



# Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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## MAY MUSINGS

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### Discovering The Creativity Within

Many people in retirement take the time to reflect and find that they have a passion they wanted to pursue but weren't able to do it because of work and family obligations. My husband enjoyed writing and taking photographs of cars but never had the time to put it altogether. He worked long hours, traveled back and forth all over Asia and had a long commute to and from work. When it came time to retire (at 71) he looked forward to relaxing and enjoying all that Sonoma had to offer. He rediscovered his love of writing and cars and started taking photos of cars in our community. He enjoyed talking to the car owners and learning more about the cars. He then published his own newsletter, *Automobile* and distributed it to other car lovers in our community. Professionally, he was a manufacturing engineer in the semiconductor industry, but here his creative juices flowed. Besides his monthly newsletter, he produced a calendar that included some of the thousands of photos he had taken over the years. It turned out beautifully! The recipients of his newsletter each received a copy.

Once in a while, my husband would sit down and write about different aspects of our lives. Most of his stories were funny and really captured what was going on. One chapter in particular, entitled *The Roaring 20s* was about our escapades while we were in our 20s. It brings back very happy memories. His writings became a memoir of sorts. One of his final wishes was that it be published and given to the friends and family mentioned. It was a heart wrenching labor of love for me.

I was lucky to have found a career that allowed me to express my creativity. I loved working with artists and printers who helped me produce a variety of marketing materials, some

of which won industry awards. But I have other creative outlets as well. Decorating my home has been a great creative outlet for me. As my friends know, I'm not afraid of bright colors! That carries through to my wardrobe and accessories as well.

What's your creative outlet? We all have some...even engineers.

-- Valerie Camarda, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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There is not much to report this month. Bocce plans are still in the works, and I am now certain that we will be ready to propose various plans to pay for the court. We will be ready in July for serious Board discussions and then a vote by you.

I also look forward to our pool opening which will be May 1 so get those swimsuits out and be ready to go.

--Steve Rogers, President



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## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

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Ron is currently on vacation and will provide a report in our next issue.

--Ron Yamato, Treasurer

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## CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

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Our next "First Friday" get-together will be on **May 2nd at 5:30 p.m.** at the Chantarelle Clubhouse. If you have a new neighbor who has moved in near you, it would be a lovely gesture if you could share with them what we do (appetizers, etc.) at this event, and encourage them to come!

A heads-up for the June 6th "First Friday". I will not be available to host it on this date, as Steve and I will be attending our grandson's graduation from high school. If there is someone willing to volunteer to be in charge for the set-up and clean-up on that night, please let me know by the middle of May. I will otherwise have to cancel the June get-together. My thanks.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

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## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

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**See Tom's article on plans for landscaping the areas of Chantarelle that require lawn removal to conform with California's water use reduction legislation later in this newsletter next to the calendar.**

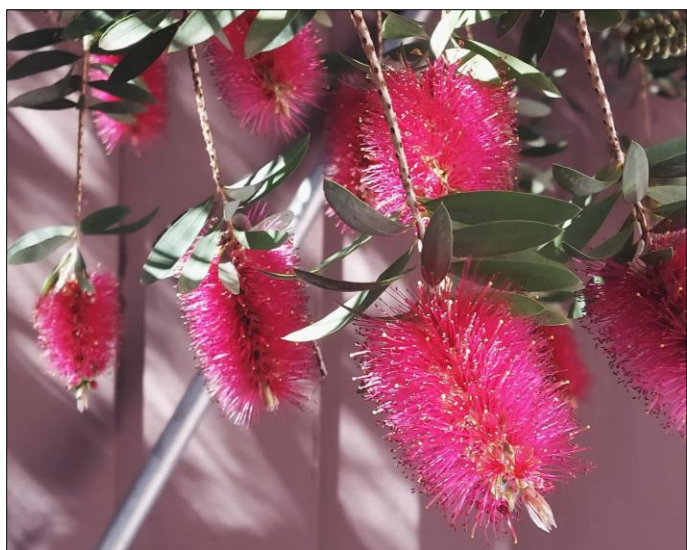
--Tom Flinn, Landscape Chair

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## SPRING IN FULL BLOOM

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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

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As of this printing we do not have any new neighbors to report on. Hopefully, with the following houses on the market we will have new neighbors very soon.

