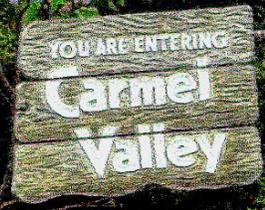


# Carmel Valley Association

To preserve, protect and defend the natural beauty  
and resources of Carmel Valley



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## CALENDAR

**May 1, 7-8:30pm**

**5th District**

**Candidates' Forum**

Carmel Middle School  
Gymnasium

**May 5, 9-10am**

**SOD BLITZ**

Sudden Oak Death  
volunteer training  
Garland Park Visitor Center

**May 5/6, 9am-4pm**

**CV Garden Club**

**Annual Flower Show**

Hidden Valley Music Seminars  
[pennyw45@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyw45@yahoo.com)

**May 12, 10am-1pm**

**Spring Plant Sale**

Hilton Bialek Habitat  
Carmel Middle School

**May 4-June 3**

**Ken Ludwig's**

***The Fox on the Fairway***

Magic Circle Theatre  
[magiccircletheatre.net](http://magiccircletheatre.net)  
Reservations 659-7500

**June 5, 7am-8pm**

**ELECTION DAY**

**June 18 & 25, 8pm**

**July 5 & 9, 8pm**

**Master Class Recitals**

Hidden Valley Music Seminars  
[Hiddenvalleymusic.org](http://Hiddenvalleymusic.org)

**June 29, 7:30pm**

**Almanova Duo**

*Flute & Guitar*  
Magic Circle Theatre  
Reservations 659-7500

## CV Village, a jumpin' place!

By Kiki Wow

A sleepy little town no longer, there is wonderful music in the air all around Carmel Valley Village. We all know by the recent front page publicity in both the Monterey Herald and Carmel Pine Cone that Plaza Linda is in full musical swing with weekend dinner concerts from 7 to 9pm, with Sally Barris (of The Waymores!) on May 25th, and Sunday Afternoon Blues shows featuring national touring artists like Bonnie Tamblyn on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Cat

Stevens Tribute Band: *The Peace Train* rolls into town on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8pm, at Plaza Linda. And I've added more Sunday afternoon blues and dance bands throughout the summer. See the incredible roster of talent in all genres at [www.plazalinda.com](http://www.plazalinda.com).

This month we're serving up some country, bluegrass, Celtic, blues, Gypsy, jazz, dance, and groove—a little something for everybody. Also, on Wednesday nights at Plaza Linda, at 7pm, experience the best Open Mic anywhere. You won't believe what talent is right here in our own valley; the young people are infused with skill and the originality is quite entertaining, plus it's free! These Villagers that are regulars at Plaza

Linda understand celebrating life and music!

Monday nights at Wills Fargo you can catch the dynamic duo, Lee Durley & Ray Paul.

On May 4, the extremely popular Magic Circle Theatre opens their next play, *The Fox on the Fairway*, a madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with golf. And music too, when the Almanova Duo appears June 29th, 7:30pm. More at [www.magiccircletheatre.net](http://www.magiccircletheatre.net).

Occasionally, you'll hear an afternoon band gathered at Rosie's Country Store or some late night live entertainment at The Running Iron.

And starting in mid-June, Hidden Valley brings back those great classical artists from the NY Philharmonic and Met Opera for master classes and evening recitals: [www.hiddenvalleymusic.org](http://www.hiddenvalleymusic.org).

If music isn't your thing and you like movies, check out "Video Night" at Carmel Valley Video where folks gather on the first Wednesday of the month, 8pm, for a feature film and popcorn. Pete Jones will share his vast knowledge of film history. Email [kikiwow@mac.com](mailto:kikiwow@mac.com) to get on my weekly CV Entertainment News & Happenings in the Village, and I'll have all the listings for your convenience!

Kiki Wow, Music Producer and Host for Plaza Linda and Carmel Valley Village



### President's Letter

By Mibs McCarthy

Carmel Valley Association goes Valley-wide! CVA does a tremendous amount of work on behalf of all residents of the valley, from Highway 1 east 15 miles to Sleepy Hollow. But we've found many of you don't know who we are or what we do....so now is your chance. We will be sending our quarterly newsletter to all residents in the 93923 and 93924

zip code areas. CVA is an all-volunteer organization. Any resident of the Valley is qualified to join as a member and serve on committees. We meet twice a year...for our Annual Meeting in the Spring, and our Picnic in the Fall. I hope you will come to understand that much of the preserved natural beauty of Carmel Valley and its rolling hills is due to CVA's efforts over its 63 years of involvement in local planning.

