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## 2006 Kerlan Award Brunch



Karen Hesse. Photo courtesy of Scholastic

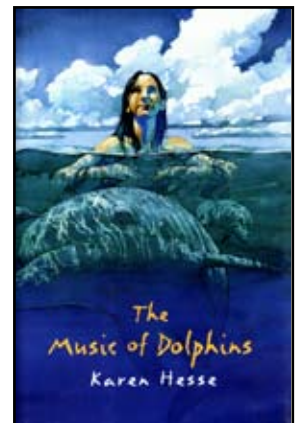
On Saturday morning, April 8, author Karen Hesse will be honored as the recipient of the 2006 Kerlan Award at a ceremony in Andersen Library. The Kerlan Award Committee, chaired by Julie Reimer, selected Hesse as the recipient of the award

The Kerlan Friends will host a breakfast buffet on April 8, 2006 in 120 Andersen Library. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the buffet and talk is \$20. Free chairs are available, with reservation, for those wishing to attend only the 10:30 a.m. talk.

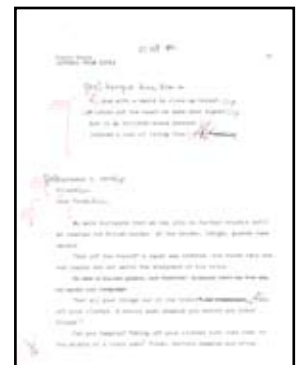
Hesse's books include *Wish on a Unicorn* (1991), *Letters from Rifka* (1992), *A Time of Angels* (1995), *The Music of Dolphins* (1996), and *The Young Hans Christian Andersen* (2005). Her 1998 novel *Out of the Dust* won the Newbery Medal. Sixteen manuscripts of Hesse's books reside in the Kerlan Collection. Hesse received a MacArthur

fellowship in 2002, the second children's author so honored.

Please RSVP using the form on page 7 of this newsletter. Deadline for reservations is April 2, 2006. Recommended parking is in the municipal lot next to the Holiday Inn (\$1/hour). Directions and a map can be found at <<http://special.lib.umn.edu/swha/driving.pdf>>. For more information please visit the Kerlan Collection website at <<http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc>> or call 612-624-4576.



*The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse (Scholastic, 1996)



Manuscript page from *Letters from Rifka* (Kerlan Collection)

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*Part of the Minnesota contingent of authors and illustrators attending this year's Treehouse breakfast*

The Children's Literature Research Collection's Kerlan Collection is an internationally recognized center of research in the field of children's literature. The Collection contains original materials, including manuscripts, artwork, galley, and color proofs for more than 16,000 children's books. These materials represent eight decades of American children's books and selected titles published in other countries. The Collection also includes more than 100,000 children's books.

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## FROM THE KERLAN FRIENDS PRESIDENT

### Greetings!

This is an information-packed newsletter with something for each of you. It promises to be an eventful spring. The Kerlan Friends Board is working hard to meet the goals set for this year. (See the Fall 2005 Newsletter for the specific goals.) The following notes update you on how goals are being met.

### Thank You...

Fifty donors contributed \$3,000 during the last four months of 2005 in increments ranging from \$25 to \$500. Your generosity is truly appreciated! Every gift is important.

### Increasing Membership...

- Any current Kerlan Friend member bringing a guest, who joins the Friends of the Kerlan at the April 8 Kerlan Award Brunch, will receive a free packet of Lorna Balian note cards that day, and so will the guest.

- Planning is entering the final stages for the Kerlan Friends' members-only lunch with Barry Moser on Tuesday, June 20, before the Annual Meeting and the Chase Lecture. Visit the following website after April 1 for information about sending a check to register for the lunch: <http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/>. Once there click on the 'Kerlan Collection' link and then the 'Kerlan Friends' link.

- See page 3 about another benefit to Kerlan Friend membership. It's a reduced registration cost for the Kerlan Collection Professional Development Day on June 28.

### Some Questions...

Have you signed up yet for the digital version of the quarterly newsletter in order to help conserve money on the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter? This saves money that can be used to conserve collection materials, as well as help the Kerlan Friends co-sponsor more author-illustrator and special events.

Have you sent in your email address so we can add it to the electronic mailing list? Doing this allows you to receive late breaking news in between the quarterly newsletters.

I hope to see you at our many upcoming spring and summer events.

