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July 4th in the Meadows: Our Salute to the USA

By Tom Fragala / Resident

The 2024 HMCF 4th of July Parade/Event took place on the holiday from 10 am – 1 pm in the golf course parking lot.

Kids, adults and fur babies were dressed up for the event. There were several decorated golf carts and bicycles too. There were free goodies bags for the kids, free water, and lots of kids activities.

The national anthem was played. Emma Gutierrez signed the words for the hearing impaired.

There was a parade at 11am with three loops around the parking lot. Leading the parade were firefighter Joe Gutierrez as flag bearer and Lt. Chris Rasio, U.S. Navy. Both local dads! Lots of families, golf carts, and bikes joined in. Deer Springs Fire station #3 brought their engine over. Thanks guys!

After the parade we have several patriotic contests. Our judges were Jamie Gutierrez, Eric Amos, Gina Marjanovic and Ashley Mazzarese.

Most patriotic ride: Logan & friends, "Clap off kid cart"

Most patriotic family: McDaniel family, "the tie die family."

Most patriotic girl under 4: Teo Austin, "classic tri."

Most patriotic boy under 4: Logan Vlasec, "spiderman kid."

Most patriotic fur baby: "Auggie" the Brecht family poodle.

The event was organized and emceed by Vickey Ciarlanti, with help from her husband Jeff, and many others. HMCF greeters for the event were Paul Schoos and Jack Weber.

The HMCF booth had volunteers Heather Davila and Dina Davis. There was a patriotic tattoo station with Kiska Alba, Thea Crook and CC Rossio. The kids' arts and crafts table was provided by Lynn Wheeler and Lisa Saget with Mountain Meadow Equine Rescue and rehab. The kids' zone had cornhole with



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Vintage Cars Cruise into Hidden Meadows

By Tom Fragala / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Vintage Car Show was Saturday June 22 from 10am – 1pm in the Sideyard/Market parking lot.

We had the parking lot nearly filled with cars. It was a hot day, but the cars were hotter!

One standout was Fred Stahl's 1966 Shelby GT

350 Fastback Coupe with a stock 289 engine. It was restored in 1997 and he bought it in 2002 from the original owner. Fred told me this incredible story. He's known this car since it was new, and he was a teenager! When he was 18, he went to buy a new car and saw the Shelby on the showroom floor but he couldn't afford it. He bought another lower cost Ford. Not long after, his brother's best friend drove up to their house with that same Shelby. That fellow had bought the car shortly after Fred had seen it in

the showroom. Fred told his brother and his friend "I'm going to own this car someday." They laughed. Many years later, Fred now owns it. And he bought it from the same guy! The Shelby once won Concourse Gold at

The National Shelby American Auto Club event.

There was a Blue 1970 Dodge Charger R/T with a Bill Mitchell alu-

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AUGUST HIDDEN MEADOWS EVENTS

Summer Food Drive

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 9am to 2pm
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minum block 528 Hemi "elephant motor" and an 871 Littlefield supercharger. The owner Ron Stahr of Drifters Garage in Escondido told me this beast has at least 1200 horsepower! He's been working on it for ten years and still has some work to do. It looked great and when he started the engine it really roared, making everything shake nearby.

We also had a contest.

1st place went to Joe LaPorte's amazing blue 1932 Ford Sedan, with a Boss 302 and 5 speed manual transmission.

2nd place was John Wilkinson's gorgeous 1965 red convertible Pontiac GTO with a tri-power 389 engine.

3rd place was awarded to Dave Breher's sweet 1972 Chevy El Camino custom. It has a 2018 LS3 Corvette 540 horsepower engine. The color is a stunning Chevy factory color called "red addiction." It was a total tear down restoration with the body and paint by Everett Brothers.

There were three honorable mentions. Jordan Quintal's cool 1930 lime green Ford Model A with a 462 Pontiac engine. Jim Urbina's fantastic

1937 Ford Woody. And a black 1934 Ford 3 window coupe owned by Ken & Merleen Magers.

Another cool car was a 1969 Chevy Chevelle 442. Its new paint job is rally yellow, a 2010 Corvette color. Showing it were local residents Randy and Arnie Huntington.

