FRIENDS OF THE SAUSALITO LIBRARY



It is time to say thank you for all the help I have had in my two years as president of the Friends. First, let me thank all of you members, our Friends, for your loyal support. Thank you, too, to those who volunteer in so many ways – pricing and shelving books, staffing book sales, working in the library, and transporting books hither and yon. And thank you especially to the Friends' board, the unsung group that provides the spark that lights our fire.

John Hefler, VP, Membership, has been managing our membership database for many years - no small task with a membership count approaching 400.

Every week a group led by *Myralin Whitaker, VP, Booksales,* and her sidekick, *board member Libby Wilkinson,* inventory and price mounds of donated books and find places for them on the display shelves in our sales rooms. Meanwhile, *board member Jim DeLano* smoothly recruits and manages a team of volunteers that work in the library supplementing the efforts of our professional librarians. Last year Jim's group logged some 325 hours of service.

Jeannette Sims, long-time board Secretary, efficiently and effectively records the minutes of every board meeting.

Our bookkeeping system has been totally updated by *Treasurer Stephanie Leonard*, who handles our banking and reporting chores. Stephanie is now setting up the structure for our new venture in internet book sales for the Friends.

When we host our annual dinner meetings at the Spinnaker Restaurant, *Sylvia Elsesser* has already negotiated the restaurant contract and designed and installed the books and flowers that make up the table centerpieces.

The layouts of our newsletters and event invitations are the imaginative handiwork of *Cindy Pierson, board member and creative communications coordinator.*

Anne Walbridge, our newest board member, has recently coordinated with the Library Foundation and the Board of Trustees to update our joint presence on the city Web site – click through to the Friends under "Support the Library."

And we continually lean on the expertise and historical knowledge contributed by our *librarian and board member Mary Richardson.*

The whole group pitches in to dispatch bulk mailings at our "mail bonding" sessions and, of course, we all work together to put on our signature Christmas Party and Booksales.

I have been lucky to work with such a talented, motivated and effective group.



Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Some trails are happy ones,
Others are blue.
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
Here's a happy one for you.

Dale Evans

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.

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The Nominating Committee of Friends submits the following slate of officers for the Friends' Board 2010 – 2011

<u>President</u> Anne Walbridge

1st Vice President/Membership
John Hefler

<u>2nd Vice President/Booksales</u> Myralin Whitaker

> <u>Treasurer</u> Stephanie Leonard

> > Secretary
> > Jeannette Sims

The election will be held at the Friends' general meeting

Friends' Book Store Tuesday, May 4th 7:00 PM

Refreshments will be served!

Come! Vote! Socialize!

Don't count the days, make the days count!

Muhammed Ali



Meet the nominee for President

To say that Anne Walbridge loves libraries and literature is putting it mildly. She's in three book clubs; worked in a library all through high school in the pre-barcode era; just finished working on a project with the Boston Public Library (in her old hometown) and has been a volunteer here in the Sausalito library for years. Joining the board of the Friends was the natural next step.

When she's not at the library, Anne is involved with the Sausalito community in several other ways: CERT (Community Emergency Response Training), Coastal Cleanup Day, the Floating Homes Tour, and the Parks & Recreation Department's haunted house. Working with the library though is the most fulfilling and serving on the board of the Friends is a true pleasure.

Volunteer at the Friends' Book Store!

Why not join a congenial group in a friendly work environment? No experience is necessary! Most book sales volunteers work just a few times a year. If you are interested in supporting Myralin Whitaker and Libby Wilkinson as they maintain the book store inventory, stop by any Monday or Wednesday, and Mary Lou Anderson can always use help with the Saturday book sales!

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

Your Friendship is appreciated!

Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a little music out of doors, played by someone I do not know

John Keats



Participate!

Ever wonder how the Library can provide so many wonderful programs to the public free of charge?

The Friends of the Sausalito Library sponsor different aspects of our adult and children's programs including seasonal events, summer reading, storytime, computer classes and our very popular speaker series.

Have an idea for an event or program? Please email Cindy Pierson cpprods@cinpie.com

The Sausalito Library Speaker Series

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library

420 LITHO STREET CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30PM REFRESHMENTS - 7:00PM SPEAKER

Monday, May 17th Mehri Dadgar

Mehri Dadgar, an artist, a Muslim woman and a former political prisoner of Iran, joins us again to review her art and to talk about her research of the origins of Islam and Islamic art that has influenced her work. The political climate at the time of her Speaker Series presentation in 2009 overshadowed discussion of Mehri's powerfully beautiful and poignant visions.

These drawings bear witness to the historical violence against humanity committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran that occurred within the political prisons. Within these pictures she has documented images drawn from her memory. She particularly uses abstract shapes, calligraphy, geometric design, the repetition of organic forms, and the inclusion of figurative miniatures within her colorful paintings.

Monday, July 19th Peggy Gordon

Peggy Gordon, Docent - Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, will talk about the Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces from the Musee d'Orsay to coincide with the de Young Museum exhibit May 22 – Sept 6, 2010.

Get Ready For The 2011 Speaker Series!

The Sausalito Library Speaker Series is a bi-monthly program sponsored and hosted by the Friends of the Sausalito Library featuring local authors, topical speakers, and museum docents. If you are interested in sharing your current/recent publication, or introducing a contemporary/newsworthy public program relevant to the Sausalito community, or if you have an appropriate speaker recommendation, submission instructions and a downloadable application will be available mid-August 2010 on the Sausalito Library web site at www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/library/
Follow the link in the menu on the left side of the page to "Sausalito Library Speaker Series"

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Have you happened to visit the library website lately? If so, you may have noticed a few changes that should make it simpler to navigate, while providing you with more information. The website is at www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/library/ or if that URL isn't quite catchy enough, just Google "Sausalito Library" and click on the first result.

Once you're there, clicking "Support the Library" (it's over on the left) will bring you to a new page that makes it easier to understand the complementary roles played by the Friends, the Library Foundation, and the Board of Trustees. It also mentions how you could become more involved in these organizations if you're so inclined.

Clicking through that page, you'll reach the spiffed-up "Friends" area – sporting Phil Frank's wonderful artwork – which now elaborates on what the Friends do for the library thanks to your generous support. Within this section, you can find out more about membership, volunteering, the book sale, children's programs, computer classes, and the speaker series. You can also read copies of past newsletters and see who is serving on the board these days.

One of the beauties of the website is that it is an ever-evolving animal. Other areas of the library's website are currently undergoing revamping as well, and ideas under discussion for the future include: adding the minutes from the Friends board meetings; organizing the abundance of links on the topmost library page; incorporating Tapestry as a way to accommodate online donations and membership renewals; and perhaps even designing a jazzy new template for the library pages. Of course the website is here to serve you, so if you have any suggestions or comments, please *email AnneWalbridge@yahoo.com*

At The Library This Summer

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library

Children of All Ages!

4:00 - 5:00 pm (unless noted)

Free

City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Litho Street (unless noted)

<u>July 1</u> – Wildlife Associates (live animals) 3:00 -4:00 Outside next to Edgewater Room

July 8 – Shadow Puppet Show

July 15 - Magician

July 22 - Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show (live bees)

July 29 - Daffy Dave the Clown

Ongoing Programs At The Library

Story Time

Every Thursday • 3:30 - 4:00pm • Free • Children 3 - 7 City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Litho Street

Stories range from favorite classics to the newest in children's literature

Toddler Time

Every Wednesday • 11:45am – 12:15pm • Free • Children O - 3 MLK Gym, 610 Coloma Street

Stories, rhymes and songs introduce the littlest ones to the joy of storytelling and foster a love of books



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