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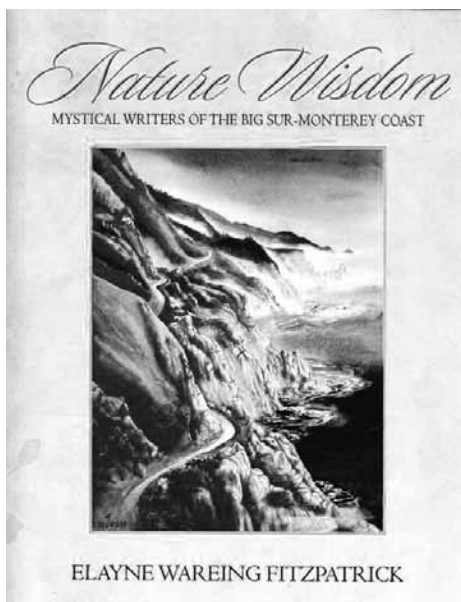
News

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Carmel: A Mecca for Inspired Writing

ELAYNE FITZPATRICK ON EARLY BOHEMIA SEACOAST WRITERS



Carmel was both mecca and inspiration for writers in the early 1900s, giving rise in later years to calling this area the "Seacoast of Bohemia."

Elayne Wareing Fitzpatrick is a Carmel Valley author and long-time catalyst in humanities at Monterey Peninsula College. She will talk about Carmel's founding "Nature Bohemians" – from George Sterling and Jack London to Robinson Jeffers and John Steinbeck – during our September 27th General Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Vista Lobos Community Room. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Elayne is the author of many books about early writers on the "Seacoast of Bohemia." She perceives her latest book, *Nature Wisdom: Mystical Writers of the Big Sur-Monterey Coast*, as her "legacy."

Fitzpatrick describes this book as "a medley of provocative essays about the perennial philosophy linking some unlikely bedfellows: Robert Louis Stevenson, Richard Henry Dana, Gertrude Atherton, Jack London and 'The Bunch' (Robinson Jeffers, Jaime de Angulo, John Steinbeck, Eric Barker, and Henry Miller), with a tribute to the blood conscious mysticism of D. H. Lawrence, and a postscript on the organic psychology of William James."

She'll tell us how, "under the spell of the alternately soft and violent landscape" of our coast, these writers "intuited the awesome power of divinity in Nature" and became what she calls "shepherds" of Pan, the ancient Greeks' pipe-playing, hoof-stomping all-god of Nature.

The author holds a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's in Philosophy. She was a city desk reporter for *The Salt Lake Tribune*, promotion director of KUED (Utah's public television station), and an associate professor at the University of Utah before relocating to California in 1974 to teach Philosophy and Humanities at Monterey Peninsula College. She is also a freelance journalist who, after raising a family, began traveling to and writing about some of the world's most charming places unspoiled by industrial development.

Other books by the author include, *A Quixotic Companionship: Fanny and Robert Louis Stevenson*; *Robert Louis Stevenson's Ethics for Rascals*; *Doing It with the Cosmos*:



Henry Miller's *Big Sur Struggle for Love Beyond Sex*; *Shepherds of Pan* (earlier black and white edition of the expanded-in-color *Nature Wisdom*) and *Traveling Backward: Curious Journeys and Quixotic Quests Beyond the Youth of Old Age*.

For more information regarding Elayne's books:

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Meeting

THURSDAY • SEPT 27

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Vista Lobos Meeting Room

**"Seacoast of the Bohemia
(on Torres between 3rd and 4th)"**





Barbara Livingston

WE'VE GOT A REASON TO BE PROUD OF OUR HISTORY

Community, Camaraderie, and Civic Minded Contributions

The real plus of becoming a member of the Carmel Residents Association is that you will gain a feeling of community – a real sense of belonging in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

I am so proud of the longevity, history, accomplishments and camaraderie of the Carmel Residents Association that I want to share it with everyone I meet. When people ask why they should join, we mail them a membership packet – a copy of our CRA News, a flyer about our organization, our booklet, *Everything You Need To Know About Carmel-by-the-Sea from A-Z*, and a membership envelope. That usually convinces them.

But for those who remain unconvinced, I don't give up. I direct them to a thorough reading of the CRA News, which we publish five times a year. This September/October issue, for instance, contains a guest editorial about the upcoming, critically important, ballot measure which would increase Carmel's sales tax from 7.25% to 8.25%. You will find information about past Carmel personalities – the writers and the photographer who helped bring fame to our little village. There is also a calendar of events for the city, with interesting tidbits, which informs us about what is going on locally, as well as advance notice of upcoming events planned by the Carmel Residents Association. Readers will also discover a list of the businesses that helped support our 25th Anniversary party at Mission Ranch and a profile of new CRA members – a real mix of information that is valuable and helpful for those of us living in this beautiful village in a forest-by-the-sea.

