

the east side and the other in Goleta. California has 40 million people, and 13 million are poor." The doctors and dentists try to educate patients about whole health and prevention as well as repairing. When there is no other funding, they sometimes call on the Cecilia Fund.

The Cecilia Fund always receives more requests than they can meet. If you'd like to help, you can mail a check to P.O. Box 50136, Santa Barbara, CA 93150. The Fund is entirely run by volunteers with no paid staff and no office. Twelve women make up the board. For information, go online to www.cecilfund.org.

The Art of Wordless Storytelling

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) held another one of their extraordinary opening receptions, this time for David Wiesner & The Art of Wordless Storytelling.

In the museum's words, "David Wiesner is one of the most highly acclaimed picture-book artists in the world and has won the prestigious Caldecott Medal for *Tuesday in 1992*, *The Three Pigs in 2002*, and *Floam in 2007* - only the second person in the history of the award to have received it three times." This is his first comprehensive retrospective. Included are 70 original watercolors done with many layers of pigment and fascinating results.

The catalogue was underwritten by Zora and Les Charles, and it will tell you that the artist was attracted to surrealist masters of the 20th century such as Salvador Dalí, Max Ernst, and René Magritte. He also was influenced by the story-telling techniques of American pioneers of the illustrated picture book including Lynd Ward (1905-1985) and Europeans such as Otto Nuckoll (1888-1955) and Franz Masereel (1889-1972).

Art historian Katherine Roeder will argue that Wiesner's work doesn't qualify as illustration at all since the stories emerge directly from the artist's pictures instead of an accompaniment after the story. Come and see for yourself. There is also an artist-led tour Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 pm. He has books available for signing.

A few of the many browsing the exhibit while sipping wine and enjoying the tasty passed canapés were Barbara Ben-Horin, Mary Garton, Marlena and Tony Handler, Mary and John Romo, Mimi Michaelis, and Peggy Wiley and Wilson Quazre.

Larry J. Feinberg (Robert and Mercedes Eichholz director) wants us to know if it "takes a village" these folks made the exhibition possible.

SBMA Women's Board, cultural support groups Dead Artists Society and D.A.S.H., Dana White, Gregg Wilson, and John Malenka, the City of Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture.

The SBMA remains open during the extensive and intensive ongoing renovation. For information, call (805) 963-4364.



SBMA board chair John Bishop, assistant director and chief curator Erik Kahng, artist David Wiesner, and wife Kim Kahng



SBMA director Larry Feinberg, sponsor Zora Charles, and *Sopranos* actor Michael Imperioli



Past president of the SBMA women's group Carole Williams and her husband, Bob, with current president Helene Segal and husband George Konstantinow

Maya Yin

UCSB's Arts & Lectures brings an array of talent to our community. Recently, Maya Lin, Medal of Freedom recipient and creator of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was here for a lecture at Campbell Hall.

Prior to that, there was a private reception at the stunning glass house of Martha and John Gabbert with 360-degree views of the mountains

and ocean. They were also sponsors of the lecture along with the Lynn Bruce Thematic Learning, Intia Creative Culture. That would be Lynda Weinman and Bruce Ho. The funds from them allow you to spend more time in Santa Bar and to meet and work with our groups.

At the time, Lin, architectural student from Yale, won a blind competition - beating out 1,441 others in design of the Vietnam Memorial. She believes that if the judges had known she was Asian, she wouldn't have won. She was harassed because of her ethnicity. Her parents fled China to the Communist takeover in 1949. The Memorial has the names of those killed or missing in the order of death or disappearance. It opens on Veterans Day in 1982 and is view

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