

**November 2019**

## ***Coming Events***

*CVWC 2019 Big  
Holiday Fundraiser  
at Rancho Canada*

*December  
4th*

*Agricultural guru  
takes you on a vir-  
tual tour of the wine  
country*

*January  
8th*

*Sardine Factory  
Chef Burt Cutino  
regales you with  
early history*

*February  
5th*



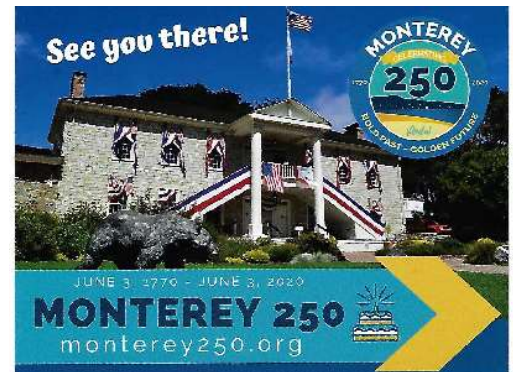
## ***History Lesson for Lunch at Gardener's Ranch***



*Laura Huelga, City of Monterey*



*Ellen Martin, First Night*



ALONG with the robust salads, the Asian chicken, the Bay shrimp pasta and pita, the hit of the afternoon belonged to the two speakers who waxed eloquent about their subject: the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the City Monterey. This all took place earlier in November when the CVWC celebrated its own luncheon at Gardener's Ranch in Carmel Valley Village.

Fifty dedicated luncheoners dined together at the ranch's poolside café and heard the City's Communications Manager, Laurie Huelga, and Ellen Martin, Executive Director of First Night Monterey, unveil plans for the year.

At 12 o'clock midnight, December 31st, the festivities will begin. First Night will headline the afternoon and evening with live music, theatrical presentations, poetry, children's productions and dance beginning at 3 pm and galloping into

the new year.

Visitors will have a chance to hear new stage presentations, including the Black Irish Band and a Monterey Symphony quartet, just two of over 25 groups performing at various places throughout the downtown Monterey area. Of course, food and other comestibles are available all evening long for both youth and adults.

The excitement is particularly heightened because the City's contribution to the evening involves speakers, live video feeds and historical presentations. The City has planned many special events which will premiere at New Years and continue throughout the year at historical sites. High on the list of activities scheduled is the City's Fourth of July birthday party. So if you are a history buff, you won't want to miss

the historical reenactments, historic tours and a new public art unveiling surrounding that event.

Fireworks are, of course, a major part of any celebration, especially its 250th, so there will be many opportunities to observe these happenings all year long. Other activities: an art gala, a block party, a Fandango and much more. Music, marching and flag waving are definitely in the plans.

If you'd like to participate in any of these activities, go to [monterey250.org](http://monterey250.org). You can sign up to volunteer, donate to support or become a sponsor.

For information on First Night Monterey activities, contact [firstnightmonterey.org](http://firstnightmonterey.org). They are looking for volunteers for the January 1st event, and the August Concours d'Elegance.

**CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB  
FOUNDATION**



**Holiday Extravaganza**

**Wednesday, December 4th,  
2019**

**11 A.M. - 2 PM**

**AT RANCHO CANADA CLUB HOUSE  
ON CARMEL VALLEY ROAD**



**Tickets are still available  
through Monday, Decem-  
ber 2nd, so call now and  
make your reservation!**



## *Lunch at Gardeners Ranch, contd:*



(Top; left) The assemblage of 50; (middle) Nancy Barton (new), Virginia Ruth; (right) Joyce Moffat, Wendy Fields, Donna Stewart; (2nd row, left) Pinkie Terry, Stephanie Byrne; (middle) Pat Gray displaying her winning raffle basket; (left) new member Hong Hai Dubroff, Monterey City speaker Laurie Huelga, Judy Zurlinden; (row 3, left) Jackie Lynch, Noreen Harrow, new member Sally Voss; (middle) speakers, Ellen Martin (left) and Laurie Huelga; (right) Kathy Kaminski (left) Joanne Noto and Wanda Vollmer; (row 4) the gathering around the Gardener's lovely pool; (right) Laura Dost, (left) and Kathy Kaminski.