We welcome everyone – full-time and part-time residents, property owners and renters of property, young and old, single and married. Once or twice yearly

we send our CRA News to all property owners in town because we want to be inclusive and reach out to as many residents as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have access to a mailing list for non-property owners, but again we reinforce the fact that everyone is welcome to join our Association. In fact, our policy about membership reads: *"Regular members shall be full or part-time residents who rent or own property within Carmel-by-the-Sea or its sphere of influence."*

Many out-of-town homeowners find that membership in the Carmel Residents Association keeps them informed about upcoming events, local issues and developments that could affect their property. But the real benefit of becoming a member of the Carmel Residents Association is that you will gain a feeling of community – a real sense of belonging in Carmel-by-the-Sea. We hope that you will use the enclosed envelope to join, and that you will participate in our many activities.

Our monthly programs are free and open to the public, as are our Candidates Forum and Citizen of the Year events. Because of their popularity and space constraints, many of our festivities are open only to members – the Fiesta in the Forest at Indian Village in Pebble Beach, beach parties, group dinners at local restaurants, the Christmas Gala and others.

In previous issues you have read of our philanthropy – a scholarship for a Carmel High School student, sponsorship of

a movie at the Forest Theater and a reading rewards program for children participating in the Harrison Memorial Library's summer reading activities.

Our nearly 20 years of cleaning Carmel Beach and our newest endeavor to collect electronic waste in cooperation with the City of Carmel and Waste Management are two examples of CRA working to improve our environment. We participated in Carmel's July 4th Picnic in Devendorf Park and provided healthy treats. Did you sample the tasty fresh fruit at our booth?

Why not give us a try? Come to our program on September 27th and hear all about the early Carmel writers who inspired the term "Seacoast of Bohemia." And be sure to come to our fundraiser at the Cherry Center on September 23rd where you'll see CRA member Tom Parks in his one-man show, singing Ira and George Gershwin's indelibly colorful and catchy tunes. On September 30th we'll have another CRA beach party in the spirit of those early-day Bohemians, along with wine, song and a beach fire. See details of all our September and October events in this newsletter.

Be sure to send in your membership application envelope so that you can reserve a place at our "CRA Dines Out!" at Andre's Bouchée restaurant on October 25th. We hope to see you there!

To receive your complimentary copy of the CRA publication, *Everything You Need to Know About Carmel-by-the-Sea from A-Z* please email carmelresidents@gmail.com

An increase in revenue makes cents.

Come the November election, Carmel voters will decide the fate of a sales tax measure placed on the ballot by our City Council as a means to enhance the City's revenue and address long-range projected monetary shortfalls.

For some time, the City of Carmel has been spending more money than it has taken in. Because Carmel has tapped substantial reserve funds over the years, the severity of the financial situation fell under the radar. Up until now, our leaders chose repeatedly to cut city staff and services rather than pursue additional revenue sources.

The cuts have been so deep over the years that our current Council members find themselves painted into a corner because any additional cuts would devastate city services. Prior city councils' actions have left little choice but to look for new revenue in the form of increased taxes. We have a long way to go to dig out of this financial hole in which we find ourselves.

City Administrator Jason Stilwell was tasked by the City Council to do a thorough analysis of where the city is financially, where it needs to be, and what it would take to get there. Stilwell, who holds a PhD in Public Administration, produced a highly professional document that portends a dark financial future:

1. There will be an increasing divergence of anticipated reduced revenue with spending that is needed to meet increasing financial obligations.
2. Even without increasing spending, this divergence is unsustainable and city services and conditions will continue to deteriorate.
3. Our Capital Improvement Plan contains a large backlog of projects and

deferred maintenance on infrastructure with no adequate funding to complete. In June, the City Council adopted a balanced budget, again dipping into reserves to meet obligations, recognizing a shortfall of \$2.75-3 million based on Stilwell's projections. The Council decided to ask voters to approve a 1% sales tax increase for 10 years, estimated to produce \$2 million per year. This decision is consistent with the CRA Board's repeated calls over the years for increasing the City's revenue. This money is needed to continue to provide a quality level of service.

Our city budget must also provide city services to take care of approximately 3,600 homes, over 300 businesses, over 32 miles of streets, 10 miles of pedestrian trails, 65 acres of parkland and our beautiful beach. Our city forester must maintain 9,000 city trees in the residential area and 900 trees in our business district. The city is responsible for maintaining 20 city-owned properties, including City Hall, Sunset Center, Forest Theater, two library buildings, Flanders Mansion, the Scout House, fire station, police station, public works and other minor buildings – all in a one-square-mile village.

Carmel's annual budget needs to support police, fire and ambulance services to take care of the residents, workers, and visitors on any given day.

It is anticipated that the balance of the shortfall will be made up by additional monies expected from grants and gifts, along with cost-saving actions such as refinancing CalPERS debts, sharing services with other cities, and adopting lower second-tier retirement benefits for new city employees.

Even if the shortfall can be met with the 1% sales tax increase, this is still a conservative approach to our budgetary problems but is certainly a step in the right direction.

