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## President's Message

The Friends mid-year Newsletter is always a special one. Our spring membership drive is over, giving us the opportunity to list and appreciate all our members and donors to date. Thank you for your support of the Pacific Grove Public Library through the Friends!

Also half way through 2022, the Friends Board is delighted to highlight two major milestones for the Library. We applaud the return of six days a week of in-person Library service!

We want to recognize Library Director Diana Godwin's inspired leadership, the hard work and dedication of Library staff and volunteers who make this possible, and the City Council, City of Pacific Grove and Library Board's commitment to restoring Library positions and Library hours. Not every city around us is so fortunate.

We also applaud the City Council's unanimous decision to eliminate Library overdue fines. Several years of pandemic fine suspension proved that books were still returned in a timely fashion. The end of late fines ensures that economically disadvantaged patrons, especially children, teens and seniors, feel welcome and are able to use the Library.

In this newsletter we'll share news about the return of programs and events for adults at the Library, summer reading excitement and opportunities for children and teens to meet our goal of "Seeking new ways of connecting with readers and learners, including in-person events at the PG Library." Made possible, as always, by your memberships, donations and volunteer time.

The Board is especially energized about our work towards "Advancing our successful partnership with the Foundation to better support the PG Library." As we shared in our recent Letter to our Membership, the Friends and Foundation Boards have unanimously agreed to pursue a consolidation of our two organizations into one.

A membership vote this August into September will make possible the expansion of the Friends into the "Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation" and a new form of governance for the Friends, overseen by an expanded Board composed of Friends and Foundation Board members. Responses to some Frequently Asked Questions are included in this newsletter; more information is available on our website and by emailing the Board.

As always, the Board and I thank you for being a donor, supporter, and Friend!

With gratitude, Kim Bui

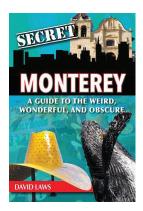
#### FALL LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT SERIES

One of the most important roles of a public library is to preserve community memory through local history collections. Last year a generous donation to support access to local history was made by Friends Board member Dennis Mar through the Friends, and a second donation from publisher Patricia Hamilton added to our resources.

Funds paid for archival review and organization of boxes of historic documents, a partnership with the Pacific Grove Historical Society to digitize historic newspapers and a fresh new program to connect local history buffs with Pacific Grove's unique stories and treasured past.

The Friends are sponsoring a fall Local History Spotlight series in August and September to highlight this local investment. Two Friday evening events will be held in the library each month featuring local authors and a playwright.

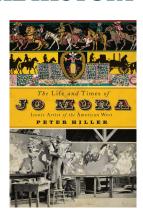
#### LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT SCHEDULE:



August 5, 5:30-7 pm

**Author David Laws** presents:

Stories from Secret and Obscure



August 26, 5:30-7pm

Author Peter Hiller presents:

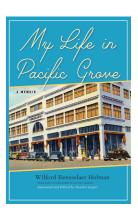
The Life and Times of Monterey: A Guide to Jo Mora: Iconic Artist the Weird, Wonderful of the American West



## Sept. 9, 5:30-7 pm:

Local playwright Carol Marguart presents a staged reading of:

The Two Wives of John Steinbeck



#### Sept. 23, 5:30-7 pm:

Heather Lazare discusses her research into the life and times of Wilford Rensselaer Holman, and her newly released book, My Life in Pacific Grove: A Memoir. which she annotated and edited. (see article on page 7).

All local authors and presenters ...!

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## Consolidation of the Friends and the Library Foundation

#### **Questions & Answers**

# Why should the Friends consolidate with the Foundation?

- —The Friends and Foundation share a mission of supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library; both annually contribute funds and advocate jointly for the Library.
- —However, two separate organizations require two Boards, doubled meeting time for the Library Director, and duplicate expenses for insurance, financial and tax services, mailing and other costs. Consolidating the Friends and Foundation saves money and volunteer and Library Director time, which can be put toward supporting the Library.
- —Consolidation provides organizational clarity. Funds from the Friends assist the Library with current and recurring needs. The Foundation secures the future of the Library through legacy giving and long-term investments. As one combined organization we can streamline our efforts, increasing our support to the Library through genuine cost savings and more effective use of donated dollars and time.

#### Will I still be a member of the Friends?

—Yes! The PGPL Friends will still have members, and those members will continue 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.

#### Can I still donate to the Friends or the Foundation?

- —Yes! And we hope you will! The success of our Library depends on your continued support. After consolidation, donations will be made to the new organization, The PGPL Friends and Foundation.
- —Your membership contributions, and donations, help uphold our mission to support the Pacific Grove Public Library. The Board looks to the Library

Director and staff to identify the Library's greatest needs and then works to financially support them from general and designated funds.

