

News & Notes...

Cowboy Poet Maurice Scores A Big Hit at Friends' Fund Raiser



“Boots and Books,” the program of cowboy lore and poetry, raised more than \$4,100 for the Friends of the Amador Library fund on Jan. 16.

Cowboy poet Larry Maurice drew laughs, chuckles, and rapt attention from a sold-out crowd with his stories and songs of the cowboy life.

A silent auction of posters, art, and wine along with other prizes awarded throughout the event netted \$1,567. Admissions totaled another \$2,570.

“We couldn’t ask for a more successful event,” said board president Susan Staggs. “Larry is a great entertainer and the audience came through handsomely in the silent auction.”

Poet Maurice enjoyed playing to such a welcoming audience. “They put together a great venue, a professional program and I was absolutely blown away by the response from the community,” he said. “I’ll look forward to my next appearance .”



The money will go toward the Friends’ current shelving project for the non-fiction sections at the main library.

The Friends want to recognize the many generous donors, sponsors and supporters who made the Cowboy Poet event so successful. We couldn’t have done it without you.



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- Ruth Hartley—Cut the Deck Drawing



The Library Corner...*Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter*

We said goodbye to long time employee Sue Bickford at the end of December. Sue spent the past several years as the Children's Services Technician. She brought many new programs and services to the children's area of the library. We wish her the best in her retirement! (See story below).

The Pine Grove Town Hall closed temporarily on January 3 for renovation. Construction is expected to take from one to three months, during which time the Pine Grove Branch library will be closed as well. A book drop has been placed at the Upcountry Community Center where patrons can drop off their books. We will pick up the books every week. The Community Center is located at 19386 Hwy 88 underneath the market.

The library's knitting group, Just Knits, again will host Lorna Miser on February 14 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the main library in Jackson. Lorna began as a skilled seamstress, sewing and designing clothes, before she switched to spinning, dyeing and knitting her own yarns. She will be discussing her latest book, "Hand-dyed and Variegated Yarn". She will bring samples of her work and sign her books.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy and Joyous New Year.



Sue Bickford Retires from Jackson Library.....



When Sue Bickford bade farewell to the Amador County Library at the end of last year, everyone connected with the library asked the same question: What will we do without her?

Sue served as a librarian technician for ten years—the last three years as children's library tech—before leaving to join her husband in retirement. They plan to travel to places they haven't seen and spend time enjoying each other's company—both on the road and at home in Jackson.

A Sacramento native, Sue moved around with her military dad but returned to attend high school and Sac State. Although she majored in English, she landed work as a bookkeeper and continued in that field after she and her husband moved to Amador County.

Fortunately for readers in Amador County, Sue began working part time for a local used book store where her love of books and reading flourished. After just three years at the store, she took a position at the Amador County Library in Jackson, doing everything from shelving books, placing books on hold, sending out overdue notices and helping patrons find just the right book. The rest is history. For the last four years she worked primarily as the children's library technician, a labor of love that she performed with great dedication and aplomb.

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Sue Bickford was dedicated to her work and says she will miss all the patrons and her co-workers. She had only good words for the work of the FACL.

"I'm so grateful to the Friends of the Library for everything they have done for the children's section," Sue noted. "They have donated children's books, computers, and made possible the summer reading events."

"The library is the biggest equalizing system for children in our society, and the Friends have always supported that mission," she said. "They always came through when we needed their support."

He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter.

Isaac Barrow 1630-77



A Message from the FACL Board President.....

Happy New Year! 2011 is a special year for the Friends as we celebrate our 35th anniversary.

Our cowboy poet fundraiser “Boots ‘N Books” was a resounding success; we raised over \$4,100 for the FACL shelving fund. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. It was great fun!

I'm very pleased to let you know that the Friends received a \$5,000 grant from the Teichert Foundation of Sacramento that enables us to order new shelving for the teen section of the Jackson library. We have also received numerous donations from our members and from service organizations in Amador County, so we are progressing toward our goal of \$50,000 to transform the library with new shelving.

If you haven't yet made a contribution but want to support this important effort, please do so now. All tax deductible donations, small and large, are needed and very much appreciated. Checks can be mailed to FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642; or you can donate by credit card via www.amadorcommunityfoundation.org.



