

My Town Pacific Grove



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“America’s Last Hometown”

BY DIXIE LAYNE, WRITER AND PACIFIC GROVE NATIVE

Growing up in Pacific Grove in the 1950s was an adventure. This “city of homes” and onetime sanctuary of morality was then a quiet community of cottages and Victorian homes set along the shore in the shade of a piney forest on the tip of the Monterey Peninsula. There seemed to be everything in Pacific Grove a youngster could want, all set within her reach – it was idyllic.

All that was Pacific Grove in the 1950s seemed to exist for our consumption; we gave little thought to how this seaside paradise of homes filled with children was founded or why its seasons were marked by nature-related community events. It all seemed so natural to us – the fall brought monarch butterflies and the Butterfly Parade; winter saw a singing Christmas tree so tall it touched the stars; spring bore nature walks, baby deer, birds, raccoons and wildflowers; summer was freedom, baseball, new bathing suits and “be home when the street lights come on.”

A century before we found ourselves exploring the rocky western shores of Pacific Grove, a lighthouse was built on Point Pinos, and thus was the beginning of Pacific Grove. This beacon of light attracted curious kids, and any attempt we made to get too close to this, the oldest continuously operating lighthouse, was thwarted by its keeper, but it was the unexpected blast from the foghorn that kept us modern day explorers at a safe distance. Although the lighthouse continues to shine, it is a museum now — open to the public — and the foghorn is no more.

Some 20 years after the lighthouse was built, a large dirt pathway was constructed above the sheltered beaches of the northern shoreline from Monterey to the lighthouse. It was then the Methodists formed the Pacific Grove Retreat Association and initiated a three-week summer encampment on the northern shore of the grove. They created the first gated community on the peninsula to keep the Devil out, or so said the story. The first Chautauqua Assembly arrived at this summer retreat just four years later – the same year the Southern Pacific Railroad began service to Pacific Grove. As retreaters began to take up permanent residence and the train brought more visitors to the grove, businesses began to develop along Lighthouse Road.

Over time, Pacific Grove’s appeal moved from religion to recreation, which initiated the advent of hotels and rooming houses, restaurants and souvenir shops. The once rocky shoreline at Lovers Point was blasted to make way for a sandy bathing beach. A bath house and pier were constructed, and glass bottom swan boats drifted in the cove over the spectacular marine gardens, enabling all to see the wonders beneath the sea. The retreat was quickly transforming from a city of tents to a city of homes. Pacific Grove now boasted the first free library in Monterey County and one of the finest natural history museums in the United States. The two-story Pine Street School opened for classes, replacing the small one-room schoolhouse that could no longer accommodate the growing population.

By the 1920s, Pacific Grove was a bustling city of homes with a downtown business district that featured shops and businesses without rival: new car dealerships with large showrooms, gas stations and mechanics bays to service the gas coupés, and the largest department store between San Francisco and Los Angeles. This period of prosperity was followed by the Great Depression, and Pacific Grove suffered from the same decline the Depression brought to the rest of the country. However, it benefited a great deal from government relief programs, philanthropists, and its civic and business leaders’ generosity. During this austere time, Pacific Grove gained a post office, a new museum building, a Carnegie library, a new high school, a professional ball park, the salt water Plunge (pool), a municipal golf links, and a third-story addition to Holman’s Department Store.

With World War II came a new set of challenges. Our boys went off to war, Japanese submarines were active off our coast, watch towers were built on the western beaches, curfews and complete blackouts were imposed, and an artillery regiment was stationed at the lighthouse to protect us. After two and a half years our boys came home. Pacific Grove was the idyllic suburban paradise with bustling businesses and room for expansion that attracted new families.

Despite the work and effort it took those who settled and protected this bit of paradise that once provided home to the indigenous Rumsien people and, later, to the people of a Chinese fishing village, the children of the 1950s were

oblivious to how their hometown was created – but how we grew and frolicked and reaped the benefits that Pacific Grove had to offer.

There were horses to ride at End O’Lane Stables along the many forested riding paths that led to the top of the hills above the Presidio or down to the beaches along 17 Mile Drive. The forests are now gone, replaced by a subdivision that stands where once we found adventure. There were once streams that flowed down to the bay — ripe for pirate adventures — and trains that rumbled so slow along the shoreline that the most adventurous among us could jump the train for a ride west of Lovers Point or lay pennies on the track to be flattened by its wheels. The coastal recreation trail has replaced the train tracks.

The cove and Lovers Point offered us endless entertainment. For two-bits we could ride in glass bottom swan boats over the marine gardens. For those brave enough to climb onto the rocks set along the shoreline, there were tide pools filled with critters to explore.

We swam in the frigid waters of the cove and surfed off Lovers Point to the tip of the pier, often without wetsuits to keep us warm. We instead heated our bodies using the warm salt water of the Plunge — the same Plunge where we learned to swim and dive, and where we watched water ballet. There were enormous cacti on Lovers Point, perfect for creating tunnels to crawl through and hide beneath.

There were summer baseball leagues for everyone — well, mostly for the boys and men. We watched the teams play in the evenings at the municipal ball park, surrounded by tall pine trees and fog. There was an announcer to call the games who sat high above the stands where we sat eating hot dogs and drinking sodas. And in the fall, the trees in George Washington Park were obscured by a thick layer of monarch butterflies.

Pacific Grove has changed a bit. There aren’t as many young families, and the population is less diverse. The Plunge is gone, the train no longer rumbles along the coast, and the butterflies are fewer. However, Pacific Grove may truly be one of the “Last Hometowns” where love of community is strong and where community is family. There simply was, and is, no better place to grow up than Pacific Grove.



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My Town Pacific Grove

By Susan Pryce

When the staff at the Monterey Herald began discussing producing special community sections, I jumped at the chance to work on a section showcasing Pacific Grove. Dana Arvig, the Herald's advertising director, and I met with Moe Ammar and Peter Mounteer with the PG Chamber of Commerce and their enthusiasm for the project prompted us to quickly move forward. Moe and Peter have been unbelievably generous with their time, ideas and photo archives. Their dedication to the community the chamber serves was evident in every call and email interaction as the section started to take shape. We can't thank them enough for their support!

During this project, I met amazing people and have been given lots of story ideas. I'm sorry to say many of them will have to wait for another section on Pacific Grove - which we hope to produce in the fall.

Thanks to Bill Derowski of Pacific Grove Hardware who shared his personal photos and story ideas.

Steve Hank from Hank Fine Arts Gallery is a treasure trove of knowledge about Pacific Grove. His stories and excitement about PG are contagious and I had to tear myself away. Excited to learn more about Gary Kildall, I went home that night and researched "the Day IBM came to visit Pacific Grove."

Patrick Whitehurst, Communications and Marketing Coordinator at Pacific Grove Natural History Museum, agreed to help us with a brief history and supply historic photos.

I spent two hours with Dixie Layne and the staff at the Pacific Grove Heritage Society. Dixie and the rest of the volunteers let me loose with the society's photo books. I learned more about PG in that time than I did when I lived on 8th Street. After hearing Dixie's recollections of her childhood, I knew she would be the perfect person to write our cover story.

Karen Nordstrand with the Monterey County Film Commission contributed photos from various movies and TV shows that have used PG as a backdrop. Who can forget Tom Hanks racing down familiar streets in *Turner & Hooch*? Or Reese Witherspoon driving along Ocean View Blvd in HBO's *Big Little Lies*?

Elizabeth McBride, the real estate sales rep for the Herald, put on her journalist hat and agreed to write a story about local real estate. The common thread among writers, visitors and residents - Pacific Grove is paradise.

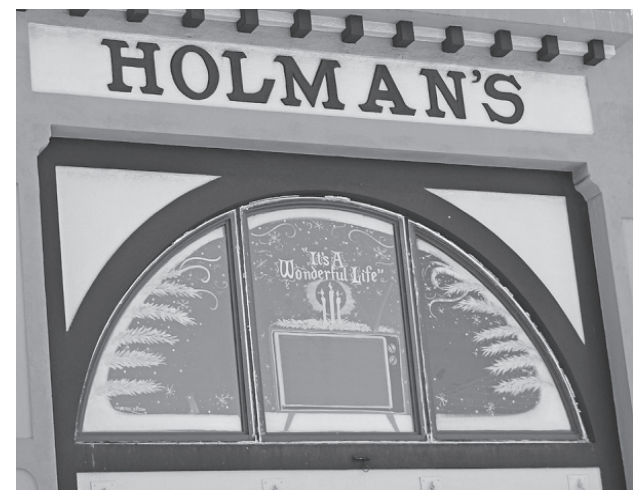
Alison Mayorga, a sales rep from our sister paper, the Santa Cruz Sentinel, grew up in PG and she and her husband now live here. After hearing her wax poetic about growing up in PG, I asked her to write a story about her childhood.

As they say, timing is everything. The open house at the Hopkins Marine Station on May 6 provided me a rare opportunity to walk the grounds and interact with many of the staff members. The incredible views and the incredible people prompted me to reach out to Stephen Palumbi, the director of Hopkins Marine Station for a story and historic photo.

As an avid (amateur) photographer, I have taken many photos at El Carmelo Cemetery. What a view! What history! Darlene Billstrom from the city of Pacific Grove was gracious enough to send me the history of the cemetery and photos.

I also went to the First Friday event on May 5. Where else but PG can you walk down the street and talk to someone about a bird abatement project with a falcon on his arm or listen to a young man rocking out at Phil's Barber Shop and then walk down the block and listen to a Mariachi band at Red House Cafe? Top it off with watching people dance on the sidewalk in front of the International Cafe and stopping by the Pacific Grove Arts Center to view a world class art opening. An evening stroll filled with community, culture, education and entertainment which can be found only in "America's Hometown."

