



The Art Studio Thanks Students

The Art Studio would like to thank all of our students for helping us to be successful during our first year of business in 2011. Nothing gives us more pleasure than sharing the world of fine arts with the community of Tehachapi.

2012 has been a creative and busy year for The Art Studio. The students have experimented with various mediums and materials including Giacometti sculptures, Henri Rousseau paintings, and Sheppard Fairey portraits. Younger Students are currently working on clay



Jeremiahs sculpture.

pinch pots and high school students are now learning to sculpt life size busts.

There is still time to reserve your spot for The Art Studio's Spring Art Camp. You will get to create three major art projects. These include painting and firing a ceramic piece, painting your very own masterpiece, and creating and finishing your personalized T-shirt. Spring Art Camp lasts for three days, April 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Pre-K through 2nd

grade is from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 3rd grade through 8th grade is from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sign up for all 3 days for just \$60.00 or sign up for 1 day for \$25.00. Space is limited, so sign up now!

The Art Studio is happy to announce our Second Annual Art Summer Camp! Sign up's are starting now and availability is limited. Art Summer Camp dates will be announced soon.

The Art Studio is relocating to a bigger location to better serve our artists. Classes will be held at the new location, 20436 Brian Way, in Tehachapi, starting May 1st, 2012.

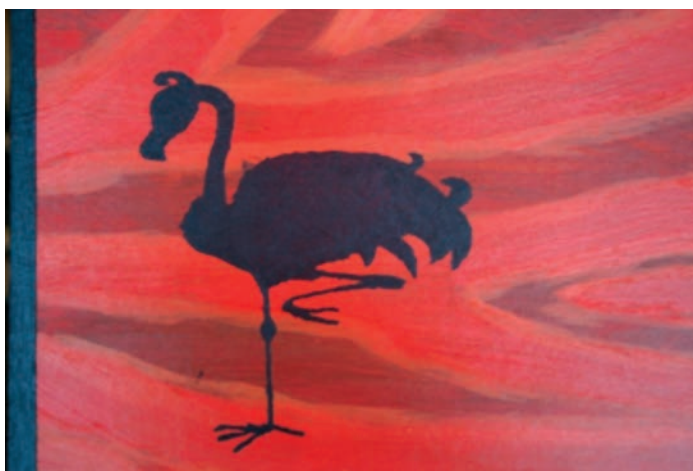
The Art Studio students will be featured at CrossRoads Art



Destiny's self portrait.

Gallery for April's First Friday Art Walk. We are honored to be teaming up CrossRoads. All of the students are so excited to have their artwork displayed at Tehachapi's very own art gallery.

Please visit The Art Studio on the web at: www.vpweb.theartstudio.com for class schedules and times.



Inspired by Henri Rousseau.



Jessica works on her alien.

The Art Studio will join CrossRoads Gallery

by Marilda Mel White

Students at The Art Studio learn all art media. The student's work will be featured at CrossRoads Gallery in April, with a show opening on First Friday, April 6, from 5 to 8 p.m.

In April, CrossRoads Gallery will also be featuring artwork made from natural materials as part of the Celebrate Earth Art Show, like bowls made from alabaster by member artist John Davis.

Two different art-related businesses are joining forces in April to create a very special

First Friday event. CrossRoads Gallery, a fine arts gallery in downtown Tehachapi, will be featuring the students from The Art Studio, for the entire month. The show opening on April 6 will feature an artist reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

First Friday artist receptions have long been a tradition in the art world, and the artists of CrossRoads Gallery brought that tradition to Tehachapi in 2006. A year later, Gallery 'N' Gifts joined in the First Friday celebrations, and other art related businesses



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A Dog's Life

By Zach Meade Skow

The Story of Phoenix and Natalia

On February 10, 2012, we rescued four puppies that had 3rd degree burns over 65% of their bodies. Their appearance was shocking and their condition was grave. I have seen (and smelled) a lot in my rescue career, and so had our Veterinary staff, but none of us had experienced anything this horrific. These were the worst, most painful injuries we had ever seen, and to make matters worse, we could not afford to give them the care they needed (probably no rescue could) if ample care even existed. We were dismayed, extremely emotional, and our hope that they would survive was minuscule - and reasonably so. Less than a week later, however, I found myself in a state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital, staring across a surgery table at Dr. A. Richard Grossman

(the world's foremost expert in burn care) as he operated on our girls, free of charge. In that short span we had also attracted an array of publicity and media attention that captivated a worldwide audience. That week alone we accepted donations from over

500 people in 13 countries and nearly every state in the union. Up to 16,000 people were following our girls on our Facebook page to watch the miracle unfold. I could

almost feel the world smile as I clicked the "post" button after writing an encouraging update. While our girls fought for their lives, so did we and so did a battalion of strangers. This is a story of survival and hope; of what happens when you combine, perseverance, expert

care, compassion, a world of support, and the tenacity of our little puppy girls.

