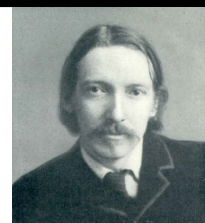
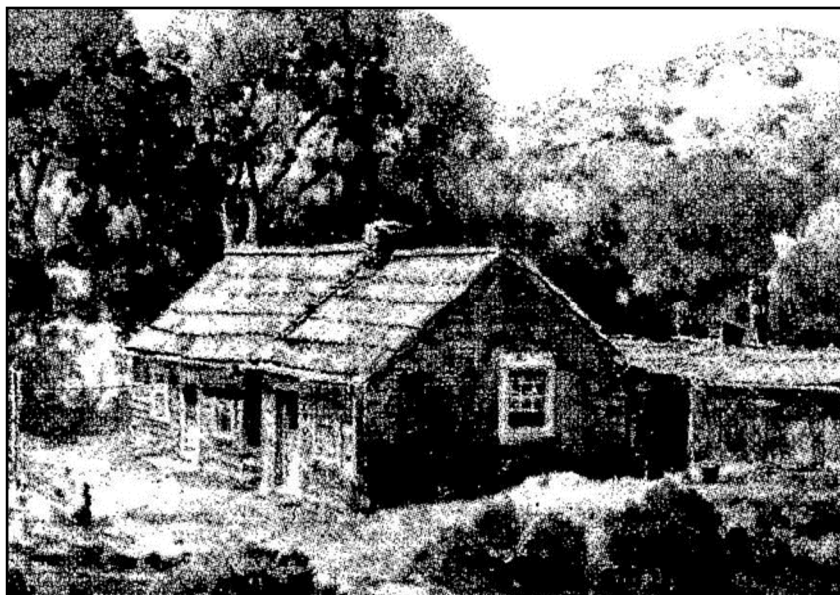




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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday May 20, 2017 4:00 PM. Monica Hudson's RLS tour on video--- followed by the RLS/ Fanny Anniversary Garden Tea!

Sunday July 16, 2017 2:00-4:00 PM. A "Salon" at the Bianchini's home! We'll discuss "Travels With A Donkey".

Saturday August 26, 2017 4:00 PM. Lindy Perez presentation of RLS and the Carmel Valley Goat Ranch incident.

Saturday November 4, 2017 1:00 PM. The annual "Un-birthday" celebration with Keith Decker presenting "Travels With A Donkey" at the Monterey Public Library. RSVP to Jeanne Mc Combs at (831) 646-3949.

Friday and Saturday December 8 & 9, 2017 5:00-9:00 PM. Christmas in the Adobes. (Information to follow).

Details TBA. Annual Dinner and Election of Officers.

Un-Birthday Celebration

On November 12, 2016, just after we went to press for the November 2016 Newsletter, Jeanne Mc Combs (Monterey Public Library Special Event Coordinator) AGAIN hosted our annual Un-birthday celebration!!! She deserves mega credit for spearheading this important venue for over 2 decades. You're the best Jeanne!!!

RLS fans and aficionados enjoyed hearing from actor/playwright Keith Decker's reading of "The Fables of Robert Louis Stevenson" and his elaboration of the Un-birthday child Anne Ide. Presents and delicious cake and tea followed. Everyone increased their RLS knowledge and had a "sweet" time. We look forward to this year's Un-birthday event on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Monterey Library. Keith Decker will mesmerize us with his fun and interesting presentation of the RLS book "Travels With A Donkey". It's available to check out of many libraries!!!

Thank You

High praise and thanks to Bob Jaques for doing a stellar job as our Club Treasurer!!! His sage understanding of the Treasurer position has greatly benefitted us. He has turned over the reins to another capable member-Lindy Perez. Welcome and thanks Lindy!!! We appreciate Bob continuing as our outstanding Newsletter Layout Director. Great teamwork-both of you!!! RLS would be proud!!!

Membership Dues

Annual dues for membership in the RLS Club are \$10.00. If you are not currently a member but would like to join, or if you are a member but have not paid your dues for 2017, you may do so by mailing your check for \$10.00 made out to "RLS Club" to Lindy Perez, 3 White Tail Lane, Monterey, 93940.

If you have any questions about the status of your dues, please contact Lindy Perez by email at lindycap@yahoo.com.

