open.

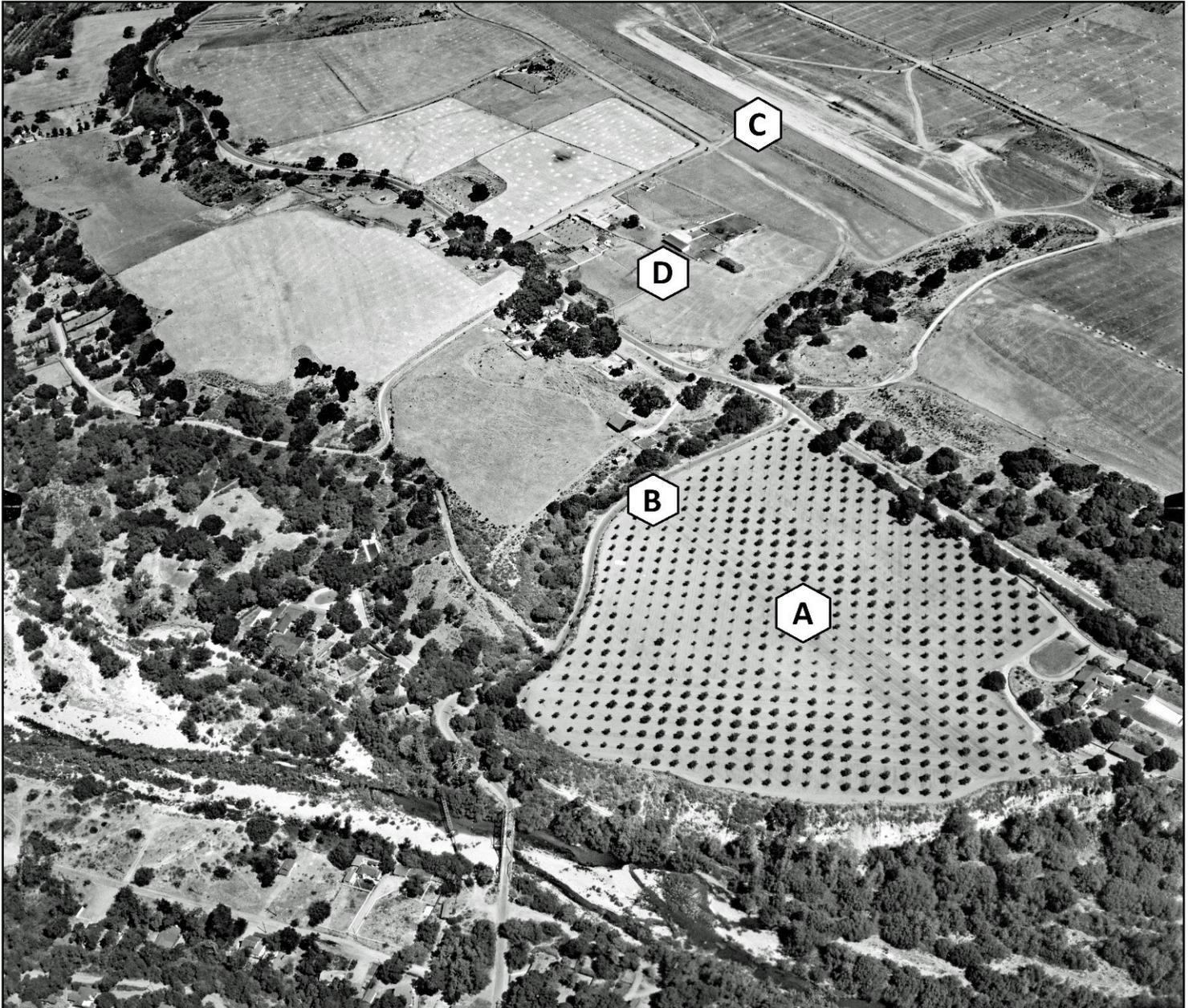


Exhibits Committee co-chair Cherie Ohlson updates docents at the recent docent get-together. From left Brenda Lambert, Sue Pius, Sandy Schachter, Dave Burbidge, Maxine Callinan (in rear), Patty Armstrong, Cherie Ohlson, Tom Augustitus.

