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Dear Friends of Arts Habitat;

Thank you for your support connecting and collaborating with artists and arts organizations in Monterey County. Your contributions help us foster a dynamic, growing arts community, while leading the way to a thriving center for the arts at East Garrison at the former Fort Ord. For over 25 years, the goal has always been to create affordable live/work space for artists, and the need is as great as ever. East Garrison is still growing at a great clip and building can't keep up with demand for houses in Phase II of the project. The Arts District will be built in Phase III. Our work with the County, the developer, and Artspace Projects, Inc. continues.

Please consider making a donation to Arts Habitat and make it possible for us to continue our work for artists and the arts community of Monterey County. Your Arts Habitat donation supports staff time, office rental, publications, and advertising. Please review the enclosed remittance envelope, choose your gift level, and return it with your check, or donate on line at [ArtsHabitat.org](http://ArtsHabitat.org).

We hope you took part in the 27th Annual Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour, a collaborative event offered free to the public. This was the second year that Arts Habitat presented a successful Tour, with greater attendance and better art sales for many artists. Because many artists lack studios, or work in spaces not suitable for the public, several artists took advantage of the fourteen Tour locations provided by Arts Habitat, illustrating the on-going need for affordable, accessible, space. Much appreciation to Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Hidden Valley Music Seminars, Elkhorn Slough Foundation's Porter Ranch House, National Steinbeck Center, the 8 winery members of the River Road Wine Trail Association, and Century Communities for two model homes at East Garrison.

We added two events to the lead-up to the Tour this year by presenting Arts in Progress evenings at the Center for Photographic Art, in Carmel, and at the National Steinbeck Center, in Salinas. The first featured a panel of photographers talking about their survival tactics as artists, facilitated by Brian Taylor, Executive Director of CPA; the second featured artist Jose Ortiz and his team of muralists, of Hijos del Sol Arts Productions, talking about their experiences as artists and as educators in the schools.

We have begun planning for next year's Tour, making it bigger and better still. Please mark your calendars for September 29, 30, October 6 and 7; the first weekend focusing on coastal, Peninsula and Carmel Valley locations, the second weekend for Salinas, Salinas Valley, South and North County locations.

We hope you donate; or contact us to become an official sponsor of the 2018 Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour.

Sincerely,  
Martha Manson, President Arts Habitat  
On behalf of our staff and board of directors