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Friends of Forbes 2011 Annual Meeting CREATING EASY-CARE GARDENS IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

On April 6, 2011, in the library's imposing Coolidge Room, current President Christine Nolan welcomed long-time patrons and supporters of Friends of Forbes to the organization's annual meeting. Reporting on fundraising and other activities undertaken by the Friends of Forbes in this its 31st year, she highlighted how continuation of the Friends' mission to provide fiscal support had enabled the Library to complete extensive renovation of the Children's and Young Adult areas and to purchase a much sought after, state-of-the art Microfilm Reader.

With annual meeting business swiftly accomplished and farewells to departing Board members Chris Hellman and Joan Cenedella, the audience was treated to a delightful talk given by master horticulturist Debbie Windoloski, the owner of Gardenscapes, a garden design and coaching business. A self-described "passionate gardener," Ms. Windoloski drew on her quarter century of experience to explain how a well-designed, truly pleasing, year-round garden landscape was within

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
3RD ANNUAL FRIENDS OF FORBES LIBRARY WINE TASTING
TO BENEFIT THE FORBES LIBRARY

WINE TASTING

TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON
FRI., OCT. 14, 2011
6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

ATTEND
BRING FRIENDS
VOLUNTEER



18th Annual Friends of Forbes GARDEN TOUR *Saturday, June 11, 2011*

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rain or Shine

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 day of the tour

*Tickets Available in Advance at:
Forbes Library, Cooper's Corner,
State Street Fruit, Bay State Perennial,
Hadley Garden Center, Hickory Dell Farm*

*Tickets Available The Day of The Tour at:
Forbes Library only*



Congratulations to 2011 Trustees Award Winners Gerry Budgar (left) and Mo & Cher Willems with their daughter Trixie, presented by Forbes Library Trustee President Russell Carrier and Children's Librarian Jude McGowan (right).

News From The Friends

Friends gathered for the Annual Meeting, held on April 8th, in the Coolidge Room. Officers for the coming year include Christine Nolan, President; Kathleen Doherty, Vice President; Tim Umbach, Treasurer; and Mikki Michon, Secretary.

Regrettably, the Friends had to say goodbye to Joan Cenedella and Chris Hellman, valued members of the Board. Joan donated her talents for eight years and enthusiastically raised her hand to serve on a variety of subcommittees and special projects. Chris spent three years as a Board member and donated countless hours to the Wine Tasting event and the Garden Tour. Both Joan and Chris will be sorely missed.

Invitations are extended to anyone who has time and talents to contribute to the Friends' Board. We have two vacancies at this time. Please contact Chris Nolan at cnolan1951@gmail.com if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

Ending the Annual meeting did not end the early spring April evening. We were treated to an informative and entertaining talk by Debbie Windoloski, owner of Gardenscapes in Hadley. Debbie discussed her years of gardening experience, and shared how her techniques and preferences have evolved into easy-care gardening. You can find Debbie at www.GardenscapesHadley.com.

Need a reason to donate dollars to the Friends? We collect money through memberships, donations, and fund raisers to support the library. In the past year we have funded renovations to the Children's Room, hundreds of book purchases, and pastel art classes for patrons. We even support staff attendance at professional conferences to help them expand their knowledge and improve services. Are you a Friend yet? Please add your support to the approximately 400 hundred current members, and make us stronger.

Do you know that donating money to the Friends is different from donating to the Annual Fund? The Friends organization has been supporting the library for thirty plus years. The Annual Fund is several years old, and was initiated by the Trustees to help the library fund focused areas that need attention. It is true that all of the money you donate assists the library in some way, but there are two separate fundraising groups at work in the library now. Understandably, there has been some confusion about this.

Soooo many Friends (and soon to be Friends?) were delighted with the Friends' sponsored bus trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, that we were asked to do another trip soon! There were 55 people who boarded a luxury bus on a recent sunny Sunday morning, and less than two hours later they were treated to the stunning visual feast of the Chihuly Glass Exhibit, and the new Art of the Americas Wing at the MFA. The trip raised \$650 for the Friends' coffers. The day was a win-win situation for all.

Christine Nolan, President of the Friends of Forbes

Meet Our Staff
Meet the newest additions to our
INFORMATION SERVICES TEAM



BENJAMIN KALISH

Why did you become a librarian?

