

# THE MAGIC MIRROR

Number 3  
(March 2003)

*"It is the function of some people to be a lamp and some to be a mirror. I have been very pleased to function as a mirror of others' work." — Arne Nixon*



**Arne J. Nixon** taught children's literature and storytelling for many years at California State University, Fresno. In 1995 he gave 22,000 children's books to the Madden Library and when he died, in 1997, he left the Library a generous bequest to endow the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 2** Betty Jo Peterson  
"Tales & Tidbits"
- 3** Curator's Corner  
Curator's fourth book
- 4** ANCA members  
Memorial donations
- 5** Donations of materials  
Sign me up!  
Not just for children
- 7** Bring Alice to Fresno  
Calendar of events  
ANC pairs with SCBWI

## Burnett Conference here in April

The Arne Nixon Center will host the first conference ever to examine the life and works of Frances Hodgson Burnett, April 25-27, in Fresno. This event is attracting participants from England, Ireland, Japan, Australia, and many parts of the U. S.

Frances Hodgson Burnett is renowned for her classic children's books: *The Secret Garden*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and *A Little Princess*. The fact that most of her 60+ bestselling novels were written for adults is not so well known. These books, with subjects like working women, single motherhood, abusive marriages, and the interaction of cultures, are sparking new, international interest.

The Kennel Bookstore on campus will acquire and sell books by Burnett and conference speakers. Conference activities include a Library reception, a performance by students from Bullard TALENT School in Fresno, and brunch in a beautiful Fresno garden. An optional unit of university credit will be available. A children's track will be offered for children (ages 6-12) of conference participants.

(See Conference, page 6)

*Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, who will soon publish a new biography of Frances Hodgson Burnett, is the conference's keynote speaker.*



## Secret Garden Party planned

A Secret Garden Party is planned to benefit the Arne Nixon Center on Sunday, April 6, from 3-5 p.m. Attendance is limited; donations begin at \$50 per person. This party offers a rare opportunity to enjoy a festive tea in a glorious setting. Explore a beautifully landscaped, nine-acre garden in the Willow Bluffs area, overlooking the vineyards and orchards of the San Joaquin Valley. Stroll through the fragrant lavender field, see spring reflected in the ponds, stop and smell the roses in the formal rose garden, admire 32,000 daffodils on the woodland walk, and sip wine in the fabulous wine cellar. Please note: we can't guarantee which beautiful flowers will be in bloom, but some of them will be! Early sign-up is strongly recommended to reserve your place at this outstanding event. Contact Talin Arisian at (559) 278-5790 for more information.

# Betty Jo Peterson 1932-2002

Betty Jo Peterson, the founding Vice President and Membership Chair of the Arne Nixon Center Advocates, died September 23, 2002, in Fresno.

She received her M.L.S. from UC Berkeley in 1956. She worked as a children's librarian and later as children's services coordinator at the Kern County Library in Bakersfield from 1956-1973 and as Curriculum/Juvenile Librarian at the Madden Library at California State University, Fresno, from 1973-1996.

As a member of the American Library Association, she served on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award Committee, the Notable Children's Books Committee, the Newbery Medal Award Committee, and the Caldecott Medal Award Committee. She also served on the John and Patricia Beatty Award Committee of the California Library Association. An active member of the Fresno Area Library Council, the California Media and Library Educators Association, and the Fresno Branch of the American Association of University Woman, she was for many years a judge for the story writing contest of Fresno's William Saroyan Festival.

Her family donated her collection of more than 600 children's books and other materials to the Arne Nixon Center and asked that donations be made to the Center in her memory. To date, more than \$1,800 has been received. The donations will help to fund the Frances Hodgson Burnett conference, which she was helping to plan.

Betty Jo Peterson's accomplishments and leadership touched the lives and hearts of many people, and helped to establish the Arne Nixon Center. Her friends miss her very much.



## Answers to quiz:

1. *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
2. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J. K. Rowling
3. *Goops and How to be Them*, by Gelett Burgess
4. *Anne of Green Gables*, by L. M. Montgomery

## Tales & Tidbits from ANCA

By Denise Sciandra,  
ANCA President



The Arne Nixon Center Advocates, ANCA, is thriving. There are 300 members including 20 Life Members. They live in Great Britain and 11 states in the U.S—California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington.

Members distinguish themselves in unique ways. Carol Brown of Corvallis, Oregon, joined ANCA at some 30,000 feet in the air somewhere between Atlanta and L.A. Lisa Schoof of El Cerrito, California, sent photos from the March Festival to be published in *Martha's Kidlit Newsletter*.

