

# The Villager



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## “A Taste of Spring” Fundraiser a Big Success



The April 12 Clayton Valley Village fundraiser, “A Taste of Spring,” was a total success, according to Events Committee co-chairs Sonja Wilkin and Bonnie Slatkin. The “Taste” brought together a dozen artists, four wineries, and more than 75 CVV members and their guests for winetasting, art, and appetizers at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton.

The event raised over \$1,200 for further CVV development projects, as the Village moves towards its opening in 12 to 18 months.



Paintings and photography by local artists were on display and for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to Clayton Valley Village.

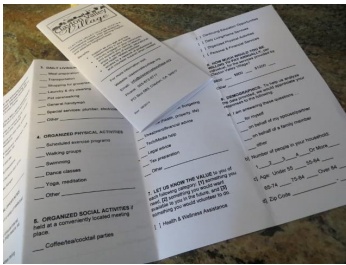
The event included a raffle drawing for prizes, including gift certificates from local restaurants, wine baskets, spa appointments, beauty products, professional services, and greens fees for a foursome at Oakhurst.



A Special Thank you goes to the CVV Events Committee for their tireless work on “A Taste of Spring” - Bonnie Slatkin, Sonja Wilkin, Sue Manning, Rita Pardella, Gloria Utley, Dayle Henrikson, and Carole Gardner.

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## TAKE OUR SURVEY!

Clayton Valley Village continues distributing a survey to determine what programs & services potential members in the Clayton-Concord area want from a village. What do you need now? What will you need down the road? What sort of dues are you comfortable paying?

To get a copy of the 5-minute survey mailed to you, email [carrpool@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpool@pacbell.net) or call 925-672-8717.

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### Questions or Comments about CVV ?

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## CVV Members Man Person Information Booth at In Shape in Concord

Several CVV members stayed in shape at In Shape, the Concord fitness center, by attending to an information booth and accosting gym members on their way to their workouts. The booth was up and running from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

CVV took advantage of the opportunity offered by In Shape to organizations for displaying their wares in the lobby of the fitness center. In CVV's case, the ðwareö were information cards, along with surveys passers-by were asked to fill out.

The result was that a dozen gym members filled out the survey and signed up to receive The Villager. Just as important, the info table gave CVV reps the chance to talk one-on-one to people and increase their understanding of Clayton Valley Village.



Kathy Carr explains CVV to another booth rep.

The in-depth contact seemed to ring a bell with many, in particular, those who had older friends and relatives who would be candidates for a village's programs and services.

CVV members taking 2-hour shifts at In Shape included Maria Xiaris, Jim Whitfield, Marilyn Wollenweber, Sonja Wilkin, Dee Jakel, Carol Riley, Nancy Hoffman, and Kathy & Gary Carr.

### A Variety of Views at "Taste of Spring"



Clockwise from top left: Barbara Halperin at Viano Vineyards table; Plein air painters Sal Valencia & Leslie Wilson; Arlene Nielson and artist Amal Shihabi; a Full House at the Taste; Clayton photographer Leo Schindler (center) and Jim Whifield (right) at the Hannah Nicole winery table.





### More "Taste of Spring"



Maryann Carroll-Moser & Nancy Morgan



Sonja Wilkin at the raffle prize table.

### Great Fun at April "Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour"

CVV got the jump on Cinco de Mayo with its monthly happy hour at Clayton's own, yes, Cinco de Mayo Mexican Grill. The event brought out early bird cinco de mayans on April 28, seven tequila shots prior to the actual holiday.



Cinco de Mayans, L-R,  
Betty Armes, Bonnie  
Slatkin, Chloe Laub,  
Sandi Berg.

### Host a Coffee Hour in your Home?

CVV is looking for volunteers to host coffee hours in their homes.  
A time for guests to socialize and hear a brief presentation about CVV.  
Interested? Call Marilyn Wollenweber at (925) 672-2250

## Our Sincere Thanks to the Artists and Raffle Prize Donors Who Helped Make “A Taste of Spring” a Success.

### Artists

Leslie Castellino - Susen Hickman - Sue Manning - Barbara Allan Micallef - Leo Schindler - Amal Shihabi - Steve Stuntz - Sal Valencia - Julie Van Wyck - Leslie Wilson - Michael Yashar - plus musical artist George Curtis Van Lieu

### Wineries

Hannah Nicole Vineyards, Brentwood - Outcast Wines, Napa - Viano Vineyards, Martinez - Weibel Family Vineyards, Lodi

