

# VIVA!

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*Sweet May*



*hath come to  
love us*

## MAY EVENTS

**Sidewalk Sale on Main Street, May 1-3**

**Cinco de Mayo Celebration, May 5**

**BINGO, May 8**

**VVHA Meeting, May 20**

**Friday Night Social, May 22**

**Welcome New Advertiser! Jerry's Auto Detailing**

# Cinco De Mayo

## Party

\$20



Join the fiesta! Tuesday, May 5  
6PM Dinner – doors open 5:30

Tacos, Rice & Beans  
with all the Fixins', plus  
chips and dessert.



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refreshment.*

*Sign-ups and payment in the mailroom*



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					1	2 Sidewalk Sale St. Helena May 1-3
3 Sidewalk Sale St. Helena	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration 5:30PM	6 Tea Party Planning Mtg 11AM Club Room	7	8 BINGO 6:00pm	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 VVHA Board Meeting 3PM	21	22 Friday Night Social 5:30PM	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Tu, Thurs   Water Aerobics with Stacey   10-11:00 AM   Community Pool</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Red-VVHA Community    Black-Public Observance    Green-Local Event    Violet-VVHA</p> </div>					

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### Non-Social Resident-formed Groups

*Community Education: Grace Kistner*

*If there is a death, call Janeen di Rienzo at 707-294-8307 so she can post it on the bulletin board and arrange for the \$50 donation to the organization you designate. She will explain how to schedule the clubhouse for a memorial.*

## May Birthdays

- 4 Mike Beatty, Diana Mauli, Jen Harper
- 5 Don Clark, Chris Duffy
- 7 Dennis Hansen
- 9 Jenna Lavagnino
- 10 Doris Mosler
- 12 Hans Mauli
- 13 Sharon Slayton
- 14 Polly Keegan, Wendell Laidley
- 15 Ellen Cotten
- 16 Nora O'Neill, Denise Marks
- 17 Janice Dugan, Denise Lloreda
- 20 Pat Baker, Kevin Bradley
- 24 Elizabeth Green, Vic Simpson
- 31 Grace Kistner

## VIVA!

**Mission Statement:** To provide a periodic newsletter concerning current and upcoming events, VVHA news, activities, neighborly news, and other non-political and local items of interest to all Vineyard Valley residents.

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# The Prez Sez . . . by Janet Schmidt

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Hi Neighbors,

It seems like I just typed my Prez Sez for April's Viva last week. Where does the time go??

April was a busy and fun month starting with a great turnout for bingo. Rick was the chef for the night and made some yummy BBQ chicken sliders with coleslaw. For those who haven't experienced bingo night (on the second Friday night each month) you're in for a fun evening playing bingo with your friends and neighbors and getting dinner for just \$15. We play 5 games for the chance to win \$50 a game and the 6<sup>th</sup> game the card is blacked out and is worth \$100.

On Sunday, April 19, the Mike Greensill Trio with Gale Terminello entertained 95 of us with a two-hour concert in the clubhouse. The concert was wonderful and the crowd gave them a standing ovation and brought Gale back out for an encore. How great is it to have that quality of entertainment right here in our Vineyard Valley?

May brings **Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>**. See the flyer on the VVHA bulletin board for the menu and price. On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am the first "**Tea Party**" planning meeting will be held in the clubhouse. Eve Breckenridge is chairing the June 6<sup>th</sup> party, and the theme is "**The Secret Life of the Garden: Where Birds, Bees & Butterflies Thrive**". Come to the meeting and learn about our annual Tea Party.

Bingo on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Board meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Friday Night Social on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30.

See you around the park,  
Janet

## VINEYARD VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Janet Schmidt at 3:05PM.

Minutes of March 2026 Meeting were approved and seconded

March Treasurer's report– Checking \$10,580.53; Savings \$9,014.40; VIVA \$3,767.73; Bocce \$1,362.49; Total \$24,725.15

April Bingo hosted 54 people for games, food and fun with a Net Income of \$125 after costs for new daubers, food and kitchen supplies.

2026–2027 Calendar of Events has been posted in the mailroom. Please reach out to a Board member if you have suggestions for other events.

Thanks to outgoing Hospitality Chairperson Robin McGuire and welcome our New Chairperson Chris Killion and Co-Chair Bernie Casey.

Discussion regarding moving the meeting time from 3pm to 11am, or to quarterly, both suggestions were met with several objections. Further research will follow.

