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Remembering Nackey Scripps Meanley

compiled by Diane Rider

As our anniversary year comes to a close, it is appropriate to give a tribute to the people whose former property and home are so influential in our library.

Nackey was born on May 16, 1898—Nackie and E.W.'s Scripp's second daughter and youngest child. Patricia A. Schaelchlin states, "Little Nackey, so named to distinguish her from her mother {Nackie}, was an enchanting child with a wisdom beyond her years."

Nackey was educated by tutors and raised on the beautiful Miramar Ranch. It was here that she developed her lifelong love of animals and particularly horses. At 17, Nackey entered Miss Maderia's School in Washington D.C., but only five months later she went on an extended trip to the northwest United States. Some are of the opinion that E.W. sent her away to avoid a romantic entanglement.

On June 2, 1916, she eloped with Thomas Meanley, E.W.'s secretary for many years and then the foreman for the Fanita Ranch—in what is now Santee. E.W. was not happy as he had stipulated to his employees not to fraternize with the Meanley family. The strong bond between Nackey and her father was seriously strained. The couple moved to Fanita Ranch which had been leased to Nackey under a previous agreement.

In an article in the *San Diego Union*, her son, Thomas Meanley Jr. had this to say:

[Nackey] was one of California's foremost horsewomen...a very successful breeder of American saddle-bred horses...she won horse show championships up and down the state... It was not a gentle rural life. She used to help her husband herd cattle in the Cuyamaca Mountains. Twice the family had to be evacuated from the ranch by horse-drawn wagon when the San Diego River overflowed its banks.

The couple eventually gave up the Fanita Ranch and moved to La Jolla. After the death of her father, they secured the property near Miramar Estate and built their home named Mira Mesa, but often referred to as The Meanley House. It was built in 1929 in the Spanish Mission Revival style and modeled after the Rancho Guajome Adobe home in Vista, CA which still remains.

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Library Hours

Mon: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Tues: 11:30 AM – 8 PM
Wed: 11:30 AM – 8 PM
Thu: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Fri: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Sat: 9:30 AM – 6 PM
Sun: Closed
Closed: March 31, April 1
Cesar Chavez Day
Closed: May 27
Memorial Day

Shop at
Grace's Book Nook,
the library's on-site
used bookstore!

Mon: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Tues: 12 PM – 7:30 PM
Wed: 12 PM – 7:30 PM
Thu: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Fri: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Sun: Closed

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Andrea Miller in an article in the *SRCA Newsletter* described the house as follows:

The outcome was stunning: a 13,360-square-foot, single-story, rectangular, four-winged house designed in the Spanish Mission Revival style, complete with a red tile roof, a bell tower, and an arched entrance similar to that of California missions. The house also had a stone wall about 160-feet long, nearby stables, seven bedrooms, a museum that housed the livestock awards of Mrs. Meanley and an elegant brass chandelier.

The environment surrounding the house included eucalyptus trees, pine trees, palm trees, and Evans Pond. The house's courtyard was one of its alluring characteristics. Stocked with a cement pool, several varieties of trees, flower gardens, and shrubs and vines, the courtyard contributed to the house's natural ambiance. The courtyard was entered by large doors made of arched glass and wooden frames.

Those doors now serve to enter the Children's section of our library. The library also replicates the tower that was in the home. The original tower served as a solar water heating system. A grandson remembers how water was stored at the top and warmed by the sun for household use.

In 1948 Nackey, her husband Tom and son William founded Meanley & Son Hardware in La Jolla. The Ace Hardware website gives tribute: "After 65 years, the tradition continues. The Meanleys provided much needed services to the people of La Jolla, and the store gives back to the community as well."



In later years, Mrs. Meanley served on the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation and the board of Scripps Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Bishop's Schools for Boys and Girls in La Jolla and was active in the La Jolla Bridle Paths Association that built several horse trails on Mount Soledad "before the developers started building things on it," she stated.

Nackey Elizabeth Scripps Meanley died on May 13, 1981 at age 82 in Scripps Memorial Hospital and burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park. At the time of her death she was survived by her husband, 5 sons, 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her memory lives on in the Scripps Ranch Library through the design features and photographs that remember and honor our history.

