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Thanks to all the contributors to this newsletter, and to Cindie Farley who edits much of the material in it. They do great work. Any faults or omissions, or slip ups in punctuation, are mine!  
- Editor Diane Grindol

## President’s Letter

Things are feeling a little Dickensian.

### The best of times:

With financial help from the Friends, the newly uncovered gallery space in the Pacific Grove Library is on its way to being completely refurbished—with refinished floors, a wonderful glass entry (see sketch on page 2), and gallery lighting. Even without its new polish, the gallery has already served as an exhibition for one art show in late 2014, and it will be used for another—Loving Watercolors, Paintings by Nancy Hauk—in April and May. (See below) With its glass door closed, the room will also be used for meetings, giving the Library much-needed interior flexibility. And once it’s finished, the room will be a spur to bring the rest of the Library up to the standard it sets.

### The worst of times:

Steven Silveria, Library Director, will be taking a medical leave of absence this spring. We wish him a speedy recovery and eagerly look forward to his return. To help fill the gap created by his absence, the City of Pacific Grove has increased the hours of one of the Library’s current staff members and the Library has reconfigured staff responsibilities. But these moves leave the Library very short-handed over the next few months. In response to this situation, the Friends Board has offered to fund an interim part-time position.

Your ongoing support makes the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library able to step up when an opportunity presents itself as well as when a sudden, unexpected, need arises. Thank you.

Susan Steele

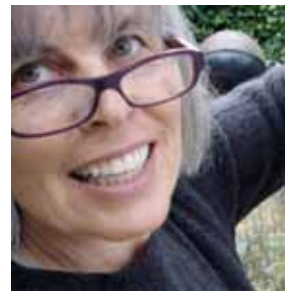
## The Friends on Facebook!

You don’t have to have a Facebook account to view our page. However, you do need to have an account to “like” our page, which will enable you to receive updates when we post something new. If you already have an account, please LIKE us, LIKE our posts and SHARE with YOUR friends. If you would like to learn how to use Facebook, contact the library to find out when they are having their next Technology Thursday.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary>

## Hauk Exhibition

An exhibition featuring paintings of California and France by Nancy Hauk will be on view April 17 to May 30 in the newly uncovered gallery space at the Pacific Grove Library. Subjects include pastoral French scenes, Central Coast seascapes, glimpses of “Steinbeck Country,” gardens at Monterey’s historic adobes, and innovative studies of Monterey County missions that integrate their decorative motifs.



The exhibition is a celebration of Nancy Hauk’s life and art, of the natural beauty surrounding Pacific Grove, and of the beginning of the renewal of the interior of the Pacific Grove Library, an Andrew Carnegie building that dates from the early 1900s. The show was curated by Julianne Burton-Carvajal.

The opening reception will be held on Friday, April 17, 5:30-7pm. Donations to the Friends in support of the renewal will be accepted in honor of Nancy Hauk.



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### Meet the Board

**Camille Liscinsky** is a former teacher, textbook editor, and writer of children's and teachers' supplementary books and materials. She has enjoyed being the secretary for six years and helping organize and run major Friends fund-raisers.

**Judy Wills**, a resident of Pacific Grove for 40 years, is a retired teacher from Robert Down School. For four years she has enjoyed acting as treasurer for Friends of the PG Library and raising funds to help the library flourish and grow.

**Diane Grindol**, the author of several bird-care books, is a pet sitter living in Monterey and teaches art at PG Adult School. She lays out the Friends newsletter and often takes photos at our events.

After an earlier career as a teacher, **Peggy Hansen** switched fields to nonprofit administration and became the first Development Director for Planned Parenthood of Monterey County in 1980. In retirement she enjoys volunteer work, currently serving as Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library.

**Gail Abeloe** is the owner of Back Porch Fabrics, where the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library meet. Gail lives in Pacific Grove, walks to work, and enjoys playing with fabric.

**Lily Yuen**, a veteran of the travel industry, currently works at Canterbury Woods. In addition to being on the board of the Friends, where she handles social media, she serves on the board of P.G. Pride and volunteers for MPC Theatre, Teddy Bears With Heart, and P.G. Middle School.

**Shirley Peake** worked as a paralegal in family law and had the opportunity to travel and live abroad for several years with her husband, Bill Peake, who is a Pacific Grove Councilmember. She helps with assembly of the FOL Newsletter and is on the Business Membership Committee.

**Dianne Busse** enjoyed a successful career in software education development in the Silicon Valley computer industry before retiring to teach computer/business software at Monterey Peninsula College. Since joining the Friends Board, she has worked on improving our publicity efforts.

**Susan Steele** is a retired university and college teacher and administrator. She has served as the president of the Friends for the past two years.