There has been transition on the ANCA Board. Founding members Betty Jo Peterson and Jane Fischer have been replaced by Cynthia MacDonald and JoEllen Misakian. Betty Jo died unexpectedly in September. Her calm, cheerful manner and thoughtful contributions are already missed. Jane continues to be active doing what she loves, calling people, for ANCA, on the telephone. Cynthia, Youth Services Manager for the Fresno County Public Library, and Jo Ellen, Director of the Library Media Credential/Master's Program at Fresno Pacific University, bring much expertise. A quirky statistic: this 12-member board now has 5 left-handers.

At the beginning of 2002, I had no idea that the ANCA annual meeting in October would be my first outing following four weeks of confinement after surgery. No one was happier to be at that event than I was. Out of the house AND hearing Richard Peck speak. Newbery award-winning author Peck exceeded expectations. He spoke primarily from his book, *Invitations to the World*, about teaching and writing for the young based on his experiences as a teacher. The many teachers in the audience could be seen nodding emphatically as he spoke.

In November, ANCA sponsored Peter Hanff, Deputy Director of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley, President of The International Wizard of Oz Club, and author of *Bibliographia Oziana*, who shared his knowledge of Oz books. He even interested several people in attending the Winkie conference at Asilomar in July. Performers from New Wrinkles dressed as Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, and the Lion (see photo on page 7), treated the audience to Oz songs and Sandy Stubblefield prepared Ozzy refreshments. All in all, an informative, enjoyable morning. Many worthwhile programs that perpetuate the work begun by Arne Nixon are planned through June 2004. Members of ANCA will receive the earliest notice of all of these.

Would Arne be proud of what the ANC/ANCA team has accomplished so far? I think so!

# MAGIC MIRROR

## Published by

The Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature

Henry Madden Library

California State University, Fresno  
5200 North Barton Avenue M/S ML34  
Fresno, CA 93740-8014

Phone: (559) 278-8116

Web site: [www.arnenixoncenter.org](http://www.arnenixoncenter.org)

Open weekdays 1 – 4:30 p.m.  
and by appointment.

## Staff

Angelica Carpenter, Curator  
E-mail: [angelica@csufresno.edu](mailto:angelica@csufresno.edu)

Jennifer Crow, Library Assistant

Matt Borrego, Student Assistant

Dearley Amara, Student Assistant

Maria Carrizales, Student Assistant

## ANCA Board of Directors

Denise Sciandra, President

Phone (559) 229-5085

E-mail: [deceeb@psnw.com](mailto:deceeb@psnw.com)

Jackie Sarksian, Vice President

Helen Teichman, Corresponding Secretary  
Angelica Carpenter, Recording Secretary

Nancy Hill, Treasurer

Laurel Ashlock

Audry Hanson

Jessica Kaiser

Theresa Pallas

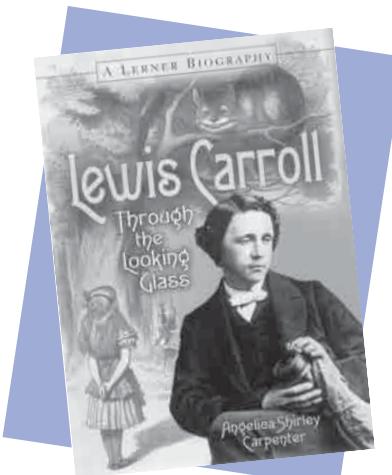
Sandy Stubblefield

## Magic Mirror

Angelica Carpenter, Editor

Janet Bancroft, Designer & Co-editor

Graham Rust kindly granted permission for the use of his illustrations (on front and back pages) from *The Secret Garden*.



## CURATOR'S CORNER

### by Angelica Carpenter



*The Secret Garden* was my favorite book (well, one of my favorites) when I was a child. I read it over and over. It has healing powers: at age twelve I spent a homesick week at church camp. On my first day back, I celebrated by rereading *The Secret Garden* on my front porch in Omaha.

In 1990 my mother, Jean Shirley, and I published *Frances Hodgson Burnett: Beyond the Secret Garden*, a biography for young people. When I tell people about this book, their eyes glaze over and they say, "The Secret Garden was my favorite book when I was young." This response occurs in America or Britain in the very same way.

Soon after moving to Fresno, I was invited to give a talk at the Unitarian Universalist Church, where Denise Sciandra and her committee have organized a fine children's library. Speaking outside in the sunny churchyard, I noticed a large vegetable garden next door. It was a community garden, I learned, and the gardeners were Hmong immigrants.

