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Thanks to Cindie Farley who edits much of the material in it. Any faults or omissions, or slip ups in punctuation, are mine!
- Editor Diane Grindol

President's Letter

Measure P

The Friends get involved in elections only when a ballot measure directly affects the organization and its ability to support the Library. In 2009 and 2010, we campaigned for measures to generate money for the Library. (Both, unfortunately, lost by a very small margin.) This year, the ballot includes Measure P, which, if passed, will impact the Friends' support for the Library. Therefore, we have joined the Community Coalition Against Measure P. (www.noonp.com)

Measure P is an admissions tax placed on the ballot by a vote of the Pacific Grove City Council. It proposes a 5 percent tax on admission to "events," broadly defined as including attendance at exhibitions, museums, movie theaters, and educational events. Measure P also taxes memberships, if their benefits include admission to events.

While it seems obvious that the intended target of Measure P is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, its effects extend to the Friends. We hold events for which we charge admission, and one of the benefits of a Friends membership is free (or reduced) admission to our events. Proponents of the measure say that we should just add 5 percent to our admission fees and to the cost of our membership. This is possible, but it makes the amounts associated with each unwieldy. Further study is required if the measure passes, but it is likely that we would resolve this problem by absorbing the tax. This reduction in our income would reduce the funds we can give the Library for books, children's programs, and unexpected expenses.

A less obvious difficulty is the fact that we would have to create and manage a system to track our tax liability. This would not only be a diversion in time and energy from the Friends' primary purpose of supporting the Library, it would also be an added expense, one that would further reduce what we can give the Library.

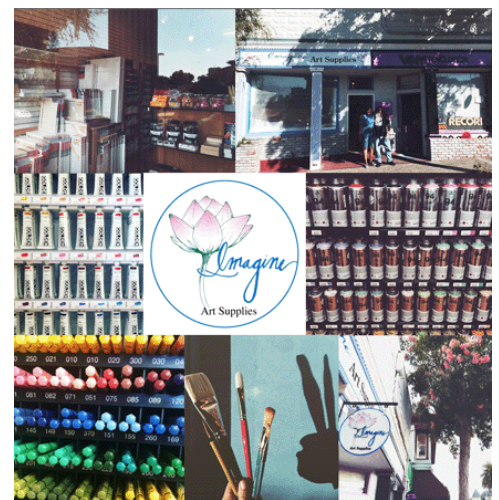
The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library has been a partner with the City in keeping our Library healthy. We want to maintain this relationship, but we don't see taxing us as the way to do it.
Susan Steele

Business Member Spotlight:

Imagine Art Supplies 309 Forest Avenue 372-1388

Imagine living in a town where you can buy quality art products in one location. Imagine living in a town where a phone call to the store owner will get you the art supplies you need. Imagine a town where the art supply store is like an art gallery, with beautiful paintings on the walls. Well, you *do* live in that town, thanks to Germain Hatcher, the owner of Imagine Art Supplies in Pacific Grove.

Germain was once a muralist for Monterey County and is presently active with the Youth Arts Collective. As an expert in several media, she doesn't have to guess what her customers may want. The store's shelves and counters are neatly stacked with paints, acrylics, canvases, colored pencils, inks, pastels, decorative papers, and drafting supplies. Imagine caters to artists, wannabe artists, art students, and even children. If the beauty of the store and its abundance of art supplies is not enough to make you smile, the two shop cats, Jude and Jordana, certainly will.





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Timeless Faces at the Library

If you stood in the middle of the Hawk Gallery in August and September, you may have felt you were in the midst of friends. That was the effect caused by Shelley Nemeth's photography exhibit, "Listening to Our Elders." Shelley, a part-time circulation clerk, combined her love of the Library with her love of photography to create slightly larger-than life individual close-ups of 15 elderly Library devotees.

Shelley photographed each patron in the section of the Library he or she most enjoys. To put her subjects at ease, she kept the camera a nonintrusive 4–5 feet away and used a remote shutter. She and the patron chatted away, resulting in a conversational portrait, as well as a personal reflection on the role of the Library. All but one of the subjects are 80 years of age and older. And yet, their portraits reflect vitality and grace.

Around 125 people enjoyed the exhibit's opening reception on August 5th, hosted by the Friends. Most of the photographed subjects were on hand.

