

# PACIFIC GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION



## President’s Message

On behalf of the Board, I’m delighted to welcome you to the Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation Fall newsletter! More than 95% of Friends members voted this summer to approve new Articles of Incorporation that consolidated the two organizations, changed membership voting status and adopted the new name. Thank you for this vote of confidence in a shared and strengthened future!

We are excited about building upon the Friends’ decades of “friendraising and fundraising” for the Pacific Grove Public Library, continuing to meet existing needs through your memberships, donations and grants, and increasing our ability to support the Library far into the future.

Later in this newsletter you’ll meet the expanded Board and learn more about this transition time, what is changing and what will remain the same. We have begun planning for our 2023 Annual Meeting, which we hope to hold in person in late January, where the Friends and Foundation will officially be introduced to members and donors.

Also in this newsletter we’ll share an exciting opportunity to honor a special friend or loved one by adding their name to the Book Quilt in the Library (while increasing next year’s Book Fund), highlights from recent and upcoming programs and events for adults at the Library, details of this year’s Monterey County Gives! campaign to increase teen Library use--and much more.

All this is made possible by your memberships, donations and volunteer time. We couldn’t do any of this without YOU.

As always, the Board and I thank you for being a donor, supporter, and member of the Friends and Foundation!

*With gratitude,  
Kim Bui*

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# We Are The PGPL Friends And Foundation!

A strongly supportive membership vote this summer made possible the strengthened partnership of the Friends and the Foundation, now joined as the **Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation**. This means a new form of governance for the PGPL Friends and Foundation, overseen by an expanded Board composed of current Friends and Foundation Board members.

## Your Board through January 2023

Kim Bui, President

Lucy Moore, Vice President

Judy Wills, Treasurer

Abby Pfeiffer, Secretary

## Directors

Gail Abeloe

Erin Boydston

Marty Dunn

Don Freeman

Stephanie Herrick

Alison Jones-Pomatto

Dennis Mar

Heidi McNally-Dial

Noreen Nance

Sandra Robeson

## What stays the same?

- **Our shared mission** of supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library, with annual contributions to the Library Book Fund, children's programs, Summer Reading, the local history collection, special activities and current Library needs.
- **Our membership base**, with members continuing to enjoy benefits such as invitations to special events, discounted rates at the Friends book sales and expanded opportunities to volunteer and support our Library. Your membership contributions and donations are essential to maintaining our support of the Library and upholding our mission.
- **Our 100% volunteer-run organization** will continue to work hard, efficiently and effectively, all year-long to support the Library in every way possible.
- **Our ongoing communication** with you, our members, donors and volunteers, through our quarterly newsletter, Annual Meeting, monthly email "blasts" and frequently updated website. We also

welcome your questions, ideas and comments via email ([FriendsPGLib@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsPGLib@gmail.com)) or in person at a book sale, event or annual meeting.

- **Our commitment to the Library and to you**, to promote Library services and advocate for the Library, to raise funds, to make sure donations are expended or invested wisely and well (according to donor restrictions, Library Director requests and Board designation), and to uphold all Board responsibilities.

## What is changing?

- **Our organizational infrastructure** is undergoing some "behind the scenes" work, with several Board committees spending many hours on improvements to increase our efficiency and ability to serve you.
- While you may not directly see all the results, we want you to know that our financial tracking and accounting systems and our membership databases are also being consolidated. We hope to have this work completed by early next year.
- **Our logo and our shared webpage will be re-envisioned.** We'll also upgrade our social media presence and our quarterly and monthly electronic communications with all of you. Watch for our new look in spring 2023.

**Our January 2023 membership campaign may be delayed** due to these projects. We welcome any renewals made in the meantime, either online or via a renewal envelope and check. Otherwise, expect your renewal letter a few weeks later than usual.