I am the incoming president of CVA, and I am looking forward to the challenges of this new leadership role. I joined the CVA Board of Direc-

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# Carmel Valley

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tors in 2010 and have been a member of the Land Use Committee. Some of you may know me as the recent leader of Sustainable Carmel Valley. Sustainability, the way of living to meet our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, is a value that I bring with me to CVA. It includes using local services and products, building neighborhood networks for support and preparedness, and conserving our natural resources. Sustainability complements CVA's first objective: ***"To preserve, protect and defend the natural beauty and resources of the Carmel Valley, and in so doing give due consideration to the pertinent interests and rights of residents and property owners."***

I grew up in San Francisco and Oakland, and fell in love with the Valley in my teens. At that time, I said I wanted to retire here. And here I am with my husband, Joe, on a street where more horses go by our house than cars. Our backyard is Garland Park. We are so lucky to have this beautiful resource with so much natural parkland protected for our use. Lately we have been enjoying the newly completed River Trail from the end of East Garzas to the end of De Los Helechos near Rosie's Country Store. The Regional Park folks have done a lot of work to shore up the riverbank for this lovely, mostly flat, 1 ½ mile long trail. While not designed for horses, the walking trail goes through beautiful woodlands right by the river. Come out and try it some sunny day!

This is an exciting time of year with the important upcoming election of our District 5 Supervisor. Carmel Valley Association is co-sponsoring the 5th District Candidate Forum from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st at the Carmel Middle School gymnasium. Incumbent Dave Potter, Marc Del Piero and Carmelita Garcia will be there to answer your written questions, collected during the forum. The League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula will conduct the forum. The Supervisors make land use, water, and traffic decisions for us. Please make it a priority to come see for yourself who you think will best represent us!

I hope to get to know many of you and to build coalitions between our various interest groups and neighborhood communities within the Valley. Of course, we invite you to join CVA, to lend your voice to our collective voice. The more members, the more seriously the Supervisors take our comments at hearings. You can even join online at [carmelvalleyassociation.org](http://carmelvalleyassociation.org). Or drop us a line at [carmelvalleyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:carmelvalleyassociation@gmail.com).

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*Top: Winter's last kiss; Mount Toro as seen from upper Schulte Road, March 15.*

*Above: In 2010, concerned CV citizens turned out to hear developers' plans for a high-density subdivision on Val Verde Drive, recently rejected unanimously by the Board of Supervisors.*

*Above right: Karin Strasser Kauffman, right, making a point to Supervisor Dave Potter, left, at CVA's Annual Meeting, March 25, at Del Mesa Carmel.*

## In memoriam, Rod Mills

By John Dalessio

Rod Mills died on March 28. He was a longtime board member of the Carmel Valley Association, the Big Sur Land Trust, and other civic bodies.

Rod was a large soft-spoken man, who exerted his influence through his true belief in 'that of which he spoke,' and by persuasion and example.

A lifelong environmentalist, Rod spent his retirement years protecting and

preserving the beauty and the wildlife of Monterey County, and, particularly, Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

For those living in the Carmel Valley Village area, Rod was the principal

force behind the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District acquisition of the "Moo" property, forever linking the Village area to Garland Ranch Regional Park.

A true giant, Rod will be

missed. A memorial is set for Sunday, May 6, 2pm, at the CV Trail and Saddle Club on East Garzas Road.



# Gallery



## CV Forum supports new Carmel Valley projects

Under new leadership, the Carmel Valley Forum now makes it possible for projects consistent with its mission—*To protect the rural character and environment of the Carmel Valley*—to receive tax-deductible contributions in support of those projects. For example, well-known Carmel Valley artist Paola Berthoin has sought contributions specifically in support of her new book about the river, *Passion for Place*, and directed her contributors to send them directly to CVF, which has already received and acknowledged such contributions as tax-deductible. As the project moves forward, Paola will then send agreed-upon project-specific invoices to CVF, which will pay them as collected funds become available. Paola's project information can be found at [www.paolafiorelleberthoin.com](http://www.paolafiorelleberthoin.com). Organizations or individuals seeking support from CVF may submit a written description of the project to Carmel Valley Forum, PO Box 221512, Carmel CA 93922. Carmel Valley Forum is a 501(c)(3) public benefit nonprofit corporation, EIN 01-0696867.



## 5th District candidate statements

Source: Monterey County Elections Department

**MARC DEL PIERO**  
**Occupation:**  
 Water Rights Attorney / Federal Bankruptcy Trustee



**Education and Qualifications:**

Transparency in our government, truthfulness, and ending secret, back-room deals are the principles in which I believe. During these difficult times, Supervisors must be focused on solutions, be financially prudent, and promote the "well being" of our residents first. I am committed to these ethics.

I was elected three times to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and was appointed by the Governor twice (8 years) as the Attorney Member of the California State Water Resources Control Board. I chaired the SWRCB task force on desalination and water reuse.

