

Newsletter

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The Pres Says

Since our last newsletter a few things have come to my attention. One of them is the on-going issue among all non-profit organizations of recruiting volunteers to help with their continual activities. For reasons that are not clear, this is particularly true of men. At the library, especially with our very successful Never Ending Book Sale and the larger Book Sales, which involve moving significant numbers of relatively heavy boxes and stacking them, masculine muscle power becomes a desirable resource. I feel that it is unfair and in some cases dangerous for women to be doing such things, although I have not seen them avoid it. Thus, if there are men who have some time it would be a great help if they would come forward to help not only in such capacities. They would also be a significant contribution to other activities where they would balance the views and opinions at our regular and annual meetings, which seem to me to have a majority of women.



A second thing has been the extensive use of the electric cart near the entrance. This has been used by many patrons who find walking through the library difficult especially when they are carrying books and other items. The cart, which was previously used by a patron and was donated when we opened the new library, has received considerable attention and comments from people from other locations and libraries. Characteristic is "What a great idea, why has my library ever thought of this!" Recently the cart has been suffering from "old age" and despite repair efforts, is now in need of replacement. Thus, the Friends and Foundation have committed funds to buy a new one to help those enjoy their trip around the library more.

J. Merle Logan, President

From the Director's Chair Visiting Author, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Happy Spring! We would like to invite you to take part in the 2009 Title Wave/Oregon Reads celebration of Oregon's 150-year anniversary. Our presentation will be one of the last events of the roster of speakers. It will feature Linda Tamura and take place on April 24, 2009 at 7 pm in the Sprague Community Room. Linda Tamura author of the "Hood River Issei" will speak about young Americans who served their country in the US army while their parents were incarcerated in wartime detention camps. Reading lists will be available at the library. The Title Wave program is in its third year and is underwritten by the Library Service District and Friends/Foundations of the county libraries. The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation has generously contributed to this event. 'Hope to see you there.



Deirdre Krumper

Who's Who at Bandon Library

Familiar faces are one of the joys and reasons for selecting a small town to spend your days. When one of the people we've known is no longer there to smile, to ask us how things are going or to agree with our pronouncements about the disagreeable weather, we miss them and are saddened.

Janet Ryall has been at Bandon Library and part of our lives for eighteen years. She has known our favorite books, listened to our stories of unwelcome houseguests, demanding teachers, recipes-gone-wrong, health issues and countless other trials and tribulations of everyday life.



She has remembered our requests and helped us with a thousand efforts to find the things we like to read. She has been a friend! So, now that Janet is retiring, we want her to know there will be an empty place where she has stood.

Thank you, Janet, for all your kindness! We respect your desire to quietly depart with no hoopla or protracted farewells, but we want you to know, we wish you well and thank for your many years of service. Come back to see us. Enjoy your retirement.

*When you part with your friend, grieve not;
for that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence,
As the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain. Kahlil Gibran*

May 25 Annual Meeting

Want to know what Bandon Library Friends and Foundation has done this past year and what might be planned for 2009? Join us for our Annual Meeting and election of officers in the Sprague Community Room on Tuesday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. All interested persons are invited to attend and all members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Coffee and treats will be served. Your participation is welcome. Do come!

History

BLFF Historian, Beth Ridenaur, has asked that if you have photos of BLFF events, or other clippings or articles you would care to share, she would like to include them in the new history books she is preparing. Submissions may be left in an envelope with Beth's name in the Friends' basket at the Library.

Joan Thisby has recently joined the Bandon Library staff. She brings with her many, hours of dedicated volunteer experience. She has a sense of humor and goodness knows one is needed when climbing the mountains of work Library patrons bring the staff on an ever increasing basis. Welcome Joan!

Celia Piehl Young Poets' Awards

Congratulations to the Bandon area students who were recognized for their poetic skills at BLFF's annual Celia Piehl Young Poets' Awards! Wells Champneys, of Port Orford and Zita Ingham, of Bandon, judged the entries and selected six winning poems which were announced on April 13 in a gathering of Friends and family in the Sprague Community room at the Library.

First prize went to Shane Wheeler, Harbor Lights Middle School, for his poem, *That Redwood*. Brianna Whitney, also HLMS, won second and Christopher McReynolds of Bandon High School won third.

Honorable mention went to Madison Canne and Conner Jackson of BHS and to Claire Ledig, HLMS.

The winning poems are posted at the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation website at www.bandonlff.org or are available to read at the library.



Monday Nights at the Library

BLFF **Classic Film Night** is the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sprague Community Room. Admission is free.

- May 11, *The Big Sleep*, with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall - 1946
- June 8, *Indiscreet*, a witty romance with Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant – 1958
- July 13, *River of No Return*, starring Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Monroe – 1954

If you were not on hand for our March **Travel Night** and digital trip to the Galapagos, you missed seeing the blue footed Boobie, and magnificent hot house roses grown in the region. Bart Stein's presentation was fun and informative, a trip to be remembered. Thanks, Bart.

**The Summer Book Sale is scheduled for July 16, 17 and 18.
Mark your calendar!**

Spring Cleaning/ Book Donations

Many Sweetheart Book Sale customers asked us where the books for our sales come from and of course, we told them they come from you, but not everybody knows that, so here are the facts.

Those Friends of Bandon Library (members or non-members) who wish to donate books, CD's, Videos or DVD's may bring them to the Library circulation desk. There, the Staff accepts donations and later examines them for possible additions to the permanent collection. Then, remaining items are sorted by BLFF volunteers and sold inside the library at the "Never-ending Book Sale", or stored until the next big book sale.

