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Stephen P Hubbell on the cover of Science Magazine

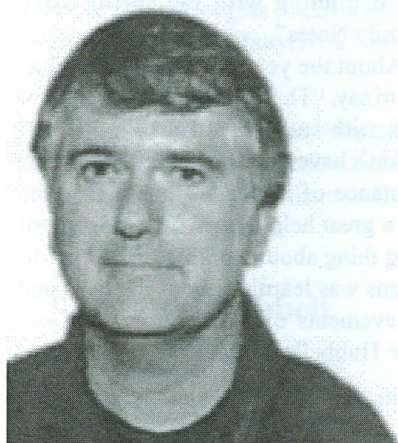
by Richard W. Hubble

Stephen P. Hubbell, (A&R 11198), Distinguished Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) was a co-author on a paper that was featured on the cover of the July 16, 2010 issue of Science Magazine.

The publication of a research article on the cover of Science Magazine is an honor and typically identifies the research as making a noteworthy contribution to the field of study. Science Magazine is the official publication for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and is widely read around the world in the scientific community.

The title of the paper is "Seedling survival in a tropical forest shows that species abundance is related to a species' sensitivity to conspecific neighbors" and was co-authored by Liza S. Comita, Helene C. Muller-Landau, Salomón Aguilar and Stephen P. Hubbell.

Dr. Hubbell grew up in Ann Arbor,



Michigan where his father was a professor of Zoology at the University of Michigan. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Carleton College in 1963 and earned his Ph.D degree in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1969.

In the early 1990's, as a Fellow at the Pew Institute for Ocean Science, Hubbell initiated the establishment of the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE), which works with the parties that create and use environmental knowledge to influence environmental decisions. Dr. Hubbell was elected as a Fellow in 2003 to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

As a result of his many years of research in species biodiversity, Dr. Hubbell authored, in 2001, a book titled *The Unified Neutral Theory of Biodiversity and Biogeography* (UNTB), which seeks to explain, mathematically, the diversity and relative abundance of species in ecological communities. Data supporting or discounting this theory are routinely published in this field but his theory continues to be a major building block in understanding why there is so much species diversity in the world. His theory, developed in the plant community, is continually being validated in the animal community as well. Dr. Hubbell is also a staff scientist at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Balboa, Panama where the current research project was performed.

Dr. Hubbell is married to evolutionary ecologist Patricia Adair Gowaty, who is also a Distinguished Professor at the



Cover of the July 16, 2010 issue of Science

University of California, Los Angeles.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from an article published by Beth King and John Barrat on the website SmithsonianScience.org in July of 2010. This article succinctly encapsulates the ideas addressed in Dr. Hubbell's Science article.

Home to jaguars, harpy eagles and red-eyed tree frogs, tropical forests support some of the rarest species on the planet and are the most biodiverse ecosystems on land. Understanding why some species are common while others are exceedingly rare has been a challenge in

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THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hubbell Family Historical Society (THFHS) is a volunteer not-for-profit organization, founded in 1981, to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubball, the immigrant. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and the New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

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Hilda L. Hubble 1917- 2010

THFHS member Hilda L. Hubble (A&R # 7071) passed away peacefully on 8 October 2010. Hilda was born 23 March 1917 to Albert and Mary Lilian (Guy) Openshaw. She attended Waite HS in Toledo, Ohio and married Burt S. Hubble 25 February 1933. She had 3 children, Hilbert Roland 1933, current President of THFHS, Edwin Albert 1938 and Susan Diane 1944 and 8 grandchildren. Hilda was active as a PTA member, volunteer and election judge. She retired to Florida where Hilda & Burt traveled extensively and performed with the Pasco County dance group, Guys and Dolls. She was active in the senior center as volunteer, board member and dance instructor. She loved to sing and dance; she enriched the lives of all she met.



