This year is the 75th anniversary of the publication of Steinbeck's masterpiece, *Cannery Row* (1945). This little novel, written immediately after Steinbeck returned from a journalistic assignment overseas during World War II, captures life in 1930s Monterey as well as the ecological vision of Steinbeck and his friend Edward F. Ricketts. *Cannery Row* celebrates community; Steinbeck's model was the intertidal.

Dive into *Cannery Row*, and join online presentations, discussions, and films about the history of the Row, Ricketts, ecology, friendship, and communities.

Participate on Zoom or by phone. Register at www.monterey.org/library or call (831) 646-3933.

A classroom set of books can be borrowed from the Monterey Public Library, a donation from Penguin Classics. Individual copies are available for checkout as well. Contact the Reference Desk, (831) 646-3933, Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

KICK-OFF WEBINAR: “Unpacking Cannery Row”
September 16, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Susan Shillinglaw, Robert DeMott, and Gerry Low-Sabado will consider the first 5 chapters of the book!
Start reading!

September Book Discussions
Thursdays at 2:00 pm

September 17, 2:00 - 3:15 pm
“Canners and Fishermen: Working Cannery Row”
Tim Thomas

September 24, 2:00 - 3:15 pm
“Natural and Cultural History of Cannery Row”
Greg Cailliet and Susan Shillinglaw
Focus on chapters 6-12.

October Film Series
Thursdays at 2:00 pm

October 8, 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Steve Rosen introduces his film, Silver Harvest

October 15, 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Steve and Mary Albert introduce their film about Ed Ricketts, The Great Tidepool

October 22, 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Susan Shillinglaw, Chris Chase, and John Gregg on Western Flyer film: Sea of Cortez, Cannery Row, and the return of the Western Flyer

October 29, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Jan Price introduces Clash by Night

November 5, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
David Ward introduces Cannery Row

CANNERY ROW DAY
November 7, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Reading of the novel by prominent locals • Reenactments • Historical exhibits
Virtual tours of Ricketts’s Lab, Cannery Row, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium • Afternoon presentations

8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Reading Cannery Row. Kick-off by Taelen Thomas

10:00 am
Virtual Tour of Pacific Biological Laboratories with Dennis Copeland and Susan Shillinglaw

11:00 am
Virtual Tour of the Monterey Bay Aquarium historical exhibits with Tim Thomas

12:00 pm
Virtual Tour of Cannery Row with Tim Thomas

1:30 - 5:00 pm
Why read Cannery Row in 2020?
• Bill Souder: “Cannery Row and the Frog Hunt”
• Video of Nancy Ricketts in celebration of her memoir, Becoming Myself: A Memoir
• Don Kohrs: “Finding Ed Ricketts”
• Sandy Lydon + film on Chinese in Monterey
• John Straley and Katie Rodger, “Ricketts Today”
• Tim Thomas discussing film on Japanese return to Monterey after World War II, “Enduring Democracy”
Steve and Mary Albert
A local husband-and-wife team whose award-winning documentaries have been shown at scientific institutions across the country from Sitka Alaska's Natural History Museum to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington D.C.

Greg Cailliet
Professor Emeritus of Biology, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, whose specialty is ichthyology and marine ecology. He is the former president of the Cannery Row Foundation.

Chris Chase
Project Director of the Western Flyer Foundation.

Dennis Copeland
Historian, retired Museums, Cultural Arts & Archives Manager, City of Monterey.

Robert DeMott

Geoffrey Dunn
Historian and award-winning filmmaker.

William Gilly
Professor of Biology at Stanford University, Hopkins Marine station, with a specialty in Humboldt squid.

John Gregg
President of Gregg Drilling, LLC, and Founder and Director of the Western Flyer Foundation.

Don Kohrs
Branch Library Specialist at the Harold A. Miller Library of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station, Don has conducted extensive research on Edward F. Ricketts and on Steinbeck’s family history.

Gerry Low-Sabado
Great granddaughter of Quock Mui, the first documented Chinese woman born in the Monterey Area. Gerry’s tireless research into the history of Chinese villages on the peninsula has helped to teach about the struggles, hardships, and contributions of diverse peoples in our community.

Sandy Lydon

Jan Price
Radio talk show host, film critic and writer who has traveled the world to cover film festivals and to interview the people who make films. She hosts the weekly radio show, “The Jan Price Show: All About Movies” on iHeart Radio.

Nancy Ricketts
Ed Ricketts’s daughter lives in Sitka, Alaska where she was a librarian, researcher and, most recently, author of Becoming Myself: A Memoir (2020).

Katie Rodger
Lecturer at University of California, Davis, and editor of Ricketts’s letters, Renaissance Man of Cannery Row, and of his essays, Breaking Through: Essays, Journals, and Travelogues of Edward F. Ricketts.

Steve Rosen
Award-winning Monterey filmmaker.

Susan Shillinglaw
Professor of English, San Jose State University, whose research focuses on John Steinbeck.

William Souder
Author of biographies of Rachael Carson and John James Audubon as well as a new biography of John Steinbeck, Mad at the World: The Life of John Steinbeck (2020).

John Straley

Tim Thomas
Fisheries historian and former Director of the Monterey Maritime Museum.

David Schad Ward
Wrote and directed the 1982 film Cannery Row. He won an Academy Award for his screenplay for The Sting (1973) and was nominated for Sleepless in Seattle.