

THE ART OF PEBBLE BEACH - NEAL HOTELLING

Most people today think of Pebble Beach as a place for golf, or perhaps a Concours; but how about art? Artists discovered the light and beauty of Pebble Beach even before golf or cars made their way to the Peninsula.



One of the Francis McComas pueblo paintings

French artist Jules Tavernier began making regular visits in 1870 and in 1875 opened the first artist studio in Monterey. For more on him and the 1870s lifestyle of the area, look for the newly published *Barbizon by-the Pacific* by Claudine Chalmers and Guy de Rougemont.

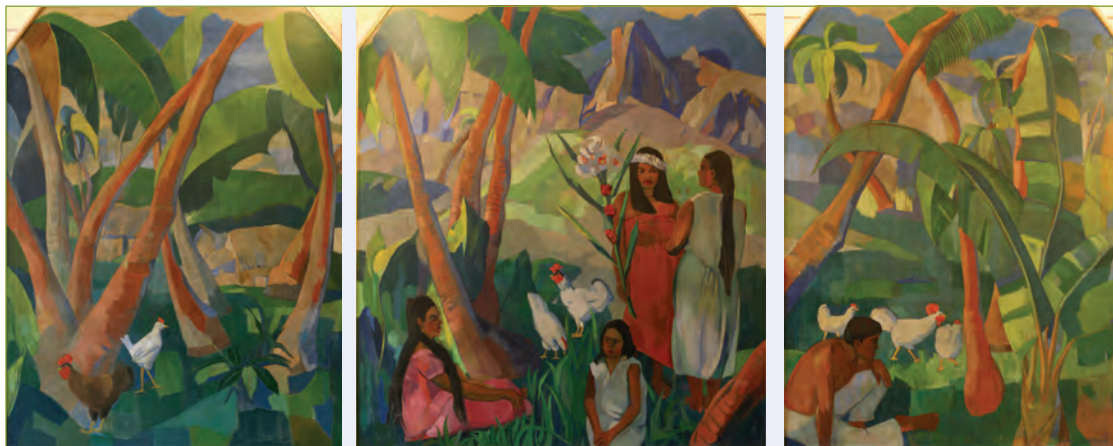
In 1880, the arrival of the train helped artists find the Peninsula in greater numbers. An art gallery at Hotel Del Monte featured the new artists. Carmel became an artist's colony in the early 20th century. When Del Monte Forest opened sales of residential lots in 1909, artist Chris Jorgensen bought the first lot. He built a log home and studio near today's post office. Along the waterfront between The Lodge and Pescadero Point, German artist Detlef Sammann built a home in 1913.

When Samuel F. B. Morse arrived on the scene in 1915, he appreciated and nurtured relationships with artists. He encouraged Francis McComas to move from Monterey and Jo Mora from Carmel into Del Monte Forest. As development re-emerged after World War II, Morse planned an artist colony at Indian Village. That didn't happen but Morse took up painting about that time and became a member of the Carmel Art Association. His son, John Boit Morse was also an artist. For several years John lived and worked in the old log Macomber mansion that used to sit atop today's Macomber Estates site.

Morse, of course, bought and commissioned art as décor for his resort properties. Two large pueblo scenes by Francis McComas were acquired for over the fireplaces in the Terrace Lounge of the new Lodge in 1919. Gene McComas (née Eugenia Frances Baker), his wife, painted a large Polynesian triptych that filled the McComas Room, a separate room off

the main dining room of The Lodge. For more than a decade in the early 2000s, her triptych hung on loan to the Monterey Conference Center.

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The Gene McComas triptych



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Dear Property Owner,

On behalf of Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO), I wish you all the best as we enter another year in our unique forest and shoreline environment. DMFPO is a voluntary organization that strives to serve broad community interests and address issues affecting quality of life within the Forest.

Your membership helps support many DMFPO activities. Two membership meetings are convened each year at the Inn at Spanish Bay, providing presentations on subjects of interest to the community, followed by a social hour with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. DMFPO sponsors Sunday seminars on timely topics, an annual vaccination clinic and safe driving classes that may help reduce your car insurance premiums. In addition, there is a group of volunteers who meet monthly to remove invasive plants, allowing native plants to thrive. The quarterly Forest News publication and DMFPO website provide relevant information, answers to frequently asked questions and links to other resources in the Forest and surrounding communities.