During my photo excursion one Sunday morning, I looked up and saw the window in front of the Holman Building still painted with the Christmas theme "It's a Wonderful Life." It is indeed, thank you again to everyone who pitched in to help with this section. We think you're going to enjoy it and hopefully, share it with visitors who want to know more about the wonder that is Pacific Grove, California!



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A year in the life of Pacific Grove real estate...

June 2, 2016 - The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce celebrated the acquisition of the Monterey Peninsula Home Team by Keller Williams Coastal Estates with a ribbon cutting at its 501 Lighthouse Avenue office.



September 29, 2016 - Former Sotheby's agent Amber Russell launched her own Pacific Grove brokerage entitled Over the Moon Realty, Inc. Russell donates a portion of the company's proceeds to local high schools, which use the money to fund "Spread Your Wings" scholarships for college-bound seniors.



December 2016 - Top-producing local agent Debby Beck accepted a position with David Lyng Real Estate as its Monterey County division manager. The brokerage also announced its intention to open a Pacific Grove office at 211 Grand Avenue in 2017.



May 18, 2017 - Keller Williams Coastal Estates celebrated the opening of a new office at 510 Lighthouse Avenue.



Coming Soon - Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty is awaiting completion of a new Pacific Grove location to be opened this summer. Its current office at 501 Lighthouse Avenue will remain operable.



Generations of Royalty in Pacific Grove

by Kimber Tabscott

Tucked beneath a magical blanket of misty fog, and cradled by a pristine crystal-blue coastline is one of California's last hometowns: Pacific Grove, CA. If you're lucky enough to call our city home, you probably know that good neighborliness is just a part of that small-town feel -- and sooner or later, it seems everyone knows everyone here. But what you may not know is that there are generations upon generations of royalty living right here in our little town.

The way the story goes is this...

"Long ago in far off Cathay, a land now called China, there lived during the reign of Emperors a wealthy Mandarin named T'so Ling...Of all T'so Ling's possessions, his beautiful Princess daughters with their jewel names were his greatest joy."

Jim Gunter, recently honored as 2017 Pacific Grove City Employee of The Year, would undoubtedly say his four daughters are his greatest joy: Julie, Jenna, Sarah and Sidney. Over the years, all four of his daughters have served on the Feast of Lanterns royal court.

Which is not an easy task if you ask Jenna Gunter:

"It's a real commitment! It's kind of like applying for college. There are so many steps and there's a lot asked of you once you're actually chosen to be on the court."

The Royal Court and Guard are chosen by a committee of local business people, former Royal Court and Guard members, and Board members based on several factors.

Those factors include academic performance, community service, extra curricular school activities and personal interests. As members of the Royal Court and Guard, the participants are schooled in the art of public speaking and the history and culture of our hometown. In addition, they're required to participate in an array of community-related activities throughout their year-long service to the court.

No one really knows who told the first Feast of Lantern's story known as "The Legend of Blue Willow." We do know that the first Pacific Grove version was told by Pauline Benton of the Red Gate Shadow Players in 1958 - only in her version, true to our town, the lovers fly away as Monarch Butterflies to return again every fall.

It's likely Jim's mother Dorothy Gunter may very well have even heard the first telling of that story. Dorothy graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1941. Jim Gunter comes from generations born and raised right here in Pacific Grove. He graduated from Pacific Grove High School and attended Monterey Peninsula College. He joined the Pacific Grove Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1979 and landed his first job there in 1981. He said he always wanted to give back to the community and the fire department was his first choice.

In his acceptance speech for receiving the 2017 Pacific Grove City Employee of the Year award, Jim made sure to stress just how lucky he felt to have even landed that first job here in Pacific Grove - a job that has enabled him to raise

his family in the town he was born and raised in, a town he loves so much.

Jim was chosen to receive the award by Chamber members based on his outstanding commitment to the community, including volunteering his time and services at events like Good Old Days and Feast of Lanterns.

If you live here, you might know Jim as that smiling guy who drives the antique fire engine every year at events. What you may not know is that Jim actually restored that fire engine with his brother, Tom Gunter, his Dad, Jack Gunter and a few other community members at the family Body Shop. Jim was the committee chairman of the engine restoration project and he poured countless hours of love into that truck. He takes great pride in it.

You should know that the Gunter's also supplied Chang's famous getaway boat. And Jim's better-half, Sue Gunter, orchestrated the Feast of Lantern's Trading Cards in 1998. Something the royal court all loves to hand out!

If that's not enough to convince you that the Gunter's truly are a bit of Pacific Grove royalty, in a real twist of fated love, Jim's daughter Sarah (who served as Queen Topaz in 2004) married her Chang, Greg Greenlee in 2011. And five years later, their god daughter Caroline Evans joined the royal court as Princess Sapphire.

This year, Evans honors the family tradition, serving as Queen Topaz on the 2017 Feast of Lanterns Royal Court. And you can bet a proud Jim Gunter will be driving her in his fire truck.



2000 Jenna Gunter



2004 Sarah Gunter Greenlee



2006 Sidney Gunter



2017 Caroline Evans

Stillwell Built a Home, a Business and a Life in Pacific Grove

By Tom Leyde

At age 87, Richard Stillwell remains one of the most active residents of Pacific Grove. When he's not building something in the garage at his Jewel Street home, he can often be found doing volunteer work with the Pacific Grove Volunteer Firefighters, attending water board meetings or visiting friends. If you were searching for the soul of Pacific Grove, you'll find it in Stillwell. A resident since 1946, he built two hardware stores, was chief of the city's volunteer fire department and started the annual Stillwell's Fun in the Park event at Caledonia Park. Married to his late wife Beverly for 67 years, the couple raised three children in the town. Stillwell built the house he lives in today.

He leans back in a reclining chair in his shop, filled with nearly every tool imaginable. His clear blue eyes seem to gaze into the past when asked questions about

his life. Moving to Pacific Grove was the result of burns suffered in a gasoline fire when he was a youth living in Modesto. He spent two years recovering and could not attend school. The burns made perspiring difficult, so his mother, who was from the Monterey Peninsula, decided life would be better for her son in a cooler climate. They moved to Pacific Grove.

Stillwell, graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1950. He was the oldest student at his high school because he lost two years of education recovering in the hospital. While attending high school he worked at Work Lumber Company. He lived across the street from the fire department, so a year after graduating he became a volunteer, in 1951. He eventually became a paid firefighter.

In 1962, he left the fire department and built the

first of his hardware stores, M&S Building Supplies, in Seaside. He continued serving as a volunteer firefighter. When the city contracted with Monterey to run the fire department, it lost 35 volunteers. "I kept 12 guys in the volunteers," Stillwell said.

They put up street barricades during city events, like the Big Sur International Marathon's Monterey Bay Half Marathon. They put up Christmas Tree lights and Feast of Lanterns lights, and put up flags in the cemetery on Memorial Day. Money made from those efforts is donated to various groups. "We're still going," Stillwell said. "We meet once a month at the fire house."

Growing up in Pacific Grove was a joy, Stillwell said. The area near Forest and David Avenues was in the county then and was known as jackass land, he said. A family owned donkeys and children would let the donkeys out and then catch them. "The owner didn't mind because there was a lot of grass to eat ...," Stillwell said. "It was great. That's what kept us out of trouble."

He also remembers playing organized baseball at the baseball field. While working at the lumber company as a youth, Stillwell picked up building, electrical and plumbing skills that still serve him today. "As a boy, I was always building chicken coops and pigeon houses," he said. "I was driving a tractor at 9 years old."

In 1970, Stillwell sold his Seaside business, situated at what is now In and Out Burger. Eight years later he built the hardware store on Forest Avenue, now Ace Hardware, on the site of a former service station. It is now owned and run by his daughter and son-in-law Bill and Suzy Derowski. His grandson, one of four grandchildren, also works there. Stillwell's other daughter, Sheri and her husband Bobby Hauswirth live in Toro Park.

Another of Stillwell's claims to fame is starting Stillwell's Fun in the Park during December at Caledonia Park. It used to be called Snow in the Park, but snow was discontinued. The event features carnival rides, a petting zoo and a visit from Santa Claus. This year's event is Dec. 2. He also built, at his own expense, the basketball court in the park. "The kids love it," he said. "I still like to go by the park and keep an eye on it," Stillwell said. "It makes you feel good when you look at it."

Another project bearing the names of Stillwell and his wife is the new swimming pool at Lovers Point. Stillwell gave \$100,000 to the fund established to build the pool, known as Stillwells' Pool. "I was always lucky by the fact that I always enjoyed my work and when I didn't, I'd quit," Stillwell said. And the city of Pacific Grove is lucky to have him as a resident. "I love the Town," he said.



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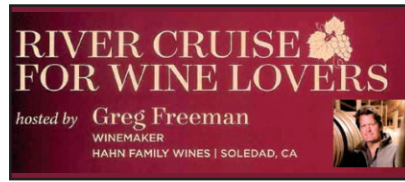
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Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce: Over 100 Years of Service

In 2015, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation in March 1915, when the Board of Trade, founded in 1902, changed its name to the Chamber of Commerce.

Businessmen originally formed the



Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce: 1915



Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce: 2017

Board of Trade to improve the business climate and address the key issues of the day, among them preservation of the Pinnacles, bringing electricity to town, adding a restaurant to the Pacific Grove Hotel, supporting the Centrella Hotel and working with the Chautauqua Assembly

Association to add the Feast of Lanterns as a closing ceremony to their assembly in 1905.

The Chamber's first home was a rented frame building on Lighthouse Avenue, across from the Pacific Grove Hotel, where the Holman Building is now located.

When the hotel was dismantled in 1918, the Woman's Civic Club salvaged an octagonal bandstand on the hotel grounds, rebuilt it and gave it to The City for use by the Chamber. The octagonal building was placed on the corner of Grand and Central avenues, where it stood until 1932, when the Chamber outgrew its quarters and moved again.



