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Travelers: Forty Years of Books to Go

In Celebration of Peter and Donna Thomas

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Peter and Donna Thomas are book artists from Santa Cruz, CA. Since 1977 they have worked both collaboratively and individually; letterpress printing, hand-lettering and illustrating texts, making paper, and hand binding both fine press and artists’ books. Inspired by the archetypal quest for beauty and perfection, and informed by the potential of word, image, shape and texture to create an illuminating or transformative experience, their initial aim was to create limited edition fine press books made of the finest materials and produced to the highest standards of quality, in both full size and miniature format. This aesthetic continued to guide them through the 1990s as they worked in new formats made possible by personal computer technology, exploring non-traditional book structures and shaped book objects as both limited editions and one-of-a-kind books. From 2010-2015 they have traveled the USA as the “Wandering Book Artists” giving talks, workshops and demonstrations to both academic and community-based audiences.

*Let the paper remain on the desk unwritten, and the book on the shelf unopen’d!*

*Let the tools remain in the workshop! let the money remain unearn’d!*

*Let the school stand! mind not the cry of the teacher!*

*Let the preacher preach in his pulpit! let the lawyer plead in the court, and the judge expound the law.*

*Camerado, I give you my hand!*

*I give you my love more precious than money,*

*I give you myself before preaching or law;*

*Will you give me yourself? will you come travel with me?*

*Shall we stick by each other as long as we live?*

*-- Walt Whitman, Song of the Open Road*

1978 Thomas, Peter R. Thomas and Donna Millar Thomas. *The Three Cedars: a collection of short stories.* Santa Cruz, CA: Good Book Press, 1978 xN7433.4 T52 T467 1978b

1981 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *The Fire of the Dragon Yudur.* Santa Cruz, CA: The Good Book Press, 1981 xN7433.4 T52 F57

1992 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Bikupan: the story of a trip to visit a hand…* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 1992 xTS1095 S85 T56 1992

1995 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *A Papermaking Safari to Africa*. Santa Cruz: Peter and Donna Thomas, 1995 xTS1094 T55 1995

1997 Muir, John (1838-1914). *The View from Mt. Dana.* Santa Cruz, CA: P & D Thomas, 1997 xPS2447 M5 V53 1997

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *A Brief History of the Ukulele.* Santa Cruz, CA: Donna and Peter Thomas, 1997 xN7433.4 T517 B75 1997

1998 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Four Views of Kealakekua Bay.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 1998 xN7433.4 T52 F68 1998

1999 Muir, John (1838-1914). *Song of Creation.* Santa Cruz, CA: Donna and Peter Thomas, 1999 xPS2447 M5 S66 1999

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *A Brief History of the Ukulele.* Santa Cruz, CA: P. & D. Thomas, 1999 xN7433.4 T52 B75 1999

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Paradise: nature, stardust, music & romance.* Santa Cruz, CA: P & D Thomas, 1999 xN7433.4 T52 P37 1999

2000 Thomas, Donna. *The John Muir Trail.* Santa Cruz: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2000 xF868.S5 T484 2000

Thomas, Peter. *Half Dome: a climbing history.* Santa Cruz: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2000 xF868 Y6 T56 2000

2001 *Home on the Range: The Cowboy Song.* Santa Cruz, CA: P. & D. Thomas, 2001 xN7433.4 T517 H66 2001

Thomas, Donna. *Mineral King-kern Loop, Summer 2001.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2001 xN7433.4 T517 M56 2001

Thomas, Donna. *A Yosemite ABC.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2001 xN7433.4 T517 Y6 2001

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Open House.* San Antonio, TX: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2001 xN7433.4 T52 O6 2001

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *The Wizard of Oz in Pictures.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas for the International Wizard of Oz Club, 2001 xN7433.4 T52 W59 2001

2002 McPherson, Heather, and David Worton. *West to East: Sierra Journey.* Santa Cruz, CA: Donna Thomas, 2002 xN7433.4 M4295 W47 2002

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Landscapes of the John Muir Trail.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2002 xN7433.4 T517 L36 2002

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Wildflowers of the John Muir Trail.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2002 xN7433.4 T52 W54 2002

2003 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Covering Ground.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2003 xN7433.4 T517 C68 2003

2004 *In the Middle.* Murfreesboro, TN: Visiting Artist Seminar, Middle Tennessee State University, 2004 xN7433.3 I5 2004

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *The Train Comes to Wichita.* Santa Cruz, CA: P. & D. Thomas, 2004 xN7433.4 T52 T73 2004

*Wake up.* Boulder, CO: Naropa University, Summer Writing Program, 2004 xN7433.3 W34 2004

2005 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *The History of Papermaking in the Philippines.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2005 xTS1095 P6 T46 2005

2007 Grahame, Kenneth (1859-1932) *Gipsy Caravan.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2007 xPR4726 G56 2007

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *The Grand Canyon.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2007 xF788 T49 2007

2008 Muir, John (1838-1914). *In the San Joaquin Valley, April 1868.* Santa Cruz, CA: P & D Thomas, 2008 xF868 S173 M85 2008

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Train Depots.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2008 xTF302 U54 T46 2008

2009 Grahame, Kenneth (1859-1932). *A Gipsy Caravan.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2009 xPR4726 G56 2009

2010 Thomas, Donna. *The Arches.* Santa Cruz, CA: Donna and Peter Thomas, 2010 xN7433.4 T517 A8 2010

Thomas, Peter R. *Don’t Fence Me In.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2010 xN7433.4 T52 D6 2010

Thomas, Peter R. *The South-West: The Wandering Book Artists.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2010 xT56 S69 2010

Whitman, Walt (1819-1892). *Trees from Song of the Open Road: Leaves of Grass.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2010 xPS3204 T56 2010

2011 *The Renaissance Pleasure Faire broadsides.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2011 xZ232 T56 R5 2011

*The Wandering Book Artists’ collaborative broadsides.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2011 xN7433.3 W36 2011

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Shenandoah.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2011 xN7433.4 T52 S43 2011

2013 Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Cruces.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter and Donna Thomas, 2013 xN7433.4 T52 C78 2013

Thomas, Peter, and Donna Thomas. *Hetch Hetchy Flora.* Santa Cruz, CA: Peter & Donna Thomas, 2013 xN7433.4 T517 H47 2013

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