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The gospel of Art as written by Kenyon Cox follows: Work thou for pleasure; paint or sing or carve, the thing thou lovest, though the body starve. Who works for the glory, misses oft the goal; who works for money coins his very soul; work for work’s sake then, and it may be that these things shall be added unto thee.

The above seems to be a very apt quotation to apply to the “Look Who’s Painting Now,” a show which is to open New Year’s Day in the main hall of the Carmel Art Association gallery. When tired business men, executives, professional men and women, retired professors and others take up painting to relax their minds and make it a hobby for their leisure hours, it must be work for pleasure and a great satisfaction.

Among the men and women who will show their paintings at the gallery beginning tomorrow, will be the following: Madam Lotte Lehman, the opera singer who often visits Carmel and is a frequent visitor to the gallery; Dr. Remsen Bird, former president of the Occidental College and now a resident of Carmel; Colonel Harold Mack, retired business man; John Todd, who has been a resident of Carmel since his retirement as a bank executive; Arne Halle, also retired banker; Samuel F. B. Morse, president of the board of directors of the Del Monte Properties, and his son, John B. Morse.

Colonel Herbert Anderson, retired army officer; James G. Merbs, business manager of the Monterey Peninsula Herald; Dr. John Gratiot, physician and surgeon, Rollo Peters, noted actor and now retired from the stage and living in Monterey; Lawrence Barretto, H. Westington Fletcher, Paul Fancher, real estate salesman, and Benjamin Farless, all of Carmel, will also be represented in the show.

Among the women who have taken up art as a serious hobby and are showing their work are: Mrs. Charles Crocker and Mrs. Charles Scoville of Pebble Beach, and Mrs. Ann Benson Fisher, noted author and resident of Pacific Grove, who has chosen sculpture as her medium.

General and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilson of Carmel Highlands left the Peninsula this morning for San Francisco from where they will begin a trip by air around the world. They will fly first to Seattle and then on the Alaska, where they will probably stop for fuel at Anchorage, Tokyo and Manila will be visited before going on to New Delhi, where Mrs. Wilson hopes to see the Taj Mahal by moonlight; and to Cairo. He travelers wish to take a shot or two at big game while in India and then journey on to Italy, Spain, Switzerland and France. A visit to Germany is planned if arrangements already started are completed. The trip home will be started after a tour of the Scandinavian countries.

General and Mrs. Wilson will return to their attractive Highlands home early in February. The large log cabin of the Wilsons was built by them on land purchased from E. H. Tickle while they were on their honeymoon at Highlands Inn after their wedding on November 29, 1924. The lumber for the house was picked by them as it stood in Palo Colorado, General and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last month.

Mrs. Wilson is one of the active members of the Carmel Art Association. She has had a one-man show of her attractive tin objects of art at the gallery and her unusual table decorations have been admired at many of the social gatherings held there.

A report of the holiday vacation activities of Miss Pamela Dormody, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Dormody, will be of interest to her many friends on the Peninsula. Miss Dormody is a senior at Vassar, majoring in political science, and hopes to join a group of college friends on a chaperoned tour of Europe following her graduation.

At the beginning of the Christmas vacation she journeyed to Jacksonville, Florida, for the wedding of her former roommate, Miss Olwin Thomas, who, with her twin sister, Alice Ann, visited the Dormody family in Carmel two summers ago. The first week of vacation was spent in New York City, where Miss Dormody attended the debutante cotillion. She will visit in Newcastle, Delaware, with Miss Elizabeth Hyde, who was her house guest in Carmel last summer, until the opening of the next semester at Vassar.

The annual meeting of both the Monterey History and Art Association and the Monterey Foundation will be held on Monday, January 16. History and Art Association members will gather at 8 o’clock in the evening at the Stevenson House and Foundation members will meet in the council chambers at 4 o’clock in the afternoon. At both meeting there will be reports
of the officers, election of trustees and transaction of such other business as may come before the meetings.