John Alexander Hubbell

John Hubbell Retires as Newsletter Editor

by Carol Hubbell Boggs

John Hubbell, the editor of our publications for twelve years, and until recently the webmaster for the Society, has finally earned a well-deserved rest from his labors. As of the mailing of the 2009 "Annual", he has hung up his editor's hat while retaining a role on the TechCom committee that directs Society communications and the archiving of our historical materials. He has done an exemplary job with these two positions and will be a hard act to follow.

John Alexander Hubbell (A&R 11159) of Lakewood, Ohio is the son of Society past president Donald C. (A&R 8625) and Madalene M. (Hook) Hubbell of Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He graduated from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 1990 and since the end of 1997, has served as the editor of the Society's publications. He followed Robert Lamson Hubbell of Winchester, Virginia in the editor's role. In addition to producing Family Notes the semiannual newsletter, and the Annual, the publication featuring the history and genealogy of the family and annual Necrology, John designed our twenty-fifth anniversary booklet and the logo accompanying it. He has cheerfully provided advice and assistance to Society authors submitting articles and information for publication.

During his term as editor, the position of webmaster for the Society's web page at www.hubbell.org came open and because of his skills, John was encouraged to step into the role in the fall of 2001. He developed the page and its content as he learned new techniques while family history sites blossomed on the Internet. Revising the design and adding innovative features to the page, he continually upgraded and refined the format and its contents.

After a decade of service, and with increasing time constraints, John felt it necessary to bring to an end one of these time-consuming projects and Chris Boggs, son of past president Carol Hubbell Boggs agreed to become webmaster, but it would be three more years before a new editor volunteered to take on the publications. This spring, Richard Hubble of San Mateo, California volunteered to accept the position of editor and so John turned over the job to him beginning with the spring 2010 "Family Notes".

About the years on the job John had this to say, "There definitely was a lot of work with stuffing and mailing! But I couldn't have done any of it without the assistance of my dad, Donald C., who was a great help to me. The most gratifying thing about working on our publications was learning about the lives and achievements of our members and notable Hubbells of the past and present;

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The Hubbell Family Scholarship Fund Awards Two Scholarships for 2010-2011

**From Donald C. Hubbell
Scholarship Fund Chair**

The Hubbell Family Scholarship Fund, founded in 1992, as part of The Hubbell Family Historical Society, is a not-for-profit organization. The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to descendants of our immigrant ancestor, Richard Hubbell. Applicants must be members of the Society, or children or grandchildren of members. Eligibility requirements include satisfactory completion of one year at an accredited college and awards are intended for undergraduate study only. Only one award is given per applicant, with the number and amount of Scholarships to be determined by the officers and directors of the Society.

This year the Scholarship Fund received eight applications for the 2010-2011 academic years, from which two recipients were chosen by lot.

The fund received a total of \$ 3,156.00 from forty nine contributors. Included were four contributions made in memory of Harvey IV and Ann Hubbell. Harvey and Ann were major supporters of the Scholarship Fund for many years.

The Board of Directors approved two \$ 1,000.00 scholarships for this year, at the meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. One of the recipients for this year is Luke Crawford son of Wendy Crawford (A&R 2745), Edmond OK, and his Grandmother, Madeline Willis, Oklahoma City, OK. Daniel Harrison Hubbell, son of Douglas Stuart Hubbell (A&R 10056), of Sudbury, MA was the other selection.

The Scholarship Fund Committee and Board of Directors congratulate these two young men, and wish them well in their continued education.

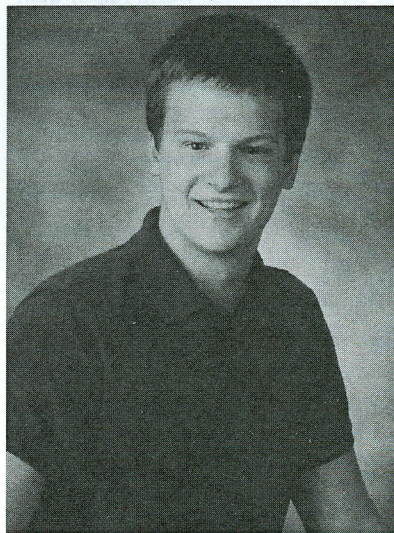
Luke Hubbell

Luke is currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in chemistry.

