



# FOCL News

A Publication of the Friends of the Clarksburg Library  
May, 2012

Vol. II, No. 2

**Ticket Prices Lower For 24th Annual Event**

## Committee Selects Heringer Ranch For Annual Wine Tasting, Art Auction

When the committee for the 24th annual "Wines of Clarksburg" and Art Auction first met earlier this year, the members decided it was time to give the event a new look. And so they selected a new site, lowered the price

**THANKS, KRIS MARTIN, WILL MIDDLETON, THE SCHLESINGERS, AND THE BISHOPS**

The Committee extends its sincerest thanks to Kris Martin and Will Middleton for making their beautiful property available to the Friends of the Clarksburg Library for 17 years for the annual "Wines of Clarksburg" and Art Auction; and to Doug Heringer for preparing the property for the event. Special thanks are also extended to Joe and Ramona Schlesinger for letting their property be used as the staging area for the caterer; and to Chris and Annabelle Bishop for permitting their property to be used for parking.

of admission, examined new menus for the food to be served, and secured the

*In 1921 the Holland Land Co. held very large picnics on the site for this year's annual "Wines of Clarksburg" and Art Auction to promote the sale of the land nearby that it had just finished reclaiming. This photo shows one of the picnics, with a company executive describing to prospective buyers the advantages of making an investment in the land. Some of the trees in this scene are still growing on the Heringer Ranch.*

*Photo from the FOCL collection*



services of a new artist to design the promotional materials.

The location selected for this year's fundraiser for the Library, which will be held on Sunday, September 16, will be the Heringer Ranch at 37375 Netherlands Road; tickets will be available for \$30 per person prior to the event or \$40 on September 16th; the catered food will be of the highest quality; and the art for the promotional materials will focus on the purpose for which the event is being held: the Library.

As in the past, the art auction will  
*(Continued on page 2)*

## Julie Harmon And Kristin Jordan Join Library Board

Julie Harmon and Kristin Jordan were elected earlier this year to serve on the board for the Friends of the Clarksburg Library, and the governing body now has 11 full-time members.

Ms. Harmon, who lives on Merritt Island with her husband Donald and their three children, moved to this area from Elk Grove five years ago. She graduated from Elk Grove High School in 1988, and she has been a senior administrative assistant for Intel in Folsom for 14 years. In addition to her new position on the Library board, she is also very involved in volunteer work at Delta High School.

Ms. Jordan, who lives in Clarksburg, has been a permanent resident of the community for about a year and a half and was a part-time resident for ten years. She is the founder and owner of Serving Our Seniors, which is a firm established "to enhance and enrich the lives of our seniors by providing access to 'local' products and services."

*Appeal For Community Support*

## Board To Use Funds To Help Make Library Compliant With ADA

The governing board for the Friends of the Clarksburg Library is asking the community to be as generous as possible in this year's annual fundraising drive, because the donations will be used to help pay for the construction costs in making the local Library compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The federal law requires that public buildings be made accessible to all

### Annual Donation Form Enclosed

Enclosed in this newsletter is the annual donation form for this year's fundraising drive for the Library, with all funds collected to be earmarked for the construction costs in making the building compliant with the ADA.

persons with any type of physical disability. Currently, the Clarksburg Public Library and activity room do not meet all of the provisions of that federal law. Thus far, the FOCL board has taken the following actions to ensure that the Library is brought into compliance with the ADA:

1. Reviewed the recommendations of Lonell Butler, the Chief Building Official for Yolo County, who examined the Library and identified what had to be done to make the building ADA compliant.
  2. Entered into an agreement with Jim Bob Kaufmann of Kaufmann Architects for architectural services and approved one of three designs that he prepared.
  3. Accepted, with much gratitude, Mr. Kaufmann's offer for providing his professional services at no cost to the Library or the Friends of the Library.
  4. Established a building fund for the project and placed a \$1,000 check from a local farming operation in the fund.
  5. Met with Patty Wong, Yolo County Librarian, and assured her that she would be kept fully apprised of the project and would do everything possible to prevent a disruption of service in the Library itself during the construction process.
- The next steps for the board to take will be to approve Mr. Kaufmann's final design and then to request bids from qualified contractors.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Event To Be Held At New Site

(Continued from page 1)

feature local artists, and homemade desserts will be provided by the cooks of Clarksburg.

On a recent tour of the new locale for the event, the committee learned that the Heringer property, just like the Kris Martin-Will Middleton property, is quite historic. During World War II, the Heringer Ranch was the site of one of two of Clarksburg's German prisoner of war camps, which were run by Les Heringer, the current owner of the property. And in 1921 the Holland Land Co. held picnics on the property to showcase the reclaimed land for prospective buyers.

Another new feature for this year's event will be the "Wall of Wine." For \$25, buyers choose a numbered ticket from a wall of wine tickets and take a chance on winning a valuable bottle of wine, plus gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Every purchaser is assured of winning a gift with a minimum value of \$20. For

more information on the "Wall of Wine," you may call 916-214-5690.

### Friends Recognize Gregory Merwin For Contributions

When Gregory Merwin finished speaking at the golden anniversary meeting of the Friends of the Clarksburg Library (FOCL) earlier this year, the organization recognized his lifetime contributions to Clarksburg.

The FOCL was especially grateful to Mr. Merwin as a founder of the organization and its first vice president. The group also recognized his role as a member of the local musical group, the New Holland Combine, at FOCL's major fundraising event each year.

### Librarian Plans Reading Program

Beginning in June, Becky Frame, the Clarksburg Librarian, will offer a summer reading program for all ages. Anyone interested in the program should get in touch with Ms. Frame at the Library or by calling (916) 744-1755.

### Library's Youngest Patrons Now Have Their Own Room To Explore Magic Of Books

Through the efforts of several people and Yolo County, infants and children through five years of age now have a room designed especially for them in the Clarksburg Library.

Stephanie Bogle, who is a member of the board for the Friends of the Clarksburg Library, was particularly generous with her donations of time, talents, and funds in redesigning and outfitting the room with educational toys and materials for the very young.

The materials that Ms. Bogle and Librarian Becky Frame donated for the room are designed to help guide the Library's youngest patrons with enrichment activities through each stage of their early lives. Every aspect of the room—from the rug on the floor to the decorations on the walls—is designed to appeal to these very young children. Anyone visiting the Library is encouraged to take a look at the newly renovated space.

**Everyone Served  
by the Clarksburg Library  
Clarksburg, CA 95612**

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U. S. POSTAGE PAID  
CLARKSBURG, CA 95612  
PERMIT NO. 2

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** You received a copy of this newsletter, because the bylaws for the Friends of the Clarksburg Library specify that "all individuals living in the Clarksburg area" are members of the organization and are "entitled to one vote at a general meeting."

**FOCL News**  
A Publication of the Friends of the  
Clarksburg Library  
P.O. Box 441 Clarksburg, CA 95612  
email: FOCL1965@gmail.com  
**Board of Directors**  
Ted Smith, President  
Carole Viss, Vice President  
Saralyn Taormina, Treasurer  
Darlene Webber, Recording Sec.  
Stephanie Bogle, Corresponding Sec.  
Kathie Merwin, Dir., Building and Grounds  
Karen Coffee, Member  
Julie Harmon, Member  
Kristin Jordan, Member  
Ken Pylman, Member  
Alexis "Lexie" Clark, Student Rep.  
**Ex officio Members**  
Twyla Buzarellos, Accountant  
Rebecca "Becky" Frame, Librarian  
Party Wong, Yolo County Librarian  
Elizabeth Gray, Asst. County Librarian