--Marcia Reardon



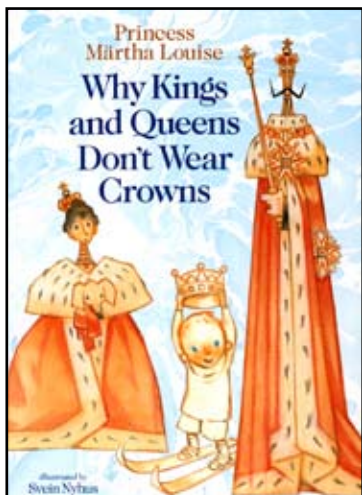
*Kerlan Friends President Marcia Reardon*

**The Next Kerlan Friends Board Meeting  
is Tuesday, April 11, 2006**

## COMING EVENTS

### Norwegian Princess Martha Louise Book

Norwegian Princess Martha Louise and Norwegian artist Svein Nyhus will each talk on **Thursday, April 13, 2006** in the Elmer L. Andersen Library (University of Minnesota west bank) about their children's book, *Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns*.



*Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns* (Skandisk, 2005)

The Princess will speak at **4 p.m.** about writing the book, while illustrator Nyhus will precede her at **3 p.m.**, talking about his techniques. Following their presentations in English, they will autograph the English translation. Original art by Svein Nyhus will be on display. Red Balloon Bookstore will be on hand to sell copies of the book.

The event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsors include University Libraries, Children's Literature Research Collections, Norway Art™, Scandinavian Focus Group in the Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch, and the European Studies Consortium and the Institute for Global Studies through a Title VI grant from the US Department of Education. For more information, contact [clrc@umn.edu](mailto:clrc@umn.edu) or telephone 612-624-4576.



Princess Martha Louise  
Photo courtesy of Skandisk



Svein Nyhus. Photo courtesy  
of Skandisk.

### Kerlan Collection Professional Development Day

**Thursday, June 28, 2006** from 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.  
Andersen Library on the University of Minnesota's west bank

Attention teachers, media specialists, and all lovers of children's literature. Join the Kerlan Friends at the first ever professional development day at the Kerlan Collection.

Learn about:

- how K-12 educators can use Kerlan Collection resources related to quality children's literature in meeting K-12 Literacy, Science, and Social Studies Standards
- the Kerlan Collection's history and current projects
- the state-of-the-art storage caverns and facilities at Andersen library
- the *process* of writing and illustrating children's books from some of the authors and illustrators who donated manuscripts and illustrations to the collection, including recent award winners
- available portfolios to check out and use in classrooms and libraries

Attendance is limited to the first 100 people to register. The first 25 registrants receive a free pack of Kerlan note cards, to be picked up on June 28.

Visit the Kerlan website after April 1, 2006 to register or for more information.

<<http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc>>

Cost is \$35 for Kerlan Friend Members, \$50 for Nonmembers. A box lunch is included in the cost.

You can become a Kerlan Friend anytime. Please use the enclosed Kerlan Award registration form on page 7 to join.

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

**Miriam Chaikin:** MS *Angel Secrets*

**Jaunita Havill:** MS *Eyes Like Willy's*

**Eileen Christelow:** IL *Letters from a Desperate Dog*

**Cynthia Kadohata:** MS *kira-kira*



*Love That Dog* (Chinese Edition) by Sharon Creech (2001)

**Sharon Creech:** MS *Absolutely Normal*; *Chaos*; *Bloomability*; *Chasing Redbird*; *A Fine, Fine School*; *Fishing in the Air*; *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*; *Heartbeat*; *Love that Dog*; *Pleasing the Ghost*; *Replay*; *Ruby Holler*; *Walk Two Moons*; *The Wanderer*; *Who's that Baby?*



Alison McGhee. Photo by Karen Hoyle

**Kathleen Karr:** MS *Exiled*; *From this Day Forward*; *Gilbert & Sullivan Saved My Life*; *The Great Turkey Walk*

**Ted Lewin:** IL *Fair*; *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

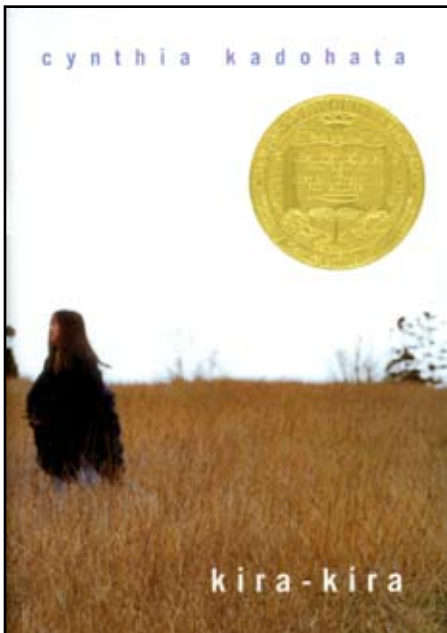
**Trish Marx:** MS *Hanna's Cold Winter*