A few months back, a family (Jerry, Margie, kids, and Grandpa) in California City had taken in a couple of strays in from the desert. California City and the surrounding desert is a notorious dumping ground for dogs. Packs of abandoned, vagrant, unwanted dogs roam free and a lucky few are rescued or taken in by families in the area. Most of Cal City's strays end up at the Animal Shelter and are euthanized (the kill rate is above 75%). These two strays were pregnant, and soon gave birth to litters within days of each other. Caring for so many puppies is a herculean task, but they had figured out a pretty good system. They had an out-building and a kennel where the moms and





puppies would be protected, safe, and comfortable. It gets cold in the desert at night (often below freezing) and they worried about the pups getting too cold, so they brought out a heat lamp to make them more comfortable. I, personally, have used space heaters to keep puppies warm and didn't think much about it, but in their case it proved to be disastrous. Somehow, the lamp was knocked over and the kennel caught fire. Everything was engulfed within

seconds as they tried to knock down the blaze. The pups huddled together as a unit, with their backs to the flames. Three pups escaped without injury, but four died and five others were severely burned. Thinking on his feet, Jerry took Grandpa's oxygen system (which he uses for emphysema) and administered much needed oxygen to the surviving pups—this action saved their lives. Jerry and Margie took the surviving pups to a Pet Clinic for treatment where one more pup succumbed



to his injuries. The vet treated them as best he could and sent them home with medication and IV's. Unfortunately, burns are difficult to diagnose and treat because they do not appear very bad at first. After being sent home, blisters that were the size of dimes began to spread and cover their entire back and sides. The injuries continued to metastasize and the situation became dire. The pups were still eating and drinking, but their skin was starting to separate from their bodies. They reached out to many organizations but were turned down because they lived in Kern County and not Los Angeles County. I received a call from Jerry a full week after the accident and we met the next day at the Vet in Tehachapi. Jerry and Margie were there when I pulled into the Vet and the pups were in a crate outside of the vehicle. As I approached Jerry and Margie, the stench hit me- it was the overpowering scent of pure death (and we were outdoors). I could tell that Jerry and Margie hadn't

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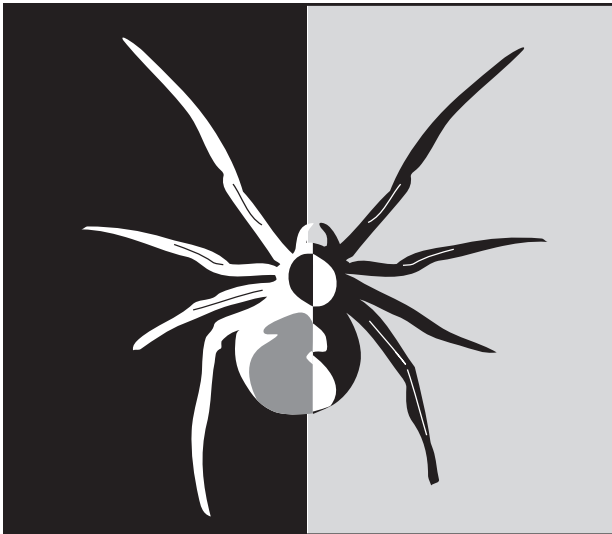
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Sportsman Club

By Kay Bryant



Is it Spring yet? Are we there yet? Will we have flowers now? Gosh, I hope so; although, quite a bit more rain would be great. Please look over our upcoming events and plan to be there. We'll be looking for you. If you're not a member, you might want to check us out. We sure have a lot of FUN!

APRIL 7 – Away Hike! 9:00 a.m. – Meet at Equestrian Center. This will be a fun-filled day. Plan on 5-6 hours, as it's a 1 1/2 hour drive to get to the Pacific Coast Trail. The hike will be about 1 1/2 hours. You will need to call

Sally at 821- 5160 or Linda at 821-0489 to get the itinerary, lunch plans, etc., and let them know you will be participating.

APRIL 12 – Sportsman's Club Monthly Meeting – 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the OTCC Card Room. Please come to this meeting and enrich your evening. Also, plan to join us afterwards for dinner in either the saloon or the restaurant. We love meeting new members and seeing some long standing members come to the meeting also.

APRIL 16-20 – Pechanga RV Resort/Hotel/Casino Trip to

Temecula, CA. For individual hotel or RV reservations, call 877-977-8386. There are Tee Times booked for golf, wine tasting, shopping, a Welcome Get-Together with hors d'oeuvres, and a potluck on Wednesday night. You will need to call Alice Jukes (organizer) at 821-3210 to make reservations and get information on location of RV spaces, golf, welcome event, potluck, wine tasting, and to let her know you're coming.

WE NEED YOU! Chairpersons are still needed for the Dinner Golf Tournament, Deep

Pit Bar-B-Q (we have the Cooks Co-Chrm). We have very lengthy notes/paperwork about these events. So, you do not have to plan from scratch.

WHAT'S COMING:

June 10 - Chili Cook-Off at 4 Island Lake, Chrm: Pat Engel/Skip Price

June 23- Progressive Dinner, Chrm: Nancy Culli/Randy Jackson

Also, please note omission from last month.

July 9 & 10 – Circle the Wagons at OTCC lower parking lot, Chrm: Alice Jukes

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slept in days and the expression of anguish on their faces looked like they had been through the bombing of Dresden. We have treated burn victims before; Oscar (a current Marley's Mutts) is a survivor of the Canyon Fire, but nothing could have prepared me for these puppies. The four surviving girls were huddled together, as one, and their skin hung on them like loose fitting clothes. Entire areas of muscle were exposed and scorching on their backs reached the bone. Despite all of the pain they were in, the pups still felt the primal need to clean each other up and care for one another. Here they were, with nearly all of their skin detaching from the muscle, but still felt the need to police each other up and comfort one another—awe-inspiring. The staff at the Tehachapi Vet Hospital quickly took control and we were immediately debriefed by Dr. Komin. Dr. Komin gathered us in an exam room and we formed a circle around the pups. My eyes danced around to each person in that room wondering if they were thinking the same thing I was - how are these pups still alive?

