



# Pacific Grove

Special Advertising Section

October 22, 2020

## The Wooden Bowl

### Master craftsman Jeffrey Stephenson turns wood into works of art

By Lisa Crawford Watson

Jeffrey Stephenson knows wood. He reads the grain like a profit, recognizing the durable, smooth grain of walnut, the straight grain of mahogany, and the curly grain of maple. He knows white pine is soft, and mahogany, acacia, and oak are hard. He understands the water content of wood, knows the slower effects of air drying, and the impact of drying inside a kiln. And, he knows how wood will respond to his cut.

When Stephenson works with wood, he holds it as if it were precious. Because it is.

Stephenson is a master wood cutter, who specializes in creating bowls, which he cuts or turns on a lathe, taking the wood from stump to vessel. His shop, "The Wooden Bowl," retreats from the street on Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove. Its name is as specific as his focus.

Stephenson has long worked in the trades, and continues as a successful electrician. But his passion is wood and what he makes of it.

"My attraction to wood goes all the way back to when I was a kid at a residential summer camp in the Berkshires, a region in the mountains of western Massachusetts," he said. "I got really interested in wood-working and learned how to turn it on a lathe. What we were doing back then didn't have the safeguards we do today, but it's how I got started."

Nearly two years ago, Stephenson took over his space on Grand Avenue, in which he built a wall, dividing it into his studio showroom and his woodworking shop, where he turns two or three bowls a day.

"I start with a tree stump," he said, "positioned as it grew, straight up. I slice it in thirds, and remove the center, the heart. From the two remaining sides, I cut bowls on my lathe."

Through a window in that wall, guests can watch him turn a bowl on one of two lathes—one for cutting and shaping, the other for sanding—seeing the shavings

flying from the point where he presses a razor-sharp gouge—a chisel with a curved cutting edge—into the wood, shaping it as it turns at 1,500 rpms. He will go through four gouges for one bowl, and later resharpen them.

Within seconds, Stephenson's sweater looks like heavy mohair. He doesn't seem to notice.

Eventually, the wood shavings fall to the floor, all of which he collects at the end of the day, into large garbage bags which become green waste or the duff in his buddy's garden.

Sometimes Stephenson cuts more than one bowl out of a single piece of wood, creating a nest of bowls with complementary grain.

"I typically cut green wood," he said, "so it's wet and less likely to crack. Then I dry it in a dehumidifying kiln. After that, the bowl sits for a couple of months to get a little moisture back in it. Wood is hygroscopic. Its moisture content is always moving, fluctuating based on the relative humidity of the surrounding air."

Although Stephenson will turn two or three bowls per day, each bowl takes several months, from start to finish. Mostly because of its moisture movement.

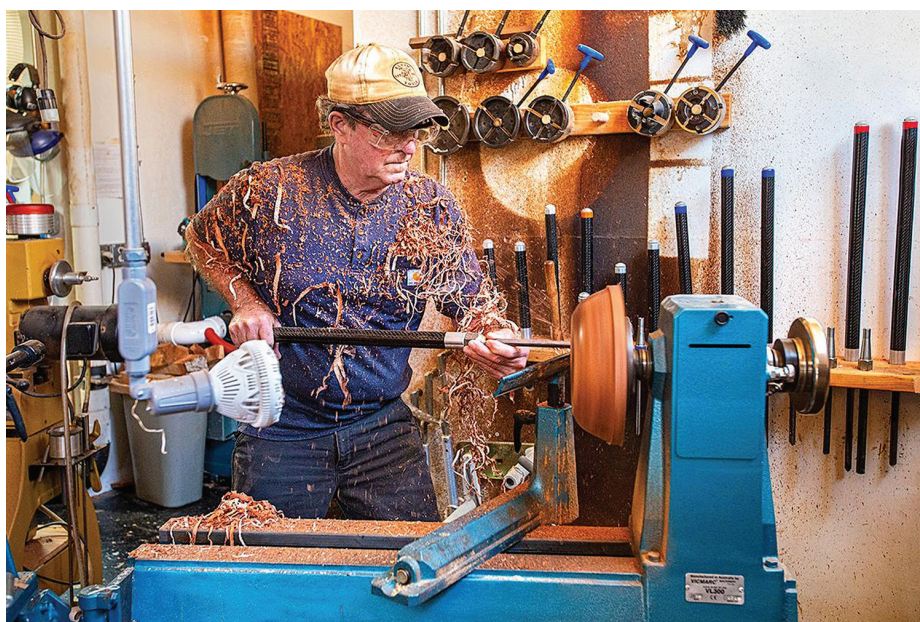
"Wood turning is an exercise in concentration and patience," Stephenson said. "I started this because I wanted to know I could do

it. First it was inspiration. Now it's not just what I do but who I am. Most wood turners are not rich. We do this for the love of the craft."

The walls of Stephenson's studio are finished in a faux Venetian plaster, adjacent corrugated sheet metal, which he hand-aged with muriatic acid. Wood bowls are featured upon wooden pedestals and a complementary cabinet, all of which he built. The space is a gallery of natural materials, where guests can admire and collect his bowls, ranging from \$75 to \$850, based on the size, the craftsmanship, and the wood. Every bowl is suitable for dining or display.

Stephenson surveys his collection of finished bowls and realizes he knows where every piece of wood came from. All of it is sourced from trees that have gone down or were being removed. The Pebble Beach Company, he said, has been a generous resource.

