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New Children's Book, *Oz, Dog of the Del*, Features Fearless Dachshund

Coronado Author and Folk Artist Illustrator Will Sign Books on the Island December 3-6

November 15, 2015 – Set in the early twentieth century, *Oz, Dog of the Del* is a new children's story in rhyme. The book becomes available for purchase today at retailers in Coronado and online at Amazon and www.ozdogofthedel.com.

The book features Oz, a fearless dachshund who lives at the Hotel del Coronado. He befriends a young girl named Izzy and takes her on an adventure around the island where they meet Charlie Chaplin filming a movie, the Great White Fleet, Charles Lindbergh in his airplane, and Frank Baum—the author of *A Wizard of Oz*, who promises to write Oz and Izzy into his book.

The book is written by Taylor Baldwin Kiland, a writer who grew up in Coronado and who specializes in military non-fiction. She has written or edited nine other children's books about the military, including *The U.S. Navy & Military Careers*. A former naval officer—the third generation in her family to serve in the Navy—Taylor spent twenty years in the private sector as a marketing communications professional before starting her writing career.

The book is illustrated by Patricia Palermino, a self-taught American folk art artist who has been publishing her unique collection of paintings depicting Washington, DC, and Alexandria, Virginia, historical locations for more than twenty years. Her artwork can be seen and purchased online at www.patpalermino.com, and has been exhibited at the White House, the National Archives, Winterthur Museum, the American Museum in Bath, England, the National Horticultural Society and others. She has been commissioned by the National Easter Egg Roll at the White House, the UNICEF Corporate Christmas Card Collection, Historic Alexandria, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Gunston Hall Museum, Woodlawn Plantation Museum, Winterthur Museum's Point to Point Races, United Card of Japan and others. Original paintings have also been sold at the Frank J. Miele Gallery in New York City.

The book is thirty-six pages long with sixteen illustrations and a retail price of \$9.95. Kiland, Palermino and Oz (in costume) will be making appearances at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 at Bay Books (1029 Orange Ave.), 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 at Wag'N Tails (945 Orange Ave.), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Artisans Alley Craft Faire (Village Elementary School), and at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Hotel del's Est. 1888 gift shop.

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