RLS Club Website

A website has been established for the Club on-line at rlsclubmonterey.org. The site provides an introduction to the Club and to the Stevenson House, Club upcoming events and news, links to other sites, and articles and features as they become available. Please provide content and suggestions for content to Patrick at wpgallagher.home@gmail.com.

The Club's newsletter files will be archived on the site.

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Robert Louis Stevenson Mementos Available!

"AS SEEN ON TV" Ha! HA! Seriously though we have 3 impressive RLS mementos available to purchase!!! First our clear 8 1/2 ounce wine (or other beverage) glasses. Each is etched with a recognizable face of our beloved author, and the dates 1894-1994. These collector stemware glasses are available at an affordable price of only \$3.00. (not \$30.00)

Next - your Board of Directors listened when Club members requested that we re-order our classy RLS Club lapel pins showing his face and the verbiage "Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey, California". We're happy to say the pins have been duplicated and we're selling them at cost--- for just \$5.00 each!!! At that price you'll want to buy a few!!! Lastly our Club's inscribed elegant green ballpoint pens are popular and may be purchased for only \$2.00 each. Please contact Ruth Anne Krotzer to place your order before our stock is depleted!!! (831) 601-1894 or email rkrotzercolts@gmail.com.

New Members

Welcome to new members: Jayme Atalima, Fred Bologna, Jill Lynch, Brent Marshall, Keyte Marui, Wilma Mc Kenzie, Gayle Paul, Lynne Schmitz, Mimi Sheridan, and Sally Viscount. We look forward to seeing you at our events!!!

Passing

We regret to announce the recent passing of a longtime Club member. Roland Garcia was involved as an RLS Museum Docent Christmas in the Adobes volunteer, and event participant for many years. His service to our Club and to the United States Marine Corp was deeply appreciated. Our condolences to all who knew him.

Rita Leonard's New RLS C.D.

President Emeritus of the RLS Society of America--- Rita Leonard, has just released her new CD titled "RLS UNDERWOODS -- Rare ballads, tunes, & Enchantments." Hear her sing, play the flute and guitar, to original ballads including "Kidnapped" which she composed from 2004 to 2016. This and her other RLS CDs "A Child's Garden of Verses", "RLS In Hawaii" etc. are enjoyable and a nice tribute to our favorite author!!!

Available at Amazon or www.ritaleonard.com. Also be sure & visit Rita's Saranac Lake New York Tea Room website at: www.TheRobertLouisStevensonTeaRoom.com

RLS Communication

We love hearing from other RLS Clubs & Museums!!!

RLS is such an important connection for us--his aficionados!!! The Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Scotland sends us their Newsletter, and you can find it placed on the roll-top desk at the Monterey RLS Museum (with the Monterey RLS Club Publications). Otherwise, just ask Monica Hudson, Maureen Bianchini, or Ruth Anne Krotzer to see their copy!

Annual Membership Meeting

On February 25, a membership meeting and pot-luck dinner convened at the home of Ruth Krotzer and her husband Harold. During the evening Harold entertained us with a magic trick. Twenty-one members were present. The Club business consisted of a membership vote to elect officers. The nominees were: President - Monica Hudson, Treasurer - Lindy Perez, Secretary - Bende Kelly, Website - Patrick Gallagher, Events - Ruth Krotzer, Board members at Large - Keith Decker, Rosemary Smith, and Edna Barker. A motion to declare the nominees elected was adopted by unanimous vote. Monica Hudson was presented with a floral arrangement in appreciation of her continued Presidency.

At the start of the dinner Patrick Gallagher proposed a toast based on a passage from Robert Louis Stevenson's essay, *Crabbed Age and Youth*. "We sail in leaky bottoms and on wild and perilous waters; ... We have heard the mermaids singing and know that we shall never see dry land any more. Old and young, we are all on our last cruise. If there is a fill of tobacco among the crew, for God's sake pass it around, and let us have a pipe before we go."

The attending members expressed gratitude to the Krotzers for generously hosting the get-together in such delightful fashion, after storm damage had prevented holding the meeting at the planned location, the home of Hugo and Maureen Bianchini.

Vailima Museum Visit

Some of our Club's Samoan members were fortunate to visit the RLS Vailima Museum and other areas of Samoa recently!!!!