**Our January 2023 Annual Meeting will be in person**, at the Library, late in the month. We will share the highlights and successes of 2022, along with more about the plans and goals of the Friends and Foundation in 2023. We look forward to gathering in the beautifully renewed Library to celebrate all we have accomplished together! We hope to see you there!

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[facebook.com/  
 FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary/)

## TEENS THRIVE AT THE LIBRARY!—*Donate to Monterey County Gives! and Support Library Programs that Support Teens!*



**Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library**

**Teens Thrive at the Library**

Help the Pacific Grove Public Library serve teens in our community through programs, resources and technology

Support the Library all year-round! Join the Friends and Foundation!

Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation • [www.pglibraryfriends.org](http://www.pglibraryfriends.org)

The Friends were again selected from more than 250 applicants to take part in Monterey County Gives! -- the annual campaign sponsored by *Monterey County Weekly* that helps to fund nonprofits that enrich our community with arts and music, youth and adult education, animal welfare, health care and many other critical services.

For 2022, Library Director Diana Godwin asked us to focus on our teen population. Pandemic closures were difficult for many adolescents, and even today, with restrictions mostly lifted, teens still report feelings of isolation and stress. Meaningful connections with trusted adults help teens to grow and thrive.

To reach the 1,000+ teens in Pacific Grove, this year's MC Gives! donations (plus a pro-rated match) will support year-round, teen-directed art, academic, workforce, health and wellness programming, dynamic books and online resources, and intergenerational opportunities to volunteer at the Library.

Library staff members want to build on the 2022 teen summer reading program momentum, which included a painting and planting program, yoga, a poetry workshop, and anime and manga meetups. Local businesses collaborated on the summer reading program and want to continue supporting our local teens. And teen volunteers have come up with some great ideas!

Your donations to Monterey County Gives! will help make it all happen! Thank you for your generosity!

# MC GIVES!

## MC Gives! donations accepted through December 31

**To make your tax-deductible donation:**

— **Donate online!** Go to [www.montereycountygives.com](http://www.montereycountygives.com). Click Donate, then find Friends of the Pacific Grove Library under the Education & Youth category and click on the name.

— **Send a check!** Make it out to Monterey County Gives! and mail it to the Community Foundation at 2354 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940. Be sure to note that your donation is for the Friends of the PG Library.

— **MC Gives! accepts donations of appreciated securities** like stock or mutual funds and IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions. Contact the Community Foundation's philanthropic services team at 831.375.9712 for details and assistance. They'll make sure your donation is credited to the Friends.

The Friends' 2021 campaign was a record-breaker! Donations from our members and the local community exceeded \$36,500! Your donation this year will help Teens Thrive at the Library throughout 2023 and beyond. Thank you!

Note: The Friends applied to participate in MC Gives! in July, prior to finalizing our consolidation with the PGPL Foundation. Because of that timing, the Friends' name appears on the MC Gives! donation website. Be assured that your donations will support the new PGPL Friends and Foundation.

**NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS—July 2022 through October 2022****BASIC & INDIVIDUAL**

Robin de la Llata Aime  
 Sylvia de Zoysa  
 Jessica Denecour  
 Thomas Doerr  
 Celia Elsberry  
 Annabel Feeney  
 David Frost  
 Charles and Marilyn Gibfried  
 Patricia Harris  
 Nathalia Holt  
 Aliah Ibarra  
 Nicole Johnson  
 John Kessel  
 Bianka Lipori  
 Janet Martin  
 Heather McCulloch  
 John Park

**FAMILY**

Stefanie Carminati  
 Cyndy Davis and Michael  
 Kennedy  
 Mary Alice Johnson  
 Claudette Mast  
 Joe Simas

*\*\* Please let us know if we missed you, or misspelled your name, by sending an email to [FriendsPGLib@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsPGLib@gmail.com)*

**DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS**

**July 2022 — October 2022**

Regina Angwin and Tom Riordan

Debbie and Paul Baker  
 Fabio and Carolyn Bazzani  
 Pam Cain  
 Carol Glazier  
 Stephanie Herrick  
 Heather McCullough  
 Susan Moon  
 Tom Rolander  
 Helen and Dean Turner