Carmel Valley Village – the Early Days

By Jeff Ohlson

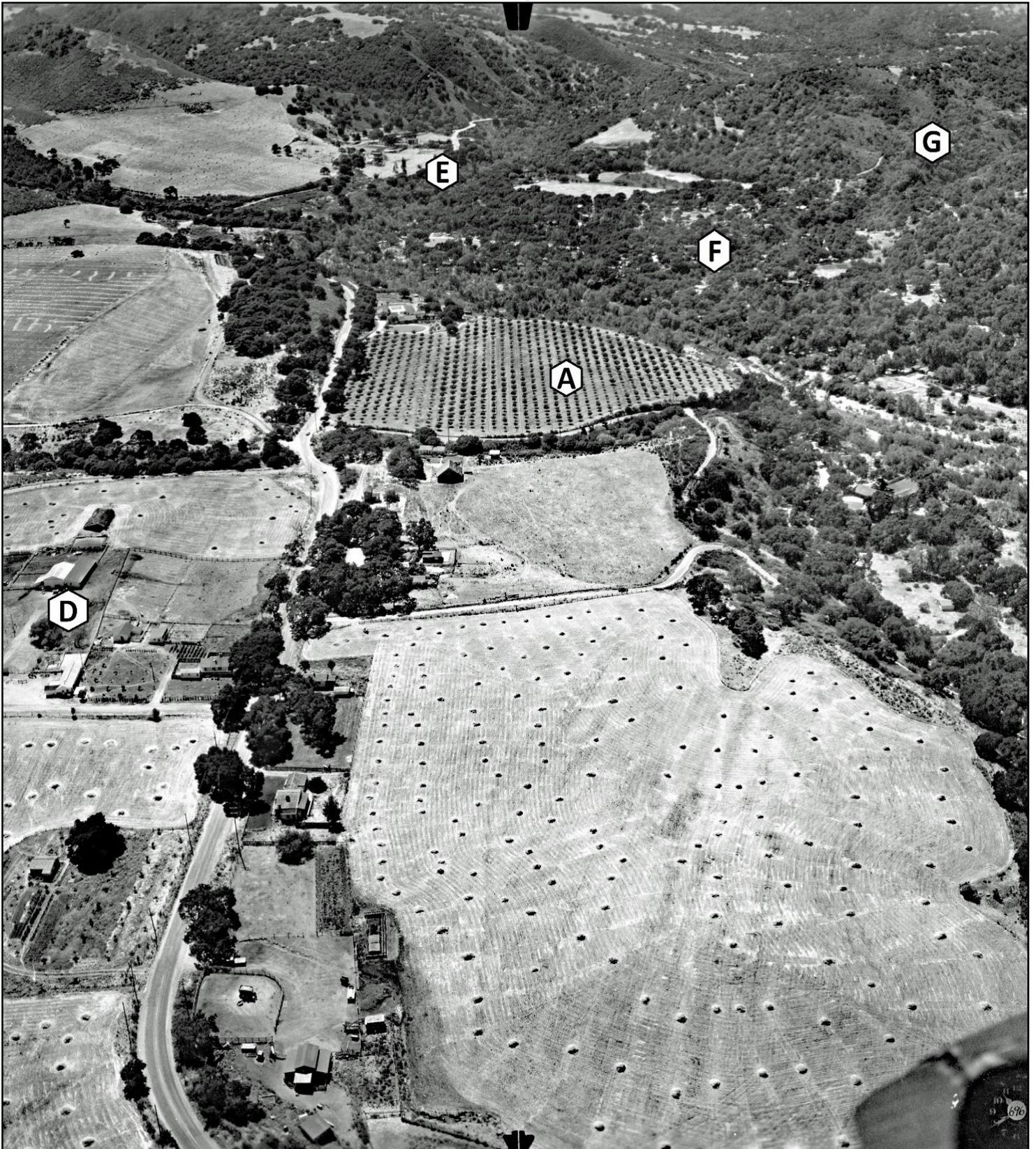
Have you ever imagined how the Village may have looked in days gone by? These two historic aerial photos show how the Village looked in the early 1940s. Post WWII development would eventually displace its serene fields of hay, orchards, and open spaces with the familiar structures of today. Looking back in time shows us how much our landscape has changed while the future holds yet more change in its grip.



Looking northwest from Robles del Rio, Mrs. Dalton's walnut orchard (A) is prominently seen east of Robles Road (now Esquiline Road) (B). The airfield (C) was just a few years old and Frank DeAmaral's dairy barn (D) has yet to become Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Familiar places like the Airway Village, Post Office, Blue Sky Lodge, and White Oaks Condos were yet to be constructed.

The bridge crossing the Carmel River can be seen at the bottom center of the photo – now known as Rosie's Bridge on Esquiline Road. The old water trestle can be seen just west of this bridge – its water was pumped from the old Robles del Rio water well adjacent to the bridge up to the Village and Monterey. The bridge was washed away in the 1958 flood event and the pumping station is now owned by CalAm.

Carmel Valley Village – the Early Days



Looking east over the Village's bygone hay fields – in the distance is Mrs. Dalton's walnut orchard (A), Rancho Carmelo Dude Ranch and the Bucket Tavern (E), Camp Steffani (F), Double H Ranch (G), and other memorable landmarks. Frank DeAmaral's dairy barn (D) can be seen on the left of the photo. To the left of Carmel Valley Road, roads now named Via Contenta, El Caminito, and Pilot can be seen. To the right of Carmel Valley Road, Esquiline and Paso Hondo are visible.