Nemeth's "Listening to Our Elders" will have a new home. These beautiful patrons of the Library will soon adorn the walls of City Hall!



Monterey County Gives!

The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library has been selected to participate in the 2016 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 titled "No Barriers: Library Services for All." Although the Pacific Grove Library is heavily used, the use is not uniform across the segments of its service area. For a variety of reasons (distance, home language, temporary residence), children and families living in the large apartment complexes off David Avenue are less likely to take advantage of the literacy services the Library offers. Our big idea is to eliminate the discrepancy. To break down barriers, the Library will offer weekend bilingual story time for young children and parents in the area's park, accompanied by book-loan opportunities for older children. Once this outreach effort takes hold, the members of that community and the Library staff can define needs and develop a plan to meet them.

The wonderful thing about Monterey County Gives! is that your contribution receives a match. So, when you plan your end-of-the-year giving, keep the Friends and Monterey County Gives! in mind.

Hey, Kids, Come and Paint!

It's mural-making time again! Local artist Julie Heilman and volunteers from the Friends are ready for some fun! This year's theme is "This Land Is Our Land" a celebration of our national parks. It coincides with the fine art exhibit and three months of special events at the Library that will run from Oct. 5 – Jan. 7.

Who: Kids ages 5-11
When: Saturday, October 15
Saturday, November 12
Where: Library arcade
Time: 1:00-3:00
Cost: \$10.00; \$15.00 per family



Kids, come either date. Wear a cover-up if you wish.

Book Sale Successes

The Friends Book Sale is an all-volunteer, no-overhead adventure, and we couldn't do it without you! Your generous book and media donations provide our inventory; your volunteer time, energy, and expertise are essential to our growing success; and your loyal book-buying support on sale days rewards our efforts in the best possible way.

Since the Friends Board began steering the book sale operation earlier this year, our numbers of volunteers have grown steadily to over 60 community members; and we are delighted to report that our sales are averaging over \$1400 a month. It's all profit — and all the profits go to support the Pacific Grove Library. We're in the Library arcade on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come early to search for that elusive title you've had in mind, to chat with your friends or make new ones, and to help us increase our support for the Library — one \$2 book at a time. And remember, members of the Friends get a discount.

Our Library's Impressive Stats!

- ♦ **Circulation of Library Materials**
around 300,000 items circulated per year
- ♦ **Role as a Community Center**
around 500 visitors per day
- ♦ **Programs for Children and Adults**
around 300 with 11,000 in attendance
- ♦ **Reference Services**
around 26,000 questions answered
- ♦ **Access to Online Services**
around 125,000 website and database hits
- ♦ **Support Services**
around 5,000 items added to collection
- ♦ **Use of Public Computers and Wi-Fi**
around 27,000 sessions
- ♦ **Staffing**
11.75 full-time employees

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Big Sur Half Marathon – Volunteers Needed

Over 30 Friends volunteered to help staff the Big Sur Half Marathon in 2015, the first time our organization participated in this event. Not only did our efforts generate a grant of \$2,800 from the sponsors, everyone had such fun that we have signed up again. This means we're looking for people who are willing to devote four hours or so early on Sunday, November 13, to help keep the marathon course clear and the runners happy. Yes, you'll have to get up early, but you'll be cheered by the joy of the participants, and you'll be done in time to go home for a late morning nap. If you are interested in some early-morning excitement and helping the Friends generate more financial support for the Library, you can sign up at the Library or e-mail ssteele@redshift.com.

Reading for Rugs

In September, orange flyers and orange envelopes for the October 29 Read-A-Thon flooded the Pacific Grove Post Office, as well as all the classrooms in Robert Down School and Forest Grove School. Around 460 adults received requests to be a sponsor, and nearly 1,300 students received Read-A-Thon reader and sponsor sign-ups. The Friends hope that most of those eye-catching orange sheets will be returned with hundreds of participating readers and sponsors.

A reader has no monetary obligation. A sponsorship costs \$60.00 an hour. Sponsors may buy as many hours as they wish. From 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 29, children will find a comfy spot in the Library and read, or be read to. Readers will earn \$1.00 for the Library for every minute read. Downtown Pacific Grove businesses will welcome trick-or-treaters on that day, so children are encouraged to wear their costumes during the Read-A-Thon.