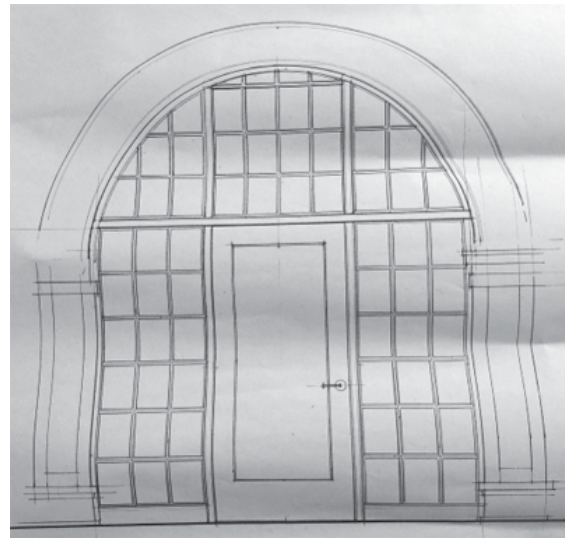
### Business Member Spotlight

With a history of 31 years of business in downtown Pacific Grove, Petra is the second oldest restaurant in Pacific Grove. The Nimri family who owns and runs Petra takes great pleasure in introducing locals and visitors to Greek and eastern Mediterranean cuisine. (Check out the picture of Meryl Streep on the wall of the restaurant.)



**Petra**

The family patriarch has been a big supporter of Dine Out with Friends as a way to honor his grandchildren's love for the Library.



Sketch of glass door for new gallery space at the library.

### Shopping Amazon Benefits Friends

When you make a purchase from Amazon, you can designate .5 percent of the cost as a contribution to the Friends. It doesn't add anything to the amount of your purchase; Amazon just redirects this amount to us. Information about this program can be found at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).

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## Library Foundation Adds New Member

The Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation Board (PGPLF) has a new member, Mary Ann Whitten. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Mary Ann spent most of her adult life overseas—in France, Kenya, Tunisia, India, Belgium, and especially Turkey—as a teacher, librarian, research director, and for two decades as a diplomat in the Foreign Service. She is a graduate of the UC system with a Master’s degree in Library Science. In addition, she has a B.A. in English and an M.A. in French literature.

After retiring from the Foreign Service, Mary Ann worked as an educational consultant, editor, and writer. She served on the advisory boards of Friends of Anatolia and the Turkish Women’s Initiative. She and her husband Ben, also a retired diplomat, moved to PG in 2014. She lost no time in becoming involved in our community by volunteering with Pacific Grove’s Heritage Society and Peace of Mind Dog Rescue.

Her experience and her passion for libraries make her a valuable addition to the PGPLF. Mary Ann has long advocated for the essential role of libraries in society and sees the PG Library Foundation board as a key element in ensuring the continuity and development of PG’s historic Carnegie Library to meet the information needs of the future.

## Library Advisory Board (LAB)

Over the last few years, the Library Advisory Board (LAB) has been developing a Strategic Plan for the Pacific Grove Public Library. Finally completed, it includes input from a community survey including PG residences and a survey focused on high school students. The Plan was presented to the City Council by Steven Silveria March 18, and was approved. Recommendations in the plan will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, factoring in cost, priority, and staffing. You can find the Strategic Plan on the City web site at: <http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=13210>.

Please join us at an LAB meeting, second Tuesday of the month in the Library at 7:00 PM.

## New Business Members

Fifi’s Bistro Café  
Petra Restaurant



## New Members Fourth Quarter

Kristi Boosman	Brenda Musehl-Taylor
Jane Natalie Britton	Helen Nelson
Phyllis Burney	Sharon and Bob Sadler
Anna Marie Cardoso	Nick Sasson
Pat Cariveau	Jack and Joan Savage
Diane Cotton	Dr. Milo and Dr. Mary Scherer
Christine Crozier	Mim Schneider
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Patrick and Anita Flanigan	Juliet Spohn Twomey
Gina Gianfala	Jan and Cath Tandler-Valencia
Karinne W. Gordon	
Carol Jones	
Ms. Stella Legarda	
Eric LoMonaco	
Elizabeth Mills	

## Contributors First Quarter

Carolyn Bazzani  
Pam, Jim and Olivia Cain  
*in memory of Jan Rose and Audrey Lebarre*  
Gordon and Elizabeth Ann Campbell  
John Carswell  
Andrea Fuerst  
*in memory of Darby Fuerst*  
William & Mary Gutches  
Ms. Sue Hall  
*in memory of Rita Williams*  
Blair Holland  
Kathy Ishizuka  
Anne Kmetovic  
Jane Leatham  
Susan Lueken  
Elizabeth Martin  
Sara Pashin  
*in memory of Andrei Pashin*  
Howard & Kathryn Perkins  
Jean & Tony Prock  
Peggy Schmidt  
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**Mark Your Calendars:**

**April 17, Friday: Opening Reception for Loving Watercolor, Paintings by Nancy Hauk. Dine Out with Friends!**  
5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Library

**April 22, Wednesday: Dine Out With Friends at Red House Cafe**

**April 19, Sunday: John Willmott – an afternoon of Irish storytelling and harp**  
Noon to 1:30 Outdoors at Jewell Park, Pacific Grove. (across from library)

**May 2, Thursday: Meet the Author Julia Reynolds**  
'Blood in the Fields: Ten Years inside California's Nuestra Familia Gang' 7:30pm

**May 27, Wednesday: Dine Out With Friends at Taste Bistro**



**April 22  
Red House Cafe  
May 27  
Taste Bistro**

**Volunteer for The Friends!**

If you are interested in **volunteering** for Friends of the Library,  
contact Peggy Hansen at [phansen@redshift.com](mailto:phansen@redshift.com).