Several people whom I respect suggested I consider a career as a librarian. I have always enjoyed visiting and using libraries, and I believe libraries are very important, so the idea was very attractive to me. I began volunteering here at Forbes, began reading about library science, and found that I liked both very much. I soon found myself working at the library and I decided to go to library school so that I could have a professional position like the one I hold now.

What is your favorite part of helping patrons at Forbes Library?

I like to make people happy and I like to teach people things. It's great when I can do both at once.

What resource(s) that Forbes has do you wish people knew more about?

We have such knowledgeable people here. Some people are shy about asking questions, or don't realize that it's OK to ask, and that's a shame, because we are here to answer questions! I'm also quite fond of our printed music collection. We have folks songs, dance tunes, chorales, chamber music (parts and study scores), popular songs, opera, études, method books, fake books, and so much more. If you read music (or want to learn) this is a great resource.

What book(s) do you recommend for reading this summer?

Perhaps it is because helping a student with his trigonometry homework earlier today has put me in a mathematical mood, but the first book that comes to mind is Douglas Hofstadter's "Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid". It's a whimsical book that talks about art, music, and mathematics. It delights in paradox and pseudoparadox, puns and language,

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SUSANA VILLAR

Why did you become a librarian?

I have always enjoyed being around books whether visiting a library or working there. I also have worked in bookstores (more books) and found the jobs I had away from such places were not very satisfying. After a few false starts at completing my college degree, I was fortunate enough to be

living in San Francisco and made my way across the bay to become a student at U.C. Berkeley in their Library and Informations Studies Program. Since then I have worked mostly in libraries and it just seems a perfect fit.

What is your favorite part of helping patrons at Forbes Library?

Since I'm still pretty new to Forbes, my experiences have just begun but already I have had some great interactions and find it very satisfying to help a patron find the resources that help answer a question. The personal connection made is really very nice and rewarding and a smile at the end is always fun.

What resource(s) that Forbes has do you wish people knew more about?

Some people may not know that if we don't own a certain title you can check all Western MA libraries and more often than not, request the item. Pick it up and drop it off right here at Forbes. We also have an expanding collection of books in languages other than English. Finally, my personal favorite of all the magazines we subscribe to can be checked out. It helps me learn about what is out there, read my favorite magazines each month and save money at the same time.

What book(s) do you recommend for reading this summer?

I am looking forward to reading *The Girl Who Kicked The Hor-*

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Listen to the music
FREE LAWN CONCERTS
at Forbes Library



PRIMATE FIASCO

Wednesday, June 15, “psychedelic dixieland”



AFRO-SEMITIC EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, June 29, “soul-driven music”

Both concerts start at 7 p.m. on the library’s west lawn.
 Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the free music.

Additional free parking available next door at the
 Smith College Parking Garage.

The rain date for either concert is July 6.

Sponsored by the Friends of Forbes Library.

HOSMER GALLERY
2011 SUMMER EXHIBITS



painting by Burns Maxey

JUNE

Burns Maxey: Paintings: The Easthampton Alphabet
 Elisa Lanzi & Sherry Poirrier: Pastel paintings and prints



watercolor by Harry Ruddock

JULY

Catherine Gibbs: Oil paintings
 Harry Ruddock III: Watercolor paintings
 Marcia Wise: Oil paintings



photo by Andy Grant

AUGUST

David Skillicorn: Abstract paintings
 Andy Grant: Gestural photography

One World, Many Stories

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Children's Summer Reading Adventure: July 11 to August 6

The Forbes Library Children's 2011 Summer Reading Adventure, "One World, Many Stories" will begin on Monday, July 11th and run through Saturday, August 6th!

This fun filled summer program features our ever popular craft of the week program which automatically enters all participants into our famous weekly raffle!



Computer center for younger brothers and sisters with child friendly keyboards and mice, includes four PC's, two with internet connections and two devoted to educational software.



*Young adult patrons voted on the new name for our **new teen center** and "the hang" was the winner! The new teen laptop counter now has 4 laptops available. A magnetic poetry wall adds a fun diversion from surfing the web.*

There will be prizes galore, weekly craft programs and our Super Tuesday Family Entertainment Series featuring Jay Mankita-Songs for a Living Planet, Jungle Jim's Stories From Around the Globe, The Forest Park Zoo and Debbie O'Carroll-The Small World Magic Show.

This summer's program promises to be a fun and exciting way to wile away those hot and lazy hours! Join us on July 11th!