As a new member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, he was chosen to be the secretary of the Pledge Class by his peers. His responsibilities include planning and linking with older executive members of the fraternity. As a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, he participated in the University Sing, homecoming float building, Sooner Scandals, and the philanthropic event, Delt Dive. Delt Dive benefitted Chance for Change, an organization that helps individuals with substance abuse problems as well as other behavioral problems such as gambling.

Luke chose chemistry as his major because he is fascinated by the building blocks of organic life and how they function. He is also interested in learning about the creation and use of new synthetic materials that aid in the field of medicine. He plans to go to medical school after college and pursue a career as a surgeon.

Luke has been working as a waiter this summer to help pay for college and other expenses.



Luke Hubbell

Daniel Harrison Hubbell

Daniel Harrison Hubbell is the son of Daniel S. Hubbell (A&R 10056) and is currently enrolled at the American University majoring in Political Science. His family moved to the

Netherlands in 1991 when Daniel was a few months old. In 1995 the family returned to Sudbury Massachusetts, where Daniel spent the majority of his childhood. By high school, several return trips to Europe had reinforced a sense of wonder for the past and Knights in shining armor.

This interest permeated all aspects of his life and led to a high school education filled with six different history courses and four years studying the German language. Outside of high school, he participated in swordplay and fencing, where for four years he was on the varsity team at the Boston Fencing Club and a regular at national fencing events. In his senior year, Daniel participated in the Lincoln-Sudbury High School German-American Partnership Program (GAPP).

Through GAPP he spent three weeks with a host family in the small town of Herdecke, Germany.

After high school he enrolled at the American University in Washington, D.C. majoring in Political Science, where he recently made the Dean's List for his freshman year. Currently, he is active in the university's environmental group and canvasses for Weatherize D.C., a non-profit group seeking to improve the efficiency of homes. In his spare time he is learning the martial art Bujikan Taijutsu.

Following his studies at American University, he plans to become involved in the political process, and has hopes of returning to Germany.



Daniel Hubbell

Geraldine C Hubbell

“Its not about Elvis or the Beatles-its about Mozart”



Geraldine Hubbell

For symphony pianist Geraldine Comier Hubbell, wife of Dr. Gerald Joseph Hubbell (A&R 10005) it's not about Gibson and Stratocaster. It's all about Steinway and Sons.

It's not about Elvis and the Beatles. It's about Mozart and Beethoven.

“Oh, that was all background music to me,” said the rock-and-roll-averse Hubbell from her home in Lafayette, Louisiana. “I never cared for it. If I listen to anything, it's classical.”

There's nothing haughty about the way she relays this information. She says it between giggles that belie her 71 years. Hubbell, now with the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra (ASO), has played piano since the mid-1940s, when she was 7 and living in Lacassine, Louisiana. A family friend gave her a start; then her mother took over.

Today, she is one of the best sight-music readers in the nation. Her accompaniment sessions — during concertos — are reportedly legendary. A retired University of Louisiana at Lafayette professor, she still accompanies students.

“I like doing ensemble work, rather than solo work, because I'm an accompanist, primarily,” she said.

She will also tell you, however, that she's not like renowned musicians who can hear a piece and play, as her classical-composer-of-choice Amadeus Mozart was known to do.

“I have to see music to play it. I was born singing. My mom would sing to us,” she said of her sparse upbringing that somehow included a piano here and there. “And then I took to the piano right away, but the reason for that was that my mother sat with me and made me practice. That way, I learned how to read.

“One thing I remember,” Hubbell said, “is that one day I was sitting in my bed and looking at the music — and then it just hit me. I thought, ‘That's how to read the notes!’ It just clicked. And I've been a very fast sight-reader ever since.”

As a mother, she has taken her love of

music to her own children, Kitty and Dave.

