



## The Wild Boar of Carmel Valley and How They Got Here

By Elizabeth Barratt, CVHS Historian

Following his 1920 purchase of Rancho San Francisquito y San Carlos, owner George Gordon Moore (1875-1971) introduced the first Russian wild boar to Carmel Valley. Intending to provide the game animals for his hunting guests, Moore transported a dozen of the wild boar from his North Carolina estate. He renamed his new Carmel Valley property San Carlos Ranch and added an elegant, Spanish-style 11-bedroom hacienda to the acreage. Additional facilities for his



George Gordon Moore (1875-1971) purchased Rancho San Carlos in 1920 and was the first to introduce the Russian Wild Boar to Carmel Valley.

well-heeled visitors included polo grounds and a stocked 18-acre lake.

In a 1963 letter written at the request of his friend, Stuyvesant Fish of Palo Corona Ranch, Moore recounted the beginning of the wild boar story. About three years before the first World War broke out, Moore and a Canadian Trust Company secured 100,000 acres of investment property in Graham County, North Carolina, located in the heart of the Great Smoky mountains. Moore was granted a lease to the game rights on the property, where deer and black bear were in abundance. He improved his estate by constructing a vast thousand-acre fenced-in preserve where he kept elk, buffalo and bear. He hired three local mountain men as hunters and guides for his guests.

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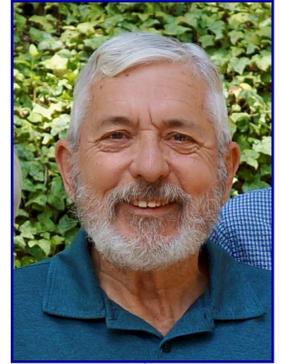
The wild boar, pictured here, is a descendant of the original herd brought to Carmel Valley by George Gordon Moore in the early 1920s. He imported them from his North Carolina estate. The animals' forbearers originated in the Ural Mountains of Russia.

## A Message from CVHS President Kim Williams

We are always looking for new ways to encourage our friends and neighbors to come in and visit the museum, check out our publications, consider joining the society and volunteer. You can help us!

If you are on Facebook, please "follow" our page, and like with a  on each post. That will increase how many other people see the post. Consider re-posting on your own page too. Check out our website as well. Thanks to board member Jeff Ohlson and Susan Bancroft, website consultant, it's always being updated and improved. We especially love our virtual tour. Try it out! Then email the link to your friends and ask them to check it out as well.

Lastly, plan a visit to the museum and invite a neighbor or two to come with you. We love to share the exhibits and history.



*Kim Williams*

## Volunteers in Action

Two new members were voted in at the annual meeting to join the Society's Board of Directors. Welcome Jane Chaney and Robin Sutherlin! Longtime board member Dick Barratt completed his term. Both he and his is experience will be greatly missed.



Clockwise from left: Dave Terdy, Jane Chaney, Elizabeth Barratt, Kim Williams, Gary Tate, Jeff Ohlson, Robin Sutherlin, Cherie Ohlson, retiring board member Dick Barratt. Not pictured: Christine Williams.

(Photo: Jeff Ohlson)

## Financial Contributions (Feb, Mar, Apr)

**General Fund:** Tom Augustitus, Richard & Demi Briscoe, Larry & Harriet Busick, Mary Delfino, Steven & Leslie Dorrance, Carole French, Greg Henderson, Reggie & Ann Jones, Jim Keefe, Frank Keith, Judi & Bill King, Don Leach, Joseph MacDonald, Mary Ellen Martinelli, Kerlin & Jane Nogle, Melvin & Joy Pritchard, Kim Roberts & Patricia Taylor, Philomene Smith, Sally Swanson, Robb Talbott, Judy Verlenden, M.S. Waldroup, Kim & Christine Williams

**Grants:** Carmel Valley Kiwanis **Tiles:** Dave Dorrance, Kristin Huston, Jean Hutton

## Thank you all for your generous support!

## Donations: Documents, Photos, Artifacts, Library Materials (Feb, Mar, Apr)

**Tom Augustitus:** 1952 Carmel Valley Phone Directory and photograph of Robinson Canyon's Anson-Wright cabin (taken by donor).

**Tim Condon:** Topographical map of what is now CV Village area and outlying areas, titled "Rancho Del Monte" and dated May 1923. Legend includes markers for "water-trough with spring", "water-trough supplied by pipeline" and "spring".

**Desiree Gillingham:** Oak Deli wooden coin: "The Oak Deli" printed on one side, "One Deli Dollar - 659-3416" on the opposite side.