Carmel's annual budget needs to support police, fire and ambulance services to take care of the residents, workers, and visitors on any given day. Depending on the time of year, weather and/or special events, the number of visitors can fluctuate significantly but is estimated at two million per year.

It should be noted that all of the 1% tax collected would come into Carmel's coffers and would not be shared with either the state or the county. The 1% increase would restore the sales tax percentage to the July 2011 level before a temporary state tax expired. And, with a 1% increase, Carmel will still be within the norms of other cities and counties.

The City Council's decision to ask the voters for the 1% sales tax increase was made after a very open, transparent and professional process. The citizens of Carmel can be part of the solution by voting in favor of the increase.

The Board of Directors of the Carmel Residents Association strongly supports the November ballot measure increasing Carmel's sales tax by 1% from 7.25 to 8.25. Without this revenue, Carmel will be forced to make even more cutbacks on personnel and services that will drastically affect the quality and character of our village. Please join us in supporting this important ballot measure by voting YES and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Ann and Bob Nelson



The truth is that most of us who live in this storied village have come from someplace else. And we're here because we're fulfilling a dream of one day being a part of this small community. Now that you are full-time residents, Ann and Bob Nelson, please tell us where you came from.

BOB: We bought our little house in 1992 with plans to eventually retire to Carmel. And that's exactly what we did two years ago. We came from Berkeley, a city we still have great affection for.

ANN: I taught high school English and Bob was a lawyer. Before Berkeley we lived and worked in Sacramento. Bob continued to practice law and I became a travel agent.

You've been here permanently for just two years. What brought you to the CRA?

ANN: We knew very few people – we were new to the village. Our newfound neighbors stopped by one day with an application for membership. We joined and we've been active in CRA [members] ever since.

BOB: It didn't take long to discover that the Carmel Residents Association has as its priority the interest of the community at heart. It's committed to preserve and enhance what drew so many of us here

in the first place. We couldn't be more pleased with our decision to be a part of this organization.

Even before our meeting today we had heard of your generous participation in all kinds of CRA activities.

ANN: Well, it just seemed to happen – and continues to happen. We've helped out at the beach parties, the beach cleanup, the Fourth of July celebration, the wonderful Fiesta – our first last year and again this year.

BOB: Add to that, Ann and I are big fans of "CRA Dines Out." We meet new people every time we sit down to feast in some special Carmel restaurant.

You're both retired. Besides all you do for CRA, what other interests do you pursue?

ANN: I volunteer at the Joining Hands shop in Carmel Rancho. Bob and I both love our library. I help out at the Carmel Foundation. To us it's more than just being residents, we want to participate and contribute to the place we now call home.

What do you think of our new city government?

BOB: We were thrilled to be able to vote for the very first time in this last election.

The fog was so thick – it's August, what else? The fog was so thick that we had to move inside the coffee house for our meeting. We were here to meet Ann and Bob Nelson, new CRA members who have become two of our most ardent volunteers, an attractive couple delighted to be a part of the life and energy and culture of Carmel.

We followed the issues, we attended meetings and we cast our votes. And we're delighted to say we were part of voting for the current administration.

Besides art galleries, jewelry stores and restaurants, what businesses would you like to see in the commercial district?

ANN: Well, you know when we first came here, even before we became full-time residents, we didn't want anything to change. We could find nothing that displeased us about this little village.

BOB: We feel the same today. I like coffee houses; could always use another one or two. It would be nice to have a traditional bookstore but then we have a terrific one in the Crossroads. Is there a barber in Carmel?

ANN: I think we're both saying that we have no complaints.

BOB: We're just very happy to live here.

And the CRA is happy that you do. Add to that our thanks for all you do for the organization! We'll meet often, if not at a CRA dinner then on the beach or at City Hall listening and/or participating in issues that affect the quality of life in this tiny, beautiful village on the California coast.

Arnold Genthe

CARMEL'S FIRST FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER

Arnold Genthe is too seldom given the recognition he deserves as one of the artists and writers – the “Bohemians” – who lived and worked in Carmel during the early years of the twentieth century. He was the first in the succession of eminent photographers to reside on the Monterey Peninsula. He made notable contributions toward the establishment of photography as a fine art form when that medium was still in its infancy. And, among other achievements, he was a pioneer in the use of color photography.

Born in Berlin in 1869, Genthe pursued a classical education, assuming he, like his father, would become a university professor. In 1895, as a respite from his studies, he accepted a position as tutor for the son of a wealthy German family living in San Francisco. There he discovered a whole new world. He was intrigued with San Francisco's Chinatown. Without any formal instruction, he purchased a camera to record exotic scenes of that neighborhood, producing images that today are found in major collections of fine photography.

In a remarkably short time, he achieved recognition as a portrait photographer. His newly established studio was soon patronized by prominent San Franciscans and, most notably, by actors, singers, and other artists and entertainers – the subjects who would eventually win him fame.

