



# OPEN BOOK

Newsletter of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library

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## Directors

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Barry Harrow, & Karin Strasser Kauffman

*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.*

## Welcome New Directors

**Lisa Allison** and her husband Jim moved to Carmel Valley in 2001 expecting a new baby girl, Alexis. As Alexis grew into a crawling baby, toddler, and young girl, the library became a home away from home, with storytime, art projects, and fun musicians. A truly magical place. At a young age, Alexis wanted to do a fundraiser for the library and the family got on board. With the help of many kids, moms, dads, and library staff, an art show was born raising money donated to "The Friends." Now, the family is sending Alexis off to college, and Lisa's Dad has become an avid user of the Library. Lisa finally feels that she has time to join the Board and is looking forward to maintaining a strong library for generations to come.

**Suellen Wiseman** decided 18 years ago while visiting the area that Carmel Valley was going to be her home. 14 years later she made the move to the Village. Book stores and libraries have been her favorite haunts since childhood. Her career specializes in working with non-profits. FOCVL gave her the opportunity to bring together two passions.

## New at the Library

Come and see our gorgeous new outdoor furniture! Funded by Friends of CV Library, these tables and chairs are colorful, lightweight, comfortable and easy to move, stack and store. The kids attending the Homework Center are already enjoying this wonderful new space, as are groups like the Storytellers and Knitters. The library staff is delighted by the cheerful look and the ease of rearranging the patio for their many programs.



library is now clear of most non-circulating materials, fully open and back to pre-Covid operating hours. Thank you for your donations which made these purchases possible!

Have you noticed the storage container in the back parking lot? During the pandemic lockdown, our library filled up with materials and supplies for the many programs and special services offered to our community. The library has served as a temporary evacuation point, an emergency cooling center, CUSD meal service site, and a collection site for the Food Bank, the Girl Scout winter coat drive, and Nancy's Project diaper drive. In the first 7 months of this year, the staff distributed over 2,500 activity bags for kids. Eddy has been collecting materials for the Robotics Club and Makerspace activities. The arrival of this wonderful new container means that the

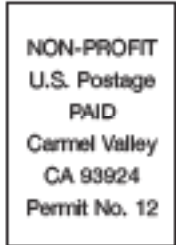
## Heartfelt Thanks to Retiring Directors

**Susan McDonald Brodey** was on the first FOCVL board and signed the Articles of Incorporation on June 5, 1979. With a few short breaks, she has served on the Board (several times as president) for the past 42 years!!!! I have told Susan that she will be welcomed to attend any of our board meetings in 2022 and beyond.

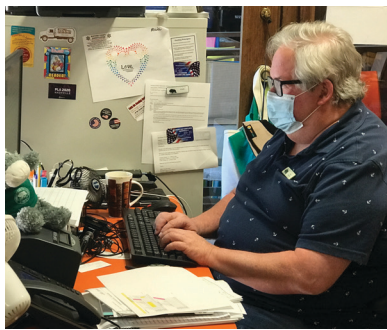
**Barry Harrow**, also a past president, is our second longest serving director. He is often found far from Carmel Valley and while still able to work remotely, finds it difficult to be fully involved as a director. Both Susan and Barry are willing to be advisors to our board since their historical knowledge and expertise are not easily replaced.



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**Kudos to our librarian Eddy** who was asked to be a presenter for the 3rd consecutive year at the Internet Librarian conference, the leading technology conference for librarians. Being invited to participate in this way is a great honor and being asked for a third time is a triple honor. Congratulations Eddy!



## Fall Membership Drive

If you have not made a donation since last November, please renew your membership or join as a new member. It is a great way to support our library and community, and to show your appreciation to our amazing staff.

## Annual Meeting

**Our Annual Meeting will be held by Zoom on Saturday, December 4th at 9:30AM.** The election of directors will be concluded. 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 to the right. **You can mail in your ballot or drop it in the book drop before December 3rd.** Our annual meeting is an opportunity for you to tell us how we can help the library serve you better. Do you have ideas for activities you would like the Friends to sponsor? Join us for a relaxed conversation by Zoom.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 724 9084 5005    Passcode: Buckeye**  
For a link, send a request to [info@FOCVL.org](mailto:info@FOCVL.org).

## Wanted

New board members, capable of attending one-hour board meeting at 5:00pm on the first Thursday of each month. Interest in supporting the library as a local community cultural center in Carmel Valley is desirable. Willingness to participate in Friends of the Library events is essential. Contact Cynthia Hertlein at (831)659-2115 for particulars.

## First Saturdays *Sponsored by the Friends*

First Saturday Programs will resume when the county allows large indoor gatherings. We have a great line up of potential speakers, but always welcome your ideas. If you have a speaker or topic suggestion, e-mail Tom Gano, [mosswoodcv@gmail.com](mailto:mosswoodcv@gmail.com). Videos of many of our past programs are available under “Archives” at our website: [www.FOCVL.org/archives/](http://www.FOCVL.org/archives/)

### 2021-22 Board of Directors Ballot

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Julia Batchev          | <input type="checkbox"/> Karin Strasser Kauffman   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Cobb              | <input type="checkbox"/> Suellen Wiseman           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Brazzi            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Allison              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Gano               | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Roden               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vote for all    OR     | <input type="checkbox"/> Write in suggested future |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vote for checked names | Board Member:                                      |

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