

METAMORPHOSIS

(The Story of the Dining Room)

A December 6, 2003 article in the HERALD featuring the muralists who transformed the CVM Dining Room prompted much discussion and many questions from the new kids on the block.

In the Beginning: Jim Valentine (former CEO) reported in "The Manor Views" of July, 1996, "...we will be looking at plans to redecorate the main Dining Room." Conlon Keator, a well-known artist and painter in the area, and Jeff and Christine Crozier, talented muralists, became the principals in the renovation.

According to Jeff Crozier in a telephone interview, the challenges were to erase the "industrial look" of the old Dining Room, to emulate the elegance of the Manor, and to carry indoors the beauty of the gardens and surrounding acres.

On the Job: Working here on campus with the gracious forbearance of the shop steward (Bill Stanley), Jeff, Christine, and Conlon labored for a month. Painting in layers, starting with the background, continuing with the foliage, and adding fruit to the trees last, the trio developed the lovely murals, numbering them for later, precision hanging. (Literally, hanging on the wall opposite the window was necessary because of the sound-proofing construction.)

Many different residents stopped by daily to check the progress of the artists. "We had a ball!" declared Jeff Crozier as he described the project.

Final Touches: Very important to the beautiful murals were many final touches to unify the whole. The wainscoting had been painted to look like a low stone wall around the acres, so the same look was given to the formerly plain plaster pillars in the room and to the buffet table, once a candidate for Denny's, now a work of art.

What look like cedar strips on the wall mirroring the

huge window are really hand painted strips of wood grain; black fire doors at the exits were given the same trompe l'oeil treatment for a lighter look.

Putting into words the atmosphere generated by these artists and their pride in what they did would take a genius. One might just say that the Dining Room now honors its residents.

Arden Hoppe



It is desired that the present generation of Manor residents knows the background of the Dining Room murals. Jeff Crozier has died, but Christine, a past President of Carmel Art Association, is still painting. The murals they created here at the Manor and elsewhere are a treasure and a part of Carmel Valley Manor's history that should be preserved.

Editor's Note

LIBRARY NOTES

BOOKS SELECTED FOR DECEMBER 2020

Fiction

THE BOOK OF TWO WAYS

HARRY'S TREES

CLARA AND MR. TIFFANY*

HOMELAND ELEGIES*

Jodi Picoult

Jon Cohen

Susan Vreeland

Ayad Akhtar

Mystery

THE SEARCHER*

PROBABLE CLAWS*

Tana French

Rita Mae Brown

Biography

MAD AT THE WORLD

(John Steinbeck)

William Souder

Central American History

THE UNDOCUMENTED AMERICANS

Karla Villavicencio

Animals

WORLD OF WONDERS

Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Sociology (Marketing Research)

WHAT RETIREES WANT

Ken Dychtwald, PhD, Robert Morison

***** DVDs CHOSEN FOR DECEMBER 2020

BREAKTHROUGH

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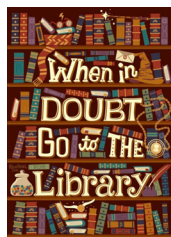
ENCHANTED APRIL

THE RIDER

TEA WITH THE DAMES

JACK IRISH

THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE
EBBING, MISSOURI



Be sure and watch this wonderful concert performance by one of our own, Gerry Williams.

Log in to the **Residents' Website**. Open the Read Me page. Scroll to the

Gerry Williams Blue Moon Concert

Press ► to play Gerry's concert. Once started, press the diagonal arrows in the lower right to fill your screen.

The show begins with a performance recorded on Blue Moon Halloween, and then opens to Gerry's live evening concert. This show was recorded November 22, 2020 in the Meeting House.



Holiday at Hillcrest

NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS

Hersch & Shirley Loomis
Barbara Fowble
Sandy Storm
Martin & Karen Wiskoff

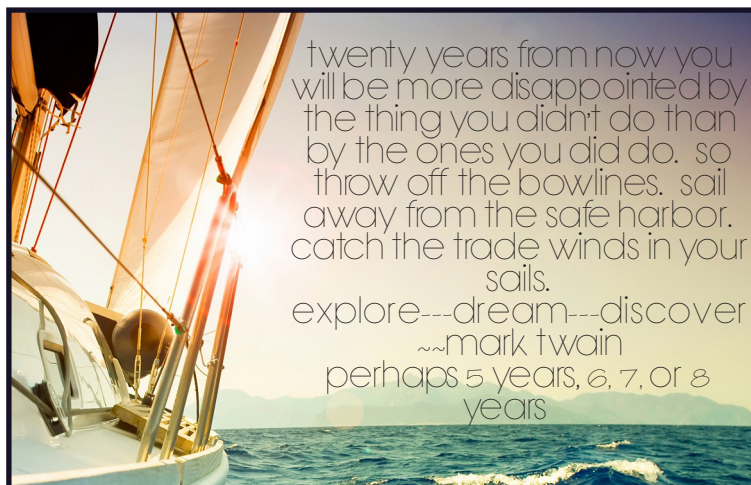
Beverly Hamilton
James & Betty Kasson
Roberta Bialek-Elliott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/11 Richard R.
12/13 Julie O.
12/19 Mary V.

IN MEMORIAM

12/4 Betty Holmgren



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CVM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Remarkably, some 75 folks attended the November 10, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Manor's Residents' Association. Why "remarkable"? – simply because it was Zoom meeting, and attendees were scattered all over the place - some in their units, 14 in the Meeting House, others in homes and offices, both here and as far away as Wyoming. And who said that seniors aren't up to today's technical challenges?