Upcoming events – Mike Greensill Trio Apr 19, Social Apr 24, Cinco de Mayo May 5.

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# VINEYARD VALLEY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD of DIRECTORS 2026-2027



**(l-r): Vivian Pichner (Director); Mae VanNett (Secretary); Chris Killion (Director);  
Rick Wood (Vice President); Janet Schmidt (President); Steve Kinney (Director);  
Audrey Ward (Director); Henk Brok (Treasurer); Inger Laidley (Director)**

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***As your elected officers and directors at VVHA***, we're excited to work together with every resident to make our community an even better place to live. We love organizing fun events and activities that bring neighbors together and help everyone feel welcome. By sharing new ideas, working as a team, and keeping communication open, we aim to build a lively, friendly, and inclusive community where everyone feels like they belong and are appreciated.

# PARK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

May 2026

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## **WATER RATES AND CONSERVATION**

Tiered water rates are designed to charge different prices for water based on the amount used, with higher prices applied as consumption increases. The idea behind tiered water rates is to incentivize water conservation by charging higher rates for higher consumption levels. The first tier includes the first 11 HCF. In this tier, the price per HCF is \$6.99. For the first 11 HCF used, the customer is charged 11 HCF multiplied by \$6.99. The second tier includes water use between 12 and 15 HCF and is charged at \$14.08 per HCF. The third tier includes water use above 15 HCF and is charged at \$15.07 per HCF. One HCF equals 748 gallons. Residents are encouraged to monitor their water usage particularly the outdoor irrigation. Please contact the office if you would like assistance in setting your irrigation controller timers.

## **DEFENSIBLE SPACE REMINDERS**

Now is a good time to take care of maintenance tasks and harden your home's defensible space. Defensible space is the area around your home that should be kept clear of plant debris and any potentially flammable materials.

- Patios and carports should be clear of any storage items, debris, or potentially flammable items. Carports and patios are not storage areas. Patio furniture and barbecue equipment only are allowed on patios. Carports must always be kept clean.
- Remove leaves and other debris from your yard.
- Clean gutters and awnings if necessary.
- Weed flower beds and take care of landscaping that may need replacing. Changes to landscaping and fencing must be submitted in advance for approval by management.
- Installing sprinklers? Working in your garden? Planting a tree? You may be digging close to underground utility lines connecting to your home. Contact 811 to have your underground lines marked before the project begins.
- Properly store fuels used for generators and barbecues.

## **POOL RULES REMINDERS**

Pool hours are 8 am to 10 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday; 10 am to 10 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- The pool is for the exclusive use of residents and their guests.
- Guests must be accompanied to the pool by their host resident.
- The guest limit is two persons per household.
- All persons must shower before using the pool.
- Glass containers are not allowed in the pool area.
- Pool toys are not permitted (beach balls, rafts, squirt guns, etc.). Pool flotation devices for therapeutic use are allowed.
- Appropriate swimwear only is permitted, no cutoffs.

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(Park Management Update, cont'd from page 7):

- Running on the pool deck, diving, and jumping into the pool are not allowed.
- Animals are not allowed in the pool area.
- Swim times for children ages 3-5 years are 10 am to 1 pm.
- 6-16 years are 10 am to 3 pm. Adults only after 3 pm.
- Children under three years are not allowed in the pool area.
- No one under age 18 is allowed in the therapy pool or sauna.

Please do not leave personal items such as shampoo, soaps, etc., in the pool dressing room showers. For health and safety reasons these items will be removed when the dressing rooms are cleaned. Thank you.

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# BINGO

*Friday, May 8*

**Doors open 6:00 PM  
Games begin at 6:30**

- **\$15.00 Entry Pack includes 3 x 6 games, dauber, and dinner**
- **Those with specific food requirements or allergies are**
- **BYO beverage**
- **Extra Game Packs \$10.00**
- **Cash Prizes for winners!**

LET'S PLAY

## APRIL BINGO WINNERS!

*(l-r):* Ann Sorenson, Faith Poirier Loo, Chris Killion, Ed Smith, Margaret Ortez, Anne Offord, Janet Schmidt, Bruce Marks



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# The House of Commercial Romance

by Mariam Hansen, St. Helena Historical Society

*“Men may differ as to the necessity of the so-called social evil, but there can be no defensible excuse for permitting liquor to be sold at such places.”*

*~Calistogian newspaper 1-1-1909*

California’s early penal codes criminalized “houses of ill-fame,” “bawdy houses,” and “lewd conduct,” and these laws applied in Napa County. Napa’s early towns—Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga—had saloons, hotels, and boarding houses typical of frontier communities, where prostitution often occurred.