Genthe developed a new approach to portraiture, abandoning the rigid posturing of traditional portraits. In his autobiography, *As I Remember*, he declared his determination to “show people a new kind of photography... there would be no stilted poses; as a matter of fact no poses at all. I would try to take my sitters unawares, at a moment when they would not realize the camera

was ready.” He despised “a commonplace record of clothes and a photographic mask.”

Genthe's life in San Francisco changed dramatically with the 1906 earthquake and fire that destroyed his studio. His photographs of the aftermath of that disaster are classics. He rebuilt his studio, but became increasingly disaffected with life in San Francisco. From the poet George Sterling, and probably from other fellow members of the Bohemian Club, he heard glowing reports of a new land development, actively seeking home builders who were practitioners of the creative arts – Carmel-by-the-Sea.

His memoirs do not specify the terms of purchase of his Carmel property, but such deals as five dollars down and five dollars per month were offered by Frank Devendorf and the Carmel Development Company to attract artists like Genthe. He chose a lot on Camino Real and Eleventh and designed and built the bungalow he “always wanted to have.” In his words, “The sloping roof, following the lines of the distant hills, was shadowed by two great pine trees, the largest in Carmel, and was supported by four large redwood trunks, with the bark left on. A wide porch looked out on the sea. The spacious studio and living room, thirty by sixty feet, with a high ceiling and two skylights, was built entirely of redwood...”

With George Sterling and Mary Austin, Genthe became the first of Carmel's fabled “Bohemians,” a group that was soon joined by such luminaries as Jack London, Perry Newberry, James Hopper, Grace MacGowan Cooke, and Sinclair Lewis. In his book, *The Seacoast of Bohemia*, Franklin Walker explains Genthe's attractiveness to this striving-to-be-colorful group. “Arnold Genthe was one of those who glitter while they



"Caricature of Arnold Genthe by Conrado Massaguer from Library of Congress Prints and Photograph Division."

walk; erect, striking with his curly hair and firm chin. He was an accomplished horseman...and carried more than one scar from dueling in his student days... He was always a welcome guest at the mussel bakes and abalone picnics of the Carmel crowd, though his behavior was usually marked by a certain amount of protocol. He remained a bachelor, a state that he frankly admitted he favored because it allowed him more freedom... His reputation for success with beautiful ladies...was downright prodigious.”

After almost a decade of more or less full-time residence, Genthe moved permanently to New York City. Even though he believed the village was becoming “too popular,” undoubtedly his prime motivation was to be among the famous people whose portraits were bringing him increasing renown. Nevertheless, even though Genthe and most of his compatriots spent comparatively limited time here, they fixed, for all time, Devendorf's vision of Carmel as a haven for creative people.



Community CALENDAR

■ CARMEL'S 52ND ANNUAL GREAT SAND CASTLE CONTEST

Sunday, September 9th, 8-Noon
Carmel Beach South of 10th Avenue
Contest theme, Bohemians and Beatniks
For more info call 831-620-2020

■ CRA BEACH CLEANUP

Saturday, September 15th, 10-Noon
(coincides with Coastal Cleanup)
Meet at the foot of Ocean Avenue
October 20th and November 17th

■ CRA FUNDRAISER

Sunday, September 23rd, 5:00 p.m.
Carl Cherry Center, corner of Guadalupe & 4th
Gershwin – Tom Parks one-man show

■ CRA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 27th, 5:00 p.m.
Vista Lobos (Torres between 3rd and 4th)
Elayne Fitzpatrick – Seacoast of Bohemia, the
early writers in Carmel

■ CRA MEMBERS' BEACH PARTY

Sunday September 30th, 6:00 p.m.
Meet at 10th Avenue stairs. Fire and S'Mores
provided! Bring your own picnic and drinks.

■ CRA DINES OUT

Thursday, October 25th, 5:30 pm
Andre's Bouchée, Mission Street

■ CARMEL'S BIRTHDAY/ HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 27th, 10:30-Noon
CRA is marching in the parade again. Gather on
San Carlos near 10th. Wear walking shoes.
Beach cleanup vests /scoops provided.
RSVP Oct 19th – Oct 25th to Ovilee Kennedy
831-917-4444

■ CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 11th, October 2nd,
November 6th • All meetings 4:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

ONGOING CITY MEETING DATES:

All held in City Council Chambers, Monte
Verde between Ocean and 7th. Check with
City Hall for updates. <http://ci.carmel.ca.us/>

City Council, 1st Tues., 4:30 p.m.

Forest and Beach Commission,
1st Thurs., 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 2nd Wed., 4 p.m.

Community Activities and Cultural

Commission, 2nd Tues., 9:30 a.m.

Historic Resources Board, 3rd Mon., 4 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees, 4th Wed., 9 a.m.

**Please see the CRA's website for
the schedule of meetings and events.
www.carmelresidents.org**

Council meeting TV broadcast: the Sunday after the
meeting, 8:00 a.m.-noon, Channel 26.