Both Kim's, Stormy, Dr. Komin, and the rest of the staff went to work on the pups and we congregated in the parking lot. We vowed that we would do everything in power to give these pups a fighting chance. We all hugged and they cried. That moment marked the forging of a wonderful relationship that has endured and prospered throughout this experience. They felt helpless and responsible and we were going to help them forget about that. That family bound together for nearly a week of sleepless nights.

They dropped work, school, and all other obligations to care for these pups. They watched them 24 hours a day to prevent the pups from bothering with each other, and with nearly no resources, kept the pups alive. They did an amazing job and should be proud of themselves.

We quickly realized that the Tehachapi Veterinary Hospital would be a temporary stay for our girls. They needed state of the art technology and specialized care that could only be found in "the city." I had asked Dr. Anderson (of Tehachapi Vet) if there was anything that WE could do to help them, considering how hard they were fighting and how helpless we felt. He said "short of a hyperbaric chamber, no, not really." So naturally, we set out to find a hyperbaric chamber. That night, I began a whirlwind, Google-search session with the intent of learning everything I could about burns, treatments, and available facilities. My search was promising, while at the same time, disheartening. I learned that it is virtually impossible for animals (or people) to survive burns of this degree and size. In addition, complications were numerous and staving infection was often unmanageable. However, a hyperbaric chamber, which uses

pressurized oxygen to help heal the body from the inside out, as well as the outside in, could provide inestimable gains and might be our key to survival. I made calls to every hyperbaric manufacturer, retailer, and proprietor that I could find. They were too expensive to rent or buy and several of them did not allow for the treatment of animals.

We tried veterinary schools and hospitals and continued to strike out, until finally I called a place in Thousand Oaks with a very unassuming name - Pet Emergency Clinics and Specialty Hospital. It was about 11:30 p.m. when I made the call and heard music to my ears --"Ya, we've got a hyperbaric chamber; as a matter of fact we've got two." "Ok," I said, "We'll see you soon."

The next day we went to check on our girls and ready them for transport. Infection had clearly

we disembarked, each pup was given an ample amount of pain medication to help them endure the long drive (over 3 hours). We arrived at the Pet Emergency and Specialty Hospital in Thousand Oaks at about 6 p.m. The staff was waiting for us and began to treat the three remaining pups with all that they had. They let us know that this was going to be very expensive and that their future was very uncertain. We put down a deposit and left our girls in the very capable hands.



taken a hold of the tan pup; she was in too much pain and her chance of survival was virtually nil. We made the decision, along with our doctors, to put her to sleep. It was a tough call, but it was the right move. The veterinary staff had worked very hard to keep our girl in less pain and stable. They cut away as much dead tissue as they could and gave each of the girls a gentle hydro treatment to disinfect and sooth. Just before

At this point it was going to come down to dollars and cents and their will to survive. Would the girls be able to hold on, and if so, could we raise enough money to care properly for them? If we couldn't raise the money, what would we do? Could we find a veterinary school that would treat them free of charge or at an extreme discount? We ran through

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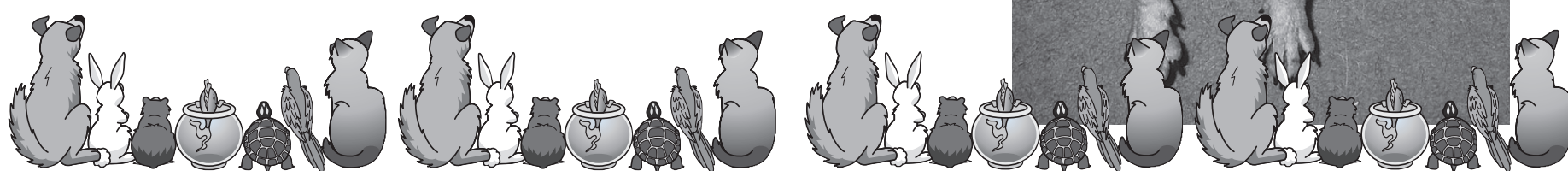
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BVS Carriage Driving Club



Presidents Message:

March meeting/celebration had a packed house; all the tables were full. The celebration was a combination of St. Patrick's Day/ Mardi Gras and friends enjoying a delicious dinner together. Margaret decorated the tables with purple table cloths and lots of colored glass beaded necklaces. The best part, of course, is what we do best - the Fabulous Baked Potato Bar! Linda Keck lovingly hand-buttered each potato and added special seasonings, then baked them to perfection; serving with all the fixings for the potatoes, lots of side dishes, and a whole table of desserts. Wow! Come and join us whenever you can, 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Our speaker of the evening was Tehachapi's own Zach Skow, founder of Marley's Mutts. Zach is our own Bear Valley Springs hero, who operates a rescue for unwanted large dogs. He socializes them and keeps them until he can find a happy forever home.

With the financial difficulties and the recession in Kern County, people are abandoning their pets and the local animal shelters have a high kill rate. Zach drives his personal vehicle to wherever a dog needs a helping hand. Sometimes there is a whole litter of puppies that have their life in peril. These dogs have their personal crusader

riding out to their rescue.

Zach had been featured in the March 2011 Oprah Magazine. He has gained national acclaim because he is there to help dogs that have no hope or future. The Tehachapi Vet Hospital has helped to sponsor medical needs for the dogs that come in, including spay and neutering. The BVS Carriage Society has signed to help with fund raising for this cause.

