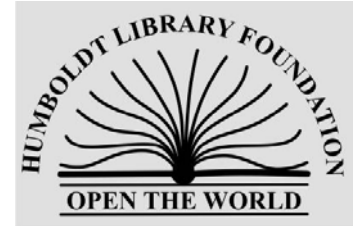


HLF News



Annual Holiday Gala, December 3, 2012

HELEN EVERETT AWARD RECIPIENTS BILL & GRACE GREENWOOD

You could say that Bill and Grace Greenwood were brought together by a love of books and libraries. They met and fell in love one summer while Bill was attending Oregon State University (OSU) and Grace was up from San Jose State College to attend a summer session. Inspired by that memory, and a profound belief in the importance of education, decades later they were proud to provide financial support for a new library at OSU.



Bill and Grace have promoted libraries and education in every community they've lived. Volunteering, training library docents and setting up the elementary school library where Grace taught, they simply believed that libraries strengthened the fabric of family life. They raised their three children to share their love of a good book and the importance of lifelong learning.

Bill grew up on a farm in rural Oregon and fondly remembers that by the 3rd grade he was inspired by the beautiful Corvallis Library, which was designed by the renowned architect Pietro Belluschi. "It was beautiful. I lived in that library," said Bill. He devoured the classics and was fascinated by books about building and architecture. It inspired him to achieve a degree in mechanical engineering and a lifelong career in the aerospace industry.

The Greenwoods moved to Humboldt County in 1996 following Bill's retirement from the aerospace industry in 1988, where, by his own account, he became a professional volunteer.

Bill is a former board member of the Humboldt Library Foundation and served on the Humboldt Senior Resource Advisory Council. An advocate and tireless fundraiser, Bill was a key participant in the effort to build the new Alzheimer's Resource Center in Eureka. He actively supports the Eureka Symphony and has taught AARP driver safety for the past 14 years. Grace is an active member of AAUW and PEO, raising scholarship funds and promoting higher education.

Both Bill and Grace are active members of the Presbyterian Church as teachers, youth advisors and ordained elders.

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Grace (Avick) Greenwood was born and raised in Humboldt County. She lived with her family in Bayside and loved visiting the local library. She was inspired to become a teacher and went on to attain a Masters Degree with an emphasis on teaching reading skills.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK by Elizabeth Murguia



"I can never get enough about knowing about other people's lives." William Maxwell

I've dipped into *What There is To Say We Have Said*, a collection of letters between Eudora Welty and her New Yorker editor, William Maxwell. My admiration of Welty and follow-up to visiting her home in Jacksonville Mississippi last year, has been rich reading experience. Unfortunately, the Suzanne Marres biography of Welty was not that satisfying, but certainly enough to keep me reading. This is odd voyeurism that old English majors indulge – apparently when we finish with their fiction, we wade on into their lives. I've not read any of Maxwell's writing – novels, essays or short stories, but from the quote above and surely from his letters to Eudora, I gather we may have a future relationship.

Maxwell's observation could well have been the theme of the 'Book-y Luncheon' I joined with friends in Florida a few months back. A reinvention of the over-worked book group model, these lovers of books get together twice a year and share book recommendations. Lively discussion spawned more book recommendations than you can imagine. I've been plowing through the list, and it has been fun, taking me away from a preoccupation with history and non-fiction.

Louise Erdrich's, *The Round House* is beautifully written. A haunting story that digs deep into the contradiction of the Native American experience -- dependence on using the law as redress to the historic denial of rights. It is also a compelling coming of age story for the young son of a tribal member who is violently assaulted. It eerily coincided with the national debate over expanding the Violence Against Women Act and those provisions unique to tribal lands.

I discovered a new author, Nancy Turner, who has written a series on pioneer life and settlement of the Arizona Territories. An easy read and probably an area on US western history, if like me, you haven't read about: *These Is My Words* and *Star Garden*. There were also selections on memory and history and how the individual interprets these forces. In turn, both Julian Barnes *The Sense of an Ending* (winner of the Man Booker Prize) and Sarah Blake's *The Postmistress* tug at my own use of personal myth and memoir. And the immigrant story is vividly wrought in Julie Otsuka's *Buddah in the Attic*, written with the simplicity and beauty of a Japanese brush stroke but portraying the stark experience of young women brought to the shores of America for a new life, where forces of history lead them to the internment camps of the barren deserts of northern California.

Finally, after a recent visit to Washington DC and the historic Ford's Theater, I picked Elizabeth Keckly's *Behind the Scenes, or Thirty Years a Slave, and Four Years in the White House*. For Lincoln devotees, this is the 'tell-all' book written by Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker, first published 1868. Fascinating as both an insider look at the White House but also the remarkable life experience of a slave woman who bought her own freedom.

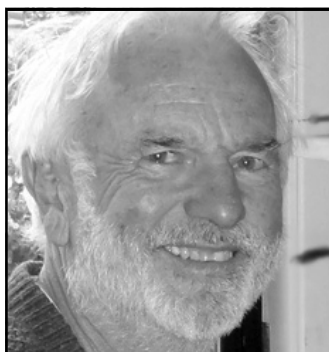
2012 HOLIDAY GALA

The 2012 Holiday Gala was a very enjoyable evening. Every table was filled and everyone seemed to enjoy our new venue, the historic Carson Mansion. We honored Bill and Grace Greenwood as the 2012 Helen Everett Award recipients. Bill and Grace were surrounded by family and many friends who joined us for this special evening of recognition and appreciation. In March, we were all touched at the news that Grace passed away, this extraordinary native daughter of Humboldt County. She was a graceful and articulate educator with a strong commitment to the public library – she belonged to many educational organizations and strengthened every community in which participated. I know I speak for many as when we extend our sincere condolences to Bill and his family.