209 South Temelec Circle

169 South Temelec Circle

150 Saint James Drive

With this beautiful weather we are looking forward to welcoming our new Chantarelle neighbors. Let one of us know if you see any action concerning any of these houses.

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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If you know of a neighbor who is feeling under the weather or needs a little cheering up, please let us know. We would like to show that our lovely community cares.

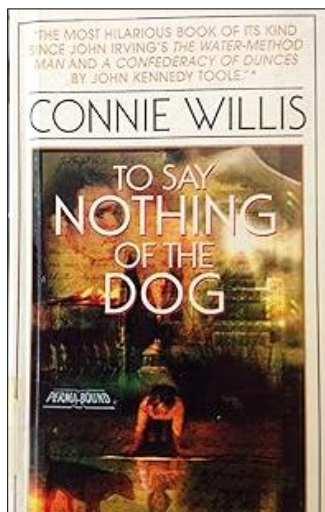
--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261



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## BOOK CLUB NEWS & LIBRARY UPDATE

The next meeting, hosted by Barbara White, will be held on Thursday, May 8th at 2pm at the Chantarelle clubhouse. The book for May is *To*



*Say Nothing of the Dog*. It is one of Connie Willis's brilliant scientific fantasy adventures in time travel. She weaves literature, history, romantic comedy, and adventure into a historical period with grace and humor. A great escape from serious reading and so much fun!

--Barbara White (415-377-8712)

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## OUT AND ABOUT

Board Member Cindy Adamson is in Rome, Italy for a month.

Jackie and Steve O'Neill spent two weeks in Maui with all of Jackie's children and grandchildren.

Debby and Len Bonamassa celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on a Viking river cruise visiting France, Germany and Switzerland. They spent a few days enjoying the sights of Paris as well. Here they are in the Swiss Alps.



--Valerie Camarda

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## GUESS WHO . . .



Once again, no one guessed who our mystery resident was. It was Lois Rogers.



Try and guess who this little girl is. Send your guess to me at [valerie@marketingsense.net](mailto:valerie@marketingsense.net)

--Valerie Camarda

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## CLUBHOUSE NOTES

**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 our new Clubhouse coordinator, Marianne Sullivan, at [msullivan101010@gmail.com](mailto:msullivan101010@gmail.com) or 530-575-9386  
--Marianne Sullivan, Coordinator

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As **Memorial Day** approaches, here are some perspectives, past and present, regarding the flag of the United States:

"Because if one thing is true, it is this: We are not just White Americans, we are not just Black Americans, we are not just Indigenous Americans, we are not just Asian Americans, we are not just LGBTQ+ Americans — we are Americans. It is essential that we realize that, whether we like it or not, our fates are tied together". — James McAffrey, Harvard Political Review

### **US Flag Code (excerpt)**

The **United States Flag Code** establishes advisory rules for display and care of the flag of the United States. It is Section 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq*). This etiquette is as applied within U.S. jurisdiction. In other countries and places, local etiquette applies.

### **Standards of respect**

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing, unless it is the ensign responding to a salute from a ship of a foreign nation. This tradition comes from the 1908 Summer Olympics in London, where countries were asked to dip their flag to King Edward VII: the American team flag bearer, Ralph Rose, refused, teammate Martin Sheridan famously proclaiming that "this flag dips to no earthly king." This tradition was codified as early as the 1911 U.S. Army drill regulations.
- The flag should never be displayed with the union (the starred blue canton) down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag should not be used as "wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery", or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general (exception for coffins). Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be drawn back or bunched up in any way.
- The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed, or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, firefighters, police officers, and members of patriotic organizations.

The flag code also mentions specific holidays, including Memorial Day.

From American history:

Abraham Lincoln held the United States flag in high regard, using it as a symbol of unity and national pride throughout his presidency, particularly during the Civil War. He frequently referenced the flag in his speeches and public appearances, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the Union and the flag's representation of national unity.