Teacher Richard Moats, whom I met that day, was teaching English to a class of these Hmong men and boys. He had planned to use children's books in this effort, but the books he had selected were not needed; the class he took over had already started reading a long novel written for children, *The Secret Garden*. Richard worried that this book might be more appropriate for female readers and he feared also that its Yorkshire dialect might prove confusing to people who were struggling with English.

But the book came through for him. The Hmong men and boys loved *The Secret Garden*. They, and all the book's fans, could identify with the idea of planting a garden in a strange land in order to make a new home.

In April Fresno will bloom with scholars and fans from around the world, meeting to celebrate the life and works of Frances Hodgson Burnett. We hope to see you at the conference!

*Happy reading!*

## Curator publishes fourth book

*Lewis Carroll: Through the Looking Glass* is Angelica Carpenter's fourth biography for young people. The book, dated 2003, was released late in 2002 by Lerner Publications Company of Minneapolis.

Lewis Carroll, whose real name was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, wrote children's books under a pseudonym, probably to protect his academic reputation. As principal mathematics tutor at Christ Church, a college at Oxford University in England, he published many books on mathematics and logic. He wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* for a child friend, daughter of the college dean.

Born in 1832, the son of an Anglican minister, Lewis Carroll grew up in a large, happy family, telling stories to his ten brothers and sisters. At Oxford he took up the newly invented hobby of photography. Today he is considered the Victorian era's finest photographer of children. Photography gave him an entrée into artistic circles in London where his friends included the most famous authors, artists, and actors of his time. His photographs, some of nude children, make him a controversial figure more than 100 years after his death.

Angelica Carpenter traveled to England several times to do research for this book and to take photographs, her first to be published.

# ANCA members (joining April 1–December 31, 2002)

(those joining before January 1, 2002, are considered Charter Members)

## \$1,000 Life Membership

Robert & Linda Glassman  
James & Coke Hallowell  
Eleanor Larsen\*  
Jim & Kay Provost\*  
Don & Carol Larson  
Dennis & Sandy Stubblefield\*  
Alice Peters

## \$250 Patron Membership

Susan Cooper  
J. Delbert & Mary Crummey  
Lisa Schoof\*

## \$100 Sponsor Membership

Jean Beardsley\*  
Mark & Janet Cameron  
Robert & Doe Clark  
Sheli Glasrud  
Mary Graham  
Audry & Merle Hanson\*  
Dorothy Hughes\*  
Richard & Althea Johanson  
Thomas & Vicie Nagy  
Robert & Stephanie Oliver  
Alexis O'Neill  
Wendy Nugent  
R.W. & Grace Pengilly  
Bertina Richter  
SCBWI  
Sherry Shahan  
Turnipseed Infant-Toddler  
Educare & Preschool  
Kristene Vaux & John Scholefield\*

## \$50 Advocate Membership

Neil & Linda Baird  
Jerry & Pat Bird  
Mary Lou Carrillo  
George & Anidelle Flint, in honor  
of Nicholas Hershenow\*  
Craig & Kathie Hartsell  
Adrienne Herrell  
Gray & Geraldine Hughes\*  
Barbara Leal  
Gary & Barbara Marsella  
Betsy Mitchell  
Dick & Wilda Moller  
Bette Noblett  
Sylvia Owens  
Etta Paladino  
Caroline Williams

## \$25 Sustaining Membership

Merilee Amos  
Vallorie Borchardt  
Carol Lynn Brown  
Jeannie DeGroot\*  
Virginia Dow  
Sandra Dralle  
Jeri Chase Ferris\*  
Doreen Gauthier  
Frances Graves  
Nancy Hatcher  
Kathy Haug  
Karen Hill  
Melba Johnson

Lois Langer  
Daryl Lusher  
Brenda Martin  
Margaret McMahon  
Linda Minier  
Marisa Montes  
Kim Peters  
Jean Piston  
Stephen Sacks & Valerie Johnson  
Balzer & Blondia Scherr  
Mary Schrader  
Bernadette Siegel  
Ann Stalcup  
Elizabeth Sullivan  
Amy Teeter  
Nancy Tholen  
Karen Thomas  
Sandy Wee  
Andrew & Carolyn Wright  
Roberta Young

## \$10 Student Membership and Other Members

Janice Hallaian  
Tirian Klein  
Chris Peters  
Ashley Peters  
Aaron Rapp  
Mercy Rubio  
Melanie Tatco

