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Dine Out with Friends!



Jan. 31-La Mia Cucina

Swan Song

In January, 2018, I will be retiring as President of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library and resigning from the Board. Difficult personal circumstances make these actions necessary, although they leave me with a heavy heart.

I am not sure whether I became a member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library in January 2009 or January 2010. I know it was at a low point for the Library – the budget had been cut in half and it was open to the public a paltry 24 hours a week; closure was threatened. The City Council put a parcel tax on the ballot, twice, to generate Library funding, once in November, 2009, and again in November, 2010. Although, each time, over 61% of the voters said 'yes', both measures failed to meet the 66.6% required for passage. (In 2009, the 'yes' votes were 65.9% of the total. I even went to the County Election Board offices in Salinas to watch the recount, sure that the 15 or so votes needed would magically appear.)

So, the Friends Board decided our task was to capitalize on the obviously strong community support for the Library, through fund-raising and advocacy. Judy Archibald was the President at that point and she steered the creation of the Foundation for the Pacific Grove Library with a large bequest from the estate of Erna Morris. I spent much of my time building a data base that recorded every Library supporter, as the beginning of more effective membership and donor management. But we both were regularly in attendance at City Council meetings. I'm sure members of the Council sighed inwardly during the public comment section when one or the other of us rose to make sure they remembered the Library in their decisions.

In January, 2013, Judy stepped down as president to devote her time to building the Foundation and I took over. I initially had two goals – grow the membership and make the Library's case to the business community. The Friends membership has doubled in my time as president – from roughly 250 to roughly 500. There's no reason it couldn't double again. On the business community front, we undertook two initiatives. We actively solicited business memberships, promising to promote businesses that supported the Library, and we introduced Dine Out with Friends, a way to simultaneously generate money for the Library and highlight Pacific Grove's wonderful restaurants. The Friends was honored by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce for these activities as 2014 Non-Profit of the Year.

When Steven Silveria became Interim, and then, permanent, Library Director, a third goal was added – get the Library Renewal Project off the ground. Although I know that the Friends alone couldn't get this done, we really tried. We funded the creation of the room that houses the Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery, as a demonstration project of what could be done to bring back the Carnegie core of our Library. We put up the money for the materials to create three chandeliers, replicas of those in the original building. One now hangs before the rotunda; the other two are ready to be hung at the appropriate time. And, we continue to be the project's cheer-leaders. I particularly regret that I won't be part of the final push to raise the last bit of money necessary to make the Library what the community deserves.

There's lots more to be done. The First Saturday Book Sale is becoming a steady source of funding – largely through the sustained efforts of Judy Wills. But we know we could do more with an effective on-line presence. The Friends and the Foundation have developed a much stronger partnership, but delineating our respective roles to the community remains a work in progress. I am confident that new leadership will resolve these issues – and be an essential partner in completing the Library Renewal.

So – this is good-bye. Thank you for making Pacific Grove such a special place.
Susan Steele

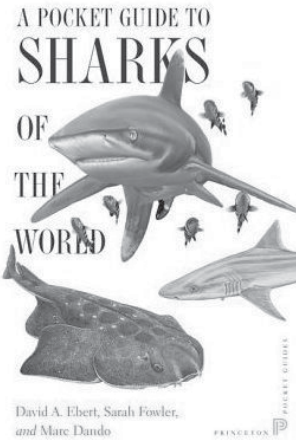


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Finding a new shark species requires a deep dive into inaccessible, often unexplored, waters. Professor Dave Ebert, a world-renowned shark expert and Program Director of the Pacific Shark Research Center at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, takes the plunge often and with enthusiasm. Across six continents and in over 25 countries, Dr. Ebert has discovered over 60 shark species, previously unknown to the public and to scientific and conservation communities.

Dr. Ebert will speak about his passion for 'lost sharks' as part of the Friends' Meet the Author series on February 22, 2018, at the Pacific Grove Public Library. Doors open at 7:20 pm, and the program begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is free for members of the Friends; a donation of \$10 is requested of non-members.



Business Member Spotlight

Want to go to Sicily, but don't have the time or the money? Make believe for an evening at La Mia Cucina Ristorante, just a few steps up from Lighthouse on 17th Street. The ambiance is warm and friendly. The dishes – ravioli, sausage, arancini, and gelato, for example — are prepared from scratch using hand-selected, locally-sourced ingredients. This place consistently gets raves. In a review in the Monterey County Herald, Barbara Mossberg wrote, 'Thank you, La Mia Cucina, for redeeming Peninsula and Italian cuisine.'