Lincoln participated in flag-raising ceremonies to celebrate the addition of new states to the Union, highlighting the flag's evolving representation of the nation.

After the secession of several Southern states, Lincoln faced a dilemma: should the number of stars on the U.S. flag be reduced to reflect the number of states in the Union? He decided against it, reasoning that secession was unlawful and that the seceding states remained part of the Union. His stance was a key part of his broader strategy to preserve the Union.

“Our flag belongs to all of us. It belongs to the original nations of this land who fought for centuries and continue to resist today. It belongs to the families that came here through Ellis Island. It belongs to the families that were kidnapped, tortured, and humiliated for over 400 years. It belongs to the families who struggled to build a new life for their family. It belongs to the countless others who fought for this nation”. - Femina Hackworth, The Inclusion Solution

On Memorial Day, we honor and mourn those who gave their lives in service to our country.

This year, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 26. Take a moment to remember and honor these heroes.

-- Peggy Owens, Coordinator  
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Creative Director's comment . . .

I was the commanding officer of an Army Honor Guard in 1972 at a funeral service in Memphis, Tennessee for a soldier who lost his life in Vietnam. I passed a folded flag to his mother. It changed my life. This picture is in honor of him. Tom

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## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

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### May 2025 Landscaping

For the past year and a half, I have been searching for options for the grass in the HOA owned areas: Clubhouse front and back, entrances and exits to clubhouse grounds, the grassy area by the redwoods and the cut through. I visited yards, gardens, read books and searched the internet. Nothing seemed right. I was charged with removing all the lawns and planting low water, native if possible, plants with minimum upkeep. And we need it done by January 1, 2029. My husband Ted was walking our dog Oliver in Temelec and found one of the nicest low water landscaping I have ever seen. I talked to the homeowner and her Landscape Designer (Laura Bassett) and we now have a plan to give us a guide on how to have a coordinated design, so that the common areas will look intentional, so they complement each other.

The first way we looked at it was by each area, for example, the area in the back of the clubhouse, the pool area, the area with the proposed Bocce Court and the area beyond that could be a blooming meadow. Within each area there are shade, sun, wind differences and different plants go in each of those situations. So, in any given area there will be groupings for shade or sunny areas for example. These same plants will be planted in all the appropriate areas, so this common thread will tie together the clubhouse front and back, entrances and exits to common areas etc. Common plants, common colors, blended and repeated to tie the areas together. After 2 or 3 years, the plantings will require minimal watering. Monthly removal of dead flowers and annual review to prune and remove or replace any plants as necessary. No weekly mowing, no watering every other day.

A picture is worth a thousand words, I have sketches and planting lists for each area. The first area I was told we will work on is the back of the clubhouse, to the left of the pool or as I call it, "The Meadow." It would be a walking path through colorful planting of perennials, blooming flowers with seating and areas to just enjoy the view.

I'm still working with the Board to share the drawings. Laura Bassett will come and talk us through the plans in person. For now, here is a sample plan for the back of the clubhouse that I am sharing with the

Board. I hope you like it as much as I do.

–Tom Flinn, Landscape Chair

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*Proposed idea for the back of the clubhouse*



## 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<br>11:30 |         | Pool Aerobics<br>11:30 |          | Pool Aerobics<br>11:30 |

### MAY 2025

| SUN                   | MON                   | TUE   | WED                 | THU                         | FRI                       | SAT |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
|                       |                       |   |                     | 1                           | 2<br>First Friday<br>5:30 | 3   |
| 4                     | 5                     | 6<br>Bunco<br>1:00-4:00                         | 7                   | 8<br>Book Club<br>2:00-3:30 | 9                         | 10  |
| 11<br>Mother's<br>Day | 12                    | 13<br>Mexican<br>Train<br>Dominos<br>12:30-4:00 | 14                  | 15                          | 16                        | 17  |
| 18                    | 19                    | 20<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>2:00                  | 21<br>Poker<br>6:30 | 22                          | 23                        | 24  |
| 25                    | 26<br>Memorial<br>Day | 27<br>Mexican<br>Train<br>Dominos<br>12:30-4:00 | 28                  | 29                          | 30                        | 31  |

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.