**In Memory of Jayne Gasperson**

Yvonne Merrigan  
 Bobbie Morrison

**In Memory of Jean Laws**

David Laws

**In Memory of Lois Mayol**

C. Lynn Farris

**In Memory of Gordon Williams**

Pat Clark  
 Norma Davis  
 William Gammons  
 Barbara and Vinzenz Hake  
 Judith Lind and Darold Skerritt  
 Bobbie Morrison  
 Ellen Gill Pastore  
 Richard Popchak  
 Nancy and Gari Soule  
 Torie Thacher  
 Pam Trenner-Nelson

**In Honor of Diana Godwin**

Erin Boydston  
 Heidi McNally-Dial  
 Sandy Robeson  
 Stephanie Herrick

**In Honor of Dean and Helen Turner**

Susan Clark

**Quilt Book Donors**

Anonymous  
 Christine Bertko  
 Tom and Judy Wills

**DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION**

Gerri Allison Estate  
 Amazon Smile  
 Michael and Victoria Carns  
 Earl and Christine Cory  
 Tracy Gibbons Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County  
 Noreen and Don Nance

**In Memory of Ronald Gibler**

Ms. Amy Brown  
 Debbie Eraas  
 Mrs. Edwin Getz  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Huff  
 Bonnie Huff and Family  
 Mr. Mark Huff  
 Bonnie and Larry Lee  
 Sarah LeWarne  
 Dr. Roger Paulson  
 Ms. Lisa Vallejos

**In Memory of Jean Laws**

David Laws  
 The Laws Family Room, dedicated to the memory of Jean Laws

**DINE OUT in November!** Join the Friends and Foundation at  
**Pacific Thai Cuisine – 663 Lighthouse Ave.–Wednesday, November 30**



**Lunch 11:00 am to 2:30 pm or Dinner 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm.**

A portion of your check will be donated to support the Pacific Grove Library.  
**Thank you for Dining Out!**

We are very grateful to all the restaurants that participated in Dine Out in 2022:  
**La Mia Cucina, Max's Grill, Peppers, Il Vecchio, and Pacific Thai Cuisine.**

## LAWS FAMILY ROOM DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL TO JEAN LAWS

On Sunday, October 9, the local history room at the Pacific Grove Public Library was formally named the Laws Family Room to honor the late wife of David Laws, local author and photographer. Family members and friends of the Laws family attended to honor Jean and the beautifully renovated room that houses the historical information and community memories held by our Library.

Following a moving spoken tribute by David Laws, a song written and performed by their son, Matthew, and sharing of memories by a number of friends and neighbors, a glass of sparkling juice was raised in a toast to Jean's life and memory. She was a lover and patron of public libraries throughout her life; honoring her memory through the naming of the local history room seemed like a natural decision, said David. Copies of Jean's recently published book, *The Mystery of the Mystery Writer's Mysterious Death*, which she completed just a week before she died, were available for everyone who attended.

The Friends and Foundation are honored to be the recipients of a generous multi-year contribution by the Laws family, to support the Library's local history room and collections, in memory of Jean Laws.



David Laws addressed family and friends from the arched entrance of the newly dedicated Laws Family Room.

A plaque honoring Jean Laws has been installed in the Laws Family Room, which houses the Library's local history collection.




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### PACIFIC GROVE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

As 2022 comes to a close the Friends and Foundation, once again, want to recognize ALL our business members, current and past. As our City's economy rebounds, Library staff and services have increased to better serve our community. We all benefit when we shop, dine and spend locally. Thank you to each and every one of these supportive businesses!

