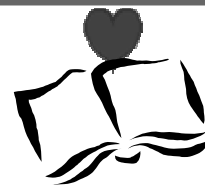


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FROM THE PRESIDENT—*Jay Walker*

To paraphrase the WWII enlistment poster featuring Uncle Sam, the Friends of the Library need you. Many members of the Friends do lots of volunteer work for the many organizations in Northumberland County and elsewhere. A number of Friends members do volunteer work at the Library.

There are other opportunities. (Did I say opportunities?) The primary need for help is for our various fund-raising programs. The leading edge of the fund-raisers is the quilt raffle. Under the leadership of Lien Groenwold, we have taken the quilt to several venues, including the Heathsville Farmers Market and the St. Stephens Christmas Fair. The recent Antique Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market in Reedville was a big success for the sale of quilt raffle tickets.

But, there is more to be done in October. Read about these events in the Ways and Means article on page 4 of this newsletter.

Next year there will be other events. We are looking into a river cruise in the spring, as well

as another music evening. Uncle Sam did not have this message: Volunteer work is also fun.

Speaking of a fun time for a good cause, the Library Board of Trustees is having its annual envelope stuffing marathon on Monday, October 24 at the Library. With cheer leader Porter Kier romping through the meeting room, teams of stuffers turn out a couple of thousand mailers. And we get a pizza lunch. Look for details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Newsletter has been our main information vehicle. Now we have another one in the form of a “Friends-only” bulletin board mounted in the Library. There you will find information on all of our activities, including the Books Alive program and the above-mentioned quilt raffle. We will also mount the names of new Friends members as they come in.

The bulletin board is located on the book rack to the left of the entrance. In addition, we have purchased a similar bulletin board for the Library’s use. It’s mounted on the wall leading to the Meeting Room. Many thanks

to Jayne McQuade for ordering the boards, to Bob Lindsey for mounting them, to Nancy Webster for the sign on the board, and to Ann Raikes for putting up the information.

You will find reports from our Board meeting on September 15 inside this issue. I think you will be impressed with how the Friends of the Library is moving forward. As I said at the top, we welcome your help.

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Welcome to “New” Lifetime Members

We wanted to give back something to the Library.” That is a common theme between the two new Lifetime Members.

Please welcome Fred and Anne Harman from Callao as Lifetime Members. Because of a recent eye problem, Fred has not been able to read much. But the Library had a solution.. “I don’t know what we would have done without the books-on-tape and CDs that we borrowed from the Library. They’ve been a real life-saver,” says Anne. “We’ve just used the Library so much lately, that we thought we ought to give back something. And we hope to come to some of the events that the Friends have,” she adds.

An unusual new Lifetime Member is the Tavern Quilt Guild. The Guild has been using the Library to hold workshops for the Tavern Quilt Bingo. In addition, guild members use the Library for meetings by other groups.

“There are a lot of Guild members who use the Library for other meetings and we thought we should give the Library something back,” says Tavern Guild Treasurer Kathy Pitts, adding that as treasurer she thought it would be a good way to spend money and everyone agreed.

Does it feel good to become a Lifetime Member?

“Absolutely!” Kathy exclaims

If you want to feel good about giving something back to the Library, forms for Lifetime Membership are available at the Library. Lifetime Membership is \$150.



Kathy Pitts



- Earline Walker

The Books Alive program got off to a rousing start on September 15 when Dr. Greg Haugan reviewed *Collapse* by Jared Diamond to a full house.

The remainder of the fall schedule is as follows:

- October 20 - After Silence by Nancy Venable Raine reviewed by Barbara Shine - The author describes the ten-year aftermath of a sexual assault and illustrates the truth that a trauma does not end when the victim finds her alive.
- November 17 - Northumberland Library's Children's Librarian, Nancy Webster, will review children's, juvenile and young adult books suggested for Christmas giving.

Friends members should watch for the reminder cards that will be sent before each session and mark their calendars. Also, be sure to pick up a bookmark listing the fall schedule at the Library front desk.

Following each review, presenters will have a book donated to the Library in their name

Friends of the Library Board Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2005

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greg Haugan reported a total of \$5,654 in the FOL treasury, with \$3,500 of that amount available for current discretionary spending. sales of the library tote bag have "moved into the black."

Greg also submitted the 2005-2006 budget work sheet. In discussion of the work sheet, Lien Gruenwald suggested \$100 be added to the expenses for purchase the next quilt, for auction in November 2006; the change was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Membership Committee Report

Ann Raikes raised the issue of confusion caused by the inclusion of FOL membership renewal notices with the annual Library fund-raising appeal, and she suggested that the FOL renewal request be sent in a separate mailing. Subsequently, it was suggested that the December issue of the FOL newsletter be sent in January with the renewal notice enclosed. The suggestion was approved.

Greg suggested that membership cards be sent to renewing members along

with the April newsletter, and the board approved..

Fundraising Committee

Chairman Walker called on Lien Gruenwald for the Fundraising Committee report with an introduction of praise for the extraordinary performance of the raffle crew at the Reedville Fisherman's Museum Flea Market.

Lien reported that the sales of raffle tickets at the RFM Flea Market totaled \$300, and she plans to set up the quilt raffle booth at the Fairfield's United Methodist Church Fall Festival Saturday, September 24, and at Callao Day, Saturday, October 15.

Lien announced the annual English Tea will be held on Sunday, October 30. She reported that attempts to recruit a noted author for the program had not succeeded, and she suggested a poetry reading instead. Jayne McQuade mentioned that Nancy Webster, the children's librarian, would do a good job of poetry reading. Others concurred, and Lien agreed to invite Nancy to read if further efforts to recruit a noted author proved unfruitful.

