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President's Corner

Mary Alice Rennick, President



Hello Gentrainers,

In September Gentrain welcomes a new set of officers. Peter Purdue, Mary Pendlay, and I continue in new roles (President, Vice President, Immediate Past President). Carol Harpster continues as Secretary. I am pleased to introduce Linda Wessel, Melissa Newlin, and Linda Leum as new Members-at-Large. Peter will continue as acting Treasurer until we identify someone to take his place. (That is a not-so-subtle hint! If you are at all interested in serving as Treasurer, please contact president@gentrain.org. The task is not as daunting as you may think.

During the past two years I have tried to guide the Society through a maze of issues. Some were anticipated, others seemed to come out of nowhere. To the extent I have succeeded, credit is due to the dedication and support of my fellow Board members, our faculty, and many dedicated volunteers. Where I have stumbled, fault my myopic vision, and I beg your pardon.

Looking ahead we are in Peter's good hands. I am confident that he will guide us through whatever the coming year sends our way. We must all continue our efforts to reinvigorate the Society - expand our membership, introduce new activities, and increase our value to the whole community. I will play my small part as IPP and Webmaster.

Regardless (or perhaps because) of the challenges, I have enjoyed my term as your President. I have learned a lot about the Society and the College and become an even bigger booster of both. I've had the privilege of working with an amazing group of people. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Please continue to support and sustain our unique Society.

Gentrain Society Board Meetings

The next Gentrain Society Board meetings will be held on campus on **September 21 and October 19, 2022** at 2:45 pm in MPC Social Sciences 104. **Please notice we**

will now be holding our Board meetings the third Wednesday of each month, directly after the Wednesday Lecture. Meetings are open to all Gentrain Society Members.

Membership Report

Merry Nolte, Membership Chair

Welcome to our new Gentrain Members, Sandi Cohen, Suebah Guderski, Lauren Meiklejohn, Melissa Newlin & Jeff Lucas and Flo Snyder-Speck. Our annual membership renewal process has begun! Members should have received a letter and renewal form recently. The parking passes are included, as usual, to save postage. If you already renewed, or joined after April 1, you should have received your parking pass via a letter from me. If you did not get either, please email me at merrynolte@gmail.com, or call me at 659-4387.

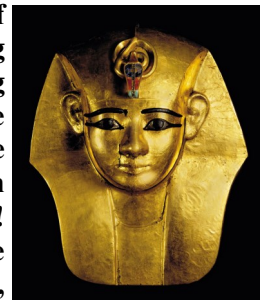
We have also enclosed a flyer, asking for your suggestions about Gentrain activities. Please send us your ideas!

SAVE THE DATE!! SAVE THE DATE!!

Linda Chetlin,

Co-chair of the Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee of the Gentrain Society is planning a bus trip to the de Young Museum in San Francisco to see the "Ramses the Great and the Gold of the Pharaohs" exhibit on Wednesday, October 26, 2022! There will be a preview lecture by our Resident Egyptologist, Tom Logan, on Friday, October 21.



This event is still in the planning stages. We will have 46 places to fill, but space will be limited. We will be signing up soon, so please keep a lookout for information. The Committee will provide N95 masks and water for the bus. The price will be very reasonable but is still TBD. It's a once-in-lifetime exhibit to see....more than 168 pieces! You must be a Gentrain Society Member to participate. **Watch for a letter with complete information in the mail.**

Scholarship Report

Vikki Logan, Scholarship Chair

Meet Charles Kimbrough, winner of a **Gentrain Society Scholarship.**

For the 2022 to 2023 academic year. Charles is a business major currently enrolled full time at MPC and working a 50 hour week for the post office as a city letter carrier. We would like to share his thank you letter:

"I am pleased to be one of the Gentrain Scholarship Recipients. Thanks to your wonderful assistance, I will be able to continue my studies and get closer to achieving my life goal of earning a Bachelor's degree.

Growing up in a low income neighborhood has not only presented me with financial and academic problems, but it has also taught me the significance of a college degree. This scholarship will come in helpful during my last semester at MPC.

At this time my objectives are to finish my AA degree in Business Administration in preparation for transfer. Monterey Peninsula College is among the best community colleges in the country, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to attend.

I enjoy helping individuals learn about community resources accessible to them as a volunteer in my community during my high school career. I aim to be able to contribute as an inspiring part of my community, where I will be able to support those who are less fortunate or underrepresented in society. Without the help of scholarship sponsors like your organization, my educational goals would be impossible to achieve.

Thank you for making this possible!

