AHA Moments
April 9th, 6.30 pm
Aromas Grange

After a 15minute chat time Jacque Palmer called the meeting to order. She reminded every one that member dues need to be paid now.
She also gave a short overview of AHA history, stressing that it is a volunteer organization and asked that all members present introduce themselves and mention in what way they help the organization. The question for today was what is your favorite color and the most mentioned were blues and purple.

As to volunteer needs we need a graphic designer who can help with formatting, post card mailers and also with the website. Our current designer extraordinaire Andrea McCann has health issues at the moment.
AHA was founded in the last century, is a 5013c organization and governed by a board with an annual budget of about $17,000
The income comes from dues, the raffle and workshops. AHA writes grants and has 2 paid employees, everything else is done by volunteers.
Members are encouraged to support the Aromas Grange by becoming a member and help with the annual grange clean up, which is May 30th.

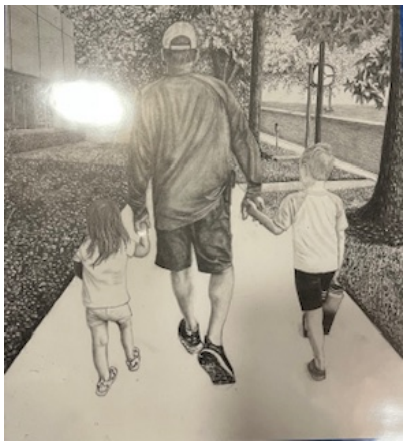
The art project by Claudia Harden was a smile on a stick. She explained that she used to have one in her car and whenever she was at a red light and had someone next to her, she would flash that smile.

Art Sharing: bring something new:
There are two new members Hya and Brenda Villanueva

This is what they brought. Hya works in acrylic and Brenda works multimedia.

Below is work by Linda Bjornson, Peggy Hartman and Susan Inman

Below is work by Tami Shankle, Sandra Bragga and Jane Camic



Below is work by Barbara Scoles and SanDee Adams (frame, art Kati D'Amore)

Below is work by Jane Rekedahl, Sally Diggory, and Cynthia Edgerly (who is currently also exhibiting in the display cabinet and on the art wall.

Don Jensen is working on a black walnut desk unit for his daughter.

Art Theme for May: Birds

There was a workshop making Mandalas and many were brought in to share. There had been 17 people attending.
Sharing work from Art outside (this time at Sandra Bragga's garden)

From left to right: Sandra Bragga, Linda Bjornson, Tami Shankle and Peggy Hartman, I forgot to take a picture of mine

Garden Tour is coming up, you still have time to buy an ad in the booklet, contact Susan Inman asap if you want to add one.
Louise Coombes handed out flyers to be distributed outside of Aromas to draw in people. The grange had not responded to an ad request, Jacque Palmer will inquire.
If you want a lunch during garden tour, order from Jacque, 4H makes the lunch as a fundraiser for them. $8.00 for one lunch

Next Art Outside: April 17th at 1pm Bamboo Giant , 5601 Freedom Blvd, Aptos.

Announcements:

Kati D'Amore delivered 10 paintings to the Chamber of Commerce Monterey to be exhibited there for a year.

San Benito Open Studio Tour will be May 16,17th from 11-4 with 10 artists at SanDee Adams property, 347 Carpenteria and also Jane Rekedahl will participate at her studio. With that Aromas has more artists participating than SanJuan Bautista and Hollister combined. SanDee handed out postcards, please distribute the info on social media.

Louse Coombes works for the Behavioral Health Services in San Benito Co. and has two flyers that she put on the Grange Board. One is announcing a support group for first responders and veterans, April 28, 2026 from 5-7at the Esperanza Wellness Center 544 San Benito St. ste. 102 Hollister.