



# Among FRIENDS

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*Opening night of the  
Voices & Images reception,  
October 2, 2015, at the  
Casa Gutierrez*



## **Voices & Images: Monterey Remembered A Huge Success**

The “Voices & Images: Monterey Remembered” grant project has been a huge success. The project to collect interviews and photos from Japanese-American families from Monterey has exceeded our expectations.

Sixteen individuals participated in on-camera interviews, the interviews have been transcribed, and the photos have been digitized for the archival collection. A selection of 30 photos were enlarged, framed, and exhibited at the charming Mexican-era adobe, Casa Gutierrez. Another 50 photos were mounted and displayed in museum cases.

The exhibition opened with a reception on October 2, drawing about 130 guests. Subsequently, another 250 or more guests have enjoyed the exhibit and provided very positive feedback. Monterey’s Japanese-American community has been especially supportive and appreciative of the exhibit. On the second Sunday after opening, about 25 Japanese-American families gathered in the gallery at once, pointing out photos of friends and family, laughing and telling stories.

Work continues on the project as it is the hope of the library to find another venue for the framed photos to be exhibited. The transcriptions will also need to be proof-read, bound and cataloged. The interviews will also be cataloged and added to the California History Room’s archival collections, where they will eventually become available to researchers.

This project of the Friends of the Monterey Public Library is funded through a grant from the Thomas Doud, the Sr. and Anita M. Doud Fund 1 and the Maria DeVoe Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. The project committee—Patty Cal, Claire Rygg, Anne Washburn and Suzie Wood—worked closely with library staff to bring the project to fruition. Special thanks also go to Treasurer Wayne Cruzan for keeping tabs on the budget, and to all those who worked in the Casa Gutierrez to keep the gallery open throughout October.

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## Financial Report

Fiscal Year 7/12/2014 - 6/30/2015

<b>BALANCE 7/12/2014</b>	<b>\$30,361.00</b>
Receipts	
Wine& Chocolate Benefit	\$26,123.00
Community Foundation Grant (Vocies & Images)	\$21,000.00
Book Sales	\$9,506.90
Donations (Includes \$2800 from MPF Charity Match)	\$8,750.28
Memberships	\$7,034.15
Monterey County Gives (21st Century Learners)	\$6,330.23
Big Sur Races	\$3,000.00
Tea With Marie event	\$1,215.00
Business Membership	\$650.00
Books in Bloom	\$500.00
DVD Sales	\$140.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$84,249.56</b>
Disbursements	
MPL Turst Fund Wish Lists	\$38,000.00
Irene Murray Field of Interest	\$4,585.77
Wine and Chocolate Benefit	\$4,436.50
Administration	\$2,388.12
Voices & Images: Monterey Remembers	\$1,838.68
City of MOnterey (Open Book, Books in Bloom Program)	\$1,500.00
Tea With Marie Event	\$711.48
Credit Card Fees/Pal Pal Fees	\$448.00
Poetry Awards	\$300.00
Anne Washburn (Button Books for Giant Sale)	\$247.53
McFarland Lutheran Church (donations, anomy. in honor of Pauline Larson)	\$50.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$54,507.41</b>
<b>BALANCE 6/30/2015</b>	<b>\$60,103.15</b>

Note: This report has been completely prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

