Save the Date!

Library Rededication Celebration
Sept. 18th 1 - 4pm
Jewell Park

President’s Message

Dear Friends members and donors,

We are halfway through 2021, with much to look forward to for the rest of the year!

The best news first – on June 16 the Pacific Grove City Council voted unanimously to fully fund the Pacific Grove Public Library beginning July 2021! This will allow bringing back laid-off staff, hiring new staff to replace those who have left, and offering more open days and longer hours for library services.

Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and the generous Laverty bequest augmented City funds for the return of our beloved library. We hope the one-time funds will act as a “bridge” to a stabilized and robust City budget, and library services, in the future. Please join me in thanking our elected officials and City and Library staff for their steadfast support of library services in the City of Pacific Grove!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18, from 1 to 4 pm, for the Library Rededication Celebration at Jewell Park, and self-guided tours of the renewed Pacific Grove Public Library. This will be a day of gathering safely together to celebrate the successful completion of the Library Renewal Project, and the tremendous community and City efforts that made this possible. There will be music, activities for all ages and light refreshments.

Our First Saturday Book Sale returns on August 7 to St. Mary’s-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, at 146 12th Street in Pacific Grove. Our hardworking volunteers are eager to welcome you back and sell the backlog of gently used books ready for buyers. Can’t wait? Weekday morning book sales (Monday through Friday from 10 am to 12 noon at St. Mary’s) are still ongoing. Donations are accepted at one bag per customer at this time.

Further in the newsletter you’ll read about a memorial contribution that will help the Friends enhance children’s library services for many years, the return of the Library’s annual juried art show and a blooming library beautification project.

We couldn’t do any of the above without you - our members, donors, and volunteers. Your memberships, your donations and your time help the Friends support the Library and our community. Thank you for being a Friend of the Pacific Grove Public Library!

With gratitude,
Kim Bui
JOE ROCK CHILDREN’S ROOM AND MEMORIAL DONATION

For more than 35 years, Joe Rock’s home and his architectural business were both located just blocks from the Pacific Grove Library. As an insatiably curious person, he visited the Library almost daily to research and learn, to reflect and understand.

Joe made it clear in his estate plan that he wanted a substantial gift to be made in support of the Pacific Grove Library. After Joe’s passing in January, following a long and courageous battle with cancer, his family knew unquestionably that any gifts made in his honor should go to the Library. They also knew that they wanted an enduring tribute to Joe at the Library. After all, his daughter and son, Giordana and Stefan, grew up in the Pacific Grove Library enjoying books, readings and other presentations, and his grandson, Oscar, who was born in February, will too.

Donations in memory of Joe began to be received by the Friends of the PG Library, the Community Foundation and the City of Pacific Grove immediately after his death. The Venuti/Rock family pledged to add to the donations to create a gift of $100,000.

This gift, made in support of the Children’s Room and its programs, was entrusted to the Friends of the PG Library, to be disbursed over the next ten years for books, materials, furnishing and equipment for the Children’s Room, and for programs and services that benefit children, as determined by the recommendations of the Library Director.

Robin Venuti, Joe’s wife of 36 years, said, “It seemed like the most perfect tribute since the Children’s Room and its programs plant the seeds of curiosity in a young soul, and Joe was always seeking truth through knowledge. The Library provided so many answers for him.”

To acknowledge the gift and commemorate Joe’s loving association with the Library, the Children’s Room will be named “The Joe Rock Children’s Room” and a plaque with the following wording will be installed:

“This room is for the curious, the seekers of knowledge, and the architects of their own adventures. Like Joe, may your young spirits be forever curious.”

The date for the dedication ceremony has not been set and will be announced by the Library.

Thank you, Joe, for your patronage of the Library and your loyalty to all things Pacific Grove!

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March 2021 through June 2021
Elizabeth Brown
Eric Frith
Sue Min Lee & Robert Hill
Ann & Fred Jealous
Lynn Mason
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Shirley Sparling
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In Memory of
Dorothy Abeleoe by the Bengard Family
Ted Bell by Norma Bell
Darby Fuerst by Andrea Fuerst
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In Memory of Joseph Rock
Beverly Grova
David Gruener
Chandra Harpel
Elisa Maddalena
Giordana Rock
Stefan Rock
Laurie Sandblom, Natalie & Kevin Quillen
Julie Siroonian-Mumma
Shelley Siroonian
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Chloe Wilson
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In Honor of
Elodie Jane Bohrman-Galindo by Chris & Lore Bohrman
Kathy Kirtley by Robert Applebaum
Mary Poplin by Israel Shillinglaw

