



# Friends of the Sausalito Public Library

Spring 2014

## Recent Friends Projects

City Librarian Abbot Chambers proposed two enhancements to aid the Library in cultural offerings. He requested a large screen, to be installed above the glass wall of the Children's section, and a mounting system to allow art to be hung in the Library in the panels between the windows. The Friends Board voted to support both projects, and they have been installed. You can see pictures of both in action here.

## Friends of the Sausalito Public Library and the Sausalito Library Foundation

What is the difference?

The two organizations, the Friends and the Foundation, support the Sausalito Public Library. They are both organized under Section 501 (C) 3 of the IRS Code, and all donations to either organization are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

While both have the mission of supporting the Library, they are complementary in function and differ in operation. The Friends' mission includes support of the cultural activities of the Library, books and entertainment for the children of Sausalito, as well as encouraging contributions of rare books and other materials. The primary source of funds for the Friends is the Bookstore, on the second floor of City Hall, open Monday 9 to 5, and Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 1. Donated books are sorted, priced, and made available to sell in clearly marked sections of interest. The Bookstore accepts donations, and so helps Sausalito residents avoid clutter in home bookshelves. The Friends, organized more than 60 years ago, is a membership organization and has at least two social events each year.

The Sausalito Library Foundation, created in 2006 in response to a very generous bequest from a resident, is dedicated to ensuring the sustained excellence of the Sausalito Public Library over the next 100 years by securing and administering a permanent revenue source, beyond public monies, to support major strategic projects like the recent remodel of the Library. The Foundation has no membership but is governed by a Board with an appointed panel of advisors. Its funds come from donations and investment gains.

What about the Library Trustees? That is a topic for another newsletter.

Jim DeLano, President



*Above: the new artwork mounting system  
Below: the new projection screen deployed*



### **Inside:**

**Parties past and upcoming  
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## Holiday Party Highlights

You've heard of red letter days? This, my Friends, was a red sweater night! It was wonderful to see so many of you there.



## The Spring Party

Our Spring event this year will be held in the Library the evening of Saturday, April 26. For \$50 per person, to cover basic costs and a modest contribution to the Friends, come to enjoy a selection of special hors d'oeuvres by Laurel of Laurel's Catering, complimentary wine and liquid refreshment, a presentation by a local author and book group leader, classical music by the Nob Hill Ensembles string trio, and a chance to visit with other Friends. Look for your invitation.



**Join us at the next Friends General Meeting!**

**It's Tuesday, 5/6, 7pm in the Bookstore (City Hall top floor).  
The agenda will include electing your new officers.  
Refreshments will be served. Come! Vote! Socialize!**

## Upcoming Events

**Speaker Series: An Evening with Deborah Grabien,  
Author of the JP Kinkaid Chronicles**

Monday, April 21, 7pm in the Council Chambers

**Met Opera Discussion Group: Così Fan Tutte by Mozart**

Tuesday, April 22, 7pm in the Edgewater Room

**Museum Docent Series: Action and Reaction:  
The Avant-Garde at the Turn of the 20th Century**

Tuesday, May 6, 2pm in the Council Chambers

**Met Opera Discussion Group: La Cenerentola by Rossini**

Tuesday, May 6, 7pm at the Sausalito Woman's Club

**Speaker Series: Stars & Strikes: Baseball and America in  
the Bicentennial Summer of '76 by Dan Epstein**

Thursday, May 8, 7pm in the Council Chambers

## Friends Win Art Festival Grant

The Sausalito Art Festival has given the Friends of the Library a \$2,496 grant. These funds will be used to purchase 312 admission tickets to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (The De Young Museum and the Palace of the Legion of Honor.) Sausalito residents are eligible for the tickets, and each individual may have two tickets each year. Our thanks to Board Secretary Jeannette Sims for completing the application in a timely and obviously effective manner.

## Friends Officer Nominations

The Friends Nominating Committee, consisting of Libby Wilkinson, Sylvia Elssesser, and Joanne Nedelco, submits the following slate of officers for 2014-15. The election will be Tuesday, May 6th 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 Presidential incumbent: 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, has been an "at large" member of the Board from 2004-13, and became the Friends President in 2013. 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:*  
*Jean Buckingham*



*Treasurer:*  
*John Walsham*



*Secretary:*  
*Jeannette Sims*



## **Game Night at the Library:**

**Monopoly, Chess, Checkers,  
Balderdash, Jenga, Backgammon,  
Scrabble, and more!**

**Classic board games for adults,  
every Wednesday except holidays  
in the Library Reading Room  
6-8:45pm**

## Bookstore Sales

As any visitor to the Friends Bookstore knows, the prices there are extraordinarily reasonable. Fine art comes go for a small fraction of original cost. Paperback books are in the \$2 range. How does that compare to your cable bill? (Only the Library undersells the Bookstore.)

But, even these low regular prices melt away during the occasional half price sale. These events are unpredictable as they are determined in large part by inventory concerns and allow the discriminating shopper extraordinary value. Drop by the Bookstore during regular hours (Monday 9 to 5, and Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 1) and ask to be put on the notification list. You will get the message when the next sale comes up. Happy hunting.

## 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.

**You can now renew your membership online:**

**Go to [www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheSausalitoLibrary.org) and click the "Donate" button**



### **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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