HLF SUMMER AUTHORS LECTURE SERIES

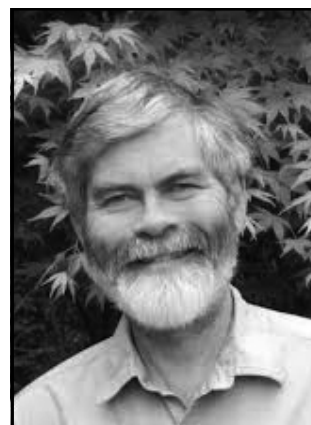
Did you attend one of our local authors' lectures in the library this summer? HLF kicked off what will become a regular feature – a lecture and reading program by local authors. The new series will show-off the remarkable talent of Humboldt County writers, individuals who express the breadth and quality of this special place. Over the summer three local authors graciously accepted our invitation.

Award winning author Amy Stewart gave a talk which drew us into the fascinating botanical world of alcohol — the focus of her soon to be released new book, *The Drunken Botanist*. Amy is the award-winning author of five books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world, including three New York Times bestsellers, *Wicked Bugs*, *Wicked Plants* and *Flower Confidential*.



Barry Evans, North Coast Journal columnist of “Field Notes,” amused us with tales from around the world and beyond. Evans has been reporting on the world of science since 1986, the year of the last return of Halley’s Comet, which led to the publication of his first book, *The Wrong-Way Comet*. His second book, *Everyday Wonders*, earned him a four-year stint as a commentator on National Public Radio. He has been writing the North Coast Journal’s weekly Field Notes science and nature (and etcetera) column since 2008.

Closer to home Jerry Rohde, writer, researcher and local historian, escorted us back to Humboldt County’s turn of the century recounting tall, true stories of logging and the timber industry. Jerry has an extensive background in researching the area’s human and natural history. With his wife Gisela, they have co-authored three guidebooks to West Coast state and national parks: *Humboldt Redwoods State Park: The Complete Guide*; *Redwood National and State Parks: Tales, Trails & Auto Tours*; and *Mount Rainier National Park: Tales, Trails & Auto Tours*. Jerry also co-authored a guidebook to California’s Highway 299, called *Traveling the Trinity*.



Watch for announcements of the Winter Lecture Series, beginning in January.



Note: Special thanks to Pierson’s Building Center for underwriting the Summer Lecture Series.

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**New Trinidad Library
HLF Provides Funds**

The Trinidad Library will open in Spring 2013. To make sure there are enough new books on the shelves to match the thrill of flinging open the doors, HLF recently donated \$2,000. This is an HLF Challenge Grant, designed to maximize resources at local branch libraries by encouraging matching grant opportunities.

The dream of a permanent library for Trinidad has been alive for nearly a century. The Trinidad Civic Club established the first lending library in the town in 1915 in a shed near the corner of West and Trinity. Without a permanent home, over the years the collection has moved around town to the Presbyterian Church, a Trinidad Elementary School classroom, and a former kitchen at the annex of City Hall.

In 2000, the Trinidad Branch was faced with finding yet another temporary location, and support swelled for a permanent building. Glen and Janis Saunders initiated the process by donating the land and making a very generous pledge to start the building. Over 130 "Founding Families" and businesses donated \$500 or more. HLF contributed \$2,000 to the building fund. Friends of the Trinidad Library (FOTL) have worked continuously on fundraising — they are now within \$35,000 of their goal of \$450,000.

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.”
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



HLF Legacy Circle — Make a Planned Gift to HLF



Michele McKeegan and Ed Olsgard still have in place the \$250 challenge for each new member who adds their name to the HLF Legacy Circle during the 2012 calendar year. They have done so in memory of their friend and community leader, Tom Rowe. Tom passed away last December, but with his ‘insatiable thirst for knowledge’ he was an ardent supporter of the public library.

If you want to help meet the 2012 Challenge, please contact our office at 269-1991. If you have named the Humboldt Library Foundation in a planned gift and we do not know of you, please let us know.

We have set a goal to add eight new members this year. You can be one and it’s simple.

- Add HLF as a beneficiary on a bank account
- Add HLF as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy
- Add HLF as a beneficiary on an IRA or a retirement plan through your employer

2012 HLF Legacy Circle

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YES! I want to be a member of the HLF “Legacy Circle” and meet the 2012 Planned Giving challenge made by Michele McKeegan and Ed Olsgard in honor of Tom Rowe.

I have included the HLF in my Estate Plan in 2012

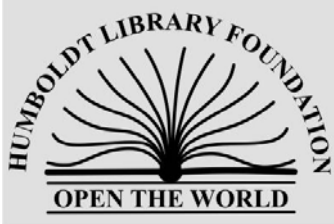
I have already included the HLF in my Estate Plan prior to 2012.

I need help including the HLF in my Estate Plan. Please contact me.

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