



Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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ARE YOU TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF WHAT SONOMA HAS TO OFFER?

There is so much more to Sonoma than vineyards and wine tasting. When I lived in San Francisco we often came up to partake in various wine club festivities and see an occasional art show on the Plaza. After living here now for four years I've learned that there is so much more to Sonoma, you just have to dig a little deeper.

My discovery of things to do here started with joining the Sonoma Valley Jazz Society and volunteering. I help out by serving wine at the shows. I've produced a show (a good learning experience) and participate on their board as their marketing director. The Society produces a free show on the second Tuesday of the month at the Plaza during the summer months. We have a show coming up on September 10th starting at 6:00 p.m. Why not come and check it out. You can go to www.sonomavalleyjazzsociety.org to find out about their upcoming shows.

Next, I joined Newcomers. The organization has a quarterly luncheon and several other activities you can participate in. If you have a special interest, you should check out their website and see if there's a group you can join. If not, start your own. Find out more at www.sv-nc.org. They have a comedy show coming up on September 22nd at Buena Vista Winery starring Diane Amos (she was the Pine Sol lady.) She's really funny and a great storyteller. Non-members are welcome, but you must register. Let me know if you want to go and I'll send you the link to purchase tickets.

Through a recommendation from a friend, I decided to join the SV Woman's Club which was started in 1906 by a group of women who were friends and wanted to help the community. It was their idea to have the Plaza

built. They also worked with the Carnegie Foundation to start the town's library. Not many people know these facts. They have monthly meetings and a monthly Happy Hour.

Terri Barnett and I recently went to an interesting fundraiser for Pets Lifeline. It was held at the *Moon House* in Glen Ellen (located next door to the Glen Ellen Market.) Behind the big iron entry gates lies a magnificent mansion that is a true work of art! It was designed and



built by Douglas Fenn Wilson who is an accomplished author and artist. It was a fun evening with a harpist, delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine. We got to roam around the entire house and the host's studio. Fascinating!

Since I'm short on space, I'll just briefly tell you about two other events I went to that were interesting and a lot of fun. If you haven't been to our Sonoma Valley Museum of Art on Broadway, run don't walk and catch the current exhibit of Oakland-based artist, Arthur Monroe (until September 8). Monroe's work followed the mid-century cultural movement of the New York School of Abstract Expressionism and the modern Jazz and Beat cultures in New York and the Bay Area. I attended a program featuring his son and two of Monroe's contemporaries. They shared how the Jazz and Beat movements influenced Monroe's work.

We've all seen the ads and posters for the performance group, *Transcendence* playing at the Field of Dreams, but have you actually seen

their shows? The show I saw was fantastic! Such talented performers, all of whom have appeared on Broadway. They're only here for a short while longer and I urge you to go.

Take advantage of what's out there in our own backyard!

--Valerie Camarda

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Volunteers are the backbone of our community that keeps everything running and all these people deserve our thanks. I would like to dedicate this newsletter to all of them and to let you know who they are.

First off is our Board of Directors. **Pat Chace**, Director, **Cindy Adamson** Secretary, **Ron Yamato** Treasurer, and **Susan Carlisle** Vice President. A special acknowledgment to Ron for just a stellar job as treasurer. We are one of a very few HOA's that have fully funded reserves, and we have the lowest HOA dues in the area. Ron also prepares a monthly report on our finances, and he also does an outstanding job with maintenance of our Clubhouse and grounds.

The Pool Crew, which **Dale Lucas** heads up, along with his group of volunteers, do such a terrific job that we could not keep the pool open without their help. Government rules require that the pool be tested every day to ensure that the chemicals are all at required levels. Dale and his crew make sure of this every day and the water is regularly tested. On the crew are: **Hewitt Jackson, Ron Yamato, Peggy Owens, Debra Rogers.**

We have a monthly colorful and informative newsletter with the exceptional work of both editor **Valerie Camarda** and proofreader **Linda Jackson**. Every month a multi-page publication comes out to inform us of things happening in our neighborhood and in our surrounding area.

