

## Carlo and Greti Séquin's 2022 Highlights

We are happy to report that we are feeling fine and are enjoying life. We are still careful about COVID and have obtained all the recommended vaccinations and booster shots. We have not yet taken any long trips that involve air-travel. This is not a great hardship, since California has so many different things to offer! We started the year by visiting Abbots Lagoon / Point Reyes on the Pacific Coast on New Year's Day. This is such a great place for hiking, bird watching, and enjoying the Ocean, that we visited it twice more this year.



In early March we took our traditional trip to Anza Borrego Desert State Park in southern California, where we hiked with friends to some of our favorite spots, such as the Wind-Caves. Later in the year we had the opportunity to go camping with Eveline and our three granddaughters. In April we camped and hiked together in Pinnacles Natl. Park, and in June in the Plumas Eureka State Park, where Sienna (13) was giving a demonstration to visitors how to turn sheep wool into a fine yarn.

In mid-July, we joined up with Eveline's family and other friends in the restored and re-opened Berkeley Camp Tuolumne near Yosemite Park. This family camp had been built 100 years ago, but it had been destroyed by wildfire in 2012.



Greti and Carlo also took two trips to Asilomar on the Monterey peninsula. We visited the spectacular Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Point Lobos area at the Pacific Coast, Garrapata State Park, the Soberanes Canyon, and had lunch at Lover's Point. There are so many natural treasures "close" to home!



André, who lives in San Francisco, continues to work at "Third Wave Automation", where they are developing autonomous fork-lifts to be used in large warehouses. Happily, he was able to take a long break from work this year for a couple of his dreams to come true. Earlier this year, André was selected to the U.S. over-45 field hockey team, and spent the month of October in South Africa, playing in the Masters World Cup. The team faced some excellent competition, and had a great time, even if they did not win too many games. Afterwards, André spent another eight days in the area, seeing penguins on the beach, diving with sharks, sight-seeing at the Victoria Falls, and on safari.



He saw all the famous animals from up close: elephants, rhinos, lions, buffalo, hyenas... and even a leopard enjoying a little snack in the top of a tree.



Eveline, Lorenzo, and their three daughters, Elise, Sienna, and Laila, live about 3½ hours from Berkeley, on a ranch in Sierra Valley. We see them almost every month through local visits. In late September, we visited Sierra Valley for the annual "ART + AG Trail." On a sixty-mile loop, there were about a dozen event sites that offered exhibits, demonstrations, performances, and plenty of good food. The festivities started on Friday night with a "cowboy-music" concert, featuring "Sourdough Slim" & Robert Armstrong, playing the "singing saw."



At the end of October, we were again in Sierra Valley. Carlo's birthday was celebrated with a brief hike to the top of Smith Peak, from where we had a beautiful panoramic view of the whole Sierra County area.



For Thanksgiving, Eveline and the three girls came to Berkeley. (Hard-working Lorenzo had to look after the animals on their ranch.) After a hike around the intriguing Albany Bulb, with its strange artworks at the Bay shore, we had an enjoyable “Swiss Raclette” together with André.

As far as “work” is concerned, Carlo still does most of his activities on the Internet. He did not travel to Helsinki in August for the annual Bridges Art-Math Conference, but he gave his presentation via zoom. Each semester he mentors 8 to 10 undergraduate student researchers. They continue the development of an interactive computer graphics modeling system for abstract, geometrical

sculptures. Carlo then presents these models at some “Math-Art” conferences -- (some on-line and some in-person). In the last few months, he has focused on developing “Cable-Knot” models.



About twice a month Greti (a plant enthusiast) serves as a “Greeter” at the Regional Parks Botanical Garden in Tilden



Park and points out plant highlights to visitors.

Sometimes she provides tours (with a plant-chemistry twist) of this very special botanical garden devoted to California native plants. Greti enjoys playing her grand piano and plays music with friends who are professional musicians. This fall she served as an accompanist in the chorus section of the UC Berkeley Section Club. The season ended with a couple of concerts for friends and families. For relaxation, Greti swims in a scenic, heated outdoor pool two or three times a week, and every week she participates in a group hike with friends in one of the nearby parks.

Eveline keeps busy in her multiple roles as a parent who serves on various school committees, a chauffeur who drives three girls to various after-school events, as ranch manager of Lemon Canyon Ranch (a nearby ranch in Sierraville), and as principal investigator on several projects concerning wildlife management in Northern California and Nevada. She is currently working with Truckee Donner Land Trust to determine the species and distribution of mammals that live on their new land acquisitions. She is also working with the Bureau of Land Management studying the connectivity of pygmy rabbit populations. Outside of these obligations, she enjoys sharing backpacking and camping adventures with her children.



Now we are looking forward to a “white” family Christmas in Sierra Valley. Last year’s family celebration had to be postponed till January, since there was too much snow in the Sierras, and Donner Pass was closed. So far, the weather forecast looks good!

To get into the holiday / vacation spirit, Greti and Carlo just continued with their 40+ year tradition of spending a couple of days relaxing in the hot pools of the “Roman Spa” in Calistoga.

With our warmest regards, and best wishes for 2023,

*Greti & Carlo*