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Dear Friends of Arts Habitat,

We are happy to announce that the 26th Annual Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour was a big success. This was the first year that Arts Habitat presented the Tour, expanding it to two weekends, increasing participation from 65 artists to 104 artists and 11 arts organizations, and extending tour locations to Salinas, Salinas Valley, South and North Counties. We also made four Tour locations available for use by artists who do not have art studios, or whose studios are not suited for the public: Oldemeyer Center, the Carl Cherry Center, Hidden Valley Music Seminars, and East Garrison, where Arts Habitat will be located.

We have begun planning for next year's Tour, making it bigger and better, still. Please mark your calendars for September 23 & 24 and September 30 & October 1; the first weekend focusing on coastal, Peninsula and Carmel Valley locations, the second weekend for Salinas, Salinas Valley, South and North County locations.

East Garrison is now a good-sized community. Low and very-low-income housing at Manzanita Place has been fully occupied since September 2013. Since then, hundreds of homes have been sold and occupied in the surrounding neighborhood.

We are continuing our Membership Program, begun two years ago. There are membership levels for all budgets, and each will entitle you to special updates and announcements, listings on our website, or discounted Artists Open Studio Tour fees. Please consider becoming an Arts Habitat Member and make it possible for us to continue our work for artists and the arts community of Monterey County. [Click here to become a member.](#)

Sincerely,

Martha Manson

President, and the Arts Habitat Board of Directors