DMFPO works closely with Del Monte Forest Conservancy, Pebble Beach Community Services District and Pebble Beach Company to maintain hiking and equestrian trails, address road and traffic issues and enhance overall safety of our community. This collaboration is essential to meet the needs of property owners and promote efficient, effective resource management.

Members of DMFPO are welcome to contact the office (831-373-1618 or office@dmfpo.org) with questions or specific concerns regarding your neighborhood, road conditions or public safety. Members are encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings held every second Monday at 4 PM in the Community Services District building. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or potentially as a member of the Board, please reach out to us at the office.

We are fortunate to have a robust membership and welcome your suggestions and participation in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Lynn Anderson, President

On behalf of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners Board of Directors

<http://www.dmfpo.org>

Del Monte Forest Property Owners January – December 2024 Membership Dues: \$50.00

As you send in your \$50 annual dues, please be sure to provide the information requested on the flap of the enclosed remittance envelope. If you prefer to pay by credit card, go to the DMFPO website "Membership" menu for online renewal at <http://www.dmfpo.org>.

GREETINGS!

It would be difficult to find a more beautiful place to live, and residents can play an important role in maintaining the unique character of Del Monte Forest. This brochure provides information to help preserve the quality of life that is such an integral part of this special community.

🌿 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

All residential property should be maintained in weed-free, trash-free, fire-safe condition, with grass cut, and bushes and trees trimmed. Yard equipment should be kept in fenced service areas and yard clippings should be removed promptly or kept in a compost pile away from neighboring residences. Exterior paint and roofing should be maintained regularly and pine needles removed from roofs for fire safety. **With respect to neighboring residents, please refrain from using power equipment, such as mowers and leaf blowers, on Sundays and holidays.** On Saturdays and weekdays, such equipment should not be used before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

🌿 BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Deed restrictions and Monterey County ordinances prohibit use of residential areas of Del Monte Forest for business or commercial purposes. Home offices are permissible, so long as such use does not include employees, deliveries, or noise. Please contact **Del Monte Forest Architectural Review at 625-8455** with questions about home office use.

🌿 ROADS & DRAINAGE

Pebble Beach Company owns and maintains approximately 72 miles of roads and related drainage systems in Del Monte Forest. Please contact the **Roads Department at 625-8414** if you have questions or concerns about drainage issues, road work, or to request repairs.

🌿 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Recreational vehicles, commercial vehicles, campers, trailers, boats, or similar equipment may not be parked or used in residential areas, except for the purpose of loading and unloading. Pebble Beach Company maintains a secured RV parking area. **Please contact Pebble Beach Company, 625-8426,** to inquire about space availability. To report RV parking problems, please contact the **Del Monte Forest Architectural Review at 625-8455.**

🌿 ANIMAL CONTROL & WILDLIFE

Monterey County leash laws dictate that dogs must be on a leash. Unleashed dogs can prey on wildlife or be killed or injured by traffic. There are many scenic trails within the Del Monte Forest where dogs may be walked safely. Please contact **Monterey County Animal Services, 769-8850** to report nuisance domestic animals or wild animals with suspected rabies. **Do not feed the wildlife.** Raccoons can become aggressive if the food supply is disrupted. Make sure trash storage is raccoon-proof and domestic pets are contained at night with all food indoors. Drive with caution around deer—if one crosses in front of a vehicle others may follow. To report a wounded animal or suspected cruelty, please contact **Monterey County SPCA, 373-2631.**

🌿 PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

By deed restriction all property improvements must be reviewed and approved by Del Monte Forest Architectural Review Board before the property owner can obtain permits from Monterey County. Improvements can range from adding a window, or changing paint colors or roofing, to demolition and/or construction of a new residence. Residential files with original house plans are available for most properties within Del Monte Forest. Please contact **Architectural Review, 625-8455,** for an appointment to review the property file before commencing any plans, or for answers to questions about height, setbacks and lot coverage.

