



# Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

Spring 2013

## Great Things, Made Possible by You

As a Friend, you make all sorts of great things possible at the Library: state-of-the-art e-readers, amazing children's programs, much-in-demand museum passes, confidence-building computer classes, and more. In particular, evening events are expanding wildly. Last month's "Crows" talk had a standing-room-only crowd of 135! Upcoming events now include the classic *Speaker Series* (local authors, museum docents and others), the *Met Opera Discussion Series*, and the brand new *Sausalito People Series*. Programs are free of charge and sponsored by Friends like you. See the City website for more details.

**Paolo Salvagione, artist and engineer**, works at the intersection of engineering, participation, and levity. He will discuss his works, including one in which he sent his studio visitors out one 2nd-story window and into another on a 900 lb steel wheel. (*Sausalito People Series*) Friday, 4/12, 7:30pm in the Library

**Gordie Nash, sailboat racer and rebuilder**, founder of Sausalito's Open Water Rowing Regatta, will reflect on his many years rowing, sailing, and racing on SF Bay. He also founded the Funky Boat Race in 1970 -- equal parts party, parade, and competition. (*Sausalito People Series*) Friday, 4/19, 7:30pm in the Library

**Handel's Giulio Cesare**: Host Tom Wilhite will play clips and provide a preview of Handel's Giulio Cesare in Egitto, in advance of an 4/27 HD simulcast from the Metropolitan Opera in New York to be screened at Sausalito's CineArts theater. (*Met Opera Discussion Series*) Tuesday, 4/23, 7:00pm in the Edgewater Room

**Maria Finn, author and journalist**, will read from her forthcoming novel *Sea Legs & Fish Nets*, based on her experiences working on an all-female fishing boat in Alaska. (*Sausalito People Series*) Friday, 4/26, 7:30pm in the Library

**Amy Novesky & Bethanie Murguia, children's book authors**, will discuss their work, inspirations, how they got started, and what it's like to make children's picture books for a living. (*Sausalito People Series*) Friday, 5/3, 7:30pm in the Library

**Visiting Vermeer: A Journey to the 17th Century**: Kay Payne, FAMSF head docent, will discuss the paintings of Johannes Vermeer and others from the 17th century Golden Age of Dutch painting, to complement the de Young exhibit. (*Speaker Series*) Thursday, 5/9, 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

**Big Hair & Plastic Grass: Baseball in the 1970s**: Los Angeles-based journalist and pop culture historian Dan Epstein will read from his acclaimed 2010 book. (*Speaker Series*) Friday, 5/23, 7:30pm in the Library



Left column: Paolo Salvagione, Gordie Nash, Julius Caesar, and Maria Finn. Right column: Amy Novesky, Bethanie Murguia, Girl with a Pearl Earring, and Big Hair & Plastic Grass.



### Inside:

Party pictures!

Find your favorites at the Friends bookstore.

Let your voice be heard: it's almost time to vote.

## Holiday Party Highlights

Photos by Bill Sims

'Twas a night of red sweaters, flowing wine, great conversation, and groovy music.



## Friends Officer Nominations

The Friends Nominating Committee, consisting of Libby Wilkinson, Linda Levinson, and Joanne Goldschmidt, submits the following slate of officers for 2013-14. The election will be Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm, in the Friends Bookstore (top floor of City Hall). All Friends are welcome and encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be served.

If you have not yet met our new Presidential nominee: Jim DeLano, a physician retired from practice in San Francisco, moved to Sausalito in 2002 and rapidly became a supporter of the Friends. He is the long-time coordinator of volunteers for the circulation desk, and has been an "at large" member of the Board since 2004. He sees the Friends as an essential element in the partnership in the community working to continue the excellence of the Sausalito Library.

President:  
James DeLano

First Vice President:  
John Hefler

Second Vice President:  
Myralin Whitaker

Treasurer:  
John Walsham

Secretary:  
Jeannette Sims



## Find Your Favorites at the Friends Bookstore

Myralin Whitaker

Those of us who work in the Friends' Room look at the best-seller list each week and marvel at how many are on our shelves. We've had various *Shades of Grey*, *Wolf Hall*, *Life of Pi*, *Joseph Anton*, *The Drop*, and many, many more. Our generous donors keep us well supplied.