Milo Jensen had his blue 1966 Ford F100 truck with the original 352 engine. Brian Henderson brought his 1976 Triumph TR6. And Bob Riha showed his 1951 Willys jeep.

I didn't get to talk to every owner because it was so hot, a few left early and most of the rest were sitting in the shade.

The HMCF had a booth and tattoo station with free press-on tattoos, water and goodies for the kids. We always take care of the kids, so bring yours to the next event! The volunteers were Dina Davis, Kiska Alba, Lynn Wheeler and Simone Orona.

The foundation also had a photo booth.

Sean Wickstrom was the dinosaur and out on the street getting the attention of passersbys.

The Coop had its doors open for some pinball and arcade game fun.

Thank you to our Event Director Vicky Ciarlanti, event Chair Dawn Salazar, and Co-chair Lynn Wheeler.

Thank you to all our other volunteers, including HMCF President Michelle Zipse, Paul Schoos, and Jeff Ciarlanti.

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SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

By Nancy Ograd / Resident

Please Mark your calendars NOW!!

Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 9am to 2pm at the Boulder Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse, 10333 Meadow Glen Way East

The communities of Hidden Meadows and RimRock have traditionally been very generous in supporting the food drives for Interfaith Community Services. In the past, we collected between 500 and 1000 pounds of food for those who count on Interfaith Community Services in Escondido for food and assistance.

I would like to issue a challenge for this summer drive – let’s donate 1000 pounds of food again! I believe it can be done if every household brings just one pound of food to the Meadow Lake Golf Clubhouse on August 17th.

The food pantry accepts fresh vegetables in addition to the non-perishable, unexpired, canned, bagged, or boxed food items. Toiletries and baby products are also needed. Please bring your items to the front of the Boulder Oaks Golf Course between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on

Saturday, August 17, 2024. Your generosity in the past has helped many families by filling Interfaith’s cupboards - please, help again.

Volunteers to help collect the food as it is dropped off are always needed and appreciated; community service credit papers can be signed also. If you would like to help, or if you are unable to deliver your donations to the drop site, please contact Nancy Ograd by calling at 760-749-7023 or e-mail at n.ogrod@yahoo.com.

BOOK REVIEW

by Lynn Clark

It’s no secret that my favorite books are stories that have plots of mystery and crime. I have read all the books that have been written by the three “C’s”: Connelly, Coben, and Child, but I am always looking for new authors. I have found a few. My best find has been a very original and talented writer called Michael Koryta. Most of his books are standalone crime novels, and several have been made into movies. He also writes supernatural fiction under the name of Scott Carson. I have to admit I am not a fan of supernatural novels, but for some reason when this one came out I read it. I liked it because he combined a good story with the spooky side of the supernatural. Yes, once in awhile it’s good to get out of a rut and try something new.

“Lost Man’s Lane” - by Scott Carson

Marshall Miller is 16 years old and lives in Bloomington, Indiana. He is being raised by his single mother who works nights as a weather announcer for a local news station. Marshall is really excited because he has just passed the test for his driver’s license, and the first thing he wants to do is to take the old Olds 98 out for a drive after his mother leaves for work.

As he is cruising along in his car blasting his stereo, he sees blue lights flashing in his mirror. In a panic he crosses the highway to pull over on the other side of the street instead of pulling over to the right immediately. The police officer is big and muscular and introduces himself as Corporal Maddox. He doesn’t waste much time before he gives Marshall a lecture and a list of his offenses. He asks for his license and registration and tells him to wait in his car. When Maddox opens his cruiser, Marshall looks through his mirror and sees a girl sitting in the the back seat of the cruiser crying. When Maddox hands Marshall a copy of the ticket he says he might take his time before filing the original copy. This gives Marshall hope that Maddox is giving him a second chance.

The next day a young woman goes missing in town. When Marshall realizes that this is the girl that was sitting in the back seat of the police car, he goes to the police station and gives the police his copy of the ticket. The problem is that there is no policeman named Maddox, and the thumb print on the copy is not really a thumb print but a smear of ashes. This is only the beginning of Marshall’s troubles because now his credibility is gone with both his classmates and the police. So who is Maddox?

Things winding down at Waldron’s office

By DAVID ROSS

Things are winding down for veteran legislator Marie Waldron.

August is the last month of the legislative session at the California Legislature. Which is a bittersweet thing at the offices of the 75th District Assemblywoman, who will be completing 12 years in office.