La Mia Cucina is the location of Dine out with Friends in January. Plan your trip to Sicily for January 31. A portion of your check will be donated to the Friends to support the PG Library. Just remember, to keep alive your fantasy of being in Sicily, dress a little warmer than you would in Taormina.

Met the Author

On the rainy night of Thursday, November 16, an overflow crowd assembled in the Pacific Grove Library to hear Pacific Grove's own Steve Hauk talk about his new book, Steinbeck, the Untold Stories. Scott Bauer, Library Director, welcomed the attendees with words of appreciation for the Friends of the Library, the event's sponsors. In her introduction of Steve, Barbara Moore, Chair of the Meet the Author Committee, expressed wonder at the breadth of his achievements – fine art gallery owner, journalist, and writer of film scripts and plays.



When the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas was being dedicated, Steve's art gallery mounted an exhibition of art related to the California settings of Steinbeck's stories and novels. The exhibition was such a popular and critical success that Steve became permanently associated with Steinbeck and Steinbeck's life story. He and his late wife, Nancy, began receiving documents and artifacts related to Steinbeck, sometimes anonymously, and he was told many stories about Steinbeck, his family and associates, and the real-life counterparts of the characters in Steinbeck's writings. The title of Untold Stories is, thus, a literal description of its contents.

On the night in question, Steve's account of the history of the material in his book was accompanied by digital projection of some of the documents he had been given. A number related to the purchase and shipment of guns by Steinbeck, who had received threats on his life and believed he needed a gun for personal protection. Other images showed the settings for the stories and C. Kline's evocative illustrations in the book.

With five stars on Amazon, Steinbeck, the Untold Stories is doing well. Support local talent by picking up your own copy.

Life in PG

The last few copies of 'Life in Pacific Grove' are available for purchase at the Library. Edited by Patricia Hamilton, this collection of essays about our hometown gives a clear sense of what a special place this is and what it means to live here.

The proceeds from the sale of this book, after deducting publication and publicity costs, have generated almost \$2000 for support of the Library's local history archive.

Many thanks to Patricia for her vision and her commitment.

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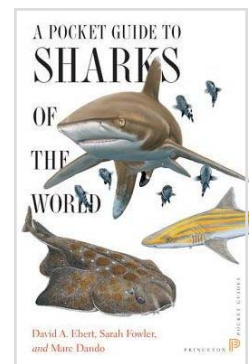
Current Resident or:

Mark Your Calendars:

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

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| Monday, January 22 | Annual Meeting of members of the Friends – Hawk Gallery |
| Wednesday, January 31 | Dine out with Friends – La Mia Cucina |
| Saturday, February 3 | First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade |
| Thursday, February 22 | Meet the Author – Pacific Grove Library |
| Wednesday, February 28 | Dine out with Friends – Taste Café and Bistro |
| Wednesday, March 28 | Dine out with Friends – Victorian Corner |

**Professor Dave Ebert
February 22**



Support the local businesses who support your library:

CORPORATE MEMBERS

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Jones Group Real Estate | Diane Grindol Pet Sitting and Services | Sotheby's International | Pavel's Backerei | The Red House Café |
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| BUSINESS MEMBERS | Hauk Fine Arts | Max's Grill | Petra Restaurant | Trotter's Antiques |
| Artisana Gallery | Hayward Lumber | Michael's Grill & Taqueria | Phill's Barber Shop | |
| Back Porch Fabrics | Hensley Travel | Monterey Whale Watching | Rose Nails | |
| <i>Cedar Street Times</i> | Il Vecchio | Mum's Place | Seven Gables Inn | |
| Favazza Plastering | Imagine Art Supplies | Pacific Grove Cleaners | David Simonsen, DDS | |
| Fifi's Bistro Cafe | In Stride Physical Therapy | Pacific Grove Hardware | St. Vincent de Paul Thrift | |
| Fishwife Restaurant | La Mia Cucina | Pacific Grove Travel | Taste Bistro | |
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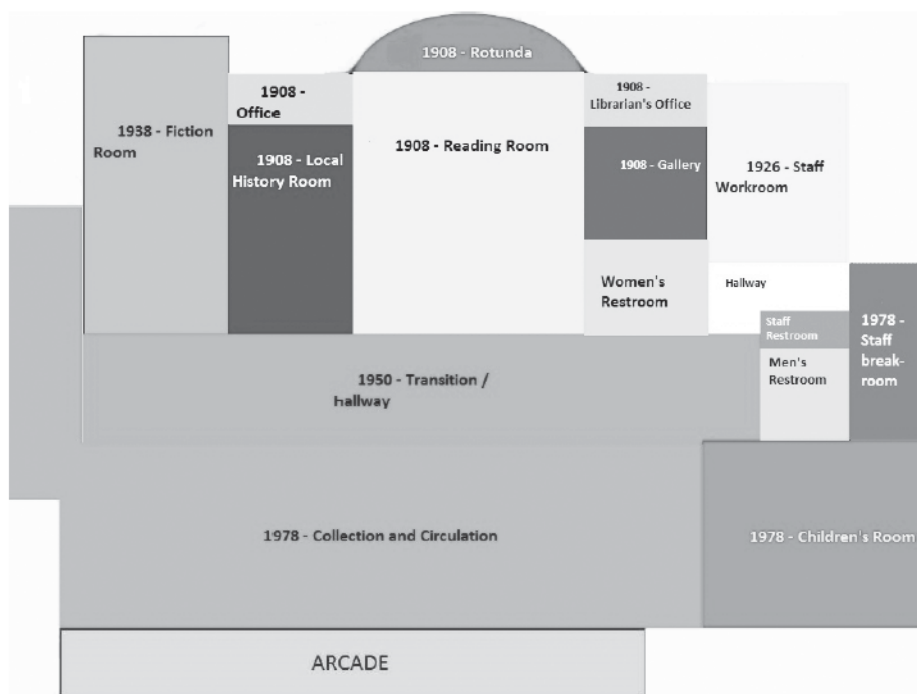
Library Renewal Update