Board Chair Trey Busch introduced and welcomed new CEO Jay Zimmer. Jay discussed the Manor's continuing efforts to keep our campus Covid-19 free and urged residents to minimize off-campus time and take great care when away. He noted that masking has slowed his progress in putting names and faces together, but assured us this was high on his "to-do" list. Jay then introduced CFO Enrique Montero, who presented an interesting slide-show outlining the budgeting process and the determination of annual fee increases - 4.8% for 2021.

While their names were presented, Jay was unable to hand out the employee service awards.

In Residents' Association business the most important event was the election of Council Members for 2021. Nominating Committee Chair Ramona Smith announced the nominees as John Mahoney, Gloria Mikuls, Fred Glasser and Jean Scholefield. On motion made and seconded, resident attendees were asked to turn their microphones to record their votes. Lots of "ayes" were heard; no "nays" were recorded; motion carried. A minor By-Law amendment was approved in a similar manner.

Finally, Jack Enbom reported the excellent news that the Employee Appreciation Gift Fund had grown to more than \$325,000 with 3 weeks yet to go.

Special kudos to Zoom host Ken Johnson and his colleagues for their considerable efforts, including 2 dress rehearsals, in making all this possible.

Anonymous Observer

*THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU!!!*

The Employee Appreciation Fund Committee applauds the Carmel Valley Manor Residents for their generous donations to the 2020 Employee Appreciation Gift Fund. The Manor Administration will have \$407,774.97 to distribute to our dedicated employees on Friday, December 11, 2020. The 2020 gift fund, from 150 donors (singles and couples), is a testament and recognition of how much we value the Manor staff and understand the added stress and hardships brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resident donors will receive an acknowledgement letter from the Carmel Valley Manor Administration, a 501(c)(3) not for profit, documenting your gifts. Thanks to Teresa D'Aquino, Enrique Montero, and Rebecca Merrill for their assistance and management of the 2020 Employee Appreciation Gift Fund.

Jack Enbom, Arthur Latimer, Susan DuCoeur

Touched By An Angel

by Maya Angelou

We, unaccustomed to courage
exiles from delight
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its high holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives
and in its train comes ecstasies
old memories of pleasure
ancient histories of pain.
Yet if we are bold,
love strikes away the chains of fear
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity
In the flush of love's lights
we dare be brave
And suddenly we see
that love costs all we are
and will ever be.
Yet it is only love
which sets us free.



Where In The World?



Groveland, California

Would one like to go anywhere now? Not too far, I am sure. But there is, in my mind, a place of quiet and comfort that exists, and when I used

to want to get away for that, I would think of a cabin somewhere near a river or stream, sitting idly under shade trees, where one could sit on its porch and while away the day in the cooling breezes.

In the mornings after reading the paper and finishing my coffee I do Wonderwords. Last month the subject was Cabins. From the various words I conjured up memories.

Bear: A few years ago we were renting a cabin up near Mt. Rose in Tahoe, and after doing my walk one day and returning to the cabin, a black (or was it brown?) bear was between me and the front door. It scared me a little, but I hid behind a bush until I saw that the bear ambled away.

Cozy: What cabin isn't cozy when you sit beside the fireplace, (in winter, of course) with a drink of coffee, tea or spirits, and you are so warm and toasty, all is good in the world.

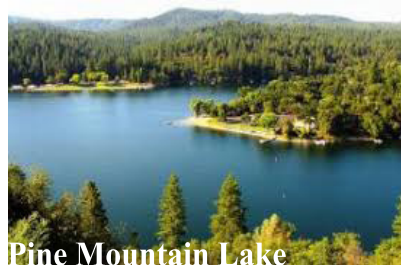
Fireplace: Thinking of fireplaces, our family once had a tiny cabin at June Lake. It had a marvelous fireplace built of river rock. The only problem was that it was so massive that you could not sit near as you would get quite warm, like hot. The living room was so narrow that one had to sit at the other end of the room to enjoy the crackling fire.

Fish: My father bought this little cabin so he could fish every day. It sat between June Lake and above Gull Lake. I loved to go fishing with him; either trolling or still

fishing, or even stream fishing nearby. I could do this all day long. Of course, we had to clean the fish we caught.

Deck: We once had a cabin at Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland. When we bought the cabin, it had a nice but narrow deck, so we had it enlarged, and it was great. The deck spread out under the oak tree so we could get shade, plus, if it was really warm, we installed an awning to help keep the house cool. We loved to sit on that deck with kids and friends, barbecue, enjoy the mountain air, and just have a great friendly time.

Moose: During one vacation we were staying in a cabin at Jasper in Canada, and as I wandered into an area where a big father moose and family ambled about, I quickly backed up. I did not want to check out if they were friendly. I had seen a moose cross in front of our car the day before, and it was taller than our car and very imposing looking. Likewise, a mountain lion, which I encountered one day while walking at Pine Mountain Lake. Again, I backed up, for it was parallel to me and about 50 yards away. At a cocktail party that night the same mountain lion sat in the hosts' driveway. No one left the party until the animal went away. (Unfortunately, the next day the same lion grabbed a little dog a realtor had on leash and ran away with the poor dog, never to be seen again.)



Pine Mountain Lake

Trees, snow, forests, warmth, quiet, relaxing, stars, picnic; all remind me of cabins in the mountains. Then there is the hammock. The BEST thing is to lie in a hammock under the filigree of leaves from a wonderful tree; fall asleep as the breeze wafts silently over your relaxed body. Now, that is heaven.

Jane Upp

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