At the close of the meeting, BVSCDS presented Zach with a Club Hat and a Donation Check. Someone suggested the cap be passed so others could take part in donating. I was touched to see the cap brimming with checks and \$ bills.

A tremendous thanks to Zach, for what he is doing in our community and surrounding areas. If you are interested in helping out, adopting a dog or puppy, or fostering a dog, please contact Zach at (661) 922-3853 or (661) 821-1327.

I want to thank all the membership renewals and the new memberships. I have so many folks asking how to join. Call Mara Wada at 821-1217, as she is in charge of membership and will help you.

Thank You Trail Crew! Our trails will be in good repair in time for warm weather. We are so fortunate for their dedication to our enjoyment. This makes riding and driving in Bear Valley Springs

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BVS Women's Club

Submitted by Anne Wenning

Just another spring-like balmy day in Paradise, as 84 lovely ladies gathered to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day themed luncheon at the BVS Country Club.

President Andrea Rafeedie began the soiree promptly at noon and all celebrants stood to honor our American Flag with a resounding "Pledge of Allegiance," followed by the lending of many melodic voices in a moving rendition of "God Bless America."

The inspiration for the day was provided by the ever entertaining Inez Lollis, who provided some credit to Carolyn Griffith, as she lightheartedly discussed some of the challenges of the 21st Century for the over 50 crowd. Technology is increasingly complex with computers, feebly attempting to take pictures with cell phones, and the pressure from children and grandchildren to join Facebook and Twitter. The difficult relationship with the annoying GPS "woman" makes driving more of a challenge than ever before. And now, even at the grocery store, whenever we hear the phrase, "Paper or Plastic?" we are reminded of forgetting to bring our reusable cloth bags with us once again. The bottom line was that life used to be so much simpler when all we needed to know was how to operate the TV remote and garage door opener.

On a more serious note, Inez reiterated that donations for the Domestic Violence Women's Shelter continue to be needed and donations of clothing, and even sample sized soaps, lotions, and hair products are appreciated. She will provide two tax deductible forms to be sent with all donations and requests a self-addressed, stamped envelope so your copy of the form may be sent to you after the donation has been received.

Andrea took the stage again to present our prior President, Lorie

Weinroth, with a token of appreciation from the Women's Club for her service. A stunning bronze necklace was held up for all to admire, and the charm on the necklace was our adorable BVS Bear logo.

Our very welcomed guests were 93 year old Rose, from Indiana, accompanied by her daughter Pat Houston, and 96 year old Norma accompanied by her daughter Nancy Whittier.

The newest member of the BVS Women's Club is Debby Roush and we all offer her a hearty welcome.

Each lady with a March birthday was honored by name and date and Donna Smith offered that the March flower is the Daffodil, while the birthstone is the Bloodstone. Some remarked that the March birthstone is actually the Aquamarine, and they are also correct. The Bloodstone is considered the Traditional gem, while the Aquamarine is considered the Modern gem.

Recent illnesses and deaths were announced and we missed Nancy Williamson, who was absent due to the tragic loss of her grandson.

Julie Amstutz of the Service Committee passed around a clipboard for volunteers to sign up to provide meals for our needy community members. Kathleen Levenson also advised that the Cultural Arts Festival will run from March 31st through Easter Sunday, April 8th, and the cut-off date for entries is March 16th.

Once again, kudos went out to Shirl Bender for the fantastic St. Patrick's Day theme decorations, including green and white hats, shamrocks, and gold doubloons (unfortunately they were plastic, not real). And Lorene Salo requested that all ladies continue to save and share their aluminum can pop -tops and Betty Crocker labels, as the Cummings Valley School District obtains credit for each contribution.

In typical St. Patrick's Day style, the lunch consisted of scrumptious thinly sliced corned beef, cabbage, steamed carrots, red potatoes, and salad. Dessert was delicious Crème Brule with fresh raspberries on top. Please be advised that vegetarian meals are available by request.

After lunch, the always exciting raffle and 50/50 numbers were announced. The raffle prize went to Betty Braaten, who received a ceramic floral serving tray by Olivenza, with the sayings, "Olive of the Land." The 50/50 prize winners, who joyfully accepted their loot, were Nina Lovaas who won \$13.00 for third prize, Pat Wilson who won \$17.00 for second prize, and Aggie Hernandez who won the first prize of \$30.00. (Hey, didn't she win second prize last month?) Congratulations to all who were touched by the Luck of the Irish, including everyone present.



As a special treat, the ladies were informed that March 8th just so happened to be National Women in History Month, so it was fitting that the main entertainment, from American Association of Women University (AAUW), consisted of period-pieced costumed women from history who demonstrated independence and education.

Our first storyteller, dressed in ornate Elizabethan attire, was Jannette Crouse, who portrayed the part of Elizabeth Tudor, daughter of King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, born in 1533. For Elizabeth, study was her refuge when all else in her life was insecure. Some thought it foolish to educate a girl, so she

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and researched every possible option. Really, it was in God’s hands at that point.

We had set up a “Chip In” account the day after we rescued our girls to help raise money for their care. We hadn’t used chip in before and we were unsure of what to expect. Our goal was to circulate their story as best we could and hope that their plight would be recognized by folks and would “catch fire.” Boy, were we successful! Within a few days we had raised close to \$5,000.00 from donations that had come in from literally all over the world. Donation notifications were sent directly to my email, which made my phone vibrate. During the drive home from Thousand Oaks,

my phone was literally dancing in my pocket!