Linda Jackson also takes care of all Clubhouse reservations.

Our landscape is always looking top notch and leading that effort is **Tom Flinn**. This position works with the handling of requests for

changes or improvements from the Community, and Tom works closely with the Board on expenses and funding of the work. He also works with the landscape contractors on various things that need to be done.

Social Activities are led by **Lois Rogers** who organizes our Monthly "First Friday" Socials, and other holiday celebrations throughout the year, including our upcoming barbecue in September, and our Holiday Party in December.

Architectural Control committee approves all the submissions for any changes to the front of our homes including changes to color of the home. Leading the committee is **Janice Ingram** with help from **Millie Stahr** and **Mark Mitchell**.

Our Welcome committee greets our new residents and gives them a rundown of our activities and other information. **Russelle Johnson** heads up this committee and she is assisted by **Peggy Owens, Shelley Lawrence,** and **Debby Bonamassa.**

We have a wonderful website, chantarelle.org which is chock full of information and forms you may need. This position is organized and regularly updated by **Mary Howland.**

Safety & Welfare keeps us informed with articles and information which **Peggy Owens** distributes, along with help from **Debbie Yamato** with disaster preparedness.

The Sunshine position sends cards/ flowers to our residents who are ill or in need of some uplifting words from our community. This job is headed up by **Jackie O'Neill.**

Our new Librarian, **Marybeth Jacobsen**, is in charge of keeping the library in the Clubhouse stocked with many books for your use and enjoyment.

It takes a village to keep Chantarelle functioning and we need to thank, applaud, and recognize the terrific work our volunteers do to make this the great community we all enjoy living in! Thank you all for your contributions!

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2024

There was one reserve expense in July in the amount of \$3,788.50. This was for an automatic chlorine and acid pump for the pool. The amount in the reserve fund was still in good shape at \$570,351 at the end of July. Also, as discussed and approved at the July Board Meeting, the funds from our U.S. Bank certificate of deposit that matured in July were deposited into a new 12-month CD using the CDARS network at Heritage Bank. The CD was purchased from Western Alliance Bank (Phoenix, AZ) in the amount of \$117,600 at an annual rate of 4.81%. The transaction was fairly easy and straightforward, so we will probably continue to use the CDARS through Heritage Bank for the purchase of future CDs. The next CD that will be maturing is a Poppy Bank CD in September of this year.

Operating expenses through the end of July were still mostly under budget (by about \$5,028), but the under-budget amount has been getting tighter over the past few months and will probably disappear in the next month or two. I'm expecting expenses to "catch-up" after the slow spring period, especially in the utility and landscape categories, so we will be keeping a sharp eye on expenses over the next few months. Our operating cash stands at about \$26,725. Subtracting current liabilities of \$20,729 from this amount leaves us with ready cash of about \$5,996, which means we may have to dip into our ready reserves to pay upcoming bills.

We are still dealing with a number of homeowners who are behind in payments for one reason or another, but the delinquency total did decrease from \$7,723 last month to \$4,955 this month. We discussed at the last meeting the delinquent notification process used by our new bookkeeper, and perhaps the system is starting to work. We also voted to levy a lien against the homeowner with the longest and largest delinquency record, but the homeowner paid up and the lien is no longer necessary.

--Ron Yamato

CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

It's almost here, our Annual End-of Summer BBQ on Saturday, September 14th! Hopefully you all have received the flyer that was put in your mail tube below your mailbox. I will need your form and your cash or check returned to me by Thursday, September 5th!! (It's important to get this to me by then, as I will be purchasing all meat choices early the following week!) I have also posted a large sign-up board to the LEFT side of the main Clubhouse doors.....I am looking for Volunteer help for: Set-Up on Friday Sept. 13th with a few (short time) jobs, and for Saturday, Sept. 14th for a variety of jobs. I will need kitchen prep help in the morning, and the remainder in the late afternoon. All are very simple short jobs. Also, there is a separate sheet asking for volunteers to help with food donations, making or buying cookies, or making and donating a salad. Thank you in advance to all of you that can help with this event, I am truly grateful!

