



# Chantarelle Gazette

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## WELCOME TO MAY 2023

May starts with May 1<sup>st</sup>, May Day. So grab a ribbon and walk around your May Pole. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Kentucky Derby, I wish you a mint Julip and I hope that your horse wins! (see my recipe). The fifth is Cinco de Mayo, celebrate at El Molino Central restaurant. Happy Mother's Day May 14<sup>th</sup>. The 18<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Thursday. The 23<sup>rd</sup> is Harvey Milk Day. The 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day remembering everyone who died defending the United States. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Editor's Note: Steve Rogers has written a great column this month, thanking everyone who volunteers their time and effort for the Chantarelle Community. Many of these jobs are thankless and they shouldn't be. I want to thank Steve Rogers for all his work as the Board President. Everyone deserves a thank you!

--Tom Flinn

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I would like to use my column this month to acknowledge the many volunteers within our community that help make Chantarelle such a great place to live! These volunteers save you and me money by doing volunteer jobs for Chantarelle, from keeping the grounds and facilities maintained, to individuals who facilitate our many group activities, as well as monitoring our well-being.

Debbie Yamato manages the groundskeepers who keep our lawns and landscaping looking so lovely.

Peggy Owens is head of our Safety and Welfare that keeps us informed about wellness and activities we can participate in within the Sonoma area. She also runs our exercise group in the Clubhouse.

Linda Jackson manages the rental scheduling of the Clubhouse.

Kristin Young is our Librarian and maintains the organization of our library books at the Clubhouse.

Tom Flinn is our Newsletter Editor and organizes and puts out the newsletter each month.

Linda Jackson also proofreads the newsletter.

Dale Lucas manages the Pool as well as the team that checks the water every day and keeps the pool area shipshape. His team is: Hewitt Jackson, Ron Yamato, Don Sjolund, and Peggy Owens.

Janice Ingraham is Chair of the Architectural Control Committee with members Millie Stahr and Mark Mitchell.

Ron Yamato is our Treasurer and spends many hours managing our banking finances. Ron also serves as our maintenance man around the clubhouse.

Russelle Johnson is the Chair of the Welcome Committee along with Peggy Owens, Shelley Lawrence and Debby Bonamassa.

Mary Howland manages our website where you can find all kinds of information including forms, newsletters, meeting agendas and minutes.

Lois Rogers is the Chair of our Social Committee and plans and organizes rotating volunteers to put on "First Fridays" as well as other holiday parties in our Clubhouse.

All these volunteers serve to make Chantarelle continue to be the special Community it is. Without them giving their time we would not have all the activities we have, plus we would be charging more in assessments to cover many aspects of what they accomplish as volunteers. I am grateful for their commitment to our organization, and they deserve your thanks. When you see these people please thank them for their service. I have tried to include everyone I know of that is a volunteer here, and if I have missed anyone please let me know, and I apologize for missing you.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please give me a call or send a text message.

--Steve Rogers

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **Through the end of March 2023**

Our reserves stand at about \$526,202, and we were under budget in our operational expenses by about \$3,019. Our operating cash, less current liabilities, stands at about \$33,028.

There were two delinquent accounts during the month, and Strong Management was in contact with the homeowners involved.

--Ron Yamato

### LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors and welcome to Spring. The community is looking great as trees begin to leaf out and shrubs start to flower.

Irrigation has been restarted on both the lawns and the planted areas. If you notice any irrigation issues, please notify me as soon as possible.

The second section of the fire prevention tree trimming project, consisting of the area along Watmaugh and the cut-through between St James and Hermosa Parkway, has been completed. The final section including the area along Arnold Drive will be scheduled for late May to early June. The homes that will be affected will be notified several weeks before work begins.

Enjoy the sunshine and the warmer temperatures.

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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### SAFETY & WELFARE

#### **Don't Fall for It!**

Common ways fraudsters draw you in include fake texts, emails and phone calls that may look and sound legitimate. Phone calls may look like they are coming directly from your bank, Social Security, a utility like PG&E or a vendor like Amazon. Emails have the look of authenticity.

Most of the time, these are fake. They'll usually tell you your account's been locked, or something similar. They'll direct you to click on a link to solve the "problem". It is best to ignore texts, emails and phone calls if you are not sure about their authenticity. It is best to call your bank, for example, or go directly to your account on Amazon's web site, etc. This way, you can see for yourself if there is an actual problem you need to address. Don't fall for phrases like "act now" or "inside information". Better to miss an unlikely chance than to be scammed by fraudsters.