Portable storage units, (PODS), used for storage during property improvements, etc., are permitted but only for a limited period during construction and remodeling and must be removed promptly. Please contact **Monterey County Planning Code Enforcement at 755-5027** to report problem storage units.

🌿 GARAGE SALES

A maximum of one sale per year, per property, is permitted. Please call **Pebble Beach Company Security, Guest Clearing, 624-6999,** to inform the entry gates of the sale. Signage from the gates to the sale is not permitted. Please make parking provisions for sale guests, do not block driveways, and keep the road open to traffic.

🌿 TREE REMOVAL

By deed restriction, no trees may be removed from any property without a tree permit from Pebble Beach Company. Native trees, including Coast Live Oak, Monterey Pine and Cypress, are specially protected. A permit may also be required from Monterey County. Please contact **Pebble Beach Company, Forestry Department, 625-8414,** for tree-related information.

🌿 **MULTIPLE & SHORT-TERM RENTALS**
All residences are limited to single family use in Del Monte Forest, by County Ordinance or deed restriction. Short-term rental of residences or portions thereof in Del Monte Forest is generally prohibited by deed restrictions. Please contact **Pebble Beach Company at 625-8402,** and **Monterey County Code Enforcement at 755-5027** to report problem situations, or contact the rental agency or owner directly.

🌿 TRASH PICK-UP

Please contact **GreenWaste Recovery, 831-920-6707** or toll free **877-203-8970,** for mandatory trash service. Please make sure the trash containers are out of sight of neighbors and are placed on the curb the morning of pickup and removed promptly when emptied. Special services can be arranged for residents who are unable to place trash cans on the curbside or who are not full-time residents.

🌿 PARKING

All vehicles should be parked on private property, not on the road right-of-way or easement areas. Any non-operational vehicles should be removed. Repairing vehicles in driveways is strongly discouraged. Residents are requested to fully use garages for parking vehicles. Occasionally, when guest vehicles cannot be accommodated on the property, the roadside may be used for temporary parking, provided that neighboring driveways and the road right-of-way are not blocked.

🌿 SIGNAGE & EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Please make sure house numbers are clearly visible from the street for emergency vehicles. Real estate and other temporary signs are limited to six square feet. Keep all exterior lighting to a minimum with low wattage bulbs. Motion sensitive lights are permitted on lower levels only and should not shine into neighboring residences or onto adjacent roads.

🌿 TRAFFIC

The roads of Del Monte Forest are privately owned by Pebble Beach Company. However, they are subject to provisions of the California Vehicle Code. Monterey County Sheriff and California Highway Patrol police the roads. Please observe all posted speed limits, and where not posted, a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. is assumed. Drivers should exercise caution when pedestrians, equestrians and wildlife are crossing the roads. For information on California Highway Patrol contracted services within the Forest, contact **Pebble Beach Community Services District at 373-1274.**


A Directory for Property Owners & Residents of Del Monte Forest

Emblems/Passes: 625-8426 Guest Clearing: 625-8424 Dispatch/Patrol: 624-6669 CAL FIRE: 375-4204

Morse again called on Francis for two large paintings for the lobby of Hotel Del Monte which was rebuilt after a 1924 fire. They stayed with the hotel when it was purchased by the Navy in 1948.

When Prohibition ended in 1933, Morse called on artists Armin Hansen and Paul Whitman to create a colorful mural that wrapped around the walls of The Tap Room. Artist Phil Nesbit created murals of playful monkeys for the walls of the bar at The Lodge, which was then known as The Monkeyshines Room. It became The Tap Room in 1948. The Nesbit murals are gone. Most of the Hansen-Whitman mural is stored, part of the collection of the Monterey Museum of Art.

With the opening of The Inn at Spanish Bay in November 1987, the company focused on filling it with art of California artists. Over the decades the company has continued to acquire art to keep things fresh, with older pieces stored for possible reuse.