Sincerely,
Charles Kimbrough"

Recent donations: Grant and Norma Voth, in memory of Mary Ann Kane

There Is Still Time to Register for The Fall of 2022 Gentrain Program

Fall 2022 Gentrain classes will be restricted to in-person (this policy may change depending on COVID-19 developments). A \$42 "student fee" will be charged for "services." This is not a tuition fee. But you do have to pay that to register. Students who wish to attend "for credit" should refer to the Fall 2022 MPC catalogue.

Registration is done online through the MPC website. Go to www.mpc.edu. Select WEBREG in the upper left

corner of the home page. Sign in using your MPC ID number and password. Select ADD/DROP/REG. The term will be Fall 2022. Enter section number 0525 for the non-credit sections of Gentrain. If you enter 0525 as the first section, the system may automatically offer to add the other three sections (0532, 0538, & 0546). More complete instructions for online registration are on the Gentrain website at www.gentrain.org under the heading Registration.

PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION. AT THIS TIME INDOOR WEARING OF MASKS IS OPTIONAL.

The Gentrain Society Welcomes Board Officers For 2022-2023

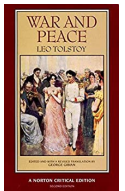
Announcing the Results of the recent election:

The slate of Peter Purdue/President, Mary Pendlay/Vice President, Carol Harpster/Secretary, Linda Wessel, Melissa Newlin, and Linda Leum as Members-at-Large was approved by acclamation on August 3, 2022 at the Wednesday Lecture. We are still in need of a Treasurer (see President's Corner - page 1)

The Gentrain Book Club

Gerard Kapolka

The Gentrain Great Books Club will resume in late September to read Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. Please email Gerry Kapolka at gkapolka@gmail.com to be put on the mailing list and to receive the reading assignments and Zoom invitations. We meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom.



Gentrain Society Program Wednesday Lectures (virtual or in person)

Gentrain Wednesday Lectures are held in LF 103 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Visitors are welcome; no charge or registration is required.

To view a virtual lecture:

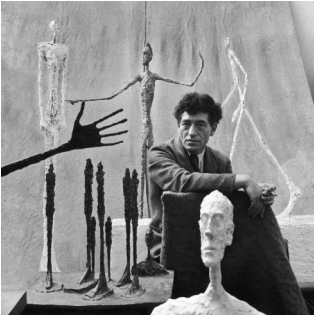
A number of the Gentrain Society Wednesday Lectures are available on the Gentrain Society website - gentrain.org. You may usually access the lecture the evening after it has been presented. Instructions are on the website.

September 7, 2022 - 1:30 pm

Three Trees by Alvin Eng

A Dramatic Staged Play Reading

Three Trees by Alvin Eng is a portrait play about Alberto Giacometti (portrayed by Keith Decker), his



model/muse, Isaku Yanaihara (Dr. Chris Hasegawa), wife Annette (Teresa Del Piero), and brother, Diego (Fred Bologna). The play explores the haunting relationships between Giacometti, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century, and his primary 1950s muse/model, Japanese philosopher and professor Isaku Yanaihara. Visuals created for this production are by Mark Baer. Harriet Lynn, founder of Monterey Coastal Lifestyles, is Producer/Director. **Act 1 of the play will be presented.**

Alvin Eng is a native NYC playwright, performer and educator. His plays and performances have appeared Off-Broadway, throughout the U.S., Paris, Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China. **Harriet Lynn, producer/director/performing artist** has an extensive professional national and international career.



September 21, 2022 - 1:30 pm Creating And Presenting Dance That Makes A Difference



Fran Spector Atkins is the artistic director and founder of SpectorDance and its School, Company, Community Outreach, Creative Projects, Choreographers Showcase and the Sadie Rose Residency Program. She has directed studios in NYC, Cleveland, and Monterey and has choreographed throughout the United States and abroad. Some of her outstanding experiences include being a guest artist at Oberlin College, Brown University, Stanford University and in Denmark, Egypt, England, Israel, Italy, Guam and Taiwan. Her academic and professional credits include a BS in Occupational Therapy from Boston University, an MFA from Mills College in Dance and Choreography, and Certification in Laban Movement Analysis from the Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies in NYC. She also is certified in the American Ballet Theater National Teachers Training Curriculum.

