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WELCOME TO APRIL 2023

April 1st, April Fools Day. Download Catherine Deneuve and Jack Lemmon in 1969's "The April Fools." April 2nd, make sure you pick up Palms on Palm Sunday. Everyone in my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA puts theirs behind a picture in the dining room. Passover begins April 5th. April 7th is Good Friday. Easter Sunday is the 9th. Last day of Passover is the 13th. 16th is Emancipation Day. 20th last day of Ramadan. 22nd is Earth Day. The 28th is Arbor Day, plant a tree!

--Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

It is hard to believe I am already writing the April newsletter update! **The good news is, Spring has arrived, although you would not know it with the weather we are having.**

We had a very productive HOA meeting on the 22nd and it would be good to go over some of the highlights. **The Board had a long discussion about our current lawns, and the possible migration to the elimination of the lawns.** There is a committee headed by Tom Flinn that is looking at alternative landscapes for the fronts, and they are going to come back to our next meeting with three Landscape Design Firms and their proposals. The plan is to have one of these firms develop a variety of different yard plans that could be adapted. This is a long-term activity since the costs to convert our current yards would be significant. The Board has agreed however that we do

need to get some plans in place should it become necessary, at some later date, to adhere to water restrictions again.

We also approved the movement of some of the reserve funds from a very low interest CD to one that has over a 4% rate. We gain on this even though there is a small penalty. **All our funds are in insured accounts, and we have no more than \$250,000 in any one institution.**

Russelle Johnson was named the "Resident of the Year" for her contribution to Chantarelle as our Welcoming Committee Chair. Russelle has done an outstanding job welcoming our new neighbors and making sure all their contact information is obtained, as well as giving a nice overview of our community and activities. She received a hearty round of applause from those in attendance, and a nice plaque for her work!

Cindy Adamson and Pat Chace were elected by acclamation to their continued Board seats, and the Board also elected to keep the same leadership in place.

I would like to wish each of you a Happy Easter, and we'll hope for a little more sunshine!

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of February 2023

It's still early in the year and there's not much to report. **Our reserves stand at about \$523,240, and we were under budget in our operational expenses by about \$9,837.** This looks good for now, but I have a feeling that our utility expenses may be challenging this year due to the various machinations of PG&E and their rates. Our operating cash, less current liabilities, stands at about \$39,078. There were two delinquent accounts during the month and Strong Management was in contact with the homeowners involved.

--Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors. March has certainly come in like a lion and we are not sure how it will go out. The rain has been most welcome here in our community and we are thankful we have not sustained any damage. I am sure that our thoughts go out to those across our state who have suffered during this most unusual winter season.

The first section of the fire prevention tree trimming has been completed and we are very happy with the results. Jeff Lester and his crew did an excellent job in both the trimming and the clean-up.

The second area to be done, along Watmaugh, will begin at the end of March. Affected homeowners have already been notified.

This year's hard pruning has been completed. With all the rain, new growth should be evident in early spring. This project is undertaken to encourage new growth by providing more light and air into the dense shrubs. This process will aid in the longevity of our abundant landscape. I know the initial work is a shock but the results are well worth it.

Let's hope with the beginning of Spring we will see more sunny days and the continued budding out of flowers and trees.

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424
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SAVE WATER LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

On March 22, I provided information from my "Save Water On Landscaping" committee. Members include Pat Chace, Terri Barnet, David Wildmon and Debby Bonamassa.

At the first meeting of the committee, we had a fire marshal explain the new Sonoma County landscape requirements to prevent wildfires. Tree trimming is under way to meet the current Sonoma County requirements.

We identified three planting options for front lawns. Option 1 is to remove the lawn and replace it with landscape fabric and ground stone. Existing tree stays in place. Option 2 is to remove the tree, clear the yard and

completely replant with drought tolerant California natives. Stone pathways and planters would also be used. Option 3 keeps the current lush lawn look with using precious water; manmade turf could be used.

Next steps - develop pricing for four drawings of potential front gardens.

--Tom Flinn

POOL OPENING DATE

The official opening of the pool for this year is set for May 1. Depending on the weather, an earlier opening may be possible and will be announced, but for now it's set for May 1. Get your swim gear ready! If you would like the pool to open sooner, please contact Ron.

--Ron Yamato

SAFETY & WELFARE

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for helping me through a most difficult time, following the passing my husband Dave Owens.

Thank you for the cards, and Mass and prayer offerings.

Thank you for the gifts of flowers and food.

Thank you for the rides and running errands.

Most of all, thank you for your friendship and support.

How lucky I am to live in this great community.

(Note: Peggy's always informative column will return next month).

Peggy Owens

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator

SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

....powens2@juno.com

FOLLOWUP TO LIGHTED HOUSE NUMBERS- BUY A SOLAR ONE!