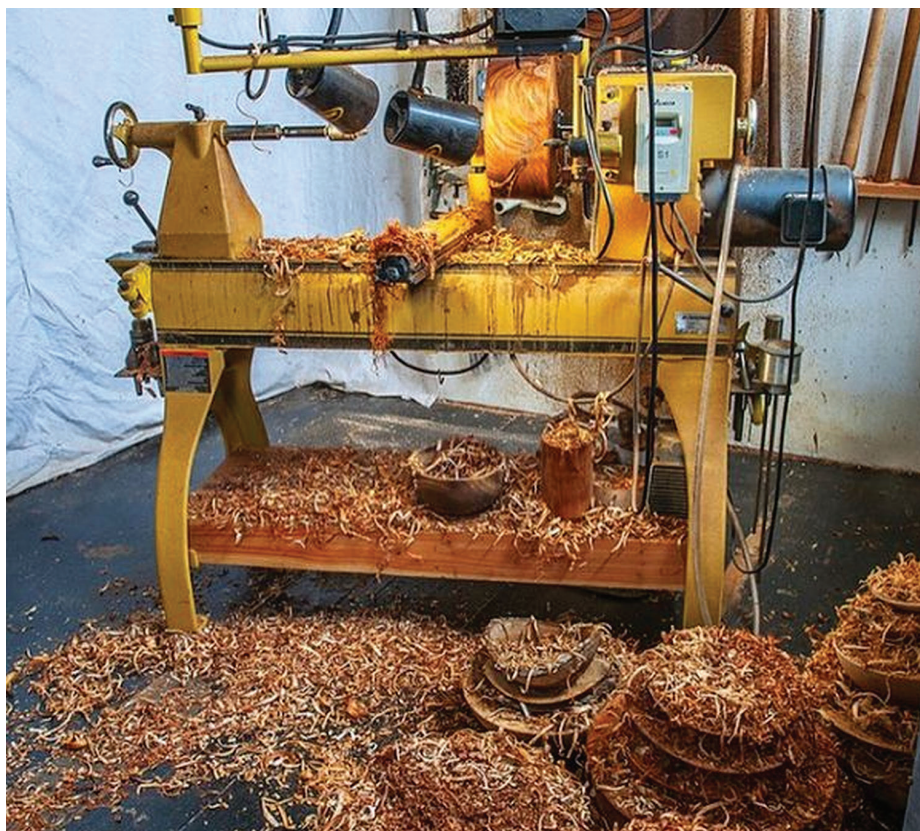
"I love wood, and this is one of the most rewarding things I can do with it," he said. "It is so inspiring to be cutting a bowl and realize the tool is an extension of my hand. I know exactly what that tool is going to do based on a fraction of hand movement. Another inspired moment is after the bowl is cut and sanded, and I put on the oil and watch the grain come out. It's beautiful."



Provided photo



Provided photo



Provided photo



Provided photo



## BookWorks

### Books+Coffee


667 Lighthouse Ave.  
Pacific Grove, CA

[www.bookworkspg.com](http://www.bookworkspg.com)



Give your family one last gift . . .

## El Carmelo Cemetery



Space Available

**El Carmelo Cemetery**  
831.648.3172 or [cemetery@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:cemetery@cityofpacificgrove.org)  
<http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/living/el-carmelo-cemetery>



# Pacific Grove adapts and adjusts during pandemic

By Dana Arvig

Walking through Pacific Grove on a couple of recent weekends has been a different experience than it was when I was writing this introductory column for the October 2019 edition of Community Focus. The scene continues to change as the months since March 2020 have progressed and presented us with challenges and uncertainty. A walk along Lovers Point in April was quiet and kind of surreal as there weren't many people out and everyone felt unsure about how the coming days, weeks, and months would unfold. Most of us felt that we were in a state of limbo wondering what we should do and what we COULD do! Do we have to stay in the house? Is it safe to go out? We all learned new terms like "social distancing" and "PPE" and the debate was on whether we should all wear a mask or only those

who weren't feeling well needed to have their faces covered. In August, we were happy to see that some of the restaurants had added more outdoor seating since indoor dining is still not allowed. We stopped at the Red House Cafe and had mimosas and a very tasty meal under sunny afternoon skies. People seemed to be really taking in the fresh air and the feeling of doing something "normal" like eating at a restaurant after having several months of only getting carryout meals. You really appreciate this simple experience if it's been unavailable for a while! Fast forward to Fall 2020 and yes, it seems wearing a mask for everyone's safety and protection is the generally accepted protocol that just about everyone seems to have embraced. The fashion-

able masks are out there with everything from funny sayings on them to political slogans. Bright colors and clear plastic models have added variety and made it more comfortable to comply with the rules. I've even seen some masks with a button up hole so you can drink through a straw! Another new word we've added to our vocabulary is "parklet" - which describes the clever way many of the PG restaurants have adapted to the mandate to only serve diners outdoors. We decided to take a little staycation in late September and found the Pacific Grove Inn on Pine Street was a wonderful place to spend a quiet weekend so we could enjoy the beauty of PG while safely patronizing local businesses and spending some quality time with family and friends who live there. Wearing our masks and maintaining

social distance, we walked down Forest Avenue and were happy to see the stores had shoppers in them. We stopped at Grove Market and got some essential supplies (cheese and crackers) and brought them to the Inn for later. Then, we walked down to the water which is always such a gorgeous view no matter how many times you see it. There were a few people at the beach and children wading in the chilly waters. The Beach House restaurant had a packed house at their upstairs patio area as well as at the outdoor venue they created out front which was nice to see. We walked back up the hill and had Hawaiian pizza at International Cuisine, which is one of Brayden's favorite dining spots. It had started to get a little cold but they have outfitted the area with tall heat lamps and fire pits and created a very cozy