“They were forced to take piano lessons,” Hubbell said, laughing again. “David took them reluctantly. He always wanted to play the drums. But Kitty, it came to her naturally. She now teaches music. We had two pianos here, but I recently gave Kitty one of the pianos, so I just kept one. I remember, they had so much fun together.”

Her son, a Lafayette resident who has played in several rock bands, remembers that music was indeed a part of the early life in the Hubbell household.

“That's all they did, was promote music,” he said. “In fact, I don't remember them watching a television show until I was in fourth or fifth grade. “I didn't like piano lessons at the time, but now, when I get together with musicians to jam, I have an understanding of musical theory that self-taught musicians don't have, because I can make a mental picture of a keyboard.”

During the 1960s, the Hubbell's moved from Lafayette to New Orleans. The family saw their father do a medical internship, and then a tour in Vietnam, then return for a chief residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

“Geri” Hubbell, as she is now known among friends, said during that time in the 1960s as a student and teacher, she began her one of “many, many” jobs. They moved back to Lafayette in 1971. “I've taught at UL,” she said. “I was a piano teacher, I was a church organist, and I taught at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans. I was a staff pianist from 1986 to 1993 at (then-USL).”

Hubbell has been a member of the ASO since 1992. She is now retired from ASO's role as symphony manager but is still an ASO board member. Geraldine and Gerald are past members of THFHS.

Material for this article are excerpts from an article by Steven K Landry for the online newspaper The Advocate published in Nov 16, 2009 and August 23, 2010.

The Hobbyist or the Expert Amateur?

Dr. Gordon Hubbell, (A&R 10061), a retired veterinarian from Gainesville, Florida has nurtured a passion and turned it into a second career. Now that's the kind of "retirement" we can all aspire to.

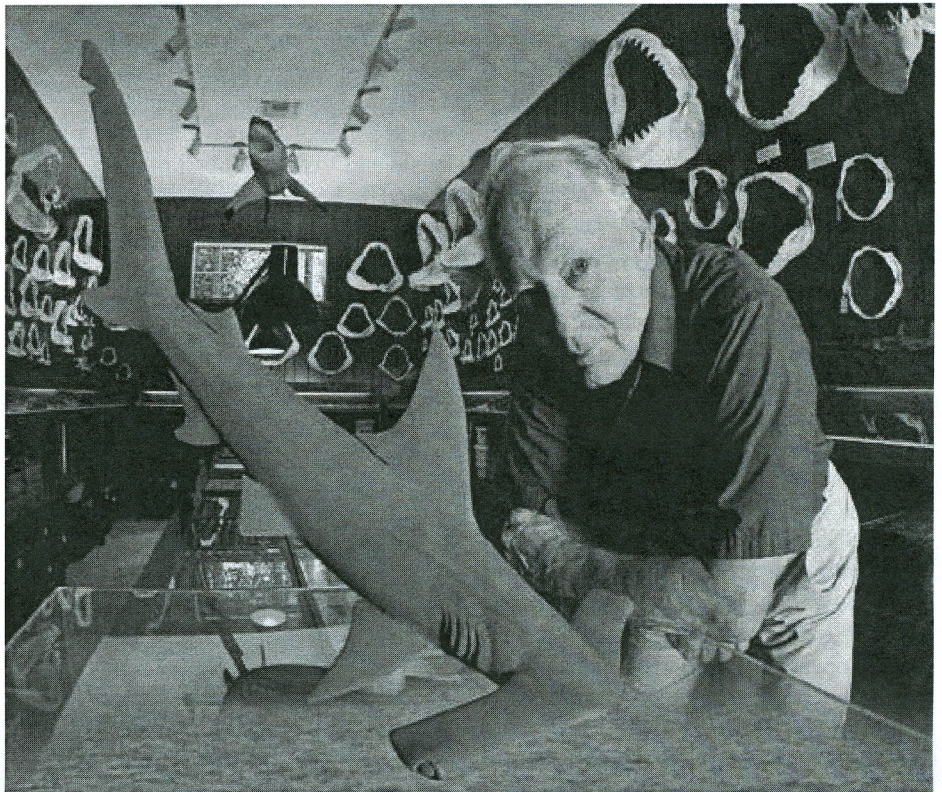
Dr. Hubbell, with colleagues, recently published this year, in the online journal PLoS One, a study on the largest shark species to ever swim the oceans. Popularly known as Megalodon (or *Carcharocles megalodon* to be precise), this shark lived from about 20 million to 0.5 million years ago and reached lengths of 60+ feet for a mature adult. It is thought to have died out when its main food source, whales, started migrating to the colder polar waters.