- —The Board annually designates other funds to supplement the City budget. For example, the proceeds from our sales of used books are designated for the purchase of new Library books and materials. This helps the Library maintain essential services, such as their collections, as expenses and demand rise. We also have targeted fundraisers, like the annual Monterey County Gives! campaign and "Bucks for Books," that help raise funds for specified areas.
- —And we have generous donors who designate their gifts to support a special need or service, such as books and materials, children's services or local history. It is the Board's ethical and legal responsibility to ensure those gifts are used according to donor intent, adhering to the language that expresses how they wish their gift to be used. This includes trust, estate and legacy gifts.
- —There are many ways to contribute, and all will remain available after a consolidation. Interested in learning more? We're here to help! Contact us at <a href="mailto:FriendsPGLib@gmail.com">FriendsPGLib@gmail.com</a>.

#### Where can I find more information?

- —The Friends website <u>www.pglibraryfriends.org</u> has additional information. Your mailed ballot will explain the proposed restatement and also contain the complete Restated Articles of Incorporation.
- —In addition, the Board is happy to answer any questions you may have about the proposed changes. Please email your questions to: <u>FriendsPGLib@gmail.com</u>.
- —An informational Zoom session will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 2 pm; a link will be emailed to members one week before the meeting.

#### NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS—November 2021 through June 2022

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#### PACIFIC GROVE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Once again the Friends want to recognize ALL our business members, current and past. We all benefit when we shop, dine and spend locally. As our City's economy rebounds, Library staff and services have increased to better serve our community. 2022 Dine Out Members

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# Introducing Heather Lazare, Editor and Annotator of an Updated Memoir by W.R. Holman

Meet Heather Lazare—one of the Friends' most stalwart cheerleaders. You might know her as the Chair of the Pacific Grove Library Board, as a Robert Down mom, a writer or a book editor. Heather has many hats!

In fact, if you aspire to write a book of your own, you might have considered attending the Northern California Writers' Retreat for five days in the Redwoods. Heather co-conceived the retreat eight years ago and has hosted it every year since.

Her latest project is a re-release of *My Life in Pacific Grove*, a memoir by Wilford Rensselaer Holman, proprietor of the much-loved Holman's Department Store and great-grandfather of Heather's husband, Ben. With access to all of Holman's and his wife Zena's diaries, photos and other memorabilia, and encouragement from Patricia Hamilton of Park Place Publications and Pacific Grove Books, Heather compiled a fascinating account of W.R.'s memories of Pacific Grove from 1888 (age 4) to his death in 1981. *My Life in Pacific Grove* includes diary entries from Holman's childhood, and accounts of his early struggles to establish the store and his many interests and accomplishments. Originally published in 1979 for friends and family, the new release contains 150 new photographs plus letters from John Steinbeck to the Holmans.

Anyone interested in how Pacific Grove became the town it is today will find many illuminating details in W.R.'s journals. He recalled when Pacific Grove "was a large forest of high trees" and "the air was filled with the fluttering, twittering and singing of wild canaries...singing linnets...and wild pigeons." He was one of the few who helped fight the 1906 fire in the Chinese fishing village at Point Alones.



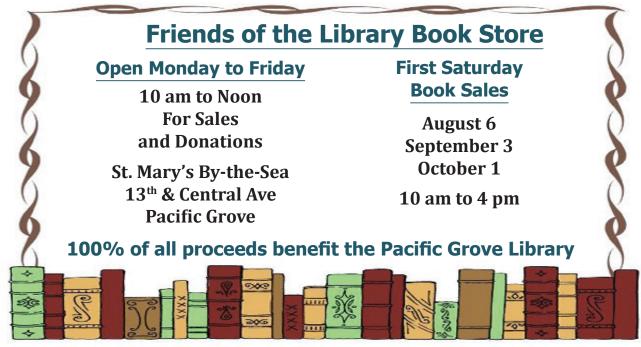
Heather Lazare



W.R. Holman photo from the *Pacific Grove Tribune* in 1971

When sardine and later abalone populations were beginning to decrease due to overharvesting, Holman actively campaigned for laws to prohibit the unsound practices. State Highway 68 was his brainchild, and in 1927, W.R. was instrumental in the successful campaign for Pacific Grove to adopt the chartered form of governance that remains today.

To learn more about W.R. Holman's life and times, please join Heather during the Local History Spotlight Series at the Library on September 23. Proceeds from her book sales will benefit the Friends.



### QUILT CHALLENGE SHOW IN THE HAUK GALLERY



Sandy Sidener, left, and Cindy Mattos search for the heart in a quilt titled "Point Sur Love" created by Guild member and Point Sur docent Patty Kennedy.



MPQG President Linda Branting, far right, thanked the Library for the opportunity to exhibit in the beautiful Hauk Gallery, to "let people know who we are and what we do."

The Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild's 2021 Quilt Challenge Show, "Home is Where the Heart Is," opened in the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery at the PG Library July 8 and will remain until October 1. A sampling of work created for this challenge, featuring a required heart somewhere on the front of an 18-inch square quilt, graces the gallery.

The creative spark is evident in these colorful creations, sewn by quilters of all levels and styles. Two additional quilt challenges from small friendship groups within the Quilters Guild add to the warmth and fun. "Counting Sheep" required the use of a bit of a particular sheep print fabric somewhere in a 20-inch square patch, while the "Friends of Fred" created a series of eight vertical quilts that cleverly share "A River Runs Through It." MPQG's community outreach program provides quilts to many local nonprofits, including Casa Noche Buena, a family shelter in Seaside, the Veterans Transition Center, Community Hospital and Natividad Medical Center, as well as fire survivors in Monterey and other counties.

The Gallery is open and free for a visit during Library open hours Monday through Saturday. We promise a most delightful time among these uniquely personal quilt statements, whether traditional, modern, improvisational or art compositions, machine or hand quilted, appliqued, embroidered or beaded! And for extra fun – can you

spot each heart, sheep or river during your Gallery visit?

# "Buy A Book" on the Library's Donor Quilt

Coming Soon!

There are 28 undedicated book spines on the Library's bookshelf quilt. The Friends will soon be announcing the kickoff of a fall campaign to "Buy A Book" for a minimum donation of \$500.

Take a moment to enjoy the beautiful quilt on your next visit to the Library—it's on display across from the circulation desk. Then watch for an announcement in September with details on how to "Buy A Book!"



#### 2022 SUMMER READING EXCITEMENT



Storyteller Lisa Maddalena, formerly the PGPL Children's Librarian, in Jewell Park with the Summer Reading participants.

More than 200 children have signed up to "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" for the Library's 2022 Summer Reading Program presented June 8 to July 27. Sponsored by the Friends and generously funded by the Joe Rock Fund, weekly performances, storytimes, teen programs, challenges and prizes have encouraged young readers to keep up their reading skills over the summer break.

More than 100 children and family members have enjoyed the Wednesday afternoon performances at Jewell Park – from Mike the Magician to Rock Steady Juggling to Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom to Juan Sanchez-Bilingual Musician, and more! Teens read for prizes donated by local businesses, and attended free sessions of a Teen Book Club, a "Painting and Planting" get together and Teen Yoga.

All this summer excitement is in addition to the Library's excellent regular programming—weekly baby, toddler and preschool storytimes, monthly crafting and building times, even STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) kits to check out for at-home learning adventures.

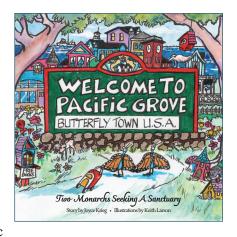
Children's Librarian Mary Weyant says, "Thank you so much to the Friends and the Joe Rock Fund!" None of this would be possible without you, our members and donors. Our families are so lucky to have Mary's creativity, energy, and passion for reading and community to inspire our families and little ones.

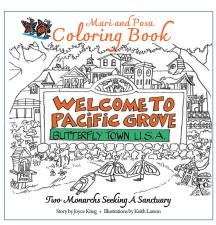


# PACIFIC GROVE BOOKS • NEW RELEASE • SEPTEMBER 1 Welcome To Pacific Grove, Butterfly Town U.S.A.

Local author, Joyce Krieg, and illustrator, Keith Larson, have teamed up to create *Welcome to Pacific Grove, Butterfly Town U.S.A.*, a playful children's book with an accompanying coloring book for all ages.

Mari and Posa, two monarchs from Canada, have flown many miles to reach Pacific Grove. Once here they begin to search for their new home in the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, flying over the town and interacting with the residents, the flora and the fauna. Fun Facts about the city and its history are included. Published by Pacific





Grove Books, an imprint of local publisher Park Place Publications. Look for other Pacific Grove Books at the PG Library, Bookworks, Artisana, Fiona Floral, and other local and online booksellers.

— A donation for every Pacific Grove Book sold is made to the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library —

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### THE RETURN OF DINE OUT!

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Dine Out with Friends** this fall. We'll be enjoying two of our favorite local restaurants!

Wednesday
September 28
Peppers Mexicali Café

170 Forest Avenue



Wednesday
October 26
Il Vecchio

110 Central Avenue

A portion of the Dine Out day proceeds will be donated to support the Pacific Grove Library. Thank you, Friends, for your Dine Out support!

We know that our Dine Out restaurants are still recovering from the pandemic, staffing and supply chain issues so we are very grateful to those who are welcoming us back despite ongoing challenges. We send much appreciation to **La Mia Cucina** and **Max's Grill** (Spring 2022) and look forward to **Peppers** and **Il Vecchio** this fall.