**Alison McGhee:** MS *All Rivers Flow to the Sea*; *Countdown to Kindergarten*; *Mrs. Watson*

**Gioia Fiammenghi:** IL Illustrations for CD cover art and a children's magazine

**Kristine Franklin:** MS *The Grape Thief*; *El Nino Pastor*; *Clam Tide* (Published in *Highlights for Children*);

Collection of unpublished works



*kira-kira* by Cynthia Kadohata (Atheneum 2004)

**Paul Galdone:** IL *Because of the Sand Witches*; *People I'd Like to Keep*; *Sea Beach Adventure*; *The Table, Donkey, and the Stick*; *To the Rescue*; *The Tsar's Riddles, or the Little Wise Girl*; *Who'll Vote for Lincoln?*

*Wants Your Teeth*; *Snap*; *A Very Brave Witch*

**Donna Jo Napoli:** MS *Bobby the Bonobo*; *Fire in the Hills*

**Phyllis Reynolds Naylor:** MS *Alice on Her Way*; *Including Alice*; *Polo's Mother*

**Jane Resh Thomas:** MS *The Counterfeit Princess*; *Blind Mountain*

**Ashley Wolff:** IL *Block City*



Jane Resh Thomas. Photo by Karen Hoyle

## KRIS KIESLING - NEW ANDERSEN LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



Kris Kiesling

Kris Kiesling joined the University Libraries staff in September, 2006. In a meeting with the Kerlan Friends Board, she noted that her goals for the Elmer L. Andersen Library include a third cavern, reconfiguration of the Andersen Library atrium, and increased unit staffing.

Kris Kiesling is the first Elmer L. Andersen Director of Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Libraries. She comes to the University of Minnesota Libraries from the University of Texas at Austin. She served as Associate Director for Technical and Digital Services at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center and was previously Head of the Department of Manuscripts and Archives. She has been recognized as a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and an ARL Research Libraries Leadership Fellow. Her research and publication record is matched with an equally impressive list of lectures and workshops offered in locations around the globe.

### GIFTS

**Kerlan Friends Renewals, New Members and Gifts from December 5, 2005 - February 4, 2006. Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership or gave a donation:**

Joan Arndt; Gerald & Kirstine Barnaby; Lewis & Jean Beccone; Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association; Edward & Cheryl Clausman in honor of Ann Lee Zalk; Carol Erdahl; Helen George; Gary Harm in memory of Wanda Gág; Joan Isele; Marjorie Jenkins; Joseph Kennedy; Phyllis K Kennemer; Verla Klassen; Mary Lanford in memory of Elizabeth Peterson; Mary Leeder; Billie Levy; Marcia Marshall; Phyllis Mattill; Karla Myers; Meredith L Norstrom; Janie Schomberg; Patricia Snodgrass; Susan Stan; Cynthia Steinke; Donna Swindal in memory of Eleanor Norton; Margaret Virum; Arvella Whitmore

**Kerlan Collection and CLRC Gifts, Endowments, and Deferred Giving. Thank you to the following people/organizations who made donations:**

Shirley Christenson; Fred Erisman; Stuart Fenton; Clifford Fortin; George & Rosemary Kreutzer Family Trust; Susan Longstaff has designated a planned bequest to the Kerlan Collection in her living trust; Edythe Miller for the Newbery and Caldecott Award Project; Lisl Weil Marx to process Lisl Weil art; Nancy Phillips; Barbara Ann Porte; Red Balloon Bookshop; Diana Swanson

**Barbara Knutson Memorial Fund [see page 6]**

Carol Erdahl; Karen Nelson Hoyle; Patricia Marx

### IN MEMORIAM

**Margaret Hodges**, 94, prize-winning children's author, died of heart disease Dec. 13, 2005 at her home in Verona, PA. The Kerlan Collection holds manuscripts for 27 of Hodges' books spanning thirty years from 1958 to 1988. Hodges ultimately published over fifty books, many dealing with myths and legends including *The Hatching of Joshua Cobb*, *Saint George and the Dragon*, and *The Voice of the Great Ball*. Margaret gave a talk at the Kerlan Collection July 11, 1985 entitled "Asbjørnsen, Moe and the Soul of Norway."