Dr Hubbell's research focused on a site in Panama that is rich in juvenile Megalodon teeth called the Gatun Formation. The reasons for this concentration of juvenile teeth is hotly debated but after studying this site, Dr. Hubbell and colleagues argue convincingly that this site and other similar sites were Megalodon nurseries. Even though the adult Megalodon was at the top of the food chain, its juveniles were vulnerable to other predators and thus needed a sheltered and protected "home" before venturing out into the open ocean.

Hubbell is a trained veterinarian and therefore, technically, an "amateur" paleontologist. Nevertheless, Hubbell is considered by many to be one of the world's foremost experts in shark paleontology and many defer to his unique expertise.

In a small addition built just off the kitchen of their Gainesville, Florida home, Dr. Hubbell runs Jaws International, a museum of shark teeth, jaws and fossilized bones that caters to neighbors, scientists, school groups and is probably one of the best collections in the world. Along with rare specimens is the largest fossilized Megalodon tooth on record.

The hobby (or "obsession" as Hubbell



Dr. Hubbell in his museum off of the kitchen

puts it) began approximately 40 years ago in Miami, where he worked as a veterinarian for the Miami Metrozoo and, the now closed, Crandon Park Zoo on Key Biscayne. Recovering from a gall bladder surgery, Hubbell began walking the beaches to regain his strength. On his walks, he collected seashells, then began fishing for sharks and from there, collecting fossils and teeth, a hobby especially suited to Florida.

After collecting fossils for over 40 years and with space rapidly dwindling in his addition off of the kitchen, Dr. Hubbell has bequeathed his collection to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

For readers interested in more information on Dr. Hubbell's work see: Pimiento, C., Ehret, D., MacFadden, B., & Hubbell, G. (2010). Ancient Nursery Area for the Extinct Giant Shark Megalodon from the Miocene of Panama PLoS ONE, 5 (5) DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0010552

Portions of this story were originally published in the Gainesville Sun's electronic publication Gainesville.com. by Marli Guzzetta.

John Alexander Hubbell

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then sharing them with our membership and others who may pick up our newsletter at Hubbell Center or another historical society. I enjoyed doing my bit to help document the Hubbell experience."

"I want to thank all the members of the Society who have submitted stories, articles, and photos over the years, and want to encourage them to continue in support of the new editor Rick Hubble and webmaster Chris Boggs."

We all owe a debt of gratitude to John for the professional level of work he has brought to our Society. He has made us all look good in the process.

Hubbell and Hudson Market

Hubbell and Hudson Market and Bistro in Woodlands, Texas was named one of only six Gourmet Retailer Markets of the Year for 2010 by NASFT¹

Cary Attar, former CEO of Fox & Obel in Chicago, opened Hubbell and Hudson Market in November 2008 in an affluent Houston suburb. It was designed as a place for the community to shop, eat, cook and learn under one roof. Mr. Attar named the Market after his great, great, great grandparents Alida Taylor Hubbell (A&R 6269) and her husband Fielding Hudson. Born and married in Missouri, the couple later moved to Texas and became cattle ranchers.

Attar began his career in the restaurant business, working for a restaurant group where he routinely traveled about the country opening, redesigning, and troubleshooting the company's properties. From this experience, Mr. Attar developed his ideas of the perfect food retail space; after all, Hubbell and Hudson is more than a restaurant. Attar is quick to point out, "we're not a food store, we are a lifestyle store."