In St. Helena the local brothel business was mentioned in the St. Helena Star. There was the Depot Saloon with upstairs brothel next to the train station. There was the Pink Saloon, where a notorious murder occurred in 1888. But the most famous long-lasting business of this type was the Stone Bridge Saloon, located on Silverado Trail at Pope Street on the hill.

The earliest mention in the newspaper of the “Joy House” or “House of Commercial Romance” was in 1899. Research shows that local law enforcement raided the Stone Bridge at least a dozen times over 50 years. Each time the intrepid entrepreneurs who owned the business bounced back with “vigor, vim and stamina”, wrote the newspaper. There are many tales about the place--here are a few.

In 1901 three men came to the Stone Bridge Saloon: Joe Bush, William Cummings and Campbell. They asked for Annie Lightenfeld, who then went by “Lillie”. The madam, Mrs. Pratt, told them she had taken a buggy into town. Later she heard a scream: patrons went to investigate and found the buggy with the girl’s hat. The men had found her on Pope Street, gagged her and forced her into the surrey and drove out of the county. Bush had been her pimp and he wanted her back.

Marshal Johnson was notified and he called Vallejo police, who arrested the trio. Joe Bush was returned to St. Helena jail, being unable to make bail. Joe Bush stood trial for false imprisonment. The first witness was the victim, Annie. Bush’s attorney tried to prove that Annie went willingly and subjected her to cross-examination but she stuck to her story. Bush was found guilty but was released on \$500 fine.

In 1907 the infamous “beloved” madam Mary Selowsky got control of the Stone Bridge. In 1909 the notorious “resort” at Pope Street and Silverado Trail was raided by Undersheriff Maloney, and D.L. Beard of the Grand Jury Committee on Morals. Beard planned the raid to “keep the lid on” Napa County. Rose “Babe” Wood, Mamie Carpy (Gertie Perky) and Rosa Burton (Jackie Lorraine) were charged with vagrancy. All three pled guilty but sentence was suspended. The madam was charged with selling liquor without a license and conducting a house of prostitution. She was released on bail.

In 1912 Mrs. Selowsky pled guilty to selling liquor without a license, was granted probation and fined \$250. The charge of running a “house of ill fame” was postponed. One month later she was arrested with three women. She was out on probation for the previous crimes with a heavy fine pending. Evidence was collected for the charge of selling liquor without a license and operating a brothel.

California passed the Red-Light Abatement Act in 1913, allowing courts to shut down properties used for prostitution. In 1915 Sheriff Kelton and Undersheriff Mills “swooped down” and arrested Mrs. Selowsky, owner of the Stone Bridge, and three inmates. The four posted \$100 bail and were released. Justice Anglim fined them \$90 each and ordered them to leave Napa County. Selowsky pleaded not guilty, her case to be decided later.

In 1917 DA Coombs asked Judge Gesford to begin abatement proceedings against the Stone Bridge. Many witnesses were subpoenaed by the prosecution. Mrs. Selowsky was convicted and sent to Solano County Jail. Her attorney said he would appeal. *Selowsky v. Superior Court of Napa County* became Napa's most important prostitution-related case. The California Supreme Court affirmed the enforcement action, making the case a statewide precedent. This is the earliest documented Napa County prostitution enforcement case with surviving legal records.

In the 1920 census Mary Selowsky listed her occupation as housekeeper. She was born in Germany in about 1872 with highest education given as 2<sup>nd</sup> year of high school. That year the "popular" Stone Bridge House was destroyed by fire. The building was unoccupied and contents had been removed months ago. A bungalow on the side of the hill was saved, so the bouncing business resumed with vigor, energy and stamina for many years.

In 1922 law enforcement raided Mrs. Selowsky's and arrested her on charge of conducting a house of ill fame. DA Riggins charged her with violating a "Red Light Abatement" injunction against her. She had already violated same several times, paid \$1200 in fines and spent time in jail. One call girl and several men found there were released.

In the 1940 census Mrs. Selowsky is listed as running a lodging house.

Following a raid on the Stone Bridge in 1946 by Sheriff Joseph Moore and Undersheriff Don Clausen, Betty Lambert (20) and Penny Parker (26) were ordered to leave the county.

