



Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

Newsletter

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The Pres Says

Chautauqua July 28. After many years, it is my pleasure, once again, to welcome an Oregon Chautauqua Presentation from the Oregon Council for the Humanities to Bandon. This free, public program will take place on Monday, July 28 at 7:00 pm in The Sprague Community Room at the Library. It is entitled "Place and History: In Search of the Pacific Northwest."



Oregon State University professor emeritus William Robbins will discuss what our regional identities mean, and how geography and history can help elucidate our relationships with the land. Broadly, distinct regions once characterized America: New England, the deep South, the Midwest. Do these designations still have meaning? Is the homogenizing influence of a global economy eroding our sense of place and local culture? What do we mean when we identify the place we live as the Pacific Northwest?

Robbins suggests that the interplay of many forces helps to define our understanding of place. In this multidisciplinary program, he discusses the complex relationships between geography and history — the configurations of landscapes, topographical features, and climactic conditions. Robbins shows how cultural regions are intertwined with regional geographies (the interior Northwest or the coastal environment), as are other regional topologies, such political and administrative regions (the Bureau of Mines or the Mt. Hood National Forest). He concludes with a discussion of the literature of place, a critical element to regional understanding.

We hope that this will be the first of three presentations on a range of subjects this year and that you will come and enjoy them all.

Merle Logan

From the Director's Chair

This has been a year for stocktaking and continued growth. Events for the coming year include weeding the nonfiction collection and investigating a security system. We are also interested in furthering our partnerships with the larger community. As this goes to press, we are targeted to exceed 150,000 in our total checkouts. Ten years ago, our circulation was 84,593. So, if we seem a bit busier, that's why. Thank you all for your efforts and dedication in making our new building possible.



We now have a web presence for the library. Go to the cooslibraries.org website and click on the Bandon link under "libraries" in the top left corner. Our site is under development, but has a few links and a distinctively Bandon feel. Hope you enjoy it.

Deirdre Krumper

Who's Who at Bandon Library

Three years ago Carlos and Marta Olvera came to Bandon from Oak Hill, California with their high school aged son. Among other things, they liked Bandon's peaceful, smalltown atmosphere, greenery, clean air, and ocean beaches. Marta particularly loves the mild temperatures compared to the heat in her native town of Guatemala City.

Carlos, who finds libraries useful for a vast range of practical information, made a beeline for Bandon Library when they arrived. He and Marta made new friends and discovered there was a need for enthusiastic volunteers. Since then, they have been helping the staff with the hanging of blinds, assembling cabinets, shelving books and repairing magazines to name just a few of the useful things they do.



In her spare time, Marta loves to cook old fashioned favorites from home, including beans in a clay pot (yum) and tortillas and it's not unusual to find her cookies in the staff room at the library. She enjoys walking their dog on the beach when she isn't helping with the EAT program at Face Rock Golf Course. Her winning smile and warm heart affirm the idea of "love at first sight," as evidence, her devoted husband and companion who wasted no time to make friends when he met her. You'll like them both, so be sure to say "hello" when you see them at the library.

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

Warren Buffet



Summer Book Sale – July 17, 18 and 19

B.L.F.F. welcomes you once again to a Summer Book Sale, well worth attending. As much as the proceeds (resulting from the continued generosity of our donors) and the hard work of volunteers are appreciated, we look forward to what has become one of Bandon's most popular social events!

At each sale, we continue to renew friendships with our Bandon neighbors, as well as with book lovers from around the state and nation. It's difficult to know whether current fuel prices will impact attendance, but you can be sure the Friends are gearing up to serve you July 17, 18 and 19.

Monday Nights at the Library/ Travel and Film

Another Travel Night was held in the Sprague Community Room on June 23. Due to popular demand, travel expert, Dick Calvert, did a "double feature", the first of which was a segment on horseback riding in Ireland, Wales, Mexico and Argentina. The second feature took travel enthusiasts to the Greek Islands.

The Monday prior, film aficionados enjoyed a showing of *Royal Wedding*. Attendance was excellent both nights. After the **Chautauqua presentation on July 28** more Travel adventures will be scheduled. Watch for notices in the Western World and the Coffee Break.

July 14 - B.L.F.F. Classic Film Night, *The African Queen*

Aug 11 - *The Letter*, with Betty Davis, both films at 7:00 p.m., Sprague Community Room.

Art Beat



Immediately after the last Newsletter went out, we received an email alerting us to the fact that the Jack Champaign painting of Face Rock was not a gift from the people mentioned as donors in "Art Beat", though their history of generosity would make it seem so. In fact, we are not sure who the donor was. If you know, we would be happy to hear from you. We apologize for the error.

Another painting in the library, the one that hangs outside Deirdre Krumper's office, was a gift from the artist himself, Kent Holloway. Kent was well known for his Bandon land and seascapes. He loved Bandon and would be happy to know his work occupies a place of honor and is appreciated by so many.

Just for you...

Horty Joyce has submitted a poem she found in Ann Landers' column in THE WORLD, Coos Bay some years ago. We liked it too, but suggest boys and girls love hearing either parent read.