The store opened in one of the worst economic times in our history and yet, Hubbell & Hudson has experienced exceptional growth ever since, and they are poised to open another, albeit

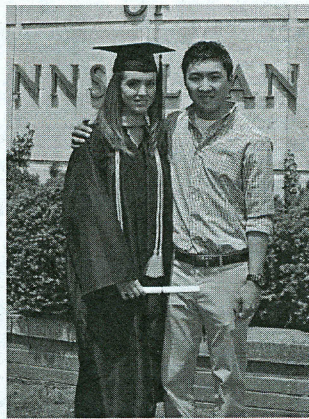
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Cary Attar

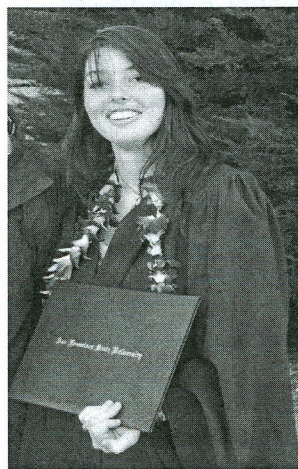
2010 Graduates

Amanda Jan (A&R 15013) granddaughter of past THFHS President Harold George Hubbell graduated from York College, York Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Amanda who recently married Michael Jan is the daughter of Donald and Vivian Hubbell of New Salem. Her brothers Aaron, Kyle and Kevin attended.



Amanda and Michael Jan

Casey W. Hubble (A&R 14384), daughter of Richard W. Hubble, graduated from San Francisco State University with a BA in Biology. Attending the graduation were her father, long time friend Matt Wiggler and family friends Bob and Carolyn Boynton. She started graduate school at San Francisco State this fall working towards a Masters degree in Entomology.



Casey Hubble

John Hubbell (A&R 12126), a mural painter from Greenville, Ill. whose distinctive murals are visible throughout downtown Greenville, has been commissioned to paint 2 murals on county buildings in nearby Hillsboro, Ill

Cousins in Politics

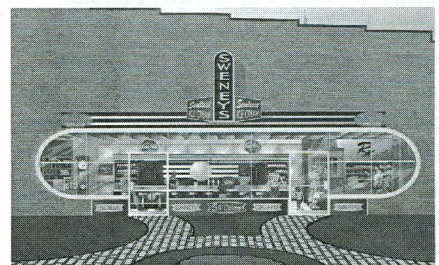
It is election time again this November and we have 3 "cousins" that are running for political office.

In Hamilton, Ohio, a city in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio area, Lester "Butch" Hubble is running, as a Democrat, for the Butler County Commission. Mr. Hubble, a U.S. Navy retiree and ex-police officer grew up in Hamilton and now lives in Hanover Twp. He ran unopposed in the democratic primary and will face Cindy Carpenter, the GOP candidate, this November. Mr Hubble maintains a website at <http://butchhubble.com>. Mr. Hubble has not yet been placed in the Hubbell Genealogy.

In Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Lora Hubbel (not placed in the 1995 A&R but will be #13207 in the next edition) is running on the Republican ticket for a seat in the South Dakota House from District 11. Mrs. Hubbel, a registered nurse, is married and has 3 children. She maintains a website at <http://lorahubbel.com>.

The governing board of the Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD), in Prescott, Arizona, has one open seat in the upcoming November elections. Two candidates, Penny Hubble and Kelly O'Brien will be vying for the seat. Penny and her husband, Jim, (a391q in the next edition of the Genealogy) relocated to Chino Valley from Upper Michigan in 2005. They have four children and 6 grandchildren. Penny runs the Penny Hubble State Farm Insurance Agency in Chino Valley.

The Society wishes all three candidates good fortune in the upcoming election.