On December 20, Scott Bauer, the Director of the Pacific Grove Library, updated the City Council on the Library Renewal Project. After his presentation, the City Council unanimously approved a recommendation to authorize Ben Harvey, the City Manager, to continue work through Scott with Library stakeholder groups, supporters and the community to pursue private fundraising for additional funding for the Library Renewal Project.

This is a somewhat roundabout way of saying three things. (1) We now have a pretty clear idea of what the project will cost

(roughly \$2.5million), of what is immediately on hand, through contributions and pledges (approaching \$1.3million), and the gap. (2) The City is enthusiastically behind the project. (3) There is confidence on all fronts that the gap can be filled.

To demonstrate your support, make a contribution now — to the Friends (P.O. Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950), the Foundation (P.O. Box 2025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950), or The Fund for the Future at the Community Foundation for Monterey County.



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!

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone(s) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Individual (\$30) Business (\$50) Benefactor (\$100) Life Member (\$2000 or more)

Family (\$45) Corporate (\$500) Patron (\$250)

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A Good Resolution

It's not too late for one more New Year's resolution. This could be the year when you resolve to put your estate plans in place (or review them if you already have a will or trust). You will gain peace of mind, knowing that your financial affairs are in order.

As you begin to make or review those plans, we have a question: Has the Pacific Grove Public Library (PGPL) played a role in your life? If so, we hope you'll play a role in the library's future by including the PGPL Foundation (Tax ID #45-1738473) in your estate plans. Maybe you're thinking:

"I love the PG Library and I wish I could leave a legacy, but I'm not rich."

"I need to provide for my family. I don't have spare assets to leave to the PG Library Foundation."

"My small gift wouldn't make any difference."

Many people feel that a bequest to the PG Library Foundation has to be a large sum. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As a traditional proverb reminds us: "Many small streams make a large river."

The PG Library was established in 1908 with funding from Andrew Carnegie, and the PG Public Library Foundation has grown from an initial large legacy gift in 2011. But each bequest—large or small—contributes to increasing our endowment and ensuring a secure future for our library.

PG will soon begin a long-overdue library renewal project, and in May 2018 we will celebrate Pacific Grove Public Library's 110th birthday. We need your help to ensure the next 110 years of our library's service to our community. Through planned giving, you can leave a lasting legacy without giving up assets now. We would be happy to discuss options with you.

If you have already named the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know. The Legacy Society is a way for us to recognize your generosity and include you in special events.

Hello, Kim; Good-bye, Susan



Kim Bui-Burton joined the Friends Board of Directors in October, 2017. Kim has lived in Pacific Grove for 40 years, the last 20 with her husband Steven Silveria, who was previously Pacific Grove's Director of Library and Information Services. They have four grown children who all attended PG schools.

Kim recently retired as Monterey's Community Services Director, where she managed areas as diverse as the Monterey Conference Center, Harbor, Museums, Parking and Recreation. Prior to that she was the Monterey Public Library Director. We are particularly happy to have Kim joining us now, as she brings a renewed enthusiasm for the Library Renewal Project. As she says, 'This is the fun part'.



Personal circumstances forced the resignation of Susan Stempson in the fall of 2017. Susan was on the Board a relatively short time, but we very much appreciated her willingness to pitch in on every project and we will miss her thoughtful observations about how best to expend our efforts. Stay in touch, Susan.