Dana & Brayden enjoy an evening out for pizza and ice cream- Provided photo

atmosphere. Then on our way back, it was time for the last stop of any walk through town, popsicles from Lopez Liquors. As I was thinking about all of the accommodations and adjustments to our daily routine we have all made as we continue to learn about the Coronavirus, I realized that even though it feels a little inconvenient and disruptive and if the end is nowhere in sight, we can all do this. Sure the world has changed but there is one thing that has remained and that is the uplifted spirit we get from human connection, getting outside, and being part of a community. We can still take a walk and get some exercise and support our local businesses in a safe, responsible way. And

if you're in Pacific Grove, you will still find that the residents and merchants in America's Last Hometown are just as friendly and welcoming as ever and are doing their best to keep the town vibrant. Congratulations to the businesses that have adapted and been able to continue to operate in challenging times. Our hope is that the community will continue to support you and we will all get through this together. Continue checking the Pacific Grove Chamber's website to keep up on coming events and activities and if you haven't seen it yet, check out the first virtual Butterly Parade on YouTube, it will surely brighten your day. Stay safe out there, Dana Arvig



Mimosas at Red House Cafe- Provided photo



Darin Matthews visits one of the designated Monarch butterfly areas along Lovers Point- Provided photo

## Pacific Grove welcomes new hotel

Together with the support of property owner Foursome Development, Comstock Development has worked diligently to bring forward applications for a new 225 room hotel that will offer a new high-quality visitor lodging option in the city at the American Tin Cannery

(ATC). The two guest rooms wings include a 104 room business wing and a 121 room family wing. The project includes 304 parking spaces on the property, retail space, and meeting spaces for businesses and local organizations to use. Project

plans, applications and environmental documents are available on the City's website at [www.cityof-pacificgrove.org/](http://www.cityof-pacificgrove.org/). A hotel has been anticipated on the ATC property for years. In 2016 Pacific Grove voters recognized the need for a new vision for the ATC

and strongly supported with a 58.83% yes vote on an initiative measure to change the zoning of the ATC allowing development of the site with visitor lodging. Originally constructed and used for manufacturing, the ATC has been used in recent years as a retail shopping

outlet. However, consumer retail trends have changed over time and the property no longer realizes its full potential. Pacific Grove voters have expressed support for a hotel on the property and the time is right for the ATC's next chapter. Our local economy continues to face unprecedented challenges. The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and Hospitality/Lodging Group, and the local business community have expressed strong support for this project recognizing the new hotel will make a significant contribution to supporting the local economy. Shrinking business revenues have diminished the City's ability to provide services, maintain facilities and sponsor cherished community events and traditions. The hotel will create new employment opportunities for construction and hospitality positions that will employ local residents and infuse the local economy. Revenues from the room tax (Transient Occupancy Tax), increased property values, and increased sales tax revenues will make a significant contribution to City revenues that support our community. The hotel has been thoughtfully designed by Carmel resident and noted hospitality architect John C. Hill, AIA, and Hart Howerton

Architects. The design concept draws inspiration from the industrial character of Cannery Row and retains the original factory building with the familiar sawtooth roof. The City has conducted extensive review and analysis of the project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared that identifies, analyzes, and prescribes protection measures for potential impacts to the environment including protection of marine life and wildlife. The new hotel will be constructed and operated in accordance with the standards established by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The Project will strive to meet LEED Gold standards. One of the prominent features of the project is a green roof atop the family guest rooms wing. According to the project description, "The roof's mix of native and adaptive species minimizes the need for irrigation (which will use harvested rainwater and greywater), while also helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect, stormwater runoff and greenhouse gas emissions." The hotel at the ATC will be the City's newest landmark and will be a place to make new memories.



Provided sketch of new hotel project

**Director of Operations & Advertising**  
Dana Arvig  
831-726-4343  
[darvig@montereyherald.com](mailto:darvig@montereyherald.com)

**Monterey Herald Sales Team**  
Danielle Landaker Rachel Martinez  
Mike O'Bleness Alyson Stockton

**Advertising Support Manager**  
Lorraine Roque  
831-726-4366  
[lroque@montereyherald.com](mailto:lroque@montereyherald.com)

**To Advertise in a future Community Focus Section, call 831-726-4343.**

**Circulation Director**  
Mardi Browning  
831-706-3265  
[mbrowning@santacruzsentinel.com](mailto:mbrowning@santacruzsentinel.com)

 **MONTEREY HERALD**  
Serving Monterey County  
[www.montereyherald.com](http://www.montereyherald.com)





# Local Real Estate Professionals

"Amber is the best! I wanted someone I could trust and who would communicate regularly. Amber is a great negotiator, got me the best price AND closed the deal quickly in the midst of a pandemic! Amber made the process as stress-free and smooth as possible. Her team, marketing plan, & real estate signs are amazing too."