The next morning, Dr. Werner from Pet Emergency said that Pele, one of the black and white pit bulls, was simply too badly injured and that the smart moral and practical decision was to put her to sleep—so we made the call. Were we going to lose them all? That evening, I received a call from the hospital that the girls’ medical care was indeed going to be more than we could afford. I fought the urge to panic. We weren’t going to give up, but I had certainly thrown my hands in the air and shed a few tears. We pulled together, all of us, and kept the faith that this endeavor - this amazing story - could not fail

and that the human element (with God’s oversight) would figure out a way to see this to fruition.

While we were doing our best to find a plan B, the doctors in Thousand Oaks were pulling as many strings as they could. They wanted to give our girls the best treatment possible, but were unfamiliar with burns this severe. They put in a call to the Grossman Burn Center hoping to gain some direction and insight, and within a few hours, all of our prayers were answered. Dr. A. Richard Grossman, founder of the Grossman Burn Centers and pioneering burn treatment expert, called back and offered his services - personally! Can you believe it? There is nobody

on this planet better qualified to treat our girls’ burns. That’s like having Albert Einstein come to your house to help you on your science project. What an unbelievable turn of events. Within a few hours, Dr. Grossman was at the Pet Emergency hospital rendering care to our girls. Dr. G performed several procedures and began to educate the staff at Pet Emergency on treatment methods and techniques. He brought his magical doctor bag full of wraps and ointment and instruments that would help put our girls back together. After his initial assessment and treatment, Dr. Grossman (with the backing of West Hills Hospital) agreed to treat our girls free of charge and for as long as they would need his assistance. The Board of Directors that operates the Pet Emergency Hospital conferred and came back with the decision that they, too, would treat the pups without any cost to us other than the down payment of \$3,000.00. What an unbelievable turn of events - one after the other, and

then again! The surviving girls have fought so hard to stay alive and we were able to meet that

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Clubs & Organizations

*This is an **updated** list of clubs and organizations in Bear Valley Springs. We would like to update it even more, but we need to hear from some of the groups whose contact persons and numbers have changed. Please call The Cub at 821-0773 if your group's data is not current.*

AIM (Actively Involved Mothers)

Group organizes fun, safe, structured events in BVS for the kids. Contact President Lisa Benya 821-0484 or check website www.groups.yahoo.com/group/BV-SAIM.

Allies & Album Makers

Photo Solutions are the goal of this group of people. It might be Scrapbooking, Digital Albums, or Simple Pocket Page Albums, but creating your memories and events is the goal of all who come to these workshops. Meets 3rd weekend of each month. Contact

Julie Amstutz 821-9000 for time and place.

Bear Spinners & Weavers

For exchanging of techniques & support. Contact Elaine Maxwell 821-1680 or Rona Samuels 821-5828.

Bear Valley Buckaroos

Promotes safe, fun, western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. Contact President Jeanne Gray 821-1745.

Bear Valley 4H

Open to all children ages 5 to 19. Current projects include shooting sports, arts &

crafts, home economics, horses, llamas, poultry, sheep, goats, and rabbits. Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Whiting Center Arts & Crafts room. Contact Community Leader Laurie Hamilton 821-2406.

BVS Historical Society (BVS Schoolhouse)

For info. on joining or visiting the schoolhouse, contact President Al Romano 821-5622.

CERT (Community Emergency

Response Team

Training BVS residents to "be prepared and ready to serve" in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact Jim Nelson 821-5205.

BVS Crafty Ladies

Meets every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Equestrian Center Lounge. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Rosemarie Schermer 821-5706.

BVS Cultural Arts Association

Provides cultural events for the enrichment of the members and

community. Contact Co-President Nicki Keene 821-2079 or Co-President Mardy Yurk 821-4107.

BVS Debating Society

Presents public debates on issues of interest to BVS property owners and residents. Contact BJ Mitchell 821-5110.

BVS Dressage Club

Active in many equestrian dressage activities in the local area. Contact Lois Quinn 821-6323.

Bear Valley Pony Club

This club is an educational Organization that teaches riding, mounted sports, and the care of horses and ponies. Develops characteristics of responsibility, moral judgment,

leadership, and self-confidence. Contact Megan Burford 331-0597 or visit www.bvspc.blogspot.com.

Friday Night Bridge Party

Provides a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social bridge. Contact Carol Burdick 821-7213 or Elaine Williams 821-5768.

BVS Garden Club

We have a Rotating schedule and may be meeting at different hours, depending on the Program for the Month. Call Julie Amstutz 821-9000 or Eileen Butera 821-6913 for current month's information. June will be our Lower Garden Tour and July will be our Upper Garden Tour. To be placed on the automatic email notification, send your email to

julie4cm@sbcglobal.net.

Gene's Bridge Club

Provides a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for enjoying duplicate bridge. Contact

Ray Stewart 821-4745.

BVS Horseman's Association

Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities, supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact Ron Hayton 821-3206.

BVS Men's Service Club

A group of men joining together for service to the community and fellowship. Contact Al Romano 821-5622.

Oak Tree Country Club Women's Golf Club

The ladies' golf club develops and promotes golf and social activities among female members. Each week there is a 9-hole and an

18-hole play day for members only. On Mondays we play a 4-person scramble and this is open to all ladies who wish to play, whether you have a handicap or not. Please come out and join us. For more information, contact our President, Diane Griffin 821-3903.

Oak Tree Men's Golf Club

Monthly golf tournaments held during the season. Contact President Gary Jones

821-0218.

Oak Tree Tennis Club

Promotes interest in tennis activities among members and families. Contact

Tennis Pro, Rick Lund 747-0613.