\* Membership upgrade/Additional donation

## Memorial donations

### In Memory of Betty Jo Peterson

AAUW-Fresno Branch  
Jean Anderson  
Janet Bateson  
Judith Board  
Hal & Janet Bochin  
Elizabeth Calderwood  
Richard & Angelica Carpenter  
Lanette Ching  
Wilma Conner  
Carol Cousineau  
Melva Cousins  
Richard & Sandra Crow  
Elaine Callaway Frankian  
Michael Gorman  
Jerry & Sandra Gothe  
Frances Graves  
Sue Haffner  
Christy Hicks  
Stephanie Hillman  
Ruth & John Kallenberg  
Rosellen Kershaw  
Russell & Kathleen Kirkpatrick

### Bernice Lacks

Howard & Mary Ann Latimer  
Susan Mangini  
Howard & Eileen Michaelis  
Evelyn Moon  
Carolyn Noah  
Lola Owensby  
Lillie Parker  
James & Dolores Pires  
Bertina Richter  
Walter & Nancy Rowland  
Salvatore & Denise Sciandra  
Edward & Valerie Spongberg  
Morva Taylor  
Bill & Marion Young  
Marilyn Zitterkopf & Paul Priebe

### In Memory of Frances Hedgpeth

Bob & Dorothy Daniel  
Grant & Ruth Erikson  
Reynold & Doris Laubhan  
Mary Ellen & Betty Graham  
Judy Rosenthal

### In Memory of Jose Canales

Agriculture Foundation of CSUF  
Dean's Club, College of Agricultural  
Sciences and Technology  
Sue Fung  
Ivadelle Garrison-Finderup  
Virginia Kamimoto  
Rosellen Kershaw  
Susan E. Korsinen  
Joseph Koontz & Kathleen Scheer  
Claude Laval III  
Helen Ogle  
Charles & Beverly Onken  
Ernest & Pamela Pero  
Alicia Rivera  
Edward & Jackie Sarkisian  
Robert & Carolyn Shorb  
Robert & Jill Smetherman  
Phillip & Evelynne Walker  
Hope Woodhouse

**In Memory of Suzanne Cates**  
Michael Gorman  
John & Ruth Kallenberg

# Donations of materials

April–December 2002

## Curriculum/Juvenile Collection, Henry Madden Library:

66 books in foreign languages, 34 books in English  
de Grummond Collection: 6 books, 49 periodicals

Lois Duncan: 12 foreign language editions of her books  
Lynne Edwards: 24 books

Family of Betty Jo Peterson: 600 of her books and other materials

Louise Feinberg: book and other materials

Ramona Frasher: 387 books from China

Friends of the Fresno County Library and Rosellen Kershaw: 81 books

Michael Gorman: 29 books

Henry Holt and Co.: 46 books

Holiday House: 38 books

Houghton-Mifflin: 68 books

Carol and Don Larson: 23 books

Lerner Publications: 21 books

Rudy Najar: 5 books

Oakland Public Library: 146 books

Richard Peck: 6 books

Penguin Putnam: 10 books

Mary Purucker: 188 books

Random House: 133 books

Richmond Public Library: 30 books, 336 periodicals

Bertina Richter: 7 books

San Francisco Public Library: 142 books

Scholastic: 138 books

Sciandra Family: 16 books

The value of materials donated to the Arne Nixon Center since its opening is estimated at more than \$70,000! To list every gift would overflow this newsletter. Thanks to all our donors!

## Sign me up!

I/We would like to join the Arne Nixon Center Advocates and enclose a donation. (Donations are tax-deductible as allowable by law.)

New membership       Renewal

\$1,000      Life membership

\$ 250      Patron membership

\$ 100      Sponsor membership

\$ 50      Advocate membership

\$ 25      Sustaining membership

\$ 10      Student membership

\$      Other amount

Make check payable to CSUF Foundation.

(Please circle one) Ms.    Mr.    Mrs.    Mr. & Mrs.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Angelica Carpenter  
California State University, Fresno  
Henry Madden Library  
The Arne Nixon Center  
5200 North Barton Ave. M/S ML34  
Fresno, CA 93740-8014

Phone (559) 278-8116

FAX (559) 278-6952

E-mail angelica@csufresno.edu

## Not just for children

The Arne Nixon Center and Sunnyside Regional Library, a branch of the Fresno County Public Library, will co-sponsor a program funded by a grant from the California Center for the Book. "Not for Children Only: Classic Children's Literature for Adults" is a book discussion group to be led by Dr. Glenn DeVoogd from the Literacy and Early Education Department at California State University, Fresno. The books to be discussed are:

*Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott

*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*The Classic Fairy Tales*, by Iona and Peter Opie

*The Giver*, by Lois Lowry

*Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White

*Dragonwings*, by Laurence Yep

From March 4 through April 1, the program will meet every Monday at Sunnyside Regional Library, 5566 East Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, at 7 p.m. The library will lend books to program participants. There is no charge. For more information, call (559) 255-6595.