**Tana Hoban**, a photographer and author who produced dozens of illustrated books for children, died Jan. 27 at a hospice near Paris. She was 88 and had had a series of strokes and other ailments. Hoban donated photographs, notes, and dummies for ten titles to the Kerlan Collection, including *Count and See*.

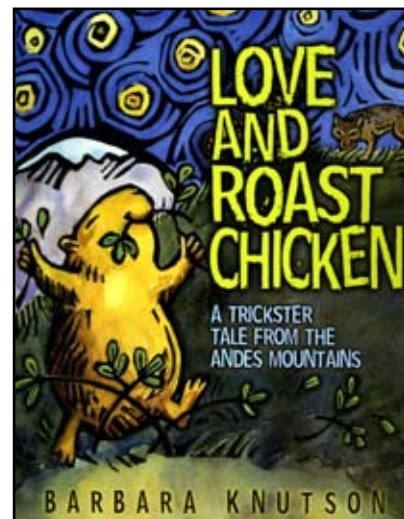
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## BARBARA KNUTSON MEMORIAL FUND

The Barbara Knutson Memorial Fund at the Children's Literature Research Collections was established in December, 2005 to support loans to schools of facsimiles from the Kerlan Collection of the author-artist's process of creating children's books. Chris Jensen, her husband, placed the complete set of manuscripts, original art and all related materials leading to the production of Barbara Knutson's most recent award winning title *Love and Roast Chicken: a Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains* (Carolrhoda, 2004). As executor of her estate, he granted permission for the project.

A team of Barbara's friends and family, including professional educators and author-illustrators, volunteered to prepare the first teacher portfolio in early summer. Donation checks payable to the University of Minnesota Foundation (with Barbara Knutson Memorial Fund noted on the memo line) may be sent to CLRC, 113 Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Donations will support the development of the educational activities, as well as the preservation of the original art and production



*Love and Roast Chicken: A Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains* (Carolrhoda, 2004)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### **Marilyn Hollinshead Visiting Scholars Fund**

Marilyn Hollinshead Visiting Scholars Fund for Travel to the Kerlan Collection will be available again for research study in 2006. Applicants may request up to \$1,500. Send a letter with the proposed purpose, plan to use specific research materials (manuscripts and art), dates, and budget (including airfare and per diem) to *Kerlan Grant-in-Aid, 113 Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S. Mpls, MN 55455*.

The application deadline is April 28, 2006. Travel and a written report on the project must be completed and submitted in 2006. This offering is made possible by an endowment to the Kerlan Collection from Marilyn Hollinshead. She attended the University of Minnesota from 1953 to 1955 and later owned the Pinocchio Bookshop in Pittsburgh.



*Marilyn Hollinshead*

### **The Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Memorial Fellowship**

The Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Memorial Fellowship from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation will provide \$1,500 to a "talented writer and/or illustrator of children's books who wishes to use the Kerlan Collection for the furtherance of his or her artistic development." Special consideration will be given to someone who would find it difficult to finance a visit to the Kerlan Collection.

The Ezra Jack Keats Fellowship recipient will receive transportation cost and a per diem allotment. The application deadline is April 28, 2006. For application materials, please send a 6" x 9" (or larger) self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

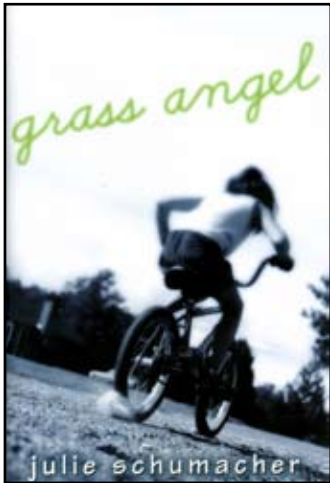
*Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Collection / Memorial Fellowship Committee  
113 Andersen Library, 222 21st Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455*

### **The Kerlan Essay Award**

The Friends of the Kerlan Collection are pleased to announce the tenth annual essay award to be presented in 2006 for an outstanding paper written during the preceding school year by a college or university student using the unique original resources of the Kerlan Collection. This award will consist of a citation and the sum of three hundred dollars. Application forms can be picked up at the CLRC registration desk. The deadline for entries is May 31, 2006.