I had a call from one of our neighbors in Chantarelle. They were very interested in the article, how to replace light bulbs for the house numbers. Turns out, there are several types of light bulbs, so it could be easier to just replace

your house numbers with a new one. I was told that Friedman's in Petaluma sells a kit for less than \$30. Another neighbor bought a solar house number from Amazon. Has a solar cell on the top and seems to be working well. So, go light up a new or old sign!

https://www.amazon.com/dp/BOBHSM5MK4?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details&th=1



--Tom Flinn

CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Check Chantarelle.org under Resources for recommendations from your neighbors - or contact Mary Howland, our Website Manager, via email for more information.

--Mary Howland

Char797@aol.com

WELCOME COMMITTEE

No new residents to report this month

Please call one of our welcome committee members if you hear of a new neighbor so we can greet them with our "Goodie Bags". Thank You.

--Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

rxrjohnson@yahoo.com

--Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

powens2@juno.com

--Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

pashelaw@gmail.com

--Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

debbonamassa@yahoo.com

CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our next "First Friday" gathering at the Clubhouse will be on Friday, April 7th, from 5:30 to 7:30. I am aware that this is Good Friday which many in our Community celebrate. Since this is a meatless day for this group, I would like to encourage people to bring a small plate of meatless appetizers to share if possible. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Don't forget to bring your favorite beverage!

We encourage new neighbors to come to this event so you can meet some of your Chanterelle Community!!

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

ART CLUB - MARCH EXHIBITION

Heather Dahlberg will be sharing her wonderful pastels with us for the month of April! Come and enjoy.

--Shelley Lawrence - Art Club Steward

AN EXCITING NEW EVENT - CREEKSIDE, CHANTARELLE, TEMELEC MAY ART TOUR

Creekside, Chantarelle and Temelec will be hosting the First Annual Art Tour in our communities. The event is on May 21. Signup is due by May 7 if you are interested. See the flyer after the calendar for info and signup details. Look forward to seeing the talent our three communities harbor!

--For Shelley Lawrence - Art Club Steward

SEWING CLUB

Our new Sewing Group meets again on April 10th from 1:30-3:30pm. Bring your hand work and enjoy a couple of hours chatting with your neighbors and working on your favorite project.

--Nancy Mitchell

POKER NIGHT AT CHANTARELLE

Just a reminder that the first-Wednesday-of-the-month poker night we started in February is continuing, with the next one scheduled for

April 5th at the clubhouse at 6:30pm. All are welcomed, just let Ron Yamato know if you're coming. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Call Ron at 415-305-1400 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

--Ron Yamato

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

All Chantarelle HOA members are welcome to join in fun activities with your neighbors. If you have an interest in joining a Clubhouse activity, please contact the club coordinators for the following activities:

Water Aerobics/Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson – 707-935-8658

Mexican Train Dominoes

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Art Club

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

Sewing Club

Nancy Mitchell – 916-995-3625

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

The days and times for those groups with scheduled activities are located on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in knowing more about starting a new club activity or renting the Clubhouse facility for your next family and friends' event, please contact Linda Jackson 415-987-0021 for more details.

TOM MCKEAN'S APRIL RECIPE

Fig and Shallot Compote For Pork Loin, Chicken, Duck



PREFACE

Once again, our printer Tom McKean is providing the Chantarelle News with a recipe – this one for a fig and shallot compote. Yum.

(Any volunteers for next month's recipe? Old family favorites or new recipes would be nice).

Servings: Serves 6

Source: My sparse 1990s Saturday TV Cooking Show notes fleshed out with the details in this Food Network recipe, which is actually paired with duck. See my comments at end.

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/magret-of-duck-with-fig-and-shallot-compote-recipe-1913462>

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon olive oil

12 shallots, peeled

1 cup fruity red wine (Zinfandel, Merlot, Pinot Noir)

3/4 cup chicken stock

12 dried figs (Calimyrna or Smyrna), stems removed (Tom-I often use fresh Mission)

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest

1 tablespoon sugar

Pinch ground cloves (Tom-better with whole)

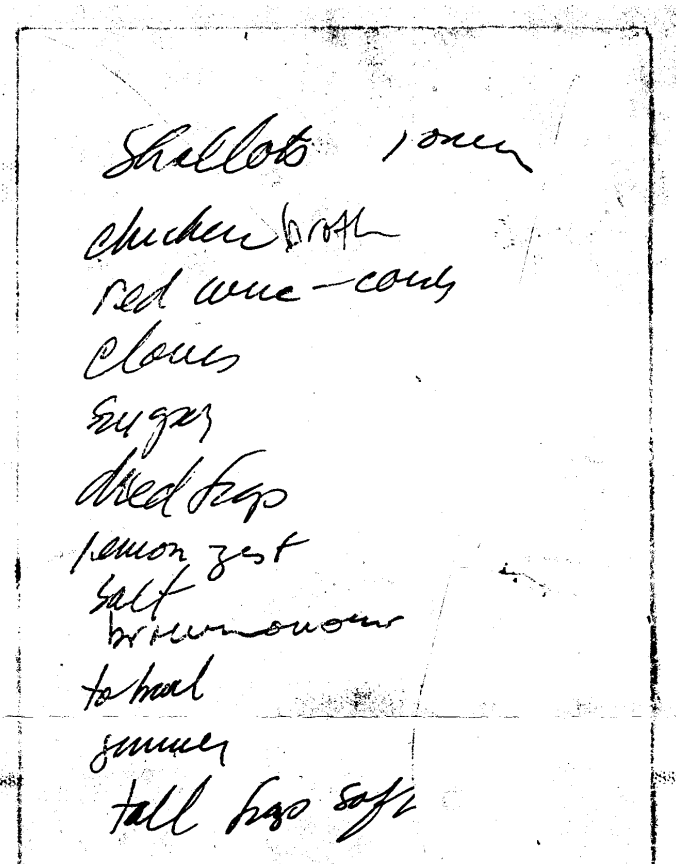
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

