

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

We received an email from Waste Management regarding three recycling bins that had contaminants, and of course there were pictures of plastic bags, banana peels and dog bowels. Please be careful of what you put in the recycling bins, and if you use a plastic bag to carry your recycling items in, dump what is in the plastic bag into the recycling bin, but **do not put the plastic bag into recycling!**

Notice of Election: It's time to get ready for the Hacienda Board of Directors election. If you would like to nominate someone, or self-nominate, you should put it in writing to Mendal Bouknight, unit #78, no later than the March 5th deadline.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

E&E is encouraging everybody to watch the **T.V. slideshow** in Casa Central. Important information plus upcoming events are displayed in an interesting format. What's the fastest growing sport in the country over the past few years? The answer is pickleball. E&E will be hosting a **pickleball exhibition** on February 21st. Starting at 11:00 AM. E&E will provide pizza and other snacks to the players and spectators. For additional information contact Flossie Stowell unit 264. **Dinner and a movie** is coming back in 2026. Mark your calendars for March 8th. If available, we will be showing "A Complete Unknown", a popular movie about Bob Dylan. The **HACIENDA SPRING PATIO TOUR** is celebrating its 10th anniversary and the 2026 tour will be on **SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH** from noon to 3:30. Registration forms to sign up your patio are available at the Front Desk.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

There are seats open for our March series of PLEIN AIR PAINTING Classes. Award winning artist Tamara Keiper will help students develop confidence in their ability to draw and understand the different artistic concerns when you are working outdoors. We will do some exercises indoors for beginning sessions and then work at several sites here at Hacienda for later classes. You may work in Acrylic, Pastels or Watercolor, pencils, or pens. See more information on the flyer behind the glass (in the Paperback Room) including times, cost and how to enroll.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

"Meet Your Local Authors": Let's stretch Valentine's Day well beyond February 14 to make it Valentine's month. Please join Carmel author Alison van Diggelen, who will share her book, *The Love Project*, on Monday, February 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the West Room. Alison, master interviewer of the rich and the famous for the BBC, NPR, and PBS, bought a home in Carmel and set out to interview her new neighbors about love, 30 of them, many of whom you might know. **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. **"Fat Books" Closeout:** Books over 2 inches thick on sale. **Donations:** Drop off books at the Book Shoppe (hours posted on the Shoppe window), or call Pat Little-Auguston, 831-293-3153, for pickups. Proceeds from book sales help the H.C. Library purchase NEW books. The Book Shoppe specializes in patching up and refurbishing used and unique books to extend their lives, and to "recycle" them to new readers, \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.25 for softbacks. While at the Shoppe, talk books with us and have a cookie or an old-fashioned Tootsie Roll while you browse.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to open the Finance Committee meetings to the Membership. The agenda for the February 18, 2026 meeting will be posted on the bulletin board on Friday, February 13, 2026. Please review the agenda for the topics to be discussed in the open session of the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Durr Room. Any questions call Fran Baca, Chair of the Finance Committee at extension 7771 or leave a message for her at the front desk (Unit 271).

LIBRARY

Yep, there are more than the morning newspapers on the Hacienda coffee tables in the lobby and library areas: stop for a minute or more and lug one of our **COFFEE TABLE BOOKS** onto your lap. Note the heavy, shiny paper. See the beautiful artworks and photographs from exotic places or of unique cultures or by creative artists. Read the paragraphs & identifiers that tell you about the contents.

These tomes are the **Biggest & Most Beautiful Books** in our Hacienda Library collection. They don't fit on the shelves like the smaller over-3000 titles we have, so Coffee Table Books grace our coffee tables and side tables and lower or upper library shelves, while some of their covers peek over the edges to entice you to look. The Hacienda Library has COFFEE TABLE BOOKS in many categories—Art, History, Geography, Travel, Science, Whimsey...and more. They are to be used in and around the library and not usually taken home. They are for all of us residents to Peruse and Review.

Take a few minutes to handle a really gorgeous book from the coffee table & **ENJOY!**

CONSCIOUS AGING WOMENS GROUP

Join us! Our group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Durr Rm. from 1 to 3 pm. We will explore what aging means today! The joys and the challenges of this time of our lives, We use dialogue, sharing, poetry, speakers, creative arts, and writing with an occasional field trip together. What does being a senior today mean to you? Come laugh with us and yes, sometimes cry with us, but always support each other on this journey in our lovely Hacienda Carmel community! For more information please call Rose Welch .#249 831-238-6008 from my iPhone

GARDEN CLUB

Help the Garden Club Grow Our Plant Sale!

We're collecting **medium to large pots (new or used)** and **plant cuttings** for our **Annual Summer Plant Sale**

How you can help:

- Donate pots → Leave them on the shelves in the **potting area by the shed**
- Donate cuttings → Leave them on the **table in the potting area**
- Already pruning? Text us and we can pick them up — or we're happy to come cut them for you!

Need help or don't have a car to bring things to the garden area?

Text **Mary Sue Abernethy: 831-809-0999** or **Norm Nelson: 415-990-9150** **Save the Date:**

Plant Sale — May 10 (Mother's Day Weekend), 10–2

In front of **Casa Fiesta**

Bring friends and family — and please share on social media! The Garden Club lovingly tends the beautiful gardens by the West End BBQ/Picnic area and shares the orchard harvest with members (avocados, citrus, figs, berries, and more!).

This plant sale helps fund the maintenance of this special space (not covered by Hacienda). Thank you for supporting our Hacienda Garden Club and community!

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