The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce staff from left to right: Peter Munteer, Marketing and Events Manager; Rita Pescatore, Office Manager; Heather Hubanks, Relationship Director; Erik Adamson - Destination Specialist; Moe Ammar, Chamber President and Renee Crocker, Tourist Information Center Manager

The City rounded off the corner at Grand and Central, moving the Chamber building to the municipal golf course for use as a temporary clubhouse. About the same time, a new Museum of Natural History was being built. The Chamber inherited the old entrance to the Museum, which also was octagonal shaped but larger than the Chamber's former location. The Chamber's new home was placed on the Museum's property facing Forest Avenue.

The Chamber tried unsuccessfully to move twice, in 1936 to Lighthouse Avenue, across from what is now La Crème, and in 1937 to Jewel Park next to the Public Library, but was turned down by the City. In 1938, the Chamber settled into its current location when the City gave the Chamber a small building at 162 Forest Avenue that was moved by the Chamber to the corner of Central and Forest avenues.

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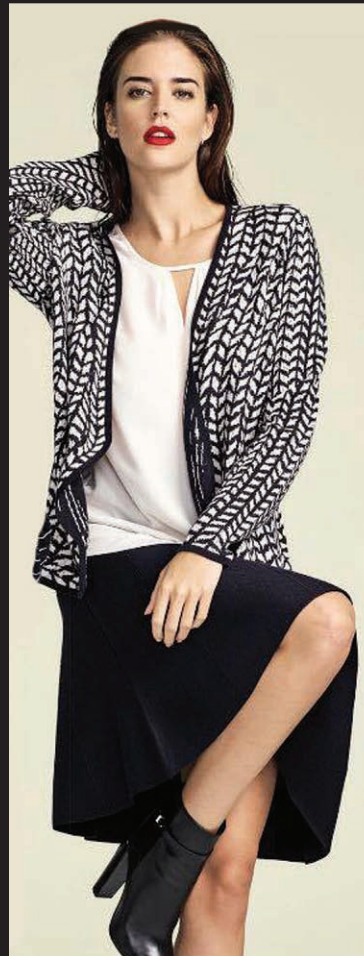


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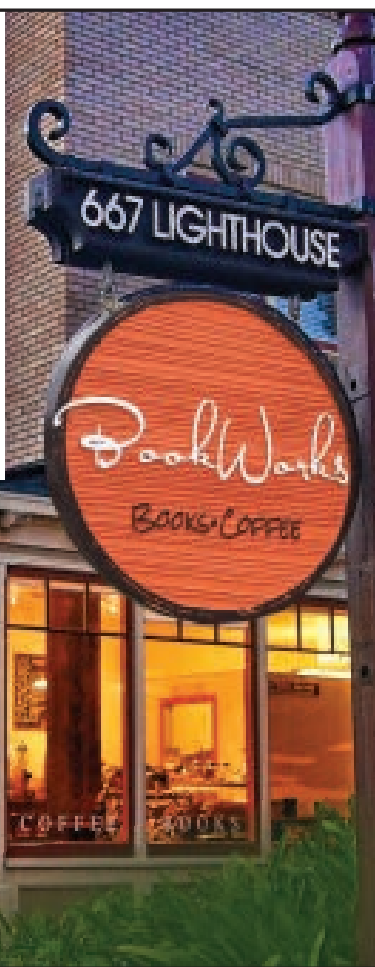
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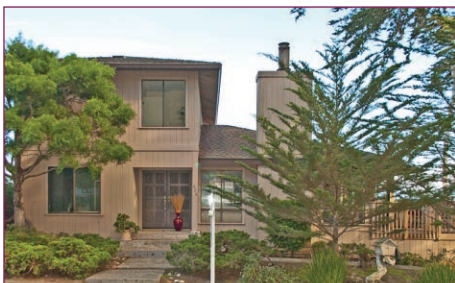
The Jones Group were extremely professional, represented my home in the best way possible, handled all the paper work and got me the price I really wanted. All and all, partnering with them was the best decision. Without question, I would use them again.



I purchased 3 homes in a 1031 exchange, and enjoyed working with The Jones Group the best! Now my favorite and only agent works for The Jones Group.



I had the grandest experience selling my house with The Jones Group. They were on it with advertising, photos, salesmanship, time & effort! And are knowledgeable & efficient, all the workings of the sale flowed smoothly, the house was sold in about a month!



The Jones Group is a Team who knows PG! They do whatever is needed to accomplish your goal-even if it means evening or early morning work. They are positive, professional, cheerful and effective. I offer a heartfelt five-star recommendation.



We absolutely feel very fortunate to be living in our house. We will always remember & appreciate the help and determination from The Jones Group to make this happen!



The Jones Group helped us both sell and then buy our wonderful new home last year. They exceeded expectations to ensure that everything went smoothly for both transactions.



Purchasing our PG home with The Jones Group was truly a wonderful experience. Their amazing knowledge, energy and expertise made the purchase of our home easy and stress-free. We look forward to working with The Jones Group for all our future needs.



The Jones Group knows Pacific Grove. Our Jones Group agent found us the perfect home. We bought with confidence.



Thanks to the amazing work of The Jones Group, our family is enjoying our home that fits our needs perfectly. After showing us many homes in various communities, patience and persistence paid off when our agent introduced us to our current home.



The Jones Group really put in the sustained effort to find us what we really wanted at a price we could manage, found buyers for our home and secured a selling price agreeable to both parties. They never wavered in helping us achieve our dreams here.



We have relied on The Jones Group for multiple, successful transactions over the years, and wouldn't think of anyone else the next time we are buying or selling.



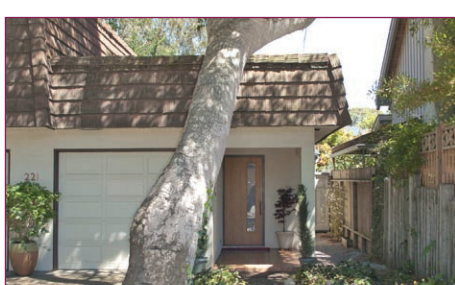
We appreciate all of the help from The Jones Group in finding our Pacific Grove 2nd home. It's has been working out very well for us and we feel fortunate to have gotten it.



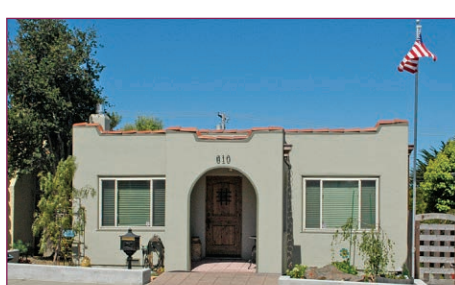
We love working with The Jones Group. We would not have found our current house without the hard work, persistence and local knowledge of our agent. They wouldn't stop working until we found what we were looking for.



The Jones Group Real Estate is awesome. They are super responsive and professional. If you want a can-do, smart group, hire this company.



We've worked with different RE agents as we bought and sold homes over the years, but none match the level of expertise and service of The Jones Group. The stressful experience of selling our home was like working with a group of expert friends.



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Sisters and co-owners Llsa Thomas and Jaime Shoemaker discussing new children's fashions at Sprout Boutique.



Tom McMahon and his sons enjoying Saturday breakfast at First Awakenings.



Christine Monteith, Peggy Jones and Linda Michaels from The Jones Group peruse this week's real estate section with Punkin Jones.

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Germain Hatcher organizing at Imagine Art Supplies.



George Menasco with Clark Coleman at the Pacific Grove Arts Center.



Marina Cristina Ferrera from Rio de Janeiro getting travel advice from Renee Crocker at the Pacific Grove Visitor's Center.



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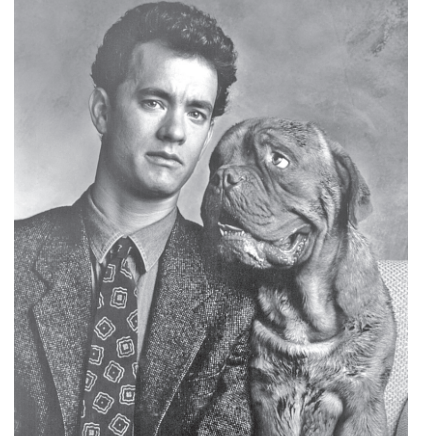
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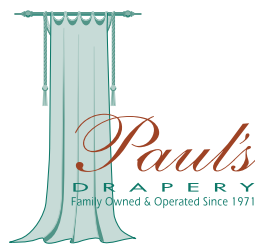


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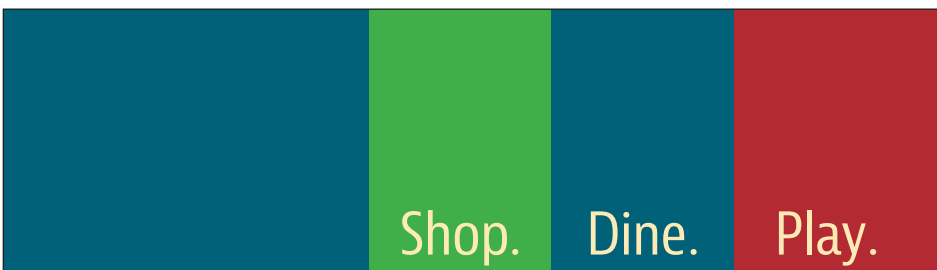


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The mission of the Monterey County Film Commission is to inspire and facilitate film and media production throughout Monterey County, creating positive economic impact. Created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987, the Monterey County Film Commission works to increase economic development through the film industry, and also to support locals through employment and education related to the film industry.

Each year an average of \$4 million comes to the area from film production.