-J. Riley

**Amber Russell | Broker Owner**  
**831.402.1982**  
 amber@overthemoonrealty.com  
 overthemoonrealty.com



CalDRE #01795810  
 623 Lighthouse Ave.  
 Pacific Grove

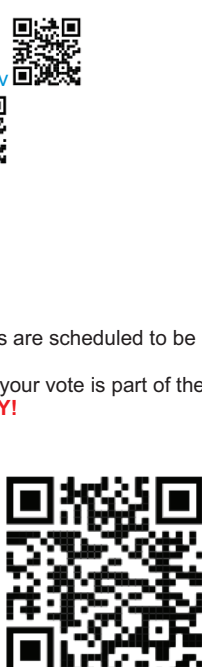
# Make certain your vote is reported on Election Day

## 1. REGISTER

- A. Check your voter status online at [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)
- B. If you need to register visit [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)

## 2. VOTE EARLY!!!

- A. BY MAIL  
 Ballots have been mailed to registered voters. These ballots are scheduled to be received the week of October 5.  
 In California ballots are counted as they arrive. To ensure your vote is part of the tally on Election Day. **Complete and mail in your ballot TODAY!**
- B. BY DROPBOX  
 Your completed ballot can be submitted at a number of dropboxes in your area. Ballots submitted through the dropboxes are processed in California as soon as they are received.
- C. IN-PERSON - NOW OPEN  
 Early voting is now open where you can deposit your completed ballot or simply vote in the booth.



For both dropbox and in-person polling place voting you can find the best location to submit your ballot at [sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)

## How to ensure your ballot isn't disqualified

- **Vote Early:** Ballots postmarked after Nov. 3 or received after Nov. 22 will not be counted. Late ballots are by far the number one reason for disqualification.
- **Read and follow instructions:** Fill your ballot out completely on a flat surface, away from hazards (food, drinks, infants). If asked to fill in an oval, don't place an "X", fill it in. Take your time. Read twice, mark once.
- **Sign your ballot:** Use the same signature that appears on your voter registration form or California driver's license if you registered online.
- **Seal your envelope:** People do forget. Remember: Signed, sealed and delivered.
- **Vote Early:** Yes, it's worth repeating. **Vote Today!**

## 3. FOLLOW UP

Whether you are wondering when you will receive your ballot, or if it has been processed, you can check status at [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov)

## 4. CALL FRIENDS

and family members who live in other states and encourage them to vote early so their vote is included in the tally when results are announced on Election Day.

This important message is brought to you by

**Luke Coletti**  
 for Pacific Grove City Council  
[www.LukeForPG.com](https://www.LukeForPG.com)



Paid for by Coletti for Council 2020 \* FPPC ID 1430830

# Pacific Grove Boutiques



**Vonne Battistini**  
 Carried Away Boutique  
 (831) 521-7547 | 606 Lighthouse Ave.



**Victoria Carr**  
 Victorious Women's Boutique  
 (831) 655-2422 | 211 Forest Ave.



**Marita Johnson**  
 Marita's Boutiques  
 (831) 655-3390 | 551 & 547 Lighthouse Ave.



**Emily Owens**  
 Tessuti Zoo  
 (831) 648-1725 | 171 Forest Ave.



[www.pacificgrove.org](https://www.pacificgrove.org)  
 (831) 373-3304



# Let’s Pull Together

Whether performing or facing a pandemic, Dianne Lyle teaches kids to persevere

By Lisa Crawford Watson



Provided photo

Dianne Lyle would stand in the middle of the Pacific Grove rehearsal space, like an early image of Mother Goose, with children clustered all around her, in rapt attention. For decades, the legendary dance and theater instructor has had a lot to teach her students. And not all of it has had to do with the stage.

“As much as I love the arts, something instilled in me by my parents,” said Lyle, “my passion is teaching. And I realized early on that teaching was not just about dance. It is about developing the whole person.”

For Lyle, teaching is the family business. Her mother and father were teachers, as was her grandfather. A sharecropper, he went into the city to get his degree, and then opened a school for sharecroppers. Her parents actually had high hopes that Lyle would go to law school and become a civil rights attorney. Not ready for that, she rebelled and eventually pursued something perhaps equally daunting and important—teaching children.

“I share a lot about myself with my students,” she said, “which helps foster an encouraging relationship, so they feel safe sharing themselves. We have discussions about life, death, grieving, joy, excitement, disappointment, hope. Students have come back and said the most valuable part of their classes was to be able to

open up and learn how to share with each other.”

That dynamic is harder to create these days, while Lyle teaches dance classes outside, at Caledonia Park in Pacific Grove. Unable to get as physically close as they do when dancing inside, the group hasn’t figured out how to foster the same intimacy they were used to, pre-pandemic. But they try. And, at least they’re still dancing, Lyle says.

### Determined to Dance

Dianne Lyle fell in love with the theater as a little girl, when her parents, en route to Germany, stopped off in New York and took her to see West Side Story. It wasn’t Carol Lawrence’s Maria who captivated the little black girl in the audience. She wanted the wild, colorful energy of Chita Rivera’s Anita.

While Lyle’s mother studied opera and taught voice and dance in Germany—the legendary Leontyne Price came to their home and hosted them at the opera—Lyle studied dance. She continued her studies in Seaside, after her military father relocated her family to the Peninsula, and she attended Seaside High School.

Lyle met Frank Quilantang when he offered to do her makeup and design her costume for an upcoming performance. Quilantang is exceptional at every

aspect of the arts even before trying, simply because he believes he is—and he’s right. He and Lyle knew they were best friends upon meeting, and still are.

“I quickly started designing clothes on Dianne; she could wear anything. She was the queen,” said Quilantang. “Dianne is known, not so much for teaching dance but for teaching children. Her gift is to get through to them, especially those who are reluctant, with her quiet voice and complete attention.”

In the 1980s, the pair created the Monterey Dance Workshop in an old car-repair shop, which eventually grew into their performance group, the DiFranco Dance Project. The name is a blend of Dianne and Frank, with an Italian flare.