Mark your calendars now for the **spring book sale, April 8-10** at the American Legion Hall. This is a month earlier than last year, but we promise to have a huge selection of gently read books and audio visual materials for you. (See the back page calendar for dates of important upcoming events.) If you live upcountry, please bring your book donations to our Upcountry Book Drive, February 5, 10 am – 2 pm, Finesse Carpet One in Pine Grove. We're holding a second book drive in Jackson on Saturday, February 26, 10 am – 2 pm at our book storage facility, 42A Summit Street (behind the old Court House). Donations of small amounts of books may be dropped off at any library branch, but if you have a large number of books, please call me at 296-0940 or Helen Bierce at 267-0855 to arrange for pick-up.

We are happy to welcome four new members to the board: Janie Brown, Larry Costick, Sarah Hart and Bonnie Toy.

Janie Brown

Janie is an avid reader whose first job was with a base library in Germany. She emigrated here with her daughter and husband from Texas 25 years ago and has found Amador County to be a wonderful place to live. She taught school for 32 years during which time she taught German, English and just about everything in every grade except Kindergarten. The last 15 years were spent teaching 2nd grade with a wonderful group of people at Sutter Creek Primary. She is now retired and looking forward to the next challenge and adventure.

Larry Costick

Larry has lived in the county for 35 years on a small ranch in Jackson Valley. He's single, has three children and six grandchildren and works part time for Amador Ranch Associates. Besides volunteering for FACL, he is a member of the Ione Rotary and a director of the Jackson Valley Irrigation District. He worked for 40 years in natural resources management in California, largely in the foothills and forests of the Sierra Nevada. Larry is addicted to books on tape or disk and travels 8,000 to 10,000 miles around the country each fall visiting old friends and relatives and photographing his adventures along the way.

Sarah Hart

Sarah Hart has owned property in the Sierra foothills for 21 years and made it her primary residence for the last 13 years. Sarah retired after more than 30 years in school business management. Since moving to Northern California she has served as Associate Superintendent for Business Services at Lincoln School District in Stockton with her final assignment as Chief Financial Officer for San Francisco Unified School District. Since retiring in 2003 she has served as a consultant to school districts and county offices of education throughout Northern California. Sarah has three children, eight grandchildren, two kayaks, three sewing machines, a full library and is excited about helping and supporting the Amador County library system.

Bonnie Toy

Bonnie and her husband Art bought property in the Shendoah Valley in 1995, planted a vineyard, and moved to the county full time in 2002. Bonnie has an MS in Computer Science, and worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and several Silicon Valley start-ups before settling down at Sun Microsystems, where she worked for 17 years in various capacities, most notably as Director of the Programming Languages group and the Solaris Operating Systems group. She is happy now to have some leisure time to devote to supporting the Amador County library system.

*Knowing I lov'd my books, he furnish'd me
From mine own library with volumes that
I prize above my dukedom.*

Shakespeare, The Tempest, Act I Sc2



Farewell to FACL Board members

As the year ended, the Friends of the Amador County Library Board said farewell to recent board members:

Kim and Patty Still

The Board of the Friends of the Amador County Library mourns the loss of former board member Kim Still, who died October 26, 2010.



Kim was an active board member who in 2007 succeeded his wife, Patty Still, as board president. He served in that capacity for two years, during which the FACL saw an ever-growing membership and expansion.

Kim and Patty, who served on the Board for close to 15 years and resigned last fall, joined

the Friends not long after they moved to Sutter Creek in the mid-1990s. They were actively involved with the annual book sales.

“Even before we moved to Sutter Creek, Kim’s mother encouraged us to get involved in the community,” said Patti Still. “We became members of a number of organizations here while we still lived in Southern California.”

Kim helped found the Community Foundation of Amador County and belonged to Natives Sons of the Golden West and Sons in Retirement.

Noting Kim’s long involvement with the community and with Friends in particular, Patty Still remarked on the couple’s dedication to the local library system.

“We enjoyed being on the board and doing what we could to help the library,” she added. “And we really loved doing the book sales.”

Kirk Lindsay

Although the Board lost the special expertise of Kirk Lindsay when he resigned last fall, the Amador City book expert has assured the Friends he will continue to be involved in book pick-ups and the important work of sorting and identifying donated books for sale on the Internet. He and his wife Karrie regularly stock the book shelves at the Interfaith Food bank with books from the library sales and plan to continue this important service.