The 2014 Read-A-Thon raised around \$9,000 for the Library. With the children's room needing renovation, including new rugs, we hope to top that amount this year.

The Read-A-Thon is all about the **fun in fund-raising**. Find your orange sheet and join the fun as a reader or a sponsor, or both. If you've lost your orange sponsor sheet, you can pick one up in the Library, at the Read-A-Thon display.

A Few Good People

The Friends Board will have at least two, and as many as three, openings in January, 2017. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic enough about the Library and the Friends' mission that they can commit a few hours a week. Responsibilities vary — from staffing Meet the Author events and First Saturday book sales to brainstorming new fundraising ideas and overseeing print and social media publicity. You will enjoy the commitment of your colleagues and a sense of contributing to your community. If interested, contact Susan Steele, President, at ssteele@redshift.com.

Meet the Author: Lindsay Hatton



Author Lindsay Hatton, born and raised in Monterey, used the Monterey Peninsula as the setting for her first novel, and historic Cannery Row figures John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts as characters. In the novel, titled *Monterey Bay*, protagonist Margot Fiske, a precocious 15-year-old, falls in love with Ricketts, 43.

Inspiration for Hatton's main character came from a variety of sources, including Julia Platt, former Pacific Grove mayor, and Carol Steinbeck, author John Steinbeck's first wife. Both were exceptionally bright and persistent with what they set out to accomplish, Hatton said. In researching Steinbeck and Ricketts, Hatton pored through Rickett's logs and Steinbeck's letters and found a "conduit into their brains" that helped her "see how they might have spoken to each other and to others around them."

Hatton was born in Monterey in 1979. As she grew up, the area changed with the surge of tourists, as did her experience of her hometown. Hatton's protagonist reflects Hatton's memory of her own teenage years and her shifting attitude toward her birthplace: complex, and sometimes contradictory.

Ms. Hatton now lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The audience was delighted to welcome her back and celebrate her success.

Volunteer for The Friends!

If you are interested in **volunteering** for Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, contact Peggy Hansen at phansen@redshift.com.

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Mark Your Calendars:

Book Sales at the Library: First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

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| <p>Friday, October 7</p> <p>Saturday, October 15</p> <p>Wednesday, October 26</p> <p>Saturday, October 29</p> <p>Saturday, November 5</p> <p>Saturday, November 12</p> <p>Sunday, November 13</p> <p>Thursday, November 17</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30</p> | <p>“This Land Is Our Land” Artists Reception, 6:00 – 9:00</p> <p>Wine and hors d’oeuvres at the Library</p> <p>Kids Make Murals, 1:00 – 3:00 in the Library arcade</p> <p>Dine Out with Friends at Passionfish, 701 Lighthouse</p> <p>Read-A-Thon for kids, 12:00 – 9:00 at the Library</p> <p>Book Sale, 10:00 – 4:00 in the Library arcade</p> <p>Kids Make Murals, 1:00 – 3:00 in the Library arcade</p> <p>Big Sur Half Marathon Volunteers needed</p> <p>Meet the Author, Mary Alinder, 7:30 at the Library</p> <p>Author of the biography, <i>Ansel Adams</i></p> <p>Dine Out with Friends at Los Amigos, 1184 Forest Ave</p> |
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Dine Out with Friends!



**Passionfish
Wednesday, Oct. 26**

Support the local businesses who support your library:

CORPORATE MEMBERS

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| <p>Jones Group Real Estate</p> <p>Jan Pratt & J.R. Rouse,
Sotheby’s</p> | <p>Fifi’s Bistro Cafe</p> <p>Fishwife Restaurant</p> <p>Foxglove Gardens and
Design</p> <p>Diane Grindol Pet Sitting
and Services</p> <p>Grove Market</p> <p>Hauk Fine Arts</p> <p>Hayward Lumber</p> <p>Il Vecchio</p> <p>Imagine Art Supplies</p> <p>In Stride Physical Therapy</p> | <p>J. Gary Grant, MD</p> <p>Julia’s Vegetarian</p> <p>La Mia Cucina</p> <p>La Piccola Casa</p> <p>Los Amigos Restaurante</p> <p>Mando’s</p> <p>Matteson’s Auto Repair</p> <p>Maureen Mason,
Sotheby’s International</p> <p>Max’s Grill</p> <p>Michael’s Grill & Taqueria</p> <p>Monterey Whale Watching</p> | <p>Mountain Mike’s</p> <p>Mum’s Place</p> <p>Nancy’s Attic</p> <p>Pacific Grove Cleaners</p> <p>Pacific Grove Hardware</p> <p>Pacific Grove Travel</p> <p>Park Place Publications</p> <p>Pavel’s Backerei</p> <p>Penelope Sky, editorial
services</p> <p>Peppers MexiCali Cafe</p> <p>Petra Restaurant</p> | <p>Rose Nails</p> <p>Seven Gables Inn</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul
Thrift</p> <p>Tessuti Zoo</p> <p>The BookWorks</p> <p>The Grove Laundry</p> <p>The Red House Café</p> <p>The UPS Store #3441</p> <p>Vito’s Italian Restaurant</p> |
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BUSINESS MEMBERS