## Holiday Extravaganza is Practically on Your Doorstep



YOUR holiday Extravaganza is right around the corner. Reservation awaits—charming accommodations, delightful hors d'oeuvres, designer lunch, musically appropriate program, and plenty of auction items to keep you coming back to the tables!



Don't miss out on the fun! You have one day left! Quick, make your reservation before

noon on Monday, December 2nd, and you can still take advantage of the great shopping bargains that await.

(More on the gifting part on page 5).

The Rancho Canada Clubhouse is set up to provide a sumptuous lunch. Read on:

You'll begin with a wedge-wood vinaigrette salad. Then excitement awaits: you have a choice of a roasted petite filet

mignon with a savory demi-glace, or a prime Alaskan cod napped in a grape tomato vinaigrette. Your third choice is a meatless Tortellini pesto Parmesan in its own sauce. Seasonal veggies magically appear with all the extras.

### HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO DO:

- Contact our own Penny Wood at 624-3081, or you can e-mail her, at [pennyw45@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyw45@yahoo.com) and give her your entrée choice, plus the number of people in your party. Then mail your check made payable to CVWC Foundation, PO Box 407, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, or bring it with you.

You can also reserve your space online, following a few easy steps. **Tickets are \$45.** Just sign in to this address:

[www.cvwc.clubexpress.com](http://www.cvwc.clubexpress.com).

Your website is now open.

While you're at it, renew your membership right now. Just include a \$40 check and keep your membership to the CVWC current. Be sure to reserve BEFORE this Monday, December 2nd, at noon.



## Membership Renewal—Just Fill Out & Bring With You!

### Carmel Valley Women's Club Renewal Application

Please fill out and return with \$40 dues payment to:

Membership Chairman, PO Box 407, Carmel Valley, CA 93924

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Please note: Delivery by US Mail costs the Women's Club \$2.50 per copy (including postage). That's \$2.50 X 10, or \$25 per per person per year that we can't give to our scholarship winners! Your email delivery is appreciated. **ANNUAL DUES: \$40.00!**

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lian Vineyards Tasting Room on 2 Village Drive in the Vil-  
lage.

The date is Thursday, De-  
cember 5, from 5 to 7 pm. All  
40 seats for this event, a first  
for club members, are sold  
out.

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great evening which not only  
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as well. And you can bet the  
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For more information, con-  
tact game chief Connie Hong-  
Smith. She may be reached at

[hongsmi@comcast.net](mailto:hongsmi@comcast.net).

Or you can call her at 659-  
8169. Based on the success  
of this first stab, there will  
surely be more to follow.

The CVWC has other events  
in the planning stages and  
invites you to join, lead, par-  
ticipate or get others to partici-  
pate. Bowling has been sug-  
gested, and Bocce, as well.  
There are already some other  
successes, such as the dinner  
and opera events and the  
lunch and movie afternoons.

There's plenty to do, and  
your CVWC needs you! Keep  
your eye on the newsletter and  
the website for latest info.

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## December's Holiday Extravaganza is Upon Us



DON'T wait! Register for the Wednesday, December 4th Holiday Extravaganza RIGHT NOW!

Says event chairman Kathy Kaminski, "We are working hard like little elves to bring you fun things for our holiday party! Here are a just a few things for sale: A wonderful salted caramel Hot chocolate Basket, some fun mugs filled with treats and a delightful candle display idea."

She ends her promotion with the hopeful suggestion:  
See you all on Wednesday!



So plan now to attend and bring a friend. Forty-five dollars gets you in the door and helps you support all the fine work of the CVWC—scholarships et al. You have but hours left in which to participate.



## A New Idea for Club Support—First Night Monterey



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A new concept was of interest at the last board meeting, inspired by a discussion of volunteer activity for the good of the general club membership. As was evident with our "volunteering" at the Rotary and the Chili cookoff events, our club presence introduces the CVWC to the community at large and gives us a chance to meet, greet and attract new members. President Cynthia Rivera has been a volunteer with First Night New Year's Eve for several years and she thought this might be a positive club activity for the future. First Night also needs group volunteers for the Concours d' Elegance, which includes a free ticket to the Sunday event. More on how that can happen at a later date. It's too late for us to volunteer as a group for New Year's Eve, but if you're interested as an individual, please contact [firstnightmonterey.org](http://firstnightmonterey.org).

