

Newsletter
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Friends of the Fallbrook Library

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January 16

*"Soft" Library OPENING
The Bottom Shelf OPENS*

January 17

*MLK birthday closure
Bottom Shelf is OPEN*

January 18

Library is OPEN

January 22

*Grand Opening
Celebration*

March 18

*Music Series 1st Event 7pm
Free to all, Open Seating
LOONIE'S FORTUNE-
Traditional Irish Music*

April 5

*Community Read Luncheon
At Pala Mesa Resort
Guest of Honor: Jane Smiley*

April 21

*FOFL Annual Meeting in
Library Community Room*

April 21

*Music Series Continues 7pm
Peter Sprague
Classical Guitar*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The dream is here! Within two weeks our fabulous new library will be open.

The Library & the Bottom Shelf will both be opening Jan. 16. The Library will be closed on Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King's birthday. But the Bottom Shelf will remain open. The Library will be open again on Jan. 18.

Our Grand Opening will be on Jan. 22 and is going to be a great party. Our Librarians, working with the County Staff, are planning a day long Celebration with activities for everyone.

The Fine Arts Committee has been working very hard to have the first Exhibit hung when the Library opens. We are sure you will find it exciting.

The plans for our Annual Community Read are in place. We are thrilled to have Jane Smiley, a Pulitzer Prize winner as our guest of honor.

The Friends of the Fallbrook Library Annual Meeting will not be part of The Community Read Luncheon this year. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Library on Thursday, April 21. More on this in our March Newsletter.

All the many, many pieces which make a great library are coming together. We think you will be proud of our fabulous new building. Our center for The Arts, Culture and Community is ready. Use it, enjoy it and be proud of your part in its creation.

Marlo Miller

VISITING FINE ART

By Janice Phoenix

At the 2009 Community Read Luncheon, I was asked by Jerri Patchett to write the Art Acquisition Guidelines for the visiting art at the new Library. I agreed. Jerri's guidelines: "Make it fine art: something we will all be proud of." Well, somehow writing those guidelines expanded into getting the whole program off the ground. The visiting art will be shown in the community room and the art viewing hallway and will change every 6-7 weeks. Of course, the Opening Gala (sold out, not open to the public) is January 15th. I am writing this on Jan. 2nd and we're not sure if we'll be able to get into the

library until Jan. 7th (or later).

My art assistant hasn't been fully reviewed & approved by the County yet (so she hasn't started), we're not sure where art will be kept temporarily between shows (my living room?). I think the County didn't put in our adjustable lights. I haven't heard back yet from all the artists for the first show. I have 140 three-piece art hanging cables to put together, and, well, you get the idea !

But, I am sure we'll get it all together for the Opening Gala, and when we do, I'd like to thank the following people:

The Fine Art Committee: Mary Perhacs, Executive Director of the Fallbrook Art Center, Karen Langer Baker, President of the Fallbrook Art Association, Cici Rincon, Fallbrook Library Branch Manager; & Ruth Ketchum, SD County Librarian (& her predecessor, Wynne Weiss). Our group, with guidance from Marlo Miller & Jerri Patchett, developed the guidelines & administrative protocol for the visiting fine art program (needed FOFL Board & County approval); came up with the concept of Art Assistant to help with the coordination of the shows & the hanging of the art; pushed for a new FOFL website to enable artists to submit art online so we can archive it for our review; & developed the idea of the Art Selection Committee.

The FOFL Board for approving the Art Assistant position & the new FOFL website; & Shannon Jaeger for accepting our offer to be Website Coordinator.

Robert Sommers, owner of Blue Heron Gallery, for helping me interview the top Art Assistant candidates.

The Art Selection Committee: Mary Perhacs; Robert Sommers; Colleen Aichle, gallery owner; Ceci Rincon; & Ruth Ketchum. Our group developed the concepts for the first six or so shows; fine tuned some administrative & website issues (more to go!), & selected the photographs for our first show: "My Fallbrook." Several people in our local art community have helped me get the word out on our Art Assistant position & our first "Call for Artists" including Mary Perhacs, Karen Langer Baker, & Marlene Rantanen, President of the Fallbrook Center for the Arts Group. Our next "Call for Artists" will be a watercolor show & I will be looking for more help, at least until I develop our own database for artists.

Ron Miller for making sure that the physical details got done such as the installation of the art hanging system & purchasing a ladder for our use.

***As they say,
"It takes a
village..."***

***So, as you admire
the visiting art at
our new library,
please take a
moment to thank
these individuals
when you see
them.***

BOOK TALK, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2:00pm, at the Library

By Judy Dorrenbacher

PRIVATE LIFE, Jane Smiley's latest book, will be the subject of our discussion. This novel's rich cast of characters, the vivid description of major historical events and the evolving social landscape provide

ample material for a lively and educational discussion.

No reservations needed – just drop in and have a fun afternoon.



