

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

JANUARY 31ST, 2025

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

Management would like to remind our members that on Monday Feb 3rd the water will be turned off, possibly at 7am for the **Pipe break repair** work by unit #197. Please plan accordingly.

OPEN FORUM: Please mark your calendars. The next Open Forum will be held on Monday, February 17, 2025 from 1 to 3 pm in Casa Fiesta. Next week, there will be a flyer in the Information Center's wall rack detailing the topics to be discussed.

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CALLING ALL HIKERS Don't forget that our introductory Meeting will be Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. in the Durr Room, Hosts-Ken Rothstein and Cheryl Einsele. Questions: cheryl.einsele@gmail.com.

Our annual Super Bowl Watch Party will take place on February 9th in the West Room. Generally the game starts around 3:20 in the afternoon.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Senior Resource Faire which will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 and 4:00 PM.

The E&E Team is happy to announce that the 2025 Spring Patio Tour will be on Saturday, May 17th. Sign up forms are available at the Front Desk. Note: the tour is limited to the first 20 patios signed up. Happy planting and pruning to those with a green thumb who will be opening their beautiful patios for the rest of us to enjoy.

Finally, a good way to meet and mix with your fellow residents is the Sippin' Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the dining room. Chef Bill has appetizer specials to go along with the happy hour prices. On a periodic basis there is live music performed by John and Shelley Jemison.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Many of you know Flossie Stowell through her work with the E&E Committee or fun times with Board games. Maybe you saw her fine photographs in our current Art Show in Casa Fiesta "Poems, Paintings & Photography". But did you know she had a forty-year career as a Professional Photographer before coming to Hacienda Carmel? Come to our February Art lunch, Noon, Thursday Feb. 13 to hear our honored guest Flossie present a summary of her career "From Darkroom to Digital" and see her selection of cameras used over the years. The signup sheet will be in the Paperback Room soon. Our next visit to the Monterey Museum of Art will be on Friday, Feb 21. Save the date! More information will be in the next Hacienda Carmel Bulletin! We appreciate all of our new and returning Members and Friends! It is not too late to join our group. Leave a message in Box 82 (H. Myers) for signup materials.

MEET YOUR LOCAL AUTHORS

In honor of Valentine's Day, the Book Shoppe brings you a special local love story. Hacienda resident poet Illia Thompson and artist/photographer Herman Van Gansen, both approaching 90 in age, reflect on unexpectedly finding love late in life. Their developing feelings for each other are captured exquisitely in their book *Liquid Time*. Come see Illia and Herman in the West Room, Monday, February 10, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Thriller Weekends.** For each \$1.00 you spend at the Book Shoppe, you will receive a ticket to enter our weekend drawings. A winner will be selected each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. closing time. The next two weekends, we are offering new 2024 James Patterson thrillers (*Hard To Kill, A Jane Smith Thriller* Feb. 1- 2) and next (*Lies He Told Me* Feb. 8-9). Prize books will be displayed in the Book Shoppe window. **Lunar New Year of the Snake.** January 29 through February 4. The snake values knowledge, works hard to achieve goals, and forms deep bonds in relationships. Because a snake shed its skin, it is a symbol of rebirth and transformation. We will serve green tea and fortune cookies at the Book Shoppe to celebrate. **Book Shoppe Hours:** Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Donations welcome. Pat Little-Auguston, (831) 293-3153 or little-auguston@comcast.net.

LIBRARY

Some folks, at the start of a New Year, decide to tidy up the house & finish the last slice of fruitcake before beginning their 2025 Resolutions. In the Hacienda Carmel Library, the Library Group decided to “**weed**” the **NEW Shelves** & place older titles into the regular collection so that there would be room for newer titles. Last year, we added 331 titles so this is a continuing task. (You know where New Shelves are, don't you? To the Right of the Fireplace in the Lobby area of Casa Central, Bookcase numbers 3 & 4.)

In HCCA Library, we define “**new**” **books** as books newly-donated to the Library and/or books recently bought. They might or (most often) might not have been recently published...but they are “new” to our shelves. They have an extra bright yellow sticker on their spines and have been vetted by the library workers. Additionally, **Really New Books** published in 2024 & 2025 (extra green stickers) are on Bookcase 2 to the Left of the Fireplace.

There are some **Real Doozies** on those Bookcases. Come & Check out these recommendations from Library Group members:

John Jakes: THE GODS OF NEWPORT. A tale of the Vanderbilts & other rich folks who have their second house in Newport & how they made (& spent) their money. *Fiction*

Sherri Tepper: THE FAMILY TREE. You might be surprised about what descendants you really have 3000 years in the future! *Science Fiction/Fantasy*

Sharon Brown: OUT OF NOWHERE. Chaos and what follows a mass shooting, should you care to read more about this kind of tragedy. *Mystery*

Mick Herron: SLOW HORSES. A tale of outcasts from MI5 and, yes, it has been made into a Really Good streaming series somewhere on your TV or similar device. *Suspense.*

READING IS FUNdamental!!