

Arnold Library News

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*"Someone struggled for your
right to vote. Use it."*
Susan B. Anthony



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NEWS

FOTAL Board Annual Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting of Friends of the Arnold Library was held virtually on October 6th. Board members and guests were delighted to connect and discuss the role of Friends in the community. Conrad Levasseur talked about his new role as Poet Laureate of Calaveras County, and read one of his beautiful and moving poems. At the end of the meeting, the new board officers were elected, and committee assignments were confirmed. Here are the results:

Chair – Annie Robb

Vice Chair – Lisa Applegate

Treasurer – Pam Cameron

Representative to County Friends Board – Rich Raso

Finance Committee Chair – Herb Pike

Book Sale Committee Chair – Mary Finley

Newsletter Committee Chair – Lisa Applegate

Fundraising Committee Chair – Marcie Powers

Board and Membership Development Committee Chair – Annie Robb

Member at Large – Marsha Hampton

Conrad Levasseur, Poet Laureate

The Calaveras County Poet Laureate program kicked off earlier this year. It is a project of Friends of the Calaveras County Libraries. Its purpose is to honor poets and poetry, enhance the county's cultural offerings, and encourage adults' and children's appreciation of poetry. The first person selected for the honorary two-year position is Conrad Levasseur. Conrad is a long-time resident of Calaveras County, and has worked at Ironstone Vineyards for 16 years. He has an extensive travel background, having guided groups in Europe, Asia and South America. He is the author of seven published books of poetry.

Conrad was the guest at the virtual annual meeting of Friends of the Arnold Library in October. He spoke about his relationship with poetry throughout his adult life. He believes poetry can help people understand their life experiences and each other. Conrad also spoke about losing his home and belongings in the Butte Fire, and how that influenced his writing. Finally, he shared a beautiful poem, "This Tapestry" with the audience.

We'll be bringing you news of Conrad's activities in the future.

DID YOU KNOW?

Coming Soon: New Feature for Kids

While we usually present something more technological in this feature, a wonderful *human* opportunity presented itself to the Friends of the Arnold Library in the form of a terrific, creative, local artist, Beatriz Ferrari. Bea volunteered to work with the Friends to create a project for children. She shared her work with us and we were amazed at the quality of the projects she has already begun.

Did you know what a wonderful resource we have right here in our own backyard?

Beatriz has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and worked as a television reporter in the Bay Area for many years. All you have to do is talk with her to feel her passionate commitment to education and literacy. She has volunteered at schools and assisted teachers in the classroom. Most impressive are her bilingual books and activities for children, which she both wrote and illustrated.

As a nonprofit initiative, she set up a website to provide free online access to her books for schools and nonprofit organizations. Bea believes that pencils, crayons, watercolors, acrylics, and paper, either in painted images, or drawing letters, can provide a wonderful opportunity to develop creativity and a sense of confidence. This in turn improves the path toward a successful and rewarding learning experience both at home and at school.

In future newsletters, *Bea will be a regular contributor to a new feature called "Kids Space"*. She will write articles with tips for families and kids to start projects that encourage creativity through drawing, painting, reading and writing, even creating their own stories with their own illustrations.

We feel very lucky to have Bea as a contributor. We hope you will take a peek at her work, which can be found on her website below, and share with the little ones in your life.

<https://beatrizferraribooks.wordpress.com/>

CORNER BOOKSHOP

Great Used Books at Book Sale Prices

The current pandemic has caused The Friends of the Arnold Library to cancel its Labor Day book sale. As a result of this and the cancellation of the Memorial Day sale, we have a great supply of used books for sale in our Corner Book Shop.

Loren Hilden, our donation coordinator, has chosen some books to highlight this month. They will be available for sale and displayed on the table in the corner bookshop. Small paperbacks are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, hardcover and trade paperbacks are \$1.00 each. Cookbooks and coffee table books are \$1.00. Correct change required. All proceeds benefit the Arnold Branch Library.