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Note: The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library will provide a guided tour of the library to share information on its history, architecture and the stained glass windows. Call 858-774-2444 to make arrangements. In addition, there are handouts available for a self-guided tour. See the library staff for more information.

Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

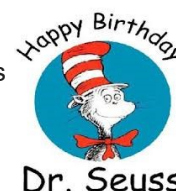


The events listed below are highlights of those provided with the support of Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library and are free to the public. For a complete monthly account of all programs, activities and classes, visit our website at **www.srfol.org**. In addition, Librarian Trevor Jones creates a monthly email containing the entire monthly library schedule of events and activities. If you wish to be on the mailing list, email him at **tojones@sandiego.gov** or sign up on the sheet on the table near the entrance to the library.

Programs for families and children

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party: Sat., March 2, 11 am. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday (and the library's birthday) with us and enjoy a special themed storytime, Seuss-themed crafts, and even birthday cake!

Once Upon a Shamrock Puppet Show: Thurs., March 14, 3:30 pm. An Irish folklore inspired puppet show with a story perfect for St. Patrick's Day.



Spring Into STEAM: Build Your Own Watershed: Thurs., March 28, 3:30 pm. What is a watershed and do you live in one? Students will explore how humans impact local waterways, build their own watershed model and discover how they can help keep our ocean clean in this workshop. Geared for ages 9-12.

Spring Into STEAM: Making Waves: Thurs., April 11, 3:30 pm. Did you know that if we take three deep breaths, the oxygen from two of those breaths comes from plants which live in the ocean? Marine plants help reduce global warming and provide our atmosphere. Learn about the science behind these funky plants at this Spring into STEAM event! Geared for ages 9-12.



Eggstravaganza: Thurs., April 25, 3:30 pm. A fun egg hunt for kids and families with activities and treats.

Star Wars Party: Sat., May 4, 11 am. Celebrate "May the 4th Be With You" Star Wars Day with free comics, activities, games, and crafts for kids and families. Star Wars costumes are welcome!

On-going programs for children and teens

Lego Builders: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Get creative with Legos! All ages welcome.

Babies and Books: Tuesdays, 1-1:30 pm. Stories, songs, and movement designed for ages 0-2.

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 10-10:30 am. Storytime with music, finger plays, rhymes and more! Age 2-5; geared towards preschoolers, but babies and toddlers may enjoy as well.

Dance Pants Party: 1st and 3rd Wed., 1:30-2:00 pm. Sing, Dance and Play! Designed for children age 1-5, this program consists of songs and movement activities that build motor skills and increase independence.

Yoga Storytime: 1st Fri. of the month, 12-12:30 am. This Storytime is a great combination of physical movement and learning for ages 1-5 and their caretakers. Don't forget your mat.

StoryBox Theatre: 3rd Wed. of the month, 3:30 pm. StoryBox is a Japanese storytelling tradition that combines dramatic storytelling with a wooden theatre to showcase illustrations in an engaging family-friendly experience.

Teen Council Meeting: 1st Fri. of the month, 3:30 pm. Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 meet to plan Scripps Ranch Library events and projects on a volunteer basis.

Afterschool Craft Club: Thursdays, March 21, April 25, May 9, 3:30 pm. Monthly after-school DIY craft program for ages 7-12, often with a seasonal theme. All supplies will be provided, but online registration is required at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/>

Paws to Read: 1st and 3rd Sat., 10:30-11:30 am, Children read to certified therapy dogs to build reading confidence. All Ages.



Programs for Adults

“The Fire In Me” A Play by Thelma Virata de Castro: Sat., March 16, 2 pm. This play is a theatrical exploration of domestic violence in San Diego's Filipino community. In partnership with *Asian Story Theater and Access Inc.*, the playwright interviewed diverse community members and wrote “The Fire in Me” based on these interviews. Due to mature content, recommended for ages 18 and up. Reservations appreciated at sandiego.librarymarket.com.



Books and Breakfast: Sat., March 23, 10 am. Looking for your next great read? This program will provide book lovers with new titles and hidden gems recommended by San Diego Public Library staff! Light breakfast and coffee will be served!



Continuing Ed Classes

Technology for Older Adults: Mondays, 3:30 pm.