Later this year, there will be an amazing opportunity. The stored art is being cataloged for a live and on-line auction. The Francis McComas pueblos and the Gene McComas triptych will be among the art offered for sale. The sale will include hundreds of pieces of art, some will only be sold through online bidding. Online bidding will be available on all art. Look for more details as they become available. Email hotellingn@pebblebeach.com to be included on an email list for information. 



The McComas Room at The Lodge in the 1930s with the Gene McComas triptych on display



The Terrace Lounge at The Lodge in the 1920s with a McComas pueblo over the fireplace, back right.



EXCITING CHANGES FOR 2024



The winner will receive 700 FedExCup Points and \$3.6M of a \$20M total professional purse.

From a community and spectator perspective, we expect the tournament week to feel comparable to years past. While the format has evolved, the tournament and host organization's commitment to changing lives through philanthropy remains the same. All

The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament has been a mainstay on the Monterey Peninsula for almost 80 years. In August 2023, the tournament was officially designated one of eight 2024 PGA TOUR Signature Events, adding another remarkable milestone to its decorated history. The result of this designation is a completely reimagined tournament, with a central focus on the top players from the TOUR competing at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course.

The Signature Event status comes with a host of exciting changes for 2024 – namely, the field size, tournament format, and strength of field. Eighty professionals and 80 amateurs will compete Thursday and Friday, with Saturday and Sunday dedicated entirely to professional play. With no professional cut, you'll be able to see Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, defending champion Justin Rose, and many others compete all weekend long.

tournament proceeds will continue to support communities in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

Mark your calendars for January 31st – February 4th and don't miss the opportunity to see the best players from the PGA TOUR compete at two of the world's most iconic golf courses.



DEL MONTE FOREST CONSERVANCY HOLDS ITS 10TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Story By Nancy Dwan, Board Director


The weather was spectacular on October 15, 2023 when Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) hosted its 10th Annual Community Celebration at Indian Village. The annual “Music in the Village” event serves as a way for the Conservancy to thank its donors for continued financial support and share DMFC’s mission to acquire, enhance and conserve open space in Del Monte Forest with forest residents unfamiliar with DMFC.

Cheri Rainwater and her team from Castle Rock Events and Catering transformed the picnic grounds into the perfect venue for an afternoon garden party. The picnic tables were elegantly adorned with custom floral centerpieces created for this event. A lively crowd of over 200 enjoyed passed appetizers including Spanish tapas served in a cone, tomato and basil bruschetta, Angus meatballs, and ceviche, while sipping a variety of wines and champagne.

DMFC recruited singer/songwriter Johan Sotelo to perform at this year’s celebration. Johan and percussionist Aaron Hipschman entertained the crowd with a mix of pop, folk and classic rock favorites.

DMFC Director Jeffrey Froke and environmental educator Kirsten Stember addressed the crowd on behalf of the Conservancy’s Board of Directors. Dr. Froke, a noted local wildlife ecologist and conservation scientist, discussed bird species that make their home around Indian Village and throughout Del Monte Forest. He thanked the crowd for supporting conservation efforts undertaken by DMFC. Kirsten Stember described DMFC’s Youth Environmental Education program and the positive impact the program has had for youth across Monterey County. The Youth Environmental Education Program is provided to school age children at no cost to program participants and is totally funded by donations made to DMFC.

DMFC hosted an information table illustrating the Conservancy’s commitment to the overall health and well-being of Del Monte Forest. The display featured a large map showing DMFC-owned properties and conservation easements which comprise more than 1,200 acres of permanent open space within Del Monte Forest. DMFC Board Members were present to answer questions and encourage guests to pick up a complimentary trail map or sign up for the Conservancy’s mailing list.

Del Monte Forest Conservancy values its close partnership with Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO) in fulfilling its mission to protect and maintain open space within the forest. DMFC does not collect dues or membership fees but relies on donations to fund its conservation programs. DMFC Board of Directors were very pleased with the positive feedback and support shown by DMFPO members for the “Music in the Village” Celebration this year and look forward to hosting future gatherings for friends and supporters in the future. 



A SHORE THING

Story By Gina Gianfala, A Pebble Beach Resident and Bay Net Volunteer

Pause for a moment. Do you know what is happening in your backyard? Birds are busy looking for breakfast... From the tiny Anna's Hummingbird at 0.1 oz, to the Wild Turkeys, weighing up to 20 pounds, that sometime spend hours sitting on the fence, and many others in between.



