

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

JANUARY 16, 2025

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

Pending approval by the Board of Directors, work will begin on the Casa Central's roof as soon as possible. Two large trees that were doing damage to the Casa Amigos end wall have been removed. Maintenance will be painting the wall, leveling the ground, and refurbishing the bench. Until then, please be careful walking in that area.

Management would like everyone to enjoy the wonderful California winter weather, and walk the grounds to look at the early blooms.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

E&E is excited that our **new electronic T.V.** message slideshow is up and running in Casa Central. It will be updated periodically to provide up to date messages about future events. In addition, we will be showing highlights of our current and past events. The Committee recently met and prepared a tentative event plan for 2026. We are also planning on a revised New Year's Eve celebration. While Sunday's are **movie night**, (check the T.V. monitor or posters for additional information) on February 8th we will be having a **Super Bowl** watch party. Additional details will be forthcoming. Finally, the **Aquarius sun-sign luncheon** will take place on Thursday February 5th. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk next week.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

For the next two months our new artist show "**Still Life and Abstraction**" will grace the walls of Casa Fiesta. Enjoy our opening afternoon Friday January 16 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and see the art for many days thereafter! This month the Carmel Art Association is featuring Kathleen Crocetti's "Experiments in Color and Light" and also their All Member show, always a delight for the eyes! And if you are looking for other mental stimulation the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has their Spring 2026 catalog available and they are signing people up for short term learning adventures. The catalog is also available on-line.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

"Meet Your Local Authors": From a demanding and successful career interviewing the rich and the famous for the BBC, PBS, and NPR, our February local author and her husband have made Carmel their home, a place where they came annually to celebrate their wedding anniversary, a peaceful, charming, and beautiful place evocative of love. Alison van Diggelen set out to do what she does best, to introduce herself to her neighbors and have them (30 of them for her book, *The Love Project*) share how love figures in their lives. It is impressive how Alison wraps her loving arms around all of those interviewed (you will recognize many of them), transforming them from individuals into community through the common bond of love. Mark your calendars for Monday, February 23, West Room, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **New Volunteers at the Book Shoppe:** We can always use a few extra hands for regular shifts or to serve as back-ups as needed. Flexible hours. Easy commute. Novelist Umberto Eco (*The Name of the Rose*) encourages everyone "to own more books than you can read" as a reminder of how much you do not know. **Donations:** Drop off books when the Shoppe is open (hours are posted on the Shoppe window), or call Pat Little-Auguston, 831-293-3153, for pickups. Proceeds from book sales help the Hacienda Carmel Library purchase NEW books.

TAI CHI CHIH

We have a wonderful community of T'ai Chi Chi practitioners. Join us on Wednesdays at 10 am at Casa Fiesta. Beginners are always welcome. T'ai Chi Chih is a series of movements that balances and circulates the chi, the vital energy that moves within all of us. This in turn improves our health and well being. For more information, call Julie Anongos— 625-7771