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Peter Hiller

Discovering The Art Of Jo Mora In Monterey

Peter Hiller grew up in Santa Monica but he had the wisdom to move, along with his wife, to the Monterey Peninsula in 1981. They both immediately started teaching at All Saints' Day School in Carmel Valley where they would continue teaching for over 34 years. Eventually, this also included having their, now grown, two sons as students.

Peter graduated from Johnston College, an experimental college affiliated with the University of Redlands, with a B.A. in 1973. During this time, while still a student, he taught photography through the University of Redlands Adult Ed Program. This opportunity and experience would inspire him to get his Lifetime Teaching Credential in Art from UCLA in 1976 and began his full-time and life-long teaching career.

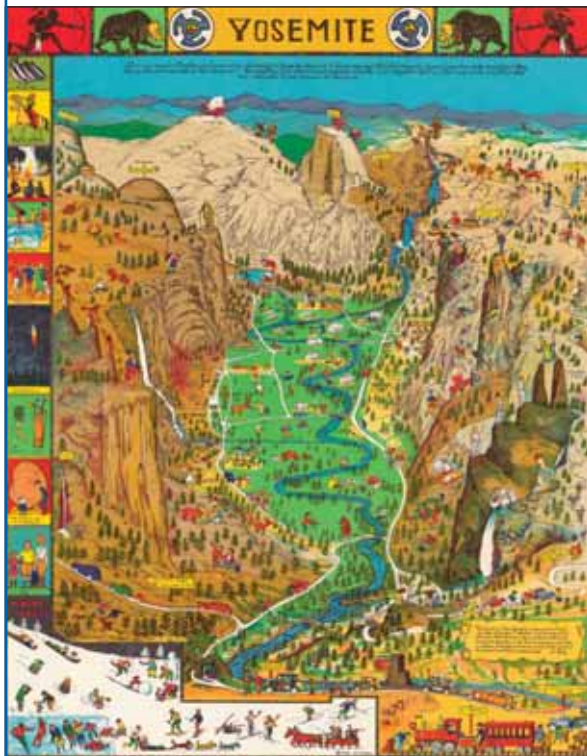
In the early 1990's, the artistic accomplishments of Jo Mora began to come to Peter's attention. As an art teacher and exhibiting artist, Peter was enamored with the quality, versatility, and subject matter of Mora's art and writing. This discovery would eventually inspire Peter to seek out a public opportunity to see more of Mora's work. Upon successfully proposing that idea to Richard Gadd, then director of The Monterey Museum of Art, Peter became a guest curator, while still teaching, and that idea became a reality during the summer of 1998. The exhibit broke attendance records at the museum which Peter attributes to the magnetism of Jo Mora.

An introduction and friendship with Jo Mora's son, Jo Jr., and sustained interest would lead to Peter continuing to work to this day with the material in the Mora family collection in an effort to spread the word about Jo Mora. With this intent in mind, Peter's reprinted biography *The Life and Times of Jo Mora: Iconic Artist of the American West*, will be released by Gibbs-Smith Publishers on April 20, 2021 and is already available at Bookshop.org at a pre-release discount price.

Among other items of note during Peter's life in Monterey County are being on the founding Board of the Children's Museum, serving on the Board of the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, serving on the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, teaching numerous classes for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program, securing the Monterey County Courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places – for which he received the Preservationist of the Year Award from the Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists- and receiving the Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award from the Monterey County Fair Board.



Statue of Junipero Serra (Carmel Woods)



Carmel Mission Father Serra Cenotaph



Clay Larson



Clay Larson has been a resident and a local community banker on the Monterey Peninsula for over 45 years. Clay began his banking career with Valley National Bank in Monterey. In 1983 he founded First National Bank of Central California (FNB), where he served as President and was a member of the holding company board of directors. The bank grew from a start up to \$1.2 billion in assets. After being acquired by Santa Barbara Bank & Trust in 1998, he served the Bank in a variety of executive management roles and served on the holding company board of directors until May 2010. Clay then joined 1st Capital Bank where he continues to maintain an active profile to service the local business community in his role as Director of Client Relations.

Clay currently serves on the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Grants Committee, and the Montage

Health Foundation board. He has served on numerous boards of local non-profit organizations throughout his banking career, including Board of Trustees of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, California State University Monterey Bay Foundation, Community Foundation for Monterey County, Boys & Girls Club of Monterey County, United Way of Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Among the many honors and awards Mr. Larson has received during his career are:

- Past President – Jaycees
- Past President/Campaign Chair – United Way Monterey County
- Past President/Campaign Chair – Boys & Girls Club
- Past President – Rotary Club of Monterey
- Past President – Community Foundation of Monterey County
- Past Chair – Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

COMMUNITY HONORS & AWARDS

- Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame Laureate 2020 – Jr Achievement
- Pinnacle of Excellence Award 2016 – Montage Health
- Citizen of the Year 2010 – Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Leader of the Decade – Leadership Monterey Peninsula
- Alton Walker Award 1996 – Rotary Club of Monterey
- Young Man of the Year 1976 – Jaycees



JOKE OF THE WEEK

This happened yesterday and is an important lesson for our age group. A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center. Afterwards he began to have blurred vision on the way home. When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor or be hospitalized. He was told NOT to go to a doctor or a hospital, but just return to the vaccination center and pick up his glasses.

MARCH – APRIL

Thursday – 03/25 Capn. Clark Bone, USN, Ret. – Naval Strategy And Information Warfare

Thursday – 04/01 Nick Cunningham – Olympic Athlete & Coach

Tuesday – 04/06 COG Meeting – 5:30 PM (Via Hybrid And Zoom)

Thursday – 04/08 Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)

Thursday – 04/08 Jeroen Gerrese – A Day In The Life Of A Hotelier During The Pandemic!

Thursday – 04/15 Dianna O'Briant – Cooper-Molera Restoration

Thursday – 04/22 Tim Flanagan, GM – Monterey County Waste Management District

Thursday – 04/29 Chris Chase – The Western Flyer Sails Again!

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at the CFMC that provides grants to local non-profit organizations supporting youth and scholarships for students.

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We are thrilled to announce we will continue for one more month with Sapiens, by Harari. Given the density of the text, it was agreed upon by all book clubbers that one more month was needed to complete the reading. Another book will be chosen after we finish Sapiens.

Join us! We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM. Zoom invitations will be sent out just prior to the event.

Questions? Ask Molly Bozzo 831-574-4600