One of the proposed 20' x 40' murals "Sweeney Corner"

Reunion to be held in Salt Lake City in June of 2011

Mark your calendars and make plans to spend a few days in Salt Lake City, Utah; next year's destination for The Hubbell Family Historical Society's reunion. The dates will be June 22-25, 2011. Jim and Mary Ann Hubbell, the Reunion Chairmen, have reserved a block of rooms at the Plaza Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. This will be the THFHS headquarters hotel so when making your reservations, let the hotel know that you are part of the reunion. You can reach the Plaza hotel at <http://www.plaza-hotel.com/>. The Plaza Hotel is next door to the LDS Family History library for those who want to spend some time researching their family roots. Jim and Mary Ann can be reached at jimhubbell6177@gmail.com. Apparently, Jim has been busy at the library already as he has hinted that he hopes to provide a direct link to Ragnar, father of Hubba the Dane who we are apparently all related to. In addition, Jim and Mary Ann are lining up lots of other activities to fill everyone's day. Jim and Mary Ann will publish more detailed information about the planned activities in the Spring 2011 newsletter.

The Jay B. Hubbell Medal

The Center for the Study of Law and Religion Senior Fellow Frances Smith Foster has been named the recipient of the prestigious Jay B. Hubbell Medal by the Modern Language Association of America for her contributions to American literature. Foster, the Charles Howard Professor of English and Women's Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia has written or edited more than a dozen books. She will receive the medal during the American Literature Section Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles in January 2011.

The Hubbell Medal, which has been awarded since 1964, is named for the founding editor of American Literature. Jay B. Hubbell, a long-time professor at Duke University, who was one of the

pioneers of American literary scholarship. Hubbell championed treating American authors as objects of serious attention at a time when academic students of literature focused almost entirely on English authors. The award named for him has been awarded to some of the most distinguished practitioners of the discipline he helped create. To view past recipients visit <http://www.als-mla.org/HubbellMedal.htm>.

To learn more about Hubbell, visit the Jay B Hubbell Center for American Literary Historiography at the website: <http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/hubbell/>

One of Jay B. Hubbell's (A&R 5050) sons, David S. (A&R 7834) is a current THFHS member.

Civil War Reenacted in So. Illinois

THFHS members Rae and Billie Hubbel (A&R 12356), with son Tim, from Mt Vernon, Illinois, participated in Southern Illinois' eighth annual Jefferson County Historical Society Heritage Festival this September. Civil War re-enactors posed as surgeons, undertakers and soldiers in the JCHS's historical village, while volunteers shared pieces of the past.

Tim Hubbel and his parents Rae and Billie Hubbel participated in the re-enactment camp; Tim as a "rough-and-tumble" Bowery, New York soldier and his parents as Civil War-era undertakers. Tim said his uniform, featuring red breeches and an ornate jacket, was based on the uniform of the French Algerian Army. "They were considered the most elite force at the time," he said. "Some commanders wanted to set themselves apart, so they bought uniforms like those." He said he's found a remarkable camaraderie with other re-enactors. "Unless you're a re-enactor, you can't explain it," he said. "Some of the guys, I feel closer to than my own family. We are family." (Excerpts for this story were taken from the original article by Rorye O'Connor in the Mt. Vernon Register-News)

Dislecksia...The Movie

"About one American in seven has some degree of dyslexia. It's a condition that makes it hard to learn to read the same way other people do. With some special techniques, most dyslexics can learn to function normally. And a lot of dyslexics are brilliant, talented, and successful. In the comic documentary *Dislecksia: The Movie*, dyslexic director Harvey Hubbell V, with assistance from dyslexic writer Jeremy Brecher, will present the latest scientific knowledge about dyslexia and the experiences of dyslexics."

This quote, taken from Captured Time Production's website is an introduction to, not only the movie, but also Harvey Hubbell himself. The filming of the movie is completed and it's now in "post-production".

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Tragic Death In Alabama

Jonce J. Hubble, 41, of Albertville, Alabama (A&R a281p-Appendix: but will be 14843bf in the next edition of the Genealogy) was tragically killed, along with a co-worker, in July of this year, when a tower they were working on in Anniston, Alabama collapsed. A truck backed into a wire that stabilized the tower and the tower collapsed with Hubble and Sloan still on it. Both men were employees of McCord Communications.