A midnight raid was conducted at the Stone Bridge in 1953 which netted three patrons, while five more arrived while the raid was taking place. They were questioned by the sheriff and released. Madam Penny Parker and four women were convicted of prostitution. Penny was fined \$500, while Captola Ryan, Barbara Anderson, Virginia Williams and Peggy Millar were fined \$50 each.



*Stone Bridge Saloon, ca. 1910*

Two months later action was filed in Superior Court to abate the Stone Bridge "resort" to prohibit using the property as a house of prostitution. Named were Penny Lee Parker, Robert E. Robertson and three John Does. The court ordered vacating the property and removing all the furniture.

In 1983 E Clampus Vitus, an irreverent, historically focused fraternal organization, placed a plaque on the Silverado Trail on the south side of the Pope Street bridge next to the guard rail. It reads:

"Departed this life February 1953, located on a hill to the east and south of this point was a haven of comfort to many a man from the late 1800s until closed in 1953. Condemned by certain elements of our society yet venerated by others that "labored in the vineyards" of Napa Valley. Often closed to the consternation of its feminine occupants, and reopened again and again, to the joy of its guests, until operations were finally halted by the county sheriff at the insistence of the attorney general. Rest in Peace. Dedicated August 20, 1983 by Sam Brannan Chapter #1004 E Clampus Vitus."

Across 170+ years, Napa County's prostitution enforcement evolved from informal frontier policing to modern anti trafficking operations. The most significant documented milestone is the 1919: *Selowsky v. Superior Court*—Napa's landmark prostitution case.

# The Lounge at Vineyard Valley



On Sunday, April 19, the Mike Greensill Trio and singer Gale Terminello performed at Vineyard Valley. About 100 people came to the event, which was made to feel like a small lounge by event chair Mae VanNett. Mike's band started with three songs to show off their skills. Then, Gale sang songs from her new CD. Her voice is still rich and expressive at 87 years old.



With the second set, the trio played several of Mike's compositions. One song, "Matilda's Dream," was about his time playing in the Algonquin Room and was an up-tempo ditty. Gale returned to the stage and sang a song dedicated to Carroll Cotten. "Side by Side," about loving a man of broken parts, lifted the mood. They played more great songs and ended with a standing ovation and encore. A lovely afternoon in the Lounge at Vineyard Valley!



Photography by Hans Mauli

# DON'T WORRY

Friday Night Social  
May 22 | 5:30PM  
Clubhouse Lanai

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# RIANDA HOUSE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

## **Pilates: “Love Your Feet” Workshop with Denise Henquet Sprengers**

**Monday, May 4, 2:15-3:15 | American Legion Hall**

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Please bring a mat, small towel, socks and block if you have one. **RSVP**

## **Artist Reception Doris Mosler**

**Thursday, May 14, 4:00-5:30 | Rianda House**

Print making and collage have offered Doris a sense of versatility and spontaneity that satisfies her inner sense of adventure. For 15 years, Doris was an artist and monotype printmaking teacher in Seattle, now residing in St. Helena. Her work is on permanent display in many hotels, restaurants and collections in the Pacific Northwest. Refreshments will be provided. **RSVP**

## **Gentle Cleansing & Detoxification Workshop with Susan Arthur**

**Saturday, May 16, 11:00-1:00, Rianda House**

Learn how to gently cleanse and detox yourself to boost your metabolism and energy, improve your mood, and support healthy longevity. This workshop will include a food demonstration of Summer Salads with powerful detoxifiers and organ protectors. Maximum 12 participants. **RSVP**

## **Baking with Beth Brown**

**Monday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 | Rianda House**

This berry crisp has a jammy fruit filling and a toasty oat and brown sugar crumble topping. Please bring your appetite and a container so you can take some home! Room for six bakers. **RSVP**

## **SF Opera June Season Rossini & Strauss & Fall Preview with Laura Prichard**

**Wednesday, May 20, 4:15-6:15pm | Rianda House**

Join Dr. Laura Stanfield Prichard, dramaturg and speaker for SF Opera and the NY Philharmonic, for an introduction to the fabulous June season, featuring Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Richard Strauss's *Elektra*. She will also discuss the groundbreaking Fall 2026 season, which includes four operas, one by the award-winning, NYC-based female composer Thea Musgrave (born in 1928). Come hear secrets and personal stories of geniuses such as Verdi, Massenet, and Mozart. **RSVP**

