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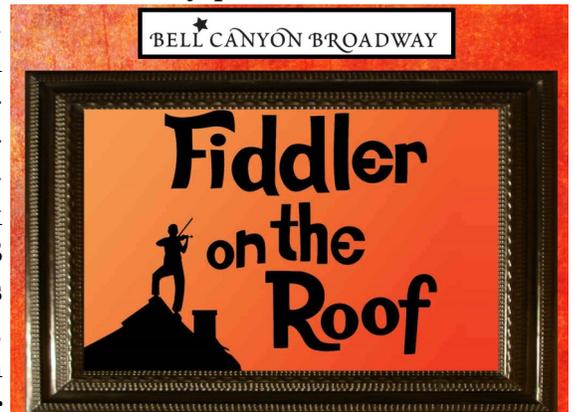
Canyon Highlights November 1 - December 1

- ◆ Nov 4, 2PM: Meet the Candidates
- ◆ Nov 5, 4PM: Knitters and Crocheters
- ◆ Nov 6, 7AM: General election, polls in Suite 1
- ◆ Nov 8, 7PM: BCA BOD meeting
- ◆ Nov 13, 7PM: BCAC meeting
- ◆ Nov 14, 10AM: Book Club
- ◆ Nov 17, 6PM: BCB presents *Fiddler on the Roof*
- ◆ Nov 18, 5PM: BCB presents *Fiddler on the Roof*
- ◆ Nov 20, 7PM: Waterworks District meeting
- ◆ Nov 26, 7PM: CSD meeting*
- ◆ Nov 27, 7PM: BCAC meeting

*Subject to change

Bell Canyon Broadway Presents: *Fiddler on the Roof*

Join Bell Canyon Broadway in a toast “to life, to life, l’chaim!” this November 17th and 18th as they perform the classic musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. As with all Bell Canyon Broadway shows, audience members should arrive an hour before curtain to enjoy a potluck dinner provided by BCB parents. The curtain goes up at 6PM on Saturday, the 17th, and at 5PM on Sunday, the 18th. For further questions on tickets, timing, or Tevye, email Gloria or Sara at bcbroadway23@gmail.com. ■



Save the Date!

Bell Canyon Association's

2018 Board of Directors Election:

Meet the
Candidates Forum



**Sunday, November 4
2 PM
BCCC Social Hall**

CSD's Fall Cleanup Cleans Up

It was a busy scene in the Bell Canyon Community Center parking lot as car after car pulled up with loads of yard waste, shredding, junk, and donations. The annual Fall Cleanup, a partnership between the Bell Canyon Community Service District and Waste Management, saw over 250 vehicles during the four-hour event, including a U-Haul trailer loaded with an entire tree. Work crews from the county unloaded almost twenty-six tons of material, only five of which headed to the landfill. The rest were recycled in various forms, diverting almost twenty-one tons of trash from the landfill, almost five more tons than at this year's Spring Cleanup.

If you missed your chance to participate, 2019's Spring Cleanup isn't far away! At Spring Cleanup, the usual items—bulky trash, yard waste, e-waste, shredding, and donations—are accepted, but there is an additional collection station for hazardous waste, so make sure to save all your paints, batteries, light bulbs, and more for proper disposal in a few months. ■

Spotlight on: Tamar Hermes

Maybe you've noticed them on weekends, brushes hard at work amidst chatter and trees, or you've seen the e-blasts, but haven't made it to a class. We sat down with Tamar Hermes, Bell Canyon owner, entrepreneur, and driving force behind Painting in the Park, to find out what makes a creative mind like hers tick.

BCB: Most people see your e-blasts and assume you're an artist full-time. Is that why you started the class?

Tamar Hermes: No, I'm actually a money coach. I started Painting in the Park as a way to encourage myself to get back into painting, which I had done in college as a fine art minor, but not since. I knew that if I had a group to paint with, I would be a lot more likely to actually do it!

BCB: How did you get into finance then, and the money coaching world?

TH: I wasn't intending to go into the field, but I realized that I had certain gifts to give back, so I started my work as a Wealth Warrior as a way to use my own skills to help others do better. I've always been very good at making and managing money, but I also got certified as a life coach and took a bunch of courses to really be effective. Even now, I'm constantly looking for ways to learn about finance.

BCB: Wow, there's a lot that goes into being a money coach. Do you find yourself having to be sort of a psychologist on the side?

TH: A lot of wealth growth is in the mindset, but my particular niche is in the practical: where is the money? There are a lot folks who have enough income to support a life like we have in Bell Canyon, but it never makes it into their accounts. I help them look at their spending habits, investment pieces, and lifestyle choices to see where the leaks are.

BCB: Was your decision to start Painting in the Park a similar thought process, where you realized you had a talent and wanted to share it, or was there something more?

TH: That was part of it, but we also have this park that is so beautiful and really under-utilized! We live in Southern California and it's so beautiful most of the year, so why not take every chance we can to be outdoors? Painting is also such a great stress relief and a real tool to help people—especially the younger kids—realize that, even if you don't love the way your painting turns out originally, you can always find some aspect that came out really well. It's a lesson in finding the good.

BCB: What is the most rewarding aspect of leading a class like this?

TH: Definitely the community building. We've had up to twenty people in a class, with everyone from little kids to a ninety-two year old. It gives residents a chance to connect with neighbors in a low-stress environment. Other communities do similar things—Hidden Hills, for example—but I think it makes a difference that it's a class for the community, by a community member, in this inspiring setting that is one of the perks of living in Bell Canyon.

BCB: So what advice would you have for Bell Canyonites, especially younger women, who also want to start their own major projects or businesses?

TH: If you're younger, I would definitely say get a job, any job, in the field you want; if you want to go into jewelry making, or film, or any industry, don't get a job taking care of horses. You need to see if you actually like the field, and gain experience, and ideally find a mentor who can help you grow your business. Otherwise, you end up spending all this time and energy in a job you don't want, and your goal stays just a "what if." The other thing that younger people often do is approach an interview or networking without confidence—you need to come to the table with the attitude that you've got something to offer people. You have to be proactive and push toward your vision, and it will take a lot of energy. If you're a little older, confidence definitely applies as well: don't go out into the workplace thinking you've been out of a field too long or out of the workplace too long to go into it. That said, you definitely want to make sure you can fulfill your financial obligations during the transition, so it's wise to start your passion on the side and then transition to full-time as your business grows. *(Answers have been edited or condensed for clarity.)*

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