

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

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NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

I believe we have found a great solution for the green food waste bins and their horrible messiness. We have found compostable bags for them, so when Waste Management comes to empty them, our crew can just tie them shut and the truck will pick them up, and the bins should stay clean. It's a start.

Thanks for your patience with the grounds crew. They have been working very hard to get the jute installed on the empty areas along the berm. The grounds crew should start planting by the end of the month.

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Hacienda Carmel Birthday Party was a huge success. We had 120 people who attended. Chef Bill and staff did a wonderful job of providing food and drink. Bear in mind the \$15.00 charge doesn't come close to funding this event. For those that are able we would appreciate donations to E&E to help subsidize future events. Attention all Libra's. Due to a conflict, the sun sign luncheon will be the second Thursday of the month. We are scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 12:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk a few weeks prior. Any questions, please contact Michael Zarefsky in unit #106. The next Bingo game will be Thursday September 18th starting at 3:00PM in Casa Fiesta. Don't forget to check out our Sunday night movies. Flyers are in the information rack. The next hike is scheduled for Tuesday September 16th. Check the posters in Casa Central for details.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Is it time to soak up beautiful art from a local perspective? Check out the beautiful work of artist Andy Williams at the Carmel Art Association this month. The show "From the Valley to the Sea, Living in Monterey County" will be available until October 6 and makes you proud to live in this county! In Monterey at the Monterey Museum of Art every Sunday in September features an Exhibition Insights docent-led tour, free with admission to the museum. The events are from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at the Museum on Pacific Street, Monterey.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

Deadline Extended. There is still time left to purchase your copy of Alka Joshi's new book, *Six Days in Bombay*, in advance of Alka's "Meet Your Local Authors" talk at Hacienda Carmel (West Room, Monday September 15, 2 to 4 p.m.). No books will be sold at her talk; she wishes to use her time to interact with her audience. Show your love by bringing your best questions and your books to be signed! Alka, a graduate of Stanford University and the California College of the Arts, is an internationally recognized, award-winning author of richly textured, compelling historical fiction. Netflix is currently developing a TV series based on her first best-selling book, *The Henna Artist*. Her books reflect Alka's reputation as a champion for strong, independent women as well as for other important societal issues. She challenged us to show our support for our local independent bookseller River House Books by encouraging Haciendans to buy her book there ahead of her presentation. Many of you might remember that River House Books almost closed seven years ago before it was purchased by its current owners. The Hacienda Carmel Book Shoppe accepted Alka's challenge and worked out an arrangement that would benefit everyone, especially an extreme discount that allows Haciendans to buy a hardback *Six Days in Bombay* for \$20.00. Making this arrangement was a learning experience, since the Book Shoppe has never done anything like this before. **Send in your coupons and payments (cash or credit card; River House no longer accepts checks) to me, Pat Little-Auguston, head of the Book Shoppe volunteers, Unit #229. I will take your orders to River House Books.** If timed right, you will get your book in two to three days, or within a week at the latest. This, we have also learned from experience, is what does happen from those who have already received their books. T.U. for your loyal support of "Meet Your Local Authors." Questions? Call Pat Little-Auguston at (831) 293-3153.