



Among Friends

News and Notes from the Friends of the Upper Shores
Branch of the Ocean County Library

Spring 2009

President's Column

We want to thank you for making the first three months of 2009 a very successful start to our new year. We have had some very wonderful events so far this year thanks to you and all our Friends who support the Library programs and attend our various events.

I would like to highlight two members of the Executive Board Committee that help to make it so successful. They are our Vice-President Jane Kraysky and our Treasurer Everett Zanes. Both of these dedicated Executive Board Members have contributed many years to the service of the Upper Shore Branch Friends Group:

Jane is the keeper of all members' applications and their respective donations. She keeps us up-to-date with members, addresses, phone numbers and organizes us all for membership and newsletter mailings. She keeps the Executive Board apprised of all changes quarterly in Membership per yearly categories and sends out flyers with the mailings to notify our Friends and Business Patrons of various events. We continue to appreciate her advice and expertise in printings and mailings and thank her for her dedication to the office of Vice-President.

Everett Zanes is our dedicated Treasurer. He keeps track of all monies that are received by our Friends group. This includes membership donations, fundraising activities, and other donations that are given to us for various events. He prepares for us a detailed budget for each year, and the actual expenditures from year to year reports on various expenses and liabilities as well as our assets. He gives us a quarterly update to assist us in keeping within the various categories of our budget. He pays our bills and itemizes each one so that we all are aware of where our monies are being spent. We thank him for his expertise and keeping us solvent.

As you are aware, we had a very successful Author Luncheon with Debbie McComber as our guest speaker. This luncheon was sponsored by the Upper Shores and the Little Egg Harbor Friends Groups of the Ocean County Library. She is truly an excellent speaker and humorous in the stories she tells of becoming an author and of her family as she evolved into the author she is today. We had a sell out crowd and are certainly happy that the Ocean County Library was able to entice her to come to our luncheon at the Captain's Inn in Forked River. Two hundred and thirty-five people attended our event. We were able to receive a small portion of the book sales to improve our final expense outlay for this event and will have a final count

of expenses hopefully at our next general meeting on April 8, 2009. My thanks to our Executive Board Member Susan Brosnan from Upper Shores Friends and Rita Murray of the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch for Co-Chairing this wonderful and successful event. President Joyce Salow and Fortune Scaraglino of Little Egg Harbor, as well as Teddy Esposito and I were also part of the Committee.

Please remember that our next meeting will be held on April 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Upper Shores Library. The featured evening program is *Songs from the Great American Songbook* with Maggie Worsdale. We look forward to seeing you all there. Our Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on the same day. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please leave them at the desk in care of Mary Ann Mc Kee and I will be happy to present them to the Board.

We have some new volunteers willing to serve as Refreshments Hosts for programs and Friends meetings this year. At our first Quarterly meeting in January Maureen and Ann hosted the meeting and did a very good job of getting the coffee and cookies together for all of us. Many thanks for stepping up to the plate to assist us!

Two Friends newly co-chairing the Books Donations & Sales Committee are Mary Ellen Garlick and Carol Martowlis. They have been keeping the books moving, discarding old ones, collecting new ones and stocking our hard covers and paperbacks. Some of these are very gently used books and make great gifts. Please look all of them over for possible purchase when you come to the Library.

Our Fundraising Chairman Teddy Esposito, has two events coming up. One is a trip to the Renault Winery and

Atlantic City for the day on April 29, 2009. The cost is only \$48 with a \$10 cash back to use in AC! The second event is a trip to the Surfflight Theatre for George Gershwin's "Lady Be Good" with lunch at Sweet Vidalia's on Long Beach Island scheduled for June 11th. The cost is \$59.00 per person.. There is still room available and you can pick up flyers and information in the library.

The Proposed Reading Garden is coming along. We have been approved for the Upper Shores Reading Garden by the Ocean County Library Commission and Elaine McConnell, Library Director. We are very excited about this project and will keep you posted on further developments. Teddy Esposito is our Chair for this endeavor.

On another note, I would again like to thank our Friends Board Member Barbara McCarthy, Program Chair, and June Schneider-Borup, Branch Manager at Upper Shores for their work to bring outstanding programs and wonderful entertainment to our library.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our Friends once again for your support in the past and for your efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Upper Shores Library. Our Officers and Board Members will continue to need your support and thank you for investing in our library. Many, many thanks and have a Joyous Spring, Easter and Passover Season.

Mary Ann Mc Kee, President

CALENDAR

April

Crafters

Every Thursday @ 10:30 am

Bring your projects in for fun in good company!

AARP Tax-Aide

Thursdays, 4/2 & 4/9
By appointment only. Afternoons from 12pm-3:45 pm. Please stop in or call to make your appointment.

OC Purls

Fridays, 4/3, 4/24 @ 1:30
Knitting group: bring your own materials.

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, 4/06, 4/20, 4/27
10:30 am
Story and craft. Ages 4-5.

What is Your Home Worth?

Tuesday, 4/7 @ 7 pm
Join Michael Noone (Morgan Stanley) and Patricia Daw (Crossroads Realty) for a timely discussion of the housing and mortgage market today. Please register.