CRA Dines Out AT ANDRE'S BOUCHÉE—



Chair Barry Swift and Co-Chairs,
Kathleen Swift, Mary Ellen Thomas and
Claire Fay, have selected Andre's Bouchée
on Mission Street for the CRA Dines Out
dinner to be held on Thursday, October
25th, 2012.

Proprietors Stephan Lemaire and
Elizabeth Lemaire, along with Chef
Jacques Zagouri, have put together this
fabulous menu of authentic French
cuisine with a California coastal flair.
This dinner is sure to be a sell out.

Please send a check for \$38 per person,
made out to CRA, along with your entrée
choice and your phone number, to arrive
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 22ND
to Barry and Kathleen Swift, PO Box AC,
Carmel, CA 93921. The price includes
tax and tip. You will be notified if you
have been placed on the waiting list.
If you reserve space and must cancel,
please call Barry or Kathleen at
831-625-1426, so your place can
be given to someone else.

COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M.

DINNER 6:00 P.M.

■ FIRST COURSE CHOICES

Bisque de Homard ~ Lobster bisque
~OR~

Salade d'Endive ~ Endive salad with
poached pear, beets, pecans and bleu
d'Auvergne/Bleu tarragon vinaigrette

■ ENTRÉE CHOICES

Short Ribs Bourguignonne

Braised short ribs in red wine with
mushrooms, bacon and pearl onions
~OR~

Cuisses de Canard Confit

Duck leg confit with garlic and
parsley butter
~OR~

Duo de Poissons

Wild Salmon with pesto sauce and
Alaskan Halibut with sundried
tomato sauce

All served with Légumes de Saison
seasonal vegetables

■ DESSERT

Assiette Du Pâtissier

Vanilla bean and rum crème brûlée
and profiteroles

Coffee or Tea

Red or White Wine will be available at
approximately \$6.00 per glass (inclusive of tax)

Members IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ANOTHER WINNING MYSTERY BY FRAN VARDAMIS

Attention fans of Frances Diem Vardamis' Lavonis mystery series: you have a marvelous reading experience awaiting you with this long-time CRA member's latest edition, *Time Running Out*.

When retired Captain Yannis Lavonis is asked to help with a search for important Greek icons stolen from churches and monasteries throughout the country, you will accompany him, his young colleague Aphrodite Davvetas and her American fiancé on a hair-raising adventure – from Greece, through St. Petersburg, to a monastery in the farthest reaches of cold, forbidding northern Russia. The author's command of Russian customs, politics, geography and language is astonishing. Unless you have been beyond Murmansk and the northern tip of the continent recently, you will be consulting your atlas or Google Earth to follow their wild trek. Along the way, be prepared for intrigue, murder, drugging, colorful Russian "minders" and politicians, as well as a unique and unexpected ending that will leave you waiting impatiently for the next book.

Published by Silk Label Books, *Time Running Out* is available at Pilgrim's Way Bookstore or from Fran Vardamis. Email Fran at fdv528@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE! E-WASTE COLLECTION IN CARMEL

Saturday, January 26th, 2013 at Vista Lobos from 10:00-2:00 p.m.

Start setting aside your electronic waste for the big collection day, sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association, the City of Carmel and Waste Management.

CRA FUNDRAISER COMING YOUR WAY



I LOVE A GERSHWIN TUNE, HOW ABOUT YOU?

The songs of George and Ira Gershwin performed by Tom Parks with Gary Carver on piano. Another great show and fundraiser for the Carmel Residents Association. Everyone is invited!

The Carl Cherry Center
4th and Guadalupe, Carmel
Sunday, September 23rd
5:00 p.m.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Post performance wine reception and door prizes! Tickets \$50 per person. Limited seating. To make a reservation, send your check to:

Carolyn Hardy
Post Office Box 824
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921
(Names will be held at the door)

Questions regarding reservations, please call 625-5135.

Favorite PLACES

CRA members gave rave reviews to 2 businesses which are around the corner from each other.

PACIFIC RIM (*west side San Carlos between 7th Ave and Ocean Ave. and across the street from Perspectacles, owned by CRA member Mike Brown*) is popular with residents and visitors alike for the casual, comfortable yet stylish clothes for women. Practically everyone in the village owns one of Marianne's colorful scarves to drape around our necks.

LE BICYCLETE (*on the northwest corner of Dolores and 7th*) is proving to be a hangout for locals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in this bistro which is so authentic you could find it on the Left Bank in Paris. Great thin crust pizzas, beet salad, charcuterie and cheese platters and hamburgers are just some of the items on the menu.

Please let us know YOUR favorite places!

WHAT IS CRA ALL ABOUT?

The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

BECOME A MEMBER!

It's easy to become a member of the Carmel Residents Association.

- Visit us online:
www.carmelresidents.org
- or email us:
carmelresidents@gmail.com
- or call us: **626-1610**

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CRA's 25th Anniversary

By Carol Hilburn, Gala Chair

WHAT A SWELL PARTY IT WAS!!

