

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

JANUARY 3TH, 2024

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

New Year's Eve was a grand success! Food was great, music was wonderful, and it sounds like it was a lot of fun!

January is here, there is no charging your meal to your unit in the Dining Room. Please see the Dining Room staff to make arrangements for payment.

Don't forget BINGO! Third Thursday of the month, Casa Fiesta 3:00pm.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

A new year brings an opportunity to continue with or join our group. We would love to be part of your journey with art and art appreciation this year! Current Members and Friends will receive forms in our January Newsletter. Others who want to join look for yellow application forms in the information station by the coffee in the lobby. Membership drive goes until mid-February. Our January Art Luncheon, open to all HC residents, will be Thursday Jan. 9 at noon in the West Room. Sally Aberg who worked for many years for the Carmel Art Association will be our featured speaker. Sign up in the Paperback Room. Coming Friday, Jan. 17 our new exhibit opening for **"Poems, Paintings & Photography"**. **Please join us for this unique show!** Hacienda resident Jeffrey Becom with fellow artist Lucus Blok have a new Exhibit on the power of color in art and perception, "The Persistence of Color II" at the Monterey Museum of Art.

HACIENDA CARMEL LIBRARY

HACIENDA CARMEL LIBRARY Welcomes the New Year:

Many readers review what happened in the Old Year & anticipate (Hopefully, with optimism) what MIGHT happen in the New Year. The HC Library Group compared some check-out numbers between 2024 and 2023...and Look How We Have Grown!

TOTAL BOOKS CHECKED OUT IN 2024: 1709 in 2023: 1302 (31% growth)

The most popular CATEGORIES (in check-outs) in the Library are

Mystery: 518 in 2024 vs 415 in 2023

Fiction: 444 vs 384

Large Print: 282 vs 131 (an increase of 215% growth!)

Suspense/Thriller: 133 vs 80

and even Philosophy/Psychology/Opinion: 27 vs 9

The FIVE Most Popular TITLES for check-outs are

1--**The Crossing** by Baldacci

2--**Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone** by Stevenson

3--**The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store** by McBride

4--(Tie) **James** by Everett

4--(Tie) **Rules of Civility** by Towles

5--(Tie) **Tom Lake** by Patchett

5--(Tie) **Resurrection Walk** by Connelly

YOU are cordially invited to browse the Hacienda Library by checking out & reading these Good Books...and others! **MORE Reading in 2025!**

Mart Molle, **Donna** Bessant, **Patti** Doran, **Lucy** Luke, **Hannah** Priestley, **Ellen** Weston & **Jeanne** Wooldridge. (The HC Library Group)

THE BOOK SHOPPE

“Meet Your Local Authors” starts the new year with Hacienda resident John Straley’s new book *Big Breath In*. He will be reading from it on Monday, January 13, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the West Room. Pick up a flyer. **Congratulations** to the winners of our December weekly book drawings. **Sue Carriere**, *Ollie and Lucille’s Adventure in Carmel-by-the-Sea* by Kirsten Tarman; **Susan and Boyd Haight**, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd; **Eva Doelman**, *The Path Between the Seas, the Creation of the Panama Canal 1870-1914* by David McCullough; Bev Pugh, *The World Treasury of Children’s Literature Books I and II* by Clifton Fadiman; **John Straley**, *Santa Has an Agent* by Carmel’s Hans Lehmann (memoir of his decades as a professional Santa). **So, let’s draw again in January for more wonderful books.** We have plenty of them in the Book Shoppe due to your generous donations. **January 4 and 5:** Local (Pacific Grove) sci-fi writer Ray Bradbury’s National Book Award winner *Farewell to Summer*; Jacob Baal-Teshuva’s *Louis Comfort Tiffany*, a beautiful Taschen Edition. **January 11 and 12:** T. S. Eliot’s *Old Possum’s Practical Cats*, Illustrated by Edward Gorey; and finally *Fortune Telling and the Book of Changes I-Ching* with oracle stalks and trigram blocks. Book donations always welcome. Pat Little-Auguston (831) 293-3153 or little-auguston@comcast.net.

TAI CHI CHIH

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. Casa Fiesta 10am, 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