### Raffle Prize Donors

Skipolini's Pizza - TJ Salon & Nail Spa - Clayton Frameworks - Permanent Solution La Veranda - David Manoguerra & Subway in Downtown Clayton - Five Guys Burgers & Fries - Sport Clips - Round Table Pizza in the CV Shopping Center - Canessa's Brooklyn Deli - Wing-Stop - Yogurt Shack - Mary Kay - L'Occitane - Principal Financial Group & Beautique & Sweet Bakery - Bella Mia Spa - Postal Annex - Dry Clean USA - Clayton Fitness - Royal Rooster - Peet's Coffee - Navlet's - Oakhurst Country Club - Jim Hudak, Pianist - Julie Cheshire Photography - The Cutting Edge - Orchard Supply Hardware & Etcetera - Premiere Designs - Gloria Utley - Sue Manning - Bonnie Slatkin - Maria Xiaris - Sonja Wilkin - Kathy & Gary Carr - Marilyn Wollenweber & Jim Whitfield - Carol Riley - Linda & Frank Fribley



**Thanks, David, for the Button Box.** Above, Arlene Nielson hands a completed survey form to Marilyn Wollenweber. Behind them is the survey collection box created by David Manoguerra. The “Button Box,” as David calls it (because it is decorated with an array of metal buttons) will be placed in the Clayton Library for folks to fill out surveys and drop them in for collection and compilation. CVV hopes that those of you who haven't turned in a survey of desired programs and services will make a trip to the Button Box.

**President's Corner will return next month.**

## Web Site Committee works on upgrading total CVV communications

The Web Site Committee has now expanded its scope to include all electronic communications apps the Village will need now and on into the future for keeping in touch with members, interested persons, and potential service providers.

With the help of consultant Bill Martin, Jr., the CVV online communications system will add a number of Google apps to the existing Club Express web site. One result of the upgrade will be the ability of members to use their smart phones to access information from the web site.

This writer is not sure what he's talking about here, but will rely on Mr. Martin to walk us through all the ramifications. It's been suggested that the committee also add a 12-year-old to provide back-up.



Members of the Web Site Committee, L-R: Nancy Hoffman, Bill Martin, Jr., Kathy Carr, Dee Jakel. Photo: Sidney Falco.

## Skip down to Skipolini's in May for the Meet 'n' Greet Happy Hour

Get updated on Clayton Valley Village  
Meet the Volunteer Team . Share Ideas . Everyone Welcome

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**4-6 pm**

Skipolini's Pizza . on the Patio  
1033 Diablo Street, next to the Bocce Courts

## May Events Calendar

### CVV Meetings

**May 11, Monday. Development Committee Meeting.** St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 1955 Kirker Pass Road, Concord. 1:00 pm.

### Events

**May 9. First Concert in the Grove. *The Department of Rock.*** The best of rock n-roll and pop music from the 70s, 80s, 90s and today. 6:00 pm ó 8:30 pm. FREE. The Grove in Downtown Clayton.

**May 15-16. Diablo Women's Chorale Spring Concert.** A vibrant mix of pop, rock, gospel, swing, and including Jerome Kern, Billy Joel, and more. Mt. Diablo Universalist Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Advance tickets \$16 (\$20 for premium seating). 1-800-838-3006. At the door \$20, Students \$10. Friday, May 15 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 pm.

**May 23. Concert in the Grove. *Big Band Beat.*** San Francisco's legendary party band. Modern rock, Motown, girl groups, disco/funk, and more! 6:00 pm ó 8:30 pm. FREE. The Grove in Downtown Clayton.

**May 29. *Nantucket.*** Writer-performer Mark Kenward's award-winning solo drama. Kenward dramatizes his boyhood experiences living on Nantucket Island with his dysfunctional family. St. John's Stage, St. John's Episcopal Church, 5555 Clayton Rd., Clayton. Curtain at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15 at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or 925-672-8717.

St. John's Stage presents

# Mark Kenward in Nantucket

Powerful solo drama. Kenward calls up his childhood experiences to expose the light and dark sides of "paradise."

**Friday, May 29** 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church 5555  
Clayton Rd., Clayton

**Tickets \$15:**  
**BrownPaperTickets.com**  
**or (925) 672-8717**  
*Not recommended for children under 13.*

"Astounding, funny, and breath-taking theatrical creation ...Kenward is a master of his craft... a wonder to watch!"  
- CCTimes / Oakland Tribune