May 21st, 2012 turned out to be a beautiful day for CRA to mark the milestone of its 25th Anniversary. Wonderful entertainment and delicious hors d'oeuvres, as well as wines generously donated by Scheid Vineyards, started the evening on a festive note. The weather was ideal and the pre-dinner reception encouraged mingling on the deck of the Patio Barn at Mission Ranch. Tom Parks provided a perfect set of humorous skits and songs to truly poke fun at some of the best, and most notorious, things about Carmel.

After this fun and festive introduction for the evening, everyone adjourned to the "Large Barn" where, with the expert help of Karen Nelson and Melissa Burnett, the tables were covered in shimmering silver fabric with tall vases brimming with irises and stargazer lilies. A wonderful DVD of photos collected by Linda Anderson from the past 25 years began playing at one corner of the room, providing poignant memories for all of us.

Mission Ranch prepared a lovely dinner that was ended with a marvelous whipped cream and chocolate dessert donated by Patisserie Boissiere (always so generous to CRA). The room glowed with silver stars above each table that provided the names of the businesses and individuals who had taken on the role of "Table Sponsors." The generosity of these "Table Sponsors" was truly appreciated as this support, along with the help of many "Patron" ticket holders, funded the "extras" for the evening. As everyone left, each person was given a copy of the DVD to take home and enjoy, for a personal trip back through time. (If anyone who could not attend the Gala would like a copy of the DVD there are just a few remaining, so call me at 626-9369 to request one.)



The following is a list of the businesses that provided Table Sponsorship for the Gala, along with their location. PLEASE show your individual appreciation by shopping in these stores or using their services, or just stop by and tell them how much you appreciate their help. It is important for our local merchants to know that CRA supports the businesses in our community who helped celebrate CRA's first 25 years!

THANK YOU TO OUR TABLE SPONSORS AND DONORS !!!

Ambiance Interiors – west side San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh
 Carmel Cleaners – west side Junipero near Third
 Carmel Drug Store – north side Ocean Avenue between San Carlos and Dolores
 Comerica Bank – west side Dolores between Seventh and Eighth
 Cottage Restaurant – west side Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh
 Cypress Inn – east side Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh
 Dametra Café – southeast corner of Ocean at Lincoln
 ECO Carmel – west side Dolores between Seventh and Eighth
 Friar Tuck's – southeast corner of Dolores at Fifth
 Kocek Jeweler – west side San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh
 Lloyd's Shoes – south side Ocean Avenue, between Dolores and San Carlos
 Me ... Too Salon – northwest corner of Mission and Eighth
 Mountainsong Galleries – south side Ocean between San Carlos and Mission
 Karen Stuart Nelson, Interior Designer - Camino Real
 Perspectives/Mike Brown – east side San Carlos close to Seventh
 Village Corner Restaurant – northeast corner of Dolores at Sixth
 Bill Wehde State Farm Insurance – east side Mission between Fifth and Sixth
 Wells Fargo Bank – Carmel – east side San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh
 Integris Wealth Management – east side San Carlos at Fourth
 Patisserie Boissiere – east side Mission between Ocean and Seventh
 Cima Collina Wines Woodward Graff Family Wines
 Galante Vineyards Wrath Wines
 River Ranch Vineyards Ventana Vineyards
 Scheid Vineyards

CRA BEACH PARTY THAT WAS (JUNE 3RD) AND THAT WILL BE (SEPT. 30TH)

LET'S GO BACK A FEW MONTHS...

Weather forecast for evening of June 3rd: "Windy and cold, 50% cloud cover." Fifty hearty CRA souls trekked to the beach for our first beach party in years. And guess what? It was a remarkable evening of great weather, fun and camaraderie! Mother Nature gave us a gift – warm, clear weather that included a beautiful sunset, a spectacular moonrise, and a happy crew of marshmallow roasters, some new at it, and some experts resulting in many enthusiastic recipients of those glorious S'Mores. With Steve and Barbara Brooks leading the "Abalone Song" and more, we all agreed to do it again.

Here's what two of our members had to say about this special night:

*Dear Kathy and fellow Beachcombers,
Last night was a brilliant experience.
Thank you so much for all of your efforts in recreating a long missed Carmel tradition.
'Twas a trip down memory lane with a new slant. Your contributions of time and logistics are most appreciated. Your influence on the sunset and moon...uncanny!*

All the best,

Susan Gardner and Gene McFarland

Thanks to our team: Kathy and Ron Fredrickson, Barbara and Dick Stiles, Barbara and Steve Brooks, Kathleen and Barry Swift, Susan Gardner and Gene McFarland, Ann and Bob Nelson, Greg Darvin and Jen Commander, Michael LePage, and Judy and David Refuerzo (fire basket manager).