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## Lunch with January's Ag Guru



JANUARY'S lunch begins with a virtual tour of California's outstanding vegetable and wine regions, which just happen to be right here. Lucky us. Agricultural scientist Evan Oakes has been conducting research in the area since 1997, and he's ready

to take us along. He is also a viticulturist who will give you the short and skinny on grape production. So if you've been thinking about joining the other 1,500 grape producers in the area, this is your man. He'll explain all at the luncheon, **January 8th, beginning at 11:30.** The location is Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley.

Evan has agricultural degrees from both SF State and UC Davis. Take this grape opportunity to chat and listen, perhaps whilst enjoying a sip of bubbly.

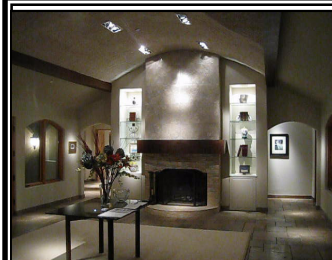
## In Memoriam, Dr. Steve Austin



Carmel Valley dentist Steve Austin, husband of Pamela Austin, former president of the Carmel Valley Women's Club, passed away November 18th. A special memorial service will be held for him at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley, December 14th at 2 p.m.

Dr. Austin was a member of the Carmel Valley community for many years. The CVWC sends deepest sympathies to Pamela and family. A donation will be made in his honor to the foundation of her choice.

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## *How Important is Our CV Airport? Here's a Recap of 2008*

Now that the rains have started, everyone heaves a sign of relief and the terror of fire abates, maybe smolders, in our consciousness.

Having recently uncovered some of the pictures from the summer 2008 fire scare which encapsulated everyone in the Village, it seems appropriate to air them once again, and remind ourselves that this is occurring every summer in California, and that our little airport is put to good use when such horrors occur.

The bulk of the night fire shots were taken from the top

of El Caminito looking south. Nearly 900 firefighters from two battalions assigned to our little Carmel Valley airport valiantly rode in two directions for over a week, towards Tasajara to the East and into White Rock to the South, in hopes of surrounding and caging the red-eyed monster.

As the camp grew in size, so did the number of vehicles, and a small city came to life along the dusty road of the airport, providing the necessities of day-to-day living to its exhausted heroes. The stubble of the airport runway was ground to fine dust beneath the wheels of scores of

huge semis—fire engines, laundry trucks, sleeping compartments, latrine carriers, garbage bins, catering transports—all part of a carefully engineered containment plan. Swaths 100 feet in width were cut into mountain tops in an effort to bring the fire under control and keep it from creeping down into the valley.

Then, in late July, as suddenly as it began, the fire was contained and crews began to herd the remnants of it eastward.

Its work here completed, the little city vanished, like Brigadoon, deeper into the ether of

Carmel Valley. And although we were profoundly thankful they were present, we were also profoundly relieved to know they felt it was safe to move on.





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## *Christmas at Los Laureles Lodge*



Los Laureles Lodge of Carmel Valley invites you to their 20th Annual Christmas Gift Show. Special Christmas Crafters have been selected for their talent and creativity.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 — 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The dining room will be open for lunch on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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LOS LAURELES LODGE once again opens its doors to a throng of special Christmas Crafters and their fans on Saturday, December 7, at the 20th Annual Christmas Gift Show. Times are from 10 am to 4 pm for the show. The dining room will be open for lunch on that same day from 11 am to 3 pm.

Grab your purse and your neighbor and come on down to observe handsome home crafted jewelry, belts, dishes, and all manner of accoutrements. There's a gift for everyone on your list.

## *Who We Are*

THE Carmel Valley Women's Club is a social organization consisting of community-minded Monterey Peninsula women concerned with the welfare of Carmel Valley, the education of Carmel Valley's young women, and the individual needs of its membership.

## *Who's New?*

WELCOME to new members of the CVWC, **Marsha Kelly, Kim Jordan, Sally Voss, Nancy Barton and Hong Hai Dubroff**

If you're interested in joining an active group of women donating time and funding to our community, email Membership Chair, Judy Zurlinden at [jbz1950@gmail.com](mailto:jbz1950@gmail.com).

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