

FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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

March-April, 2006

Art of Nature Exhibit Opening Night Reception

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library, The Franklin Cultural Center and the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy have joined together to bring an exhibit of nature-based artwork by local artists to the Franklin Public Library from April 7th through April 10th. The event will feature nearly 20 artists and 50 pieces of art ranging in media from ceramic to fabric to oil paints. The eclectic collection of art is sure to appeal to all tastes.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Foundation and is free to the public during normal library hours. An opening night reception with the artists is planned for April 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 and will include appetizers and live music. Tickets for the reception are \$20.00 per person and are available for purchase at the library via cash or check, or can be charged on line at www.franklinculturalcenter.org or by phone at 525-0009.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, the Franklin Cultural Center, and the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy.

Volunteers Needed

If you like art and nature, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to help out the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, the Franklin Cultural Center, and the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy. The ART OF NATURE exhibit will be held at the Franklin Public Library from April 7 through April 10, 2006.

Volunteers are needed to staff the art show during normal library hours. Volunteers will be provided with information on the artists to distribute to the public, and they will keep an eye on things to insure an orderly and pleasurable exhibit for all.

We are looking for volunteers to work in two-hour shifts. Of course you can sign up for multiple shifts. We are looking for a minimum of two helpers per shift, so call a friend today and volunteer to help out the Friends. To volunteer, visit or call the library at 425-8214 or e-mail ddorsan@yahoo.com

Hours are as follows:

Thursday April 6th set up for the exhibit
from 12:00 – 6:00

Friday April 7th 10:00 – 5:00

Saturday April 8th 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday April 9th 1:00 – 4:00

Monday April 10th 10:00 – 8:30

Tuesday April 11th Tear down 10:00- 5:00

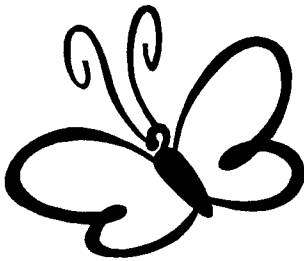
Needed: Business Ads in Art of Nature Brochure

The Art of Nature Exhibit, sponsored by the Harley Davidson Foundation, from April 7th through April 10th, will offer an ad book showcasing various supporters.

If you, as a Friend of the Franklin Public Library, wish to feature your own business, please call Don Dorsan at 414-525-0009.

Some of you may also have friends or relatives in a business that you could ask to be included in the ad book for the Art of Nature Exhibit. Don Dorsan would be the contact at 414-525-0009.

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library are planning future events that could include your business. If interested in showcasing your business at a future event, please call Judy Roberts, Friends president, at 414-421-8983.



Sports, Cooking, and Travel

Did you know that these are the three most popular non-fiction topics patrons seek out at the Franklin Public Library?

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library are pleased to expand the cooking area of interest with two upcoming Staci Joers Cooking Demonstrations. Spaces are still available for:

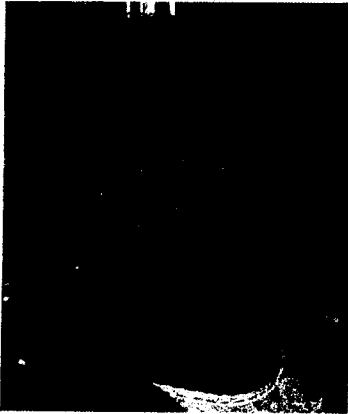
Thursday, March 23rd 6:30 to 8:30 pm
STIR-FRY! Cost: \$18. Come and try a variety of stir-fries with Staci Joers. Learn how to create and properly cook a stir-fry for a dish that gives you bright and crispy vegetables loaded with nutrition and meats that are juicy and flavorful. You'll sample Peking Pork with Sweet Bean Paste and Puffy Noodles, Beef with Broccoli, Thai Chicken Basil, Tofu and Veggie Stir-Fry and Yangchow Fried Rice.

Thursday, April 27th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
GRILLING WITH GEORGE! Your George Foreman Grill, that is! The recipes are fast and fabulous, but most of all, healthy. You'll try Santa Fe Chicken Quesadillas, Teriyaki-style Salmon, Lemon Pepper Chicken, Honey-Lime Grilled Veggies and Grilled Pineapple with Sorbet.

