

President's Message

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATIONS

A number of people are confused about the difference between Friends and Foundations, and wonder if the presence of the Sierra Madre Library Foundation will change the Friends.

In a nutshell, Foundations focus on long-range fundraising goals, and on creating an endowment. Foundations use capital campaigns and direct appeals to help accomplish their goal to raise money. The Sierra Madre Library Foundation will have a board of directors and will have donors, but will not be an organization with members.

None of that will change the way our Friends group operates, except perhaps to take pressure off of us in terms of providing money for large items and future needs of the Library. Our primary fundraising goals will continue, as always, to provide funds for Library programs, services and materials that are not budgeted by the City.

ART FAIR

You don't need another reminder that the Fair is **Saturday, May 4** and **Sunday May, 5**, so I'm mentioning it to remind you that any Friend who stops by our information booth can enter a free raffle for an item by our Featured Artist. You can get another ticket if you bring something to the Baked Goods Booth. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Margaret Quigley

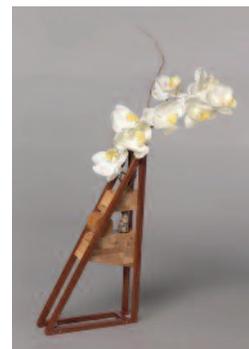
57TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR

The 57th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, will be held in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., on **Saturday, May 4**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and **Sunday, May 5**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sixty-five (65) artists, including 10 newly juried, will display and sell their works of art. Mediums include oil paintings, jewelry, watercolors, glass, wood, metal, wearable art, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, sculpture and weaving. The Art Fair will be the perfect place to buy Mom that wonderful Mother's Day gift or to buy upcoming graduation and wedding gifts, as well as to purchase pieces for your own enjoyment.

The Featured Artist this year is **Warren Yip**. His Maple and Balau wood piece, titled 'Giraffe,' will appear on all posters, post cards, flyers, and other promotional materials.

Live **Music** will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell and on the southeast lawn. In the **Band Shell** on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — Evan Marshall, mandolin virtuoso; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. — McMains, American pop and Celtic Soul. On Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — Steve Trovato and Tim Kobza, jazz, country, rock guitar duo; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. — Rick Shea, country style American music.



Giraffe by Warren Yip

On the **Southeast Lawn** on Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. — Tom Corbett and Bill Knopf, mandolin and banjo duo. On Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon — Banna Beag Mall — Irish/Celtic; and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. — Jean Sudbury — charming eclectic mix of music and instruments.

Food vendors will offer a variety of food and drinks. Scheduled to participate are Twohey's Food Truck, Taquito Lover, Kealy's Poppin' Kettle Corn and Kona Ice.

The **Friends of the Library** will have a booth selling their popular sweet 'quick' breads and baked goods and the **Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society** will be selling their famous lemonade made from rangpur limes.

For the children, instructors from the **Creative Arts Group** have planned a special craft activity — learn how to make pinwheels — and be sure to visit our very creative **Face Painter** and **Balloon Artist** located in the Southeast section of the park next to CAG.

Again, this year we will feature a **Silent Auction**. To date, 35 artists have donated lovely, one-of-a-kind pieces for the auction, which means you'll have an opportunity to bid on some really beautiful artwork and also support the Library.

All Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Public Library. For more information visit our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org, or call 626-355-7186. We are also on Facebook and Instagram. Please Like/Follow us!

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Nearly 400 entries were submitted in the annual Library Bookmark Contest with nine students winning first place and nine winning second place. Winning entrants were recognized at a ceremony on April 11 at the Library led by **City Librarian Christine Smart** who gave the welcome and introduction.

Guests included City Council representatives, City Manager Gabe Engeland, and members of the Library Board of Trustees.

Mayor Denise Delmar presented cash awards to the talented winners. The top four entries will be printed for distribution at the Library during the next year.



