

# Library News

The Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library  
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## Stitches in Time

The Friends of the Town of Chester Library will present *Stitches in Time: a Celebration of Women and their Handiwork* throughout the months of July and August. The library's Ruplin Gallery will feature examples of fiber arts from the archives of the Town of Chester Museum and the contemporary work of local artisans. Local crafts people will offer instruction at Saturday morning workshops.

On August 18th, at a 7pm performance in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Theater, Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan will celebrate fiber arts in song, performing music from their popular CD, *A Stitch in Time*. A suggested donation of \$5 per seat may be made at the door. All donations will directly benefit the Chester Library.

The summer-long event will conclude with a Quilt Exhibition featuring the work of talented local quilters at the North Warren Central School gymnasium on August 25th from 11am-5pm. This event will showcase over one hundred quilts made by local quilters. These programs are funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts administered locally through the Lower Adirondacks Regional Arts Council. Admission to this event is free.

## No Winter Newsletter

In order to use your membership and donation dollars most effectively, the Friends will not be publishing and mailing a Fall/Winter newsletter. So that we can continue to direct funds to library materials and programs, we encourage all patrons to use the library website: [www.chesterlibrary.org](http://www.chesterlibrary.org) to find out about programs and events.

Please take this opportunity to renew your membership for 2007.

## Beware of Bookmarks!

Prescriptions, a banana peel, a crochet hook, family photos and a tea bag: What do all of these have in common? They have all been used as bookmarks according to the public library in Macon County, North Carolina. Even the Friends of the Town of Chester Library have found (and returned) a large sum of cash in an envelope left in a book that was donated to the book sale. Always check your books before returning them.

## Summer Saturday Workshops

These workshops will be offered in conjunction with *Stitches in Time: a Celebration of Women and their Handiwork*. Unless otherwise noted, the workshops will be held from 9am-noon in the library and participants must be at least 16 years of age. Pre-registration is required. There may be a minimal materials fee. Sign up at the circulation desk from May 15th to June 15th.

**July 7** – Quilting for Kids with Barbara Wilson, Beginner's Kit \$3.

**July 14** – Beginning Quilting: Piecing a Pillow Top with Janet McDowell, Materials \$5.

**July 21** – Shirret rug-making with Louise Bartholomew, Beginners' tools: \$15

**July 28** - Applique with Kathy Tennyson, materials \$5.

**August 4** – Weaving with Carole Gregson. Materials \$5 with yarn available for purchase (all ages welcome).

**Aug 11** – Japanese bookcloth covered box with Bob Walp, materials \$8 (at Chester Creek Press Studio).

**August 18** – Victorian Clothing Demonstration and Lecture by Dodi Robinson of the Chapman Museum (all ages welcome).

**August 25** – Penny Rugs with Donna Adams, complete trivet kit \$15.

## Let's Do That Again! Wine Tasting at the Friends Lake Inn

Once again, the Friends of the Town of Chester Library will sponsor a wine tasting and silent auction at the Friends Lake Inn from 1-4 pm on Sunday, April 29th. Innkeeper John Phillips will offer ten wines from his generous wine cellar for sampling and purchase. Tasty hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be provided to complement the wine and delight the palette.

A silent auction will feature the work of many local artisans as well as gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses. Based on the delight of last year's participants, this event should prove to be a crowd pleaser.

Join the Friends for an afternoon of sampling fine wines and bidding on items at the silent auction. Your support for special events like this help the Friends continue to expand the library's collections, purchase needed materials and equipment, and to sponsor programs for the community.

Reservations may be made either at the library circulation desk or by returning the Reservation Form on the back of this newsletter with a check to the Friends of the Town of Chester Library no later than April 21st. Donations: \$25 per person.

## Library Hours

Monday (July & August)	9am-1pm
Tuesday	9am-1pm
Wednesday	9am-7pm
Thursday	1pm-6pm
Friday	9am-6pm
Saturday	9am-1pm

Up to date schedule of events and card catalog on our website at [www.chesterlibrary.org](http://www.chesterlibrary.org).