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**A HISTORY OF
SPORTS EXCELLENCE
OF THE PG BREAKERS
BY JOHN DEVINE**



Pacific Grove's history of sports goes back 60 plus years with the annual 'Shoe Game' in football, where a coveted plaque featuring a bronze shoe is presented to the winner for the Pacific Grove-Carmel football game to be kept at their school for a year. The Breakers football tradition includes former standout Eric Mahlum, who spent six seasons in the NFL as a center with the Indianapolis Colts after four years at Cal. Mahlum was snapping balls under center to former 49ers head coach and current University of Michigan coach, Jim Harbaugh.

Perhaps the most prestigious mark in Pacific Grove sports history dates back to 1964 when John Johnson soared 24-feet-2 inches in the long jump, still a school record in track and field, and one of the top all-time marks in the CCS. Johnson went on to be a star athlete at UCLA.

On the hardwood, the Breakers have won four straight Mission Trail Athletic League basketball titles. Pacific Grove won its first Central Coast Section Division IV title in 18 years in 2016, beating -- who else but Carmel -- in the CCS title game.

Pacific Grove reached the State Division IV basketball finals in 1998 under former head coach Todd Buller after capturing the Northern California title. Only three basketball programs in the county have ever played for a state title.

This year, the baseball program won its fourth MTAL title in five years under head coach Gil Ruiz with seven sophomores and three freshmen on the roster, and no seniors. In 2013, the Breakers became the first county baseball program to go undefeated an entire season at 31-0, capturing the CCS Division III title. Pacific Grove has 10 league championships and three CCS titles in baseball.

Savanna McDowell won the MTAL singles title last fall in tennis. Softball standout Danielle Pasquariello, just a junior, has already committed to play softball in 2019 for nationally ranked Florida Atlantic University. And sprinter Zach Miller -- a CCS 400 meter champion in 2016 -- will run track next fall at Harvard University.

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Hopkins Marine Station

The oldest marine laboratory on the west coast

By Stephen R. Palumbi

One hundred years ago, the foundations of Agassiz Hall were laid at China Point on the grounds of the Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove. Completion of the building in 1918 effected the move from Lovers Point, where Stanford University had originally begun the Hopkins lab in 1892. Since its first inception, Hopkins has been a teaching and research facility dedicated to using the stunning marine biodiversity of Monterey Bay to advance understanding of the life of the sea.

In 1932, Hopkins was the location of a different sort of ocean experiment, the location of the first community sponsored fully-protected marine reserve, sponsored by the spunky Pacific Grove Mayor Julia Platt. While Julia was creating the political structure needed to protect marine life, Hopkins Professor van Niel was astonishing the world by explaining some of the basic mysteries of how that life worked. Van Neil worked on the single celled plants that are common in every drop of sea water. His work provided the first basic equations that explained how these cells produced food from CO2 and sunlight in many diverse ways, setting the

stage for decades of other breakthroughs.

At about the same time, Hopkins Professor Rolph Bolin, rushed down the Big Sur coast to view an astonishing sight: a raft of sea otters discovered to still be alive long after the whole California population was thought to be extinct. He published the first account of this in the *Journal of Mammalogy* in 1936 – but it was not until 1963 that these delightful ocean acrobats returned to Monterey Bay.

The 1970's and 80's saw a rebirth of high technology, ocean biology at Hopkins. Amazing pictures of egg fertilization came from the electron microscopes in Dave Epel's lab. Barbara Block helped the fledgling Monterey Bay Aquarium learn to grow giant tuna for display, and helped invent some of the first tags that let ocean fish, whales, seals and even squid be tracked by satellite. Joan Roughgarden showed how oceanographic currents could control the movements and settlement patterns of tiny drifting marine larvae that provide fish (and other) populations in Monterey Bay. Denny Powers did some of the first DNA sequencing on marine animals. Neurobiology, molecular biology, and cell biology made discoveries using squid nerve cells, sea urchin eggs, sea slug brains and the immune systems of sea squirts.

All this time, the protected area Julia Platt created continued to thrive, and students watched the reconstruction of kelp forest ecosystems once otters returned. The seals, sea birds and whales also recovered. Julia Platt's idea of creating Marine Gardens in Pacific Grove – the first in the country – was expanded from Hopkins into a new constellation of marine protected areas, parks, and conservation zones in the early 2000's.

A main focus at Hopkins is the local kelp ecosystem: the Marine Life Observatory, founded in 2008, has a goal of making Hopkins the best studies underwater forest

in the world. But over the past century, research at Hopkins has become more global. Research projects have expanded because the ocean is highly connected and the issues, threats and mysteries of ocean life are similar everywhere. Projects in the Mediterranean, South Pacific, Antarctica, Indian Ocean, and of course the length of the North American coast from Alaska to Baja are currently underway. Education has expanded too – with field expeditions for Stanford students to Australia, the South Pacific, Palau and Hawaii (yes, this is college!).

Centered at the Hopkins Marine Station is one of the best laboratories for studying the sea. This work goes on not just in the buildings at China Point, but along the entire shore, and in the diverse productive waters that lap the shores of Pacific Grove and give marine biologists and PG citizens such a unique and special view of the wonders of ocean life.

Stephen R. Palumbi is the Director of the Hopkins Marine Station, and author with Carolyn Sotka of *Death and Life of Monterey Bay: A story of revival*.



Hopkins Marine Station
February 1918
Note the cars close to the building



Showcasing a squid during the recent open house at Hopkins Marine Center

History of the El Carmelo Cemetery

The El Carmelo Cemetery's twelve acres were originally part of the Pacific Grove Retreat and owned by The Pacific Improvement Company. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) purchased the Cemetery from The Pacific Improvement Company for \$10 in 1905. The Odd Fellows sold the property to Hind Harper for \$1,500 in 1909, and Hind Harper sold the property to the El Carmelo Cemetery Association in 1921 for the same amount. While the historic records are not entirely clear, it appears that the Methodist Conference Association established the El Carmelo Cemetery Association, because in 1945 the Methodist Conference Association sold the Cemetery to the City of Pacific Grove for \$10, reserving a one acre parcel for the burial of Methodist ministers and their families.

From April 1890 to December 1963, all burials were recorded in beautiful (for the most part) cursive script in the El Carmelo Cemetery Register, a 12 x 16 inch hard-bound book in a now tattered, ink and coffee stained, canvas cover.

In 1946, the City hired a landscape architect for physical redevelopment of the Cemetery. As part of that project, the original entrance to the Cemetery on Lighthouse Avenue was moved to Asilomar Avenue (known in 1946 as Ocean View Blvd.).

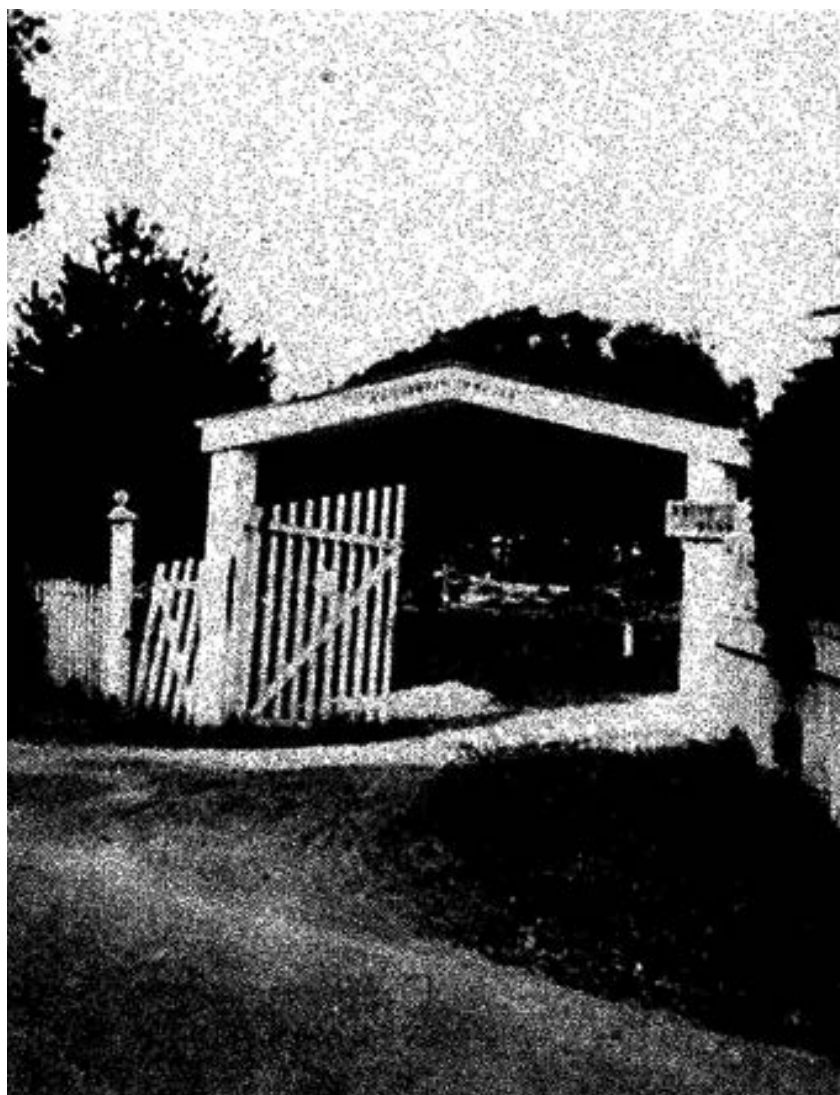
The oldest part of the Cemetery has huge pine and cypress trees with stately marble and granite tombstones interspersed with wooden crosses. The center of the cemetery, near a large flagpole, is the resting place for 59 members of the Grand Army of The Republic (Union Veterans of the Civil War). The 'thicket' near the oldest mausoleum is a deer retreat. One can almost always see deer grazing among the headstones throughout the cemetery. Names you might recognize on headstones are Jewell, Berwick, Olmsted, Paul, and Dyke, along with Eddie Lowery of golf fame.



