

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

DECEMBER 20TH, 2024

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

The Pool is OPEN! Thank you all for your patience, but I think it was worth the wait.

The New Carport policy starts on January 1st, so a reminder to all who lost their second carport space to call the business office to see if there is space available in the carport you're interested in. Not all carports have available spaces.

The Evacuation Plan is now posted on the Hacienda website under "Approved Policies" and posted in the paperback room. Wish to have a copy please contact the Business Office.

The Dining room will be closed December 26th, the day after Christmas, and January 1st, the day after New Years eve. **The lobby** will close on Christmas Day and New Years Day at 6:00pm.

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

DO NOT FORGET NEW YEARS EVE. Once again E&E will sponsor a **New York New Years Eve** celebration. Cocktail hour will start at 5:00pm and a plated prime rib dinner follows at 6:00. Live music will be performed by the Moondance band, and of course a New Years toast is celebrated at 12:00 New York time. Mark your calendars as this is the biggest event of the year. Check out the information rack for the New Years Eve Flyer.

A big thank you to David and Linda Mullally for that wonderful travel presentation. We had a big turnout and the presentation summarizing their five-month trip was fantastic. **Christmas sing along/karaoke** will take place at 5:15pm in the West Room on Saturday December 21st. Our last Karaoke/sing along turned out to be lots of fun.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Our ART LUNCHEON last week was delightfully organized by Donna Bessant. We sang carols, completed Peter Maxx style art projects, and Donna read the Hawaiian version of "The Night Before Christmas." Fun for All! But if you missed it, here are some other Art-related happenings before December 31.: The Monterey Museum of Art has free admission until the end of the year to see their "Illuminata" work. The Cornell Lab Bird Academy has many online courses involving bird watching, painting, and photography. Classes are on sale now! Use your creativity for cards and gift wrapping! AND give the gift of your art to family and friends! Reminders to our Members -On January 17 our new Art show will be revealed. We need your work for "Poems, Paintings & Photography"!! In January we will begin our 2025 Membership Drive. Plan on joining or rejoining us! We would love to get to know you and your interests in art!

HACIENDA CARMEL LIBRARY

The Hacienda Library Folks send you Warm and Well-lit Wishes for this season of HoHo, lighting the candles of the Menorah, and singing "Auld Lang Syne". Our library shelves are open and available all through the holidays and will welcome you all 365 days in the New Year.

Ring out those Bells and Read!

THE BOOK SHOPPE

“A clean and well-lighted place.” But with no electricity and no heat, our Shoppe went dark last weekend. To make up for it, we will have four drawings for books this coming weekend: On Saturday, Dec. 21, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, and *Santa Has An Agent* by Hans Lehmann, his memoir of his decades as a local “Santa for Rent.” Lehmann is an old-timer, with a recorded oral history at the Carmel History Library. On Sunday, Dec. 22, we offer *The Path Between the Seas*, a saga about the building of the Panama Canal by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough, and Clifton Fadiman’s volumes 1 and 2 of *The World Treasury of Children’s Literature*. A classic. All are unique and wonderful books that you will enjoy. **Speaking of bees....** Those attending December’s “Meet Your Local Authors” event by Meredith May can find her best-selling books at Pilgrim’s Way and River House Books in Carmel, and Olivia & Daisy in the CV Village next to Jerome’s Market. Meredith makes a very rare black sage honey (lots of health benefits) that she sells directly. If interested, email Meredith at meredithamay@gmail.com. **Speaking of Hemigway’s well-lighted places....** If you are lucky, you might come across us some evening when Book Shoppe volunteers are shelving books. The door might be ajar; the lights might be on inside. “Are you open?” you ask. “Please come in,” we reply. Browse. You might find a special book that will become one of our “after hour sales” for private browsing. **John Straley**, formerly the Writer Laureate of Alaska, will start off our 2025 “Meet Your Local Authors,” with his new Alaska mystery. He was our first “local author,” launching our “Meet Your Local Authors” series. Can you believe we are starting our third year? West Room, Jan. 13, 2025. 2 p.m. to 4: p.m. Glad tidings for our celebrations this month. Little-Auguston@comcast.net. 831-293-3153. **(p.s., We can gift-wrap your books for you!)**

TAI CHI CHIH

No class December 25th. We resume Wednesday, January 1st, 10 am at Casa Fiesta as usual—a wonderful way to start the new year! Tai Chi Chih is a practice that allows the Chi, the energy that moves within us all, to circulate and balance. This in turn improves our health and sense of wellbeing. Beginners are welcome anytime. If you have any questions, call Julie Anongos—625-7771.

RECYCLING: “WHEN IN DOUBT – THROW IT OUT!”

NO PLASTIC BAGS (except for clear plastic bags containing shredded paper), FOOD WRAPPERS, BUBBLE-WRAP, OR STYROFOAM IN THE BLUE RECYCLING BINS!

PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES AND PLACE THE LARGER ONES BETWEEN THE BLUE RECYCLE BINS