**Greg Ford Henderson:** Book, titled Tirey Lafayette Ford authored by donor, signed and dedicated to CVHS.

**Anne Merville:** Assorted newspaper and magazine articles and other documents pertaining to the founding of Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA) Observatory on Chews Ridge.

**Deb Smith:** Women's vintage lace-up riding boots, found over 50 years ago in a shed at Rancho San Carlos.

**Cindy Thatcher:** 6x8 miniature acrylic painting of fields and hills above Carmel Valley Ranch - a golf course, resort and housing development - prior to its build. Artist: Billie McNair.

**Margaret (Peggy) Williams:** Vintage clear glass 1/2 gallon milk bottle with royal blue printing reads "LANG DAIRY - ROBLES DEL RIO - PHONE 14 R 1" on one side and "We love our bossies, You'll love their milk, Makes children saucy, Best for their health" on the opposite side.

**Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop:** Small primitive welded metal sculpture (approximately 10x6x2) of a jousting knight on horseback. Artist: Roger Lovell-Cooper. He and wife Sylvia, an artistic weaver (see wall art at Chase Bank in Mid-Valley) had a studio at 151 El Caminito, CV in the late 60s and early 70s.

## Legacy Tile Locator Now In Place!

Newly elected board member Jane Chaney spent hours reading the tile frames at the History Center, cross checking with the order forms, and creating a location code for each of the 477 named tiles currently in place. With the location codes in a database, Kim Williams worked to create the Legacy Tile Locator that you can find near the front door of the History Center.

No more searching for and not finding your tile. Names are listed alphabetically along with the tile location. Thank you Jane and Kim!

**If you don't have a tile on our wall, you can still buy one!**



# Remembering the MoonGypsy Café

By Jeff Ohlson, CVHS Historian



The **MoonGypsy Café** was located in the southwest corner of the Center Street Marketplace in Carmel Valley Village. It was owned and operated by Carmel Valley residents Stan and Rosemary White from 1978 until 1982. The name of the café was suggested by the name of a bar in Telluride, Colorado.



The café's batik artwork.



Pointing the way to the café's bar.

Stan did the cooking, while his wife Rosemary waited tables. The café served breakfast, lunch, and dinner with 40 seats inside with an additional 20 seats on the patio.

Among its many offerings, squid was a specialty and was found in several dishes such as in the "Squid Gypsy Burger" and "Squid Deluxe Plate." Many locals may fondly recall the delicious Squid Burger as the best burger ever, with its proprietary spices, jack cheese, sautéed mushrooms, and caramelized onions on a bun. A fish market on the Monterey Wharf supplied the café with its squid.

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\* Make it a Champagne Breakfast \$1.00 extra..  
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MOONGYPSY CAFE  
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 Village center Carmel valley 659-4566 - closed Mon. & Tues.

The cafe was also known for its display of local art on its walls and a beautiful mural painting on the outside patio wall depicting an alignment of planets. Designed by Carmel artist Gerrica Connolly, the mural was painted by volunteers.

Oldtimers may recall that the MoonGypsy's Marketplace location has been home to several cafés and restaurants over the years - the Village Café, the Barbeque House, the long-running Chatterbox, and the Carmel Valley Chophouse.

All these restaurants and cafes have served the community well, providing friendly atmospheres and good food for their patrons. 🏠

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At the same time, an American sportsman named Walter Winans entered the scene. According to Moore, Winans had two great sporting interests: breeding trotting horses and wild boar hunting. He owned a country estate in Kent County, England, held hunting rights in several Glens in the Scottish Highlands, and owned a boar hunting forest in Belgium. Moore, also a horse breeder, had been well-covered in the news after breeding Justice Brooke, winner of the Kentucky Trotting Futurity. The two men became acquainted after Winans invited Moore for a visit. Enthused at the prospect of adding boar to his wild animal collection in North Carolina, Moore purchased nine sows and three boar from a dealer in Berlin. The animals had come from the Ural mountains in Russia. "Within a couple of years they had taken over the [Graham County] mountain," he wrote to Stuyvesant Fish. "Wild boar always have the initiative. You can never tell whether they run away from you or run at you, all the action any hunter wants."

Moore was not the first person to introduce such animals to America. The first swine, meant as a food source, were brought to the New World in the 16th Century by explorers and settlers. In the early years of the 20th Century, Russian or Eurasian wild boar were first introduced to the United States for the purpose of sport hunting. From those origins, it has been estimated that feral swine, a mingling of escaped domestic pigs, wild boar, and hybrids of the two, have evolved into populations totaling an estimated six million, now reported in 35 states.