## RECENT VISITORS AND PUBLICATIONS BASED ON RESEARCH IN THE CLRC

Julia Mickenberg's *Learning from the Left: Children's Literature, the Cold War, and Radical Politics in the United States* was published by Oxford University Press in late 2005.



*Grass Angel* by Julie Schumacher (Delacorte, 2004)

Illustrator Susan Estelle Kwas recently visited and "found some inspiration!"

Lisa Albert researched Lois Lowry's materials for an upcoming biography.

Kate Edenborg perused periodicals for her PhD dissertation on representations of girlhood.

Tiffany Josphe studied dime novels and pulps for a chapter in her PhD dissertation dealing with 1890s railroad and mystery fiction.

Julie Schumacher brought her University of Minnesota English Department creative writing class in for a visit. Julie has also donated her manuscripts to the collection.

Colleen Pittner class from the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul looked at Caldecott Award preliminary drawings.

Wendy Richards requested manuscripts by Eve Bunting along with others and art by Nancy Carlson, David Shannon and Chris Van Allsburg for her Northwestern College class to peruse.

Rebecca Rapport scheduled several classes from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

University of St. Thomas Literature, Language and Literacy II class with teacher Amy Smith looked at class carts and portfolios.

Sixty 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from St. Paul and Stillwater visited the Kerlan Collection to look at manuscripts as part of the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Writing Project.

## 2006 KERLAN AWARD BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Please check one:

The enclosed check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$20/person) is for \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s)

I will not attend the breakfast buffet, but request a free chair for the award presentation and talk

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I wish to become a Kerlan Friend and have added a separate check for \$25. Please select a newsletter preference.

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Additional check for \$35 (Kerlan Friend) or \$50 (non-member) for the Kerlan Collection Professional Development Day on June 28th. See page 3 for more information.

The deadline for registering for the Kerlan Award is April 2. Please make all checks payable to University of Minnesota. Please mail to Kerlan Collection, 113 Andersen Library, 222 - 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS - 2006 COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006 - Gág Family Lecture and Slide Presentation.** Julie L'Enfant, author of *The Gág Family: German-Bohemian Artists in America*, will talk about her book and present in words and images the story of one of Minnesota's most talented families – the Gágs. Bloomington Art Center, 7 to 9 p.m. <<http://www.bloomingtonartcenter.com>>

**Friday, March 31 - Saturday, April 1 - 18th Annual Spotlight on Books** at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge Resort near Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This year's event features Kerlan donors Lise Lunge-Larsen and David LaRoche. Visit <<http://www.nlln.org/spotlight.html>> for more information.

**Saturday, April 8 - Kerlan Award Brunch** featuring 2006 recipient Karen Hesse. Reservation form page 7.

**Thursday, April 13 - Norwegian Princess Martha Louise and Illustrator Svein Nyhus.** See page 3 for more information.

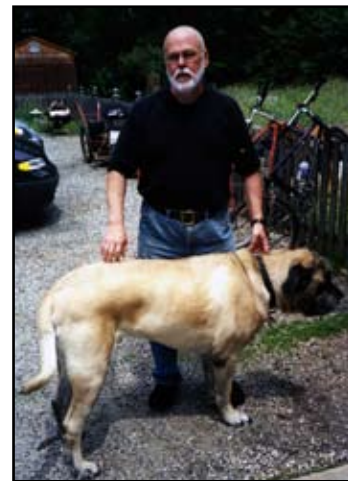
**Tuesday, June 20 - Chase Lecture** featuring artist Barry Moser, preceded by the Kerlan Friends annual meeting.

**Wednesday, June 28 - Kerlan Collection Professional Development Day** (see page 3).

**Friday, July 7 - Saturday, July 8 - Midwest Book Fair** at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Progress Center Building.

**Thursday, August 24 - Monday, September 4 - Kerlan Art Exhibit** at the Minnesota State Fair, Fine Arts Bldg.

More information on the summer events will follow in our next newsletter and current information is always available on the web at <<http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc>>



*Barry Moser and a canine friend.  
Photo by Karen Hoyle*

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