



FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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An insert to Franklin Public Library's "Check It Out"

May-June, 2003



CALLING ALL PUMPKINS --

The Friends are planning a Pumpkin Festival at the Franklin Public Library on Saturday, October 18th. Judy and Ray Roberts will be growing large pumpkins on their rented acre in Mukwonago for the usual pumpkin decorating for children and their parents.

This year, the Friends are planning to expand the pumpkin offerings. A session on pumpkin painting for adults is planned. A short painting session for young children is in the planning stage.

Cooking classes are always a big interest so several cooking classes with real pie pumpkins should be an attractive draw. So we do your need help in having more pumpkins available. To expand this pumpkin repertoire, Friends are asking all gardeners to grow small pumpkins in their yards or any other place available to them.

Seeds will be provided to all volunteers. All the Friends ask is that the volunteer growers donate a portion of the pumpkins they volunteer to grow. We realize you will get attached to some of the cute pumpkins and will want to keep some for yourself.

The pumpkins that volunteers will be asked to grow are small pumpkins. Many are bush type so they won't vine all over your garden. Some varieties are very, very small like the Jack be Littles or Baby Boos. They are hardly larger than your fist but will be great fun for young children to paint on The Pumpkin Festival Day.

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News from "Friendly Quilters"

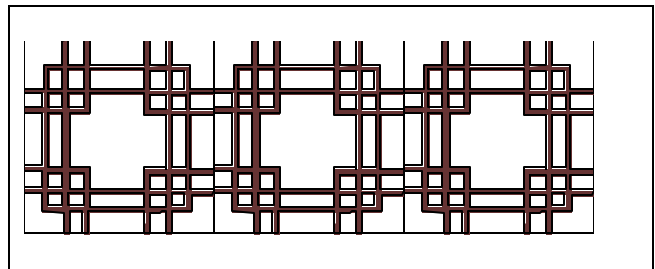
Our "friendly" group of quilters has met three times since our initial meeting. We meet the last Monday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Fadow Room at the Franklin Public Library.

Our first meeting in January was mainly a "friendly" organizational meeting. In February we chose the name for our group, talked about doing a charity project, and discussed the need for fund-raising. Several of our members did a terrific demonstration of the basic quilting tools and how to use them.

In March, we had a wonderful field trip to the Sun Prairie Quilt Show. On the way we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Upper Crust Restaurant in Watertown. Then, on to Sun Prairie for an absolutely outstanding quilt show. Everyone was impressed with the quality of quilts that were on display and agreed that we had an inspirational day of quilt viewing.

We meet again on Monday, April 28, at 10:15. We will have a short meeting and then a demonstration of machine piecing. Bring your supplies to make a simple block.

As you can see, Friendly Quilters has gotten off to a terrific start. Come and join us. We welcome quilters of **ALL** skill levels!!! (email JKurlinski@wi.rr.com) SUBMITTED BY JULIA KURLINSKI



Next issue, we hope to have an article about the evening quilting group, headed by Linda Edwards-Sontic.

Pumpkin Growers Needed

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Some of you may wish to grow the pie pumpkins. These pumpkins are quite small too. You will be provided with the pumpkin recipes that Staci Joers features in her cooking classes so you'll have plenty of recipes for the pie pumpkins you keep.

The pumpkin varieties for painting will be small to medium-sized pumpkins. They are attractive pumpkins and interesting varieties such as Lumina, a very pale whitish pumpkin.

The Friends hope to get lots of volunteers to grow pumpkins for our Pumpkin Festival. Please contact Judy Roberts at 421-8983 or jaroberts@wi.rr.com. She will confer with you as to the types of pumpkins you'd like to grow and will deliver the seeds to you. You may contact her during the growing season for any help. SUBMITTED BY JUDY ROBERTS.

1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN OUR NEW LIBRARY is May 5, 2003. Look for many programs going on all week. We will be busting all the records, more cardholders, more lending items. We are getting our money's worth from the facility it took us so-o long to get built.



Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

On Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. Friends of Franklin Public Library will meet to review the past year's events, review the year's income and expenditures for our library's benefit, discuss plans for the coming year and elect officers and directors for 2003-2004:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director
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Director

Please join Friends and become active in the doings @ your library.



WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO

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CHAPTER A DAY, airing Monday-Friday
12:30 to 1:00 p.m. and
repeated at 11:00-11:30 p.m.

April 28-May 23

Seabiscuit: an American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand --Read by Jim Fleming. The story of an extraordinary horse.