Friends General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 4/8 @ 7 pm
Maggie Worsdale and Felix Truex sing from: The Great American Songbook
Wednesday, 4/7 @ 7:30 pm
Join us for an evening of first-class musical entertainment!

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29
10:30 am
Toddle on over for stories, songs, and fun. Ages 18-36 months.

Celebrate National Library Week:

Worlds Connect @ your Library!
Wednesday, 4/15 @ 7 pm
Speaker Emily Holman presents *Library Goodwill Travels*
Bridging cultural and political borders through education and exchange, Ms. Holman's *People to People Ambassador* travels and visits to libraries in Brazil, China, Cuba, South Africa, Vietnam & Cambodia are truly inspiring! Librarians making a difference in our world...

A New Year, A New You

Thursday, April 16 @ 10:30 am
A Pilates based workout with Lavallette Personal Fitness owner, Gabrielle Drorscakova. Come and see how good you'll feel after only one hour of gentle toning!
***Sponsored by the Friends of Upper Shores**

Reading Isn't Ruff!

Tuesday, 4/21 @ 7:00 pm

Pick out your favorite book and snuggle up with our therapy dogs-they're all ears!

Drop-In Craft

Tuesday, 4/21 from 6-7 pm
Drop by the library and make something fun to take home!

In Recognition of Autism Awareness Month

Wednesday, 4/22 @ 7 pm
A short documentary from Autism Speaks and a guest speaker from POAC (Parents of Autistic Children) will demystify common questions about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Lapsit

Thursday, 4/23 @ 10:30 am
Finger plays, songs, and rhymes. For babies who are not yet walking with caregiver.

Book Discussion

Thursday, 4/23 @ 3:00 pm
Astrid and Veronica by Olsson
The unusual and unexpected friendship of two women, four decades apart is set against a haunting Swedish landscape; a lyrical and meditative novel of love & loss.

Wii Play Tennis! Gaming for Adults!

Tuesday, 4/28 @ 2 pm **OR** 7 pm
Leave your racket at home and come join the fun!

Friend's Bus Trip to Renault Winery & the Tropicana!

Wednesday, 4/29
10 am-8:30 pm
Renault Winery & Tropicana Casino for *A Celebration of the Sixties!*
\$48 due upon signing includes RT Bus Transportation, lunch & optional tour @ Renault Winery, and the show @ the Tropicana. PLUS \$10 cash back in AC!
Call Teddy @ 732-830-3363

Lavallette Environmental Committee

Presents:

A Film Screening & Discussion

Wednesday, 4/29 @ 6:30 pm
Al Gore's, *An Inconvenient Truth*
Discussion Moderator: Lois Jacobsen of the **League of Women Voters**
In conjunction with the *U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement*

May

Crafters

Every Thursday @ 10:30 am
Bring your projects in for fun in good company!

Join the League!

Come in as "Wii" Bowl! Gaming for Adults!

Every Friday in May @ 10:30 am
No experience necessary! Leave your ball @ home!

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, 5/04, 5/11, 5/18
10:30 am
Story and craft. Ages 4-5.

Monday Matinee

Celebrate Older Americans Month

Monday, 5/4 @ 12 noon

Young @ Heart: An elderly choral ensemble (average age of 81) that covers rock songs?!? Come enjoy the unexpected in this musical documentary that has thrilled audiences worldwide.

Reverse Mortgages: A Seminar for Seniors

Tuesday, 5/5 @ 11 am
Join Diana & Marina to find if this might benefit you!

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 5/06, 5/13, 5/20 @ 10:30 am
Toddle on over for stories, songs, and fun. Ages 18-36 months.

Artist Reception

Wednesday, 5/6 from 5-7 pm
Meet Artist Barbara Lunardi in our meeting room. Enjoy her exhibit!
Light refreshments served.

My Fair Lady Deconstructed

A Concert Version

Conceived by Irene & David Wolff
Wednesday, 5/6 @ 7 pm
Narrated skits, historical profile & vocal renditions of one of America's most beloved musicals!
Talented Residents of Leisure Village West come together in a

Celebration of Older Americans Month

***Sponsored by the Friends of Upper Shores**

Classic Book Discussion

Thursday, 5/7 @ 3 pm. Call for details.

Monday Matinee

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day!

Monday, 5/11 @ 12 noon

Winged Migration: From one pole to another over seven continents, enjoy the beautiful cinematography in this documentary nature film! For bird and nature lovers alike.

Savvy Investment Matters for Women

Tuesday, 5/12 @ 7 pm
Join Michael Noone/Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley and Anne Marie Woods/MainStay Investments for the second program in the series,

Feeding your Cash Cows: Timely Topics on Money Matters

A New Year, A New You!

Thursday, 5/14 @ 10:30 am
A Pilates based workout with Lavallette Personal Fitness owner, Gabrielle Drorscakova. Come and see how good you'll feel after only one hour of gentle toning. Please register.

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Drop-In Craft

Tuesday, 5/19
From 6-7 pm
Drop by the library and make something fun to take home! All ages.

Reading Isn't Ruff!