## Join the Friends for 2007!

Your membership dues and contributions make possible the purchase of needed library materials and furniture. They also allow us to sponsor programs and special activities for adults and children. To be placed on the library's e-mail list for updates on programs and special events, send your address to [library@chesterlibrary.org](mailto:library@chesterlibrary.org). Please return this form with your check made payable to:

Friends of the Town of Chester Library  
PO Box 451  
Chestertown, NY 12817

## Membership Dues:

Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **THE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT: 2007**

What is an endowment? When that question was raised at library trustee meetings in the fall of 2002, not many answers were forthcoming. Four and a half years later, the library trustees, The Friends of the Town of Chester Library, and many generous donors, know what an endowment is because they've participated in the birth of the Town of Chester Public Library Endowment. As the endowment flyer states, "An endowment is a gift forever. To preserve the future of a library, an endowment fund makes a lasting difference."

An initial gift of \$5,000 by the Friends of the Library, and contributions from over ninety others has raised more than \$10,000 in the endowment's first year. The

endowment is overseen by the library trustees and administered by Adirondack Community Trust, a respected community foundation in Lake Placid, New York.

The library welcomes endowment gifts of any amount at any time. Checks payable to The Town of Chester Public Library Endowment can be mailed or brought to the library. Because of the long-term nature of the endowment, non-monetary gifts of stock, bonds, and real estate, can also be considered. Library Director Alma Alvarez will be happy to answer questions and provide additional information.

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***Bring your laptops  
to the library. Wire-  
less internet now  
available!***

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## **Heirloom Stitches**

What family doesn't have examples of handiwork of earlier generations? Grandma's crocheted antimacassars, Aunt Lydia's embroidered table runner, or mother's rickrack trimmed apron all have a story to tell about the maker.

The Friends of the Town of Chester Library invite the community to share the history of a treasured fabric heirloom and its maker. Copies of photos of the piecework and the maker are encouraged. Forms and an example of a submission will be available at the circulation desk in the library from April 15th until June 1st. These histories will be compiled and added to the library's permanent local history collection. Honor your family member by including her/him in this project.

## **Spring/Summer Library Activities**

For an up-to-date schedule of events at the library please see our web site at [www.chesterlibrary.org](http://www.chesterlibrary.org) or call the library at 494-5384.

## **Special Thanks To:**

Joyce Greenidge for providing learning materials for November's Native American Heritage Month. Children were challenged to demonstrate their knowledge of Native American Culture and received ice cream certificates donated by Stewarts.

Loon Lake Park District for their generous donations to the Friends.

Peg Wertime, early literacy volunteer, for beginning our local Books for Babies program to help new parents begin the reading journey.

Bob Bartholomew, Lloyd Greenidge and Rich Schloss for assembling and installing new shelving for our growing collection of non-fiction books and video/CDs.

Roxanne Murray and her Liason Team: Joanne Dayton and Joyce Greenidge for working on ways in which the library can support the curriculum and programs of North Warren students as well as encourage student use of the Chester library.

Friends of Tom Stewart for generous donations of over \$1600.00 made in his memory. Tom was a true friend to many and a supporter of the library. He will be greatly missed.

May Lou Smith, Jim and Nancy Blasdel, Caroline Parks, Herta and Harvey Leidy and Dennis Wilson for their time and effort in preparing for the Winter Book Sale, and to the many other volunteers who make our book sales such a resounding success.

Innkeeper, John Phillips, of the Friends Lake Inn for his willingness to provide a wonderful venue for the Wine Tasting.

Liz McNamara, Teddi Perea, and Barb Ciota for our spirited Winter Film Festival.

## **Wine Tasting Reservation Form**

I/we wish to make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ individual(s) at \$25 per person.

I/we cannot attend, but wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the Friends' Wine Tasting Fund Raiser.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Friends of the Town of Chester Library.

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