For those of you who have favorite authors, we would like you to be aware of our extensive collections.

* Michael Connelly	* James Lee Burke
* M.C. Beaton	* Tom Clancy
* Andrea Camilleri	* Dean Koontz
* J.A. Jance	* Stephen King
* James Patterson	* Larry McMurtry
* Harlan Coben	* Dick Francis

...are just a few of the popular authors we have to keep you reading.

Our extensive travel section is another popular reading destination. We have literature for armchair travelers and guide books for those on the go.

We love to talk about and recommend books. It is a joy to find a requested book and get it into the hands of the person who is looking for that title.

The bookstore is on the top floor of City Hall. It is open Mondays 9-5, Wednesdays 10-1, and Saturdays 10-1 as well.

## The Sound (Wall) of Silence

While you were in the library these past few months, did you happen to notice a new, mysterious, GIGANTIC wall appear suddenly behind the usual circulation desk location, covering the children's alcove and staff offices? This was a temporary "sound wall," behind which major (noisy) renovations were able to take place during library hours. This wall, funded by Friends like you, allowed the library to continue regular service with minimal disruption through a thrilling renovation, providing a crucial buffer from sound and dust. Just imagine what the library would have been like with nothing but billowing plastic sheeting instead of that wonderful wall! It made a tremendous difference for both patrons and staff. Now that the sound wall has done its duty and come down to reveal the fabulous renovations, come see for yourself what your spruced-up library looks like.

## Volunteer Corner

Circulation Desk volunteer activity has been curtailed during the remodel.

Thanks to all our loyal volunteers who help out so consistently at the Circulation Desk.

When the Library is back in full swing in the new quarters, additional volunteer tasks will become available. If you are interested in helping out, please drop an e-mail to Jim DeLano at [jdelano43@comcast.net](mailto:jdelano43@comcast.net).



**You are always welcome!**

**Please join us at the next Friends General Meeting Tuesday, 5/7, 7pm in the Bookstore (City Hall top floor). The agenda will include electing your new officers. Refreshments will be served. Come! Vote! Socialize!**

## Thank You for Your Membership! Is It Time to Renew?

John Hefler

We are grateful for your membership in the Friends of the Sausalito Library. Your support – book sales, Friends' events, and donations – has enabled us to provide the Library with the funds necessary to maintain its superb services, including Sunday hours and an expanded acquisition program, in spite of California's budget crisis.

Your membership entitles you to attend the Holiday Gala and other special events for Members Only. Through the Newsletter, you will get special book sale news and advance notice of other events, such as the Speakers' Program that showcases local talent throughout the year. Your financial support for ongoing and short term library projects makes a difference. Without your support, the Library could not provide the community with all the special services it does now. Friends of the Sausalito Library is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are fully tax-deductible.

Please take a moment to check the date on this Newsletter's mailing label. The top line of the label shows your Current or Expired membership status and the effective date. If it says "Expired Membership..." or shows it is about to expire, please take a moment to clip the renewal form on this Newsletter, complete it and return it with your dues payment in the enclosed envelope.

We switched to a rolling membership renewal system starting back in January 2011. If you renewed your membership on or after January 1, 2011, the expiration date will be one year from the date on which we received your renewal. We try to check all membership transactions to prevent and catch errors, but we are not perfect. Do not hesitate to contact me at [jhefler@pacbell.net](mailto:jhefler@pacbell.net) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the cost is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

- Walter Cronkite



### YES! I want to renew my Friends of the Sausalito Library Membership

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Benefactor \$100+, Supporter \$50, Family \$25, Member \$10, Senior \$5)

Please make check payable to: "Friends of the Sausalito Library" and mail to PO Box 298, Sausalito, CA 94966

**If you prefer, you can now use your credit card at [www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org)**

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## Thank you for over 50 years of Friendship!

Founded in 1961, the Friends of the Sausalito Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that is an important source of financial support to the Sausalito Public Library, augmenting much-needed services and materials not provided by the Library's budget. The Friends is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

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