Loren's book picks for November:

Coffee Table Books:

WOOD THROUGH WATER, Classic Power Boats by James Ogilvie-Knowles

FOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS by Oprah Winfrey

Non Fiction Selections:

THE MOTH PRESENTS OCCASIONAL MAGIC: TRUE STORIES

ABOUT DEFYING THE IMPOSSIBLE by Catherine Burns

THE CALIFORNIA NATURALIST HANDBOOK by Greg deNevers

LOVE BIG by Rozella Haydee White

NEW POWER by Jeremy Heimans

WORDS OF WISDOM by Mick Farren

GREAT AGAIN by Donald J. Trump

AWAKENING SHAKTI by Sally Kempton

CALIFORNIA FORESTS AND WOODLANDS by Verna R. Johnston

COMING BACK TO LIFE by Joanna Macy

THE DYNAMICS OF DISASTER by Susan W. Kieffer

12 RULES FOR LIFE by Jordan B. Peterson

Fiction Selections:

THE GIFTED SCHOOL by Bruce Holsinger

THE SUMMER HOUSE by James Patterson

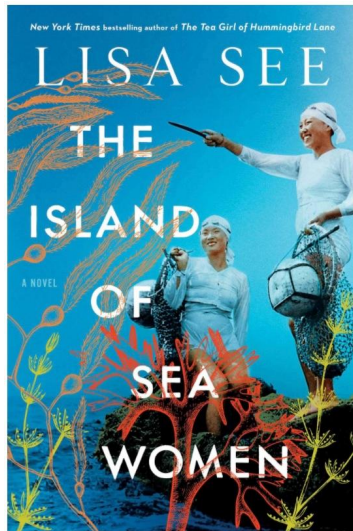
THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM BY Marie Benedict

NO! I DON'T WANT TO JOIN A BOOK CLUB by Virginia Ironside

The Library welcomes limited donations at this time.

Bring donations to the library during open hours: Wed-Th-Fri-Sat 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let us know you are here and bring the donations to the back of the building. Since we have not been able to have book sales in 2020, we are running low on storage space so are accepting a limited number of donations, one bag or box per visit. Please do not bring multiple boxes of donations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

WHAT I'M READING



THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN *by Lisa See*

An astonishing work of historical fiction, **The Island of Sea Women** tells the story of two women, Young-Sook and Mi-ja, who meet as very young girls on the Korean island of Jeju and soon develop a deep friendship. Mi-Ja, an orphan, is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator, and lives with an uncaring aunt and uncle. Young Sook's mother is the leader of an all-female sea-diving collective on Jeju, and the girls are able to join the group as baby divers.

These women, known as haenyeo, comprise a semi-matriarchal society whose profession of harvesting seafood provides the sole source of income for their families. In a role reversal, the men look after the children, go shopping, perform minor household chores, and gather in the villages for gossip and leisure. The haenyeo are a closely bonded group of women who share a life of great danger and great responsibility.

The story of Young-Sook and Mi-ja, and Korea, spans several decades which are deftly and sometimes jarringly woven together by the author. It begins in the 1930's during Japanese colonization and continues through WWII and into the 21st century. It is an often heart-wrenching tale of deep friendship, misunderstanding, betrayal, and family loyalty. The narrative weaves through that tense and frequently tragic history of Korea and the impact brought upon society by war and subsequent modernization.

I was inspired to follow my reading of *The Island of Sea Women* with some research, to learn more about the haenyeo and the Korean island of Jeju. Female readers may also want to reread their childhood copies of *Heidi*, as I did. No spoiler alert...you will have to read Lisa See's book for that connection!

Dana Weir, Library Patron

NEW TO THE BOOKSHELF

FICTION

Pardon the “warnings” below. Just how things shook out this month...

FAIR WARNING by Michael Connelly (2020)

Book 3 of 3 in the Jack McEvoy series. Jack McEvoy, the journalist who never backs down, tracks a serial killer who has been operating completely under the radar--until now.

WARNINGS – FINDING CASSANDRAS TO STOP CATASTROPHES by Richard A. Clarke and R.P. Eddy (2018)

Warnings is the story of the future of national security, threatening technologies, the U.S. economy, and possibly the fate of civilization. In Greek mythology Cassandra foresaw calamities, but was cursed by the gods to be ignored. Modern-day Cassandras clearly predicted the disasters of Katrina, Fukushima, the Great Recession, the rise of ISIS, the spread of viruses and many more. Like the mythological Cassandra, they were ignored. There are others right now warning of impending disasters, but how do we know which warnings are likely to be right?

NON-FICTION

SOLDIER, SAILOR, FROGMAN, SPY, AIRMAN, GANGSTER, KILL OR DIE: How the Allies Won on D-Day by Giles Milton (2019)

A ground-breaking account of the first 24 hours of the D-Day invasion told by a symphony of incredible accounts of unknown and unheralded members of the Allied – and Axis – forces.