## From the Interim Director



Fall is an exciting time at Monterey Public Library. If you visit the library on a weekday afternoon, you are likely to encounter clusters of teenagers attending teen programs, and swirling about the building like autumn leaves, waiting for their parents to rake them up, and bundle them home. Thanks to support from the FRIENDS, last year's Monterey County Weekly Gives campaign funded "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners" providing funds for our Teen Librarian to teach 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills to teens. This fall we are harvesting the benefits of that initiative. Our Teen Librarian has been hard at work providing instruction sessions to help students learn to become effective team members, engaged citizens of the community, self directed, life-long learners and successful researchers. The funds will also make it possible for staff to work in small groups and one-on-one with teenagers who are struggling with technology, research, and communication skills. With FRIENDS' support we've launched a well-attended monthly Craft Club for adults and a Lego Club for kids, where children participate in creative free-building to support the use of critical thinking, problem-solving, and social skills. The FRIENDS have also helped us add hundreds of new reading materials for customers of all ages – don't miss our new book shelves the next time you visit. Looking ahead, the FRIENDS are initiating another Monterey County Weekly Gives campaign this winter. Funds raised will support the 2016 Summer Reading Program "Read for the Win!" Children's and Teen programs offered at the Library this coming summer will not only exercise mind and body, they will help kids avoid 'the summer slide' where research shows that children who don't read in the summer can see their reading skills decline as much as one grade level. The Library is participating in the 2016 statewide summer reading program with a goal of 1 million readers! "Read for the Win!," the 2016 state-wide theme focuses on sports and games to coincide with the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Locally, we will partner with the City of Monterey Recreation Department and others to create programs that provide both reading and physical activity for the children and teens of your community. FRIENDS and libraries—a winning combination in any season.

—Inga Waite

**Giant Used Book Sale**

**Saturday, December 5**  
Open to the Public  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
\$5 a bag/4:00 -5:00  
Community Room

**Friday, December 4**  
**FRIENDS\* ONLY**  
3:00 - 5:00 pm  
\*Join at the door  
Community Room

All proceeds to benefit the Monterey Public Library  
625 Pacific Street

## Big Sur Half Marathon 2015

The FRIENDS will be at the Big Sur Half Marathon Expo located at the Monterey Conference Center on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7. The FRIENDS provide information to seekers of good restaurants, educational, cultural or recreational activities. The atmosphere at the Expo is festive and fun, and FRIENDS also get a chance to view and purchase some of the sports apparel sold by the vendors. The FRIENDS earn up to \$1,500 for their efforts. If you are interested in assisting at the FRIENDS information table during a three-hour shift on Saturday afternoon, please contact Claire Rygg at [oaksnpines@aol.com](mailto:oaksnpines@aol.com).

### FRIENDS BOARD 2015-16

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### From the President

Welcome, FRIENDS!

One of the primary objectives of the FRIENDS of the Monterey Public Library is to “establish closer relations between the Monterey Public Library and the people it serves....” We have talented people on our Board who love the library, and who assist with fundraising for the development of the library’s programs and services. As a Board we “confer with the Board of Trustees and Library staff on matters relating to the welfare of the library.”

The Board has an open invitation to folks who want to volunteer and help us with our events. Visit [www.mplfriends.com](http://www.mplfriends.com) and find out how you may use your time and talents with the FRIENDS.

—Claire Rygg

The Endowment Committee and Advisory Council of the Monterey Public Library are pleased to invite you to

### Breakfast with Interim Library Director Inga Waite



And a Talk by

### Peter Hiller

Jo Mora Trust Collection Curator

### “Jo Mora in Monterey County & Beyond”

Enjoy a breakfast buffet overlooking the Monterey Bay  
\$35 pp/complimentary to 1849 Society Members & Guests

Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
9:00 am ~ 11:00 am  
Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa  
Ocean Club ~ 400 Cannery Row ~ Monterey



RSVP by Friday, November 13, 2015  
Sirie Thongchua, 831.646.5632 or  
[thongchu@monterey.org](mailto:thongchu@monterey.org)

Tickets available online at [mplfriends.com](http://mplfriends.com),  
in person at the Library Help Desk or by  
phone at 831.646.5632.

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## Chocolate & Wine Tasting Benefit 2016

Our huge fundraiser, now in its 11th year, will be on Friday, February 19, and planning for this event has already started. We need a coordinator for the Cookie & Cake Contest that we’ll be bringing back for this event! Event tickets will be on sale during the Giant Book Sale on Saturday, December 5, at the library, and you can purchase your \$30 ticket in advance and stuff it in your loved one’s holiday stocking!