- Artisana Gallery
- Back Porch Fabrics
- Cedar Street Times*
- Dority Roofing and Solar
- Farmer’s Insurance–Osio
Insurance Agency
- Favazza Plastering

This Land is Our Land Events

For More Information go to: <http://ourlandpg.weebly.com>

Thursday, October 6—An Associated event at Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (<http://www.pgmuseum.org/>)

Buffalo Field Campaign 2016 Roadshow - 7 to 9 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Free

Friday, October 7

Artists' Reception - 6 to 9 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Free

Saturday, October 8

Asilomar nature walk and talk with California State Parks Interpreter, Lisa Bradford - 10 to 11 am

Location: Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove (Tours start at the Flagpole north of Hearst Social Hall)

Cost: Free

Monday, October 10

Book Discussion – “Letters From Yellowstone” by Diane Smith - 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Little House in Jewell Park, 578 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Free

Friday, October 14

Library Talk – “From Drum Solo to Symphony: A history of our national park system” with Pinnacles National Park Lead Park Interpretive Ranger PT Lathrop - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Saturday, October 15

Kids' Banner Painting Project –with Julie Heilman - 1 to 3 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Suggested \$10.00 donation per child or \$15.00 per family

Friday, October 21

Library Talk – “Ansel Adams: A Son's Perspective” with Michael Adams - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Friday, October 28

Library Talk – “Fort Ord National Monument” with BLM's Fort Ord National Monument Manager Eric Morgan - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Friday, November 4

Library Talk and Painting Demonstration – “The Art of the Parks” with exhibit curator Christine Crozier - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Saturday, November 5

Asilomar nature walk and talk with California State Parks Interpreter, Lisa Bradford - 10 to 11 am

Location: Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove (Tours start at the Flagpole north of Hearst Social Hall)

Cost: Free

Friday, November 11

Library Concert – “Songs to Celebrate Our Land” with Sea Otter String Quartet - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

This Land is Our Land Events

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Saturday, November 12

Kids' Banner Painting Project – with Julie Heilman - 1 to 3 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10.00 donation per child or \$15.00 per family

Friday, November 18

Library Talk – “Going Out And Going In With John Muir” with Linda and David Mullally - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Friday, December 2

Library Photographic Presentation and Talk – “Winter in Yellowstone” with Doug Steakley - 5:30 to 7pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Saturday, December 3

Asilomar nature walk and talk – with California State Parks Interpreter, Lisa Bradford - 10 to 11 am

Location: Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove (Tours start at the Flagpole north of Hearst Social Hall)

Cost: Free

Friday, December 9

Library Talk – “A Lasting Legacy” with Congressman Sam Farr - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

John Muir Weekend

Friday, December 16

“John Muir’s Purple Prose Plan to Save the World” – with Pacific Grove’s Poet Emerita, Dr. Barbara Mossberg - 5:30 to 7 pm

Location: Pacific Grove Public Library, 550 Central Avenue

Cost: Suggested \$10 donation, free to Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

Saturday, December 17

“John Muir Among the Animals” – with Lee Stetson - 5 to 6 pm

Location: Fire Pit at Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: Free

Sunday, December 18

“The Spirit of John Muir” – with Lee Stetson - 2 pm

Location: Grace Dodge Chapel, Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue, Pacific Grove

Cost: \$15.00 with advanced registration or \$20.00 at the door.

January 6 - Closing Reception at the Pacific Grove Library

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