Most of the Cemetery has flat markers set in grass, blending well with the Pacific Grove Golf Links that borders it on two sides. Views of the bay and ocean may be seen from almost any point in the Cemetery. The historic Point Pinos lighthouse, built in 1855, is another visible highlight from the cemetery grounds.

The first columbaria for niches was built in 1953. A move to modernize the Cemetery occurred in 1957 at which time most headstones were laid flat and coping was removed in two of the Cemetery's sections. A mausoleum was built in 1963 for niches and crypts, and another mausoleum was completed in 1991. By 2015, all the niches in the columbaria and mausoleums had been sold and the City Council approved the addition of eight columbaria, which were placed around the newer mausoleum.

El Carmelo Cemetery now has a variety of burial options: in-ground casket and urn burials, double garden crypts (two caskets in the ground, one on top of the other), above ground crypts for caskets and niches for urns. Over the years, the cemetery has undergone some changes, but retains its historic natural charm and beauty.



2017 Calendar of Events

May 5

First Friday & Pacific Grove Art Center Gala Opening Night

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May 19

Third Friday Art Walk

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July 4

City Fourth of July BBQ

Join the Chamber of Commerce and celebrate the 4th with an old-fashioned, down-home BBQ in Caledonia Park (behind the Post Office). Great food, live entertainment and a chance to enjoy a patriotic celebration. The hours are from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org.

June 16

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July 7, 8, & 9

Antiques and Collectibles Show and Sale

Saint Mary's by the Sea Episcopal Church's 60th Annual Antiques Show and Sale featuring 30 dealers. From 10:00am-5:00pm, Friday and Saturday; 11:00am-4:00pm Sunday. \$5 donation for admission. Active duty military and children are free. More info: (831) 373-4441

July 21

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July 26

Pacific Grove Treffen 19 VW Cruise Show & Shine

Over 130 vintage Volkswagen cars line Lighthouse Avenue as a pit stop on their trek from the Canadian Border to the Mexican Border

July 26- 30

Feast of Lanterns

In keeping with tradition as old as the city itself, this is a multi-day community celebration featuring the Family Fun Day – Chalk Fest, Feast of Flavors, Pet Parade, Sock Hop, the Story of the Blue Willow pageant and fireworks. More info: www.feast-of-lanterns.org.

August 1

National Night Out

Pacific Grove Police Department located at 580 Pine Avenue presents National Night Out celebrating our community and police partnership from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Free food, music, games, Public Safety Demonstrations, giveaways. Child ID Kits and fingerprinting, plus police cars and fire trucks on display! More info: www.cityofpg.org/police.

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August 15

Classic Motorsports Kick-Off Car Show and Cruise

Hundreds of classic sports cars and vintage and exotic automobiles lined up along 525 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove. Sponsored by Classic Motorsports Magazine. For more information please contact Rick Goolsby at (386) 239-0523 or visit classicmotorsports.com

August 16

Eighth Annual "The Little Car Show"

A display of little cars benefiting the PG Library and Youth Center. Downtown Pacific Grove, Wednesday, August 16, noon to 5:00 pm. More info: John Moulton (831) 484-1966 or www.marinamotorsports.org/

August 18

23rd Annual Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally

The colorful 23rd Annual Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 on Lighthouse Avenue in downtown Pacific Grove. More info: (831) 372-3861 or www.pgautorally.org.

August 18

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September 12

Golden Gate Austin Healy Car Club Show

A 300 car showcase of Austin Healy classic automobiles from around the world, each one manufactured between 1953 and 1967. This is a 50th Anniversary show and judging that includes four other days of Austin Healy events around the Monterey Peninsula, put on by the Golden Gate Austin Healy Car Club of Northern California. For more information, contact Richard Khan at (530) 577-7615 or visit www.goldengatehealeys.com.

September 14

Business Expo – Chautauqua Hall

A community showcase of the area's top businesses. Expo features products and services in a casual fun atmosphere. Door prizes, music, and food. The hours are from 4:00-7:00pm. Complimentary admission. More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org.

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October 7

Annual Butterfly Parade & Bazaar

Local elementary school children welcome the Monarchs to Pacific Grove during this annual parade (10:30am), followed by the Butterfly Bazaar behind the Robert Down School. More info: (831) 646-6540.

October 14

Pacific Grove Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 14th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Caledonia Park (Behind the Post Office) Join Rev. Dan Paul from Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Rev. Vincent Raj from St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church and Father Seamus O'Brien of St Angela Merici in a community blessing of the animals event at Caledonia Park in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals. Bring your dog, cat or other animal friend to Caledonia Park for a service and blessing. For more information, contact Rev. Dan Paul at pgchurch@pacificgrovechurch.org.

October 20

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November 3

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November 12

Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay

The scenic PG coastline is showcased to thousands of runners at the Big Sur Half Marathon on Monterey Bay. The gently-rolling, 13.1 mile course travels through historic Monterey, down Cannery Row, along Ocean View Blvd., into downtown Pacific Grove and along the coast to Asilomar and back. Shorter distance 3K and 5K races take place in PG on Saturday morning (November 11) of race weekend. More info: (831) 625-6226. www.bigsurhalfmarathon.org

November 17

Third Friday Art Walk

Third Friday Art Walk presented by ArtWorks@Pacific-Grove will take place at 125 Oceanview Boulevard, Suite 209-210, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Amazing local art by over 20 local artists, live music and light refreshments! For more information: Arts4mc.org.

November 18

Flavors of Pacific Grove

A celebration of the great chefs of Pacific Grove at The Inn at Spanish Bay. More than 120 donations of trips, restaurant certificates, accommodations & golf packages will be auctioned off to support the Chamber. The event is from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and includes the tasting and live entertainment. More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org.

November 27

City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa's Party

Festivities at Jewell Park include live entertainment by school bands and choruses, followed by caroling and refreshments and Santa's first visit! The tree lighting begins at 5:30pm. More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org

November 28 and 29

Christmas at the Inns

Visit 10 bed & breakfast inns decorated for the holidays in Victorian-era splendor. Limited number of tickets sold. Entertainment and light refreshments served. The hours are 6:00pm - 9:00pm. More info & tickets: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org

November 30

16th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights

Lighted parade will feature marching bands, holiday floats, dance teams, equestrian groups, and of course, Santa Claus. After the parade, stores will remain open for Holiday shopping & wagon rides, photos with Santa & carolers. This event begins at 6:00pm. More info:(831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org

December 1

First Friday

Grassroots event sponsored by several local participating businesses in downtown Pacific Grove, CA. Founded by Artisana Gallery in March of 2010. Join us every month on the 1st Friday from 6:00-9:00pm. Look for the Green flags to signify participating businesses. Pacific Grove Art Center open from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Artisana Gallery at (831) 655-9775 or firstfridaypg@gmail.com

December 2

24th Annual Stillwell's Fun in the Park

Caledonia Park in downtown PG behind the Post Office will be the site of a huge holiday party. Lots of wintry fun for all! Featuring Santa's arrival on a shiny PG fire truck, Frosty the Snowman, Snow Queen, hayrides, petting zoo & lots of entertainment. The hours are from 10:00am- 4:00pm. More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org

December 9

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

In cooperation with the Monterey Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation of Northern California, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a **5K race at Lovers Point. Jingle Bell Run/Walk® is a fun, festive event for the whole family! Put on your reindeer antlers and your running shoes and come join us for some holiday cheer. The race will raise funds to support the Arthritis Foundation. More info: contact Alex Fallon at (831) 620-1699.**

December 15

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Aug. 18

FIRST FRIDAY & PACIFIC GROVE ART CENTER GALA OPENING NIGHT

Sept. 1 from 7pm-9pm



My Town Pacific Grove

P A C I F I C G R O V E A Timeless Paradise

BY ELIZABETH MCBRIDE

In a Silicon Valley office circa 2002, Mike Taormina sat opposite his boss, their company's vice president of human resources who had pulled the Pacific Grove native into his office to express his assessment that Taormina was the only member of the high-tech industry organization whom he could imagine someday leading his department. But there was one caveat.

"Let me tell you what I've missed," his boss said before relating the numerous birthday parties from which he'd been absent – the countless late nights at his desk during which his children had had to go to bed without saying goodnight to their father.



Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty agent Diane Hardcastle has called Pacific Grove her home since 1982.

A man still in his thirties climbing the ladder of what he hoped would prove itself a lucrative career, Taormina was already beginning to relate to the anecdotes. When his oldest son rebuffed one of his attempts at a hug, citing his father's long absences at work as the reason, he decided his priorities couldn't align perfectly with those of his colleagues, many of whom he said are now fulfilling leadership roles in their companies and posting to Facebook photos taken during lavish vacations abroad.

Taormina, however, smiled as he stated his current oc-

cupation: stay-at-home dad. For this career, at least, he said, there is no better place to live than Pacific Grove, California.

Others agree. From her vantage point as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty, Diane Hardcastle has witnessed the uptick in real estate value as families flock to "America's Last Hometown" in search of a simpler, quieter life marked by understated luxury without pretense. It is a town in which residents can drive along Ocean View Boulevard witnessing the torrent of wave over rock on Sunday, and, on Monday, hang the laundry to dry, unfettered by concerns for their children's safety as they walk home from local schools.

According to a report by Zillow, Pacific Grove home values rose 8.6 percent between March 2016 and March 2017 and are predicted to continue increasing.

Hardcastle has lived in Pacific Grove since 1982, having moved to the community as a single mother seeking an "embracing, welcoming, safe place" to raise her daughter — a place, she said, where a person encounters someone she knows each time she walks down Lighthouse Avenue. As early as June 2017, these downtown strollers will notice the latest testament to their community's growing popularity: a new Coldwell Banker location, the town's second real estate addition in two months, the first being a new Keller Williams office that opened its doors on May 18.