They delivered 20 of our Monterey RLS Club's elegant green ballpoint pens to our "Sister Museum Friends". The Vailima tour was "wonderful" and our members brought back outstanding 2017 RLS Tusitala calendars from the Museum gift shop!!! Such a nice gesture!!! We happily gave them out at our February 25th event. Additional copies were distributed to Monterey State Historic Park staff and mailed to other RLS Museums/Clubs/ the Monterey Public Library/and Dr. and Mrs. Roger Swearingen. The Scotland Club took one to Edinburgh's Lady Stairs Writers Museum--great idea!!!! If you would like a copy just let Ruth Anne Krotzer know as she has extras!!! Phone (831) 601-1894 or email rkrotzercolts@gmail.com.

Chocolate and Wine at the Monterey Library

It was a pleasure to represent our RLS Club at the annual "Friends of the Monterey Public Library Fundraiser" on February 17, 2017. The theme was "Chocolate and Wine" and the library was transformed with numerous tasting stations--even a chocolate fountain--but how would we know???

Live music, drawings, and silent auction items enhanced the festivities at the well-attended event. We distributed our RLS Club elegant green ballpoint pens to various attendees and invited them to preview our wonderful beloved author's home on Saturdays from 1-4 P.M. through September 30th. Some of the people were oblivious to RLS's Monterey residency, but had enjoyed reading "Treasure Island," "A Child's Garden of Verses," etc. (Some quoted poems from their youth!!!) We know they'll enjoy visiting our esteemed author's 1879 house/museum and the beautiful gardens!!!

RLS and Fanny's Anniversary Tea in the Garden of the Stevenson House!!!

Save the date Saturday May 20th for a memorable event at 4:00 P.M.!!! Begin the afternoon by viewing Monica Hudson's RLS Museum Tour shown in the Gonzales Sala. It is a film not to be missed!!!

Afterwards stroll out to the beautiful Stevenson House gardens for a lovely time of tea, hors d'oeuvres, and camaraderie!!! We're pleased to announce that a local favorite musician--- Amy Krupski will provide angelic harp music for your easy listening pleasure. And of course the celebration would be incomplete without RLS Board Member/Actor/Playwright Keith Decker captivating our attention with a relevant presentation!!!

Everyone is encouraged to wear a hat!!! As space is limited to 30 guests-- kindly RSVP forthwith to Ruth Anne Krotzer at (831) 601-1894 or e-mail to rkrotzercolts@gmail.com. Thank you!!!

Point Lobos Excursion

Absolutely Amazing! Perfect Day! Stunning! Incredible! Lots of Wild Flowers! One of Gods beautiful gifts! These are just a few comments as we hiked around Point Lobos, Saturday April 1st.

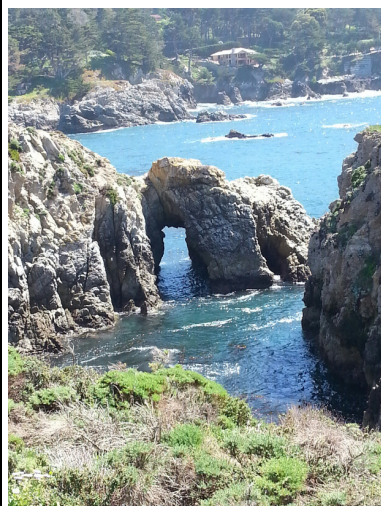
Perhaps one of the most

perfect days on the Peninsula.

Sunshine enveloped us as we walked and observed the waves crashing over the rocky outcrops, The turquoise water of China Cove. The mother otter and her baby, the sea lions lounging on the beach, Bird Island filled with Cormorants.

Robert Louis Stevenson Club President, Monica Hudson was our very knowledgeable guide, reciting names and dates of people and events pulling this paradise together.

Lunch was near China Cove/ Bird Island and we were not alone – hikers, cyclists, families all out to enjoy this most magnificent area.



JULY SALON

Don't be stubborn like Modestine!!!!

Make your reservation today for our next "Salon" at the home of Hugo and Maureen Bianchini, 309 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey on Sunday July 16, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We'll have fun and interesting discussion about RLS's enjoyable book "Travels with a Donkey." Bring your favorite finger food so Hugo doesn't have to spend hours of time cooking for us! And if you have souvenirs related to RLS's 12 day camping trip in France, we'd love to see them! Kindly RSVP to Ruth Anne at: (831) 601-1894 or email to: rkrotzercolts@gmail.com. Merci!