This year, Friends of Carmel Forest celebrates our **30th Anniversary**!

We are advocating for reforestation. Our plan includes planting 300 trees per year for 10 years. Thereafter, we encourage proactively planting tree for tree to ensure that we never fall behind again.

The magical combination of forest and sea is the recipe that has made Carmel a world-class destination. We all need to continue the legacy of beauty and inspiration handed down by Carmel’s founder, Frank Devendorf.

Here are some ways to care for Carmel’s forest:

- Park in a driveway or on asphalt.
- Aerate the soil and leave the leaves.
- Water baby trees, but not with your dog.
- **If you see strange tree trimming, call 911.** The police will confirm there is a permit.
- Sponsor a Commemorative Tree, leave a legacy or volunteer with Friends of Carmel Forest.

We look forward to working with you and the City of Carmel to restore our natural treasure.

- Maria Sutherland
A Centennial Tree was planted in front of the Harrison Memorial Library on Ocean Avenue. The 24” Coast Live Oak was sponsored by The Barnett Charitable Segal Trust and Bill Brodsley.

“I’m a long-time resident that understands the importance of replenishing Coast Live Oaks and Monterey Pines on the Monterey Peninsula,” said Bill Brodsley. “The forested appeal of this location has deteriorated considerably over the past 60 years. It’s up to the residents to preserve the Carmel’s forested environment. We need to start planting now.”

In 2016, our Centennial Tree program planted 82 trees within Carmel-by-the-Sea, and raised $23,500. The proceeds benefit Friends of Carmel Forest Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. We were the first to take advantage of Community Foundation’s socially responsible fund. The fund is used for reforestation and educational projects.

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**PLANNED GIVING**

**Endowment Giving**
Gifts to an endowment ensures the future of Friends of Carmel Forest by providing an income stream that serves a number of donor designated purposes. Endowed funds are carefully invested by Community Foundation of Monterey County and a percentage of the market value is directed to support the needs of Carmel’s forest.

**Bequests**
Providing for Friends of Carmel Forest in your estate plan is an easy and straightforward way of planning a gift that will benefit Carmel’s forest. For information on how to provide a bequest gift to Friends of Carmel Forest Stewardship Plan, please contact us at 831-917-0348 or info@carmelforest.org.
COMMEMORATIVE TREES

With the loss of 919 trees since 2011 alone, Commemorative Trees are a great way for individuals to honor a loved one while restoring the forest canopy that attracts so many to our village.

Each Commemorative Tree includes:

- Choice of native trees
- Professional planting
- Historical marker with a number, year and personal dedication
- Monitoring for 5 years
- Map on carmelforest.org

Donor levels range from $250 to $10,000 depending on benefits and location.

To sponsor a tree, visit us at carmelforest.org/commemorativetrees

When Friends of Carmel Forest started offering Commemorative Trees, we thought it would be a win-win. Trees would be planted, funds would be raised for future projects, and individuals would have a beautiful touchstone to visit.

Each tree represents a story - the joy of a wedding celebration, a family’s hope for the future, the loss of a beloved friend or spouse. Meeting the donors and seeing how moved they are is more fulfilling than we imagined.

We’re very proud that a plaque with the names of our major trees sponsors now hangs in City Hall. And this summer, over 40 people donated to honor Barbara Livingston’s birthday.
Founded in 1989, Friends of Carmel Forest is committed to protect, sustain and enhance Carmel's forest. The organization encourages public awareness and care for the trees through educational programs, publications, tree planting, surveys, and other activities.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Friends of Carmel Forest is an official support group of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Friends of Carmel Forest is currently interviewing board members. These invaluable volunteer positions include attending one 2-hour meeting per month, assisting with planting projects, and 2-3 events per year.

We always welcome new members and volunteers who are interested in Carmel’s forest!

For more information, please contact us at info@carmelforest.org.

WINTER STORM PREPARATION – BE PROACTIVE

To avoid storm damage during high winds, it is imperative that you proactively trim and maintain your trees to reduce for wind shear and remove weak limbs.

Prevention is key. This is one more reason we advocate for a fully-funded forestry staff. Currently, the forestry department has to borrow staff from Public Works as its own staff has been depleted. Dedicated tree workers need to be consistently monitoring for any signs of potential hazards and taking proactive action to ensure the safe enjoyment of our forest.

A VILLAGE IN A FOREST

When you live in Carmel, you are living inside a park. Each public right-of-way in front of every house is green space.

As we learned in the film Intelligent Trees, trees that grow in diverse families are much healthier. Trees share water, carbon and nutrients with each other via the mycorrhizal fungi that live just centimeters below the soil.

Soil compaction kills this delicate organism. Aeration and leaving organic material on the forest floor allows the ecosystem to flourish.

Soil compaction also suffocates tree roots. This is why we advocate for root zone protection during construction projects. Protecting the whole tree makes for a healthy forest.