Senior Fitness: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm.

Beginning/Intermediate Piano: Wednesdays, 9:30 am.

Japanese Brush Art: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Book Discussion Group: 4th Wed. of the month, 6:30 pm.

Writing Children's Books: Fridays, 1:30 pm.

Grace's Book Nook and The Great Yellow Bag Book Sale



The Book Sale on Jan. 26 was very successful. The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library set a new record in sales from donated books and materials. We now have an additional \$1600 to spend on library books, media and many other enhancements to the Scripps Ranch Library.

Much of the credit goes to coordinator Marcia Gwin (left) and her team of Susie Koske, Donna Rowley, and Beth Surrell together with a number of other dedicated Book Nook volunteers. We also had volunteers from the Library Teen Council which was great, as well as Library staff and Friends of the Library Board. Thanks goes to Stanley Steemer who donated large yellow tote bags. Patrons were invited to stuff as many books as they wanted into the bags and pay only \$10. This made shopping a snap for both the patrons and the volunteers at the cash box.

In addition, we want to thank all of you who have contributed books, magazines, puzzles, DVDs and more to our Grace's Book Nook. If you care to make a donation, drop it off at the front desk of the library and the staff will see that it is properly processed and provide a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. The Book Nook is open Monday through Saturday during library hours. Peruse great bargains on gently used books—fiction and non-fiction—for readers of all ages and tastes, as well as CDs, videos, magazines, greeting cards and duck food. Right now we have an outstanding inventory of children's books.

Are you interested in volunteering in this vibrant and fun enterprise? Join Marcia Gwin (pictured above) who has volunteered for four years as the coordinator who oversees the sorting and shelving of incoming donations and inventory control. It's people like Marcia who keep our community strong. Contact gracesbooknook@srfol.org to explore volunteer opportunities.



“Pleasure of Your Company” Music Series

By Joan Reese

The Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library sponsors the “Pleasure of Your Company” music series at our Library, with monthly concerts on special Sunday afternoons, from September through June.

On **March 10** internationally acclaimed vocalist and recording artist **Allison Adams Tucker** returns to perform “Jazz Mediterraneo,” her mix of jazz inspired by the sun and infused with the sounds of France, Spain, Italy, and beyond. Featuring guitarist **Joe Amato** and drummer **Claudio Rochat-Felix**, the program will include gypsy jazz music of Django Reinhardt.



Enjoy more jazz on **April 14** when we welcome back guitarist **Peter Sprague**, who has performed and recorded with artists such as Charles McPherson, Chick Corea and Sergio Mendes. He'll be performing for us with vocalist

Rebecca Jade, known for her ability to convey the emotion of each song to listeners. Peter and Rebecca were just awarded the 2018 Best Jazz Album by the San Diego Music Awards for their stellar “Planet Cole Porter” release.

On **May 12**, come celebrate Mother's Day with us and enjoy a delightful afternoon of classical music with **Duality**, comprised of violinist **Natalka Kytasty** and violist **Judith Coker**. Their diverse program, featuring the interplay of violin and viola, will include works by composers ranging from Mozart and Handel to Martinú and even some rags by Ryden.

There is no charge for the concerts, which are sponsored by Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, although donations are gratefully appreciated. All concerts are on Sundays at 2:30 pm, are one hour in length, and are followed by a complimentary reception, affording concertgoers an opportunity to meet the artists and mingle with fellow music lovers.



Do you love music? Help us keep up the tradition of delightful Sunday afternoon concerts at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library! We can use a few more enthusiastic volunteers to help with various aspects of our music program—from planning the season to assisting at concerts. Please email Wendy at wtompmkins422@gmail.com or music@srfol.org, or call 858-695-9364 for more information.



Courtyard Enhancement Project – Phase “Tree”

By Jan McGinn

“Between every two [Australian willows] is a doorway to a new world.” — John Muir

Trees, like books, deliver a view beyond ourselves and into a larger world. Have you visited the courtyard recently and noticed the new addition? We’ve replaced the “Charley Brown” tree with a healthier one. As it grows, proudly stretching up to the sky, it will provide shade and natural beauty to the courtyard. We encourage you—after the rainstorms—to select a book, pull up a chair under the trees, and open your door to another world .