In Honor of Diane Grindol’s Birthday
Charmaine Anthony Parn Cain
Christine Davis
Lois Deupree
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Dudrey
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Carolyn Halladay
Stacy Wilmoth Kolesar Elisa Maddalena
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March 2021 through June 2021
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For Landscaping
Earl & Christine Cory
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Jill Knapp
David & Mary Ann Spradling
Mary Ann & Ben Whitten

In Memory of Joseph Rock
Giordana Rock

In Honor of Caroline Coen
Francis Coen and Michelle Ford

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Individual & Basic Memberships
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Margaret Jean Anton
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Sheila Baldridge
Catherine Bazley
Marilyn Beck
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Grace Beigle
Sally Belk
Norma Bell
Nancy Bennett
Kathryn Besag
Susan Brauner
Sarah & Kirk Bresniker
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Lenette Brusstar
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Patricia A. Clarke
Margaret Colson
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Barbara & Lowell Battcher
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Peter Bolton & Marsha Zeitlin
Victor Carder & Jackie Boynton
Bob & Mary Ellen Carlin
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Gary & Jane Cross
Linda Dettling
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ESTATE PLANNING AND LEGACY GIVING

Did you know that you can benefit the Pacific Grove Public Library for years to come through a gift to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation in your estate planning? For more information, or to notify the Foundation of a planned gift, please contact the Foundation at foundation4pgpl@gmail.com. The Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation Tax ID# is 45-1738471.

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LIBRARY LANDSCAPING

The front planted areas of the Pacific Grove Public Library have undergone an amazing transformation! If you’ve walked or driven by, you may have seen the work underway to repair, replace and replant the Library’s “front yard.”

This project has been quite a while in the making! For many years City grounds crews and community volunteers have maintained existing plantings despite heavy public use and water restrictions. Their efforts kept the grounds in the best shape possible for those times.

While the Library Renewal project did not include exterior landscaping, community interest was high for beautifying the Library’s outside to match the renovated and upgraded interior. A talented Friends volunteer began a landscape design planning effort while the Library was still under construction. Her work became the “seed” for the Landscaping Committee, composed of members from the Library Board, Friends and Foundation Boards, Library and City staff.

The goal was to create a colorful, inviting exterior that would draw folks into our lovely Library. The Committee took their ideas to the City Beautification and Natural Resources Committee for approval, then worked with INCA Landscape Management, using donated funds, to completely redo the front, side and back garden areas. They upgraded drip irrigation systems, added deer-resistant, drought tolerant and native plants (while retaining those they could) and focused on ease of maintenance.

What a significant improvement to the Library! Many thanks to the Committee members, landscape planning and gardening volunteers, Library and City staff, donors and the hardworking crew at INCA. Grateful appreciation to Mario Callau, who gave so generously of his time and expertise under the most challenging of circumstances.

There will be future volunteer opportunities to help maintain these wonderful garden spaces. Look for a call for volunteer gardeners in 2022.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Our membership has questions! Friends President Kim Bui has updates to share about the Library as of early July.

When is the Library open?
   Tuesdays 3-6 pm, Wednesdays 10 am-1 pm, and Thursdays 1-4 pm.

Are masks required when visiting the Library?
   Yes, masks are required in order to protect unvaccinated people (especially children under 12) and those with health conditions.

Can PG Library books be put on hold for check out?
   Yes, holds can be placed at the Library website (https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org) AND picked up at the Library on Mondays from 3-6 pm AND the first Saturday of each month from 10 am-1 pm.

Need help? Call 831-648-5760.

Can I donate books to the Library? Or the Friends?
   The Friends ARE accepting used books (one bag per person) M-F from 10 am-noon, at its bookstore. The Library is not accepting donations at this time.

Can I volunteer to help at the Library?
   All volunteer positions are currently filled--thank you volunteers!

How can I find out more, or find out when things change?
   Visit the Library website at https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org. Facebook page or Instagram account (pacificgrovelibrary) for current information.
ART RETURNS TO THE LIBRARY!

“Renewal,” a fine-art juried show, will open in the Steve and Nancy Hauk Gallery in the Library on October 8 to celebrate the restoration and opening of our beautiful Carnegie library. The prospectus invites artists to consider how the past 18 months have led to “new and exciting ways of seeing the world”.

Original works in all media are welcomed—painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, fiber, paper art, woodworking, and sculpture. Find your inner artist and submit your personal expression of “Renewal”!

The deadline for submissions is August 29. For complete information, go to https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=51323. Questions can be directed to Christine Crozier at 831-375-3224 or email contactme@christinecrozier.com.

Local fine artist Christine Crozier will be one of three jurors for “Renewal”. Crozier, a board member of the Carmel Art Association, has curated many shows for the Library, and is currently exhibiting at the Yosemite Museum and the Pacific Grove Art Center.

The Library’s beautiful and extensive collection of art is also returning! Library Director Diana Godwin hopes to have major pieces from the collection in place for the September 18 rededication event.