“I enjoyed sharing new ideas with my fellow board members,” Kirk said, “and working on the book sales and on new programs was interesting.”

Kirk cited his obligations in Amador County and said the demanding work as sole proprietors of their Internet book business led him to leave the Board.

Wilma Yount

Wilma Yount retired at the end of last year after more than 33 years as a member of FACL and 11 years on the Board.

Wilma came to Amador County in 1956 when her husband was hired as the music teacher for Amador schools. When Wilma joined the library staff as a cataloger in 1963, the library was located in the little brick building adjoining the old courthouse. She retired in 1995 but continued to volunteer for several years.

Probably the greatest change Wilma saw over her years with the library was the introduction of computers.

“When I first started with the library, we had to write down every book that was checked out,” Wilma said. “If someone had lots of books to check out, it took forever to sign someone out.”

Wilma joined the Friends in 1977 and became a board member in 1999 where she served as membership chairman.

“The Friends used to host wonderful musicals, slideshows, and gatherings in the evening at the library as well as sponsoring events to recruit new members,” Wilma recalled. “We’d have punch and refreshments and a grand time.”

Current FACL President Susan Staggs called Wilma an inspiration and a valued member of the Board.

“Wilma’s warm, personal touch served her well as the membership chair for the Friends,” Staggs noted.



Friends partners with local group to send books to troops

The Friends recently donated used paperbacks to Support Our Soldiers (SOS) for troops currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The organization, sponsored by the American Sewing Guild, honors U.S. military by sending them supplies that are otherwise unavailable overseas. The Friends and SOS plan to continue this partnership to provide our troops with reading material. These book donations are just another way that FACL serves the local community and beyond.



Welcome New FACL Members

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| Janet & Larry Amann | Linda Johnson |
| Billie Armstrong | Josh Knittel |
| Paul & Leona Bartell | Andy, Barbara Leskinen |
| Mark & Cyndi Bonini | Terry & Marie Lindsey |
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The Library Needs Your Support

Imagine supporting the Amador County Library with a gift to The Friends. All gifts ---large, small, or in between---help us continue to support the Amador County Library and every dollar you contribute will go directly to the library. There are many options for you to make a difference.

- ◆ Make a contribution in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, graduation, holiday, or anniversary.
- ◆ Make a memorial contribution in honor of a loved one or friend; their family will receive an acknowledgment. A gift plate recognizing the donor and honoree will be placed in the book(s) of your choice.
- ◆ Leave a legacy for the future.
- ◆ Join the Friends today and volunteer.

There are tax-saving benefits when you donate to the Friends of the Amador County Library. And you will be giving to an organization that benefits the entire community.

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL could not do what it does without the incredible financial support from the community. In particular, the following donors have made a tremendous difference in our ability to support the Amador County Library and other regional efforts.

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The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1976 to support the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501©3 non-profit group which means your donations are tax-deductible.

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library. Fund-raising activities include bi-annual book sales. The Friends also actively promote gift-giving such as memorials, estate sales, donations, and group contributions.

FACL publishes a quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes" for its members. And as an added bonus, the first night of each book sale is reserved for members only.

Members of Friends get involved by organizing fund raising events and assisting with the twice-yearly book sales. Over the years, the organization has contributed many thousands of dollars worth of books and equipment to the Amador County Library.

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to <http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=347> or inquire at any of the Library's five branches.

* In Memory of Kim Still



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| Event | Date and Time | Location |
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| Story Time | Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m. | Main Library (Jackson) |
| Pioneer Book Club | 2nd Thursday 11:00 a.m. | Pioneer branch |
| Plymouth Book Club | 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. | Plymouth branch |
| Jackson Book Club | 4th Wednesday 5:30 p.m. | Main Library |
| Just Knits | 2nd Monday 10:30 a.m. | Main Library |
| Friends of the Amador County Library Board | 3rd Tuesday 9:00 a.m. | County GSA building Conference Room |
| Upcountry Book Drive | February 5, 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m. | Finesse Carpet One Floor and Home, Pine Grove |
| Jackson Book Drive | February 26 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m. | FACL Book Storage 42A Summit St. behind the old court- house |
| Spring Book Sale | April 8-10, 2011 | American Legion Hall |