

Library unveils mural, daughter gives perfect Mother’s Day gift

YEARS IN the making, a mural filled with characters from beloved children’s books will be unveiled with a public reception at noon on Friday at **Carmel Valley Library**. In the works since 2022, the mural,

painted by local students, marks a collaboration between the Carmel High School art department and the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library, whose president, Lisa Allison, said it “reflects the spirit” of the library.

RICHARD LOUIS SAYLOR

Feb. 22, 1941 ♦ April 28, 2026

Richard Saylor, 85, of Monterey, passed away peacefully in the early morning of April 28, 2026.

Richard’s father, Louis, was a doctor in Patton’s Third Army during WWII. Thus, a self-proclaimed “Army brat,” Richard grew up all over the world, eventually returning to his birthplace of California. After graduating from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, he fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming an architect. A colleague introduced him to Martha, also an architect, and they were married in 1980. Richard practiced architecture in many places, including Saudi Arabia, where he met many lifelong friends. He and Martha eventually returned to Monterey to start a business and build their dream home, where they spent the rest of their lives.

In addition to architecture, Richard had many passions and hobbies. He loved restoring classic British cars, and was a member of the Morgan Sports Car Club of Northern California. He also put his skills to work to restore a WWII L-5 observation plane, which he flew with his private pilot’s license. He was a member of the Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society, where he served as bulletin editor. He learned silver smithing and lapidary work and made his own jewelry; he also displayed his ammonite collection every year at the Gem Show. He was a member of the Sierra Club, where he played concertina and penny whistle at the club sing-alongs. He also donated his skills with architecture and construction to the Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp, going to the annual “work weekend” to repair and build structures for the camp for many years, before the Rim Fire in 2013. He loved cooking and listening to classical music. He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Cecilia Saylor; and his wife, Martha Crow Saylor. He is survived by his son, Basil, and many beloved cousins and friends.

Viewing will take place 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 13, at Mission Mortuary in Monterey.

Burial will follow, with a small graveside ceremony, at Monterey City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Sierra Club or the Classical California KDFC public radio station.



BARBARA MAY JAMISON

Dec. 16, 1927 - April 12, 2026

Barbara May Jamison, 98, of Carmel, California, passed away on April 12, 2026, after a short illness. Barbara was born in San Jose, California, on Dec. 16, 1927, to Howard and Gertrude (Tuthill) Curry.

She attended San Jose schools and college at San Jose State University, graduating with a B.A. in 1949. Barbara was a charter member of the school’s Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and served as president of the group. After graduation, and for a time, she lived and worked in San Francisco.

After meeting on a blind date, Barbara married John Jamison in June 1953, at the Church of The Wayfarer in Carmel. They resided in the Bay Area until 1977, when they moved from Palo Alto to the Monterey Peninsula.

Barbara spent many years as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, the Monterey History and Art Association Adobe Tours program, and the Carmel Bach Festival. Barbara was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae, Monterey Bay Alumnae Panhellenic and Commodore Sloat Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Tennis was a lifelong passion for Barbara. She played as a member of the University Club in Palo Alto and then, for more than 40 years, at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. She enjoyed playing the game with friends several times a week, and into her 80s. Also, favorite pastimes for Barbara were playing the piano and bridge.

Barbara and John enjoyed their travels in the U.S., Canada and Europe. As a lover of Impressionist paintings, a favorite destination for Barbara was Provence, and other towns and villages of southern France, with their majestic landscapes. They also made many trips to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.

Gatherings with friends and family were an important part of Barbara’s life. She was the consummate hostess who delighted in preparing homemade entrees and desserts for her guests.

Barbara was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Kurz; brother, Douglas Curry; John, her husband of 67 years, who died in 2020; and daughter, Nancy Jamison, who tragically died of brain cancer in 2021, at the age of 66.

Barbara is survived by her son, Thomas Jamison of Monterey, and four grandchildren, Mal Jamison, Olivia Jamison, Alec Paul and Susanna Paul. She is buried at El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, CA. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Hospice of the Central Coast for their support of Barbara and Thomas throughout her illness. Memorial donations may go to the donor’s favorite charity.



“What began as a dream to bring more color, creativity and connection to our library became a wonderful collaboration between local students, their teacher, and the library,” Allison said. “Carmel High School students helped design and create the mural — bringing their talent and imagination to a public space that will be

grounding experience that brings lightness and clarity,” she explained. “I often listen to jazz while working, and the improvisation feels similar to moving freely through an abstract painting. I am inspired by expressionism and the freedom it allows.” Perlmutter is thrilled to see her mom’s creations on the walls of her gallery.