## **A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process with Loretta Rotolo, Senior Care Authority**

**Friday, May 22, 10:00-11:00 | Rianda House**

Developed specifically for senior drivers, this 1-hour presentation offers a practical, engaging, and compassionate approach to the challenges of “senior drivers vs. the aging process.” We address the sensitive issue of when it may be time to relinquish driving independence, providing strategies to recognize and manage diminishing skills—ensuring seniors can remain safe on the road. **RSVP**

## **Watercolor Workshop with Pam McCullagh**

**Tuesday, May 26, 1:00-4:00 | Rianda House**

“Let’s Paint! Learn to blend watercolors while completing a delightful and festive greeting card for the summer. The class fills quickly so please sign up early to reserve your space. **RSVP Max 10 participants.**

## **Older Americans Proclamation**

**Saturday, May 30, 10:00-12:00 | Rianda House**

May is Older Americans Month and Rianda House is hosting an UpValley celebration of our senior community. Congressman Mike Thompson and Supervisor Anne Cottrell will be on hand to honor our special guests, Noelle Peterson and Ester Akersloot, centenarians. Join us! Light refreshments provided. **RSVP**

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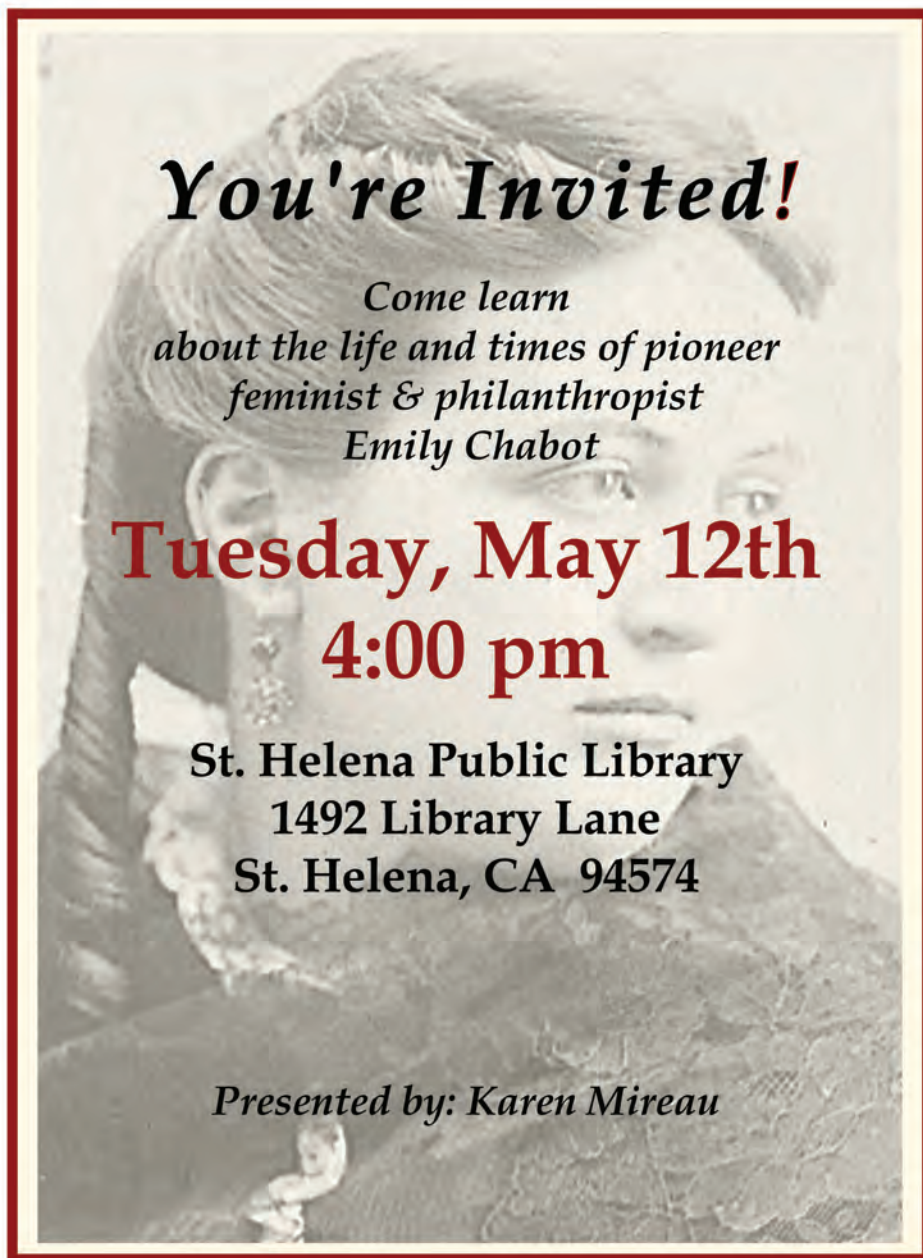
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**Tuesday, May 12th  
4:00 pm**

