

## **FOOTSTEPS**

March/April 2005 Issue

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Elaine P. Reed** surprised her staff last month with her announcement that she plans to retire as **Director of Library Services** “hopefully by the end of July”. The early announcement was made to give the **County Administrative Officer** and the **Board of Supervisors** adequate time to conduct a national search for a replacement and bring her or him on board ASAP.

“The time is right to finish my career as a librarian,” said Reed. She has served as **Director of Library Services** for Placer County for the past thirteen years. She came here from the **Riverside Public Library** in Southern California. She has spent over half her librarian career here. Her career spans twenty-five years in librarianship. While in Auburn, she has guided **Placer County’s Library System** through a series of changes and a definite increase in patron usage of all categories of materials.

Reed, who loves to hike, said she has a number of other interests she would like to pursue while still young enough. “**The Auburn Auger**”, Sentinel columnist **Joe Carroll**, in “**his political correctness**” observed that Reed will “**hit sixty in October and she is still easy on the eyes.**”

During **Elaine P. Reed’s** tenure, the thirteen-branch library system, which includes the **Bookmobile**, has passed the million-circulation mark and has more than **115,000 registered library patrons** who do use the library’s resources with frequent regularity. On a per capita basis, **Placer County’s Library System** is one of the **most heavily used in the state**. In terms of the **system’s costs**, it ranks in the lower **one-third statewide**. This means **Placer County’s taxpayers** are getting “**a huge bang for their bucks.**” Reed oversees an annual budget of more than three million (**\$3,000,000**) and a staff of more than ninety (**90**). **The FOL wish her well in her future endeavors.**

After nearly a decade, the **Director of Library Services, Elaine P. Reed, disbanded the Auburn Library Committee last month.** The committee was formed in 1995 to provide additional input for library operations. The Auburn branch was the only one in the system with such a committee. Reed said since **an Assistance Library Director** was appointed, there would no longer be a need for the committee. The new **Assistant Library Director is Mary George.**

Serving on the committee with the **Director of Library Services** were two representatives from the **FOL: Dorothy Hall Overton and Rosemary Headly.** In addition, a library advisory board representative, an administrative services officer, two senior library staffers and two library patrons representing adult's and children's services were members of the **Auburn Library Committee, too.**

**“The Secret Garden”, the annual “Love Our Library” dinner** was great fun and a grand success due, once again, to the dedication and hard work of numerous people. Preliminary reports show the dinner raised more than **\$3,600.00** for the library. **Special Thanks** go to co-chairs **Margot Fulmer, Anne Holmes and Ann Fain, chief “interior decorator”, as well as Jane Misphey, in charge of ticket sales.** Jane stepped to assist and also replace **our dearly, departed Friend Of (the)Library: Esther Stanton,** who was memorialized at the dinner.

This year's theme was **“designed and decorated”** through the hard work of **Ann Fain. The Silent Auction, thanks to Nina Lorimer, Betty Readle and Barbara Zollner as well as the generous donors** was a rousing success. It raised a **“record whopping” \$1,800.00** this year. The first year, the auction raised **\$800.00;** last year it raised **\$1,200.00**

**Dorothy Hall Overton and Joan Iverson,** once again, did a great job with the bountiful and ample supply of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. **Pat & Pete Enochs and their staff from Latitudes** provided a savory and memorable meal for everyone's delight. **A hearty thanks to all who helped and participated.**

The FOL Board voted to set Sunday January 29, 2006, for next year's dinner date. This date avoids conflicts with February's full venue.

**Michael Otten**

## **BEECHER ROOM ART DISPLAY**

**Barbara Rush's** art display of **children's book illustrations** and her recent art based on her "**travels**" in Europe, focusing on **samples of European architecture**, now on exhibit, will remain until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Celia Broadwell**, long-time Auburn resident, will be exhibiting her **watercolors of local scenes**. Hers is a colorful and memorable collection. It will remain on display until mid-April.

In mid-April, **Sondra Hersh** will share her art with patrons of the Auburn Public Library. She paints **abstract expressionist works using acrylics, prisma color pencils, collage and other mediums**. They reflect her **spirituality, creative freedom, joy, inner visions, playfulness** and a commitment to her art.

## **ANNUAL "LOVE OUR LIBRARY" DINNER "KUDOS"**

The **17th Annual Dinner**, with the theme "**The Secret Garden**" was a big success. **184 dinners** were sold!

Competition with the Super bowl may have hampered our numbers, but that meant more of those delicious hors d'oeuvres for all! Esther Stanton and Jane Misphey worked together until early December organizing ticket sales. Jane completed that task assigning seating, too. Barbara Covich directed an energetic set-up crew, which converted the library into a restaurant for the night. Ann Fain supplied beautiful decorations creating an atmosphere of being in a formal garden. Dorothy Hall Overton and Joan Iverson coordinated the plentiful hors d'oeuvres. Latitudes again provided a delicious meal while Frank Lin Beverage provided the drinks. Nina Lorimer, Barbara Zollner and Betty Readle put together the silent auction which brought in a net profit of over \$3,700.00 It truly was a lovely occasion which benefited the FOL and the Auburn Public Library.