“Frank was always the face of DiFranco,” Lyle said. “He always worked beautifully with adults, whereas my focus has always been kids. He is, first and foremost, a performer. I love performing but I am, first and foremost, a teacher. Frank has stopped teaching, but he still performs with us.”

In 2002, Lyle established “Ragamuffin Musical Theater Summer Camp” for kids, which continued through 2018. The name came out of a childhood reference. Growing up as the eldest of six children, Lyle remembers how her father used to call them his “little

ragamuffins.”

“My father was a black officer in the military,” she said, “so we had to represent him well in our appearance, our behavior, our grades, and our manners. I grew up very shy with a small voice. In high school, I decided to push past that and go out for cheerleader and theater.”

Lyle fell in love with Shakespeare and played Lady Macbeth, but her father, who had a different vision for her, said, “How many dark-skinned Shakespearean actors do you see?” Undaunted, she continued to act and dance and, eventually, teach.

“I love Dianne so much,” said singer-songwriter Laura Dare, whose daughter, Lyric, attended Ragamuffin Musical Theater four summers in a row. “I believe, with her loving, supportive nature, Dianne helped me parent my children. If we



Provided photo

could all have her heart, we’d be much better off.”

Dare’s daughter also took three fall seasons of DiFranco dance classes, but the musical theater is what she loved most.

“The kids always knew when Miss Dianne arrived in the room, it was time to stop squealing and running around, and get down to business,” said Dare. “She didn’t achieve that with an authoritarian energy; she was encouraging and supportive without babying. She was patient, instructive, loving and fun, firm but not tough.”

Dianne Lyle is what generations of parents and their children call an “unsung hero,” says Lisa Ledin, whose daughter Erica takes dance from DiFranco Dance

Project.

“Even during COVID, Dianne has found ways to teach dance at Caledonia Park,” Ledin said. “She knows how important it is for these kids to get together, to dance, to connect with Miss Dianne.” Lyle’s life has moved her into yet another season of a long and productive career. Now negotiating Multiple Sclerosis, she teaches from a walker or a wheelchair determined, even if the show can’t go on during COVID, the lessons can continue. “My message has always been and will always be ‘Harambe’—Let’s pull together,” said Lyle. “Every one of my students knows it; it’s a term I heard the Black Panthers say. We can do anything if we pull together. We’re proof of that.”



Provided photo



Provided photo





## southern mediterranean cuisine

open daily - closed Tues. & Weds.  
evening dinner 4pm - close  
patio dining & take-out

**831.920.2662**

542 lighthouse avenue  
pacific grove  
**www.jeninni.com**



# THE QUILL

FINE STATIONERY • INVITATIONS • GIFTS



*Voted Best Gift Store  
by Herald Readers!*

553 LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE • PACIFIC GROVE  
831.373.8189 • WWW.THE-QUILL.COM • OPEN DAILY

## PACIFIC GROVE RESIDENTS, YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The city council's 4-3 split vote, now allows  
a cannabis dispensary in downtown

We need your signature on a referendum  
by 10/26 to put it to a vote of the people

HOW TO SIGN: We can come to you -or-  
Visit 211 Grand Avenue M-SU 9am-3pm



VISIT [WWW.TRANSPARENTPG.COM](http://WWW.TRANSPARENTPG.COM)  
EMAIL US AT [TRANSPARENTPG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TRANSPARENTPG@GMAIL.COM)

**CALL (831) 915-9710  
TO SIGN PETITION**



Paid for by Citizens for a Transparent Pacific Grove



# Pacific Grove Hardware: Where service is always in stock



Provided photo of Bill Derowski

Some spaces in Pacific Grove experience constant change while others seem to stay the same no matter what. At Pacific Grove Ace Hardware in Downtown Pacific Grove, one constant you'll find is the leadership of owner Bill Derowski and his staff, who've kept the friendly hardware retailer going since 2000. The store began in 1978 as M&S Building Supply, "M" for Martine, and "S" for Stillwell. From the outset, the store set itself apart with a focus on customer service. The focus of this philosophy came from Don Martine, who ensured that customer-centric service was would be the backbone of the experience at 229 Forest Avenue. "Don was a great teacher," current owner,

Bill Derowski says. "He taught us to take care of the customer. I learned you go up and greet the customer and ask them what they need. That you as an employee is there to help the customer solve a problem." Bill himself started working the floor at the store in 1982 when it was run by Don and Richard. Despite not being in the hardware industry, he honed his retail skills by taking Don's advice seriously and developing an ear for what people want when they choose to go to a hardware store. "I don't have training in hardware," Bill says. "I have training in customers. They'll tell you what they need something for and that's something you can learn. That's just

meeting demand. It's what you learn once you know it all that counts." It's with that attitude that Bill has seen to it that his service is extremely customer-oriented, and it is that orientation which has made the business successful year after year. The store stands out for its customer service experience and provides an unparalleled level of expertise to all who cross their threshold. Walking into Pacific Grove Hardware, any customer is immediately greeted by the first available staff person who kindly inquires what they're looking for. More often than not, they'll also know exactly where to find any requested item if it is in-stock and will lead

their customer straight to the item in person and answer any questions they may have. It's a retail experience that stands out for its efficiency, expertise and downright pleasantness. Clerks are never pushy, just genuinely eager to be of help and they only go behind the counter when you're ready to check out. Bill says this service component is an intangible but critical aspect to his success in brick and mortar retail in a time when the competition has never been more fierce. "It costs you no more to wait on them like that and retail competition is so fierce now," Bill says. "We can't compete on price