Fran's creative works are inspired by her vision to create socially relevant art that merges factual and aesthetic elements. She begins with extensive research

and filmed interviews with experts and community members related to each topic. Examples include *Figures in the Dust*, a collaboration with the National Steinbeck Center about Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*; *Common Ground*, a collaboration with the United Farm Workers, about California agriculture; *East West*, a collaboration with Rancho Cielo about gang violence; *Ocean Trilogy*, a first collaboration with Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) about hopeful possibilities for ocean health from cutting-edge ocean science research; *When You Were Gone*, a collaboration with the Porter Youth Center for military families, about deployment from the perspective of youth; and *In Real Time*, a virtual piece about the Coronavirus experience based on interviews with SpectorDance company performers. Her current project, *Wildfires*, is about Indigenous fire ecology and will premiere in fall 2023.

For the Gentrain Society Fran Spector Atkins will describe her artistic vision and practice, vividly illustrated with multidisciplinary video samples. Her process begins with research on a chosen topic, which is a journey of surprise and discovery. As she delves into new ideas, she is delighted by the process of translating information into physical expression. Ideas are the starting point, and these ideas fuel movement exploration. Her creative foundation is dance, but her artistic practice has grown to embrace collaboration with both arts and non-arts disciplines. Along with each project, she creates associated engagement



Ocean Trilogy

opportunities targeting diverse audiences. For example, with *Ocean Trilogy*, she also offered the Ocean Arts Festival, featuring ocean-themed art in any genre created by artists under the age of 24. With *East West*, she invited at-risk young adults to perform with the SpectorDance Company dancers. These associated,

innovative engagement opportunities employ dance to expand awareness, promote dialogue, and inspire action.

Wildfires is the next step in her progression. The topic of wildfires evokes visceral power and is full of metaphor. It is an artistic topic full of images about destruction and renewal. *Wildfires* will contribute to a better understanding of the increasing prevalence of wildfires in our state, our nation and our globe. Based on partnerships between dance, science, and Indigenous knowledge, *Wildfires* will build bridges between diverse parts of our community and generate new audiences.

October 5, 2022 - 1:30 pm Elkhorn Slough Restoration: A Collaborative Effort

Over the past 150 years, human actions have altered the tidal, freshwater and sediment processes that are essential to support and sustain Elkhorn Slough. A 122-acre marsh restoration project is currently underway, the first large-scale restoration of its type in this estuary. Restoring this degraded habitat took many hands, from planning to planting, and highlights the importance of a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to restoring sustainable habitat for the future.



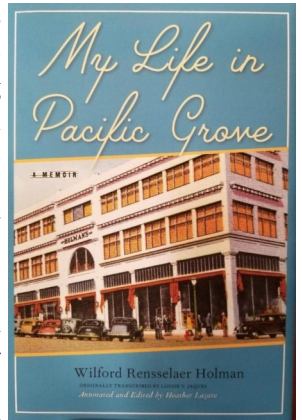
Monique Fountain is director of the Tidal Wetland Program at the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. In this role she runs a collaborative estuary-wide decision-making process with regional stakeholders and implements large-scale tidal marsh restoration projects.

October 19, 2022 - 1:30 pm W.R. Holman's Life in Pacific Grove

We've all passed by the Holman's building at 542 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove, but do you know about the man who started the business? Enjoy a lecture by W.R.



Holman's great-granddaughter-in-law, **Heather Lazare**, who spent the pandemic culling through boxes of Holman ephemera, historic photos, news clippings, and family letters. Based on Holman's newly republished memoir, *My Life in Pacific Grove*, Lazare's lecture (with a PowerPoint presentation of photos), will expand your understanding of Pacific Grove in the early 1900s, explain why we have a W.R. Holman Memorial Highway, reveal Holman's first-hand account of the burning of the Chinese fishing village in 1906, share personal letters from John Steinbeck to Mrs. Holman, and much more.



Heather Lazare is an independent editorial and publishing consultant who specializes in editing adult fiction. She worked at the Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency and both Random House and Simon & Schuster before starting her own business in 2013. She is the director and founder of the Northern California Writers' Retreat, a yearly fiction retreat in Carmel Valley. Heather lives in Pacific Grove with her husband and two children.



The Holman Family

MPC Fall Gentrain Program August 23, 25, 30 and September 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 GENTRAIN 1/401: PREHISTORY AND EARLIEST CIVILIZATIONS TO 1200 B.C.

Human origins: where, when, and how. Cave paintings and prehistoric world views. The agricultural and urban revolutions, and two of the planet's first great civilizations: Sumeria and Egypt.



September 20, 22, 27, 29 and October 4, 6, 11, 13
GENTRAIN 2/402: FOUNDATIONS OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD - 1200-500 B.C.

Minoan, Mycenaean, and Hebrew civilizations. Agamemnon, Helen and the Trojan War, and Homer: the Heroic Age. The heroes of the Old Testament, Greek art and Greek and Hebrew history, religion, literature, and world views.



