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President's Letter

The Friends and the Library have big goals for 2016.

◆ With the renovation of the meeting room/gallery space completed as an example of what can be done when we set our minds to it, we want to make major progress on bringing the Carnegie portion of the Library back to its former glory and on improving the Library's interior generally.

◆ A survey of PG residents by the Library Advisory Board in 2014 indicated a strong demand for more services from the Library in technology training and homework support, as well as for more programs for all community sectors. Budgetary realities make unlikely in the foreseeable future an increase in staff size that could accommodate these needs. The Library and its appointed city board have concluded that the resolution to the demand/resource mismatch is the development of a cadre of trained volunteers, not to replace library staff but to expand their scope. So, beginning with our participation in Monterey County Gives! at the end of 2015 (see story on page 5), the Friends are in the process of raising the money to fund a position charged with the responsibility of constructing the framework to make this possible.

◆ We want to build on the success of the Edge of the Sea by sponsoring similar multi-faceted events on an annual basis. Each will feature an art exhibition in the Library's gallery. (See story below.)

◆ Over thirty Friends volunteered for the Big Sur Half Marathon in November. (See story on page 5.) We want to expand the participation of the Friends in other local activities, such as the AT&T Golf Tournament or the Concours d'Elegance. If you have contacts that could help make this possible, please let me know. (ssteele@redshift.com)

◆ In 2014 the number of Friends memberships passed 400, for the first time as far as we can tell. At the end of 2015, we hit 485. We want to top 500 in 2016!

Happy New Year!
Susan Steele

The Edge of the Sea Goes into the Sunset

With the beginning of the new year, the Edge of the Sea ended its run. For three months, the public was treated to a juried exhibition of art works in the PG Library gallery, weekly lectures, and occasional nature walks, all celebrating the beauty of California's Central Coast and the work of Rachel Carson.

Sponsored by the Friends, in partnership with the PG Library, the PG Museum of Natural History, and Asilomar Conference Grounds, the event was an unalloyed success. With the help of Christine Crozier, Cathy Gable, and Librarian Diana Godwin, we hope to be able to offer like events on a regular basis.



With the guidance of local artists Margie Anderson and Julie Heilman, children created beautiful sea murals to grace the Children's Room of the Library.



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Meet the Author

Barbara Moore
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- Editor Diane Grindol



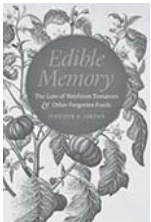
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Meet the Author Upcoming Events

The author event scheduled for January 21 unfortunately had to be canceled. We hope to reschedule the author at a later date. Our next scheduled author event will be on Thursday, March 17, at the usual time of 7:30 in the Library. The speaker is Dr. Jennifer A. Jordan, who will be talking about her book *Edible Memory: The Lure of Heirloom Tomatoes and Other Forgotten Foods*. With so much attention to eating healthier and locally grown food, her book is especially timely. She makes it an adventure to discover varieties of fruits and vegetables many of us don't know.



Business Member Spotlight:

Grove Market



Family owned and operated by the Higuera's since 1969, Grove Market is consistently rated by locals as the best butcher shop and best neighborhood market in the area. The selection of local wines is impressive and the array of prepared food to go means you don't have to cook unless you want to.

Especially noteworthy is Charlie Higuera's commitment to the community. Last fall when the electricity was out on the Peninsula for almost a day, many stores closed. The Grove Market was open for business, however, because Charlie wanted to make sure his customers had the food they needed.

DVD of Edge of the Sea Talk

Hebard Olsen donated a DVD of the William Souder talk to the library: Rachel Carson and the Origins of Environmental.



Become a Member Today! Invite Your Friends to Join, too!

Yes, I want to join the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library!
 Yes, Please RENEW my membership today!

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Monterey County Gives!

As reported in the last newsletter, The Friends was selected again in 2015 to participate in Monterey County Gives! Our big idea was to create funding for a volunteer coordinator, a person who can expand the Library's scope to meet what the citizens of Pacific Grove have indicated they want—technology training, homework support, and more programs for all sectors. We estimate that \$30,000 is what is needed to get the program off the ground. Our goal for Monterey County Gives! was to raise a third of that, \$10,000.

We came very close. At the close of the campaign at midnight, December 31, contributions totaled \$8,117. With the projected 15 percent match from Monterey County Gives!, we will have in hand \$9,470.

Particularly satisfying was the number of donors. We began with challenge grants from the Friends Board of Directors and the Lori and Lou Flagg Memorial Youth Fund. Sixty-eight individual donations added to this base, putting the Friends in the top quarter of this year's participants for number of donors.

Thank you!