"I always say I'm so lucky, not only to live here, but to be able to sell a piece of paradise," she said.



Composed of just seven agents, The Jones Group boasts the second largest market share of sales in Pacific Grove. Its office is located at 216 17th Street.

Taormina, sitting in Pacific Grove's fabled late afternoon light filtered through a window at P.G. Juice n' Java, reflected on this oft-repeated sentiment of his home as "paradise" – of the "silence" this town affords those wishing for a retreat – sometimes permanent – from worlds that encourage action before quiet meditation, and that bestow their rewards in the form of material wealth as opposed to spiritual wealth. And although it's true that, of the former, the residents of Pacific Grove are certainly not lacking (the median asking price of current listings is \$888,000), it's not uncommon to witness people driving alongside the Asilomar coastline in bumper sticker-laden Jeeps or decades-old Hondas.

"You get away from the 'keeping up with the Joneses' here," said Taormina. "You could feel, when I worked in Silicon Valley, a lot of, 'What car do you drive? Where did you go on vacation? What did you do?' It's this competition with everyone else to keep up this persona of ultra-success. Here, it doesn't matter what car you drive. They don't care if they're driving a 15-year-old car, and that appeals to me. The material things in their lives aren't the most important things."



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The Art and Inspiration of Pacific Grove

by Lisa Crawford Watson

Pacific Grove, so named for the “greatest meeting” of pine forests and Pacific waters, has always been an inspired place. Established in 1875 as a Methodist-Episcopal seaside retreat, the three-square-mile city was actually enclosed by a high fence and a locking gate, either to keep the pious in or the artists and atheists out.

By 1890, most of the fencing was gone, but the retreat continued, as the “Last Hometown” grew up around it. Ultimately replaced by more churches than monarchs, the retreat ended in 1926.

Despite the renown of neighboring Carmel-by-the-Sea as an artist colony, established in 1902 and incorporated in 1916, Pacific Grove came first. It just wasn’t about art.

Or was it? The Pacific Grove Museum was organized in 1899, with Miss. M.E.B. Norton as curator. And, in 1907, artist William Adam



Taylor Rhyne helping customers at Artisan Gallery
Joseph Lucido playing guitar in the background

joined a cadre of others quietly establishing an art colony when he built his home and studio, in Pacific Grove. In 1924, the Grove Theater became the first on the Peninsula to house a pipe organ. In 1930, the town attracted literary legend John Steinbeck and his new wife, Carol Henning. And, in 1969, the **Pacific Grove Art Center** was founded to establish a community-based nonprofit organization to enhance the arts.

The Art Center was housed in an historic building constructed in 1904-1905 by entrepreneur and developer T.A. Work. The structure had once housed retail stores on the ground floor and assembly halls above, including the Masonic Lodge, which rented the second floor until 1950.

For more than 40 years, the Art Center has given many local artists, some who have never shown their work elsewhere, the opportunity to exhibit their art in a professional setting. It remains a significant resource on the Monterey Peninsula for locals and tourists to experience a community-based approach to fine art.

Among the more enduring art galleries in town, equally devoted to community engagement is **Hauk Fine Arts**. Established nearly 25 years ago by journalist, author, playwright Steve Hauk, and his wife, the late Nancy Hauk, an established watercolor artist, the gallery specializes in early and contemporary art, with a focus on Northern California and, especially, the Monterey Peninsula.

The Hauks have always been interested in the strong connection of literary and scientific figures, to the painters of their time. Particularly John Steinbeck, and marine biologist Ed Ricketts, in whose house the Hauks have made their home for many years.

“A vibrant artistic community does not function in a vacuum,” said Hauk. “Its artists generally engage with the community and other artists, writers, poets, photographers and scientists to create a more meaningful society and culture. The gallery serves as a forum for this often-overlooked world on the Monterey Peninsula and California in general.”



Vladimir Mukhin, artist with Pacific Grove Arts Center Executive Director, Teresa Brown and Olga Mukhin

Hauk, who has a new play in the works, also is releasing a book this month, called “Steinbeck. . . The Untold Stories.” In 2015, the Pacific Grove Library, an historic Carnegie building, presented a one-person show of Nancy Hauk’s work, “Loving Watercolor: Paintings by Nancy Hauk.” It was announced during the show opening that the library gallery would be named for Nancy and Steve Hauk.



Two members of the Dick Robins band brave the wind to perform at First Friday

Among more recent arrivals in town is Adrienne Jonson’s **Artisana Gallery**, which opened its doors to Pacific Grove nine years ago. The



Dancing up a storm

gallery, which promotes fair-trade and sustainable products, was established to promote local and regional artisans, whose wares are unique and fit the vibe of the gallery.

“We feature, among others, photography by Greg Magee, whose local color imagery is presented in giclées, printed on canvas,” said gallery rep Pam Hensley. “Adrienne Jonson, a poet and jewelry designer, is also a photographer. We also represent local painter Clell Harrison, whose original acrylic paintings often feature florals and landscapes. And, we have clocks and other art pieces in copper and brass, by abstract metal artist, Ron Rice.”

Pacific Grove’s performing arts arena is as vibrant as its visual arts community. And it’s definitely a place to dance.

After nearly 40 years of professional dance throughout Europe, Madame Kira Ivanovsky founded the Ivanovsky School of Ballet in Pacific Grove during the early 1960s. In 1974, she and daughter Milou, also a dancer, re-established the company as **Ballet Fantastique**, a nonprofit school of ballet, which continues to train dancers of all ages and aspirations.

Ballet Fantastique, which has always worked from an admittedly frugal approach, eschews overly formal sets and, rather than require students purchase expensive commercial costumes, pulls from an expansive collection of hundreds of handmade costumes for each performance. Although the enrollment is primarily female, the school welcomes aspiring male dancers.



Pacific Grove Dance Studio was established in 2012 by professional dance partners and instructors Leo Sidorenko and

Olga Agafonova. Working primarily with adults, training in both social and competitive dancing, the studio recently implemented children’s dance classes, as well.

“We established the dance studio,” said Sidorenko, “because we wanted to provide quality dance instruction and give people the chance to get out and do something with it. We take our students to competitions in Las Vegas, San Francisco, San Jose. It’s gratifying, and it motivates people to learn.”

“Twice a year,” he said, “we also have dance showcases, where we pair students with professionals, kind of like ‘Dancing with the Stars.’ The next one, at the studio, is Saturday, June 17.”

A great way to experience the variety of businesses and organizations that contribute to the character of Pacific Grove is to attend “**First Fridays**.” This grassroots event, sponsored by participating businesses in downtown Pacific Grove, is an after-hours festival.

Founded by Adrienne Jonson of Artisana Gallery in 2010, the free community event takes place on the first Friday of every month, from 6pm to 9pm.

“First Fridays is a way to bring the community together and celebrate the arts and other organizations in Pacific Grove,” said Hensley. “We’ve seen the event grow quite a bit over the years, to include more businesses, many of which introduce local entertainment. Artisana Gallery is next to Phil’s Barber Shop, where Phil and the guys put on a great jam session. He has quite a following, and people really get their groove on.”

When not seeking the arts and entertainment in the city among the pines, turn toward the bay to enjoy the riot of fuchsia ice plant framing the coastline every spring, and notice what brought the Methodists and Episcopalians, the artists and the writers to Pacific Grove in the first place.

Throughout the years: Pacific Grove Natural History Museum

by Patrick Whitehurst

Natural history is a study that has fascinated both scientists and armchair enthusiasts since the dawn of time. Why do flowers grow here and not there? Why do crabs vary in appearance? One question always leads to another, and another, and another. For members of The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, the study of our natural world led to a growing collection of artifacts. In 1883, they began to store these items for later study. The collection was kept in a modest location in Pacific Grove where Jewell Park is today.



C.K. Tuttle

Date: c1900, Thursday, 9:45 a.m.
Pacific Grove Museum: octagon building in front of cabin from El Carmelo.

The original Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History looked quite different than what visitors see now. Under the direction of Curator Mary Norton, the small wooden building, octagonal-shaped, filled their need for a handful of years. But in 1900, the Museum moved



Photographer unknown
Portrait of the Museum’s first curator, Mary E. B. Norton (1832-1917).

into a larger building across the street, where it still stands today. Over the years, the building has grown more and more.

The Museum is now under the management of the nonprofit Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove, while the collection and building still belongs to the city.



Photographer unknown
September 1932
Lucie A. Chase and councilman & Museum Trustee Benjamin Lee at the laying of the Museum’s cornerstone

There are more than 53,000 objects in the Museum’s collection, a growing list of members, and the front of the building is home to one of Pacific Grove’s most recognizable icons: Sandy the Whale, who arrived on the scene in the mid-1980s. This amazing sculpture, like the Museum itself, continues to bring the exploration of our world to life.

Be sure to follow the Museum on Facebook and elsewhere (@PGMuseum), and visit their website at www.pgmuseum.org.



Sandy Larry Foster photo
Photo courtesy Larry Foster/
Unloading Sandy the Whale’s fluke during a visit to the University of California - Santa Barbara.



Pacific Grove: Picture-Perfect and Ready for its Close-up!

Pacific Grove's settings have played a starring role in movies, commercials, and television shows. The hometown streets of Pacific Grove were where Tom Hanks found canine companionship in the 1989 film *Turner & Hooch*. The focus was on the intersection of Lighthouse and Forest Avenues (where a bank was transformed into City Hall and another building doubled as a church).

And who can forget the sparks flying between teenagers Sandra Dee and Troy Donahue and parents at an inn, supposedly located in Maine, in 1959's *A Summer Place*? That inn was actually doubled by the private LaPorte mansion at the corner of Lighthouse Avenue and 17 Mile Drive in Pacific Grove.

The town's striking Victorian homes and coastal roads and pull-outs with ocean views have enticed the directors of commercials as well—Nexium, Visa, AT&T, and numerous car models. Nearby Asilomar often hosts

film productions, including *The Shift*, which was the first movie by Dr. Wayne Dyer with Portia Di Rossi.