compared to Home Depot or Amazon so we have to compete on something." His commitment to customer service has paid off and ensures he runs a healthy business that relies almost exclusively on full-time staff with a generous bonus and benefits structure that has allowed him to hang on to staffers long-term. Bill is also active in the business community and has taken his work ethic out the doors of the hardware store and into the business community, serving on the Chamber's board of directors and remains active in the Downtown Business Improvement District. On the Chamber

board, Bill keeps an eye out for retailers and wants to ensure the downtown business district has a strong and diverse mix of businesses. He chalks up his involvement in the business community to wanting to do his utmost to ensure success both for his own operation and those of others. "Take care of your employees they'll take care of you, do the same with your business and it'll take care of you and always take care of the customer. You get out what you put in." Pacific Grove Ace Hardware is located at 229 Forest Avenue in Downtown Pacific Grove. The store is open daily from 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. except Sundays. (831) 646-9144.



Web photo



## Connecting you to the best of the peninsula.

In these unusual times, more than ever we are stronger together and stronger in community. Pacific Grove is known for fresh breezes, small town charm, and relaxed living and Canterbury Woods gives you easy access to these pleasures. At Canterbury Woods, we believe age is something to celebrate. Stay connected, be involved, and get creative with a variety of opportunities. We offer a variety of apartment and cottage styles with a monthly contract and no entrance fees. Plus, our caring staff are here whenever you need support – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For a virtual tour or to learn more, please call or visit our website.  
831.657.4195 | [covia.org/canterbury-woods](https://covia.org/canterbury-woods)





# Pacific Grove’s annual Butterfly Parade 2020

The parade streamed “live” on Saturday, October 3rd at the regular start time of 10:30 am. It is available on YouTube. Just search for Pacific Grove Butterfly Parade 2020!



Gavin Jacobi’s kindergarten class at Forest Grove Elementary participated in this years virtual Butterfly parade  
Photos Credit: Vanessa Ramirez-Jacobi



## Hope and healing in Pacific Grove

Beacon House is the oldest treatment center west of the Mississippi. Founded in 1958, Beacon House has occupied the same historic mansion in a residential neighborhood in Pacific Grove since 1961. The classic, quirky, stylish, beautifully renovated Victorian lives up to its name: it stands as a beacon of hope for anyone who wants to live a life without alcohol

and drugs.

They’ve welcomed people into a safe, kind, loving space to share life changing recovery services for over sixty years. Combining the latest evidence-based clinical practices with their rich history and experience creates the best of both worlds. At Beacon House, 21st - century innovation coexists with decades of tradition. If the walls could

speak, they’d tell stories of hope, resilience, and the healing power of the human spirit. People come to Beacon House to rebuild their lives. When they go back out into the world, their light shines bright. While the walls can’t speak, Beacon House alumni can: they carry a message of hope for a future free from the cycles of addiction: Recovery for a Lifetime.



### CALIFORNIA’S PREMIER TREATMENT CENTER

At **Beacon House**, our Clinical Professionals create custom-designed treatment programs for each client to ensure long-term success. We help patients and families achieve and sustain recovery through our effective drug and alcohol treatment programs. Focusing on treating the whole person, Beacon House uses evidence-based therapies in addition to experiential therapies such as mindfulness, yoga, and equine therapy in our holistic and effective treatment programming.

- Residential
- Outpatient
- Alumni Recovery Community
- Medication-Assisted Treatment

**Call us now for a free, in-depth, and confidential consultation.**

**24-Hour Helpline | 833-994-4673 (HOPE)**  
**BeaconHouse.org**





SPEND THE

*Holidays*

WITH US

**Downtown Pacific Grove’s Retail Shops, Organizations, Services and Restaurants want to invite you to safely enjoy shopping and dining in our charming hometown**

**OUTDOOR DINING**  
**LOCAL STORES**  
**DELICIOUS BAKERIES AND CAFÉS**  
**WALKABLE SHOPPING DISTRICT**



*Safely Providing  
Holiday Spirit  
Since 1889*



**Brought to you by the Pacific Grove Downtown Business Improvement District**





# RUDY FISCHER

Water District

## RESPONSIBLE WATER MANAGEMENT NEEDS REASON, NOT EMOTION

**On behalf of the consumer, Rudy Fischer will fight to:**

- ◆ **Develop a sufficient, affordable, and sustainable water supply.**
- ◆ **Fully evaluate the financial merits of acquiring Cal-Am.**
- ◆ **Get us out from under the overly restrictive state regulators.**
- ◆ **Plan for the water needs of our area to provide the market rate and affordable housing we need.**
- ◆ **Represent the views of water users in reaching prudent decisions.**

### Key Supporters:



#### PACIFIC GROVE

**Joe Amelio**, City Councilmember  
**Hank Armstrong**, Retired Communications Professional  
**Gary Bales**, Fmr City Manager of PG  
**David Baird**, Member Recreation Board  
**Bill Bluhm**, Real Estate Broker – Sotheby's  
**Marabee Boone**, Hotel Industry – Past Citizen OTY (2017)  
**Thom McMahon**, President, Monterey Bay Laundry, Head of Business Improvement District  
**Jeanne Byrne**, Architect, MPWMD Incumbent, and Fmr Mayor - Past Citizen of the year  
**Michelle Knight**, Co-owner, Adventures by the Sea – Fmr MPWMD Board Member  
**Mark Chakwin**, Planning Commissioner  
**Alan Cohen**, Former Councilmember  
**Ken Cuneo**, Former Councilmember  
**Peggy Field**, Psychologist  
**Bill Fredrickson**, Planning Commissioner