The County had 18 years of failed opportunities to solve our water crisis. We can create a publicly-owned, affordable, environmentally superior water project to serve our existing residents and to preserve our economy and jobs. As a bankruptcy trustee, I have seen the devastation of families due to bad economic management by our leaders. We must immediately prioritize our resources and infrastructure availability to encourage the creation of new businesses and new jobs.

We must protect local access to health care for our seniors and vigilantly protect and preserve our environmental resources.

I support supervisorial term limits to insure adherence to these principles. I request your vote and your support.

**CARMELITA GARCIA**  
**Occupation:**  
 Mayor of Pacific Grove  
**Education and Qualifications:**



I am running for Supervisor because we need new ideas and leadership for our working families. It is critical that we create better paying jobs and improve our economy. Our educational systems and environment must be protected. We need to bring final resolution to our water problems and support our local businesses, hospitality and agricultural industries.

We have very serious challenges in our County and we need new leadership.

My commitment is to listen to the public. My reputation for getting things done and building partnerships will help us meet the challenges ahead. Together, we will create solutions and preserve our quality of life.

We must treat taxpayer dollars more carefully and live within our means. Born in Carmel, California, I've had the privilege to call Monterey County home all my life, living in Pacific Grove for over 20 years. I am fortunate to witness the beauty of our area, the rich history, and the involvement of the public in local organizations and local government.

It has been my honor to serve as the Mayor of Pacific Grove and I am ready to serve as your Supervisor. I would appreciate your vote June 5th.

**JUNE 5  
 POLLS WILL BE  
 OPEN FROM  
 7 A.M.  
 TO 8 P.M.**

**DAVE POTTER**  
**Occupation:**  
 Monterey County Supervisor  
**Education and Qualifications:**



In these tough economic times, we are having to make incredibly difficult decisions about how to cut, trim and become more efficient while maintaining critical services. We are having to prioritize the needs of an extremely diverse community on issues such as growth, water, affordable housing, environmental protection and economic development. We have worked hard to make the right decisions, and we must continue to work together to move Monterey County in a forward direction.

I serve as Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Fort Ord Re-Use Authority, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and as your representative to the Transportation Agency of Monterey County. My commitment to resolving problems collaboratively has helped us build a strong record of accomplishments.

As your Fifth District Supervisor, I am committed to: preserving and protecting our environment, creating jobs, making county government and services more efficient and accessible, improving quality of life for our working families including public health, public safety, and affordable housing, ensuring fiscal responsibility by balancing the budget, and finding a long term solution to our water needs.

With only one seat at the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, we simply cannot afford to be without a strong, experienced advocate. I ask for your vote on June 5th.



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**Progress on water?**

By John Walton, CVA Water Committee

Following the collapse of the problem-ridden Regional Project, we now have an opportunity to develop a solution to the water question that meets all the technical, legal and ethical requirements of good government. Termination of Cal-Am’s illegal pumping from the Carmel River still looms. Drastic reduction in the current water supply is just four years away (see “Approaching the Cliff,” *VA Newsletter*, November 2011). Initiation of a new and workable solution is now even more urgent.

The “Hybrid Regional Plan” put forward by a group of community-based organizations two years ago outlines a solution which has won endorsements from the League of Women Voters, Land Watch Monterey County, Sierra Club and our own Carmel Valley Association Board (see CVA Web Site.) The Hybrid Plan identifies multiple water supply sources that in combination will fully meet peninsula needs after 2016. These sources include recovery and storage of storm runoff from the river, recycling and replenishment of ground water, repair of system leakage, conservation and desalination. The desal facility required, however, is one-third to one-half the size and cost of previous proposals, meaning it will become operational sooner.

Monterey Peninsula city mayors have recently created a Joint Powers Authority with a Technical Advisory Committee chaired by CVA’s Roger Dolan. The group will urge a transparent and publicly accountable solution very likely consistent with the Hybrid Plan. Nevertheless, CalAm is moving forward with a reprise of the discredited Regional Plan based on unaccountable private ownership of a large desal facility in conflict with County Ordinance and the statutory responsibilities of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. CVA joins supporters of the Hybrid Project and the Mayors’ group in opposing CalAm’s latest gambit and urging instead a public, legal, effective and timely solution.

**BECOME A CONCERNED CITIZEN-SCIENTIST AND JOIN THE 2012 SUDDEN OAK DEATH BLITZES**  
2011 was a bad year for oaks throughout the state. Abundant 2012 spring rains have further exacerbated outbreaks of SOD in Carmel Valley. Dr. Matteo Garbelotto of UC Berkeley will conduct a SOD BLITZ workshop for SOD volunteers at the Garland Ranch Regional Park Visitor Center, Saturday, May 5, 9am.

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