#### 2022 Business and Corporate Members

- Back Porch Fabrics (Gail Abeloe)
- Foxglove Gardens & Design (Michele Barat)
- Dority Roofing & Solar
- J. Gary Grant, MD
- Pacific Grove Books (Patricia Hamilton)
- Grove Market (Charlie Higuera)
- Ted Hollister, D.V.M.
- Monterey Bay Notary Pro (Jennifer Schmidt)

#### 2022 Dine Out Members

- Beach House at Lovers Point (Kevin Phillips)
- Il Vecchio (Carl Alaska)
- La Mia Cucina (Michael & Paula Scanlon)
- Max's Grill (Max & Yuko Muramatsu)
- Pacific Thai Cuisine, Inc (Lex Juntaradarapun)
- Peppers Mexicali Cafe (Lisa Weiman)
- Petra Restaurant (George Nimri)
- Taste Bistro (Sue & Bill Karaki)
- The Red House Cafe (Chris & Laura D'Amelio)
- Victorian Corner Restaurant (Mary Allioti)
- Wild Fish Restaurant (Liz & Kelvin Jacobs)



**“Langston Hughes on Carmel Beach with Greta”,** by Elizabeth Wrightman, is included in the Renaissance fine art exhibition in the Library’s Hauk Gallery.

# RENAISSANCE: Remember, Rise and Revitalize—A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance

The Friends and Foundation have partnered with the City of Pacific Grove as sponsors of the fine art exhibition in the Steve and Nancy Hauk Gallery and the line-up of events that highlight and celebrate the Harlem Renaissance.

From the end of WWI to the mid-1930s, the Harlem neighborhood in New York City was a center of intellectual, social and cultural development for African Americans, expressed in works of literature, music, dance, art, theater and fashion. The Harlem Renaissance is one of the most significant eras of cultural expression in our nation’s history, a “spiritual coming of age” in which African Americans transformed “social disillusionment to race pride,” states Renaissance scholar Alain Locke.

The Library invites the community to learn about and celebrate the Harlem Renaissance through its fine art exhibition, curated by Christine Crozier, and five special events, arranged by Cathleen Gable, which began in October and continue through January 6.

**Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts**, poet and president of Tor House, launched the series with an enlightening and revealing presentation on Langston Hughes, sometimes called the “poet laureate of Harlem,” who lived in Carmel in the 1930s and continued to publish on the theme of social justice.

Monterey County’s inaugural poet laureate, **Daniel Summerhill**, returned to the PG Library on November 4 for an evening of deep-felt poetry readings. “The humanities have provided me with the ability to empathize with and chronicle the human experience,” says Summerhill, an Assistant Professor of Poetry/Social Action and Composition Studies at CSUMB. He reflected on Renaissance jazz and poetry and read poems from his own published collections.

Please note the dates and times of the remaining events below

and check the Library’s website for more information. The Hauk Gallery is open to view the Renaissance exhibit during Library Open Hours – Monday 2–6 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am–6 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am–5 pm.

Please join us for these exceptional evenings held in our own community center of culture and learning—our Carnegie library!



Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts



Daniel Summerhill

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| <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Pacific Grove Public Library<br/>550 Central Ave<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts</b><br/><i>Living Like White Folks:</i><br/>Langston Hughes and his time in Carmel - history, biography, poetry</p> | <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Pacific Grove Public Library<br/>550 Central Ave<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>Daniel B. Summerhill</b><br/><i>A Borrowed Tool:</i><br/>How Renaissance Jazz helps us understand the small decisions in a poem; in life.</p>                                     | <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Pacific Grove Public Library<br/>550 Central Ave<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>PALENKE arts - Latin Jazz Ensemble with Paul Contos</b><br/><i>¡Viva Harlem!</i><br/>music of East Harlem: bebop, cubop, afro-cuban jazz, mambo</p> |
| <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Pacific Grove Public Library<br/>550 Central Ave<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>Malinda DeRouen &amp; Paul DeRouen</b><br/><i>Still We Rise</i><br/>Voices of women from the Harlem Renaissance - Vocals and Keyboard</p>    | <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Chautauque Hall<br/>16th Street &amp; Central<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>Dianne Lyle's</b><br/>Afro-Latin Jazz Dance Program<br/><i>Shuffle Along</i><br/>A multi-media presentation based upon, "Shuffle Along", the 1921 ground-breaking musical revue</p> | <p><b>Renaissance: Remember, Rise, Revitalize</b><br/>A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the Harlem Renaissance and rising above restrictions.<br/>October 7, 2022 - January 6, 2023</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 6</b><br/>5:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>At Pacific Grove Public Library<br/>550 Central Ave.<br/>Pacific Grove</p> <p><b>CLOSING RECEPTION</b></p>  |