The Board decided to limit ticket sales for the English Tea to 40 and to charge \$10 each. Greg volunteered to produce

the tickets, Lien will round up tea sets, Ann will make "goodies," and Jayne will bake scones. Bob Lindsey agreed to ask Barbara Shine to do the graphics for a flyer or poster to advertise the event.

Lien announced the "Wine and Cheese" event is scheduled for Sunday, November 20.

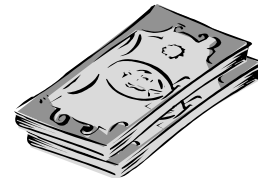
Books Alive

In Earline Walker's absence, Jay reported that 262 Fall Program flyers were mailed to the members and others. Bob reported he had put up several in post offices and stores throughout Northumberland and surrounding counties. Judy Crown and Barbara Shine were acknowledged producing the new FOL bookmarks, which will be available to the public at the library checkout desk

New Business

In a discussion about possibilities for a "Big Bash" for FOL members, the Board supported the idea of a dinner cruise on the river. Jay agreed to investigate the details of setting up such a cruise.

Meeting Adjourned



FINANCIAL REPORT—Greg Haugan, Treasurer

The Friends of the Library are in good financial health. We have sold 4 more of the beautiful carry-bags than necessary to breakeven so all sales from here on are profit. Thirteen have been sold so far this year.

The bake sale was successful and we exceeded our sales from last year bringing in nearly \$300.00. The quilt raffle tickets are still going well and we should

also exceed our sales from last year which was \$2,843. As of the end of September we have approximately \$3,800 available to donate to the Library for special purposes. We have a total of approximately \$6,000 in the bank, with the difference being Lifetime Memberships whose funds are kept in reserve. Only 10% of the total is used each year. I am looking forward to making more deposits from the continuing quilt ticket sales, the English Tea, and the Wine and Cheese.

WAYS AND MEANS

- *Lien Groenwold*

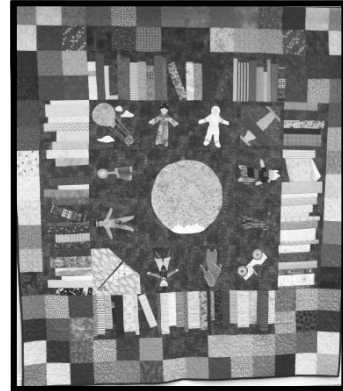
The members of the Ways and Means Committee have been very busy. The sale of raffle tickets for the quilt has brought in a little over \$2000 so far. We have more chances to raise funds for the Library so mark your calendar with the following events:

- October 1 - Knights of Columbus in Kilmarnock
- October 8 - Fairfield Days at the Fairfield United Methodist Church
- October 15 - Heathsville Farmers Market
- October 15 - Callao Days at the fire hall in Callao
- October 30 at 3:00 p.m. - English Tea at the Library -During the tea we will hear classical music in the background. and our

new Children's Librarian will read poetry.

- Nov. 20 at 4:00 p.m. - A wine and cheese party at the Northumberland Library where the quilt will be raffled. Mike and Lori will provide the entertainment.

We hope to see you at these planned events.



Quilt to be raffled on November 20, 2005

Pumpkin Stories and Local Legends Entertain the Young... and Young at Heart

On Friday, October 28th at 5:30 PM, there will be a special program that will prove enjoyable for all ages. Our favorite storyteller, Gary Lloyd, aka Mason Talespinner, will return to present a two-part program. The first half of the program is aimed at the younger audience, and will be "Pumpkin Tales for the Very Young". Mason will tell several silly Halloween stories designed to entertain children and their parents. There will then be a short intermis-



sion, where Gary will mingle with the audience and continue to entertain while refreshments are served. After the brief intermission, Gary will tell stories of local legend and folklore for the more brave of

heart.

Come and hear about some of our local ghosts, and stories of the strange and unexplained that happened right here in your own locale! A great way to have fun and kick-off the Halloween weekend!

FROM THE DIRECTOR—*Jayne McQuade*

Fall is in full swing at the library with the resumption of Books Alive!, the second season of the Nancy and John W. Gray Computer and Homework Center, and a library card drive at Northumberland Elementary School.

Books Alive! got off to a rousing and very relevant start with Greg Haugan's review of *Col-lapse*, which he related to the need for planning and to the revision of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The refreshments, as always a contribution from Jinny Estell, were delicious too.

You may recall that John and Nancy Gray and their sons and families gave a wonderful gift to the library in 2004 to establish the Computer and Homework Center. The Center operates Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 PM and serves children from third grade through high school. We have a great group of kids and equally great volunteers, but could use some more volunteers. If you'd like to make a difference in kids' lives, consider volunteering one or more afternoons a week to help ensure homework success. Call me or Nancy Webster for more information.

Remember getting your first library card? From now through the Fall we're running a library card drive in cooperation with Northumberland Elementary School with the goal of a card for each child. Nancy Webster has devised a clever poster for keeping track of each classroom's progress, and the kids in rooms reaching 100% participation will each receive a special prize.

And speaking of library cards, we've got new ones which come with a key tag—just like your supermarket customer tag—so if you've got your keys you've got your library card. If you want to "trade in" your old card, we're asking for a donation of \$1.00 and we'll give you not only a new card but also a chance on the quilt drawing.

Fall also brings the annual Library Board of Trustees fund drive, and October 24 is the day to stuff the envelopes which will go out to eight or nine thousand county residents and other supporters of the library. This appeal is separate from the Friends fund raising efforts because the library as an independent non-profit corporation which receives funds from the County and from Virginia's State Aid to Libraries must raise about one third of its operating funds each year. The Friends fund raising efforts support library programs and initiatives that fall outside the operating budget. We couldn't get along without either effort, and truly appreciate the support of the community.

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