

A Letter from Our Director

“Pedal to the metal” is the expression that comes to mind, such is the rapid pace of Arts Habitat planning for the East Garrison at Fort Ord.

Last October 4, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors shouted “Go!” to Arts Habitat by voting unanimously to approve the East Garrison development. Sixty-five new low-cost rental live/work studios for artists will be included, plus 57,000 sq. ft. in a renovated historic district for day studios, classrooms and other arts related uses.

Arts Habitat, and our partner, Artspace, were named in the October 4 proceedings, with Artspace in the role of arts district facilities developer. Arts Habitat has responsibility for arts programming in all of the East Garrison.

Arts Habitat’s program at East Garrison will develop in three stages, keyed into the three construction phases of the developer, East Garrison Partners, LLC. Stage One begins with ground breaking in June. The goal is to introduce the arts as integral to the life of the East Garrison community. Stage Two amplifies this effort by introducing arts activities designed for East Garrison residents. Stage Two’s goal is to foster an arts-friendly culture where making and celebrating the arts is the norm. Stage Three will establish the Arts Habitat as a destination point for visitors from Monterey County and beyond.

Look on these pages for more arts programming information, and don’t miss the announcement of community roundtables – your opportunity to learn more about what’s happening, and to participate in Arts Habitat planning. These are exciting times!

—Richard Mayer, Executive Director

Arts Habitat is a 501(c)(3) organization and was incorporated December 1996 as a California Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation.



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Imagine...

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 County

Join a Roundtable Discussion

Share your vision...
to shape the Arts Habitat community.

Please join us for one of three community roundtable discussions that will be held in Salinas, Monterey and Marina. These events are being hosted in partnership with SpectorDance, Monterey Museum of Art, and Sasoonsi Gallery. Guest artists will provide an arts experience to remember. Please contact Denese Sanders, 831.236.8636 or send an e-mail to: thearts@denesanders.com. The event is free, but registration is encouraged.

MARINA Friday MAY 12 11:00-1:00 pm
SpectorDance 3343 Paul Davis Drive

MONTEREY Thursday MAY 18 6:30-8:30 pm
Monterey Museum of Art 559 Pacific Street

SALINAS Saturday MAY 20 1:00-3:00 pm
Sasoonsi Gallery 40 Central Avenue

A Frequently Asked Question

Is Arts Habitat the developer?

No. Arts Habitat is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to creating an arts community with affordable live/work space for professional artists in all disciplines. We are working with Artspace Projects Inc., a non-profit arts developer with 26 years of experience developing affordable space for artists. To learn more about them, visit their website www.artspaceusa.org. In addition, this community will include studio space, classes, exhibits, lectures, retail space and performances. East Garrison Partners, LLC is the master developer.



The *DUCK SOUP* film benefit at the Golden State Theatre was lots of fun. Look for upcoming information on future events.



Site Art, Anyone?

As construction begins—
so will the art.

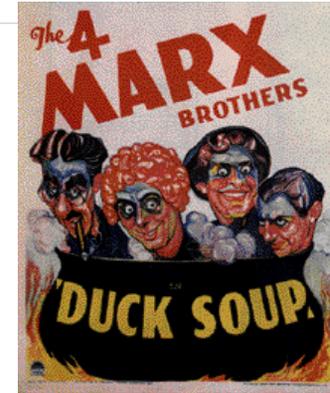
When East Garrison begins its transformation we will be there with art. Imagine 20 paintings (in the shape of our house) encircling the construction site. The art houses will be created by professional artists, community members and organizations. This project will mark the first of many during Arts Habitat Stage One in the development of East Garrison.

For an entry application, contact us at info@artshabitat.org.

Duck Soup Film Benefit

.... and book signing.

On March 18th an Arts Habitat benefit screening of the Marx Brothers' film, *Duck Soup* was held at Monterey's beautiful Golden State Theatre. Author and former Arts Habitat Board Member, Bill Cassara was on hand to sign copies of his new book, *Edgar Kennedy: Master of the Slow Burn*. Edgar Kennedy, who was born in Monterey County, acted in over 400 films with film greats like the Marx Brothers and Charlie Chaplin. Many thanks to all who attended and to Comcast for their sponsorship. Also, thanks to Chateau Sinnet Winery for donating and pouring their wonderful wines. To order a signed copy of Bill's book, please call 656-0523. Books are \$25.00. Half of the sales will benefit Arts Habitat. A big thank you to Gloria Mattos Hughes for organizing the evening.



TREASURE SALE

Start saving your donations now for our next Treasure Sale. It will be held Saturday, September 30th, 2006. Setup will be Friday, September 29th. If you have items to donate, please contact Margaret Mayer at 831.626.6959.

THANKS...

Arts Habitat is extremely grateful to all who have volunteered their services contributing to the realization of our vision. We would like to thank Dick Foreman for his web design and Monterey Bay Internet for sponsoring our website. Thank you to Susanne Teichmann for the graphic design of our newsletter.

VOLUNTEER

...and help the 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.

A CALL FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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