

# Library News

The Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library  
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## Third Annual Wine Tasting at the Friends Lake Inn

On April 27th from 1 to 4pm, the Friends will sponsor our third annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auc-

tion at the Friends Lake Inn. John Phillips, Inn-keeper and host, will provide wines from around the world and a variety of tasty hors-d'oeuvres. Featured wines will be available in the Wine Shop at discounted rates.

Thanks to the generosity of Betty McCartney, a special feature at this year's event will be the Riverside Reeds performing a variety of light classical and contemporary music.

This year the Friends have pledged over \$16,000 to supplement the library's budget. Your support for this special event makes it possible for the Friends to expand the library's collections, purchase equipment and furniture, and sponsor community programs.

Join the Friends for a delightful afternoon. Make your reservations at the circulation desk in the library or return the Reservation form from this

newsletter with a check to *The Friends of the Town of Chester Library* by April 23rd. Donation: \$25 per person.

## Winter Weather vs. Winter Book Sale

Despite a greasy snowfall that made driving perilous, the book sale was successful in generating dollars that will purchase a new computer and much needed window treatment in the adult non-fiction section of the library.

"Operation Paperback", a state-wide Friend's program to get paperbacks into the hands of soldiers stationed overseas, received enthusiastic support in the way of book donations and money for postage.

## Author Series

In an attempt to boost our active membership, the Friends have sponsored several local authors at bi-monthly general meetings. David Pitkin, author of *Ghosts of the Northeast*, was a great success as our first presenter in November '06. He was followed by Bibi Wein, Barbara Dunham, Jane Robert Foster, Sue Dean, M.E. Kemp, and Paul Gibaldi. Meetings have been moved to Saturday mornings to encourage participation by those who work during the week.

## Did you know?

In 2007 the Town of Chester Library:

- Circulated 40,828 items
- Loaned 3,984 items
- Borrowed 3,744 items
- Has 1,989 cardholders
- Had 24,800 library visits
- Had 68 computer users per week
- Provided 78 adult programs
- Presented 73 children's program

## Special Thanks to Silent Auction Donors

Bagel Girls Deli  
Wells House  
Black Mountain Ski Lodge and Motel  
Rustic Charm Pottery  
Scenic Outlook Gallery  
Green Mansions Golf  
Anywhere's  
Backwoods Charm  
Murphy's Lumber  
Garnet Hill  
John Sullivan  
Carrie Joe  
Bob Walp, Chester Creek Press  
Nancy Welch  
McCluskey Hardware  
Ron & Nancy Bakemeir  
Gary Carpenter  
Red Truck Clay Works  
Main Street Ice Cream Parlor  
Barbara & Dennis Wilson  
Bob Flachbarth  
Panther Mountain Fitness

Becky's Bloomers  
The Crossroads  
Frank & Kate DeSantis  
CRS Rustics  
Sandra Iden  
MaryLou Smith  
Cate Mandigo  
Great Northern Auto and Truck Supply  
Friends Lake Inn  
Austin Image  
Janet McDowell  
The Place  
O. P. Fredericks  
Louise Bartholomew  
Hometown Deli  
Lazy River Farms  
Stagecoach Antiques  
Oscars  
Café Adirondack  
Susan's Salon  
Gail Hoffman  
Fawn Ridge Pottery  
Beth Maybie Jewelry

## Library Hours

Monday (July & August) 9am-1pm  
Tuesday 9am-1pm  
Wednesday 9am-6pm  
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 2008

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Proclamation: Friends of the Library Week

The Town Board of Chester passed a proclamation on October 8th declaring the week of October 21-27 "Friends of the Library Week". Since 1994 when the Friends were established as a non-profit fund-raising group, we have raised over \$93,000 to supplement the town's yearly allocation to the library. The Friends "put the icing on the cake", by supplementing the Town's budget allocation to the library. Fundraising through book sales and the wine tasting makes it possible for the Friends to support programs and services offered to children and adults throughout the year.

## Stitches in Time

Summer 2007 was full of activity. Weekly handcraft workshops taught by local craftspeople brought old skills to new learners. Weaving, quilting, crocheting and penny rug-making were some of the nine workshops offered to young and seasoned crafters.

The highlights of the summer were Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan in concert performing songs about hand crafts from their CD "A Stitch in Time", and the Quilt Show which featured over 70 quilts by local artisans.

## February Film Festival

The weather conspired to bring our "Music Makers" film festival to a grinding halt. Two of the five great films scheduled had to be postponed for another festival. The film committee (Barb Ciota, Teddi Perea, Liz MacNamara, and Penni Cargiola) is seriously considering changing the February Film Festival to a March Movie Night.

## Russian Visitors

On October 27th, the Friends hosted four Russian Librarians. Under the direction and leadership of Barbara Webster, they visited local libraries, museums, and the headquarters of the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) in Glens Falls to see how an American Library system functions. They left New York tired but full of ideas that they hope to implement in their small rural libraries at home. For our part, the grant that made their visit possible also generated \$1200 for the Friends.

This exchange of ideas and cultures would not have been possible without the help of our Friends who volunteered their homes, their time, and transportation. Thank you Janet and Joe McDowell, Sister Fran Gilchrist, and John and Barbara Webster for opening your homes to our guests. And thanks to Linda Taverni and Penni Cargiola for providing transportation and assistance. Refreshments at the library reception for the Russian Librarians were provided by Nancy Austin and Betty McCarty, Joyce Greenidge, and Carol Halliday. Thank you Alma Alvarez for acting as mistress of ceremonies.

## 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.

### New Programs:

- 4/24 Mad Scientist Club "Taste Buds" 3:15pm
- 5/22 Mad Scientist Club "Heat: Cotton Candy" 3:15pm
- 7/10 Magical Manipulations with Pete 3pm
- 7/17 Aunt Helen's Closet 3pm
- 7/30 Marge Buchac 7pm Wed (Adult Program)
- 8/1 Tom Seiling "Bugs and Moose Out on the Loose" music 3pm
- 8/3 Joe Biss III "Exotic Animals" 3pm

**Wireless internet now available at the library!**

## New Trustees

Congratulations to four new Library Trustees: Curt Austin, Nancy Bakemeier, Mary Tierney, and Lisa Jensen.

Each new member brings his/her own set of talents as well as enthusiasm and commitment to seeing that our library continues to prosper. They will be joining Kathleen Roberts, President; Maggie Testa, VP; Linda Zila, treasurer, Sister Fran Gilchrist, Secretary; Deb Zak; Bill Noble; and Marybeth Sclafani.

## 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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