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- Editor Diane Grindol

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#### President's Letter

Over the past few years, The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library has been consciously modifying its role from an organization whose sole function is to generate funding for the Library to one whose activities are constructed to create community. I hasten to add that we remain committed to ensuring that the Library has the funding it requires. The fundamental difference is that we have been trying to frame our efforts on this score within the context of building community.

This modification is entirely consistent with the changing role of our Library, from a location where one finds reading material and help locating information, to a destination for art exhibitions, meetings, and events—a place that makes a collection of people a community. Both developments are works in progress, but this fall's events indicate the direction in which both the Friends and our Library are moving.

- The gallery space uncovered last spring has been renovated. Not only is this beautiful space perfect for art exhibitions, it will also serve as a meeting room, a place that has been needed for a long time. (See the story on page 2.)
- The 'Edge of the Sea' has begun. This one-of-a-kind event, including a juried art show, lectures, and a children's art project, is a collaboration among the Library, the Friends, the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. (See the story below and on page 2.)
- The Friends are working to expand the services the Library is able to offer, by creating funding for a position that can oversee a cadre of trained volunteers, not to replace Library staff but to expand their scope. (See the story on page 3.)

It's an exciting time to be a Friend of the Pacific Grove Library. Spread the word!

Susan Steele, President

# **Edge of the Sea**

The Monterey Bay Area provides the inspiration for a new art exhibition at the Pacific Grove Library – "Edge of the Sea" – celebrating the legacy of Rachel Carson. Rachel Carson was a pioneering scientist, whose thought-provoking writings, particularly her book, "Silent Spring," proved instrumental in the creation of the modern environmental movement.

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Art for the exhibit can be viewed in the newly

reopened and renovated gallery during the Library's regular operating hours; Monday 2-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The pieces are available for purchase and a portion of the purchase price will go to the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library to support the Library.

But the exhibition is only the beginning. Centering around the art exhibit are lectures (many at the Library on Friday evenings at 5:30pm), nature walks at Asilomar, and much more. Details are at http://edgeoftheseapg.wordpress.com. The event is the result of a collaboration that includes the Friends, the PG Museum of Natural History, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Christine Crozier and Cathleen Gable curated the exhibition. Diana Godwin orchestrated the accompanying events. Come celebrate our beautiful coast!



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## **Gallery Reopening and Next Steps**



On October 2, Library staff, Friends of the Library, and members of the public celebrated the reopening of the gallery at a gala reception. Closed at the beginning of May after the very successful exhibition of works by local artist Nancy Hauk, the gallery has undergone a transformation. The worn-out carpet is gone and the original fir floor has been refinished. The walls are repaired and repainted. A picture rail and gallery lighting have been added. The old fluorescent lights are no more, replaced with new light fixtures. Even the skylight is clean. And, most dramatically, a new door, constructed to match the arched windows in the Library's rotunda, allows the room to be closed off and used for meetings.

The Friends paid for the transformation, with considerable financial support from the family and friends of Nancy and Steve Hauk. It is appropriate, then, that the new gallery has a new name: the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery.

The gallery is just the beginning of the Library renewal project, a project intended to transform the Library's interior. Next steps include restoring the Library's original Carnegie portion, a complete renovation of the bathrooms, and recarpeting and repainting the newest part of the Library. The beauty of the room housing the gallery gives a clear sense of the vision driving the project and sets the standard for what is to follow.

The reception also marked the opening of 'Edge of the Sea,' an event honoring Rachel Carson's legacy. (See story on page 1.) The 300 guests in attendance were lucky enough to be entertained by Denise Schiavone on the hammer dulcimer and to enjoy refreshments from:

Aqua Terra Culinary
Asilomar Conference Grounds
Canterbury Woods
Gatherings
Pacific Thai
Petra
Trader Joe's

# **Business Member Spotlight:** Pacific Grove Cleaners



Pacific Grove Cleaners has been keeping Pagrovians spiffy since 1926. Evidence of its longevity is proudly displayed in a framed newspaper advertisement from its early days. Service is fast and friendly and customers also appreciate the bowl of chocolate treats on the front counter.