The recent hit HBO series *Big Little Lies* chose the Monterey Peninsula and Pacific Grove for several scenes last year. Producers and crew loved the local welcome and looks of the town so much they returned for additional weeks of filming. More than 200 extras were hired, many of whom appeared in a scene at Lovers Point Park. It looked like a normal day in the park, but the bicyclists, joggers and picnickers were all staged. Reese Witherspoon is shown driving on Oceanview Boulevard before getting out of her car and twisting her ankle. Waves crashing on rocks along Pacific Grove's shore create the dramatic look of the show's opening credits. A photo depiction of Pacific Grove's shoreline was even selected for HBO's promotional poster and was seen on billboards in the Los Angeles area.

For more details on Pacific Grove filming, local resources and crew ready to be hired, contact the nonprofit Monterey County Film Commission at 831-646-0910. Local film professionals take on freelance work, or have their own production companies develop commercials, documentaries, and other film projects.

You can get your own home noticed as a potential film site through the film commission. For more information visit filmmonterey.org. The Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center has copies of the "Monterey County Movie Map". The film commission estimates an average of \$4 million comes into local communities each year as a result of various film projects. The Monterey County Film Commission is celebrating the 30th anniversary of "Lights, Camera, and *Economic Action*" in Monterey County.



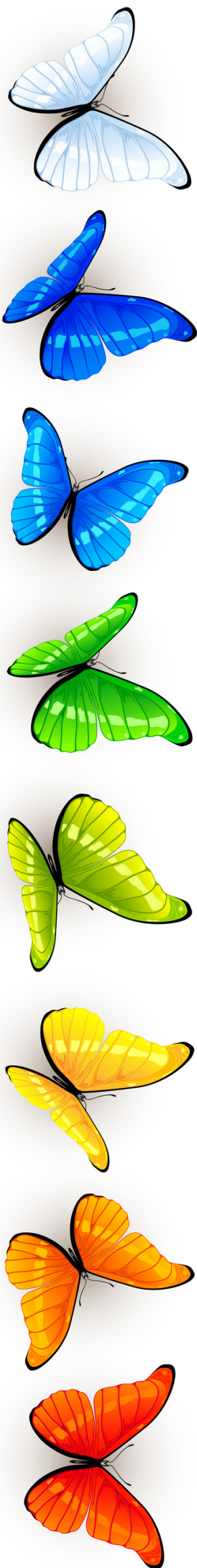
Turner and Hooch production



Lovers Point Park during filming for Big Little Lies (all people in shot were hired extras acting like regular park visitors)



During the filming of the movie Turner and Hooch
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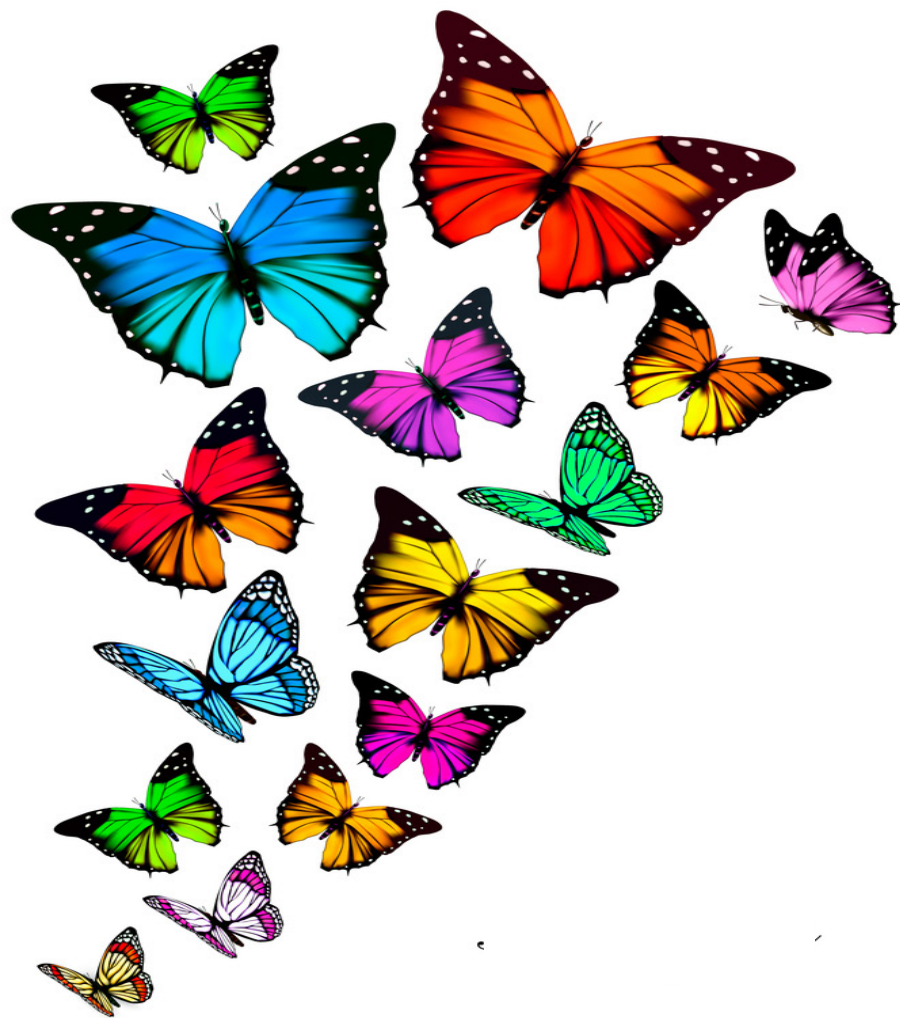
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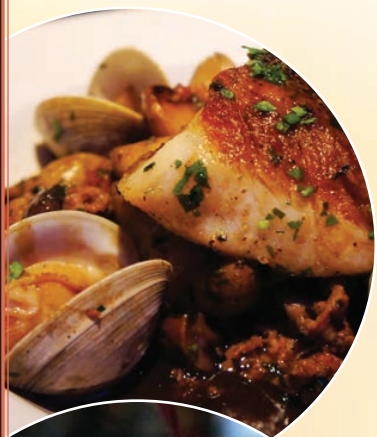
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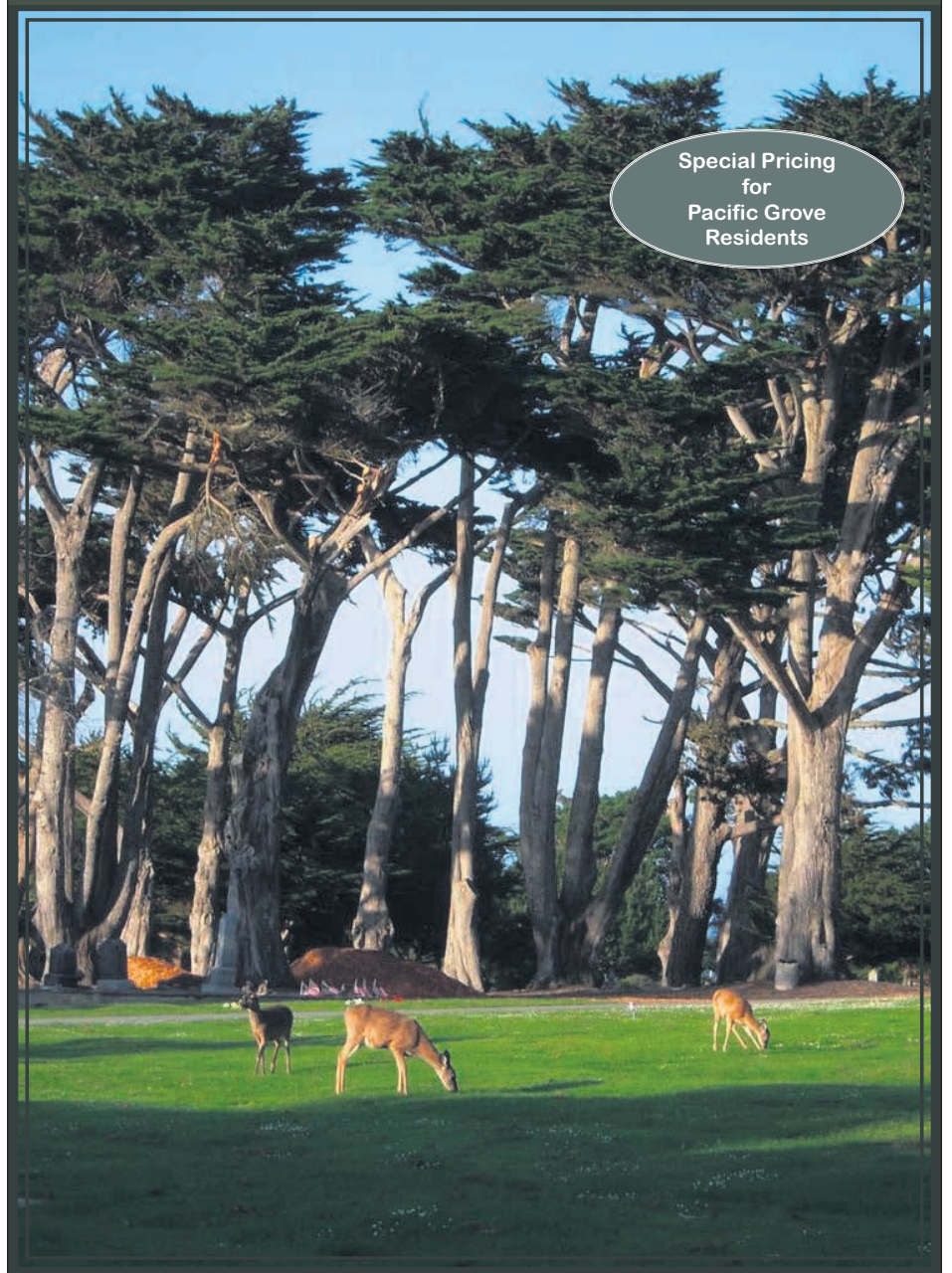
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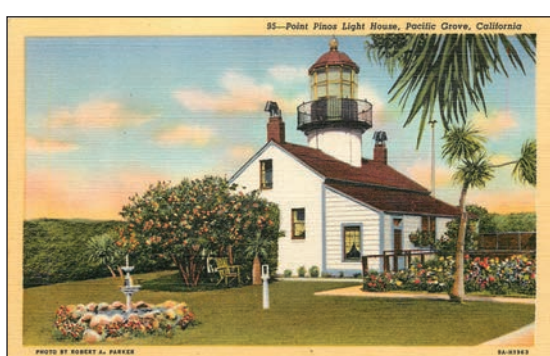
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Looking Back...