All proceeds go to benefit the Library, i.e., cultural events, additions to the collections and new equipment, such as book cases, cabinets, computers, etc.

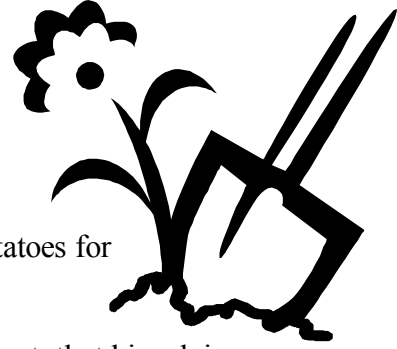
If you are spring cleaning and would like to make more space at home, your donations will go to good use. Books must be clean and in saleable condition. We are sorry we cannot accept Silhouette romance novels, (We think they reproduce when the closet doors are closed.) and old encyclopedias and textbooks. These volumes are apparently deemed too dated, as they rarely sell.



Thank you for being a Friend!

Garden Book Review

All winter long I've been reading, re-reading and flipping through my new, favorite book on vegetable gardening, *Gardening When It Counts, Growing Food in Hard Times*, by Steve Solomon. It's a great how-to book for new gardeners and experienced gardeners alike. I'm going to try asparagus and potatoes for the first time this year, with the help of this very handy guide.



I like the fact that the author knows our climate so well. I can trust that his advice will work here in Bandon. As the founder of Territorial Seeds (way back when), Steve Solomon lived and gardened in the Willamette Valley. He currently lives in Tasmania, which apparently has a similar climate to the Maritime Northwest.

Steve Solomon has written other gardening books, such as the Northwest classic, *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades*. His newest book, *Gardening When It Counts, Growing Food in Hard Times*, has a focus on growing your own food with limited resources, such as money, water and fertilizers. It's good information to have, in good times and in bad (or hard). Check out his books from the library and visit his website sometime at <http://www.soilandhealth.org/05steve'sfolder/05aboutmeindex.html>

Kim Flannagan

Editor's note / Jeni Foster Was Here

The Sprague Community Room was full for Jeni Foster, February's Chautauqua speaker from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Her topic, *Birdsong: Birds as Metaphor in American Folk Music*, included songs about the raven, eagle, waxwing, wood thrush and one this editor particularly liked, about a canary in a coal mine.

Those who attended will tell you this presentation was exceptional as was the steady, clear and melodic, voice of its presenter. It brought to mind another bird metaphor and another Jenny, often called the "Swedish nightingale".

Because of changes in policy and funding, the emphasis for the Chautauqua program is currently in flux. If you were one of the people who enjoyed Jeni's performance, as we did, please take a moment to express your appreciation at www.bandonlff.org, or leave a note in the Friends' Basket at the Library. It will be forwarded to the Oregon Council. We'll keep you posted and hope for the best.

Lisa Wampole Children's Room

In January, participants in the Library's Jr. Great Books Program submitted entries to the Oregon State Poetry Association Student Contest.

First, second and third place will be awarded in each of four divisions. Also awarded will be seven honorable mentions in each division. All forty winners will receive cash prizes and certificates, and all forty winning poems will be published in "Cascadia: The Oregon Student Poetry Contest Anthology".

The top ten poems (three winners and all honorable mentions) in Division III (grades 6-8) and Division IV (grades 9 – 12) will be entered into the 2009 Manningham Trust Student Contest.

Good luck to all our entrants! Thank you to Geneva Miller for organizing all the budding poets.

Julie Tipton

Is There a New Puppy at Your House?

Spring is not just the time for birthing of calves, lambs, and chickens. Puppies are born this time of year too.

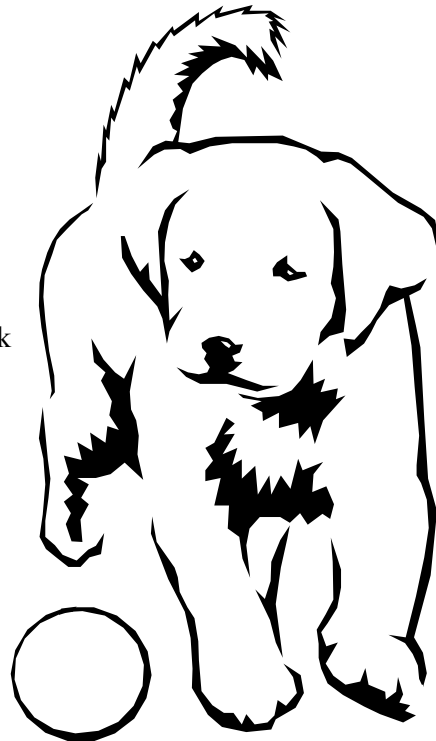
Sometimes, a person just can't resist those precious little faces, those warm bodies and wet kisses. So, there you are with a new canine member of your household and lots of work to do in helping your new friend to understand how he/she is going to fit in and what the rules are.

Where to begin? Service dog trainer and Dog Style Boutique owner, RoxAnn Kight, says there are good books that may assist you. Her favorites are: *Before and After Getting Your Puppy*, by Ian Dunbar ("or any of his books") and *Clicker Training for Dogs*, by Karen Pryor. Don't forget to check DVDs and videos for additional aid with your dog and people training endeavors. You'll find them all at www.cooslibraries.com.

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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet, "Meditations Divine and Moral," 1655 American poet (1612 – 1655)





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