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President's Letter

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Looking back: 2016 has been good for the Friends.

- ❖ Memberships number over 480, the most in our history.
- ❖ Fund-raising was in high gear all year. In April we took over the First Saturday Book Sale and we now have a cadre of dedicated volunteers helping to sort, sell and schlep books. Bucks for Books in February and the Read-a-Thon in October engaged the school-age population in supporting the Library. And we closed out the year by working the Big Sur Half Marathon and participating in the Monterey County Gives! campaign.
- ❖ We maintained our commitment to community building. Dine Out with Friends on the last Wednesday of the month continues to be a popular way to simultaneously patronize our wonderful local restaurants and help the Library. The audiences at Meet the Author are close to capacity. With three major shows this year, the Library's Hawk Gallery has become one of the city's go-to places for art exhibitions. And, the events associated with This Land is Our Land were entertaining and enlightening—and fun, especially the children's art project.
- ❖ We kept a spotlight on the Library renewal project by funding the construction of three chandeliers, replicas of those hanging in the original Carnegie library. One currently graces the front of the rotunda, a constant reminder of the work that needs to be done to the Library's interior.
- ❖ The Friends and the Foundation reached agreement on a joint funding arrangement that will expand financial support for the Library's needs.

Looking forward: Our goal for 2017 is to maintain the momentum, but to focus our efforts more sharply in four areas:

- ☞ Building the membership base to 520
- ☞ Increasing the annual income from book sales by 10 percent
- ☞ Providing whatever needs to be done to ensure the completion of the Library renewal project by the end of the year
- ☞ Making a successful transition to the new Library funding model

Stay tuned and Happy New Year!

Susan Steele

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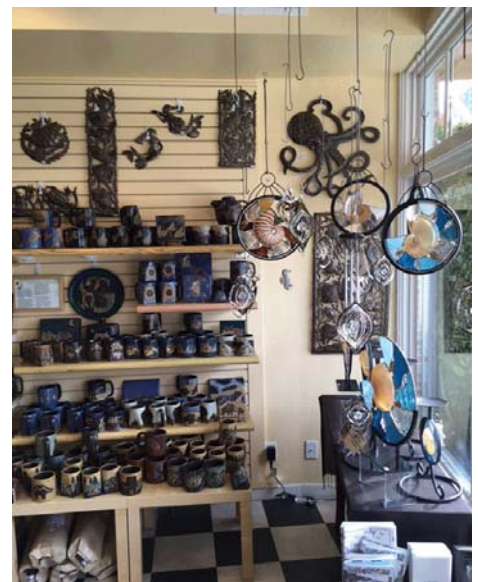
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Thanks to Cindie Farley who edits much of the material. Any faults or omissions, or slip ups in punctuation, are mine!
- Editor Diane Grindol

Business Member Spotlight:

Artisana Gallery 612 Lighthouse

Artists and owners Adrienne M. Jonson's and Sandy Hamm's **Artisana Gallery** is a feast for the senses. Vibrant colors, earthy fragrances, and soothing sounds fill the space. The women have created a dazzling bazaar right in downtown PG. Watercolors and metalwork, scarves and jewelry, pottery and statuary, bells and wind chimes, gemstones and salt lamps—all the items are original, with a global feel. More than 40 local artisans are showcased in Artisana, so shopping there helps support local talent. Artisana is a one-of-a-kind store in Pacific Grove, selling one-of-a-kind treasures. And it's open seven days a week!





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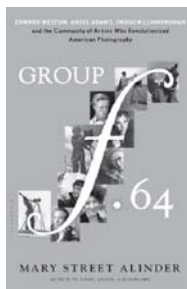
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About Our Library

- ♦1886 The first library in Pacific Grove opened as a reading corner in the Old Parlor, a community hall on Fountain Avenue.
- ♦1888 The Pacific Grove Circulating Library was established.
- ♦1905 The P.G. Library Association was given a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie as well as land from the Pacific Improvement Company.
- ♦1907 The cornerstone was laid for the library building.
- ♦1908 The Pacific Grove Library opened at its present location.

Meet the Author: Mary Street Alinder November 17, 2016

Chairs were pulled from every spot in the Library, including the children’s room, to accommodate the 169 people who were captivated by Mary Street Alinder, an independent scholar who specializes in the history of photography.



Alinder spoke primarily about her latest book, *GROUP f.64*, the result of her decade-long meticulous research. This landmark work covers the extraordinary West Coast photographers whose pieces redefined photography as fine art. Rejecting the Pictorialism school of photography, they opted for strongly-focused, finely-detailed images of natural forms and found objects. Alinder is well positioned to write this group biography since she knew most of the artists in the movement and worked closely with one of them—Ansel Adams. From 1979 until his death in 1984, she served as his chief assistant and was the impetus behind his autobiography.