BVS Sportsman's Club

Coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact President Bill Marquardt 821-0775 or Treasurer Marilyn Ashburn 821-0523.

BVS Women's Club

Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Lorie Weinroth 821-1238.

Carriage Driving Society

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m., Equestrian Center

Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive and ride outings, and good horsemanship. Contact Dawn Wright 821-8970.

Trail Trekkers Endurance Club

Enhancing club members enjoyment of existing trail system within Bear Valley,

increase knowledge in safe long distance trail riding and equine metabolic system. Contact Carol Miller 821-8966.

Friday Night Bridge Party

Contact Carol Burdick 821-7213 or Elaine Williams 821-5768.

P&J Bridge Club

Contact Terry Papac 821-1334.

Pan Players

Contact Adele Connors 821-2411.

R/C Modelers

Contact Ken Holden 821-0564.

Boy Scouts Troop 135

Contact Scout Master Kirk Newman 821-7011.

Boy Scouts Troop 594

Contact Scout Master Brian St. John 821-1241.

BVS Emergency Amateur

Radio Team

This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS, who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in is Sunday at 7:00 pm, 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Carnakis 821-2067.

Bear Valley Youth Sports-Club

This club will assist with the fundraising and distribution of raised funds for the betterment of youth sports activities in BVS. Monthly meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., OTCC card room. Contact Pete Smith 821-0850.

BVPD VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service)

For more information, brochure, and application, contact Al Dameron, VIPS Capt.

821-1157.

Special Interest Gatherings

Tehachapi Mountains Birding Club

A non-profit, independent club dedicated to a better understanding of Tehachapi

area birds. Contact Al Crisalli Jr. 823-0474.

Beta Sigma PHI

Our organization is social and philanthropic and everyone is invited, as we are a sisterhood that is not affiliated with any college or church. We meet once a month for a luncheon and have many social events. Our group is a wonderful way to make close girlfriends. If you would like more information about our special group, please call our

President, Arlene Weed 821-7888.

Chess Club

Meets 3rd & 4th Tues. of each month 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, OTCC Card Room. Just show up and have fun! Contact Jack Wildermuth, wildermuthjp@sbcglobal.net, 821-1521.

The Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild

Meets the first Monday of the month at the BVS Community Church between 9:00

& 9:30 a.m. Social time and business at 9:30. If the first Monday is a holiday, we meet the second Monday of that month. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Clubs & Organizations

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intensity, that will, with our own show of effort and gumption. The impossible was now conceivable, but it would require weeks of tactical treatment by our team, more resolve from our girls who surely were running on empty, and lots of luck. We had to be running out of miracles. The girls had certainly earned the right to be named, so we inaugurated them into this world as Natalia and Phoenix. Natalia was named after one of the amazing, beautiful, talented vet techs at the Hospital and Phoenix, well, her name is self-explanatory.

For the next month, we meditated, thought hard, prayed, and focused our energy on Natalia and Phoenix. By “we”, I mean tens of thousands of us! The story of our little survivors was being broadcast all over the world. Los Angeles news stations reported live from the hospital; newspapers and online periodicals picked up the story. An army of well-wishers and dog-lovers spiritually

focused themselves on Natalia and Phoenix. We had 16,000 people following the story at any given moment on Facebook. It was a beautiful display of generosity, compassion, and love. Dr. Grossman continued to visit/treat the girls several times a week and we have been making the trek, as well, to help keep you all in the loop. The progress of Natalia and Phoenix has been mind boggling! It is hard to comprehend that I am looking at the same two dogs—and not the same two dogs mangled and handicapped, but healthy and vigorous! When I first looked at them I could not believe that they were alive, that they were even moving; and now when I look at them I think to myself, “How can anything be more alive than these two girls?”

There have been times in my life when I doubted the power of prayer, but I can assure you, I never will again. Our girls survived because of their

indomitable spirit, first class care, and the positive energy and love sent their way by a massive assemblage of awesome people. It has been five weeks now and our girls could not be doing better. Furthermore, it has been decided that they will enter into the world by giving back and being of service. Upon release from the Pet Emergency Hospital (sometime next month), both Natty and Phe Phe will enter into therapy training with the goal of helping other burn victims get through their sufferings with a smile. Natalia and Phoenix will someday grace the halls of the 4th floor of the West Hills Hospital, where the Grossman Burn Center is located and where pediatric burn patients go to have their dreams put back together. If you are crying while reading this, it’s ok, and you should - I am.

Some people will ask if such an impressive effort is worth it; if all of the time and resources brought to bear makes sense - if

it is ethically sound. I believe that our girls have already paid tremendous dividends in the lessons that they have taught us; their will to survive and their love of life and each other. Additionally, I believe that their future as therapy dogs will provide incalculable benefits to people in the most severe of situations. With their story and triumph, they will bring happiness and hope amid inestimable pain and sadness. They have and will continue to provide such light and for that I believe the unequivocal answer is, “YES.”

I just can’t imagine a more perfect end to such a catastrophic, powerful sequence of events. Life can be ugly, chaotic, and cruel— sometimes to the point of hopelessness, but then a power greater than ourselves opens up the world and gives us a glimpse of what is possible. I believe that this is one of those rare occasions. Thank you, everyone, for your thoughts!