“She has always been an inspiration, and when she began painting, we had even more ways to connect with each other,” she added. “I hope you can come join us to celebrate our moms and

to raise a glass to art.”

As part of the Carmel Art Walk, the Perlmutter Gallery will have a free public reception Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m.

■ ‘Hub’ for the arts turns 10

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, **Palenke Arts** in Seaside will be the site of a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and a reception on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Since opening the Palenke Teen Arts Center at 530 Elm Ave., the group has

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By CHRIS COUNTS

enjoyed by families, children and visitors for years to come.”

According to Allison, the mural “celebrates reading, storytelling, childhood imagination and the role the library plays as a gathering place for the community.” She noted it includes more than 20 characters from children’s books, including “Charlotte’s Web,” “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and “Winnie the Pooh.” Some are easy to spot, while others are hiding in plain sight — making the mural a scavenger hunt for young visitors.

The reception follows the latest offering in the library’s monthly speaker series.

This Saturday’s free talk at 10:15 a.m. features local chef Analuisa Béjar.

The library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road.

■ ‘Flowers for Mom’

Painter and gallery owner Jennifer Perlmutter found the perfect gift to give her mom for Mother’s Day — an art show of her very own.

Titled “Flowers for Mom,” a pop-up display of Rita Flynn’s paintings opens Saturday at **Perlmutter Gallery** at Dolores and Sixth in downtown Carmel and continues through Sunday. “It’s a joy to have her works in the gallery for this Mother’s Day weekend,” Perlmutter told The Pine Cone.

Flynn didn’t start painting until she was 62 and retired.

“When I paint, I feel most like myself. It is an emotional and



Carmel High School students create a mural that will be unveiled Friday at Carmel Valley Library.

CRAIG E. CHRISTENSEN, M.D.

March 11, 1938 – April 27, 2026
Carmel, California

Craig E. Christensen, M.D., passed away leaving a legacy of kindness and service. A physician specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Craig embodied the spirit of a dedicated healer and was honored for 50 years of service at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.



He carried a great sense of pride in his Midwestern roots, from his upbringing in Plentywood, Montana, to his formative years at St. Olaf College and medical training at the University of Minnesota. Throughout his life, he maintained close ties with friends from these early chapters, a testament to his loyalty and the value he placed on shared history. Following his education, he served as a physician in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador.

He was a pillar of quiet strength for his wife, Linda, and daughter, Amy. He was a constant supporter of Linda’s horse and dog activities and ensured the highest quality of education for Amy throughout her life.

A man of devoted Lutheran faith all his life, Craig was a dedicated member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church since 1972.

Craig was an avid news reader who stayed deeply informed on all levels, from national headlines to his hometown Plentywood Herald. A former high school and college intramural basketball and baseball player, he spent his later years golfing around the Monterey Peninsula with friends and following professional sports on TV.

He will be remembered for his integrity, his gentle nature and the meaningful way he dedicated himself to the well-being of others.

In honor of Craig’s lifelong connection to his alma mater, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to St. Olaf College. Donations can be made online at stolaf.edu/giving or by mail to the Development Office, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057.

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“grown into a regional hub for Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and global cultural arts programming,” and “has presented performances, youth programs, workshops and community events that bring generations together through music and the arts.”

“This anniversary is a reflection of the community that has supported and grown with us,” said founder and executive director Juan L. Sánchez. “Palenke Arts exists because of the artists, families and partners who believe in the power of culture to connect and inspire.”

More art May 8-16

■ Carmel

Carmel Art Association — The gallery will have a reception Saturday at 4 p.m. for three shows: painter **Melissa Lofton’s** “Living in Color”; painters **Benjamin Anderson** and **Bryce Elischer’s** “Duality of Light”; and a display of art by CAA board members. The shows continue through June 5. On Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, carmelart.org.

Carmel Art Walk — More than a dozen galleries are participating in this Saturday’s free and family-friendly art walk, which showcases artist-owned galleries downtown. Participants include **Edi Matsumoto Art & Design**, **Joaquin Turner Gallery**, **Patricia Qualls Gallery**, **Lisa’s Studio** and many others. Many are hosting receptions from 4 to 7 p.m. — look for the green lanterns hanging in windows. Tour maps are available at participating galleries.

Carmel Modern — As part of Saturday’s Carmel Art Walk, the gallery hosts a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. for **Elizabeth Hale’s** exhibit, “Polyrhythm,” which runs through June 1. The gallery also presents a book signing for poet **Veronica Kornberg**, along with a talk between Hale and Kornberg at 2:30 p.m. On Sixth between Dolores and Lincoln, carmelmodern.art.

