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FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

November 2019

President's Message

THANKFUL

With Thanksgiving this month, I wanted to THANK the many wonderful people who have made the Friends organization a great one (and our fiscal year is only in the first 4 months).

*Leslie Ziff and her wonderful **Wine and Cuisine Tasting Committee**. You organized such a fantastic event on Friday, September 27. AND you are already planning the next one for **Friday, October 2, 2020**. Please save the date on your 2020 calendar!

*Martha Troedson and her **Best Used Book Sale Committee**. Every report yields more income and success from the book sales. You are amazing. I admire all of the hauling and organizing you do for these events.

*Darlene Traxler and Beth Kerns. Darlene is our **Treasurer** and has learned Quick Books and proper accounting for the Friends. With excellent tutorials from Beth, Darlene now presents amazing reports to the Friends at meetings. Beth, our **Membership Chair**, has organized online membership for the Friends along with online payment processing for our fundraising events such as our Wine and Cuisine Tasting.

*Margaret Quigley. Our past President, is now **VP of Governance**. Not only is she reviewing and organizing our policies and procedures, she is helping me with the advisory committee with our architect for the design of the new Library and the presentations to the community.

*Emmett McGuire and Julie Bencosme. They have agreed to co-chair our **Sierra Madre Art Fair** on **May 2-3, 2020**. The committee is off and running. We look forward to a great event. Also, thank you to our past chairs, Darlene, Margaret, and Sharon who advise them.

*Sharon Murphy. I call Sharon, "My Silent Leader." Without question or complaint, she gets this newsletter out to us on time. Not only that, she organizes an amazing Silent Auction at the Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event, and she takes care of chairing many tasks for the Art Fair. I'm sure I'm forgetting other things she does for our organization.

*Steve Henson and Marcielle Brandler. They are two of our newest Friends Board Members. Steve joined Darlene's Finance Committee and Marcielle is helping with our events PR.

*City Librarian Christine Smart. Christine and her staff run fantastic programs at the Library. They make each patron feel important and welcomed. I am very thankful for them.

NEW LIBRARY DESIGN UPDATE AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

As you may or may not know, the Friends Board voted to spend up to \$130,000 for an architectural design for a new Library on the current site. PBWS Architects, LLP, was selected from 3 firms who submitted bids. Along with the design, the architects are helping us conduct community events to present the design as well as gather community input. Two community input forums were held on October 12 at the Library and October 24 at City Hall. Upcoming public presentations on the design will be held on **Wednesday, November 13** at 8:00 a.m. at the Library, and **Wednesday, November 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the Hart Park House. All are welcome to attend as we want to get the word out about this great design as well as the rationale for a new Library.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

As mentioned in newsletters before, we are trying to increase our membership by 2020. Please help recruit by inviting your friends in the Sierra Madre area to become a Friend. I would think real estate agents and those who utilize the Library would be great members!

Julia Brady

SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that the seventh annual Silent Auction of Collectible Books will take place from **Monday, November 4 until Monday, December 2**.

Featured are 17 beautiful and collectible volumes, including some Signed, First and Deluxe editions. The books will be in the Display Case in the Main Room of the Library. Closer examination may be made on **Saturdays, November 9, 16, 23** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and on **Monday, December 2** from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bids may be entered in the notebook found on the service counter in the Library. Highest bid on **Monday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.** will be the winner.

SIEGFRIED: A DRAMATIC POEM – Oliver Huckel – FIRST EDITION (Thomas Y. Crowell, 1910)

THE COMPLETE TALES AND POEMS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE – NEW – (Barnes and Noble, 2015)

JUST ASK! BE DIFFERENT, BE BRAVE, BE YOU – Sonia Sotomayor – NEW FIRST EDITION (Philomel Books, 2019)

SPEAR OF THE EMPEROR – Aaron Demski-Bowden – SIGNED LIMITED EDITION (Black Library, 2018)

CEMETERY ROAD – Greg Iles – SIGNED FIRST EDITION (William Morrow, 2019)

A CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES – Robert Louis Stevenson – FIRST AMERICAN EDITION (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1902)

HEAVEN IS UNDER OUR FEET – Don Henley and Dave Marsh – SIGNED by Don Henley and Carrie Fisher FIRST EDITION (Longmeadow Press, 1991)

RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYYAM – Ronald Balfour – (Dodd, Mead, and Co, 1920)

THE LES PAUL LEGACY 1915-1963 – Robb Lawrence – NEW (Hal Leonrd Corp, 2008)

TO LIVE AND DINE IN L.A. – MENUS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN CITY – Josh Kun – SIGNED (The Library Foundation of L.A., 2015)

THE GOLDEN TWENTIES: PORTRAITS AND FIGURE PAINTINGS BY JOSEPH KLEITSCH – Patricia Trenton – NEW (Pasadena Museum of California Art, 2017)

THE ART OF WEALTH: THE HUNTINGTONS IN THE GILDED AGE – Shelley M. Bennett – NEW (The Huntington Library, 2013)

THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOROTHEA LANGE – Keith F. Davis – (Hallmark Cards, 1995)

THE OXFORD ILLUSTRATED DICKENS – Charles Dickens – (Oxford University Press, 1989)

THE BOOK LOVER'S EDITION OF SHAKESPEARE – William Shakespeare – (The University Society, 1901)

DARK SHADOWS: THE COMPLETE ORIGINAL SERIES (DELUXE EDITION DVD) – (Dan Curtis Productions, 2012)

MORE BEAUTIFUL PURSES – Evelyn Haertig – INSCRIBED (Gallery Graphics Press, 1990)

COLLEGE ESSAY OUTLINING WORKSHOP

It's not too late to get your college essay done! On **Saturday, November 2** at 12:00 p.m. learn college essay prompts, components and topics to help outline and write a college essay.



This session will include time for a workshop and individual help with Robert Powers from CollegeTorch.com.

FREE HOMEWORK HELP

Our Homework Helpers will provide one-on-one time with students to help in a variety of subjects.

Homework Helpers are available on a first come, first serve basis and will help with grades K-8! Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

STEAM OPEN HOUSE

During our STEAM Open House on **Saturday, November 16** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., learn all about 3D Printing and print your very own item at a special-event discount price of FREE! Size restrictions apply. Then learn about die-cutting and its applications on the Cricut and create your projects with confidence. Finally, need a break from the real world? Our Virtual Reality stations will be geared up and ready to take you worlds away!

VIRTUAL REALITY

Step into a different place and time every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the easy-to-use Virtual Reality systems at the Library. Two Virtual Reality systems – Oculus and VIVE – are available for patrons age 13 and older. Volunteers will be on hand to help you move into a realistic computer-generated virtual environment using a headset – no previous experience required!

CRICUT WORKSHOP

Stop by and learn the fundamentals of Cricut on **Wednesday, November 20** at 5:30 p.m. with a Library staff member; no appointment necessary.

FALL ART WORKSHOP

On **Monday, November 4** at 3:30 p.m. join Mission: Renaissance at the Library and learn drawing and painting skills during a one-hour FREE group lesson. You'll learn hands-on drawing using charcoal pencil and painting with pastel pigment.

Registration is required; call or visit the Library to reserve your spot. For children ages 5-12.

CRAFT IT! DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



On **Saturday, November 2** at 10:00 a.m. design your own ceramic Día de los Muertos skull to honor friends and family members who are no longer with us. Arrive early and bring only your creativity as all materials will be provided, while supplies last. Kids welcome with a participating adult.

PARENT CAFÉ: GROWING TOGETHER

What is the Parent Café? It's about meeting local parents, making new friends, sharing parenting challenges and rewards, and fostering early literacy and play.

It takes a village. Find your tribe, create memories, and nurture a love of learning through this parent-led program. Bring your own beverage, or enjoy a cup of coffee on us. Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

IN-N-OUT READING PROGRAM

Read Books, Eat Burgers! Join the Cover to Cover Reading Program at the Sierra Madre Public Library and earn a free Burger or Grilled Cheese for every 5 books you read (up to 3 coupons). Open to ages 4-12.

This program will end on Saturday, November 16.



TEEN BAD MOVIE NIGHT

Hang out at the Library on **Thursday, November 7** at 6:00 p.m. and watch a movie so bad, we'll be adding our own commentary. Expect popcorn and LOTS of talking during the movie. It's okay though, you won't be missing out on much.

Call the Library to find out what movie will be playing.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFTY BOOK CLUB

On **Wednesday, November 13** at 4:00 p.m. we'll discuss the book Free Lunch by Rex Ogle and make Duct Tape Bags.



TEEN ACTIVITY DAY — NAILED IT!

On **Wednesday, November 20** at 4:00 p.m. find out if you're the best in the kitchen or the worst, come to the Library and see if you can "nail" our Rice Krispie decorating challenge!



BUSTER BALLOON SHOW

Join us on **Saturday, November 16** at 10:00 a.m. for the Buster Balloon Show — a hilariously cartoony blend of side-splitting comedy, mind-boggling magic, loads of audience participation, and amazing balloon twisting—all combined to create a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience that has become a favorite with kids and families all over Southern California.

LEGO CHALLENGE

Are you ready to build? Challenge yourself every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. to build our LEGO creation or have fun building your own creation!

The best challenge is kept on display each week with a GRAND PRIZE winner picked at the end of the month to be featured on the Library's Facebook & Instagram page.

Let's build something amazing! For Grade School aged children.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Join the Teen Advisory Board, help the Library plan appropriate teen events, and serve your community through volunteer work and service hours.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The October Best Used Book Sale was a big success. We earned \$2,620.45 from the two-day sale. Added to our pre-sales of \$1,183.70 since the August Book Sale, the two-month total is **\$3,804.15!** Thanks to all for the amazing books you donate to the Friends.

We are excited to announce that our seventh **Silent Auction of Collectible Books** is coming up in the Library. Books will be displayed in the case in the Main Room beginning on **Monday, November 4 and ending on Monday, December 2**. Please check the list of interesting and rare books on the front page of this newsletter. More details are on our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org

You can inspect all the books more closely on three **Saturdays in November** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and on **Monday, December 2** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Highest bids in the bid book at 7:30 p.m. that night will be the winners.

PARTNERS PROGRAM

Many thanks to Catherine & Christopher Adde, Susan Gallagher, Janine Gregory, Helen Gronquist, Margaret Quigley, Thomas & Pamela Reichardt, Evelyn Shaffer, Marianne & Pete Siberell, Beth Smith-Kellock & Ross Kellock and Mary Talwar for your continuing support as valued *Partners* - especially as we search for ways to support our Library in this time of great need. Your support and caring for our Library is greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP

Happy Thanksgiving to all! The Friends of the Library are truly thankful to all of its current members. It is because of your valuable contributions that we are able to offer so many awesome programs at the Sierra Madre Public Library! We can't do it without you!

Our members have generously agreed to help us provide as much money as is possible to our Library. Your annual dues vitally support many Library programs such as: adult and teen programs, archival preservation, large print books, summer reading programs, and computer and technology improvements. Your dues have also historically supported the practical and administrative costs of the Friends, including the production and mailing of your monthly Newsletter, which serves to advertise and promote Friends and Library events. This practical assistance means that more income from our fund-raising events can be forwarded directly to the Library.

Growth occurs when we encourage our existing members to renew and when we find new friends to help these efforts. We would love to increase our current membership numbers. In this season of Thanks, please consider passing along to family, friends, colleagues and businesses the great benefits that the Library brings to you and the community and encourage them to become a valued Friend of the Sierra Madre Library. They would receive our award-winning Newsletter and be kept up-to-date on all the upcoming exciting events at the Sierra Madre Public Library and with the Friends.

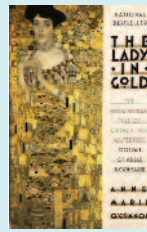
Thank you to all who have already forwarded your membership dues!

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a lively book discussion for adults on **November 21** at 11:00 a.m. and on the Third Thursday of every month. The November book will be *There There* by Tommy Orange.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

For the month of November, the display case will feature the 17 books up for bid from the Friends of the Library's seventh annual Silent Auction of **Collectible Books** that begins on **Monday, November 4**.



READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by
Tom Tomlinson

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer

by **Anne-Marie O'Connor**

Fractious were the years around 1900 Vienna when Gustav Klimt, the most famous Viennese painter of that day and now, not only in the Austrian Hungarian capital but arguably in Europe, painted the portrait of his wealthy Jewish patron, Adele Bloch-Bauer (1907). Throughout the following century, the painting has attracted all manner of attention, not only for its aesthetic virtues and originality but also for its revealing highly contested history. Like many of Klimt's paintings, Lady attracts instantly by its luminescent painted gold surface inspired by the famous Byzantine mosaics he studied in Ravenna, Italy. But under and behind the glittering gold surface of Lady, that's where the complex, riveting story lies.

And, it's a story masterfully riveted by Anne-Marie O'Connor. O'Connor's Lady in Gold is a tour de force, capturing the social venue and cultural milieu from which Lady came, no simple task this as Vienna and its Austro-Hungarian state were easily the most complex in Europe. But the author was up to the challenge inviting the persons who peopled that fin d siècle Vienna society — the artists — Klimt, the politicians — Karl Lueger, mayor of Vienna who made political-anti-Semitism a part of European democracy, wealthy capitalists like the Bloch-Bauer family—captains of industry, railroad builders, coffee and sugar importers, and cultural mavens and their society friends, most of whom wealthy Jews, are all part of the author's narrative; and, after 1938, when Austrians welcomed Hitler into their state and its capital city, the Nazis who looted the cultural possessions of Austrian Jews and others appear in Lady. Part of the booty was the Lady in Gold.

After 1945, though, the story becomes even more complicated: Who owned the Lady in Gold? The Nazis had murdered many of the Bloch-Bauers; many who survived were living in America. As for the painting, it hung in the Belvedere Museum in Vienna with many other Klimt works. Did the Austrian state now own Lady? For roughly 50 years, that appeared to be the case. But in 1998, a sweet little old lady, Marie Altmann nee Bloch-Bauer, a niece of Adele, well into her 80s, owner of a little dress shop in Los Angeles, appeared in the Lady conversation. Altmann, with the pluck and assistance and of her young attorney, Randol Schoenberg, a graduate of the USC Law School and grandson of Arnold Schoenberg, the Viennese composer and contemporary of Adele Bloch-Bauer herself, successfully sued the Austrian government and won, not only the Lady but several other Klimt works stolen from the Bloch-Bauer collection.

Now, more than a century after its commission in Vienna, the Lady in Gold can be seen in the Ronald Lauder Museum in New York City. Hanging in repose, Lady evidences several truths; to wit, sometimes, the private reveals a social meaning well beyond the personal; and sometimes, the person can take on a state and win.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



11/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft It! Dia De Los Muertos
11/2	12:00 p.m.	College Essay Writing Workshop
11/4	SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS BEGINS	
11/4	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
11/4	3:30 p.m.	Fall Art Workshop with Mission: Renaissance
11/5	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
11/5	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
11/5	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/5	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
11/6	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
11/6	4:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board
11/7	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/7	6:00 p.m.	Bad Teen Movie Night
11/11	LIBRARY CLOSED VETERAN'S DAY	
11/12	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
11/12	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
11/12	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/12	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
11/13	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
11/13	4:00 p.m.	Middle School Crafty Book Club — <i>Free Lunch</i>
11/14	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/14	3:30 p.m.	Barks & Books
11/16	10:00 a.m.	Buster Balloon Show
11/16	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	STEAM Open House
11/16	In-N-Out Burger Cover	to Cover Reading Program ENDS
11/18	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
11/19	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
11/19	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
11/19	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/19	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
11/20	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
11/20	4:00 p.m.	Teen Activity Day — <i>Nailed It!</i>
11/20	5:30 p.m.	Cricut Workshop
11/20	7:00 p.m.	Friends Board Meeting
11/21	11:00 a.m.	3 rd Thursday Book Club
11/21	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/25	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
11/26	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
11/26	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
11/26	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Homework Help
11/26	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
11/27	10:00 a.m.	Parent Café: Growing Together
11/28-10/30	LIBRARY CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us at the Library every Monday at 10:00 a.m. for a fun interactive storytime involving early literacy, books, songs, movement, crafts, and more! For ages 3-5 years old.

BABY RHYME TIME

The Library becomes a place to sing, play, read, and enjoy with your baby and toddler. Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. as we learn to grow together! For ages Birth to 24 months.

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.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Children in Grades K-3 are invited to read to a gentle and specially trained dog on **Thursday, November 14**, and on the second Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

LIBRARY HOURS

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