MEMORABLE MOVIES ON DVD

By Bob Reynolds

DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK - 1939 (C)

This is John Ford’s action drama set during the Revolutionary War period. A young couple set up a home on the pristine farming land of the frontier. They must defend from and exist with the Indians who feel this is their land. This late 30s film is an example of the richness of the Technicolor process. Ford for the first time tried color. His decision to use the technique, as well as whom to cast in the film, elevated Drums Along the Mohawk to a real audience pleaser. Stars Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert, with a wonderful follow-up cast which includes Edna May Oliver, John Carradine, Arthur Shields, and Ward Bond. GRADE A

BAGDAD CAFE - 1987 (C)

The setting: the hot and dry Arizona desert. A worn out diner sits along side of a stretch of lonely highway. Sagebrecht, a European tourist, stumbles into the eatery where its patrons are a mosaic of misfits. They include an always-smiling and sweet, bandana-wearing, ex-Hollywood artist (Jack Palance). Everyone benefits from the inclusion of Sagebrecht. Note: This is an off-beat plot with a gem of a role for the likes of the unusual Jack Palance. GRADE A

DUEL IN THE SUN - 1946 (C)

David O. Selznick felt it was time to do a picture that could proudly stand along side of his epic, GONE WITH THE WIND. He envisioned it to be a Western!

It wasn’t a stirring-to-arms plot wrapped in North and South patriotism, but it does have drama with heated passion. Two brothers fight for the love of a half-breed girl. The climax and resolution are surprising. Stars Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotton, with Lionel Barrymore, Lillian Gish, Herbert Marshall, Walter Huston, Harry Carey, and Charles Bickford. Wow! What a cast! Note: At the time it was strictly for a real mature audience. GRADE A-

ASPROCKET QUIZ (for the film buff, or the inquisitive, or just the bored)

Can you finish these movie titles? One doesn’t have to really care about the movies to get a great score. These movie titles are simply engrained in the trivia lobe

of each one of us; in other words, just being social means you have been exposed to these titles time and time again..

1. Snow white and the ?
2. Sound of ?
3. The thin?
4. It’s a mad, mad, mad, mad?
5. Butch cassidy and the sundance ?
6. All quiet on the western ?
7. The odd ?
8. Raiders of the lost ?
9. Tora! tora!?
10. Gone with the ?

answers: (just a formality) the seven dwarfs music man world kid are tora! Wind

GRADES: Everyone gets an A or an A-. You pick the one you deserve,

Have a good April!

Womens *Continued from page 21*

excelled in education and valued her independence. She eventually ascended to the throne and purposely avoided men, as she didn’t want them to take away her power, thus dying a virgin.

The second storyteller was Phyliss Belcher, who portrayed Deborah Samson as a 66 year old commoner reflecting back at her experiences in the American Revolutionary War. She was born in 1760, the eldest of 6 children,

and when deserted by their father at age 7, she became an indentured servant to a man named Jeremiah Thomas, who encouraged schooling so she could become a Teacher. However, she was tall at 5’7” and disguised herself as a man to become a soldier. On July 1, 1782 she was injured in the war and became an aide to General John Patterson who did not betray her gender. Due to poor health and injuries sustained in the line of duty, she died of yellow fever in 1827, but

she had no regrets and would have proudly given her life for freedom, independence, and equality.

Our final storytellers were two Smith College educated Society Girls, in women’s Western wear consistent with the time period 1919-1920. Margaret Thomas portrayed Rosamond Underwood and Carol Coleman portrayed Dorothy Woodruff, who traveled together from Auburn, New York to work “Out West” in Elkhead, Colorado to teach school, even though nei-

ther had experience or licenses. It was tough for them to acclimate to the weather and means of travel by horseback, but the year they were there was the best year of their lives and proud that the graduating Class of 1920 were at the top of the world.

All in all, another successful gathering of the wonderful ladies of beautiful Bear Valley Springs.

Hope to see everyone in April, and feel free to bring along a friend!

Oak Branch Saloon Entertainment

Friday	Apr 6	• Line Dancing 8-10 • Metal Madness -Beer Pong 11- Close
Saturday	Apr 7	• Featuring Herbie Kae on Sax 8- Midnight Capko Jazz Trio
Friday	Apr 13	• Karaoke • 7- Midnight.....Eric Leishman
Saturday	Apr 14	• Roadhouse Band 8:30 - 12:30.....NEW Nitro Cowboys
Friday	Apr 20	• Oldies & Classic Rock • 8- Midnight Rock This Town
Saturday	Apr 21	• Rockin Classic Country • 8- Midnight Honky Tonk Truckers
Friday	Apr 27	• Karaoke • 7- Midnight.....Eric Leishman
Saturday	Apr 28	• Rock n Roll 8- Midnight Aftershox Band

Wednesday • Line Dancing 6:30-8:30pm • **Thursday** Beer Pong- \$2 OFF any Beer Pitcher
Friday Happy Hour (4-6) • **Saturday** Entertainment
• Apr 6 ~ Artichoke Spinach Dip & Pita Chips • Apr 13 ~ The Oaks Fest
• Apr 20 ~ Taco Bar • Apr 27 ~ Queso Dip, & Tri color Tortilla chips
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The Bible: God's Word or Man's Word?

By Dr. Jeff Kaplan, Senior Pastor -- Shepherd of the Hills

Have you ever wondered why the Bible is considered truth, as opposed to other religious writings? Aside from fulfilled prophecy, there are other confirmations that the Bible was given to people from God so we may know Him. If someone said to you, "You don't actually believe that the Bible is inspired by God, do you?" How could you affirm something as ludicrous and inane as that? How would you respond?