With slides and anecdotes, Alinder gave the audience a scholarly insight into the history and art of photography, as well as an intimate glimpse into the lives of the men and women who created this modern art movement.

Changes at the Library

November 30, 2016, was Linda Pagnella’s last day as the Pacific Grove Public Library’s circulation supervisor. She began her tenure in 2001 as a Library assistant and, during her 15 years, became the go-to person the patrons depended on. She is retiring from the City, but will continue to volunteer at the Library and in the community. Linda has been described as the “heart” of the Library, a very appropriate description of someone who has spent so much of her time and energy in making Pacific Grove a better place. Thank you, Linda! Don’t go far.

Crystal Henden has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Linda’s retirement. We are all very fortunate to have someone with Crystal’s interpersonal skills, effectiveness, and good humor available to take over from Linda. Welcome, Crystal!

Annual Meeting

In the first quarter of every year, the Friends holds its annual meeting, open to all members. The 2017 annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, at 5:30 in the Hauk Gallery at the PG Library. We’ll review the accomplishments of 2016 and discuss plans for 2017. The meeting culminates in the election of members of the Board. If you can’t attend, you can vote with the proxy ballot you will receive in the mail shortly. But we’d love to see your shining face at the meeting.

Big Sur Half Marathon

Early on November 13, some hearty supporters of the Friends left their warm beds. They struck out in the cold and dark to find their assigned intersection along the Big Sur Half Marathon route and they guarded that intersection for the next four hours, keeping traffic off the course and making sure that onlookers and racers didn’t collide. They did it, not only because it’s fun (at least after the sun comes up), but also because it earns money to support the Library.

Thanks to the following individuals for helping to ensure the success of one of the Peninsula’s big events.

- Michael Bond
- James Colbert
- Bill Godwin
- Diana Godwin
- Doe King
- Steve King
- Barbara Lebeck
- Camille Liscinsky
- Faye Mueller
- Abby Pfeiffer
- Susan Steele
- Mike Sullivan
- Torie Thacher
- David Wagner
- Judy Wills
- Tom Wills
- Lily Yuen



Friends and Foundation Agree

Cynthia Garfield, president of the Foundation, and Susan Steele, president of the Friends, officially signed the agreement that will formalize a shared responsibility in supporting the Pacific Grove Library. The goal is to create three robust funding streams: one

generated by the activities of the Friends; a second generated by the Foundation’s endowment funds; and a third from the newly established “Fund for the Future of the Pacific Grove Library,” jointly stewarded by the Friends and the Foundation.



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A Special Gift

In late November, Sacramento artist Gregory Kondos and family members presented a painting of author John Steinbeck's cottage to the Pacific Grove Public Library.

Kondos said he created the painting in memory of Nancy Hauk, a friend and former student. Nancy Hauk, who died in July, was an artist and former Library board member and planning commission member who worked in breaking down bias in standardized testing before retiring from CTB/McGraw-Hill.

The painting, an oil on canvas of the Steinbeck cottage on 147 Eleventh Street where the Nobel Prize author wrote *Of Mice and Men* among other works, was taken from photographs before the house was recently renovated. The painting was presented to Linda Pagnella, the Library's retiring director of circulation.

Kondos is a member of the National Academy of Design. His work has been exhibited throughout the world, including China, Europe, Sacramento, and Monterey, as well as at the Smithsonian's Hirschhorn Museum in Washington,

This is the second contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Kondos to the PG Library. They were also members of the group that commissioned the beautiful benches that now adorn the Hauk Gallery.

The Kondoses have a second home in Pacific Grove. Kondos Avenue in Sacramento is named for the artist, and a few years ago the Crocker Museum in Sacramento published a book inspired by a major retrospective: *A Touch of Blue: Landscapes by Gregory Kondos*.



New Members, Fourth Quarter

Ballerini Family	Donald Kohrs
Lisa Maldonado Bradford	Eric Morgan
Diane Brown	Dave and Cindy Lee
Michael Brume	Barbara Mossberg
Jackie Burns	Ronald Ochsner
Lois Carroll	Marilyn M. Pospishil-Greve
Sally & Dennis Copeland	David & Maureen Russell
Michele Crompton	Claudia Sawyer
Mark Crown and Beth Ward	Diana Soule
Jane & Anthony Diamond	Lee Stetson
Robert Doerr	Tom & Leeann Stewart
Maevie Hennessy	Scott and Patricia Teaford
Veia Hensley	Clare Twohig
Mary Ann Hunter	Robin Venuti
Greg Hyde	Linda Zimmerman
Masiah & Johnny Johnson	