RACING TO THE FINISH by Dale Earnhardt, Jr. (2018)

Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s only authorized book revealing the inside track on his final year of racing and retirement from the driver’s seat.

THE LAST 100 DAYS: FDR At War and At Peace by David B. Wolner (2017)

A revealing portrait of the end of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's life and presidency, shedding new light on how he made his momentous final policy decisions.

THE BIOLOGY OF HUMANS AT OUR BEST AND WORST by Robert M. Sapolsky (2017)

According to the New York Times Book Review, “a quirky, opinionated and magisterial synthesis of psychology and neurobiology that integrates this complex subject more accessibly and completely than ever.... a wild and mind-

opening ride into a better understanding of just where our behavior comes from. Darwin would have been thrilled.”

AS GOOD AS DEAD: The Daring Escape of American POWs From a Japanese Death Camp (American War Heroes) by Stephen L. Moore (2016)

The heroic story of eleven American POWs who defied certain death in World War II, an unforgettable account of the Palawan Massacre survivors and their daring escape.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE ARNOLD LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE ARNOLD LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP— WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

Friends of the Arnold Library (FOTAL) is a chapter of the Friends of the Calaveras County Library. Our purpose is to strengthen and expand library services of the Arnold branch library. When you become a member, part of your dues goes to the county Friends, and a portion comes to FOTAL to be used right here in Arnold. Friends is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

County Friends support programs that benefit all the county library branches and their patrons. Sharing the cost among branches allows us to get more bang for our buck. Through county Friends, we get services such as the Libby (ebook and audiobook collection), Kanopy (streaming service for movies), the Literacy program, the Poet Laureate program, and more. FOTAL funds also support programs and activities specifically in Arnold – the Summer Reading Program, author visits, the library mural project, holiday programs for children, library landscaping, preschool Storytime, and this newsletter, to name a few. Our patrons, especially children, benefit abundantly from these enhancements.

Becoming a member is easy! Come to the library and sign up or register online at **www.friendsofcclibrary.org**. There are different membership levels to choose from, starting at just \$20 per year. Your contribution will help both countywide and locally. You’ll be proud knowing you help keep our library strong

WORTH REPEATING

Temporary Change in Library Service Hours in November

The Arnold Library is open from Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ~ **EXCEPT** the following dates in November:

- **CLOSED:** Saturdays November 14 & 28
- **CLOSED:** Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day
- **CLOSED:** Thanksgiving Week

The Library asks you to limit your visit to 20 minutes. Masks and social distancing are required now and hand sanitizer abounds, with only five patrons at a time allowed to make sure the Library remains a safe place to go during the pandemic.

Curbside pick up is also still available. Find your books on our online catalog and place a hold. You will need your library card number and PIN – or call the library at 209-795-1009, and they will be happy to place a hold for you; they will notify you via email (or phone if you do not have email) when your hold is ready for pick up. Please wear your mask and observe social distancing when picking up items on hold.

StoryTime: This enchanting program for preschoolers continues. Access it from Brittany's Facebook page: [Brittany's FB Page](#) or directly at: storytimewithbrittany.com
Password: storytime

Zip Books: If the library does not yet have a copy of an interesting new book you can get a free one delivered to you at no cost. More information at: <https://forms.calaverasgov.us/Library#gsc.tab=0>

Past Newsletters: may be found at:
<https://library.calaverasgov.us/Information/Newsletters#gsc.tab=0>

THE LAST WORD

Canceling our book sales for 2020 was a difficult decision for the FOTAL Board. Our book sales are one of our largest revenue builders during the year. Please keep the Library in mind as you plan your giving dollars during the year. We want to continue to be able to offer all of the wonderful things you have come to expect from your community library.

This newsletter is from the Friends of the Calaveras County Library, Arnold Chapter, aka Friends of the Arnold Library, a volunteer group providing support to the Arnold Branch Library through bi-annual giant book sales, children's programming, fundraisers and community outreach. The Friends of The Calaveras County Library is a tax exempt (501.c3) charity.

*Join the Arnold Branch of Friends of the Calaveras County Library at **<https://www.friendsofcclibrary.org/membership-form>** indicating Arnold as your branch. If you wish to make a direct donation to the Arnold Branch, checks may be made out to: "Friends of the Arnold Library" and sent to the address below.*

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