**Steve Gorman**, Property Manager - Past Citizen of the year  
**Charlie Higuera**, Owner, Grove Market  
**Alka Joshi**, Author  
**Bill Kampe**, Former Mayor  
**John David Kendrick**, Investor  
**Steve Lilley**, Ret. Hospital Executive – Planning Commissioner  
**Bruce Obbink**, Fmr Planning Commissioner - Past Citizen OTY (2009)  
**Steve and Penny O'Bier**, Ret. Software Engineering Manager and wife  
**Ron Schenk**, Fmr Councilmember - Past Citizen of the Year (2010)  
**Rich Watson**, Businessman  
**Scott Woodfin**, Firefighter and candidate for city council

#### PEBBLE BEACH

**Robert Hammon**, Businessman  
**Peter Newman**, Retired Executive  
**Tracy and Todd Perkins**, Homeowners

#### Organizations

**Monterey Bay Action Committee**  
**Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**  
**Monterey County Association of Realtors**

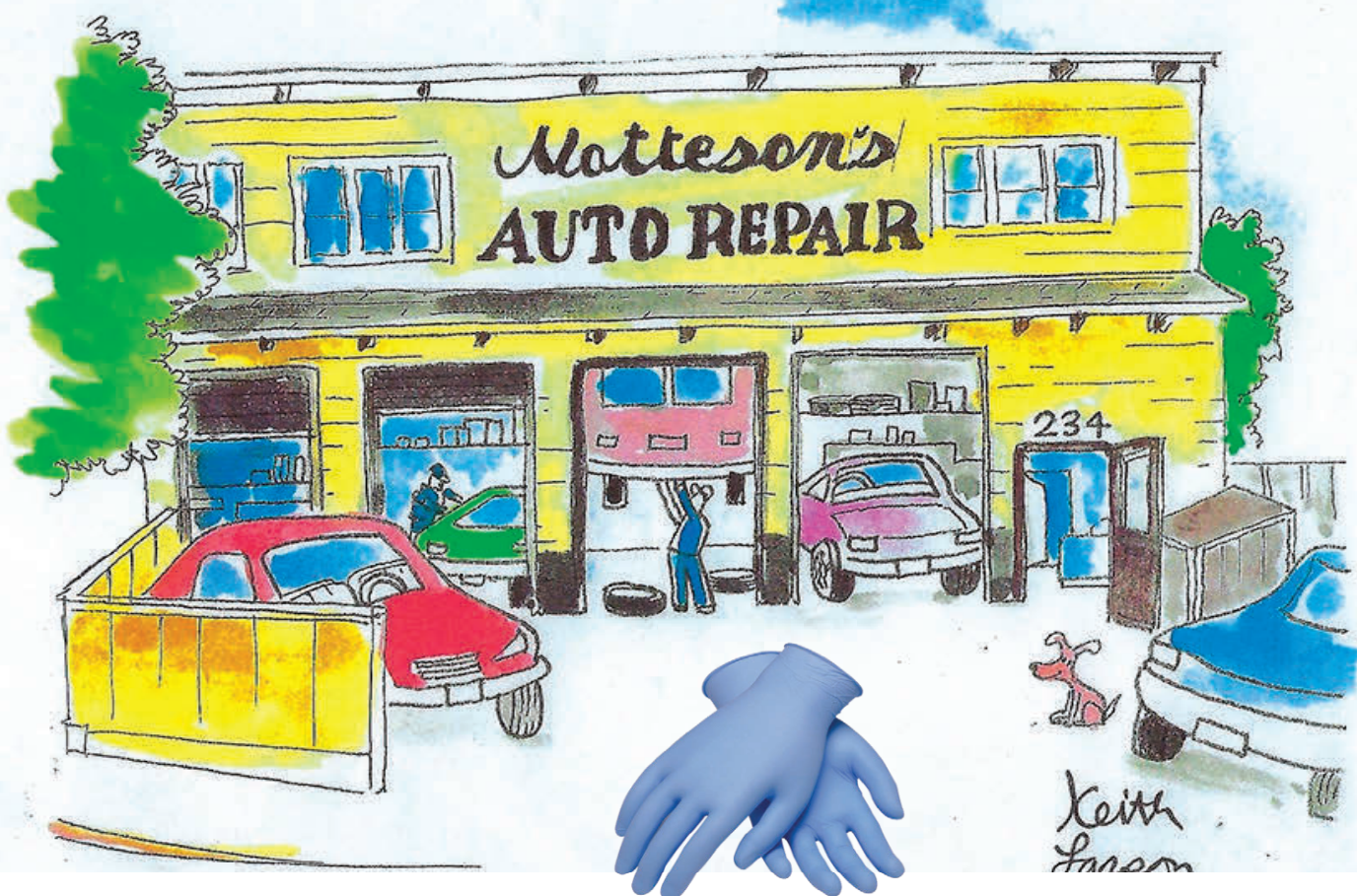
**I want to hear from you.**  
Call me at 831-236-3431

Follow me on @rudyfischer

**Join your friends, neighbors, and community leaders in voting for Rudy Fischer on Nov. 3.**

Paid for by Rudy Fischer for Water District, P.O. Box 475, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, FPCC# 1429884

# YES, We Are Open



Due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, we have taken measures to protect your health as well as ours.

We have implemented a mandatory new gloves per car policy, as well as: a wipe down of door handles, steering wheel, transmission shifter, brake lever, and keys using disinfecting wipes specifically for bacteria and virus.