Oficino Uno Photography Gallery — The gallery hosts an opening reception Saturday at 3 p.m. for photographer **Alli Wood’s** first solo show, which “celebrates the beauty and sensuality of a woman’s body.” On Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores, oficinouno.com.

■ Monterey

Monterey Museum of Art — Photographer **Jane**



Painter Gerard Martin’s striking “Sleigh Ride” is included in a new show that’s on display at Carmel Art Association.

Olin’s show, “Some Trees,” opens Saturday and continues through Aug. 23. Olin is known for her pinhole photography and alternative silver-gelatin processes. Curated by **Cydney Payton**, the exhibit “invites the viewer to speculate on trees’ kinship with humankind.” 559 Pacific St., montereyart.org.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR OUR DEAR FRIEND
LYNNIE CAMPBELL
SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
AT THE
CARMEL VALLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
FROM 1 TO 4 P.M.

DAVID BERNHARD

David died suddenly on March 3 from complications of Type 1 diabetes, something he fought from childhood. David left behind his two daughters, Isabelle and Sophie; his brother, Joey and his two kids, Valentina and Ethan; as well as his father, Carl. His mother, Pam, died a year earlier.

Despite the limitations of his disease, David’s dream was to become a Major League pitcher. He loved pitching, even when he was 9, facing the big kids and getting bombed. He played both baseball and basketball at Carmel High and MPC.

He played at USF and then was drafted by the Houston Astros where he played in their Minor League system for a couple of years. There his diabetes caught up with him and his dream ended.



David became a financial advisor in San Diego, and a bank manager, but his disease eventually made it impossible to work efficiently and he came up back to Carmel Valley to live with his parents.

Baseball fosters lasting relationships, and David had many friends and kept in touch with even his earliest teammates, and those from school and work. People did look up to him. They admired his journey and his personality. Also, he was 6-foot-8!

An informal celebration will be held at the Running Iron restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 16. Snacks will be provided, and there is the actual menu to order from. Pizza can be ordered after 4.

People will be coming in from the East Coast and all over. Stories will be shared. Some will be new to his father ...

We are trying to get a half-way accurate head count, so if you wish to attend please contact me at carlos.bernie@icloud.com.



PAUL MARSH PITMAN, JR.

Paul Marsh Pitman, Jr., better known as Marsh Pitman, was born on Nov. 14, 1927, in San Francisco, the son of Paul Marsh Pitman Sr. and Martha Fugate Pitman. He grew up in the greater Bay Area and attended San Jose State College, where his father served as dean of men. He interrupted his studies to join the Army and was stationed in Japan in 1946-1947, then graduated with a B.A. in biological science.

He joined the 1950 class of the Yosemite Field School of Natural History run by the National Park Service to train future staff, then went on to attend Stanford University, where he earned a master’s of education and a teaching credential and spent summers working as a seasonal naturalist in Yosemite Valley and studying at the Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove.

In 1954 he began teaching science at Hayward High School and married Carolynn (Carol) Zumwalt, an occupational therapist. He was involved in the early management of Camp Unalayee, one of the first intentionally interracial and interdenominational summer camps, which had been founded in 1949 by Quakers in Ben Lomond and moved in 1960 to the Trinity Alps in Northern California, where it still operates. In 1966, he took a position as botany and life science instructor at Merced College and moved the family to Merced, where he became active in the Sierra Club, leading outings in the High Sierra and promoting environmental awareness.

In the 1970s and 1980s, while continuing to teach at Merced College, he organized and led educational trips to Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia, Baja California, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Switzerland, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Nepal, China and New Zealand, for UC Extension, Nature Expeditions International, Betchart Expeditions, Merced College Community Education, and private groups. At their home in Merced, he and Carol hosted foreign exchange teachers from China and students from the Marshall Islands and Indonesia.

Marsh retired from Merced College in 1988 and turned his attention to the practical side of the ecological challenge. He worked as consultant for the pioneering Merced-based Soil Stabilization Products Company and served as a founding board member and supporter of Restore Hetch Hetchy, a nonprofit that advocates dam removal, watershed restoration and ecologically sound water management. He helped spearhead the effort to revise the original proposed location of the UC Merced campus in order to protect ecologically sensitive Vernal Pool wetlands.

His wife, Carol, passed away in 2006, and in 2007 he married their long-term mutual friend, Mary Beard, and moved to her home in Monterey. He and Mary had 19 years together, traveling to Yosemite and the Trinity Alps, enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cultivating a beautiful garden. At age 98, Marsh chose to enter hospice care, and he died peacefully at home on Feb. 28, 2026.

He is survived and greatly missed by his wife, Mary Beard; his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Dianne Pitman; his daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Hank Ratzesberger; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on May 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula.