
FRIENDS OF THE SAUSALITO LIBRARY

The Nominating Committee of Friends' submits the following slate of officers for the Friends' Board 2009 – 2010

President
John Walsham
1st Vice President
John Heffler
2nd Vice President
Myralin Whitaker
Treasurer
Stephanie Leonard
Secretary
Jeannette Sims

The election will be held at the Friends' general meeting

**Friend's Book Store
Tuesday, May 5th
7:00 PM**

Refreshments will be served!

**Come!
Vote!
Socialize!**

Our Busier Library

Jim DeLano

During recent shifts as a Circulation Desk volunteer I began to sense an increase in patronage at the Library. Mary Richardson, our City Librarian, confirmed that virtually all measures have increased in recent months. Walk in attendance is up 7 percent, borrowers registered by 27 percent, reference assistance by 46 percent and circulation to children by 31 percent. Circulation of books, DVDs and books on CD are all also up. Museum pass circulation, a wonderful benefit made possible by the Friends of the Sausalito Library, is up 585 percent.

The developing economic situation certainly accounts for some of this increase. Other factors likely include the welcoming atmosphere of our library, the friendly and responsive staff, and excellent access to a wide range of up to date materials. Our collection supports those needing to find new jobs as well as those seeking inexpensive intellectual stimulation or diversion. Internet usage via dedicated library computers is up 4 percent, and most of the time there are several personal computers accessing the internet by wi-fi.

Our library is an active and vital resource - come in and "check it out!"

Completing Our Circle of Friends

John Walsham

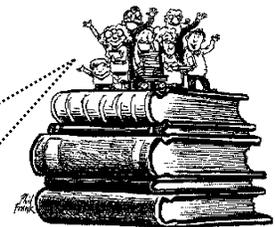
What's your line? Writers of fact and fiction, historians, cartoonists, teachers, publishers, booksellers, film critics and more have been featured speakers at the Friends' annual dinners. Masters of many lines have joined our well woven circle of Friends.

Around the table at our recent dinner we recalled some past speakers including celebrated local authors Annie Lamott, Isabelle Allende and Martin Cruz Smith. We also recalled teacher David Fleischacker, publisher Jim Robertson, journalists Jon Carroll and Carl Nolte, film critic Jan Wahl, showman Chris Hardman of Antenna Theatre, Sausalito historian Betsy Stroman, and our very own cartoonist Phil Frank.

This year Elaine Petrocelli was our dinner speaker. Elaine is the feisty and entertaining bookseller, founder and long-time owner of the Book Passage bookstores. She regaled us with stories of the early struggles of her business and of her continued no holds barred fight against the international giants of the book trade who threaten to squeeze out independent book sellers. In contrast to those huge competitors, Elaine has nurtured many local talents. Some of them like Annie Lamott and Isabelle Allende, have joined our circle by becoming speakers at Friends' dinners.

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookcase on the wall"

Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*



The 2009 Speaker Series Continues!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library

420 LITHO STREET
SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:30PM REFRESHMENTS - 7:00PM SPEAKER

Monday, May 18th

Wilford Welch
The Tactics of Hope

Wilford Welch, a Sausalito resident, has devoted the past forty-five years to understanding and taking actions to address global challenges – as a U.S. diplomat in Asia, a professor of international business, a publisher of a world affairs publication and as an international business consultant. In 2004 he co-founded the Quest for Global Healing initiative that brings thousands of people together from around the world to help transform their concerns over environmental and social challenges into concrete initiatives.

His new book, *The Tactics of Hope – How Social Entrepreneurs are Changing our World*, seeks to inspire and support individuals to become part of the solution not the problem, and profiles individuals around the world with powerful initiatives for change. To get a sense of what Wilford will talk about on May the 18th, please type into your internet browser <http://www.vimeo.com/2148720> and watch Wilford articulating his concerns and his hopes for the future.

Monday, July 13th

Mehri Dadgar
Professional artist and teacher

What is Islam? Mehri Dadgar was arrested on the streets of Tehran as a young woman for passing out pro-democracy newsletters during the Islamic regime. For this act, she was to spend 5 years in an Iranian women's political prison. Afterward, she would attend the Art School of Iran, immigrate to America, and become a U.S. citizen. In Iran, Ms. Dadgar learned to really appreciate the West through a study of its art and literature. Similarly, she hopes to promote understanding and tolerance of the Middle East and Islam through an examination of its rich artistic heritage. In her presentation she will describe the source of many misconceptions about the Islamic world including imagery prohibition in art.

Additional Library Speaker Event

Sponsored by the Sausalito Library

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6:30PM REFRESHMENTS - 7:00PM SPEAKER

Monday, April 20th

Richard Torney
Amateur Historian and Railfan

Railroads in Our Backyards - this slide show features historic photos taken along the path of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Electric Interurban Route coupled with recent photos taken in, as much as possible, the same locations. The old images date from the 1870s through the 1960s and most of the current images were taken during 2003.

It is hoped that this presentation will help those familiar with these trains remember them and will demonstrate to others the important role railroads have played in the development of Marin County and the entire Bay Area. Our home would not be what it is today without this influence. What an asset railroads could be today to lessen the congestion found in our everyday lives.

“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read.”

Mark Twain



Friends' Book Store – Follow the Books!

Libby Wilkinson

The Friends' Book Store is in business only because of the generosity of Friends and strangers. If they didn't provide the books, we wouldn't exist. Luckily, they do contribute without restraint and, of late, in substantial quantities! For the last several months we have been buried under a mountain of donations. But, we're not complaining! Far from it!

Since we cannot always shelve all of the books for sale in the Friends' Book Store, we are faced with hard decisions about how to dispose of the overflow. Over the years we have accumulated a short list of special recipients for the surplus.

- ✓ An art teacher, chronically strapped for materials, gets any damaged or redundant books that can be cannibalized for prints
- ✓ We save bits and pieces for a local artist who creates beautiful collages from foxed and yellowed paper scraps
- ✓ Our president personally takes boxes of children's books to the Bay View Mission in San Francisco
- ✓ One of our librarians has recently started delivering two boxes of books a week to the Richmond Library
- ✓ Other surplus books and dog-eared paperbacks, with the exception of true crime or romance novels, go to the prisoners in San Quentin

The remainder of the books are picked up every Monday morning by the reliable and efficient men from the Salvation Army. Inevitably, despite begging and pleading, we get our share of the dismembered and mildewed, the 1970's travel guides, and 2005 advice on real estate investments, textbooks, magazines and other un-saleable detritus. These are responsibly disposed of in the recycling bin.

Book Store Hours

Mondays 9:00am – 1:00pm • Wednesdays & Saturdays 10:00am – 1:00pm



Your Friendship is appreciated!

“Through literacy you can begin to see the universe. Through music you can reach anybody. Between the two there is you, unstoppable.”

Grace Slick

----- Detach Here -----

YES! I want to renew my Friends of the Library Membership! \$ _____ Enclosed
SENIOR \$5 MEMBER \$10 FAMILY \$25 SUPPORTER \$50 BENEFACTOR \$100+

Payable: "Friends of the Sausalito Library"
Mail to: Friends of the Sausalito Library, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA 94965

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**Please Note Expiration Date on Your Mailing Label and Renew Your Membership!
New Friends Are Always Welcome!**

Sausalito Library Special Services

MUSEUM PASSES - The Friends of the Library have sponsored a San Francisco Fine Arts Museum institutional membership for the library. This membership includes free passes which Sausalito residents are able to borrow for a day at a time. Each pass admits two adults and children 17 years of age and younger. One pass is good at the De Young, the Legion of Honor, and the Copia in Napa and the other at the Asian Art Museum. For more details call the library.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERNET TRAINING - Basic Internet training is currently offered by librarian Marisa Bowen by reservation. This one-on-one session takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Reservations can be made by calling the Library 289-4121.

TEST PROCTORING - Test proctoring is now available in the library thanks to the Friends. For a fee both residents and non-residents can have both open and closed book exams proctored. Call Peggy Gill at 289-4122 to make arrangements.

NOTARY SERVICE- Notary certification is available in the library Tuesday – Thursday 10am – 12:00pm and 2:00 – 4:30 pm. There is a \$10 fee and you must have valid photo identification.



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SAUSALITO, CA. 94965

Story Time

Please join us for exciting adventures with
Phil Sheridan and Joanna French!

Every Thursday

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. - *New Time*

Ages 3 – 7

Free

City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Litho Street

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Seuss



Sausalito Public Library

415/289-4121

www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/library

Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm

Friday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Sunday Noon – 5pm

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