



Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

April 2023

Resident of the Month



Joan Martin: Resident of the Month

Our Resident of the Month this April is Joan Martin. Joan is a native Californian. She was born in Oakland and was raised along with one older sister. Joan's father was a welder. Her mother worked at a shipyard during WWII. Joan attended a unique primary school, where half of the children were hearing impaired.

Her family then moved to Hayward, California, and Joan attended Hayward High School. It was there that Joan met her future

husband, Tom. The two were high school sweethearts. Joan and Tom got married in 1951, when they both turned 18. Tom was a lifelong Eagle Scout. In high school, he was a runner. Joan practiced modern dance.

Together they had four children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Their children are Carol, Brad, Clint, and Todd. Carol and Todd still reside in California, while Clint lives in Costa Rica. Brad sadly passed away in an accident at the age of 21.

While her kids were in school, Joan decided to further her education and graduated from Cal State Hayward with a BA in English, and then went on to get her Master's in Educational Psychology. After her children were grown, Joan opened her own practice. She was a Marriage and Family Therapist for 20 years. She enjoyed working with groups and adolescent girls, but also spent a lot of time working with couples and families.

Joan and Tom also enjoyed building houses. Tom loved construction; they built four houses together and lived in all of them. Both Tom and Joan retired in 2000 and built their last home in Pollock Pines. Tom passed away 15 years ago, and Joan's friends urged her to sell their home since it was quite isolated out in the country. She bought and lived in a fixer-upper here in Cameron Park. When the house was ready to sell, Joan listed her home and sold it in just one day. That's when Joan decided to move to Ponte.

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What we all know about Joan is that she is a prolific quilter- you'll frequently see her wearing clothes she's crafted herself. Joan says she has always been interested in any and all fiber arts, and even made her own wedding dress. She also enjoys knitting, embroidering, and is a member of a quilting group that does projects for charities and donations.

Her house is decorated with intricate hanging quilts of all kinds. One that she has framed on one wall is a collage-style quilt of a fish which she has named "Holy Mackerel." Pieces of fabric cut and layered and arranged in a design. Joan has always been interested in design, and currently she prefers creating that style of quilting.

Thank you, Joan, for sharing your life and many talents with us all!



Joan & one of her marvelous quilting projects!

*This year, Easter Sunday
will be observed on
April 9, 2023.*



All About Easter

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus suffered for the sins of the world, yet was able to overcome death.

Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox. According to the Bible, the events of the crucifixion and resurrection occurred during the Jewish Passover.

Easter is preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and repentance that begins on Ash Wednesday. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. The week before Easter is called Holy Week.

During Holy Week, Christians observe Maundy Thursday, when the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples took place; and Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion. The resurrection is then celebrated on Easter Sunday.



- Kay Robinette- Apr. 5
- Roy Woodhouse- Apr. 6
- Judy Patterson- Apr. 7
- Mary Snyder- Apr. 7
- Mary Lou Lingenfelter- Apr. 13
- Nancy Needham- Apr. 16
- Jo Larson- Apr. 18
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- Dick Taber- Apr. 29
- Carolynn Rowell- Apr. 30

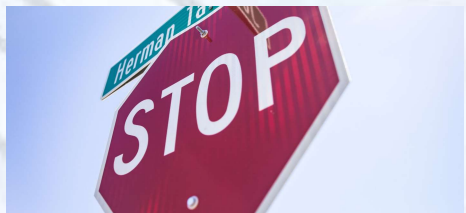


- Bob & Jeannine Balmert- Apr. 4

Happy Mardi Gras! Laissez les bon temps rouler!



Resident Spotlight



STOP!

Helen Carlson

I did not live far from my job ... Teaching at Walnut Acres School, I rode my Miyata to school almost daily, weather permitting.

One sunny day, I was pedaling along as usual, helmet on, feet in toe clips, and coming up to the neighborhood stop sign. I slowed, looked both ways, and since all was clear, I rode ahead.

Suddenly, red lights were flashing ... a police car was signaling for me to pull over! I did, the officer got out, ready to cite me for running a stop sign!

I showed my ID and explained where I was going. He was very stern and said if I was a teacher, I was setting a very bad example to children. The stop sign meant stop ... a rolling pause was not a stop. BOTH feet had to be on the ground for a full stop.