## “BUY A BOOK” on the Library’s Donor Quilt

This holiday season you have a very special opportunity to honor a loved one in a beautifully unique way: have their name embroidered on a book spine on this beautiful quilt depicting shelves of colorful books. The quilt hangs across from the circulation desk and right outside the Joe Rock Children’s Room, perfectly placed for visitors to note the names of those who have been honored with a dedicated book.

There are limited spines left, so don’t wait! A minimum donation of \$500 will “Buy a Book.” The spine can hold an individual’s name, a family name or two first names. The size of

the spines varies, so the number of letters allowed will depend on the space available. All proceeds from this project will be added to the Library Book Fund and used to purchase new books for the Library’s collection.

To dedicate a book spine, simply fill out the form below and take it to the Library. There is a box below the quilt to drop off the form. A member of the quilt project team will then call you to follow up with the details. Questions about this project: Call Lucy Moore, PG Library Friends & Foundation Board Member, at 608-698-2587.

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PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUNDRAISER

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HONOREE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CONTACT ME BY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

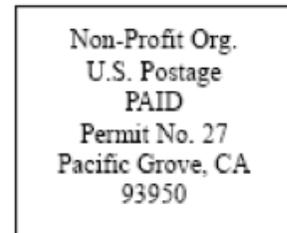
THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF BOOK SPINES—SELECTION OF A SPECIFIC BOOK IS NOT  
AVAILABLE—NAMES TO BE ADDED BY EARLY 2023

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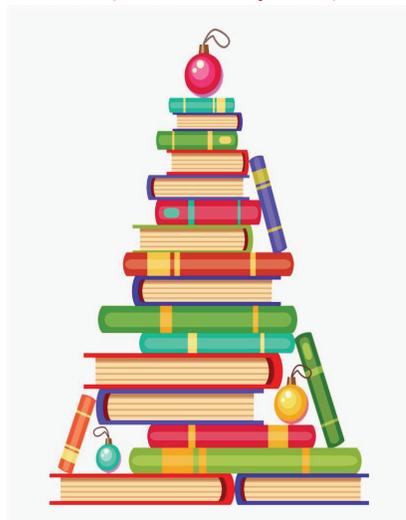
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## Holiday Shopping at the Friends & Foundation December Book Sale

Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 4 pm

We have

- ❖ Holiday Books
- ❖ Collectible Books priced less than online
- ❖ Puzzles
- ❖ Children's Books
- ❖ CDs are 5/\$1
- ❖ All DVDs are \$1

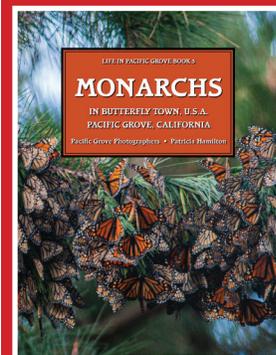


Located at  
St. Mary's by-the-Sea  
12<sup>th</sup> & Central Avenue  
Pacific Grove

### 2023 Book Sales

January 7  
February 4  
March 4

**100% of All Proceeds Benefit the Pacific Grove Library**



**Dec. 3—Special Discounts on all 12 Pacific Grove Books**

Proceeds benefit the PGPL Friends and Foundation