Bookmark Contest Winners

The Winners Are:

Kindergarten — 1st Place: Sage Alva. 2nd Place: Eric William Abajian and Ames Hageman

First Grade — 1st Place: Leia Summers. 2nd Place: Dean Castrone

Second Grade — 1st Place: Aleksandra Ayvazyan. 2nd Place: Juliet Kirages

Third Grade — 1st Place: Emma Noel Abajian. 2nd Place: Allison Chung

Fourth Grade — 1st Place: Ethan Woo. 2nd Place: Melinda Lansford

Fifth Grade — 1st Place: Lilian Su. 2nd Place: Jade Gonzalez

Sixth Grade — 1st Place: Vincent Shaw. 2nd Place: Chloe Tubbs

Seventh Grade — 1st Place: Makenna Morrissey. 2nd Place: Peyton Thomas

Eighth Grade — 1st Place: Camille Bryant. 2nd Place: Leah Rios

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN APRIL

Sierra Madre Library joined libraries across the country to celebrate National Library Week. This year's theme highlighted our critical mission to provide resources, programs and expertise to Sierra Madre.

Programs Included:

- **Children's Gardening Craft** — Kids used their imagination to decorate a pot and plant their own sunflower to welcome spring.
- **Coffee House Writers Group Hosted the Annual Author Panel** — Authors included: Mary Steinbroner Lugo, Stacey Roberts, Brian Shrout, Eric von Eizener, Rick Stepp-Boling, and Stephen McCarthy. Panelists talked about their books and the writing process.
- **Nancy Edwards Dance Theater** was back by popular demand to perform innovative modern dance. The dance troupe presented storytelling through movement using literature and audience participation.
- **Bookmark Contest Finalists** were on display in the Children's Room.

TEEN POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Three Sierra Madre Middle Schoolers won top honors in the recent Teen Poetry Contest sponsored by the Library. They are: Hellen Vellanoweth for her poem *Starlight*, Keira Mann for *A Light in the Darkness* and Macie Smith for *The Lies of Childhood*.

CHILDREN'S ROCK PAINTING CRAFT

On **Saturday, May 11** between 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon create a decoration for your garden or a paperweight for your desk.

ADULT CRAFT

Relax and take a break making decorative seahorses on **Saturday, May 11** at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

PREVIEW OF SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S SUPER SUMMER FUN

Sierra Madre is the place to be this summer. A host of activities sponsored by the Library will entertain from June 8 through August 3. Participants of all ages are invited to pick up their Super Summer passports in June and read, attend City and Library events, shop local, and visit City landmarks to earn prizes.

Special Summer Library Activities Include:

- Toddler and Preschooler Obstacle Courses
- Bubblemania
- Mathmania Robotics
- Ranger Jack Puppet Show
- Noteworthy Puppets — *The Three Little Pigs*
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- Teens Mini Golf and Dance Party
- Teen Anime Your Way Workshop
- Crafty Saturday Mornings
- Actress Kres Mersky — *One Woman Show*
- Two Soap and Lotion Making Series
- A Talk by Jeff Lapides — *The Mojave Road in 1863*
- Artisan Guitar Ensemble

GUARDIANSHIP NAMING WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.** discover common mistakes parents make when naming guardians, how to choose the right guardians, how to make sure your assets are available to the guardians, and why a will alone is not enough. Each participant will leave with fully executed documents naming legal guardians for their minor children – plus a free gift. Pre-registration is highly recommended to secure your spot and copies of materials, please call the Library at 626-355-7186.

Couples should sign up and attend together, as they will be able to take home a free completed document, but, only if both parents are present and sign the document at the workshop. If they are the sole legal guardian, they may attend by themselves. Teen Volunteers will be available to watch children of attendees in the Children's Room.

NOW THAT'S SHE GONE ONE-WOMAN SHOW

On **Saturday, May 11** at 1:00 p.m. experience a baby-boomer anthem written and performed for adults by Ellen Snortland. Bring your grownup sons and daughters who think you're so straight-laced. You can wink at them while saying, "Been there, done that." Where else could you see a memoir that includes adoration of Eleanor Roosevelt, praise of lutefisk, a chase scene for the guys, and a genuine '60s-era wild acid trip? Join us as Ellen makes you laugh, snort and occasionally shed a tear.