Reminder: There will not be a "First Friday" on September 6th, as it will be replaced by the BBQ the following weekend.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT



September is back to school and the start of fall. I cannot wait to see how much greener and fuller the lawns will be. Many people have told me how much better the grass looks. The extra water this past month has changed burned areas to green. It is a pleasure to dog walk and see the progress. I know how much everyone likes their lawns here and I just finished the aeration of the lawns, September is fertilizer. I've also had the sprinkler heads tested again and we found many in need of replacement. Some were even buried under the lawn so they weren't getting any water to the lawns. It's easy to see where the problems are when so much

of the lawns are green right now. Bare spot now means I look for the problem. Weeding by hand continues. Slow but steady. I have my teakettle out to see if boiling water really does kill weeds.

Working on trimming some trees at the Clubhouse that grew so much they are now sitting on the roof. Not good for the roof. No dead leaves, no tree branches and the roof is happy.

I'm already thinking about winter, time to prune before bud break. It's fun with gardening. There's a natural calendar with things to do year-round.

I'll leave you with this. This past year I have started growing outdoor low light plants inside. For four months I had blooming Cyclamen in my kitchen window. All winter long. Now I just planted Impatiens in the window. Water, turn them around toward the sun and you're done. Remove spent flowers. I bought two Jardinieres, a fancy word for flower pots. We were on a trip to Deruta pottery in Italy. I found them half price because underneath there is a tiny spot of missing glaze. They packed them all up and I carried them all over Italy, on a train even. Never thought they'd be so big when wrapped. They went with me in the overhead bin and landed safely in our home. So here's a picture of my fall flowers in the kitchen window. The pretty pot hides the cheap greenhouse liner that fits it perfectly. I have six liners so I can grow replacements, ready when I need them. Be well and enjoy our beautiful Sonoma fall.

--Tom Flinn

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OUR NEW CHANTARELLE NEIGHBORS

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

We are so happy to welcome our new residents to Chantarelle. Also, time to update your roster with the new neighbors contact information.

22 Saint Mathews Court

Linda Kingsbury

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415-806-8393

113 South Temelec Circle

Charlie and Sue Carson

Charlie

cwcarson@sbcglobal.net

707-484-1432

Sue

707-787-8724

susanwellscarson@gmail.com

28 South Temelec Circle

Wayne and Laurie Jacobsen

ljjacobsen@mac.com

520-260-7480

Please let the Welcome Committee know if you notice new neighbors moving in so that we can call upon them.

--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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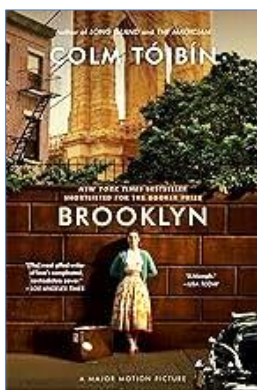
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please contact me if you know of a neighbor who has recently lost a pet and/or is not feeling well and needs some cheering up. We'd also like to recognize significant anniversaries. Please be my eyes and ears and keep me informed so I can reach out on behalf of the community.

--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Last month we read **North Woods** by **Daniel Mason**. We all agreed the novel was a very unique, artistic piece but differed on our enjoyment of the author's writing style and many unusual characters. But, as always, the book prompted new thoughts and an enjoyable discussion!



For September, our host has selected **Brooklyn** by renowned Irish author, **Colm Toibin**. The story is about an Irish girl who emigrates to Brooklyn, New York, by herself, in the early 1950s. She gets right to work, taking a job at a department store and enrolling in night school.

What will become of her?

We will meet at the Clubhouse on September 17, from 4-5:30. Please join us, or, if you prefer, just read the book for your own pleasure.

Marybeth (940-290-4757) or Barbara (415-377-8712).

--Marybeth Jacobsen

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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 groups with scheduled 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

Mike Hashii – 415-686-5512

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

Book Club

Marybeth Jacobsen - 949-290-4757

Barbara White - 415-377-8712.

