

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

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NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

I would like to thank the membership for their patience regarding the drainage work to the right of the entrance. ARC is working on the landscape design for that area using the Rana landscape plan.

August 13,14 & 15 there will be **no van shuttle**, due to car week.

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

It was a busy E&E weekend last week. Last Saturday we hosted a Karaoke/Sing Along in the West Room. And on last Sunday's beautiful afternoon, we had a free Ice Cream Root Beer Float social event by the pool. Both were well attended, and we hope everyone had a great time! **WOMEN'S GROUP:** this coming Tuesday, August 5th, the Women's Group will have their monthly luncheon in the Dining Room at 11:30 AM. If you're interested in attending, please contact Dee Davis (unit #236) for more information. Currently, the group is still discussing what direction it will take in the future. **BINGO:** As usual on the 3rd Thursday of the month, our next Bingo game will be on Thursday, August 21st at 3:00 PM in Casa Fiesta. This month, our final Blackout Bingo pot will be \$200. Cards are still \$5 each. **SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES:** Don't forget to check out our Sunday Night Movies, which play in the West Room at 6:00 PM. This event is becoming very popular thanks to Ed Lange, who organizes them. August 3rd we will be showing "Dave", a political comedy. Later in the month watch for "Philomena" (with Judy Dench), a movie about an elderly woman who has been searching for her son for 50 years, and "Breaker Morant", a 1980 Australian biographical film about a trial during the Boer War. **HACIENDA ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Join the festivities this year on Saturday, August 30 for a mere \$15! This year's Party will be Poolside, with very nice hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music. (There will be no formal dinner.) **HIKING GROUP:** When we know, we'll let you know when the next hike will be!!

TAI CHI CHIH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS (July and August)

Outdoor practice on the Village Green continues through the end of August, Mondays at 11:15. No class on August 11th. Our indoor class continues as usual on Wednesdays at 10 at Casa Fiesta. Everybody welcome. Questions? Call Julie Anongos 625-7771

COMMUNITY FORUM

Reminder: Community Open Forum will be held Monday, August 4, 2025, in Casa Fiesta from 1-3pm. Sole topic to be discussed: Use of, and charges for, common areas and facilities. Please plan to attend.

STOP THE SCAMMERS

A representative from Legal Services for Seniors will be here to give a talk on ways to avoid computer fraud and what to do if you do get hacked. She will be here on August 27th at 1:00 in Casa Fiesta. As you probably know, scammers are targeting seniors in particular and so we encourage everyone to attend.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

The buzz is still happening about Pacific Grove artist Joy Colangelo's visit to our July Art Group lunch. Her books are being sold at Bookworks, Studio 171 and the Wooden Pen stores in Pacific Grove if you want to see more!! **There will be an Art Lunch featuring Carmel artist Mary Hill in September but none this month.** Our Art Show "Drawings and More" opening will be on Friday August 15 from 4:00 to 5:30pm. Join us in celebrating our Hacienda artists! **From the August 7 until January Monterey Museum of Art will be celebrating "California Art before 1945".** The show is from their permanent collection of California Impressionists and Early Modernists. The Museum has been especially wonderful to our Art Group, with Artist Mary Hill providing free docent led tours of their collection three to four times a year.

HACIENDA HOUNDS

Hounds Fellow dog owners, just a reminder about how important it is to pick up your dog's waste on and around Hacienda property. It is being a good ambassador dog owner and considerate of everyone enjoying a waste free environment on their walk. Just as importantly if not more, leaving dog waste on the berm, in the fields or anywhere puts dogs at risk of picking up a parasite, some of which are transmissible to humans. The fields are not public dog toilets. Kulu picked up a parasite around Hacienda a few months ago. Weeks of worrisome diarrhea, multiple vet visits, various fecal tests and trial and error diet changes resulted in \$500 of veterinary bills and finally an advanced fecal test revealed that he had picked up a parasite somewhere in the neighborhood. He is responding well to the battery of medication, but let's make sure that we remind our guests and friends to clean up after their beloved dogs on property and off property to keep their dogs and our Hacienda Hounds healthy.

Linda and David Mullally, Kulu's dog mom and dad

THE BOOK SHOPPE

LOTS OF LOCALS. Check out our local writers shelf. It is packed. Lately, we have been seeing double, a memoir by Lisa Crawford Watson ("Sandy Claws" weekly column in the *Carmel Pine Cone*), our author at "Meet Your Local Authors" in July. As a twin, Lisa had hoped to adopt twins. Her experience in her memoir *What We Wished For* was not what she eventually got. Susan Reddington, who once worked in the Book Shoppe and led a memoir group here, moved to Virginia. We still have a couple of her poetry books for sale. We also have mysteries by her twin, Misty Reddington. Please also not overlook the coffee table book with photos of famous twins. **SPEAKING OF TWINS.** "Meet Your Local Authors," welcomes Barbara Siebeneick, on August 15, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the West Room. Barbara, a member of the Central Coast Writers, will be introducing you to her new book, *Double Take*, a murder mystery full of twins. It is set in the California's First Theatre, a historic structure built in the mid-1800's in Monterey. It was recently renovated and reopened. Does anyone remember the Olio's at the First Theatre? **RAIDING THE FAMILY BOOKCASE.** We have so many uniquely interesting books and no room to display them all. Come browse. Like Sci-Fi Fantasy? Our tiny, but mighty Book Shoppe has Goodreads's Choice Award favorite book *Divergent*, which has been described as a "brainy thrilling ride of a novel." How about *Eragon*, an award-winning fantasy? We even have sci-fi *The Gate to Women's Country* by Sheri S. Tepper. And for those with a strong literary bent, look for the New York Review of Books Club selections for 2025, *The Frog in the Throat* (Swiss writer Markus Werner, in translation) and *Sun City* (Swedish writer Tove Jansson, in translation). **DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE BOOK SHOPPE.** Call Pat Little-Auguston, 831-293-3153, for pickups. Proceeds from book sales go toward the purchase of NEW books at the Hacienda Carmel Library. New volunteers always welcome at the Book Shoppe.