**Margot Fulmer, Co-Chair**

## **“KUDOS” TO THE “HORS D’OEUVERS DONORS”**

**Joan Iversen and Dorothy Hall Overton as well as the FOL** express their thanks to all those who supplied the delicious and bountiful appetizers for the annual FOL “Love Our Library” aka “The Secret Garden” that evening dinner.

They are: Gay Peterson Berg, Helen Francis, Marian Faustman, Maxine Maguire, Mary Sue Monahan, Marjorie Blodgett, Gerry Suskin, Ginna Akers, Meredith Bruck, Meg Guarino, Diana Hale, Eileen Peck, Kathy Sands, Mary Sweeny, Bev Engbrecht, Pam Hart, Juanita Peterson, Glyneth Cassidy, Jan Bailey, Dorothy Sanborn, Desiree Hennessy, Dottie Young, Pat Steidel, Richard J. Vielbig, Ann Fain, Anne Holmes, Peggy Dunievitz, Rosemary Headley, Jayne Goin, Bonnie Wilson, Elaine Harte, Michael Otten, Kristine Lang McDonald, Nina Lorimer, Barbara Zollner, Joan Iversen and Dorothy Hall Overton.

**Dorothy Hall Overton and Joan Iversen, Chairpersons, “A Secret Garden” Appetizer Committee.**

## **USED BOOK SALE**

The Used Books Sale kicked off 2005 in pretty good style. January’s sales brought in **\$1968.92** and February’s sales yielded **\$1906.68**. You might say that we are back in the saddle again. Let’s hope that the final sales of our fiscal year in March and April find us ridin’ even higher in the saddle.

We have a lovely new clock gracing the south wall of the annex. Jean Couzens gave it in loving memory of my mother, Janie Bailey. Our loving thanks to the Mother of all Friends: Jean Couzens.

We have said it before and we will say it again, **“the generosity of the people of the Auburn area is entirely gratifying and heartening.”** The quantity and quality of donations to the Used Book Sale are awesome. All our wonderful donors are truly key players and this loyal support keeps our support for the library alive and well.

**THANK YOU!!!**

**Jan Bailey, Chairperson**

## **NOON PROGRAMS: WINTER 2005**

**Beverly Lewis, Director of the Placer Lake Tahoe Film Office**, will be the guest speaker at the **March 4<sup>th</sup> Noon Program** at Auburn's Public Library. Entitled, "**Hollywood in the Foothills**" UCLA graduate Lewis will talk about coordination of various kinds of productions as well as movies, which have been filmed in the area. **Virginia** will be the hostess.

On Friday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, historian and author **Lois H. McDonald** will speak about "**one of the great women of the Nineteenth Century California: Annie Bidwell.**" Entitled "**Annie Bidwell: Her Contribution to Early California,**" Mc Donald will discuss her years of research and Bidwell's many accomplishments. **Desiree Hennessy** will host the program.

"**Adventuring With Doris Through Europe**" will be the topic for **Doris Marx on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Retired educator, Marx traveled through Europe a number of times and has many interesting stories and pictures about the history, people and activities which have occurred there. **Dorothy Hall Overton** will host the program.

**Intuition** will be the topic for **Oceana Guest on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. She will present , "**Improving Your Life Through Intuition.**" She has taught intuition classes since 1987 from Maine to Hawaii. She has a degree in Social Work. **Olive Meining** will host this program.

Open to the public, Noon Programs are supported by the **Friends of the Library**. They are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments are available. People attending may bring a bag lunch, if they wish.

**Glyneth Cassidy, Chairperson.**

For additional information, call: 530-885-4201.

## **GLASS DISPLAY CASES**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE</u></b>	<b><u>DISPLAY</u></b>
March (Shawnee)	Sarah Unger	530-269-0520	Peter Peltz's Birds
April	Carmen Crocket	530-558-3459	Egg Decorator

**Ann Fain, Chairperson**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to our newest members: **Donna McCulloch** and **Yvonne Sinclair**. Our membership rolls now total **434**.

**249 are regular members; 185 are life members.** For as little as \$5.00 a year, you can be a **Friend of Auburn Public Library**.

**Jane Misphey, Chairperson**  
**530-889-8227**

## **HELP WANTED**

Openings are now available on the Friends of Auburn Public Library Board for the year 2005 – 2006, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board meets the third Monday of each month @ 0930 hours in the Beecher Room of the library. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

To discover how rewarding this can be, please contact Kristine Lang McDonald @ 888-6829, Glyneth Cassidy @ 885-4201 or Michael Otten @ 888-7837.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **USED BOOK SALE**

The Library Annex

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **NOON PROGRAM**

The Beecher Room

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

### **NOON PROGRAM**

The Beecher Room

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

### **USED BOOK SALE**

The Library Annex

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### **USED BOOK SALE**

The Library Annex

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

### **USED BOOK SALE**

The Library Annex

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

### **NOON PROGRAM**

The Beecher Room

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

### **NOON PROGRAM**

The Beecher Room

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

### **FOL BOARD MEETING**

The Beecher Room

Quote for the month: "Unable are the Loved to die/For Love is Immortality." Emily Dickinson