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.

--Linda Jackson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ART CLUB – JULY EXHIBITS AND FUTURE EXHIBIT THEMES

The August Art Exhibition in the Clubhouse showed five paintings at the clubhouse, as well as the paintings in two home windows.

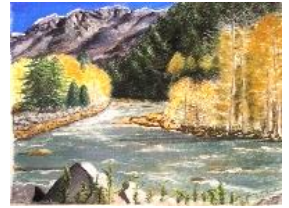
Waterlilies, Soft pastel on pastel paper (HEATHER DAHLBERG),



Eilean Dolan Castle, acrylic (JOHN DODGSHON)



Remembering the River of No Return, soft pastel on sanded paper (JUNE DEBUSK)



Bridge Over Peaceful River, watercolor (MIKE HASHII)



Hindsight, acrylic on canvas (SHELLEY LAWRENCE),



Untitled, acrylic (SHELLEY LAWRENCE, 121 S Temelec)



My Surprise Kabocha, watercolor (MAY HASHII, 141 S Temelec)



Future exhibit themes –

Sunrise/Sunset and more (September),
Shelley Lawrence Solo Exhibition (October)

More Art welcomed!

If you're interested in showing your art piece for future exhibit(s), please contact Mike Hashii (mhashii@gmail.com).

This just in from Newser.com:

Federal regulators approved updated COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, shots designed to more closely target recent virus strains—and ideally whatever variants cause trouble this winter, too. With the Food and Drug Administration's clearance, Pfizer and Moderna are set to begin shipping millions of doses, which should be available in days. A third US manufacturer, Novavax, expects its modified vaccine version to be available a little later, the [AP](#) reports. "We strongly encourage those who are eligible to consider receiving an updated COVID-19 vaccine to provide better protection against currently circulating variants," said Dr. Peter Marks, the FDA's vaccine chief.

The agency's decision came a bit earlier than last year's rollout of updated COVID-19 vaccines, as a summer wave of the virus continues in most of the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already has recommended this fall's shot for everyone 6 months and older. While most Americans have some immunity from prior infections or vaccinations or both, that protection wanes. Last fall's shots targeted a different part of the coronavirus family tree, a strain that's no longer circulating, and CDC data shows only about 22.5% of adults and 14% of children received it. Experts answered questions, per the AP, concerning:

- **Skipping the new shot:** That's "a hazardous way to go," said Dr. Robert Hopkins Jr. of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Even if a person's last infection was mild, the next might be worse or leave the unvaccinated with long COVID symptoms.
- **How soon to be vaccinated:** This summer's wave of COVID-19 isn't over, but the inevitable winter surges tend to be worse. And while COVID-19 vaccines do a good job preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death, protection against mild infection lasts only a few months.
- **People at high risk:** Those in this group shouldn't wait but instead schedule vaccinations once shots are available in their area, Hopkins advised. That includes older adults, people with weak immune systems or other serious medical problems, nursing home residents, and pregnant women.
- **Younger, healthier people:** Children and younger adults with no major issues "can get vaccinated anytime," Hoskins said. There's no reason to wait, he added—though it's OK to seek the shots in the fall, when plenty of doses will have arrived at pharmacies and doctor's offices.
- **An exception:** The CDC says anyone who recently had COVID-19 can wait three months after recovery before getting vaccinated, until immunity from that infection begins to wane.
- **Flu, too:** Health authorities say it's fine to get COVID-19 and flu vaccinations at the same time, a convenience so people don't have to make two trips.

POOL OPEN

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
Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <b style="color: green;">Labor Day	3 Bunco 1:00-4:00	4	5	6 No 1st Friday	7
8	9	10 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	11	12	13	14 BBQ Clubhouse
15	16	17 HOA Meeting- 2pm Book Club 4:00-5:30	18 Poker Night 6:30	19	20	21
22 1st Day Of Autumn	23	24 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	25	26 Art Club 1:00-3:30	27	28
29	30					

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8:00-4:00 and Tuesday 8:00-4:00.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.