Mr. Hubble was a US Marine Veteran and was buried with full military honors in a service held on July 27, 2010. He was interred at Marshal Memorial Gardens in Albertsville.

Mr. Hubble leaves behind a wife and 4 young children. A memorial fund has been established to benefit the children. Donations to the fund can be sent to McCord Communications on Behalf of the Hubble & Sloan Families, Regions Bank, Attn: Melissa, Second Floor, P.O. Box 1228, Anniston, AL 36202.

Stephen P Hubbell

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these mega-diverse forests. New results from a massive study at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute show that interactions among community members play an important role in determining which organisms thrive.

“Based on information about the survival of more than 30,000 seedlings of 180 species of tropical trees, we found that seedlings of rare species are much more sensitive to the presence of neighbors of their own species than seedlings of common species are,” said Liza Comita, the primary author on the study. “Not only does this tell us where to look for the mechanisms that explain why certain species are rare, but it also provides potential clues about how to conserve rare species that are most vulnerable to extinction.”

The lowland tropical forest on Panama’s Barro Colorado Island is the site of a huge long-term study focusing on plant diversity: more than 400,000 individual trees and shrubs of more than 300 species have been marked, mapped and measured every five years for the past 30 years. A unique window on climate change and other large-scale processes, the experiment was originally set up because two ecologists, Robin Foster, now at Chicago’s Field Museum, and Stephen Hubbell at UCLA, a co-author on this paper, had an argument about how life organizes itself.

What determines the members of a community? The study site—a patch of forest the size of nearly 100 football fields—is large enough to include individuals of many rare



Cover of “The Unified Neutral Theory of Biodiversity and Biogeography (UNTB)”

species that would not be present in smaller studies. After realizing that many of the processes that shape diversity happen early in a tree’s life, researchers decided to expand the study to include an annual survey of seedlings growing in the forest understory. This study of seedlings, led by Comita, Hubbell and Panamanian botanist and co-author Salomón Aguilar, has now been going for nearly a decade and has yielded new insights into this diverse forest.

For years, researchers have noticed that individual plants surrounded by neighbors of the same species do not grow and survive as well as individual plants surrounded by other species. Some evidence suggests that this is either because pests and pathogens move more readily among individuals of the same species or because they are competing with each other for the same resources.

“It became clear with this seedling survival survey that even though neighbors can be shaded out by individuals of the same or of other species, there are real differences in the survival of different species depending on how many of their neighbors are the same species,” said Helene Muller-Landau. “Some of our colleagues are working on the specific mechanisms that explain these differences, and we look forward to seeing their results.”

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Captured Time Productions is the name of the film company that was founded by producers Harvey Hubbell V (A&R 11025) and his wife, Andrea Haas Hubbell. Captured Time’s crew includes a network of highly skilled cinematographers, writers, video and film editors, and other specialists, that over the years, has produced numerous documentaries. Indeed, they consider themselves to be pioneers of the comic

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smaller version of the store.

Hubbell & Hudson is really five different, yet totally integrated businesses. The five parts consist of: 1) The Food Hall, where the staff do the cooking. 2) The Market, where the customer shops and they do the cooking at home; 3) Catering; 4) The Bistro; 5) and The Viking Cooking School.

Hubbell & Hudson epitomizes the modern gourmet food store – great but simple design, great signage, a thoughtful selection of merchandise, an abundance of house-made goods, and above all, great customer service.

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documentary. Even when they deal with serious issues like American identity, reproductive rights, or globalization, their shows are highly entertaining - and sometimes hilarious. Their documentary “Loop Dreams” even won the Gold World Medal for Comedy at The New York Festival and a Boston/New England Emmy for Outstanding Entertainment Program. Other Captured Time productions have won more than 50 film and video festival awards, including nine Emmys. Additionally, they provide invaluable experience to aspiring filmmakers through their Internship Program. Captured Time Productions operates from an 80-acre farm in Litchfield, Connecticut.

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