Waldron is terming out, and will be replaced next year by either Andrew Hayes or Carl DeMaio, who are both Republicans on the November ballot. That person will take be sworn in December 2 at noon, when the new legislative session begins.

Although the assemblywoman won’t be participating in any more legislative sessions after August, her office will remain open until about Thanksgiving at 9820 Willow Creek Rd., Ste 240, San Diego 92131, near Carrol Canyon Road & I-15.

She has a staff of three full time employees and one paid intern in the Capitol office and two full time and one part time in the district office.

Update on battery energy storage facilities

By JIM DESMOND

I wanted to share an important update from our recent Board of Supervisors meeting that directly impacts our community’s safety and well-being.

Our county has experienced two separate fires at battery energy storage facilities in the past few months. These incidents posed significant safety risks and led to temporary road closures and evacuation orders for nearby homes. Understandably, there is growing public concern about these facilities’ health, safety, and environmental risks.

In response, I introduced legislation at our last meeting to pause all new battery storage facility projects until we can thoroughly assess and address these concerns. I am pleased to report that this legislation was unanimously approved. The vote directs our chief administrative officer to develop comprehensive guidelines and options, which could be presented to the Board of Supervisors for a vote as early as late August.

Our staff will be gathering input from community members living near proposed sites, industry experts, and other stakeholders to ensure that any future projects prioritize public safety and environmental responsibility.

It’s alarming that two of the three battery storage projects approved in our county’s unincorporated areas have already caught fire. This record clearly indicates that more work is needed to ensure these facilities are safe and reliable.

I want to thank everyone who has voiced their concerns and participated in this process. Your input is invaluable as we work to protect our community from unnecessary risks.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or would like to provide further feedback on this issue. Together, we can ensure that our community remains a safe and healthy place to live.

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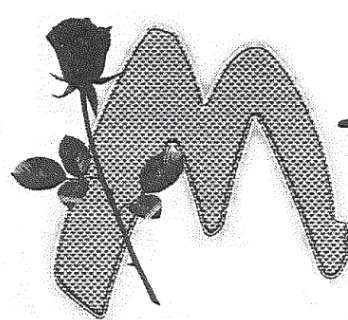
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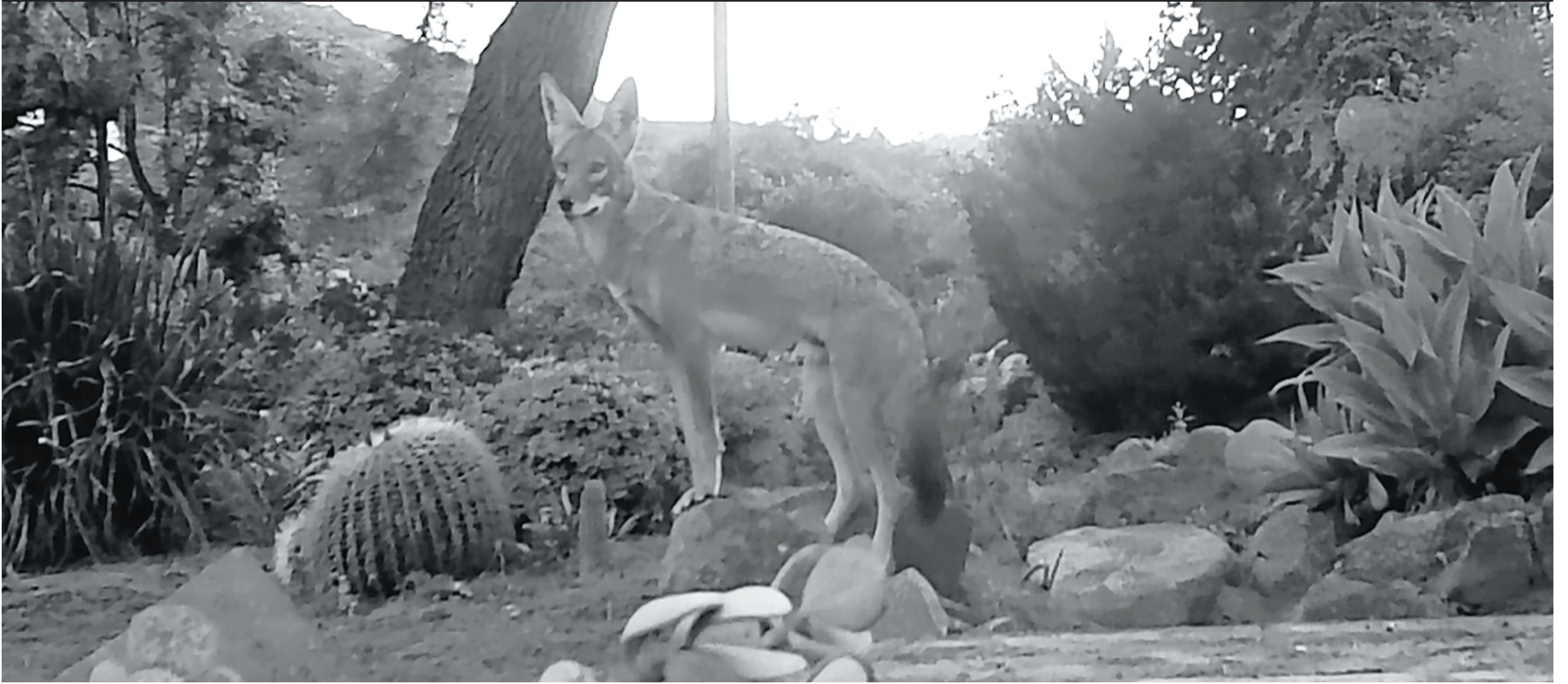
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Coyote perched on a rock