NOW IT'S SEPTEMBER! A Beach Party will be on Sunday the 30th. Will it be the same? Yes and no. Mother Nature will again be in charge. We'll sing again (and even louder!), and fix S'Mores again (provided by CRA, thank you). Will we have Tom Leverone's fire basket again? You bet. We'll start earlier – 6:00 p.m. this time, because sunset is at 6:53 and moonrise (almost a full moon) is at 7:02.



CRA members are asked to bring their own picnic and drinks. Also, please bring your own chair/blanket, and flashlight. That's 6:00 p.m. at the 10th Avenue stairs. Can you come?



ARE WE IN DANGER OF FLUSHING MONEY AND WATER DOWN THE DRAIN?

Permanent bathrooms at the south end of Carmel Beach are becoming more of a reality. Delayed for years by lack of money, the council is hoping for donations and grants to finance the project.

While the two port-a-potties tucked into the cypress trees at Santa Lucia and Scenic Road have never been a matter of controversy, the city wants to install two permanent bathrooms with flushable toilets. The debate is whether to have two ADA bathrooms, or to have 2 unisex bathrooms, one ADA and the other not. Hopefully the bathrooms will have waterless urinals. To conserve water, there will be one hand washing station to serve both bathrooms.

A recent city workshop gathered input from planning commissioners, council members and the public. Comments were passed on to the architect, Robert Carver, to incorporate into the latest of his many architectural renderings. Scenic homeowners don't want to see this structure from their homes and have hired attorney Tony Lombardo to follow the planning stage. The site is problematic because of the prominent Lloyd point which juts out from Scenic Road, the soft, easily eroded soil, and the occasional heavy surf, which can reach Scenic Road at this location. Two benches, commemorating Frank and Marjorie Lloyd are also installed on this site.

The final plan will have to be simple, inconspicuous, and functional, and hidden within the canopy of the existing and future landscaping. The architect will have to take all of this into consideration—making for a challenging and potentially costly project for taxpayers.

Homeowners in the southern part of the village provided interesting information. Of 42 who responded to the survey, 38 wondered why the city would install flushable toilets when water is such an expensive and limited resource. That is a good question. After all, what do we really need but to quickly relieve ourselves and go back to having fun running, walking, surfing, biking and playing on the beach and Scenic pathway? Only time will tell how this will all play out.



News

ABOUT TOWN

I HEARD IT ON THE RADIO!

While the print news industry shrinks and loses its once-strong media foothold, the few success stories appear in community journalism. The same thing can happen in radio, if we listen beyond the “noise” of corporate-dominated stations heard in larger markets.

The goal at KRML is to build a decidedly local, small-town brand, and embody everything we love about Carmel. They will strive to provide unique content and local programming across the board – from the airwaves, to the website, to mobile devices – and tie it all together through social media.

KRML has been around since 1957 and is known for its jazz and blues. They plan



to stay true to those roots, but expand the format to include many different voices and sounds from the community.

Their website at www.krml.com will be transformed into a “digital town square” where people gather to find news, weather, events, listings, photos, videos and social media content that allows for fan engagement and ownership. Who’s playing at Sunset Center? Who’s the new chef at Casanova? Who won the Sandcastle Contest and what does it look like? Where’s

a trailer for Clint’s new movie? What is The Cypress Inn doing for Doris Day’s birthday?

KRML also hopes to become the place to turn during unfortunate emergencies such as earthquakes or floods. When the power is out and citizens are in the dark, a radio signal can be a powerful and welcoming sound.

KRML is currently soliciting local show hosts. Pitch us your ideas to program director Mike Hale at mike_hale@comcast.net.

85 YEARS OF ART

Congratulations to the Carmel Art Association, which last month celebrated its 85 years of support for the cultural enrichment of our village by displaying and offering for sale original works of art by local artists.



MAKE RECYCLING EASY ON YOURSELF

Tip for recycling cans, bottles, jars, plastic containers, etc: it is not necessary to thoroughly clean these containers. No need to waste water by rinsing or washing – just use up the contents and deposit the containers into your recycling bin.

BUCKLE UP OR PAY THE PRICE!

Steve Brooks warns that Carmel Police Department bicycle patrols are ticketing motorists downtown for not wearing seat belts. Drivers be warned: buckle your seat belts!

DID YOU KNOW??? CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HAS JOINED THE CARMEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and you get to take advantage of the benefits!

Now, you may think to yourself, who cares? I don’t own a business in Carmel, so why do I care that the CRA joined Carmel Chamber of Commerce? Well, Carmel Chamber members are not just businesses, but nonprofits, like Carmel Public Library Foundation, Carmel Youth Center, The Carmel Foundation, Carmel Art Association and so many more. The Chamber is about promoting the community.

The Carmel Chamber hosts many events each month and if you are a CRA member that means you are now a Carmel Chamber member and can attend any

of these events at the Chamber member price. It is a great opportunity to welcome new businesses and meet business owners as well as your neighbors in Carmel. The Chamber hosts ribbon cuttings, mixers, annual events like “A Taste of Carmel” and even International trips. In addition you can also find out about other local events like the Library Book Sale, the Art Association Birthday, Carmel Art and Film Festival, Wine Walk Passports, even the Big Sur International Marathon.