Financial Contributions (November, December, January)

General Fund: Maxine Callinan, Douglas & Susan Gardner, Christopher Harrold, Trudi Hart, Dick Heuer, Jeff & Cherie Ohlson, Nancy Porter, Robert Talbot, Suzanne Taunt, Art & June Taylor, John & Priscilla Walton, Warren & Penny Wood, Luis & Joan Zabala

In Memoriam Andy Case: Maxine Callinan, Sally McIver, Pam & Shev Aguilar, Reggie & Anne Jones, Louetta Langley, Jeff & Cherie Ohlson, Kay O'Neill, Karin Stasser Kauffman, John & Gail Stypula, Lorna Sheveland, Jennifer Smith, Billy Pat & Mary Ann Williams, Kim & Christine Williams

Grants: The Yellow Brick Road Foundation

Tiles: Timothy Condon, Laurrie Pike

Donations: Documents, Photos, Artifacts, Library Materials (November, December, January)

Elizabeth Barratt: Book, California: A History

Les Girard: Various historical items pertaining to Girard family history in the Upper Carmel Valley: branding iron, child's highchair, historic Tularcitos District School Trustees' Records and School Register, cattle and bank registers, and a packet of information and photo pertaining to the Old Tularcitos School Reunion which took place in 1998 at Robles del Rio Lodge

Cherie Ohlson: Business card from Gardiner's Resort "Cheryl Fournier, General Manager"

Margaret Nielsen: Envelope containing 2.5' x 2.5"

black and white photos of various Carmel Valley business persons, era = 1950s or 60s

Randy Randazzo: 21x17 framed print of Dennis the Menace cartoon by Hank Ketcham, drawn for the 1990 CV Fiesta : Dennis pictured in front of Rosie's Cracker Barrel saying, "Can we stick around 'til dark, Dad? I wanna see 'em roll up the sidewalks.."

Carmel Valley Association via Kim & Christine Williams: 9 oral history DVDs: from Carmel Valley Association's "Carmel Valley Voices" lecture series featuring interviews with various locals on topics pertaining to Carmel Valley

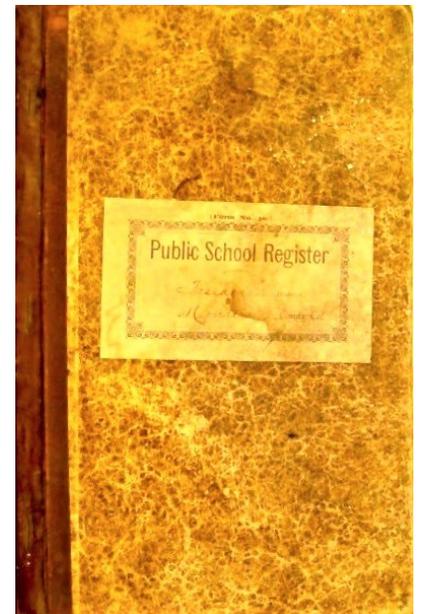
(Tassajara, from page 1) seem mind-boggling today. School commenced at 9:00 AM with singing, accompanied by the teacher on a pump organ. Language and spelling followed, then a 15-minute recess at 10:45. Arithmetic took up the next hour until lunchtime. Classes resumed at 1:00 PM with reading for the lower grade pupils, geography and writing, then recess at 2:45. Reading resumed for the upper grades at 3:00, followed by history, physiology, and civil government.

On Friday afternoons the schedule often switched to drawing, bookkeeping, and memory selections, such as poetry. Older students helped instruct the younger ones. When ninth graders attended school, their extra coursework included algebra, geometry and physics. School was over for the day at 4:00 PM except for Fridays, when class ended at 3:30.

In such a small district, meeting school expenses was a source of constant vigilance. When the district fell short of funds to meet the teacher's salary, the term was cut short. Repairs were sometimes put off due to the costs of student vaccinations, extra textbooks or firewood supplies.

It wasn't all hard work, of course. In August 1897, anticipating a number of absences, the Trustees declared a two-day vacation. The nonattendance occurred because most of the students went to Salinas to see the circus.

Today's pupils may enjoy a far different school experience than yesteryear's, but it's nice to know that everyone still enjoys taking occasional time off for fun. And that is a delightful connection with our past.



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* Number of dollars benefitting the Society from the 2017 *Party in the Village!*

* Thank you for supporting our fundraising event.

Upcoming Event

Saturday, April 21, 2018
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
4:00-6:00 pm at the History Center

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WANTED



1. Volunteers to help develop the story of the Valley's **roads and transportation** system from the time of footpaths to today's pavement and how the Valley was transformed through the various stages. Contact curator Reggie Jones at slaterjones1@comcast.net for more information.

2. We are currently developing an exhibit on the **geology** of Carmel Valley. If this is an interest of yours, or if you have interesting Carmel Valley rocks or fossils, please contact Kim Williams at kiwpapa8@gmail.com. Kim and his son Seth, a PhD candidate in geology, are working together on this exhibit.



Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 21, 2018
4-6 pm

Come hear about what's been happening, where the budget stands, what's coming up and much more...like refreshments.

We will also be affirming the new class of board members. Gary Tate is reenlisting for another term.