All about Coyotes

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Submitted by
Linda Collins / Resident

Part 1:

Coyote Ecology: Two hundred years of costly persecution has not eliminated the resilient coyote from our landscape. In fact, coyotes have expanded their range two to threefold since the 1850s, largely in response to human changes to the environment and the eradication of wolves. Coyotes have adapted to living close to people and now inhabit even the most densely populated metropolitan cities from Boston to San Francisco, Austin, and Seattle. Estimates are that 2,000 coyotes are on self-appointed "rat patrol" in the Chicago metropolitan area!

At least 19 subspecies of coyote roam North and Central America, from California to Newfoundland and Alaska to Panama, occupying a broad range of habitats. Coyotes play an important ecological role helping to maintain healthy ecosystems and species diversity. As the top carnivore in some ecosystems, coyotes help regulate the number of mesocarnivores (such as skunks, raccoons, and foxes) which helps to boost biodiversity.

Western coyotes typically weigh 18-30 pounds and look similar to a small Shepherd or collie-type dog but have a longer, denser fur and pointed, erect ears. They have a long, bushy, black-tipped tail that is usually carried pointed down.

Part 2:

Coyote Management: Historically, our society has

attempted to solve human-coyote conflicts through killing. However, despite decades of poisoning, trapping, and shooting coyotes, there are more coyotes in North America today. Why?

The coyote's remarkable success appears to be closely related to human attempts to control their populations. As with many wild species, coyote populations are naturally regulated by available food and habitat. Lethal control, however, can disrupt the group hierarchy, allowing more coyotes to reproduce, encouraging larger litter sizes because of decreased competition for food and habitat, and increasing pup survival rates. It is also highly likely that lethal control favors the survival of the most resilient and genetically robust coyotes.

At least a million coyotes are killed each year - one per minute-by federal, state, and local governments and private individuals in North America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Service program kills approximately 90,000 coyotes each year. Most of this killing is carried out in the name of "livestock protection" and is a taxpayer subsidy for agribusiness/ranchers.

Despite scientific evidence suggesting this approach is misguided and ultimately ineffective, the emphasis on lethal coyote control persists. Coyotes are also killed for their fur, for "sport", and in "body-count" contests where prizes are awarded for killing the most coyotes. Most states set no limit on the number of coyotes that may be killed, nor do they

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Community Sponsor Group

Contact Chairman Jim Chagala, at 760 751-2691 for more information.

Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

Please join our facebook group: Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch. We'll share neighborhood information, safety tips, and news of future events.

Contact Info: Erik Tyler 442-235-9060
erikdtyler@gmail.com

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Contact Steve Kerrin at 760-807-1141.

Emergency Communication System

To register, visit www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com.