May 26 thru June 13

Two Lives: My House in Umbria by William Trevor -- Read by Karl Schmidt. A former madam befriends the other survivors of a terrorist bombing with surprising results.

June 16 thru June 27

Population: 485 by Michael Perry -- Read by Jim Fleming. The author returns home to New Auburn, Wisconsin, and connects with his community as a volunteer firefighter and EMT.

June 30 thru July 11

When the Women Come Out to Dance by Elmore Leonard -- Read by Karl Schmidt
Stories from a master craftsman, featuring strong female characters in trouble.

Booknotes

May 4 **No Crueler Tyrannies: Accusation, False Witness, and Other Terrors of Our Times**, by Dorothy Rabinowitz, a syndicated columnist and television commentator, encountered the case of a New Jersey day care worker named Kelly Michaels, accused of 280 counts of sexually abusing nursery school children and exposed the first of the prosecutorial abuses. It is the story of the Amirault family, who ran the Fells Acres Day Care Center in Malden, Massachusetts, the victims of perhaps the most biased prosecution since the Salem witch trials. *No Crueler Tyrannies* is at once a truly frightening and at the same time inspiring book, documenting how these citizens, who became targets of the justice system in which they had so much faith, came to comprehend that their lives could be destroyed, that they could be sent to prison for years -- even decades.

Encore Booknotes

May 3 Richard John Neuhaus, ***As I Lay Dying: Meditations Upon Returning***

May 10 Diana Preston, ***Lusitania: An Epic Tragedy***

Literary Events, Trivia and Birthdays

May 3 Italian writer and statesman **Niccolo Machiavelli** (1469-1527) was born in Florence, Italy. He offered a blunt, realistic view of human nature and power in his works *The Prince* and *Discourses on Livy*.

May 5 Pioneering American journalist **Nellie Bly** (1867-1922) was born in Cochran's Mills, Pennsylvania (as Elizabeth Cochrane). She was a social reformer and human rights advocate who once posed as an inmate in an insane asylum to expose inhumane conditions. She is best known for her 1889-90 tour around the world in 72 days, beating by eight days, the time of Phileas Fogg, fictional hero of Jules Verne's novel *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

May 7 British poet **Robert Browning** (1812; d.1889), husband of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. "I do, as I say, love these Books with all my heart -- and I love you too." (From a letter Robert Browning wrote to Elizabeth Barrett Browning.)

May 11 Songwriter **Irving Berlin** (1888-1989) was born (as Israel Isidore Baline) in Tyumen, Russia. At the age of four, Berlin moved with his family to New York and later began singing in saloons and on street corners to help his family following the death of his father. Although he could not read or write musical notation, he became one of America's greatest songwriters, best known for songs such as *God Bless America*, *White Christmas*, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, *Puttin' On the Ritz*, and *Oh! How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning*.

May 19 New Yorker director, screenwriter **Nora Ephron** (1941), and writer/director of *When Harry Met Sally* (1989), *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993), and *You've Got Mail* (1998).

May 26 **Memorial Day** in the U.S. in 2003, also called Decoration Day for the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers. The observance dates from Civil War years, with the first documented observance on May 5, 1865.

May 27 NYC-born novelist **Herman Wouk** (1915), who won a Pulitzer for his novel *The Caine Mutiny*, and Oklahoman mystery writer and journalist **Tony Hillerman** (1925).

May 29 Prolific British essayist, literary critic, novelist, poet, short-story writer and creator of Detective Father Brown, **G[ilbert] K[ith] Chesterton** (1874; d.1936). There are many devoted fans of G. K. Chesterton. See www.chesterton.org

May 31, 1889 - Over 2,300 persons were killed in the **Johnstown flood** in SW Pennsylvania. Heavy rains throughout May caused the Conemaugh River Dam to burst sending a wall of water 75 feet high pouring down upon the city. [David McCullough, writing in his 1968 book *The Johnstown Flood*, notes, "Seen from below, the dam looked like a tremendous mound of overgrown rubble, the work of a glacier perhaps. It reared up 72 feet above the valley floor and was more than 900 feet long. The dam wall had over the years become pock marked with brush and trees growing in the cracks of the rock wall. From below there was no indication that the lake was being held back by this man made creation." McCullough knew the site as a child. There is a very interesting museum and a National Park site in SW PA.]

June 1 Australian novelist **Colleen McCullough** (1937), author of *The Thorn Birds* (1977).

