

Morro Bay Friends of the Library

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE Treasurer
at least two weeks prior to a meeting.**

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PFR # 09-05

Date received **8-31-09**

Today's Date **August 31, 2009** Date funding is desired **Now** Applicant Name **Karen Robert**
Presenter **Karen Robert – Ric Deschler** Phone **772-9268** Total requested **\$1,200 (not to exceed)**

You may use additional paper when needed. Also, attach any helpful supporting documents.

1. Please state your reason(s) for this request. Include how this program/ expenditure complements the Friend's commitment to the Morro Bay Library.

This is a Peace Pole Project – an opportunity to honor a long time friend, steward and advocate of the Morro Bay Library and this community. The Peace Pole would be placed outdoors, adjacent to the Library Patio. Please see below for more specific background information on the Peace Pole.

2. Itemized cost: *(Give specific breakdown)*

**\$350 plus \$45 for shipping and handling
\$400 for bronze plaque
\$200 for prevailing wages to install**

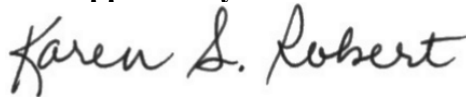
3. What portion of the costs is being borne by the participant/organization?

The majority, if not all

4. What other efforts are being made to seek alternate funding? Please list.

Individuals will be given the opportunity to donate in honor of this individual and this project.

→ *Signature of Applicant*



History of Peace Pole

The Peace Pole Project started in Japan in 1955 by Masahisa Goi, who decided to dedicate his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in response to the bombings on Hiroshima. Peace

Poles are handcrafted monuments erected the world over as international symbols of Peace. Their purpose is to spread the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in a different language, one on each side. Masahisa Goi stated, “We are facing an age where the politics of the world must be carried out by each individual who repeats the words “May Peace Prevail On Earth” thus becomes a great force for realizing Peace in the world.”

Peace begins in the heart and mind of each individual. As war begins with thoughts of war, Peace begins with thoughts of Peace. The Peace Pole reminds us to keep Peace ever-present in our thoughts. As we learn to honor one another, our environment, plants, animals and all creation on Earth, the vision of global Peace will gradually become a natural way of life, a true culture of Peace.

Peace Poles can be found in town squares, city halls, schools, places of worship, parks, and gardens - any place where the spirit of Peace is embraced by people of good will. Since the beginning of the project over 200,000 Peace Poles have been planted in over 200 countries around the world.

Some of the extraordinary locations include the Pyramids of El Giza in Egypt, the Magnetic North Pole in Canada, Gorky Park in Russia, and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. They are promoting healing of conflict in places like Sarajevo, the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, and the Allenby Bridge on the border between Israel and Jordan.

Mayors in many parts of the world have planted Peace Poles to dedicate their cities and towns to world Peace. Both political leaders, such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and religious leaders, such as Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama, have dedicated Peace Poles.

Why a Peace Pole

We believe that a Peace Pole, located adjacent to the Harbor St. entrance to the Morro Bay Library (near the outdoor Library patio) would be a perfect legacy and honor for the individual we are celebrating, and a beautiful and meaningful attraction that enhances our city as an international tourist destination.

Type of Peace Pole

We would like to purchase a 6’ outdoor aluminum pole that is sandblasted so that the translations are etched into their surface. It would be four-sided so that the statement, “May Peace Prevail on Earth” would be in at least four different languages, one of them being English. Aluminum poles are maintenance free and weather resistant so they will not require any special care. *(See picture of an Aluminum Peace Pole on page -3- of this document.)*