An information hotline is updated during emergencies or noteworthy events and may be called 24/7 at 949-472-1407. Red flags are placed on the "Fire Danger Signs" during red flag warnings.

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Rimrock Homeowners Association
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Hidden Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association
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Silverado Management Services

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regulate the killing methods. For more information on coyotes, see the Coyote Project website at projectcoyote.org.

Hidden Meadows Community Resources and Organizations

Organizations

Garden Club

Contact Kim Marin
(kingroggmarin@gmail.com) or
Melisa Mitchell
(melisamitchell6@hotmail.com)

Hidden Meadows Bridge Group

We play bridge at the MHA Pavilion every Wednesday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Please call Curt Bruce at 442-222-0821 if you'd like to join us.

Hidden Meadows Community Foundation (HMCF)

Contact Michele Zipse at
HMCF2023@gmail.com.

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Ladies Bible Study

Contact Debbie Hamer at 760-297-1278 or Sue Shepard at 760-213-0325.

Tennis Club

Contact Katy Freeze at 760-749-9722 or clarkfreese@gmail.com.

Women's Golf Club

Contact Ellen at 760-749-1190

Women's Social Group

email to hmwsg92026@gmail.com.

Project Coyote is a North American coalition of wildlife scientists and educators promoting active coexistence

between people and wildlife, and compassionate conservation through education, science, and advocacy.



Marianne Nelson, Lisa Saget, Edi and Harry DeMik in the nursery at the Mountain Meadow Preserve.

Volunteers Needed to play in the Dirt!

By Linda Collins / Resident

Do you like to garden? Do you want to make a difference? Then, please join us Wednesday mornings at the Mountain Meadow Preserve to plant and maintain a native plant restoration area!

The Mountain Meadow Preserve in Hidden Meadows is one of the properties maintained by the Escondido Creek Conservancy with the goal to preserve and restore the Escondido Creek Watershed and provide a corridor for wildlife to move safely through the watershed.

On Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays, a small team of volunteers lead a habitat restoration effort to turn a former avocado grove into a dynamic native habitat that support the local fauna. We plant. We water. We Weed.

We need more hands! More people who like to play in the dirt, help nature, and hang out with other like-minded individuals.

Last year we planted nearly 1000 plants. It is a big job to maintain that alone. And we plan to plant a bunch more this fall. We currently have about 500 plants in the nursery sweating out the summer for fall planting.

Wanna come play with us? Email linda_J_collins@sbcglobal.net or text 760-212-2601

The 693-acre Mountain Meadows Preserve, here in Hidden Meadows, is home to The Escondido Creek Conservancy headquarters. The office is the home base for all Conservancy staff, including those who are in the field a lot of the time taking care of nature and providing outdoor education programs for Escondido students.

This preserve was acquired in partnership with San Diego County Parks and Recreation and the Navy/Camp Pendleton. It is part of a larger effort by the conservation partners to preserve natural open spaces in the Escondido Creek watershed and North County. Escondido Creek begins in Bear Valley (east of Lake Wohlford), then travels 26 miles west emptying into the San Elijo Lagoon.

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volunteers Ben and Andi Ruiz. Bean bag toss games provided by the Foundation with volunteers Vanessa Cruz and Dina Davis. There was also a hula hoop contest which was fun to see.

Local resident Christina Stendall of Sweet Cheeks Homestead had a booth with her amazing baked goods and sweets.

Thank you to all volunteers!

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A Gathering of the Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group in June

Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group – June 2024

By: Evelyn "EV" Trivoli
(with a little help from my friends)

It's officially summer! This month, we met up for a Happy Hour Soiree at the home of Laure Laprais. It was another warm day in a string of them, but as people started arriving, the day was settling into a comfortable temperature.

Laure just moved here 6 months ago and really jumped right in! Her home is perfectly situated to take advantage of the boulder-strewn views of North County inland.

For our gatherings, guests bring food to share, and tonight's offerings included several nice salads such as a tabouli-rotini pasta salad (a big hit!); cold jumbo shrimp & cocktail sauce, pigs-n-blankets with a brown sugar pecan twist, chips & hummus, and some amazing gluten-free meatballs. I also spied a decadent looking chocolate-zucchini cake, courtesy of Gwen. Plenty of beverages, too... featuring a "hostess-made" sangria in a pretty etched bowl.