After purchasing Rancho San Carlos, Moore had nine sows and three boar trapped at his North Carolina ranch. When his manager brought them to Rancho San Carlos in Carmel Valley, he reported to Moore that, in getting the boar caught and trapped, four hounds had been

killed and the boar had turned on and badly wounded a helper. Once at Rancho San Carlos, it took a month to place the boar on the acreage. They soon propagated, and wild boar began to roam the property as hunting enticement for guests. One such boar had been the target of several unsuccessful hunting expeditions, according to Moore. "The biggest boar we ever killed on the ranch, when hung, measured nine feet from tip to tip. The skin on his neck was three inches thick. Eleven bullets were found, which over the years had been embedded in the fat."



Stuyvesant Fish (1921-1988), owner of Rancho Palo Corona, wrote to George Gordon Moore asking him about the origin of the wild boar in Carmel Valley. Fish later kept the boar in pens on his ranch.

Herds of the wild boar eventually roamed across the boundaries of Moore's ranch, known to move as far as 30 miles in one night. Over time, they reached eastward to the Central Valley, west toward the coast, and as far as the Sierra and the Oregon Border, wreaking damage to native flora and fauna along the way, as well as to farmers' grain crops. It has also been reported that occasional hunters, seeing wandering local baby porkers, took them to such locales as Fresno County and released them there for propagation and future hunting prospects.

According to the June 21, 1987 Monterey Peninsula Herald, Moore's friend Stuyvesant Fish was granted the first permit in California to

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## Antique Pear Wagon Wheel

This old 5-foot diameter pear wagon wheel has now taken its place in the History Center's Museum gallery after a protective coating was applied. It is believed to have come from one of the Valley's pear orchards and is the only salvageable piece from the old pear wagon that sat for many years at the Mid-Valley Farm Center.

It was accessioned into the History Center's collection in 2017 after sitting for many years at the Carmel Valley home of Historical Society president emeritus Ellsworth Gregory. Along with the museum's many other exhibits, visitors to the museum can now see and touch this relic from the past as well as learn about how the old wheelwrights constructed the wheels that opened up the west.



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Walter Winans (1852-1920) was a horse breeding and hunting enthusiast, born in Russia to American parents, who spent most of his life in England. He introduced George Gordon Moore to the Russian Wild Boar and its prospect for game hunting in the United States.

keep wild pigs at his Palo Corona Ranch overlooking the mouth of Carmel Valley. For a time he kept them in pens, maintaining a large boar business. Some of the swine jumped the fence, he reported, and wandered off to do damage in neighboring properties.

Moore knew about the wandering boars and was reminded, as noted in his 1963 letter to Stuyvesant Fish, "The last time I saw William Randolph Hearst, Sr., he said, 'Your pigs have reached San Simeon.' "

Moore wrapped up his wild boar account to Fish with an observation any resident today can understand, "The residents of Carmel Valley can carry on the story from here!" 🏠

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**Upcoming Events**

**August 6-7** (Saturday-Sunday) *Carmel Valley Fiesta*: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in the park. The Museum will be open for these extended hours.

**December 3** (Saturday) **CVHS Christmas Party**: 3:00-6:00 PM at the History Center

**December 10** (Saturday) *Santa Fly-In*: 11:00 AM—East of Griggs Nursery at the old Carmel Valley Airfield



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**2021 Financial Report**

To the right is a summary of the financial report presented at the annual meeting held on April 23, 2022.

In 2021 the Society continued to operate in spite of the Covid restrictions, but was unable to welcome visitors to the museum through the first four months of the year.

While we ended the year in the negative, donations are picking up in 2022. Any additional donations you can make will be happily received and greatly appreciated.

**Income**

Donations	6,977.00
Grants	2,500.00
Memberships	9,774.20
<b>Fundraising Income</b>	
Book Sales	2,422.00
Other Sales	45.53
Tiles	900.00
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>	<u>3,367.53</u>

**Total Income** **22,618.73**

**Expenses**

Events	167.54
Facilities	10,962.43
Fundraising Expenses Marketing	1,229.51
Museum Collection & Exhibits	1,133.52
CV Historian (Printing & Mailing)	1,150.31
Operations	4,521.69
Payroll Expenses	7,322.67
	<u>3,220.31</u>

**Total Expense** **29,707.98**

**Net Income** **-7,089.25**