

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY MANAGER

There will be **no shuttle service** on Saturday February 28th. So sorry for the inconvenience. Please start bringing your own bags to collect your mail. California has banned plastic bags (for good reason) so we will no longer be buying plastic bags to hand out at the front desk.

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.

FORUM

Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00pm we will be having an forum to introduce Kirk Watilo. Please look for a flyer in the information center.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A big thank you to the 15 **Pickleballers** who volunteered to play at our exhibition on February 21st. Many of our residents came by to watch the action and partake in the pizza. **Dinner and a movie** is coming back in 2026. Mark your calendars for March 8th. We will be showing "**A Complete Unknown**", a popular movie about Bob Dylan. The T.V. slide show in Casa Fiesta has additional details 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. We will not be showing the regular **Sunday Night movie** on March 15th. This way, the West Room will be available for residents to watch the Academy Awards.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

We will have a new Art exhibit opening of "Spring Surprises" on Friday, March 13 in Casa Fiesta. We hope all of you will attend to celebrate the season with our artists. The current art exhibit will be removed on Monday March 9. Our Plein Air Art Class will begin March 3 in the West Room. If you are interested in attending we have a few places open. Contact Eleanor Robinson #279 for information. If you are looking for a one day Jewelry workshop check out two dates offered by Open Ground Studio.com. This might be an interesting follow up to our February Art Lunch talk with Irene Patton.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

"Meet Your Local Authors": All who attended this past Monday, Feb. 23, agree that Alison van Diggelin (*The Love Project*) was a wonderful, dynamic speaker, one whose audience related to her immediately, validating her considerable skills as an interviewer to draw people out. A small group formed around her at the end to hear stories about her many interviews, including those with celebrities like Meryl Streep and technologists like Elon Musk. Next up on Monday, March 16 will be a familiar local figure to many of us: Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts. He will be here to talk about poetry and the poet's life. His talks and readings have been described as mesmerizing and magical. Pick up a flyer for more info. **New Volunteers:** We can always use a few extra hands for regular shifts or to serve as back-ups as needed. Flexible hours. Easy commute. **Winston Week:** Winston Churchill, that is. We have a huge inventory of books about him. Half price. **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.

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!