Here's something unique: Chickens in the living room? According to

Laure, they are hand-knitted "comfort chickens". Lisa said they were soft and cuddly.. (unlike the chickens I know) and I'll take her word for it.

Beyond the food, drinks and cuddly chickens, the best part is the ever-evolving camaraderie that happens within our group. It's so nice to get to know people better at these smaller events. We shared a lot of stories about what brought us to Hidden Meadows – what and who we left behind – our first impressions and how wonderful it's been to discover new friendships. As EV says... we're (likely) not going

to raise kids together, we're not going to join the PTA, or be Little League moms. When we meet new people now, we have like "3 hours to catch up!" and hopefully make a new friend in the process. Maybe that's an exaggeration, but you get the idea.

Remember: whether you're new, or have been in our community a long time, you're always welcome in the Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group.

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Forensic Lab in Santa Ana

By Idalia Rewar / Resident

I have always been interested in law enforcement and found a day trip to the (Forensic) Orange County Crime Lab (OCCL) located in Santa Ana. It was a beautiful sunny day going by bus accompanied by 40 other ladies that were very excited about the trip just clucking away like a bunch of hens. It was super loud in the bus, but I found a tissue and stuck a piece in each ear. It helped a little, but what the heck we all need a little suffering now and then. It took the driver approximately 1 ½ hours driving time and the traffic was light which made it all the more pleasant.

Prior to the trip we were given the following instructions: Leave purse in car/bus, including phones – no photos to be taken, do not wear sandals, only closed shoes, and bring photo ID (driver’s license). As we entered the building a person behind a closed glass window with a slot asked for your id – he took the driver’s license, made a sticky copy for you to put on your front lapel, and gave back the license. (At the end of the tour we are to give back the sticky copy.) Why?? We then were led to a large room – with a screen – where we were given a lecture and screen presentations about the facility and its responsibilities.

OCCL provides law enforcement agencies in Orange County with forensic evidence examination and crime response services to recognize, collect, and evaluate the physical evidence from criminal investigations. Such evidence is crucial in criminal cases by helping lawyers, and juries understand the physical evidence of a crime scene. –

Google defines forensics as: “the application of scientific knowledge to legal problems

and analysis of physical evidence from a crime scene.” At crime scenes, forensic science technicians typically do the following: analyze crime scenes to determine what evidence should be collected and how; take photographs and make sketches of the crime scene; record observations and findings, such as the location and position of evidence.

OCCL is housed in an 8 story building, founded in 1948, has 160 personnel, and is equipped with current technological tools, equipment, and instrumentations. OCCL is divided into 5 Bureaus. 1) Cal-ID Bureau, 2) Criminalistics Bureau, 3) DNA Bureau, 4) Forensic Chemistry Bureau and 5) Identification Bureau.

Within these bureaus are special units with related areas such as the Forensic Chemistry Bureau has a special unit – Forensic Alcohol; and another unit Toxicology that provides the detection and quantification of drugs and chemical compounds in blood, urine, tissues and other biological samples.

We moved around different floors of the building to visit each bureau. At each bureau a technician was usually available to give us a short lecture on his particular work such as a technician in the Criminalist Bureau’s unit of Firearms describing how a bullet enters its casing and the evidence left behind, in another unit how fingerprinting is detected and where. Of course, the computer is one of the main tools used to organize and evaluate the findings.

They even use robotic processing procedures for their DNA analysis. It is quite amazing looking at these pristine areas involved in such work – you must have very keen vision since most of the work requires close visual focus. I observed

many machines that looked like glass boxes but did not ask what they do. Information is stored in databases and often share their findings with the District Attorney, and state and federal agencies. The building was almost

empty. They conduct tours only once a month and I have a feeling that they try and do tours when there are minimal persons present due to possible human contamination of the evidence. The last place to visit was a huge garage where autos, motorcycles, etc. involved in a crime scene are brought in for examining evidence.

It was quite an experience to visit such an impressive crime laboratory. It gives you a better understanding of what lengths law enforcement go to solve a crime!

After the tour we went to a family-run restaurant – Roma D’Italia. We ordered from a menu and I ordered eggplant parmigiana. It was delicious, and was accompanied with a salad, and a side dish of pasta with sauce, the softest dinner rolls ever, and a large dish of ice cream as dessert. The service was great!