# Conference, from page 1

---

Participants will stay at the Piccadilly Inn–University (phone (559) 224-4200; ask for “Burnett Conference” rates). Conference meetings will take place on campus and at the hotel. The conference will conclude with brunch in a beautiful Fresno garden.

## Featured speakers for plenary sessions:

Phyllis Bixler, author of *Frances Hodgson Burnett* (Twayne’s English Authors Series).

Angelica Shirley Carpenter, Curator of the Arne Nixon Center and author of *Frances Hodgson Burnett: Beyond the Secret Garden*.

Michael Cart, librarian, teacher, *Booklist* columnist, and author of *From Romance to Realism, a History of Young Adult Literature*.

Penny Deupree, Frances Hodgson Burnett’s great-granddaughter.

Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, Professor of English, Vassar University, author of *Black London: Life Before Emancipation and Carrington*. Her new biography of Burnett will be published in 2003 by Rutgers University Press.

Alison Lurie, Professor of English, Cornell University, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, author of *Foreign Affairs*, *Boys and Girls Forever: Children’s Classics from Cinderella to Harry Potter*, and *Don’t Tell the Grown-Ups: The Subversive Power of Children’s Literature*.



*Pulitzer Prize winner  
Alison Lurie will  
speak at a luncheon on April 26.*

Ann Thwaite, Burnett’s principal biographer, author of *Waiting for the Party: The Life of Frances Hodgson Burnett, 1849-1924*. Thwaite, the esteemed British author of *A. A. Milne: The Man Behind Winnie-the-Pooh*, will deliver a pre-conference lecture, “Who Wrote Winnie-the-Pooh?” at the Satellite Student Union at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24, as part of the University Lecture Series.

## Presentors and their topics:

Amy Billone, Professor, University of Tennessee. “‘Almost Like Fear’: Doubling and the Sublime in Frances Hodgson Burnett’s *A Little Princess*.”

Nancy Chinn, Associate Professor, English Department, Baylor University. “*A Little Princess* and Two Film Versions: Changing Images of American Girls.”

Carole Dunbar, Lecturer, St. Patrick’s College, Drumcondra, Ireland. “Rats in Black Holes and Corners: An Examination of Frances Hodgson Burnett’s Portrayal of the Urban Poor.”

Jerry Griswold, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, San Diego State University, author of *Audacious Kids: Coming of Age in America’s Classic Children’s Books*. “Snugness: The Robin in its Nest.”

Ariko Kawabata, Assistant Professor, Aichi Prefectural University, Japan. “*A Fair Barbarian* and ‘the Noble Bachelor’: The Transatlantic Marriage Plot in Burnett and Doyle.”

Megan Lambert, Youth Services Librarian, Gaylord Memorial Library, South Hadley, Massachusetts. “Just a Whisper: Connecting Burnett’s *Secret Garden* with Other Touchstone Works of Children’s Literature in an Undergraduate Survey Course.”

Anne Lundin, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin, author of *Victorian Horizons: The Reception of the Picture Books of Walter Crane, Randolph Caldecott, and Kate Greenaway*. “Cultural Work: The Critical and Commercial Reception of *The Secret Garden*.”

Tim Morris, Professor and Chair in the English Department, University of Texas at Arlington, author of *You’re Only Young Twice: Children’s Literature and Film*. “Shifting Secrets in Burnett’s *Surly Tim* (1877).”

Sylvia Nosworthy, Professor, Walla Walla College, Washington. “A Comparison of Frances Hodgson Burnett’s *Two Little Pilgrims’ Progress* with Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women* and Richard Peck’s *Fair Weather*.”

Sally Stokes, Curator, National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection, University of Maryland. “The Influence of Burnett on Noel Streatfeild, Particularly as Manifested in Streatfeild’s *Movie Shoes*.”

Midori Todayama, Associate Professor, Hachinohe National College of Technology, Japan. “Those Abandoned Children: The Children and Sexuality in *The Turn of the Screw* and *The Secret Garden*.”

