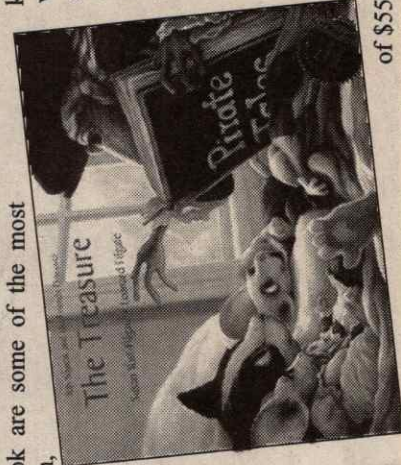


MOUSE CHARMS FROM HIS ENCHANTED WORLD

ARTIST LEONARD FILGATE and author **Susan Yost-Filgate**, Carmelites, have created a series of very endearing children's books featuring Rip Squeak, a mouse of considerable charm. The Filgates will appear at a story reading at noon and a booksigning from 1 to 4 p.m. at **Rip Squeak & Friends Gallery (formerly Phillips Gallery)**, Ocean between San Carlos and Dolores, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The illustrations in the book are some of the most enchanting we have ever seen, with a cat, mice and a frog all cuddled up in bed together — the best of friends.

Leonard Filgate is self-taught as an artist, which



proves that we are born with exceptional gifts, and Susan Yost-Filgate, while holding an art education degree from Pennsylvania State, worked as a graphic designer and paralegal before taking up her pen to write the stories her husband has illustrated.

"**Rip Squeak and His Friends**," is the first book the couple has produced, and "**Rip Squeak and His Friends Discover The Treasure**," is the second. It was a 2003 Independent Publishers Award Finalist.

Pirates figure into this second book, and will be the theme at the booksigning:



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Museum Exhibits

• **Museum of Tolerance** (Simon Wiesenthal Plaza, 9786 W. Pico Blvd., L.A., [310] 553-8403). "Every Picture Tells a Story," a celebration of diversity and tolerance as portrayed in illustrated children's books includes Leonard Filgate's "Harmony I," above. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults, \$8.50; seniors age 62 and older, \$6.50; students, \$5.50; children under age 10, \$3.50.

kids in pirate costume will have a chance to win Rip Squeak prizes, and pirate-costumed adults have a chance to win a giclée print to be donated in the winner's name to the children's wing of the San Jose Good Samaritan Hospital. Refreshments served until 5 p.m. The books retail for \$16.95 at the gallery.

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POETS IN SEARCH OF A HOME:

The City of Pacific Grove is offering a unique opportunity to poets by renting a three-bedroom, one bath historic cottage to a qualified poet for a year at a reduced rate of \$550 to \$710 per month. The cottage was donated to the city by the late Whitney Latham-Lechich, who asked that it be used to support poetry in the community. The last occupant created a poetry website, a poetry festival and an outreach program in the middle school. Applicants should have a plan for their own poetry contribution to the community. Contact Julie Uretsky at the P.G. Community Development Department at 648-3190.

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



Of Mice and Minis: On Saturday at Phillips Gallery in Carmel, husband-and-wife illustrator/author team Leonard Filgate and Susan Yost-Filgate introduce their second children's book, *Pirate Tales and More*, the sequel to their successful first book.