This program is appropriate for kids ages 3-13, although older and younger kids will not be turned away.

NOVEL *Destinations*

Teen & Adult Summer Reading Club June 27 to August 19

No registration is required.

Teens and adults are encouraged to participate.

Let a book take you somewhere this summer and join the fun! Read and/or listen to three books or more over the course of the program, complete a reading log (*available at the Circulation Desk, Reference Desk, Arts & Music desk and online at www.forbeslibrary.org/summer*) and write a brief recommendation for one title. Return your log to the Reference desk anytime during the program to receive a prize. You are then automatically entered in our summer end prize drawing. Check out summer book displays and reading lists for good reads about "Novel Destinations". Share what you're reading on the library's Facebook page.

Call (413) 587-1012 for more information.

One World, Many Stories and Novel Destinations are sponsored by the Friends of Forbes Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

anyone's reach—if they just followed a few golden rules. Like a painter with a palette of colors, Ms. Windoloski illustrated her recommendations with vivid slides highlighting a garden's multiple possibilities. While her talk referenced both native and non-native plants, she advocated using native plants whenever possible because they best support our wildlife.

Delicate, pink and silver, native *Tiarella* (spring); long-blooming, yellow *Lady's Mantle* (summer); tall, plumed *Astilbe* in pinks, purples, and reds (fall); hardy, winter-blooming *Hellebore*, with one white and pink-blushed variety going by the name of *Christmas Rose*; *Coneflower*; *Siberian Iris*; and *Bleeding Heart*. Ms. Windoloski's suggested list of "tried and true" perennials could not help but stir the imaginations of both novice and experienced gardeners in the audience.

She continued to inspire as she described how to work smaller shrubs into perennial beds so as to create an intriguing landscape through texture as well as color. Again, the names and images conjured up distinctive garden scenes: *Dwarf Red Twig Dogwood*, its blazing colored stems glorious against winter snow; the silver-blue foliage of the *Blue Star Juniper* shrub contrasting beautifully with other plants; *Diervilla*, the northern bush honeysuckle with variegated leaves and delightful clusters of warm yellow flowers attracting bees and butterflies; and the dwarf varieties of native *Oakleaf Hydrangea*, whose creamy white flowers of summer give way to autumn foliage of red and purple, and exfoliating, cinnamon-colored bark in winter.

To avoid irksome, labor-intensive garden maintenance, Ms. Windoloski emphasized what any gardener needed to know.

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net's Nest by Stieg Larsson. I liked the previous two titles in the series and found them suspenseful and great page-turners. Also a plus is the portability for travel if you get the paperback edition.

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self-reference, and strange loops. It is also a brilliant work of pedagogy—over the course of its 700-something pages it explains the proof of the Gödel Incompleteness Theorem (one of the most important results in 20th century mathematics) in a way that is not just easy to understand, but also entertaining.

First, understand the specific conditions of a garden site, which could be summed up as basically selecting the right plant for the right place. Second, remain within the limits of available resources, including water, money, and time. And finally, take into account the gardener's own physical limitations. Her many helpful suggestions included starting with smaller garden beds and planning easy access from paths and edges; looking at the care needs of different plants, limiting invasive plants and those in need of frequent watering, deadheading, staking, and dividing; practicing companion planting so as to deter harmful insects and attract beneficial ones; and, of course, weeding often.

While pointing out that the inconsistencies of our Zone 5 climate need to be reckoned with in planning a garden landscape, Ms. Windoloski confessed that as a gardener she was thrilled with the plant-insulating snow cover afforded by this year's harsh winter. With the welcome arrival of spring, local gardeners can assess how their own gardens fared, as well as look forward to the annual pleasures of the Friends of Forbes Garden Tour taking place on June 11.

Forbes Library BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPENING

There will be a vacancy on the Forbes Library Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 2012. The volunteer, four year, elected position will be decided at the city elections Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Potential candidates must be Northampton residents and at least 18 years old. Election papers will be available at the City Clerks office in City Hall beginning May 23rd. These papers must be signed by at least fifty registered Northampton voters and turned into the Northampton Registrar of Voters by August 9th for verification and then returned to the City Clerk by August 23rd.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Forbes Library Board of Trustees is encouraged to contact Library Director, Janet Moulding (jmoulding@forbeslibrary.org or 587-1016) or any of the current Board of Trustees of the library. More information is available on the library's website at www.forbeslibrary.org/trustees/trustees.shtml.