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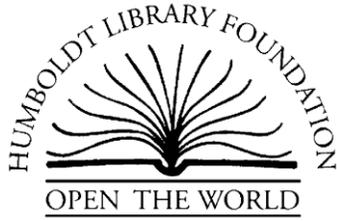


Sara Traphagen and David Duda  
2017 Helen Everett Honorees  
HLF Holiday Gala, December 4, 2017

When Sara Traphagen joined the Humboldt Library Foundation board in 2003 she not only brought to the board her considerable energy, creativity and work ethic but the artistic and “schlepping” skills of her husband, David Duda.

Sara grew up on Balboa Island and as a young girl she got to ride her bike and take a ferry to the Newport Public Library. Paying just ten cents to take the ferry – a nickel for the girl and a nickel for the bike – it was a glorious adventure for an eight year old. It also set the stage for Sara as an educator, elegant designer and volunteer. She has a passion for the public library system that runs deep and today commits mountains of time helping to raise funds for our library. She originally helped on early capital campaigns, has been a driving force in the success of the live and silent auctions held at the HLF Holiday Gala and has raised loads of money for the library’s Summer Reading Program. She currently serves as the Humboldt Library Foundation Board’s vice president.

David has never officially been an HLF board member and prefers to work in the background. He is always by Sara’s side and says, “I enjoy volunteering for the artistic needs of HLF.” Countless times the board had heard Sara, quite gleefully, volunteer David’s time and skills and he always cheerfully comes through, whether it be assistance with the board’s artistic needs or to much of the heavy lifting in preparing for the Gala. Together they are quite the team and although David is not a board member in reality, he certainly is in spirit, and the board is grateful for his numerous contributions.



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After Sara earned her BA in Home Economics and a K-12 Teaching Credential from San Jose State University she moved to Humboldt County and attended HSU to receive her Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis on Textiles. In 1975 Sara and David met while both were HSU students. Sara and David lost touch for a time as he went on to earn his Masters in Art from the University of California, Santa Barbara, but, after a time, they reconnected. Romance ensued and they eventually wed in 1981.

Since 1988 Sara has owned her own business, Traphagen Design. She is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and the Humboldt County Committee on School Organization. In the past she has been a member in Eureka Rotary, the League of Women Voters and was on the board and served as president of Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. David was formerly an electrical sign contractor and is currently enjoying retirement.

The Humboldt Library Foundation is proud to acknowledge this team's massive contribution and honor Sara Traphagen and David Duda with the 2017 Helen Everett Award.

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