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Claire Rygg at [oaksnpines@aol.com](mailto:oaksnpines@aol.com).

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIENDS of the Monterey Public Library

## Chocolate & Wine Tasting BENEFIT

Friday, February 19, 2016  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Must be 21 to attend

Monterey Public Library  
625 Pacific Street, Monterey  
\$30 (\$35 at the door)

For tickets and information:  
831-646-5602  
[mplfriends.com](http://mplfriends.com)

SILENT AUCTION  
Chocolate Fountain, Molé, Cakes,  
Balloon Pop, Sundaes, Live Music

All proceeds to benefit the Monterey Public Library

## Trustees Topics

John Castagna, Board of Trustees Representative to the FRIENDS Board

It has been a busy time at the library. On September 17 Bill Michael resigned as director. Inga Waite has been appointed interim director and recruitment has started for a permanent director. The board is grateful to Bill for his service.

In August we added a new board member, Jennifer Lambert-Hamrick. She has a background in teaching, an M.A. in French from MIIS, and is currently busy homeschooling her three children.

At the last board meeting Jeanne McCombs was recognized for her 25 years of service to the library, and plans to continue serving for another 25. Karen Brown has retired after working 25 years at our library. She spent the past 49 years of her life working in libraries and will be sorely missed. A well attended retirement party was held on October 15th in the Community Room.

Julie Weirick joined the library staff on October 1 as a Library Assistant I RPT in Technical Services. She brings a background in copy cataloging and serials processing, as well as experience in interlibrary loan

and circulation. Recruitment for the Youth Librarians is under way and we expect to fill the positions in the next couple of months.

The ukulele lessons are going well and all of the loan instruments are being checked out. The annual Robert Louis Stevenson "Unbirthday" party will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 1 p.m., in the Community Room. The event features a reading by Keith Decker of Stevenson's essay, "The Old Pacific Capital," describing Monterey as it was in 1879. "Unbirthday" cake, courtesy of the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey, will be served after the reading. Reservations are required. For information call (831) 646-3949 or email [mccombs@monterey.org](mailto:mccombs@monterey.org).

The Monterey Library Board usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Community Room, and members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas are available through the I-Search Monterey website.

## Check out the FRIENDS Corner — selections updated frequently

### Books In Bloom Benefit

The FRIENDS hosted the 2nd annual "Books in Bloom" Author Luncheon fundraiser on August 30 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa Dolphin's Ballroom overlooking the Monterey Bay. Over a hundred guests attended the luncheon featuring bestselling author of *The Language of Flowers* Vanessa Diffenbaugh talking about her latest book, *We Never Asked for Wings*—a novel. Guests enjoyed power shopping through the Artisans' Marketplace, dining on a three-course lunch, an inspirational talk by Vanessa about her life as a writer and foster mother; and having Vanessa sign her books following the program. The luncheon raised over \$9,400 to support library programs and services.

#### The FRIENDS of the Monterey Public Library Thank Our Event Sponsors:

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Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa; Five-Star Audio Visual; Kim Englund, Floral Designer/Owner, Fleurs du Soleil; Ronn Rygg, Photographer; Vanessa Diffenbaugh

**Table Captains:** Kim Bui-Burton, Patricia Cal

**Volunteers:** Lisa Koenig, Claire Rygg, Tish Sammon, Laverne Webb

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##### Especially Thanks:

Event Chair Esther Rodriguez for creating the "Books in Bloom" Author Series; Patricia Cal, FRIENDS VP; Books in Bloom Committee; *We Never Asked for Wings* Author Vanessa Diffenbaugh

### FRIENDS

#### Board Meetings

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Monterey Public Library

4:00 Community Room

#### *FRIENDS Board Meetings 2016*

January 13

April 13

July 13

October 12

#### Library Hours:

M, Tu, W 12 - 8

Th, F, S 10 - 6

Sunday 1 - 5

#### Monterey Library

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

fourth Wednesday of each month

5:00 pm Community Room

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