Some people believe that part of the Bible is wise instruction from men and part of it is from God. That's a false theory known as "the partial inspiration theory" and teaches some of the writers of the Bible are more inspired than others. That position holds that the Bible only contains the word of God when it speaks to the reader in a meaningful way. A liberal theologian named Emil Brunner is credited with saying, "That which speaks to me is the Word of God and that which doesn't speak to me isn't the Word of God." Some actually believe that Jesus' words, which appear in red in a red-letter edition of the Bible, are more inspired than the rest of the Bible, including the words of Paul, Peter, or the other apostles. On the contrary, the apostle Paul claimed that all scripture is given

by inspiration of God . . . (2 Timothy 3:16). It is not just those parts of the Bible that speak to us which are inspired; all scripture is inspired by God.

The intuition or natural theory asserts that the writers of scripture possessed a high level of natural powers or ability, similar to Shakespeare and Mozart. The problem with this view is it reduces the Bible to being no more special than works, which were developed by a trained writer or composer. The Bible is much more than an elevated level of literary genius that was exhibited by certain ancient people. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 2:13: "...and we thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as what it really is, the Word of God..."

The dictation or mechanical theory claims that God dictated the Bible to the writers as an office manager would dictate a letter to his or her secretary. This view suggests that the writers were completely passive instruments, like a laptop computer, and God pounded out His message to them. To be quite fair, there were times when that was God's method. When Moses received the Ten Commandments, he

received stone tablets, which were inscribed by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18; 34:1; Deuteronomy 9:10). On other occasions, God told Moses and Jeremiah to write down certain specific words (Exodus 34:27; Jeremiah 30:2; 36:2). Even with those exceptions, the Holy Spirit never overruled the vocabulary of human authors. The erudite and astute apostle Paul used technical terms, while the less educated John used more simple expressions. However, both men were equally inspired by God.

The content, conceptual, or dynamic inspiration theory falsely says that inspiration extends only to concepts or thoughts in the Bible, but not the very words of scripture, and that only the main thoughts of Bible chapters and paragraphs are inspired. It purports that God's Spirit gave the biblical writers great ideas, but left it up to them and their natural abilities to come up with their own words. However, accurate communication of thoughts requires an accurate communication of words. Psalm 119:160 states this about the Bible: "...the sum of thy words is truth..." Proverbs 30:5 asserts "Every word of God is tested..." It is every word and not just the thoughts that are inspired.

The spiritual-rule-only theory claims that the Bible is not accurate when it comes to matters such as history and science. Such a belief is pious nonsense. If the Bible makes scientific or historical statements that are false, then it certainly cannot be reliable when it makes spiritual pronouncements. What kind of God would we have if He told the truth about spiritual matters, but lied His socks off when it came to other matters? Jesus refuted this position when he said to Nicodemus: "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?" (John 3:12). The truth is that whatever God's Word addresses is true, and never wrong, regardless of the subject.

To summarize why we should believe that the Bible was inspired by God, I have analyzed three things. First, biblical inspiration is clearly taught in the scriptures. One of the most powerful verses that support biblical inspiration is 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." That word for inspiration is theopneustos. It literally means God-spirited or breathed out. When we say that scripture is inspired, we are saying that God is the author of scripture and it is the result of God's creative breath.

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so much fun!

Be kind to each other and enjoy every day.

Dawn Wright, President, BVSCDS

Driving Workshop

We hope to start our Driving Workshop in April. Workshops are

open to all BVSCDS members and their equine. We start with ground exercises. We will prepare your horse to drive or just be a better riding horse. Mary Ann Cooper will be demonstrating T Touch Methods to help animals relax, change negative emotional responses, and build self-confidence. You and your horse will enjoy the benefits.

These techniques are also enjoyed by dogs, cats, llamas, and any other animals you have. Day and time will be determined by the participants who are interested. Let me know if you plan to attend, as soon as possible. Mara Wada 821-1217, maraw310@sbcglobal.net.



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followed suit over the next couple of years. Now the event also regularly includes Back Street Gallery, Oak Tree Antiques and Gifts, Tehachapi Museum, Petra’s, and Fiddlers Crossing, with other businesses and groups joining occasionally.

The Art Studio is the newest art-related businesses in town. Colleen and Mike Grant opened it in early 2011, offering art classes to all ages from pre-school to adult, and catering especially to homeschooled and high school students. A few weeks ago, the Studio students brought some cellophane creations downtown for February’s First Friday, which everyone enjoyed; in April they will be featured at CrossRoads Gallery.

The Art Studio teaches a wide variety of artistic mediums and techniques such as drawing, sculpture, pottery, ceramics, and the various forms of painting. The Studio artists will be bringing all sorts of new and different things into CrossRoads in April, to go along with other guest art, featuring recycled or repurposed media into artwork in honor of

April’s Earth Day Celebration. As for the rest of March, don’t forget to check out the classes at The Art Studio. When you come by CrossRoads Gallery, you will see the city’s only tribute to Women’s History Month, through art, featuring local artists Lauraine Snelling, Helen McAllister, and Susanna Monette.

In April, starting with the April 6 First Friday Celebration, CrossRoads Gallery will also be hosting guest artists in a “Celebrate the Earth” art show. Special emphasis is on art and gifts made from natural or recycled/repurposed materials, including ceramics made with natural clays, guitar pics made from old vinyl record albums, bracelets made from old grocery bags, steampunk art, and much more.

CrossRoads Gallery is located on the northeast corner of the Compass Rose in the center of historic downtown Tehachapi. Call 661-822-5242 for more information, or visit our website at www.crossroadsgallerytehachapi.com.

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