

## Art docent lecture November 12: East Meets West

The excellent Marsha Holm will be our docent exploring “the cultural and material exchanges between India and Europe through jewelry and precious objects from the seventeenth century to the present.” This exhibit is showing at the Legion of Honor Museum from Nov. 3, 2018 to Feb. 24, 2019.

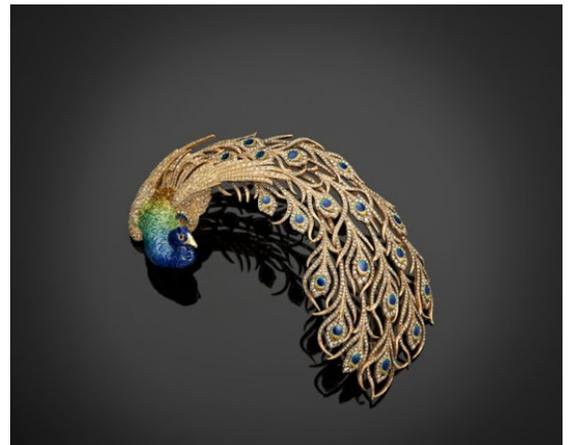
**Nov. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Main Library, Stafford Room**

**1550 Oak St., Alameda**

The Friends’ next docent event will be December 10 on Paul Gauguin.

Resource lists from all art docent programs are now listed on the Friends website: [www.alamedafriends.com/what-we-do/art-docent-lectures](http://www.alamedafriends.com/what-we-do/art-docent-lectures).



### City Council honors Friends during National Friends of the Library Week

In honor of National Friends of the Library week, the City Council presented Friends of the Alameda Free Library with a City Proclamation at the Council meeting October 16. Karen Butter, President of the Friends, and other board members, accepted the honor.



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## Standing room crowd learns about Filipino American history in Alameda

On the evening of October 17 the Stafford Room of the Library was packed with people who came for the Friends of the Alameda Free Library's event, "Keeping Alameda's Filipino American History Alive." It began with a reception featuring samples of Filipino cuisine and table displays of history from several of Alameda's Filipino American families.

As Friends' volunteers kept setting up more chairs for the growing crowd, Friends Board Member Luzanne Engh introduced Filipino community activist Cynthia Bonta, who gave a short introduction to the evening before turning the duties of emcee over to Alameda High senior Jacqueline Mitchell, who is student director on the Alameda Sister City Board. The speaking program was divided into two parts, "Filipino Americans in Alameda" and "the influence of Filipino Americans in the U.S. labor movement." Both topics brought out much which is probably little known by the general public, such as the early history of Filipino immigrants to Bay Farm Island, the establishment on Alameda of the nation's oldest Filipino fraternal organization, Bohol Circle, and the leadership of Larry Itliong, who, with Cesar Chavez, was instrumental in the founding of the United Farm Workers union.

The speakers in the first part of the program were Ellie Luis, Bob Balandra and Gary and Faustina Cagaanan, who all had significant history as Alameda residents (Faustina immigrated from the Philippines in 1951). The second part of the program was introduced by Wright Institute doctoral candidate Crystal Faith Cajilog, and featured author Gayle Romasanta and UC Davis professor Dr. Robyn Magalit Rodriguez.

Luzanne ended the evening, thanking all who attended and all the participants who made it a spectacular and inspiring event.

—David Beall



Luzanne Engh, Marcelo Datuin, Ellie Hipol Luis, Cynthia Bonta, Bob Balandra, Maria Savella

## Live @ the Library 10th Anniversary sold out!

Two more concerts are still coming up as the successful series continues.

### November 17

Tamir Hendelmann on piano, Yamaha Master Pianist

### December 8

Tammy Hall on piano, Ruth Davies on bass, Ruth Price on drums, and featuring Kim Nalley, vocals--an all-woman show!



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## Fall Book Sale a success

The Friends' book sale October 19-21 was a great success! The hard work and many hours put in by dedicated volunteers made for a well-organized sale that raised over \$17,000 for library programs.

Thanks to all the shoppers, too!



The next book sale is May 2019.

FAL still needs a large storage space to keep books in between sales. If you know of a potential space in or near Alameda, please contact Carole Robie at [crobie32@gmail.com](mailto:crobie32@gmail.com).

## FAL-supported teen programs coming in November:

**November 6, 13, & 27:**

Hogwarts Study Hall

**November 7:**

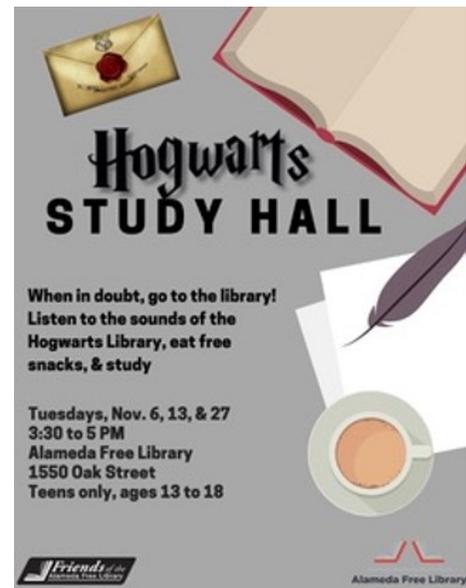
Teen Advisory Board

**November 8:**

Teen Game Zone

**November 20:**

Teen Comic Book Club



Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak St.

## President's Board Report: September Meeting

FAL offered a number of funding opportunities for donors (chairs, tables, spaces and shelf plates) at the opening of the new library. The Board approved continuing named shelves at \$250 and will review shelf plates needing repair. The other items were eliminated since they are typically limited to a new library opening. Plans for the book sale are moving forward including advertisements on Facebook and a one-half price media sale on Saturday. Wi-fi at the O'Club, necessary for credit card sales, will be tested but reliability is uncertain so buyers will need to bring cash or check. The city continues to work on wi-fi at the O'Club. All Live at the Library Concerts are sold out. There were many positive comments about the September concert and all agreed the new backdrop and lighting were major improvements. The Board will continue its strategic planning process in November to define a vision for the future of FAL. And it continues to look for new Board members. The Communications Committee unveiled ideas for a five-year campaign of advocacy for the library with a separate theme for each year. Four of the five themes were presented and the Board strongly endorsed the themes and concept and urged the committee to continue to develop and roll out the themes. The Board thanked the committee for its outstanding work.

--Karen Butter

## Mission: Friends of the Alameda Free Library

- ◆ To provide a variety of ways to contribute to the ongoing services and growth of the Alameda Free Library for the enjoyment and benefit of the entire community.
- ◆ To act as steward for the library and its many services and programs through advocacy, volunteerism, and fund-raising to supplement public funding.

## 2018 FAL Officers and Directors

President: Karen Butter

Vice President: Kumar Fanse

Secretary: David Beall

Treasurer: Bill Gibbs

Directors: Eileen Bitten, Luzanne Engh, Marlene Grcevich, Nancy Johnsen Horton, Karen Manuel, Honora Murphy, Billy Reinschmiedt, Carole Robie, Karen Roemer, Eileen Savel, and Jo Winzenread.

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## Coming Events

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**Live @ the Library Concerts**

**November 17**

**December 8**

**Stay in touch!**

Information: [info@alamedafriends.com](mailto:info@alamedafriends.com)

Become a volunteer:

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Donate funds, services, etc.:

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