On a personal note: My son bought me a book that I should read before visiting the crime lab entitled “American Sherlock” by Kate Winkler Dawson. It is about a scientist/forensic criminalist expert named Edward Oscar Heinrich from the 1920’s. He was the pioneer of a myriad of new forensic tools that police use today such as: blood stain analysis, ballistics, lie-detector tests, and fingerprinting. The book is divided into the compelling cases that he was involved in. The book is interesting, educational and absorbing reading. I recommend it.

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Part of the group attending the HMGC July meeting



Sima Kashani , Yasuko Tavangari , Maggie Adkins-Ingram



Judith Jennings and Pat Tanabe

Orchids and Succulents

By Idalia Rwear / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Garden Club met at Faraj and Yasuko Tavangari's lovely home for our July meeting. There were 27 members all waiting to hear the magic words that would enable us to better care for our plants.

The meeting commenced with Kim Marin welcoming everyone. She introduced two new members – Katy Freese and Marlene Tusing – Welcome! Kim then discussed club business and announced that in August we'll meet for our special annual pot luck lunch at Wilma Roger's Barn. Looking forward to that event – it should be lots of fun. Kim then introduced our speaker Master Gardener Lynn Walker Beveridge. Lynn gave us a short bio on her background and said she would be discussing the care of succulents and orchids.

Succulents: There are many succulents to choose from, but the most popular is the genus Kalanchoe which includes more than 100 different plants. Succulents are easy to grow from cuttings and require little care. Lynn gave us some tips on the caring of succulents: Allow soil to dry out between waterings for overwatering can cause rot, and may even kill the plant; avoid misting which can cause bacteria; and they require plenty of sunlight, but careful for too much sun may burn the leaves. She bought some samples to show us how we can plant them

anywhere – even on a seashell – and with proper care will be a great centerpiece for any room in your home.

Orchids: There many varieties – she had a handout that stated 10 species of orchids. Some were cattleya alliance, oncidium alliance, zygotetulum, etc. - very exotic names that are hard to pronounce, so I'll stop there. The most popular are the epidendrum radicans and the cymbidiym orchids. The

epidendrum and cymbidium orchids are easy to grow and Lynn spoke on when to water, when to fertilize, and most important how to have a good drainage.

Most orchids need moderate to high exposure, average water, with a wide range of temperatures (cool, intermediate, or warm). The potting medium may be fine to medium, coarse, fine or semi-terrestrial. Some may be repotted when they finish blooming, or as new growth begins. Orchids thrive on humidity. So it's good to know what you are buying and its care. I had bought a couple of orchids in a pot for her to examine because they were sick and burnt. She said I had overwatered them and left them too long in the sun. She was right. I now set mine on a ledge in the bathroom and my bathroom now looks like the rainforest in Puerto Rico. Lynn bought along some cuttings of succulents and orchids for us to take home. I was hesitant, should I, should I not take one, oh what the heck, if I don't water them that often and not too much sun - follow her instructions - maybe I will have a beautiful orchid so I took a cutting. Lots of luck Idalia.

In all, the lecture was very educational and thanks to Master Gardener Lynn for parting with her knowledge of orchids and succulents. Many thanks to the present members, to Faraj and Yasuko for hosting. And most of all, thank Yasuko for the wonderful cake she made especially for this occasion. On one corner she decorated it with sweet little "succulent" icing. It was moist and delicious. And thanks to Kim and Melisa for their help of putting it altogether.

If you are interested in joining this educational and fun club, e-mail Kim Marin at kimgroggmarin@gmail.com

Hey, see you all at the barn!!