Call the Franklin Public Library at 414-425-8214 to register. Then send your check for \$18 to the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, 9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin, WI, 53132 Attention: Judy Roberts. Or just come into the library and sign up. Payment is due upon signup.

Letter from the Retiring Editor

Having been your Friends' editor for nearly 12 years, it was with mixed feelings that I resigned this volunteer post. Judy Roberts, our current Friends' President, mentioned to me one day not too long ago that she had someone who was interested. I mulled that one over, as I have always enjoyed my work on our newsletter. However, with new interests always on the horizon, not to mention my daughter's wedding coming up and my husband's and my new duties as officers in the Friends' state organization, it was time. Keep advocating for your library, stay interested in what's going on at your library and READ. Thank you, faithful Friends' members and volunteers for your help and friendship. I'll be in touch.
Judy Beine



The Story behind Judy Beine

One of Judy Beine's favorite childhood memories is of riding her bike to the Wisconsin Rapids library and spending quiet time alone there, reading books. When it was time to bike home, "I could take books along with me!" she marveled. The love of libraries and the joy of reading have been part of Judy's life ever since. Here are some highlights from the Franklin, Wisconsin segment of Judy's story.

About 25 years ago, when the Franklin Library was housed in City Hall, Judy became part of the Knight Readers, a monthly reading group (which is still going strong!) There she met Terry Berres, who encouraged her to serve on the board of the Friends of the Franklin Library. Once on the Friends board, Judy soon found a niche creating the library calendar for the City of Franklin newsletter and then writing and editing the Friends newsletter four times a year.

Her enthusiasm for the library was so contagious that others in her swimming class at Franklin High School "thought I worked here," she said. She got people to join the Friends and they in turn recruited others. "We've grown a lot," Judy said, referring to the Friends membership, which now numbers over 160. "It's a joint effort."

Judy's husband David, who served as Friends president for many years, also became involved because of her commitment to the organization.

Judy remembers going home one night and expressing her regret that the Franklin Friends might have to disband because no one wanted to be president. "I could do that," David offered, and the two became a team.

Judy and David were key forces behind the movement to build a new library. The site for the new library had been determined many years before, but action by the City Council had lagged. Judy remembers

stuffing mailboxes and persuading Franklin residents and aldermen to support the building program. She helped promote the "bricks for books" program that encouraged people to make a contribution by having their names engraved on a brick.

"Getting the library built has been the most exciting thing," she said. In 2002, just months after 9/11, she and David helped choose items for the time capsule, which would be placed within the new library's cornerstone. She remembers including a computer disk and a cell phone: "Who knows?" she mused. "In 2052 (when the time capsule is opened) people might not know what those things are."

Three years ago the Beines had a chance to show Friends around the state our new Franklin Library by hosting the annual Friends of Wisconsin Libraries meeting. As we've said earlier in this article, one thing leads to another. Judy and David were asked to lead the state Friends organization; they agreed, but it meant stepping down from their leadership roles in the Franklin organization – though they'll continue their membership and support.

One of her early career goals was to become a photojournalist, Judy said. Serving as the Friends' newsletter editor has helped fulfill that goal. (The newsletter now comes out six times a year.) But it's time to let someone else take over that job too, she's decided. In the meantime, she'll continue her many other interests: Judy is a paralegal for the Brookfield law firm of Cannon and Dunphy; her oldest daughter (who was a baby when Judy first joined the Friends) will be married this year; Judy is membership chair of Jane Austen Society of Northern American (JASNA); and she's working on family history and memoirs.

But on the third Thursday of every month you'll find Judy in the reading group where it all began – the Knight Readers. Why don't you join her?

Written by Marjorie Pagel, the current secretary of the Friends of the Franklin Public Library. She and her husband Jerry have lived in Franklin since 1968. She teaches writing at Concordia University.

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Editor's note -- Readers, if you have any comments, trivia, events, criticisms or news items to add to the **FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER**, please communicate them to anyone on FPL's staff or to your editor, Janet Porte, 427-2791, or email at jporte@milwpc.com.