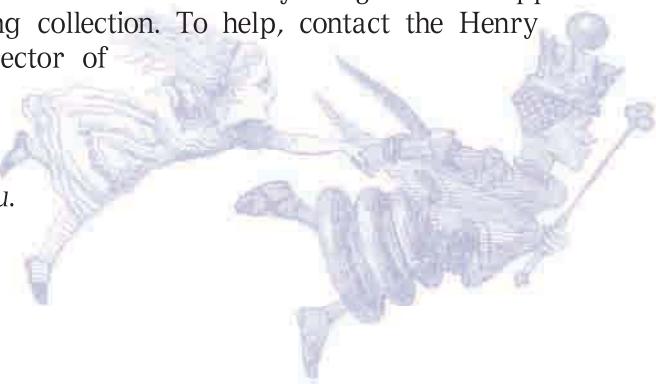
Additional speakers will be announced. The deadline for conference registration is April 11. For more information, check our Web site at [www.arnenixoncenter.org](http://www.arnenixoncenter.org), contact the Center via E-mail at [anc@listserv.csufresno.edu](mailto:anc@listserv.csufresno.edu), or call (559) 278-8116.

# Bring Alice to Fresno!

The Arne Nixon Center wishes to acquire a unique research collection of materials related to Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*. The 1,900 items, primarily books, were collected by Hilda Bohem, rare books librarian and scholar and bibliographer of Carroll's work. Bohem, now in her 80s, hopes that the collection will stay together, in a library with access for researchers.

The Bohem collection, including hundreds of editions, illustrations by 300 artists, 100 foreign language translations, 250 imitations of Alice, and many other rare items, is of international importance. Lewis Carroll's great classics and characters—Alice, the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat—are instantly recognizable the world over.

The collection is valued at \$150,000. Development efforts have resulted in pledges totaling \$59,000. The Center needs your generous support to acquire this outstanding collection. To help, contact the Henry Madden Library's Director of Development, Marcie Morrison, at (559) 278-7177 or by E-mail to [marciamo@csufresno.edu](mailto:marciamo@csufresno.edu).



## ANC pairs with SCBWI

The Arne Nixon Center and the Arne Nixon Center Advocates will co-sponsor a regional workshop for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators on October 17 and 18, 2003. Speakers will include Stephen Mooser, President of the SCBWI, author Alexis O'Neill, illustrator/author Deborah Nourse Lattimore, and author Patricia McKissack. Optional credit will be available. Details to be announced.

## Snapshots of past events

*NEAR: Newbery winner Richard Peck, shown here with Denise Sciandra, spoke at an ANCA luncheon on October 12.*

*FAR: Actors from the "New Wrinkles 2002" show greeted guests at Peter Hanff's Oz program on November 16.*



## CALENDAR CALENDAR

### 2003

March 17  
Tea for Life Members

April 6  
Secret Garden Party

April 24  
Ann Thwaite  
"Who Wrote Winnie-the-Pooh?"  
7:30 p.m., Satellite Student Union

April 25-27  
Frances Hodgson Burnett:  
Beyond the Secret Garden Conference

October 17 & 18  
Society of Children's Book Writers  
and Illustrators regional workshop

### 2004

June 10-13  
Children's Literature Association  
Annual conference.  
Theme: "Dreams and Visions"

# Arne Nixon Center events now on *Fresno Bee's* Web page

Arne Nixon Center events are now covered on *The Fresno Bee's* Books Web page that was officially launched on October 25, 2002. It includes:

- Stories on local authors and books
- Calendar of author visits, book clubs, readings, and other local events
- Children's book reviews
- Books and events for teens
- Many other features



The primary contributors to the Children's Literature Section, all ANCA board members, are Angelica Carpenter, Cynthia MacDonald, Jo Ellen Misakian, and Denise Sciandra.

It's all on [www.centralvalley.com/portal/books](http://www.centralvalley.com/portal/books). The Internet Explorer (IE) browser opens all windows.

## Can you identify book titles from these famous lines?

*Q1*

"When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite  
Manor to live with her uncle, everybody said she  
was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen."

*(Answers on page 2)*

*Q2*

"Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four,  
Privet Drive, were proud to say that they  
were perfectly normal, thank you very much."

*Q3*

Let me introduce a Race  
Void of Beauty and of Grace,  
Extraordinary Creatures  
With a Paucity of Features.

*Q4*

"A bosom friend—an intimate friend, you know—a really  
kindred spirit to whom I can confide my inmost soul."