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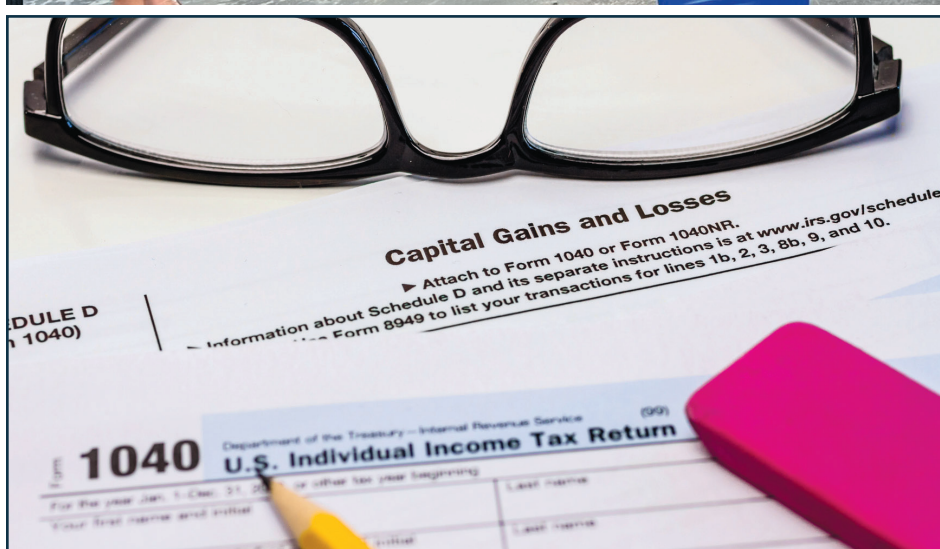
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Clockwise, beginning at front left: Karla Fernandez, Meredith Kifer, Frances Munk, Rochelle Weber, Karen Soriano, Lisa Saget, Vicki Long, Jana Moorehead, Susan Sciacca, Pia Courser, Sherry Horton, Laure Laprais, Jacquie Hughes, Dannielle Milliken, Bonnie Metzger, Vickey Ciarlanti, Cindy Payne, Pat Buntin, Pat Tanabe, Carly Harris and Sima Kashani.



Hula Dancing Demonstration:
Front Center – Carly Harris, professional polynesian dancer
L-R Frances Munk, Pat Buntin, Susan Sciacca, Pia Courser, Sherry Horton, Jana Moorehead, Karen Soriano, Vickey Ciarlanti, Laure Laprais, Jacquie Hughes, Rochelle Weber, Meredith Kifer and Lisa Saget.



On March 29, 2023, the IRS issued Revenue Ruling 2023-2, which generally states that appreciated property transferred through an irrevocable trust does not receive a step-up in basis when the Grantor dies.

That means the Grantor's children, or other loved ones, have to pay the capital gains tax on property they receive. There has been a great deal of chatter among tax experts and estate planners about this ruling. My clients and I are not bothered by this sea-change, however, as we use Charitable Remainder Trusts, and other techniques, to get around the Capital Gains Tax.

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HMWSG Hawaiian Luau

By Pat Tanabe/Resident

In July, Vickey Ciarlanti hosted a Hawaiian Luau at her home. When we entered Vickey's patio, we were transported to a Hawaiian island - Aloha signs greeted us, the furniture was bedecked in grass-skirts, tropical flowers and other tropical objects decorated the backyard. We were all lei'd as we came in! What does it mean to be lei'd? It means to be given a flower lei, as a welcome and a symbol of love, affection and respect.

Many of the guests wore their best Hawaiian/tropical gear for the luau. In addition, many guests brought Hawaiian food. Some of the offerings included Hawaiian meatballs and ginger rice, glass noodle salad, musubi, macaroni salad and pineapple upside down cake. We enjoyed the wonderful feast in the magical tropical setting.

The highlight of the evening was a performance by Carly Harris, Hidden Meadows professional Polynesian Dancer. After her performance, she invited the HMWSG to learn to do hula. Admidst much laughter, we attempted to learn the correct posture, steps, hip movement and arm placement. Regardless of whether we were executing the proper hula moves, we all had a lot of fun trying and hopefully burned off a few calories from the sumptuous dinner.

Some of us took the opportunity to visit Vickey's menagerie. Oreo, the goat, and Charger, the mini horse, both eagerly came over to say hello! A flock of chickens were also in the yard, including a beautiful black and white Silkie. Vickey generously gave us some of her colorful "Easter" eggs from her brood. At the end of the evening, Vickey's dog Gino, came out to greet the guests.

We all enjoyed our evening in paradise at Vickey's Tiki Hut Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group meets monthly for a potluck dinner. It's a great opportunity to meet new people or connect with old neighbors and friends.

If interested in joining, please contact us at hmwsg92026@gmail.com