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Heritage Society Helps Retain Unique Character of Pacific Grove

By Tom Leyde

David van Sunder takes a lot of pride in being a Pacific Grove resident. He is especially proud of its heritage and serves as the current president of the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove's board of directors. That is one of his main focuses when not working at Stride Physical Therapy & Rehab, the business he and his wife Talli van Sunder own and operate.

David has met a lot of people through the Heritage Society where he leads a 15-member board and will serve as president until 2019. The Heritage Society was formed in 1975 to foster an appreciation of Pacific Grove's historical and architectural resources. It also works to encourage preservation and restoration of buildings that enhance the city's unique character.

Two of those buildings are the Point Pinos Lighthouse and Ketcham's Barn at Laurel and 17th Streets. Ketcham's barn was built in 1881 by H.C. Ketcham, who used it to house animals. A rope and pulley mechanism that is still in place was used to bring hay into the hayloft. Ketcham sold the barn in 1903 to E. Cooke Smith, a banker and real estate agent. Cook used the barn to house a horse and buggy, which he used to transport potential customers to Pacific Grove. The barn was later used as a cabinet shop and in 1914, as a garage for cars. The city bought the building in 1979 and leases it to the Heritage Society. It serves as the board's meeting place and houses local museum articles. The Heritage Society also maintains an adjacent lot.

Preserving the Point Pinos Lighthouse at 80 Asilomar



1890s Pacific Grove Del Monte Express



Tent City 17th from Central Avenue to Bay

Avenue is a major focus of the Heritage Society. "It's the longest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast (Since 1855)," van Sunder said. Preservation work on the lighthouse is ongoing. There's been a lot of work done there." In 1967, the city and the U.S. Coast Guard began the process of transferring title of the lighthouse to the city and the transfer was completed in 2006. The Coast Guard maintains the lighthouse lights, while the city accepted the responsibility of maintaining, showing and restoring the lighthouse. The Heritage Society took on the restoration responsibility.

Charles and Charlotte Layton were the first lighthouse keepers (1854-1860). The last civilian lighthouse keeper was Frank Tower (1960-1964). Emily Fish was the wife of one of the early lighthouse keepers. Fish was widowed at age 48 and was appointed lighthouse keeper two years later, serving from 1893 to 1914. In 1906, the San Francisco Earthquake damaged the lighthouse lens and tower. Fish was still the lighthouse keeper when the repairs took place and a new lens, the "eclipser" was installed in 1912.

Adding their own touch to Pacific Grove history, the van Sunders remodeled the offices of Stride Physical Therapy & Rehab. "We like that it's a nice quiet place to raise a family," David said.

Pacific Grove is lucky to have so many residents, including the van Sunders, who give of their time and energy to help the community maintain its historic, hometown feel.



Bathing beach, Saturday, August 18, 1900 Hopkins Marine Station



City Hall 1905



Lookout at Lover's Point. Paid for by the Women's Civic Club founded by Julia Platt.

Leaving their mark on their hometown

By Carly Mayberry • cmayberry@montereyherald.com • @CarlyMayberry on Twitter

To cap off their years at Pacific Grove High School, a group of artistic-oriented seniors are leaving their creative mark in the form of a mural they're constructing inside the Beach House Cafe.

Two of the students began painting on the sketch, on a wall that is 18 feet long and 9 feet tall, in the coffee shop overlooking Lovers Point. The design, which is meant to capture Pacific Grove's unique character, features a giant teacup with an otter floating in it along with other regional imagery including a Cypress tree and flying monarch butterflies. It was previously drawn out on the wall by sophomores Kaysa Paulsen and Sofia Chang.

"It's cool because usually we do something close to school like the mural in our quad area or the fish

sculpture outside the library," said senior Vanya Truong, 18, who has been organizing the project for herself and fellow classmates. "This is kind of like more of a direct contribution to the community rather than to the high school."

Truong referred to the previous art projects done by the high school's National Art Honor Society for the past few years and orchestrated by Pacific Grove High art teacher Matt Kelly.

But it was Beach House managing partner and Pacific Grove native Kevin Phillips who reached out to Kelly about the idea this year.

Phillips, 57, is a P.G. High graduate (class of 1977) and was highly influenced by art teacher John La Pierre when he attended the school.

"I even moved to France and lived in Paris as an artist – but couldn't make a living at it," explained Phillips.

The coffee house opened in November underneath the Beach House restaurant. That was when Phillips got the idea for the mural.

"When we built the coffee shop last year, this space kind of presented itself to us," he said.

Truong along with fellow senior Nicole Weber set up their acrylic paints on one of the cafe's small square tables while discussing which of the 10 colors they'd start with. Great thought had been put into each of the drawn elements by the duo and fellow classmates Shira Kershner, Ryann Horning, Kylie Koestner and Rachel Sands regarding what color would represent them best. Prior to sketching, a thick layer of Gesso – a white binding mixture of paint was applied.

Truong said that although the majority of the group working on the mural was part of National Art Honor Society, which is a national club with chapters in schools across the country, there were also those doing it simply for the pure love of art.

"Art is everything to me and I love that I get to be a part of a piece that's going to stay in P.G. for a long time – even after I go off to college," said Weber.

For his part, Phillips said the high school seniors have been a nice addition to the cafe's ambiance.

"I just love meeting these bright young kids that really care about what they're doing," said Phillips. "And this representing something in P.G. that has a connection to the kids is really neat."



Pacific Grove High senior Nicole Weber, 19, and Vanya Truong, 18, mixing paint for the mural at the Beach House Cafe at Lovers Point. (Vern Fisher - Monterey Herald)



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Pacific Grove High seniors Nicole Weber, 19, and Vanya Truong, 18, paint on their mural at the Beach House Cafe at Lovers Point. They are part of a group of Pacific Grove students producing the project.

Growing up Local: Monarch At Heart

By Allison Haylings Mayorga

In the summer of 1990, my father and my very pregnant mother drove up the coast of California to escape the Phoenix heat and in hopes of settling in the perfect coastal town to raise their child. It was 114 degrees in Arizona the day they left. My mother was an Army brat who never stayed in one place for long and envisioned a different life for her baby. They made their way to Carlsbad, California, where my father was from. Frustrated by the insane amounts of traffic and city growth, they continued north. Shooting for Carmel, they settled instead in the heart of Pacific Grove -- Central Avenue to be exact. An 800 square foot, quintessential whitewashed beach cottage is where my first memories were formed. Our house seemed forever illuminated, either by the gloomy glow of PG fog or the bright lights of the squid boats at night.

My father, having sold his solar business in Arizona, was looking to start fresh and fill a needed niche. While he observed and planned his next move, he picked up a volunteer route for Meals on Wheels. The story goes he even delivered his route on the day my mother

went into labor. Apparently, he mixed up everyone's meals. My mother continues on the volunteer path my father paved to this very day.

I attended the magical David Avenue Kindergarten Center, along with many other snot-nosed kids in town. The majority of us would grow together the remainder of our school careers. Robert Dixon, better known as "Mr. D," taught PE and, to this day, I credit him for getting this VERY attached "Mommy's Girl" through kindergarten. Mr. D would pry me from my mother and, as I looked at him through my tears, would say consolingly, "She will be back."

Once my father had established his new water purification business, we relocated to a slightly larger home, smack dab in the middle of every school I would attend until graduation. I walked to Robert Down Elementary School, where I picked up my deep love of the Beatles. Scott Getline directed the Robert Down Chorus and lead us in tunes like "Let it Be" and "Octopus's Garden" -- all for the love of music. I walked to middle school, too, where I met Diana Rookstool, my English and Art teacher. She fostered my creative side and inspired me to follow in the footsteps of her daughters by joining the Feast of Lanterns Royal Court. To this day, we are all still friends. Her daughter officiated my wedding. I even walked to Pacific Grove High School until I got my driver's license on my 16th birthday.

It was in high school where my photography teacher, Matt Kelly, sparked a love of photography and planted the seed of a career in journalism. Kelly



Allison with her mother, Jill Haylings

was our wedding photographer and is a dear friend. It was also where Mr. Bliss taught students about science, but above all else, the power of random kindness. And, where Coach Mahaney welcomed me to the girls softball team even though I had never held a bat in my life.

I went on to college to study creative writing and pursued a passion for travel. I met my now husband along the way, and there was no question where we wanted to settle: Pacific Grove. I even sported beaded butterflies on my wedding dress. We now live around the corner from the house where I formed my roots and became the woman I am today. I can hear the middle school students frolicking at lunch. I can hear the PG High band on Friday nights in the fall. And I hope to one day walk my own children to Robert Down Elementary, where Mr. D will be waiting with a smile and consoling words for a presumably very attached mother dropping her baby off at school.

Growing up in Pacific Grove meant a lot of things. For me, growing up in PG meant life-long friendships and a place to always call home.



Allison in the Butterfly Parade, October 1995

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