If you don’t already have the “*Official Visitor Guide to Carmel*” published by the Chamber, stop by the Visitor Center

and pick one up – they are free. It not only lists businesses, but also includes a Calendar of Events, itineraries depending on what you like to do and how long you have (great for when you have out-of-town guests), along with pet-friendly dining locations.

If you are on Facebook, we encourage you to “like” the Carmel Chamber as well as the Carmel Residents Association and stay up to the minute on what is happening in our beautiful village in the forest-by-the-sea. www.facebook.com/carmelcalifornia



Summertime Fun with the CRA! **JULY 4TH PARADE & PICNIC**
FIESTA IN THE FOREST And a good time was had by all!



did you



CRA JOINS FACEBOOK

Did you know that CRA has a Facebook page? You've certainly heard of Facebook by now. With almost 800 million users worldwide, it's impossible not to. So why not join in the fun?

If you already have a Facebook account, then just enter "Carmel Residents Association" in the search box and "like" our page. If you don't have a Facebook account, all you need in order to sign up is a valid email address. After providing some basic information, just follow the link in your email confirmation and become a member. It's just that easy and Facebook provides privacy controls allowing you to share and communicate exactly how and with whom you desire.



If you don't know what a Facebook page is, think of it as a brochure about our organization

where you can find information and content. But instead of just being static, it's a place where you can actively communicate with your fellow members and share any kind of content that can be posted to the web.

Once you "like" our page you will become a "friend" and you can receive news feeds whenever information or content is posted to the page. Facebook also

provides you a way to find old friends and make new ones, plan events, organize groups and promote your business. With Facebook you can keep in touch with your family and be a part of their lives wherever they may live.

So why wait any longer? It's easy and it's free. Facebook provides you another way to do the things you already like to do, only with better tools – and that's something to "like."



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WE'RE PROUD TO KEEP GIVING AND GROWING IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION to THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR 25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Carmel Residents Association is this year celebrating its 25th year of community service.

The CRA has collaborated with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea in many ways. When the City was unable to finance the reprinting of its *Everything You Need to Know About Carmel-from A-Z*, the CRA stepped in, and published the booklet.

Over the past 22 years, the CRA has sponsored, again with collaboration of the City, a candidates' forum to showcase candidates running for municipal election.

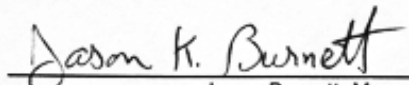
The CRA's ongoing beach cleanup effort has donated thousands of invaluable volunteer hours toward keeping Carmel Beach pristine.

To commemorate its 25 years, the CRA has added four new events to its ongoing list of programs and activities:

- The January electronic waste collection at Vista Lobos Park with the cooperation of the City and Waste Management, Inc.
- A rewards program for children participating in the Harrison Memorial Library Summer Reading Program.
- A \$1,500 scholarship to a Carmel High School graduate.
- Sponsorship of a Film in the Forest to benefit the Forest Theater Guild.

The Carmel Residents Association keeps on giving and growing. Congratulations to the Board and all its members for your quarter century of volunteer service to our community.




Jason K. Burnett, Mayor
May 1, 2012

We invite you to join us!

Carmel Residents Association



As a CRA member,
you will enjoy ...

The Carmel Residents Association is a civic and social organization whose members are determined to keep Carmel-by-the-Sea a good place to live as well as a good place to visit.

Since the founding of the CRA in April, 1987, more than 600 of us have joined together to help preserve the residential character of our community and to protect our urban forest, our pristine beach and our other irreplaceable natural assets.

Regular members shall be full- or part-time residents who rent or own property within Carmel-by-the-Sea or its sphere of influence.

Many out-of-town home owners find that membership in the Carmel Residents Association keeps them informed about upcoming events and local issues or developments which could affect their property.

We hope that you will use the enclosed envelope to join, and that you will participate in our many activities.

We welcome you as a member!



■ GENERAL MEETINGS

Five times a year, we meet on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, September, and November with timely, stimulating speakers and discussions.

■ "DINES OUT"

Five times a year, we dine together at one of Carmel's fine restaurants—support for local business and fun for members.

■ BEACH CLEANUP

Eight times a year, on the fourth Saturday, 10 a.m., we clean our white sand beach. Refreshments are donated by local businesses.

■ CRA NEWS

Five times yearly, this newsletter is mailed to our members with information on important local issues and events.

■ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

In the spring, we honor someone who has significantly advanced Carmel's residential values.

■ FIESTA IN THE FOREST

In August, members enjoy a barbecue at Indian Village in Pebble Beach.

■ GALA HOLIDAY EVENT

In December, a Gala Holiday event is held at La Playa Hotel.

■ CRA SPONSORS:

Certificates of Appreciation for businesses and individuals who enhance our village character, and impartial public forums for local elections.

CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MISSION

The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

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