We appreciate the fact that the Pacific Grove Cleaners was one of the first businesses in town to become a member of the Friends and has been a loyal supporter since 2013.

#### Sea Mural Art Project for Children

We thought children should have an opportunity to participate in the Edge of the Sea. So, with the guidance of local artists Margie Anderson and Julie Heilman, children will create a beautiful sea mural to grace the Children's Room of the Library.

There are two opportunities to participate: Saturday, October 17, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Saturday, October 24, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Pacific Grove Library is the location both days.

Cost: \$10 donation per child or \$15 per family.



## The Library's Collection of Art Grows

Steve Hauk has donated two watercolors by his wife, Nancy Hauk, to the Pacific Grove Library. The works were chosen with an eye to the theme of the art exhibition currently hanging in the Library's Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery. You can view them – and another on temporary loan – when you visit the Library. But you can also take home a numbered giclee print of your favorite. Prints are available for sale at the Library front desk. All proceeds go to the Friends to support the Library.

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## **Corporate Membership**

The Friends recently created a new membership category — Corporate Member. An annual corporate membership, beginning at \$500, underwrites one of our ongoing activities, like Meet the Author, the Summer Reading Program, or Tech Thursdays. We are pleased to welcome Jan Pratt and J.R. Rouse, Sotheby's International Realty, as our first Corporate Member! Meet the Author is on a secure footing with their support. If your business is interested in taking the next step in supporting a treasured local resource by becoming a corporate member of the Friends, please contact Susan Steele (ssteele@redshift.com).



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Sotheby's

## Shelly King, the Craft of Writing

Forty-five booklovers gathered in the Pacific Grove Library on September 10 to hear author Shelly King describe her evolution as a writer and the process of creating her first novel, *The Moment of Everything*, a romantic comedy/social satire set in an independent bookstore in Silicon Valley.

The Moment of Everything was published in 2014, has been translated into six languages, and published in seven countries. Shelly is working on a new novel at her home in Felton.

## **Monterey County Gives! One More Time!!**

For the third straight year, The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library has been selected to participate in Monterey County Gives!, the end of the year fund-raising event sponsored by the Monterey County Weekly and the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

Our big idea this year is to create an innovative way to meet what the citizens of Pacific Grove have indicated they want from our public library: technology training, homework support, and more programs for all sectors. Since budgetary realities make unlikely an increase in staff size that could accommodate these needs, the Library and its appointed city board have concluded that the solution is the development of a cadre of trained volunteers, not to replace library staff but to expand their scope. With the support of Monterey County Gives!, The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library will fund a volunteer coordinator who can make this development possible.

The campaign begins in mid-November and continues until December 31. Help us end the year on a high note!

## **New Members Third Quarter**

Leslie Bruhn Joseph Kobell Lenette Brusster Arlene Masters Lois Carroll Saul Moskowitz Clair Cheer Patricia O'Keefe John Josef Costandi John Olver Martha Craig Abby Pfeiffer Diane Davenport Elizabeth Powell Suzanne Drace & Tom Frutchey Robert Reade

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## **Mark Your Calendars:**

October 28, Wednesday: Dine Out With Max's Grill

Max's Grill, 209 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 www.maxgrill.com/

#### November 5, Thursday: Meet the Authors Anne Perry and Victoria Zackheim

Victoria Zackheim's new anthology, Faith: Essays from Believers, Agnostics, and Atheists, features work from more than two dozen eminent authors, including mystery writer Anne Perry. Perry is a New York Times and international bestselling author. In addition to talking about the book, Perry and Zackheim will share how they approach a story to create compelling characters and mesmerizing plots, as well as anecdotes related to their writing careers. Meet the Authors is supported by Jan Pratt and J. R. Rouse, Sotheby International Realty. (Refreshments are included. Suggested donation for nonmembers is \$10. Books are available through BookWorks.).

## November 18, Wednesday: Dine Out With Peppers MexiCali Cafe

Peppers MexiCali Cafe, 170 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 www.pepperspg.com/

**New Business Members:** Fishwife Restaurant Vito's Italian Restaurant

Los Amigos Restaurante

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#### **Dine Out with Friends!**



October 28 Max's Grill

November 18 Peppers