THE READING MOTHER

By Strickland W. Gillilan

*I had a mother who read to me,
Sagas of Pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath.*

*I had a mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days.
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.*

*I had a mother who read me things
That wholesome life to the boy heart brings –
Stories that stir with an upward touch,
Oh, that each mother of boys were such!*

*You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of Jewels and coffers of gold,
Richer than I you never can be.
I had a mother who read to me.*

"We are quite alone and the sea is as smooth as glass. Suppose we take off our shoes and stockings and paddle. Yes, yes! The very thing!"

The Major General's wards, *Pirates of Penzance*
By W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan - 1880





Summer Reading

We asked Friend of Bandon Library and Two Loons proprietor, Linda Davidson, to recommend some summer reading and she replied with the following:

To me summertime reading is a time for revisiting old friends, books I've read before but which are worth getting into again.

Nothing too heavy; as much as I love Toni Morrison and Margaret Atwood, this is not the time of year I can concentrate on their multiple-layer themes or even fully appreciate their beautiful use of language. That's for the time when the sun sets around 4:00 p.m., and I'm tucked under my blanket.

One of my favorite old friends is Inspector Morse of the series by Colin Dexter. About halfway through I remember "whodunit," but that is not the whole of the story. I enjoy the interplay between Morse and the faithful Sgt Lewis; Morse's equal fascination with crossword puzzles and porn; and, finally, how he figures it all out.

Because I love reading about the power of women living together in unlikely groups, I visit again with *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Susan Monk Kidd. I admit that the first time I read this book I nearly didn't get past the first couple chapters. Oh no, not another book about a mistreated child. But it is so much more than that. Each time I read it, I discover more about each woman in the group. Hm, women in real life are like that too.

Finally, for this writing at least, how can anyone not read Jane Austen, over and over? I have my favorites, as everyone does, but any one of her few masterpieces will do. Summer is the time for fun and romance, and Jane Austen understands both.

Linda Davidson

Computer Classes Continue

Bandon Library continues to sponsor computer classes in cooperation with B.L.F.F. and CyberLynx. In addition to the classes at the library, classes are offered at Heritage Place where a classroom of 5 desktop computers is now set up. Hands-on classes and labs are scheduled there.



The summer schedule will include 2-hour labs at the Heritage Place classroom on Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. On two Wednesdays of each month, classes will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Heritage Place and at 2:00 p.m. at the Library. Both sites have WiFi so you can bring your own wireless laptop. The schedule of classes is on the website at www.bandonlff.org

Welcome new Friends

Increasing activities related to B.L.F.F. efforts require many hearts and hands. If you would care to assist, please leave a message in the Friend's basket at the Library. Your participation is most welcome!

Membership tidbit: 86 new members have joined B.L.F.F. since July 1, 2007. There are 333 active members as of July 1, 2008. Nearly half are lifetime members.



The Newsletter is mailed to over 400 current and past members. It is also a renewal reminder since the mailing label includes your membership renewal date. (Upper right on the mailing label). B.L.F.F. relies on the income of renewals to fund annual activities and acquisitions. If you wish, you can mail the Newsletter membership renewal form, with your check, or you can drop by the library and pick up a form at the circulation desk. The staff will be happy to help and will accept your membership fee.

You may also join B.L.F.F. or renew your membership when you attend the Summer Book Sale. Come to the "Members Only" session 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. or general admission time at 5:00 to 7:00, the first day on the 17th. Horty

Joyce, B.L.F.F. Membership Chair, will be there to assist you with your membership needs.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Patricia Armstrong's gifts of books and most recently, a hand made autumn quilt, is just a small part of the devotion she has shown for the Library and the community over the years. She tells us she is out walking again on her new, bionic hip. Wave if you see her, and enjoy that wonderful smile.

B.L.F.F. has decided the best way to appreciate Patricia's gift is to raffle it at the upcoming book sale during Cranberry Festival, and at our Holiday Sale with a drawing to be held at the conclusion of the Holiday sale. Raffle tickets will be offered at one dollar each or eight for five dollars. The quilt will be on view at the sale.

Can you guess the number of volunteer hours logged at Bandon Library since our last Newsletter? Without this dedication, the current level of service could not be provided.
Thank you Volunteers!

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Are you a member of the Friends and Foundation? Your interest and enthusiasm are welcome!

Please begin/renew my affiliation with the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation.
Annual Dues, \$ 5 per person. Lifetime dues, \$50 per person, or \$75 per couple.

Checks should be made payable to: B.L.F.F. (Bandon Library Friends and Foundation)
Send to: P.O. Box 128, Band on, OR 97411, or leave the completed form and check in
the Friends basket at the Library.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

New Member? ____ **Renewal?** ____ **Card given to patron?** Yes No

Amount received: _____

Please check if you would like to participate in the following: Help set up for book
sales ____ Bake for book sale bake sale ____ Assist during the book sale ____
Assist during clean up, after the book sale ____

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation invites you to a

Summer Book Sale!

**Thursday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Members Day
(Memberships may be purchased at the door.)**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., All welcome

Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., All welcome

Saturday is Bargain Day, (Fill a grocery bag for \$2.00.)

Sprague Community Room, Bandon Public Library