October 18, 20, 25, 27 and November 1, 3, 8, 10
GENTRAIN 3/403: THE GOLDEN AGE OF GREECE - 500-300 BCE

One of the most amazing periods in Western history: the Persian Wars, Plato and Aristotle, the Parthenon and Greek sculpture, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides; and as the context for all of this, the world's first experiments in democracy.



GENTRAIN EVENTS - VIRTUAL

In person Special Events are limited because of Covid-19, and many organizations are filling in the gap locally and at a distance with an amazing array of creative online presentations, both live and recorded. We will be using the Special Events space to share some "events" we have found that will be available through 2022. Some are direct links and some are links to websites with information of interest.

Monterey County Theatre Alliance

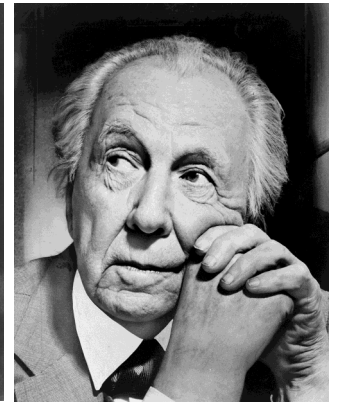
Monterey County Theatre Alliance (MCTA) website: theatremonterey.org has regular updates on local live theatre events, primarily virtually. Here are the MCTA Virtual Live Theatre presentations created and presented by Howard Burnham and scheduled through the remainder of 2022. **For more information about these shows, go to**

TheatreMonterey.org or email Andrea McDonald at admin@TheatreMonterey.org

You may register to attend any or all of these presentations at theatremonterey.org. Once registered you will be sent a Zoom link to a live webinar of the presentation. No fee for each performance, but a link to an optional shared donation to the presenter and the MCTA (to help pay for tech and presentation costs) will be available at the conclusion of each presentation.



Thomas Hardy



Frank Lloyd Wright

Sept 17 *A profile of Frank Lloyd Wright* - Howard Burnham & MCTA Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968

Oct 22 *Thomas Hardy* - Howard Burnham & MCTA Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968



Dr William Dodd

Nov 5 *The Unfortunate Dr. Dodd, Shakespeare's first anthologist* - Howard Burnham & MCTA Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968

Nov 26 *Jules Verne* - Howard Burnham & MCTA Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968

Dec 3 *Salvador Dali* - Howard Burnham & MCTA
Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968



Jules Verne



Salvador Dali

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MCTA Virtual Theatre, (831) 915-1968



Monterey Public Library - Online Resources -

https://monterey.org/services/library/education_research/articles_databases.php



- E Books and Audio Books
- Especially for Children
- Books and Literature
- Career Pathways
- General Reference
- History and Genealogy
- Language Learning
- Monterey Newspapers
- Science
- Tutoring
- Veteran Resources

Bob Larson and Patty Westcott Story

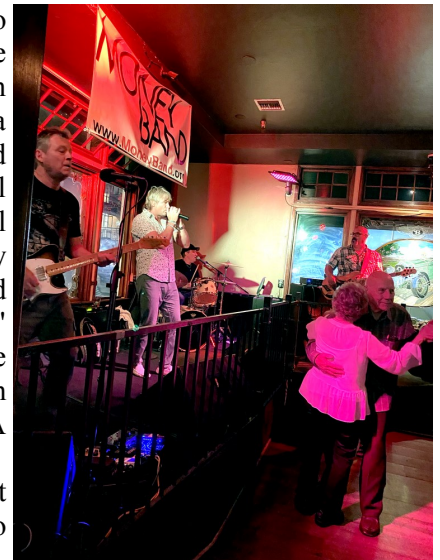
Vikki Logan

Most of you will recognize them as they have been attending *Gentrain* for the last 10 years and they went to Egypt with us on our last trip there.

Patty asked Bob what he wants for his birthday party and he said he wanted to dance to "Great Balls of Fire."



On most Saturday nights you will find them at Sly McFlys on Cannery Row, dancing to their favorite band named "Money Band." So, first we went to eat at their favorite restaurant on Cannery Row named Louis Linguini, and then we walked over to Sly McFly's where we watched them dance. It was a HOOT, the Band loves them as do all the cocktail waitresses. Patty had included chocolate "favors" with Bob's favorite sayings which included "BE A LIFELONG LEARNER." Just too good not to share!!!



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lect4 = LECTURE - W.R. HOLMAN'S LIFE IN PACIFIC GROVE

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Invitation to Join

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