**St. Helena Public Library  
1492 Library Lane  
St. Helena, CA 94574**

*Presented by: Karen Mireau*

*(Meeting Minutes, April 10, cont'd from p.5):*

Bocce court will be groomed on Thursday. Team sign-up sheets will be posted in the mailroom. Rick W. suggested that VVHA invest in a Blackstone Grill (approx. \$500) which will allow us to utilize the bocce area more fully.

Eve Breckenridge, Chairperson of the June 6 Tea and Fashion Show, is looking for a few more table hosts for the Tea. If you're interested or would like to know more please join her and Janet in the Clubroom on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The theme this year is "Secret Garden".

Our new neighbors, Andy and Leesa on La Cuesta, thanked VVHA for working with Park Management in getting the new rower in the gym.

President Janet Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.  
Minutes submitted by Mae VanNett, Secretary

# ECONOMY

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# THE TASTING ROOM

by Steve Kinney

## Paraduxx Winery

On a lovely Sunday afternoon, we wandered into The Duckhorn Collection at Paraduxx. The winery was started by Dan Duckhorn in 1994 with the purchase of the Rector Vineyard off Silverado Trail. Whereas Duckhorn was devoted to single varietal Bordeaux style wines, Dan envisioned wines that reflected more of the heritage of Napa and he wanted to blend grape varietals. Zinfandel was to be a major component of the wines. The first wines were made at Duckhorn, with the initial bottling a blend of Zinfandel, Merlot and Petite Sirah. In 1998 they acquired the Stout Vineyard on Howell Mountain to help maintain the bolder character of the wines at Paraduxx and add a consistent source of Zinfandel. It wasn't until 2005 that the winery was built. The fermentation room was a 10-sided building reminiscent of the area's traditional round barns. Recently an additional tasting facility was completed as well as an expansion of the tasting area. Very comfortable with great vistas of the vineyard and surrounding hillsides.

The new concept for the Paraduxx facility is to showcase the portfolio of "The Duckhorn Collection" Paraduxx with its blends, Duckhorn featuring single vineyard varietals, Goldeneye from Anderson Valley and Calera from Mt Harlen. Each winery features vineyards of distinctive quality.

We were able to partake of their two basic tastings, 'Reflections of Napa Valley' and 'Terroir and Tradition'. Both tastings started with a sample of the 2024 Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc. Crisp and soft with a core of bright citrusy fruit, very refreshing. The Napa wines started with two from Paraduxx: Candlestick, a Syrah & Grenache blend, and Block 4, a Zin & Petite Verdot blend. Both featured bold fruit flavors and spicy tannins. From Duckhorn there was a Merlot from the Rector vineyard and a Three Palms Cabernet. I found the Merlot to be on the tight side, with subdued fruit notes, but the Cabernet was delicious, full bodied and reflective of the 3 Palms name.

The Terroir and Tradition tasting, which was all Pinot Noirs, started with one each from Goldeneye and Calera. An interesting comparison of Anderson Valley and Mt. Harlan areas which are 200+ miles from each other.

Hillside from Goldeneye was soft with decent fruit and very approachable. Calera Reed Vineyard was bright, with raspberry/ strawberry flavors and a hint of cinnamon. Next was Lower Bench from Goldeneye. More dark berry flavors with some cherry notes and bit of leather rounding it out. Calera De Villiers was rich and full bodied with some herbaceous funk.

Paraduxx presents an interesting paradox of wines--all storied properties representing a nice diversity in flavors and vineyard terroir. A wonderful setting to enjoy the wines with a very



knowledgeable staff who were fun and engaging. Each of the tastings was \$50. They came with a shared plate of cheese, crackers and little noshes that were quite nice. There is also a “Gather and Graze” tasting for \$150 that is a wine and food pairing. Whatever your choice, enjoy the patio, the views of the vineyard and surrounding hillsides. A lovely place!

And, just a little historical side note: when they purchased the vineyard, they allowed the producers of the movie ‘A Walk in the Clouds’ to burn a portion of the vineyard for the climactic ending. This is now the entrance road.



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