He did not issue a ticket and let me go on with just a warning. But I was truly embarrassed and never forgot this shameful learning experience.

Super Bowl Sunday!



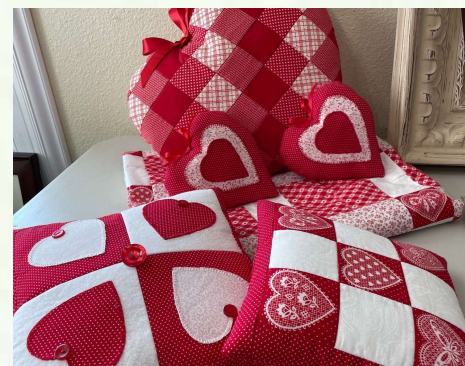
*Celebrating Valentine's Day!
Love is in the air!*



Wine tasting with Peggy Cramer



Featured Resident Artist of the Month, Barbara Turner



*Marshall Medical & Dr. Henjum
talking about heart health*



Karaoke fun!



BINGO!



Linda Ingolia



*Burke's Junction Quest singing
show tunes*



Nancy & Maria in the rain



*Ralph bringing flowers to
his bride!*





Clothespin Bunny Craft

YOU WILL NEED:

- Clothespins
- Glue
- White & pink paint
- Black pen
- Tiny plastic bead
- Baker's twine

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Remove metal spring from clothespin.
- Glue wooden pieces of clothespin together.
- Paint entire clothespin white. Allow to dry.
- Use pink paint and a small brush to draw ears and rosy cheeks.
- Use a black pen to draw the bunny's eyes, whiskers, paws and toes. Let dry.
- Cut a small piece of baker's twine and tie around the bunny's neck.
- Glue a small bead to the face to make the bunny's nose.

Easter Egg Cookies

YOU WILL NEED:

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese
- 19.1 oz. Oreo Cookies
- 2 cups Colored Candy Melts
- Sprinkles

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Put Oreos in a food processor and crush into fine sand-like crumbs.
- Add cookie crumbs and cream cheese to a large bowl.
- Use hand mixer to blend smoothly.
- Scoop cookie dough into small balls and roll into egg shapes.
- Place on a lined baking sheet and freeze for 30 min.
- Melt candy. Dip cookies in melted candy and place back on baking sheet.
- Add sprinkles before candy dries.
- Allow cookies to rest and harden before serving.

Brain Bender: A Spring Story

The story below has some missing pieces. In the first paragraph, the same six letters can be rearranged into four different words to fill in the blanks. In the second paragraph, a new set of six letters can be rearranged to form four more words. Can you finish the story?

Last spring, a _____ and his mate began visiting the pond in my backyard. Their diet _____ from grass in the spring to corn in the fall, so while my _____ was safe for now, I worried it would be in _____ in a few months. I had to find them a new home!

This wasn't one of my _____, but I knew a little bit about their habitat. My lawn was probably _____ than they were used to, but they prefer to nest on an island where they can safely _____ their young. Behind my house is a large pond next to the _____. I built a platform and anchored it to the bottom of this pond, making an island. The next day, they had flown to the new spot.

(Answers: 1. gander, ranged, garden, danger; 2. fortes, softer, foster, forest)

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Ponte Palmero Resort-Style Living

“This Month In History” APRIL

1910: President William Howard Taft throws out the first pitch at the Washington Senators’ opening day, starting a tradition of U.S. presidents tossing ceremonial pitches at Major League Baseball games.

1923: Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. begins manufacturing inflatable tires for automobiles.

1954: America gets an appetite for Swanson’s new TV dinner. The frozen heat-and-eat meal sold for 98 cents and contained turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and peas.

1961: At the Masters Tournament, Gary Player of South Africa becomes the first international winner of the annual golf championship.

1970: Paul McCartney releases his debut solo album and announces that the Beatles are breaking up.

1983: Tokyo Disneyland opens in Japan. It was the first Disney park built outside of the U.S.

2005: Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, marries Camilla Parker Bowles.

2007: Legendary jazz saxophonist and composer John Coltrane is awarded a posthumous Pulitzer Prize special citation for his music accomplishments.

2019: Using a network of telescopes, astronomers photograph a black hole in space, a feat thought to be impossible.