**Support the local businesses who support your library:**

Artisana Gallery, Back Porch Fabrics, Karen Calley and Sylvia Brugman of Coldwell Banker, Favazza Plastering, Fifi's Bistro Café, Ford Painting, Foxglove Gardens and Design, Grant, M Stotz Music Lessons and Repairs, Glenn Gobel Custom Frames, Grand Avenue Deli, Dr. J. Gary Grant, Diane Grindol Pet Sitting and Services, Grove Market, Jones Group Real Estate, Mando's, Marita's, Matteson's Auto Repair, Michael Millette Construction, Monarch Knitting, Mountain Mike's Pizza, Pacific Grove Cleaners, Pacific Grove Hardware, Pacific Thai Cuisine, Inc, Park Place Publications, Pavel's Backerei, Peppers Mexicali Café, Petra Restaurant, Rose Nails, Seven Gables Inn, Jan Pratt of Sotheby International, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift, Tessuti Zoo, The Bagel Bakery, The Grove Laundry, The Red House Café, The UPS Store #3441, Victorian Corner Restaurant

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## Meet the Author: Dr. Stephen Palumbi

On January 29, over 120 people came to hear Dr. Stephen Palumbi, the Director of Hopkins Marine Station, talk about his latest book, *The Extreme Life of the Sea*. His highly entertaining discussion covered a range of the most extreme species and how they succeed in the expanse of Earth's oceans: a small worm whose tail is the temperature of hot tea and head the temperature of ice; a fish with eyes on top its brain that see out through the protection of a clear skull; and a fish with its own internal antifreeze.

Dr. Palumbi's enthusiastic appreciation for and sense of wonder at the marine life that shares the planet with us come with an underlying message that even the creatures of the deepest, darkest depths are not immune to the influence of mankind on the environment.

The event was a wonderful call to action for the Friends as well, with over \$850 being raised for the Library.



## Meet the Author: Dr. Susan Shillinglaw

Over 100 people filled the Pacific Grove Library on March 19 to hear noted Steinbeck scholar Dr. Susan Shillinglaw give a new dimension to the author by talking about his earlier works as well as his later, more famous ones. A number of early photos of Steinbeck and his first wife Carol in Pacific Grove were an added plus.

Dr. Shillinglaw's themes for the evening were Steinbeck's connections to Pacific Grove and the generally unrecognized significant contributions his first wife Carol made to his work. He said of Carol that *The Grapes of Wrath* was really her book. This focus was particularly appropriate for an event during March, National Women's History Month.

Dr. Shillinglaw has been teaching and writing about Steinbeck for 27 years. Her passion for Steinbeck and his work is evident in the breadth and depth of her many publications, most recently: *Carol and John Steinbeck: Portrait of a Marriage* (University of Nevada Press, 2013) and *On Reading The Grapes of Wrath* (Penguin, 2014).

Dr. Shillinglaw is a Professor of English at San Jose State University and was the SJSU President's Scholar for 2012-13. She is also Scholar-in-Residence at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.



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## Annual Report

Income		
Donations	\$14,230	
Memberships	\$14,300	
Fund Raisers	\$15,250	
Total Income	\$43,780	

Expenditures		
In Library support	\$49,895	
Books and materials	\$35,000	
Children's programs	\$4,270	
Library website	\$7,775	
Art curation	\$2,350	
Library Renewal	\$500	
For Library Advisory Board Survey	\$1,929	
Administrative expenses	\$7,463	
Total Expenditures	\$59,287	

Net Assets \$177,000

## Meet the Author: Julia Reynolds

Do you love books like *Seabiscuit*, *Unbroken*, *Blackhawk Down*, *The Perfect Storm*, and *Devil in the White City*? Then you love narrative nonfiction the art of turning facts into compelling, page-turning true stories. Also known as literary nonfiction and creative nonfiction, this genre includes some of the best-selling books of our time, with topics ranging from personal memoir to biography, history, and current affairs.



Local award-winning print and broadcast journalist Julia Reynolds, Harvard Nieman Fellow and author of *Blood in the Fields: Ten Years Inside California's Nuestra Familia Gang* (Chicago Review Press, 2014), will discuss how she planned, researched, and wrote a true-story narrative that reads like fiction.

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