What’s next for the project? We are waiting for the City of San Diego to present their plans and costs for building a new shade structure. We need this key milestone of information to allocate current funds, secure additional fund-raising, and create a timeline to completion. Our goal is to enhance the courtyard experience with not only the shade structure, *but*, with better lighting, tile maintenance, comfortable seating, and lovely drought-tolerant plants.

Stay tuned for progress updates. If you are interested in contributing directly towards the Courtyard Enhancement Project please mail a check to Scripps Ranch Library, Attn: Celebrate25, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131. Thank you!



Volunteer Potluck

On January 19, the volunteers had their annual potluck and get-together social. It’s always a very friendly and tasty event—organized by Liz Erickson. Below is a message to all volunteers from Librarian, Trevor Jones.



On my behalf, staff and the City, we know that it is the day-to-day work of library volunteers that make it such a special place. Whether it is the Book Nook, POYC, storytime or other roles, the volunteers inspire me most because they care to take time out of their schedules to be at the library and make a difference. I know many of them could very well choose to “Netflix and chill,” play golf, stay home or find another place to volunteer their precious time - so please let them know I truly appreciate they choose the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library as the place to build a better community and spend time with staff working together. Thanks to all of them for such a great year!

—Trevor Jones



Vincent van Gogh in His Own Words

By Richard Lederer, well-known verbivore and Scripps Ranch Resident

Willem Dafoe was recently nominated for best actor for his role in the film "At Eternity's Gate." Dafoe portrays Dutch expressionist Vincent van Gogh, whose paintings, including "The Potato Eaters" (1885), "Starry Night" (1889) and "Self-Portrait with Pipe and Bandaged Ear" (1890), may be the best known in the world. Yet, during his tortured and outcast lifetime, he sold just one of his canvases and couldn't get a job painting a fence.

Vincent planted seeds for glorious, blazing sunflowers that he never lived to see bloom in his garden and created incandescent stars that never shone on him. As the artist himself expressed it, "One may have a blazing hearth in one's soul, and yet no one ever came to sit by it. Passers-by see only a wisp of smoke from the chimney and continue on their way." Yet

for more than a century those who lived after him have learned to see the world through the eyes of Vincent van Gogh, who, living alone and unattended, speaks to us across time and powerfully influences the course of modern art.

Born on March 30, 1853, van Gogh, between 1872 and 1890, wrote hundreds of letters to his younger brother, Theo, his only constant ally and support during a lifetime of struggle. This exchange between two affectionate brothers reveals Vincent as a keen intellectual fully connected to 19th-century thought. In his letters the artist exhibits a remarkable ability to paint with words and to marshal words to talk about his painting:

- I dream of painting and then I paint my dream.
- Paintings have a life of their own that derives from the painter's soul.
- Painting is a faith and it imposes the duty to disregard public opinion.
- I am always doing what I can't do yet in order to learn how to do it.
- A good picture is equivalent to a good deed.
- There is nothing more truly artistic than to love others.
- Art is life seeking itself— our expression of love for the beauties, ideas, and epiphanies we regularly find.
- When I have a terrible need for religion, I go out and paint the stars.



Vincent took his own life on July 30, 1890. Just a few weeks before, he was able to write, "I still love art and life very much indeed." Theo was broken by the loss, and, six months later, almost to the day, followed his brother. They rest side by side in a churchyard at Auvers-sur-Oise.

Teen Council



The Teen Council continues helping the library in many ways. Recently they have volunteered with the book sale and helped with the job of sorting and categorizing the many objects stored in the library loft. Pictured here is their contributions to the theme of "What Would You March to?" It is in conjunction with "One Book, One San Diego." This year's selection is *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell.



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PARKING REMINDER

For library events, please allow extra time to park on Meanley Drive and walk up the paved, lighted walkway to the library.

Form for new membership or renewal

Additional forms are available at the entrance table to the Scripps Ranch Library.

Drop the form off at the Circulation Desk or Mail to **SRFOL Membership, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131.**

Our Library needs Friends like you!

Membership Form for Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library

Name _____ Phone _____ Date _____

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☐ I would like to volunteer, please contact me at the above Email or Phone.

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