One day fourteen different species visited the backyard. Keeping binoculars and a camera at-the-ready adds to the experience.

Afterwards, it is fun to search one of several available apps and learn more. Ebird helps you track birds you see and a new recording

Every day things are different, is it early morning? Late? Sunshine? Foggy? Or perhaps finally some rain. Each season brings something new. We can witness the entire lifecycle of the California Quail. From the time when they scamper in a large group, to couples courting and finally tiny babies that follow mom and pop around the yard in late Spring.



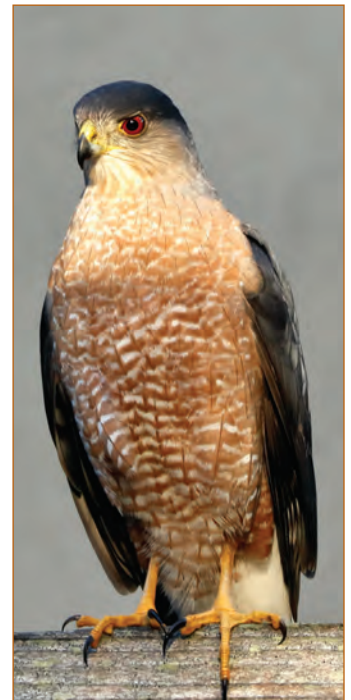
Photos by
Gina Gianfala

Other frequent visitors are Steller's and Scrub Jays with their acrobatics and loud cries, the raucous Acorn Woodpeckers, and many other smaller birds such as Dark-eyed Junco, California Towhee, Spotted Towhee, and occasional Black Phoebe. Most birds that visit are year-round residents.

feature on Merlin Bird ID will identify a bird by its song! Check them out, they are free!

This morning all is quiet in the backyard, we have a visitor, a Cooper's Hawk! He is a real beauty, pausing briefly on the bird bath, then flying onto the fence where it lingers. For the next several hours and into the next day nothing is moving. Cooper's will feed on small mammals but also on birds. What to do? Best to remove bird seeds and wait a few days hoping the hawk will move to other grounds.

The wonders of nature are all around, waiting for us to take a notice. 🦅



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Bruce Cowan is ready to attack pampas grass, ginesta or other invasives with his weed arrester tools. Bruce's special plaque and rock are located on fire road 6.

Photo by Jan Shriner for California Native Plant Society

We all owe a debt of gratitude to revered local naturalist Bruce Cowan for his effort to conserve and maintain habitat in the Del Monte Forest. Bruce recently passed away with wife Judy by his side. The DMFPO in 2006, and the Del Monte Forest Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) in 2015, honored him for his years of volunteer service inventorying species and advising on the use of open space.

DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS AS MR. BRUCE D. COWAN has been a Naturalist on the Open Space Advisory Committee since its inception in 1974, he has provided continuing service on environmental matters to the Del Monte Forest Foundation, the Pebble Beach Company, and the Del Monte Forest Property Owners; and

He has shown outstanding personal dedication through continued monitoring and recommendations on the status of the preservation and maintenance of the natural resources of the Del Monte Forest; and

He has provided organization and leadership of numerous events to rid the Del Monte Forest of invasive, maintenance plants, in particular pampas grass, ginesta, and others; and

His active participation in support of the Del Monte Forest Foundation's Open Space Preservation and Maintenance Program and the Pebble Beach Company's Preservation and Development Plan has provided important, useful and educational observations and information to the Forest; and

His contributions to the history and appreciation of the Del Monte Forest are reflected in his work as an historian, environmental horticulturist, plant rescue minister, and reporter to the Herald.

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners resolve that Mr. Bruce Cowan is recognized and appreciated for his contributions to Del Monte Forest, preserving plants, trees, and wildlife throughout the Monterey Peninsula.

AND that Del Monte Forest Property Owners thanks him for his tireless efforts in support of both the Del Monte Forest and Pebble Beach Company's Preservation and Development Plan.