In a skillet over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the shallots and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden, 10 minutes. Add the wine, chicken stock, figs, lemon zest, sugar, and cloves. Decrease the heat to low and simmer until the figs are very soft but still retain their shape, about 30 to 45 minutes. Then increase the heat to high and simmer until the sauce thickens, 5 to 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

TOM MCKEAN'S COMMENTS

I started my copy center in Sonoma on Thanksgiving weekend in 1988 – 35 years ago almost and still going. In the beginning, I was open 7 days a week from 7am to 7pm. (What?) The only way I knew the weekend was beginning was that all the cooking shows were on Saturday on the burgeoning cable networks. I would listen to them until I heard an interesting recipe was going to be presented, at which time I would stop and take notes. This recipe came from one show in the early 1990s. Here are my notes written on a #10 envelope.



I have made the recipe many, many times to ladle on pork loin. I've also made it for chicken. Online there are lots of variations but the one I have presented above is actually paired with duck. The recipe is the closest to what I have been doing for 30+ years and provides more details than my envelope scribbles. Of course, it has come out differently every time over the years as I experiment with our fresh figs and using Madera/Marsala/Port instead of red wine. Always great. Send Tom Flinn a review to forward to me if you make it so I can get helpful feedback for the next time I cook it. Bon Appetit.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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415-305-1400

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707-931-8832

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Strong Property Management
PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476

Paul Strong 707-933-9151

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24 hour Emergency Number:

1-800-359-2362

POOL WILL OPEN BY MAY 1!

To enter the clubhouse you either need to be vaccinated or you must wear a mask.
If you are at the clubhouse/pool and have children who are minors using the bathroom,
please supervise them so that the bathroom remains clean.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flex Exercise 4:00-5:00		Flex Exercise 4:00-5:00	

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 April Fools Day
2	3	4 Bunco 1:00-4:00	5 Poker 6:30-9:00 Passover Begins	6	7 First Friday 5:30-7:30	8
9 Easter	10 Sewing Club 1:30-3:30	11 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	12	13 Passover Ends	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23 Private Party	24	25 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 9:00am-3:45pm, Tuesday 9:00am-3:45pm, and Friday 10:00am-3:45pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.



Call for Entries

Community Art Tour

CREEKSIDE VILLAGE + TEMELEC + CHANTARELLE

Are you an artist, looking for an opportunity to display your work? Here's your chance!

The communities of Creekside Village, Temelec and Chantarelle are joining together to celebrate the artists among us with the 1st Annual Community Art Tour. The event will take place on **Sunday, May 21** from 12:00 - 4:00pm. Artists will display their creations in their garage and driveway.

The tour will be advertised on social media including NextDoor, Facebook and the local paper.

We welcome entries from painters, illustrators, sculptors and photographers.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2023

Return the entry
via mail, email or text to:

Lisa Schmitz
Creekside Social Committee
274 Avenida Barbera
Sonoma, CA 95476
Email: LisaSchmitz1960@comcast.net
Phone or text: 707-364-7630

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of art: _____

Save Water Committee. Presented March 22, 2023

Tom Flinn, Pat Chace, Terri Barnet, David Wildmon, Debby Bonamassa, Ron and Debbie Yamato

Process

- Met as a group, spoke with Sonoma Fire Inspector Gary Johnson and Debbie and Ron took his information to begin required landscape changes and left the group.
- Met with experts and landscapers.
 - Emily Freeman, gardening book author and outstanding gardener.
 - Paul Rozanski. He recommended keeping the tree and heavily prune its interior. He also said we would have to kill the lawn over 8 weeks.
 - DMG Landscaping. 4 drawings and proposals \$3,000

3 OPTIONS

1. Keep existing trees if you have them. Add mulch, stone. Temelec is currently doing mulch/stone, some with plantings, some with no plants. Saves some water, depending on choices chosen.

2. Remove tree and lawn, create any garden you want. Pollinator gardens or just low water native plants. Saves some water, depending on choices selected.

3. If you want to keep same look as grass, manmade turf. Saves most water.

Funding

- HOA
- Homeowner
- Combination

Next steps.....proceed with 2 first test gardens.

SAMPLES OF WATER SAVING LANDSCAPING IN OUR AREA





