June 2 **Thomas Hardy**, English novelist and poet (1840; d.1928), well-known for *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* (1891) and *Far from the Madding Crowd* (1874).

June 8 American architect **Frank Lloyd Wright** (1867-1959) was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin. He designed about 1,000 structures and is considered the most influential architect of his time. He became the leader of a style known as the *Prairie School* featuring houses with low-pitched roofs and extended lines that blend into the landscape. He once wrote, "No house should ever be on any hill or on anything. It should be of the hill, belonging to it, so hill and house could live together each the happier for the other."

June 9 Forensic mystery writer **Patricia Cornwell** (1956).

June 11 American football coach **Vince Lombardi** (1913-1970) was born in Brooklyn, New York. In 1959, he became head coach of the Green Bay Packers, winning five NFL titles and two Super Bowls in nine seasons. He is generally regarded as the greatest coach and the finest motivator in football history. He retired in 1968, but was lured back to coach the Washington Redskins. He was diagnosed with cancer after coaching the Redskins for just one season and died September 3, 1970, in Washington, D.C.

June 12: **Charles Kingsley**, English novelist, poet and clergyman (1819; d.1875), author of westerns and the well-known children's story *The Water Babies* (1863), and one of the few clergymen of his time to accept Darwin's theory of evolution.

June 16 American author and photographer **John Griffin** (1920-1980) was born in Dallas, Texas. He darkened his white skin using chemicals and ultraviolet light, then kept a journal on his experiences posing as an African American traveling through the deep South. The journal was published as the book, *Black Like Me*.

June 27 American musician **Mildred J. Hill** (1859-1916) was born in Louisville, Kentucky. She composed the melody for what is now the world's most often sung song, *Happy Birthday to You*.

June 29 Wisconsin-born historian and writer **John Toland** (1912), winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *The Rising Sun: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire, 1936-1945* (1970). *Captured by History, One Man's Vision of Our Tumultuous Century*, is John Toland's autobiography, describes the author's experiences while traveling the globe to do research and conduct interviews for his books. My search of the internet did not find whether Mr. Toland is still living. A revealing interview can be found at http://www.ihr.org/jhr/v11/v11p--5_Toland.html

The above Literary Events and Birthdays are included to stimulate your interest in notable events or to pique your curiosity about something as ordinary as who wrote the tune to *Happy Birthday to You*.

Editor's note

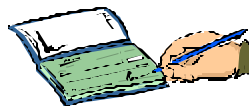
If you have any comments, trivia, events, criticisms or news items to add to the Friends' newsletter, please communicate them to anyone on the library's staff or to me, Judy Beine, voice 421-3490, or email: jbeine@wi.rr.com

Smelly Books

How do you get musty or cigarette smells out of books donated to you? Is it possible? Some responses:

- We have placed one book at a time in a large paper bag with an inch or two of old fashioned cat litter (not the clumping kind) and had great success. Just be sure to flip the pages open so the odor can be absorbed from the pages as well. We have saved several very good books this way!
 - Rip black and white newspaper into pieces the size of or slightly larger than the page. Put one piece of newspaper between EVERY page. Leave for at least a week and then remove. Newspaper and newspaper ink are good absorbers of smells. It really does work. You don't want to leave the news print in there forever or the ink could transfer to the paper or the paper could turn brown. On one particular book that was exposed for years to a chain cigarette smoker, I had to do this process twice. But I ended up giving the book to my brother-in-law who is allergic to tobacco smoke and he never noticed a smell.
 - Tobacco-stained covers (the slick ones, and dustjackets) can be brightened and deodorized with a little bit of glass cleaner (like the blue spray) on a cloth. You'd be surprised (or maybe not) at how much gunky yellow comes off.
 - A decent air freshener, or that new Febreze, sprayed lightly around the book, and the book left standing open on a table might resurrect it. It is worth a try. The cigarette odor frequently disappears when the materials are removed from the box, and allowed to stand in the air. Outdoor air and sunshine are great healers.
- TRY SOME OF THESE IF THE BOOK IS WORTH SAVING.

IT IS RENEWAL TIME



FRIENDS NEED MORE FRIENDS:

Our dues are structured as follows:

Individual \$5.00

Family \$10.00

Benefactor \$50.00

Organization or Business \$25.00

Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Bring your dues with your name, address and telephone number to FPL, Attention: Virginia Pete, Membership Chair, Friends of Franklin Public Library.