TEENS — VOLUNTEER DURING SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S SUPER SUMMER

Teens —whether you're earning service hours or just want to give back to your community, spend this summer volunteering for the Sierra Madre Public Library. We need your help! Call the Library for more information on dates and times.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

On **May 16** at 11:00 a.m. join the monthly book club for *Sex on the Moon: the amazing story behind the most audacious heist in history* by Ben Mezrich.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

In May, the display case will feature the Library's Super Summer Reading Program.

ANNUAL JUNE DINNER MEETING

The Board of Directors of the
Friends of the Sierra Madre Library

Cordially invite you to attend
their 2019 Annual Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30 PM

To be held at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church
695 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
(Enter from Michillinda)

Please join us as we Install
our new Officers & Directors for 2019-2020
and Honor our Outstanding Volunteers

We look forward to the pleasure of your company
at this special event!!

For planning purposes, please **RSVP by Friday, June 14** to
Darlene Traxler at 355-6220 or dtraxler2000@gmail.com

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The April Book Sale earned a total of \$2,286.00. Added to the presales for the last two months of \$1,672.73, the Grand Total since the February sale was \$3,958.73! Many thanks to our members who support the bimonthly Book Sales, donating such wonderful gently-used books, and buying others to read or give away! After the Book Sale, the next largest income producer for us is the cart in the Library. We try to keep it stocked with both children's and adult books so every time you visit the Library, you can find something to buy for \$1.00-\$2.00. In fact, it has been known as the "One-to-Two Buck Truck!" Visit the Friends Booth at the Art Fair as we will have a great selection of Art books for sale. Last year, the children's books sold out fast so come by early. See you at the June Book Sale, scheduled for **Friday, June 7** and **Saturday, June 8!**

MARY TUMILTY ENDOWMENT FUND

As the Friends Annual Art Fair approaches – May 4th and May 5th – it might be of interest to one and all to recall that Mary Tumilty, Ellen Grijalva, Tensie Benson and Shirley Cullen were the Founders of our Art Fair in 1962. It has continued to be a very special annual event in Sierra Madre for 57 years – ALL proceeds go to the well-being of our Library.

PARTNERS PROGRAM

Thank you to **Jerry Carlton** – a longtime Partner – for renewing your membership in the *Partners* for one more year. Thank you – also – to **Albert Metzger** - another longtime *Partner* - for renewing your membership for the next year. Jerry & Albert – we very much appreciate your continued support to our Library. Please welcome new members to the *Partners* program – **Julie & Andy Bencosme** – who recently joined the *Partners*. We look forward to working with you as we plan a bright new future for our very special Library. We also look forward to seeing you all at the Friends 57th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair on May 4th and 5th.

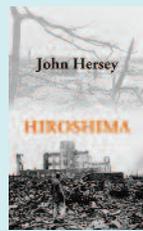
BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The Nominating Committee of the Friends are looking for members to fill a few positions. We need a Treasurer and could use additional Directors at Large, including someone who could be the Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees. The position of Art Fair Chairman is also open, membership on the Board is not mandatory. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact **Teresa Chaure** at 626-627-5957 or hawksmom87@yahoo.com.

READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by
Tom Tomlinson

Hiroshima
By John Hersey



The *New Yorker* magazine published *Hiroshima* in late August 1946; a few weeks later it appeared as a 120-page

book; since then, *Hiroshima* has never been out of print. Less than a week ago, I walked through the Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima noting Hersey's work prominently for sale among the few English language books available. And no wonder: *Hiroshima* was the first accessible account of the bomb's destruction and remains revered for its humanizing account of six persons who survived the August 6, 1945, 8:15 a.m. explosion of the atomic bomb.

In May, 1946, Hersey spent three weeks finding and interviewing survivors; six lives emerged as carriers of the author's story: two Japanese physicians, a German Jesuit priest, a young, widowed Japanese mother of three children, a Japanese Methodist minister, and a young, office worker. These figures provide us the personal details of the morning of August 6, and the hours, days, and months following the explosion.

If the individuals give us the details of the event, numbers provide us with the bigger picture of the atomic blast – the number of fatalities, the number of wounded, the immediate and long-term death-sentences from radiation poisoning, the destruction of the built environment. Knitting the detail with the general, though, is the measured pace – the gift—of Hersey's prose. Hersey described his work as "deliberatively quiet."

Some readers grumped that the author did not explore the moral/ethical consequences of the American use of the bomb; still others took issue with the absence of any exegesis on the tactical, soldier-preserving reasons the United States bet on the atomic bomb, both at Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 9th, as war shortening acts; both are fair critiques. But by my reckoning, Hersey's purpose was to humanize those who survived the bomb. *Hiroshima*, then, must be considered as the first brick in the wall of memory of the use of atomic weapons. That memory, Hersey later argued, has been a crucial element in the case against atomic weapons.

Hiroshima reveals Hersey's life experiences. Born in China, son of a Methodist missionary, Hersey's first language was Chinese. As a war correspondent during the Second World War, he covered the Pacific and European theaters. He landed in Sicily with Patton in July 1943 and was on Guadalcanal helping evacuate wounded troops, a bravery that earned him a commendation from the Secretary of the Navy.

Hersey's life and work attracted notice. The Pulitzer was his for *A Bell for Adano* (1944), a novel about American occupation of a small Sicilian town; *The Wall* (1950) described the Warsaw Ghetto winning him the National Jewish Book Award. High schools carry his name as do endowments at his *alma mater*, Yale University. In 2008, the US Postal Service issued a stamp honoring Hersey, an acknowledgment of one whose life and work as a war correspondent contributed to our understanding of humanity *in extremis*.

Call #: **NONFICTION 767.25 HERSEY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



5/1	4:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board
5/1	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Storytime
5/4	9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	57 th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair
5/4	12 Noon-5:00 p.m.	Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
5/4	1:00 p.m.	Guardianship Naming Workshop
5/5	9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	57 th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair
5/6	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
5/6	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
5/7	2:00-5:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
5/8	4:00 p.m.	Middle School Crafty Book Club – <i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>
5/9	3:30 p.m.	Barks & Books
5/11	10:00 a.m.	Adult Craft – <i>Seahorses</i>
5/11	10:00 a.m.	Children's Rock Painting Craft
5/11	1:00 p.m.	Now That She's Gone – <i>One-Woman Show</i>
5/13	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
5/13	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
5/14	2:00-5:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
5/15	4:00 p.m.	Teen Activity Day – <i>Story Bowl Game</i>
5/15	7:00 p.m.	Friends Board Meeting
5/16	11:00 a.m.	Third Thursday Book Club
5/18	10:00 a.m.	Intro to 3D Printing Workshop
5/18	12 Noon-5:00 p.m.	Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
5/20	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
5/20	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
5/21	2:00-5:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
5/22	7:00 p.m.	Library Trustees Board Meeting
5/23	11:00 a.m.	Introductory Cricut Workshop
5/25	12 Noon-5:00 p.m.	Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
5/27	LIBRARY CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY
5/28	2:00-5:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Enjoy an hour of reading, songs, music and crafts. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and the first Wednesday (Pajama Storytime) of every month at 7:00 p.m. For ages 1 and up.

BABY RHYME TIME

Families with babies from birth to age 2 will love this program, full of bonding and rhyming with a parent network on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Children in grades K-3 are invited to read to a gentle and specially trained dog on Thursday, May 9 and on the second Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

TEEN SCENE

Weekly activities, snacks and volunteer opportunities for Middle School and High School students at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Teen Advisory Board — First Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Plan programs, earn service credit.

Middle School Crafty Book Club — Second Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Chat and create a craft with a monthly book selection.

Do Something FUN Activity Day — Third Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Play to win bragging rights and de-stress

SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Explore local history in the Library archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Library. For research assistance, please call 626-355-7186.

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays

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