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## Newsletter of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library

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*The purpose of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in the Carmel Valley Branch Library; to foster community participation in, support for, and cooperation with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community, and to solicit and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests.*

## 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Plans are in the works for a party to celebrate the **40th anniversary of the formation of Friends of Carmel Valley Library** and the move to the Buckeye building.

From 1949 until 1979, the library was housed in the building where Jim's Window Cleaning is located, between the Bernardus Tasting Room and Grapevine Liquor. There was seating for 5 people. When Proposition 13 passed in November 1978, it was anticipated that public funding for libraries would be reduced. The need for a larger space, combined with looming budget cuts, prompted 14 patrons to form *Friends of the Carmel Valley Library* in March 1979. This new group formed a team, headed by Jacky Marks, with the assignment to look for "a building with wheelchair access, a public bathroom, lots of light, and about 2000 square feet". Their search was successful (minus a few feet) and the lease of the Buckeye building was the result.

*Please be sure to give us your email address so we can send you an update of celebration plans.*

## FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE... AND WHAT'S NEXT?

If you haven't already given to the **Friends** this year, please renew your membership, or join as a new member.

Now that the front landscaping is established and well maintained, we have turned our attention to the back garden. We've been working with the landlord to improve garden maintenance and to restore water, so that hand watering will no longer be necessary. A large umbrella and two Adirondack chairs are recent additions. Fundraising for additional furniture and re-landscaping the garden is ongoing.



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW TELESCOPE!

Our librarian, Eddy Hamelin, and the library staff put on a full day of events to celebrate the *Apollo 11 moon landing &*

*Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon's surface.*

The Friends bought a telescope which was unveiled as part of the celebration. It was adapted by MIRA volunteers (Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy) for easy use and is available for library patrons to check out. Ask at the desk if you are interested taking home the telescope to explore the night skies.

## ART AT THE LIBRARY

Every month, the library hallway features the work of a local artist. This month's featured artist is **Claudia Gano** whose quilts have won awards locally and internationally. They will be on display only until the end of the month. Don't delay!



The Black Crown Crane, by Claudia Gano

*Black Crown Crane won a blue ribbon for Best Interpretation of Theme at the 2015 Pacific International Quilt Festival. The design is embellished with a technique called Thread Painting.*



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Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 11:30 am, following the 1st Saturday program. At this meeting, the directors of the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library are elected for next year. Any supporter who has made a donation since last November is eligible to vote. Your vote is just as valued and appreciated as your donation. (Note: If there is an “m” by itself on your mailing label, you are currently a voting member.) The slate of candidates appears in this newsletter. You can mail in your ballot, drop it off at the library desk prior to November 2nd, or bring it to the meeting. If you have not made a donation since last November, please renew your membership and include a check when you mail or drop off your ballot.

### THANK YOU TO LIZ TURNER

Liz is an unsung hero of the Friends who, for more years than most of the board remembers, has volunteered as the typesetter for this newsletter. Now that she has retired, we will miss working with Liz and are extremely grateful for all of the creativity and skill she brought to this publication. Hers will not be easy shoes to fill, but if you know someone willing to give it a try, please let us know.

### 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Julia Batchev      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Hertlein           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Brazzi        | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan McDonald             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Gano           | <input type="checkbox"/> Karolyn Stone              |
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Vote for all    OR     Vote for checked names

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail ballot to:  
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*Or drop it off at the library desk before November 2nd.*

- I will attend the meeting.
- I am unable to attend the meeting.

## FIRST SATURDAY SERIES SCHEDULE

10:15 am – Free to the Public – Coffee & Bagels – At the library – First come, first seated – About an hour  
*-Sponsored by the Friends*

- Nov. 2**    **Steven Webster**, retired Senior Biologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, on climate change and coral reefs.
- Dec. 7**    **Jen Hunter**, Resident Reserve Director of Carmel Valley’s Hastings Natural History Reservation. Jen will discuss the beautiful black and white animal we know as Skunk.

### Videos of First Saturday Events

*The most recent programs are available for viewing on our website at [FOCVL.org/archives](http://FOCVL.org/archives). Older videos are also available.*