New Business Members, Fourth Quarter

Passionfish Restaurant
David W. Simonsen, DDS

Contributors, Fourth Quarter

Marjorie Abel
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Mark Crown and Beth Ward
Kathleen Darnell *in memory of Nancy Hauk*
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Greg Hyde
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Dennis Mar
Elizabeth Martin
Bobbie Morrison
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Theresa O'Connell *in memory of Nancy Hauk*
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Margaret Parenti
Sharon Perry
Marilyn M. Pospishil-Greve
Mary Ripley *in memory of Nancy Hauk*
David and Maureen Russell
Connie Shelstad
Scott Van Tyle
Warren and Sharon Strouse *in memory of Jerry Williamson*
Judith Wallner *in memory of Nancy Hauk*
Celia Weiss
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Mark Your Calendars:

Book Sales at the Library: First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

- Wednesday, January 25** Dine Out with Friends – La Mia Cucina, 208 - 17th St.
- Saturday, February 4** Book Sale 10:00–4:00 – Library arcade
- Tuesday, February 21** FOL Annual Meeting – 5:30 Hawk Gallery in the Library
- Thursday, February 23** Meet the Author, Cornelia Read – 7:30pm PG Library
- Wednesday, February 22** Dine Out with Friends – TBD
- Saturday, March 4** Book Sale 10:00–4:00 – Library arcade
- Wednesday, March 29** Dine Out with Friends – Victorian Corner, 541 Lighthouse

Dine Out with Friends!



**La Mia Cucina, 208 - 17th St.
Wednesday, Jan. 25**

**Victorian Corner, 541 Lighthouse
Wednesday, Mar. 29**

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Oh, What Fun It Is to Read!

The Library bustled with activity on October 29, with the Read-A-Thon for Kids presented by the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library. More than 80 eager readers, 130 generous sponsors, a sizzling performance of *Room on the Broom* by teachers at Robert Down School, five guest readers, two scary storytellers, two tables stacked with food, 25 cheery volunteers, and nine hours of fun = **\$10,000.00** raised to renovate the children's room! A Big THANK YOU to All the Readers

A Big THANK YOU to the All-Day Sponsors

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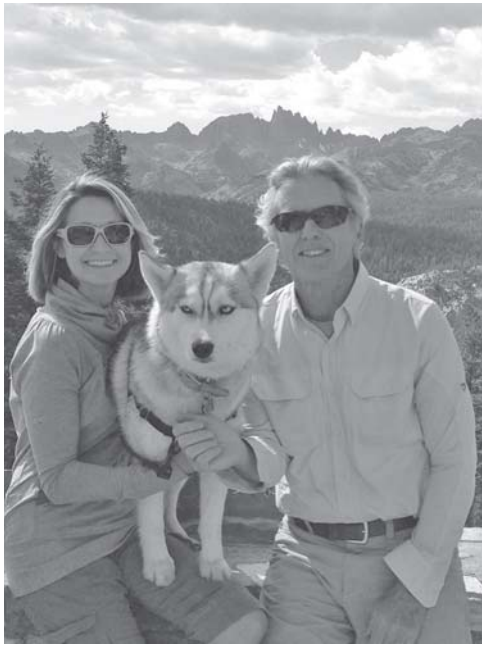
Art on the Arcade

The library's arcade turned into an art studio on the afternoons of Saturday, October 15, and Saturday, November 12. Local artist Julie Heilman and Friends volunteers rolled up their sleeves and readied the paints and brushes. Young PG artists painted delightful scenes of national parks in conjunction with the Library's fine art exhibition and three months of special events, "This Land Is Our Land."

Look for the bold and beautiful murals on both sides of the windows that line the children's room. The Friends thank all the kids who participated in the mural making and the parents who encouraged them.



Some of the Special Events of “This Land Is Our Land”



David and Linda Mullally shared the hikes along the John Muir Wilderness and John Muir Way.

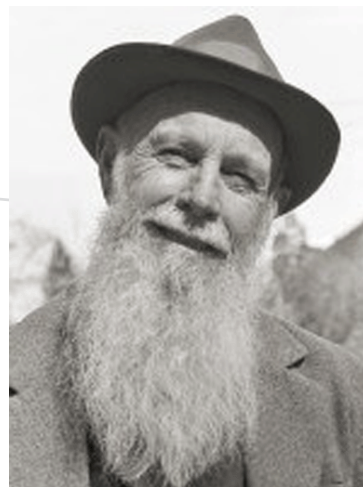


The Sea Otter String Quartet—Grace Padgett, Jane Yang, Jacob Hoadley, and Henry Loh.



Artist Christine Crozier demonstrated her painting techniques.

Michael Adams gave a personal and professional talk on his father, Ansel.



Lee Stetson as John Muir.



Doug Steakley shared his photography of winter in Yellowstone National Park