FALLBROOK'S WRITERS READ

By Kit-Bacon Gressitt

Fallbrook's new county library is opening Jan 22, but the innovative project is already attracting booklovers – and writers. Six award-winning authors will celebrate in the days leading up to the grand opening with a series of presentations called AUTHORS SPEAK ! A FALLBROOK LIBRARY CELEBRATION. The public is invited to the free series, which runs from January 9-14 in the Café des Artistes at Fallbrook Art Center. A collaboration between the FOFL and Fallbrook's Writers Read, AUTHORS SPEAK! Features authors with roots of one sort or another in the local area. They will talk about writing, take questions from the audience, and read from their books, which will be available for purchase and signing.

Kicking off the series, bestselling crime novelist, T. Jefferson Parker will read Sunday, January 9 at 6pm. A Fallbrook resident, Parker has used Fallbrook & San Diego County settings in several of his 18 books, two of which have won the Edgar Award for Best Novel. The newest in his popular Charlie Hood series, THE BORDER LORDS, will be released the week of the author series.

Parker will be followed by Laura McNeal on Monday, Jan. 10, 7pm. McNeal is an award-winning author of young adult fiction and a National Book Award finalist for her most recent novel, Dark Water, a haunting coming-of-age story set in Fallbrook during the 2007 wildfires.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7pm., award-winning journalist & San Diego based author Sue Diez will speak about her book, MINEFIELDS OF THE HEART; A MOTHER'S STORIES OF A SON AT WAR, a collection of tender & sorrowful tales of Diaz' son's two deployments to the Iraq War & their effect on him & his family.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7pm, Debra Ginsberg, novelist & memoirist, & her son Blaze Ginsberg, also a memoirist, will talk about their writing & autism activism. Debra's new novel, THE NEIGHBORS ARE WATCHING, is set in the 2007 wildfires. Blaze will read from his memoir, EPISODES: MY LIFE AS I SEE IT.

Thursday, Jan. 13 is a luncheon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fallbrook, featuring a presentation by bestselling novelist , Ann Patchett, whose family lives in Fallbrook. At the Grand Tradition, lunch is \$20, advanced reservations required. Contact Doug Clements 760-728-8577 or chertiq@yahoo.com .

Pulitzer Prize & National Bok Critics Circle Award-winning poet Rae Armantrout, a writing professor at University of California, San Diego, will conclude the AUTHORS SPEAK1 series on Friday, Jan. 14, 7pm at the Café des Artistes. She will read from her 2010 winning collection VERSED & her newly released collection MONEY SHOT, which was selected as Publisher Weekly Pick of the Week in December.

The Café des Artistes & Fallbrook Art Center are at 103 S. Main St. Entrance to the Café is from the rear parking lot. Seating at Café events is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, contact Kit-Bacon Gressitt at kbgressitt@gmail.com.

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www.fallbrooklibraryfriends.org

VIEW FROM THE BOTTOM SHELF

By Jane, Roberta, Jean & Lynette

The Bottom Shelf closed its temporary location Dec. 22 & will reopen to the public Monday, Jan. 17, 10am. In the interim the bookstore elves are sorting & packing in preparation for the move & ask that you hold your donations until the relocation is complete.

We thank you for your support and patronage, especially during these past 15 months in our "cozy" home & look forward to serving you for many years to come. Best wishes for a happy & healthy new year.

THE NEW BOTTOM SHELF....

Located at the new library entrance.

50% larger than our previous store

Same business hours: Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm

Same donation policy (No encyclopedias, phonograph records, National Geographics, etc.)

Welcomes new volunteers (pick up a form at the Bookstore)

"Grand Opening Giveaway"

Don't forget, there is still time to complete an entry form at the New Store..no purchase necessary.

DRAWING SATURDAY, JAN 19, 3pm. (You don't have to be present if your phone number is on your entry form.)

1st PRIZE: \$15 Bottom Shelf Gift Certificate

2nd PRIZE: \$10 & 3rd PRIZE: \$5 Bottom Shelf Gift Certificates

Winners also receive a Friends Book Bag.

Special note to BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS: Friday, Jan. 14, at 10am or 2pm:

There will be a preview tour/orientation of the library & the bookstore for VOLUNTEERS only. If you did not get a chance to sign up you may still attend (you don't need to "register"). Please assemble in the library entry.

COMMUNITY READ LUNCHEON By Judy Dorrenbacher

Jane Smiley, author of PRIVATE LIFE, will be the luncheon's featured speaker. We are pleased to have this Pulitzer Prize winning author come to Fallbrook. The luncheon will be held at the Pala Mesa Resort in the Ballroom. Reservations required. Don't miss this opportunity to support our wonderful new library & hear Jane Smiley speak.

Community Read Luncheon Reservation

Pala Mesa Resort Ballroom, April 5, 2011, 11am

Complete and return the following by March 26, 2011

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

(Please Print) _____

No: _____ @ \$40.00/person Amount enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to: **Friends of the Fallbrook Library**

Mail to: 124 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Form may also be dropped off at the Library or the Bottom Shelf Bookstore

No tickets will be mailed – reservations will be held at the door

No Reserved Seating

For information contact Peggy Kesterson at 760-451-8686