#### **Give Wisely**

In times of local and world distress, many of us are looking for ways to help and donate. Unfortunately, scammers are looking for ways to take advantage of your good intentions. One way to give wisely is to check the relief effort you intend to help by going to one of these watchdog agencies:

BBB Wise Giving Alliance ([give.org](http://give.org))

Charity Navigator ([charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org))

Charity Watch ([charitywatch.org](http://charitywatch.org))

#### **Important Dates this Month**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th.

Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 29th this year. Take a moment to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator  
SAFETY/WELFARE Committee  
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### ENERGY SAVING NEWS

If you are interested in insulation, solar, weatherproofing, a heat pump furnace/AC, heat pump hot water heater, heat pump clothes dryer, thermostat, induction cooktop and more, now is the time. Rebates on the heat pump central heat/ac goes up to \$6,000 off. The most it's ever been. Rebates are here for 2023 as long as they are not sold out. Sonoma Clean Power (<https://sonomacleanpower.org/>), PGE ([https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/residential/save-energy-money/savings-solutions-and-rebates/rebates-by-product/rebates-by-product.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/save-energy-money/savings-solutions-and-rebates/rebates-by-product/rebates-by-product.page)), State of California - [https://www.projectgreenenergy.org/?utm\\_source=google&campaign\\_id=18703284631&clid=Cj0KCQjwxYOiBhC9ARIsANiElfbTC5hXPhK3k8lFAyvD7fsptwN1XZD40RkY8SzGgGAIBqwtJaiU634aAmTIEALw\\_wcB](https://www.projectgreenenergy.org/?utm_source=google&campaign_id=18703284631&clid=Cj0KCQjwxYOiBhC9ARIsANiElfbTC5hXPhK3k8lFAyvD7fsptwN1XZD40RkY8SzGgGAIBqwtJaiU634aAmTIEALw_wcB&key=Search&gclid=Cj0KCQjwxYOiBhC9ARIsANiElfbTC5hXPhK3k8lFAyvD7fsptwN1XZD40RkY8SzGgGAIBqwtJaiU634aAmTIEALw_wcB)), and the United States Government (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/>) all kick in funds to make the programs possible. There are also rebates on new service panels and electric cars, many pages of rebates. Save some money and save the planet for your children and grandchildren or just for yourself.

--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  
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### CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

It's only days away until our next "First Friday" at the Clubhouse on Friday May 5th, and that just happens to be Cinco de Mayo !!! I guess we better celebrate! If you have a good Mexican appetizer you would like to bring to share, that would help make things more festive! AND . . .

Steve has volunteered to host a free Margarita bar for anyone who wishes one!!! We will hope to see you there, doors open at 5:30!!

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

### ART CLUB - MAY EXHIBITION

John Dodshon will be our featured artist this month. John was editor of our newsletter for over 10 years. He also plays in a Bay area jazz group. Don't miss his work.

--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 May 8th 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

The May first-Wednesday-of-the-month poker night is **canceled**, but we plan to continue the game on June 7. Call Ron Yamato 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.

### MAY RECIPE

#### **Classic Bourbon Mint Julep**

**Prep Time:**3 mins - **Cook Time:** 0 mins -



**Servings:** 1 serving - **Source:** [thespruceeats.com](http://thespruceeats.com)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

It's May, hoping for a warm spring, sunny day. So celebrate the Kentucky Derby with the race's classic cocktail. Enjoy.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

**4 to 5** mint sprigs, leaves only

**2** sugar cubes, or 1/2 ounce simple syrup

**2 1/2** ounces bourbon whiskey

Mint sprig, for garnish

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Gather the ingredients.

Place the mint leaves and sugar or simple syrup into a julep cup, collins glass, or double old-fashioned glass. Muddle well to dissolve the sugar and release the oil and aroma of the mint.

Add the bourbon. Fill the glass with crushed ice and stir well until the glass becomes frosty. Garnish with a mint sprig.

### **LAST MONTH'S FIG COMPOTE RECIPE**

Two people contacted Tom McKean after trying his fig compote recipe. Both loved it. Any others who want to comment, email Tom Flinn and your message will be passed on.

### **FUTURE NEWSLETTER FEATURED RECIPES**

We are looking for other great recipes from our master Chanterelle cooks. Send them to Tom Flinn at [thomasflinn@gmail.com](mailto:thomasflinn@gmail.com)

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Rogers, President

707-771-9290

Tom Flinn, Vice-President

415-621-7572

Ron Yamato, Treasurer

415-305-1400

Cindy Adamson, Secretary

707-931-8832

Pat Chace, Director

707-935-7301

### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Strong Property Management

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Paul Strong 707-933-9151

Email: [paul@strongmgt.com](mailto:paul@strongmgt.com)

24 hour Emergency Number:

1-800-359-2362

## POOL OPENS 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
<b>Pool Aerobics 11:30</b>		<b>Pool Aerobics 11:30</b>		<b>Pool Aerobics 11:30</b>

### MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <b>Bunco 1:00-4:00</b>	3 <b>Poker <i>Canceled</i></b>	4	5 <b>First Friday/ Cinco de Mayo 5:30-7:30</b>	6
7	8 <b>Sewing Club 1:30-3:30</b>	9 <b>Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00</b>	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Mothers Day</b>	15	16 <b>HOA Board Meeting 2:00</b>	17	18	19	20
21 <b>Chantarelle Creekside Temelec Art Tour</b>	22	23 <b>Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	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.

**CHANTARELLE DOGWOODS ARE NOW IN BLOOM!**

