

Library News

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Marigrace Findholt Honored

At the September meeting of the Friends of the Chester Library, Marigrace Findholt was honored with the *Mary Murphy Service Award* for her many years of service to the library. Her dear friend, and fellow library volunteer, Joyce Greenidge, spoke of the sometimes joyful, sometimes calamitous early days of setting up a library.

Marigrace and her husband Elwood were among the vanguard of local folks who petitioned the Town Board for a public library. They helped move the library from "flower shop" to "storefront" to its present location. She managed to master the task of learning the computer language that keeps a modern library running. "I always looked forward to Thursday, to seeing the variety of people—very nice people who came to the library. The library staff are the

very best people to work with." The Friends and library staff congratulate Marigrace on her much deserved recognition.



Authors' Series

In 2008, the Friends were privileged to sponsor local authors Paul Gibaldi (*Spirit of the Adirondacks – A Photographic Journey*), Rosemary Miner (*Once Upon a Time to Die For* and *Lies and Logs to Die For*), and Carol Gregson (*Leaky Boots* and *The Pottersville Complainer*), who spoke about their publications, how they approach writing, and what inspires them.

In 2009, local author Michael Virtanen (*Within a Forest Dark*) and Jan Palmer, illustrator of the well-known Raggedy Ann stories by Johnny Gruelle began the new Author's Series. On May 9th, Glenn Pearsall will speak about his book *Echoes in These Mountains*. He will talk about historic sites in Johnsbury and their stories.

Local authors are invited to speak the 2nd Saturday of January, March, May, and November. For those of you brave enough to "winter" in the Adirondacks, don't miss an opportunity to hear local authors speak about writing and publishing.

Director's Awards for Exceptional Service

Carol Cassabonne and Barbara Wilson received the Library Director's Award for exceptional service. The Award, an engraved clock in the shape of a book, was presented at the Annual Friends and Trustees potluck at MaryBeth Sclafani's.

Carol has been an active member and Friends' volunteer since the inception of the library. She has endured all the library growing pains. Until recently she has been the smiling face who greeted you at the circulation desk on Saturday mornings. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara Wilson, former Friends' chairperson, wrote and produced 2 grant projects during her 4 year term. "History Alive" (2005) won a SALS award for originality. "Stitches in Time" (2007) generated a good deal of interest in handicrafts. Hundreds of people attended the Stitches in Time Quilt Exposition. She still can be found in the library on Wednesdays.

Jensen Donation

Susan and Arnold Jensen made a generous donation of \$1500 to the Friends of the Chester Library. They have asked that a small portion (\$250) be used to purchase books about lake management. The rest of the money will probably be used for increased shelving to house our growing collection.

Susan Jensen said when asked why she and her husband made this donation, "We think it is important to support the library. We want to see it keep growing." Susan and Arnold's generosity make it possible to expand our collection and make the library more responsive to community needs.

Coleman Memorial

Friends of Sharon Coleman of Fawn Ridge Pottery recently donated \$250 to the Library in memory of their dear friend. If you would like to make a donation "In Memorium", please contact the library at 494-5384.

Library Hours

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

Join the Friends for 2009

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. 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 _____

Book Club

The Friends of the Library plan to create a "Book Club" of avid readers who enjoy discussing the books they read. A co-ordinator is needed to determine the first selection, set meeting dates, and lead the discussion. The Friends will help with publicity and the library will provide the space for the meeting. Please contact Linda Taverni (494-4558) or Carole Hart (494-7429) if you are interested in becoming a Book Club Leader.

New Friends Officers

In September 2008, a new slate of officers was elected. Linda Taverni and Carol Hart now share the chairperson seat, replacing Barbara Wilson. Penni Cargioli and Kate DeSantis will join Betty McCartney as directors.

Bob Walp - vice chair, Nancy Blasdel - treasurer, Nancy Austin - secretary were elected for another two-year term.

Our officers are pursuing new ways to expand our collection, diversify programs, & find avenues for funding.

Friends' Membership and Its Benefits

Starting with this 2009 newsletter and membership drive, your membership will entitle you to a Friends' Membership Card which can be picked up at the circulation desk of the library. Friends' Membership will entitle you and your family to a 15% discount pass to the Adirondack Museum. The pass can be checked out just like a book. This pass will be available at the circulation desk. In addition, your membership card will entitle you to a coupon worth \$3 to be used at our July 17-18 Summer Book Sale, also available at the library's circulation desk.

Please join NOW by filling out the membership form on the front of this newsletter. This is the only time to join for 2009. We have only one newsletter/membership drive and this is it.

Summer Programs

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH at 3:15 PM: "WILDLIFE REHABILITATION STARRING NOAH" the non-releasable Barred Owl with Nancy Kimball- Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH at 3 PM: TBA

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH at 3 PM: "ANIMALS AROUND THE GLOBE with Bernie Hoffman. Live animals: chinchilla, rainforest opossum, turtle doves

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 at 7 PM: "DOWSING" WITH BRUCE IRWIN

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD at 3 PM: "THE HIGH PEAKS JUGGLER"

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH at 3 PM: "MERDWIN THE MEDIOCRE" MAGICIAN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH at 3 PM: "THE MAGIC TRUNK VENTRILOQUIST" with Sylvia Fletcher

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 3 PM: "EXOTIC ANIMALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD" with Joe Biss III (live animals)

All programs are free and open to the public. Up to date program list on our website at www.chesterlibrary.org

2009 Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

After three very successful and enjoyable events, the Friends of the Chester Library look forward to sponsoring our fourth Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Thanks to the generosity of John Phillips, Innkeeper of the Friends Lake Inn, and the many local merchants and artisans who donate items for the silent auction, the Friends have been able to provide funds for new computers, book shelves, sun-blocking shades for the adult section of the library, and many new books and AV items.

Your participation and generosity help make the Chester Library the heart of our small but enthusiastic community. So join us on May 3rd, Sunday, from 1pm to 4pm for good company, wonderful auction items, and great wines from around the world. (Wines will be available for purchase at discounted rates.)

Please complete the attached form and return it to the library by April 22nd. Reservations may also be made at the library circulation desk. Make checks payable to the Friends of the Chester Library. Donation: \$25 per person.

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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