This will happen at the beginning of the service and at the end when the vehicle is parked. Along with good hygiene, we are doing our best to serve our customers and protect them from getting sick. It is mandatory for our employees to stay home if they are sick. In addition, we have installed hand sanitizer dispensers in the shop and in the lobby for both customers and employees to use.

We care about you and our employees and want to assure you that we are doing our best to serve your needs and best interests.

*Thank you for your continued support and loyalty,  
From all of us at Matteson's Auto Repair.*

**Know that your car and health  
are always cared for at**

**Matteson's AUTO REPAIR**

**Phone 831-373-5050 • Fax 831-373-0363  
Open 8am-5pm • Monday-Friday**

**234 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove  
Corner of Grand Ave. and Laurel Ave.**

\* Within a 5 mile radius

\*\*Price of fuel will be added  
to your invoice

**Complimentary  
Pick up & Delivery  
for folks 65 and Older.\*  
We will also fill your  
gas tank on your  
request.\*\***



# Mugo Tersakyan Named to Chamber Board of Directors



Provided photo of Mugo Tersakyan

Mugo Tersakyan, owner of Mum's Place Fine Furnishings, recently joined the Pacific Grove Chamber's Board of Directors. Mugo brings considerable financial acumen and a dedicated customer service perspective to his service on the Chamber's Board. For more than three decades, Mum's Place has been a lynchpin of the Pacific Grove business community. Mugo is a frequent attendee at industry trade shows and is extremely attentive to customer feedback, both of which allow him to keep his fingers on the pulse of the industry. He keeps abreast of current trends in the furniture business and has stayed competitive in the face of staggering changes that online shopping has wrought on brick and mortar retail. "We don't really compete,"

Mugo says. "Much of what we have, you cannot find online." On the floor, Mugo and wife Talin prioritize clean lines, traditional colors and collective groupings in the merchandise they carry, being careful to keep their inventory compatible with their base's tastes and carefully selected for price, color and style. It's a combination of factors the Mum's Place owners take seriously, all three must be right on a given item or the store will not carry it. Mugo and his staff are

also extremely dedicated to customer service. The moment a customer walks through the door, Mugo rises and asks "How can I help you?" before directing them himself to a piece that fits their needs.

"I don't have an office in the back," he says. "I like being out on the floor. I'm on the floor six days a week." Mugo knows the value of a business owner seeing his customers every day, even if he doesn't necessarily have to. It shows on one of their walls near the door, adorned with seven "Best of Monterey County" awards from the Monterey County Weekly and recognitions from the Monterey Herald, Carmel Pine Cone, California State Senate, and the City of Pacific Grove.

The business's combination of quality products and dedicated service have kept Mum's Place thriving in Pacific Grove for years and will surely keep them around for years to come.

...

Mum's Place is open Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and closed on Sundays. Mum's Place is located at 246 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. (831) 372-6520.



Web photo



- Authentically yours to the taste, texture and aromas of Thai Cuisine
- Celebrating 12 years in 2020 for serving family's recipes to local & visitors Families
- Offering our recipes from our family traditions, inspired by our mom's homemade cooking
- Providing Lunch special & Dinner Selected with a broad wine and beer selection



## Pacific Thai Cuisine

663 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
Across from the Post office on Lighthouse Ave. and 19th St.  
(831) 646-THAI(8424)

## Open 7 days a week

Monday-Friday 11:00 AM-2:30 PM • Dinner: 4:30 PM daily  
Saturday-Sunday 12:00 AM  
WWW.pacificthaipg.com

## DOWNTOWN PACIFIC GROVE'S

# HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

## BECAUSE TWO WEEKENDS ARE BETTER THAN ONE!

## NOV. 21-22 & 27-28

**Join our Restaurants,  
Organizations, Services and  
Retail Shops for specials,  
discounts and festive holiday  
promotions**

Participating Businesses will be strictly following health and safety protocol

*Safely Providing  
Holiday Spirit  
Since 1889*



Downtown Business  
Improvement  
District

For More Information  
Visit @downtownpacificgrove on Facebook





# Celebrating our 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Mum's Place in Pacific Grove is a family-owned and operated furniture store serving the Monterey Peninsula and beyond.

Owners Mugo and Talin Tersakyan originally opened Mum's Place on 17th Street in Pacific Grove more than 34 years ago with a modest 700-square-foot showroom. Mum's Place later relocated to their current 10,000-square-foot showroom at 246 Forest Avenue.

More than 50 brands of furniture are available at Mum's, including American Leather, Lee Industries, Flexsteel, Rowe, Stuart David, Stressless, and more. In addition to furniture, they carry a huge selection of accessories, lighting, and rugs so you are certain to find everything you need all in one place. Mum's can help you create the living room, dining room, bedroom, and office of your dreams! Their friendly staff is ready to assist you in finding the ideal pieces to update your existing spaces, or to redecorate one room or the entire house. Stop in today and say hello!



This photo of Mum's Place staff was taken prior to the pandemic. At this time, they are practicing all safety protocols, including wearing face coverings.



*Some of our featured brands*

**AMERICAN  
LEATHER**



**FLEXSTEEL<sup>®</sup>  
HOME**



**RO  
WE**

**HOOKEE  
FURNITURE**  
Easy Elegance • Since 1924

**Serta** *i*comfort

**Serta** perfectsleeper.



**aspenhome**  
THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED

**Charleston  
Forge**

*and more!*

# mum's place

246 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950

831.372.6250

[mumsfurniture.com](http://mumsfurniture.com)

[info@mumsfurniture.com](mailto:info@mumsfurniture.com)

@mumsfurniture

Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm

