



## Friends of the Atascadero Library

June – July, 2011

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### *NEWSLETTER*

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#### **President's Message:**

In the last two newsletter issues, we have commented on the fact that we no longer mail copies of the FOL newsletter and thus, we do not have an efficient method of notifying members of their membership expiration date. To make it easier for us to track expiration dates, and for members to know when to renew, the FOL Board has decided that all memberships will renew with the beginning of our fiscal year: July 1. **Therefore, please consider this your renewal notice.**

If you have joined or renewed in the last 3 months, we have already extended your expiration date to June 30, 2012.

If you are due to renew between July 1, 2011 and February, 2012, please renew now.

If your membership is due to expire between November, 2011 and February, 2012, you may deduct \$5 from your membership fee. (Please feel free to pay the full membership amount. Our expansion campaign needs your contribution)

If you are not sure when your membership expires, you can request this information via our web site: [atascaderofriendsofthelibrary.org](http://atascaderofriendsofthelibrary.org) – Click on the Contact Us button and then use the Send Us a Comment box for your question. Or you may leave a note for me at the circulation desk at the library. New and renewing members

will be acknowledged each month on the web site.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the 2011 Central Coast Wine Classic. Many of us have volunteered for or attended this prestigious local celebration of wine and we are honored to be one of the groups that will receive a portion of the net profits from the July, 2011 event.

Mark your calendars for the date of our annual general meeting, Wednesday, June 8 at 7 PM. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will elect officers for the coming year and provide an update on the expansion campaign. The Assistant Library Director for the County, Margaret Esther, will make a presentation on libraries and why they are not obsolete and talk about E Books and how to use them. Nominations for officers are: Grenda Ernst – President; Eileen O'Grady – Vice-President; Darlene Brainard – Treasurer; Susie Blackwell – Secretary. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Our Branch Manager, Deborah Schlanser, will be retiring in June and we will miss her wisdom and her steady hand. Deborah is a wonderful supporter of the FOL and an advocate for the new library. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Room, Friday, June 10, from 10 – 12 and say good by to Deborah.

Grenda Ernst, President

## **Fundraising Steering Committee News: “Open the Doors”**

The campaign to “Open the Doors” of the new library has enjoyed a busy spring with successful events that reached out to different segments of our community.

On April 30, 100 children and adults enjoyed the first ever Central Coast Children’s Classic on the lovely grounds of the Portola Inn, owned by **Tom and Peggy O’Malley**. This event organized by **Liz Helgerson** and **Leigh Livick**, with assistance from a host of volunteers, netted \$1800 for the expansion and earned enthusiastic appreciation from all who attended. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoy a leisurely story-centered event with loving adults. Please see the list of sponsors and volunteers in this issue. (last page) Thanks to all of them for helping us with this family-friendly event.

On May 7, nine homeowners on the San Marcos Ridge opened their beautiful gardens to visitors from throughout the county—and beyond. We thank all those who volunteered, and especially organizers **Anne Harris** and **Sue Sly**, who shared their lovely gardens, along with their neighbors: **Tom** and **Darlene Sherwood**, **John** and **Bonnie McCabe**, **Wyatt** and **Deborah Cash**, **Don** and **Carol Sauressig**, **Ed** and **Lorene Cabrera**, **Bill** and **Linda McFarlen**, and **Tom** and **Iris Thompson**. **Deborah Cash** also provided wonderful publicity for the event. The tour netted \$6000 for the library campaign. The **Plant Man** (who wishes to be anonymous) donated dozens of plants which were sold during the Garden Tour and later, at the library.

For the next few months, our fundraising team will focus on developing our base of Founders by asking more people to take the **Allan Challenge**—by pledging \$100/month over a ten month period. We hope many of you reading this message will join this effort. We are also reaching out to larger donors and to local foundations.

We also ask local groups and individuals to sponsor events on behalf of the new library. The following groups have already risen to that challenge; we thank them for their support.

**On May 13-14, the MOM’S Club** of Atascadero sponsored a rummage sale for the new library.

**On May 21, the downtown merchants** sponsored a shopping event, with a portion of the proceeds going to the library. Thanks to **Rachel Somars** of **Tuesday’s Jewels** for organizing this effort.

**On May 28, from 5-7 p.m., Kiwanis hosted a BBQ in the Lake Park**, with all proceeds going to the library. Thanks to **Ron Helgerson** of Kiwanis for organizing this benefit.

Other groups that are planning events on behalf of the library are the following:

**Filipine-American Association (August 7)**  
**Brickyard Theatre (September 10)** and the **August 2 BBQ in the Park** will benefit the library.

We are delighted that so many people and so many community groups have made the campaign to “Open the Doors” a priority.

Eileen O’Grady, Vice President

## **Volunteer Brunch**

A wonderful thank-you to **Rita** and **Anita** for their fantastic decorations for our **Volunteer Brunch** in April. We had a great turnout, the food was excellent, and everyone enjoyed the morning. A thank-you also goes out to our own **Joan, Barbara, Laura, Melanie, Gordon, and Brian** for their help and donations. Also to **artists Lynn Kishiyama, Helen Davie, Joe Haga, and The English Rose Antique Store** for their generous donations for our gift bag raffles. Our staff is so grateful for all of our volunteers and the Annual Brunch is one of the ways we can thank them for all of their hard work.

Colette Bates

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**Direct from Deborah:**

**Parting Comments**

As some of you know, I am retiring from the library system on June 11. I wish I could stay long enough to see the Atascadero Library relocate to the Capistrano building; it is time to devote myself to family, specifically my aged mother. I'll stay in touch and work to make the new library a reality.

It has been a great 5 years with many improvements to the existing building: weeding and developing the collection, adding e-books and expanding the express book program, some great adult programs such as the Summer and Winter Reading programs, and enhancements to the building. Remember the old

hearing-aid building that is now a parking lot? We have painted inside and out, added blinds, self-check and spruced up the lobby, upgraded the lighting, recarpeted and generally made our library a more attractive place. The new building will be even better. Many thanks to all of you who have made it possible and my tenure an enjoyable one.

See you on Capistrano!

Deborah

## Reference Notes

by  
Brian Coburn

### Second Annual Adult Summer Reading Program

The theme this summer season is “Novel Destinations.” There will be reading lists on a range of travel-inspired themes to help motivate and guide the armchair traveler. The goal is to read or view a set number of library materials in travel-related themes such as: read a mystery set in a different country, a biography of a non-American, a travel memoir, and even watch a foreign film. There are numerous reading lists to help inspire the participant. Finishers will win a prize. We officially start earlier this year. Sign-ups begin June 1 and the program ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Join in the fun!! Go to the Reference Desk and sign up!

## YOUTH SERVICES

What a fantastic day was had by children, adults and volunteers at the Central Coast Children’s Classic on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Storybook characters came to life as they interacted and wandered on the beautiful grounds at the O’Malley’s Portola Inn. Dressed as a fancy storybook character “Fancy Nancy”, I was joined by several of our wonderful teen volunteers. I would like to thank Danyele, Katherine, Emily, Shelby and Rebecca for helping with the event and being fun colorful participants. Also thank you to the FOL for organizing this wonderful event and I hope it will become an annual one. It may not have been a big moneymaker for our library expansion, but it made a memorable day for the children and everyone involved. It’s an original here on the Central Coast!

### A Taste of Summer

The 2011 Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and will end Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Children and young adults are invited to read and keep track of the titles read on a reading log. Upon completion each youngster will receive a book bag, a popular paperback book and other special awards. The theme for preschool (starts at age 2) through fifth grade is “One World, Many Stories” and the young adult theme is “You are Here”. Sign up at a branch library nearest your home.

**The following programs will be held at the Atascadero Library in the Martin Polin Community Room**

### Reader’s Theater Workshop with Diana Lynn Carter

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6.30 PM, ages 7 and older.**

Get into character, learn basic theater techniques and maybe even sing a little with songwriter/playwright and performing arts teacher Diana Lynn Carter.

**Space is limited. Signup begins June 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Magic of Shawn McMaster

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6.30 PM, ages 7 and older.**

**Signups are not required**

Join magician Shawn McMaster, member of the Magic Castle in LA, for a unique blend of comedy and magic while weaving in the importance of reading.

### Fused Glass Workshop

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 11.00- 1.00, Ages 11-18**

**Space is limited, Signup begins June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Local artist Sheri Klein will lead participants in creating 4 or 5 works of art with glass. Projects will be fired in a kiln and returned to everyone a week after the workshop.

### Artist Trading Cards Workshop

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-12.00, Ages 11-18**

**Space is limited. Signups begin June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

SLO County Trader Artists Yvonne Helms and Diana Sedley will lead this workshop. Attendees will create miniature works of art to trade with class participants or friends and family.

### Evening Storyfest for Families

**Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3**

**6.30 – 7.00 PM, Ages 3 – 100**

**Storyfest is free to the public**

**Signups are not required**

This summer, why not sit back and relax for 30 minutes and listen to a variety of stories. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to bring their youngsters to a fun-filled evening.

Each session will feature a special guest appearance. All are welcome to come in P.J.’s and bring a stuffed cuddly toy or “blankee”.

**Programs by Performing Artists**  
**Colony Park Community Center**  
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**Recommended for ages 4+**

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City of Atascadero,  
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**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Shin-Ching McSparron**  
**Chinese Folk Dancing and Music**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> - “Blues for Kids” with blues vocalist  
Valerie Johnson, Guitarist Al B Blue  
and acoustic blues artist/songwriter Karen Tyler.**  
Enjoy a performance of blues and gospel style of  
music throughout history.

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – Singer/Storyteller Nina Ryne and  
Instrumentalist/singer Jan Grigsby**  
Guitar, mandolin, banjo and viola are just a few of the  
instruments used in this interactive performance of  
songs and stories from many cultures, especially the  
Eastern European heritage.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> – Singer/songwriter Craig Newton**  
Take a journey in story and song with Craig and his  
many musical instruments.

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – Magician Gerald Joseph**  
Experience amazing sleight of hand magic, funny  
sight gags, illusions and more.

**July 28<sup>th</sup> – Singer/songwriter/puppeteer  
Tom Knight**  
Enjoy a puppet show that includes a vibrant  
collection of original songs and skits.

Joan Bloomfield, Youth Services Librarian

**New Members**

We welcome the following new members:  
Anna Marie Mc Cabe  
Mark Thompson

**Updated list of donors is given on the last page.**

**Financial Statement**  
**RABO Bank Checking Account**  
**March 1 – April 30, 2011**

<b>Income</b>	
Machines, magazines and Lobby sales	1,016
Book Sale	704
Membership	80
Advertisements	50
Book bags	3
T-shirts	9
Refund postage	108
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	1,970
<b>Expense</b>	
Children’s programs	739
Adult programs	704
PG&E	11
Fund raising	20
Postage	44
Equipment	148
Printing	33
Administration	17
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	1,349
Balance+	621
Total	<hr/>
	1,970

Darlene Brainard, Treasurer

**Lobby Sales**

**The Kiosk**

The lobby sales are making a significant  
contribution to “Open the Doors” of our new  
library.

Magazines, books, CDs, book bags, etc. can be  
purchased anytime the library is open.  
Everything, but the book bags, is slightly used  
and in excellent condition. And the price is right.  
Check for “specials” such as we have for cook  
books.

*All proceeds will benefit the library!*

## Monthly Silent Auctions

The Silent Auctions have been quite a success, so far netting \$ 435 for the expansion fund "Open the Doors".

Please come to the library and bid on some of the lovely items we have available. We also need donations of item we can auction off..

Thank you to everyone who has participated in or have donated items for the auctions.

Melanie Bales

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# Book Sale!



**Friday, June 10, 2011**  
from 6 to 8 PM  
(for members only)  
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**Many thanks to Tastee Freeze of Atascadero**, which donated a percentage of its sales last month to the Expansion Campaign. And **Roy Ainsworth**, a local jewelry maker, set up shop during the April book sale and donated all his profits to the Campaign. Roy's jewelry, well-crafted of stone and wood, was very popular and he will return in the fall to continue to help Open the Doors. Several FOL members, including a 4 year old, participated in **the Hares and Hounds event in March**, raising money for the Campaign by walking around the Lake.

### **Thanks to the following people for their donations in the months of March and April:**

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