

A Letter from Our Director

Patience has been a saving virtue through Arts Habitat's history. The last twelve months have called for a double measure of patience as the developer, East Garrison Partners, is engaged in lengthy negotiations with Monterey County planning staff. These discussions are expected to conclude soon.

Working with our partner, Artspace Projects, Inc., we have concluded a market survey that documents a very high demand for Arts Habitat's studios, live/work space and other resources. This study sets the stage for development of our East Garrison arts community.

In addition to generous contributions from our stakeholders, Arts Habitat has enjoyed notable fund-raising success with grants from the Community Foundation for Monterey County, Cultural Council for Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Barnet Segal Foundation, and the Koret Foundation. We have fostered public awareness of Arts Habitat with a "Share Our Vision" open house at the East Garrison Vision Center, and we sponsored an "Arts Habitat Treasure Sale", which raised almost \$7,000.

Look for opportunities at upcoming focus groups to contribute your input about Arts Habitat programming. Read on for further information.

—Richard Mayer, Director

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dancing • sketching • writing poetry
• making music • creating sculpture •
painting murals • designing stage sets
• photographing nature • composing
symphonies • talking over coffee •
photographing each other • discovering
common purposes • dancing • sketching
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...a creative
community of artists
at Ford Ord's East Garrison
in Monterey, California

Join a Focus Group

**What does it take
to shape an artists community?**

Arts Habitat would like to formulate creative and expansive answers to this question and we are looking to artists and arts professionals to help us get there. This fall we will begin a series of focus groups to help plan the future of Arts Habitat at East Garrison. If you are interested in shaping this arts community with input about programming and facilities, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Denese Sanders at 831.384.8489 or send an email to: thearts@denesanders.com.

Make Your Voice Heard

**...at the Board of Supervisors' upcoming
vote on the East Garrison project**

On Tuesday, September 13th at 10am, a Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled to vote on the East Garrison development project, which includes Arts Habitat (call 755-5066 after 9/9/05 to confirm the date). Please attend this hearing which will be held at the Supervisors Chambers, located in the County Court House, Salinas, at the intersection of Alisal and Church.

If you are unable to attend, express your support in a letter to: Monterey County Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 1728, Salinas, CA 93902 (mail to this address will be distributed to all five Supervisors). Or e-mail cttb@co.monterey.ca.us. Be sure to request distribution to all five Supervisors.



Last year's Barbecue at the East Garrison Vision Center was a beautiful day and a chance for us to say "Thanks" to all who are active on behalf of Arts Habitat. Look for upcoming information on future events...

Artspace Projects, Inc. Survey Update

**The results are in—
interest in affordable space is strong.**

The results of a market survey conducted by Artspace Projects, Inc. were presented to our board last May. We were encouraged by the results...but not surprised. Here are some of the highlights:

- 75% of the interested artists reside in Monterey County.
- 68% indicated an interest in relocating to this mixed-use development.
- 43% of the interested artists have household incomes that fall at or below the Monterey County median income for their household size.
- Over half of the interested artists are currently renting their housing.
- 59% of the arts organizations who responded would be interested in relocating to the arts district.

The survey response reconfirms our understanding that local artists and arts organizations need affordable space in which to live and work. We are confident the strong interest shown in moving to East Garrison will grow even stronger as the development takes shape.

TREASURE SALE

Our Treasure Sale this past April was a big success. Thank you to all who contributed to this event. We could not continue without our many friends.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Treasure Sale will be held Saturday, September 23rd, 2006. Setup will be September 22nd. Start saving your donations now. If you have a space suitable for storage until the sale, or items to donate, please contact Margaret Mayer at 831.626.6959.

THANKS

Arts Habitat is extremely grateful to all who have volunteered this year, contributing to the realization of our vision. We would like to thank Darlene Billstrom for all her time, hard work and talent, putting together our multi-media presentation.

A CALL FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to be on our e-mail list please send your request to artshabitat@myway.com

VOLUNTEER...

...and see this vision come to life. There are lots of opportunities for getting involved with Arts Habitat. Call 831.626.6959 or go to www.artshabitat.org for more information.