Donations to Monterey County Gives

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| Dorothy Abeloe | Stephanie Herrick |
| Sue Addleman | Douglas Holtzman |
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| Julie Armstrong | Kimiye Kendal |
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| David Ford | Noreen Nance |
| Renee Franken | |
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Big Sur Half Marathon

It wasn't a dark and stormy night. The late-night sky was luminous—although the air was a little chilly—when the thirty or so volunteers for the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library arrived at their Big Sur Half Marathon posts. As the sky slowly lightened, they dragged the barricades across the roads accessing Ocean View. And they stood vigil during a magnificent sunrise, waiting for the runners to appear along the now entirely traffic-free marathon route.

Far outpacing their fellow contestants, the first runners raced by in a blur. But soon the street was filled with jubilant joggers, some in costume, and almost all obviously enjoying themselves. The volunteers' job was now to call out words of encouragement and praise.

This was the first that the Friends had volunteered for the Half Marathon. We had a surprisingly good time—so good that we're going to do it again in 2016! The second time around, we're shooting for sixty volunteers. So if you've thought about volunteering to help the Friends, keep next November in mind.



Ellen Pastore
Vicki and John Pearse
Elizabeth Proctor
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Jessie Fisher Hammond
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Mark Your Calendars:

January 21 – Friends of the PG Library annual meeting, 6:30pm, PG Library.

January 27 – Dine Out with Friends, La Mia Cucina Ristorante, 208 17th Street.

February 24 – Dine Out with Friends, Michael’s Grill and Taqueria, 1126 Forest Ave.

March 17 – Meet the Author, Jennifer Jordan, 7:30pm, PG Library.



Dine Out with Friends!



January 27
La Mia Cucina Ristorante

February 24
**Michael’s Grill
and Taqueria**

Support the local businesses who support your library:

Corporate Members: Jan Pratt/J.R. Rouse, Sotheby International; Jones Group Real Estate

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The Friend's Newest Corporate Member



Jones Group Real Estate has become the Friends' second Corporate Member. Peggy Jones, the owner of Jones Group, has been a staunch supporter of the Friends and the Library for years. A corporate membership underwrites one of our ongoing activities such as Meet the Author, Tech Thursdays, or the Summer Reading Program. Thank you, Peggy!

An annual corporate membership begins at \$500. If your business is interested in upping your game in support of the Library by becoming a Corporate Member of the Friends, contact Susan Steele. (sssteel@redshift.com)

iPads for Seniors

With the funding from the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library's participation in 2014 Monterey County Gives!, the Library has developed an outreach program for seniors lacking ready access to the library. Diana Godwin purchased ten iPad Minis, and with the generous help of the management team at the Apple Store got them ready for loan. The original idea was simply to download e-books for shut-ins, but this has morphed into offering classes at Forest Hill Manor in addition. We are helping the residents use their own iPads and laptops to access the library website for materials such as e-books, magazines, and films. Canterbury Woods also is interested in classes in 2016.

Cole Parris, a high school senior, is central to the program. Cole had originally volunteered to help with the Library's Teen Tech Thursday. Due to his enthusiasm, PGPL has expanded the Teen Tech Thursday from one Thursday a month to nearly EVERY Thursday! We don't know how he finds the time to do that and to help the Forest Hill Manor residents as well. All we know is that the response has been terrific.

Dine Out with Friends!

Dine Out with Friends 2016 kicks off with a bang on Wednesday, January 27, with dinner at La Mia Cucina, 208 17th Street. Featuring Sicilian recipes from the family of the owners, this restaurant serves dishes prepared from scratch using locally sourced ingredients. Making a reservation is probably a good idea. Call 373-2416 or book online (www.lamiacucinaristorante.com). La Mia Cucina is open for dinner only, beginning at 5pm.



On February 24, plan to eat Mexican at Michael's Grill and Taqueria (1126 Forest Avenue). Yelp reviews praise the blackened chicken sandwich. Michael's is open for lunch and dinner, beginning at 11am.

News from the Library Foundation



Judy Archibald



Barbara Moore

Foundation President Barbara Moore and Vice-President Judy Archibald ended their second terms on the Board of Directors on January 1, 2016. Both of them have been on the Board since the inception of the Foundation. As President of the Friends of the Library, it was Judy's vision to have the Friends create the Foundation to complement the work of the Friends, with the Foundation focusing on raising funds and investing them for the long-term support of the Library. Barbara and Judy have each served on the Board for nearly five years, and each of them decided not to serve a third term. Cynthia Garfield will succeed Barbara as President, and Mary Ann Whitten will succeed Judy as Vice-President. Dennis Mar will continue as Chief Financial Officer, and Noreen Nance will continue as Secretary. Susan Steele is expected to continue in the seat occupied by the President of the Friends.

The Foundation received a generous \$10,000 gift from an anonymous donor, to be used for the new gallery space in the Library. Donations from the Friends and support from the City reclaimed space that has now been beautifully renovated to be used for art exhibits and as a meeting room. The Foundation is working with the Library Director to determine how to best use the donation to enhance the gallery.



New Corporate Members

Jones Group Real Estate

New Business Members

Max's Grill

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Sherry Pastor
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Donations for the Fourth-Quarter

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Sharon Perry
Kathryn & Howard Perkins
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