Tuesday, 5/19 @ 7:00 pm
Pick out your favorite book and snuggle up with our therapy dogs-they're all ears!

Book Discussion

Wednesday, 5/20 @ 7 pm
Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
Considered a modern classic, Robinson's first novel enjoys a sustained popularity. The story of Ruth and her sister, Lucille, *Housekeeping* speaks eloquently of displacement, loss, and longing. Robinson is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gilead*.

Lapsit Storytime

Thursday, 5/21 @ 10:30 am
Finger plays, songs, and rhymes. For babies who are not yet walking with caregiver.

Five Tips for Surviving Market Volatility

Tuesday, 5/26 @ 7 pm
Part Three in *Feeding Your Cash Cows* series. Join Michael Noone and Anne Marie Woods to learn more about today's changing market. Light refreshments served. Please register.

Lavallette Environmental Committee

Presents:

Wednesday, 5/27 @ 7 pm

Guest speaker **Richard Mohr**/ Master Gardener & Composter

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County
Tonight's topic: **Choosing Native Plants** to help preserve our resources.

Join local efforts to Go Green & Protect our Environment!

June

Monday Matinee

6/1 @ 12 noon

Celebrate Great Outdoors Month

Wildlife Symphony: A musical celebration in nature! Breathtaking landscapes, fascinating animals & music of classical composers

Wii Wimbledon! Get in Shape for the Big Tournament!

Gaming for Adults

Tuesday, 6/2

2 pm **OR** 7 pm

Identity Theft: What It Is and What to Do About It

Wednesday, 6/3 @ 7 pm

Michael Noone/Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley

The final seminar in the four part series,
Feeding Your Cash Cows: Timely Topics on Money Matters

Light Refreshments Served. Please Register

Crafters

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CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY!

Friday, 6/5

Monday Matinee Classic

6/8 @ 12 noon

Summertime w/Katherine Hepburn

Wii Wimbledon! Get in Shape for the Big Tournament!

Gaming for Adults

Tuesday, 6/9

2 pm **OR** 7 pm

Artist Reception: Mary Jo Austin

Wednesday, 6/10

6 pm-7 pm

Please join us to enjoy the beautiful oil & acrylic paintings of Mary Jo Austin

Ms. Austin is a true Friend of Upper Shores—she schedules exhibits for our meeting room all year, every year! Please help us show our appreciation for all she does!

Fred Miller: Lecture-In-Song

Wednesday, 6/10 @ 7 pm (**come early for the Artist Reception!**)

Harold Arlen: Songwriter Extraordinaire!

Perennial favorite, Fred Miller joins us once again to offer an historical, anecdotal, and musical profile of lesser known giant, Arlen.

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Friend's Bus Trip

Thursday, 6/11

10:30 am-5:30 pm

Surflight Theatre: Lady Be Good

Lunch @ Sweet Vidalia

\$59 due upon signing includes RT Bus

Transportation, Lunch & Theatre Ticket!

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3rd Annual Battle of the Bands

Saturday, 6/13

12 noon-3 pm

Bring your lawn chair down to listen to talented teen bands! Show your support for local kids bound for greatness! A wonderful afternoon for the entire community!

Please join us and invite family members who like music!

***Sponsored by the Friends of Upper Shores, Lavallette Municipal Alliance & area businesses**

Monday Matinee

6/15 @ 12 noon

Summer Rental w/John Candy

Get your laughs in before the summer crowds arrive!

“Candy” will be served—what else?!

A New Year, A New You!

Thursday, 6/18 @ 10:30 am

A Pilates based workout with Lavallette Personal Fitness owner, Gabrielle Drorscakova. Come and see how good you'll feel after only one hour of gentle toning. Please register.

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Book Discussion

Wednesday, 6/24 @ 3 pm
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The classic of classics!

Lavallette Environmental Committee

Presents:

Wednesday, 6/24 @ 7 pm
A monthly event with guest speakers who will help us learn how to be more environmentally responsible! Please call for details about tonight's speaker!

CyberSaturday

Gaming Fun for Teens!
Stop in from 10-12 noon for gaming fun!

****Please stop in for our complete Summer Reading Program Calendar for kids covering the months of June-August! Great programs, many sponsored by you, Our Friends!!**

Note from the Librarian

By June Schneider-Borup

Worlds Connect @ Your Library: The theme for National Library Week 2009!

Won't you join us for a special program to commemorate NLW? One of our very own, retired Ocean County Librarian Emily Holman, presents **Library Goodwill Travels**. I have personally worked with Ms. Holman who served as System Coordinator of Youth Services for many years. She has since moved on to become a Deacon, and enjoys helping others as well as travelling the world wide. This program held in honor of National Library work will highlight travels related to the profession of librarianship. Please join us! Wednesday, April 15th is an easy date to remember-- I'm sure we will see you there! @ 7:00pm

Winter Blahs come to an end!

2009 has been very busy these first few months, with some outstanding programs many of you missed, but with the arrival of Spring all of that is behind us now! Our one woman show, *Tea for Three*, was one of the finest productions to ever grace our library. The fully staged production transformed our library main floor into a Theater-in-the-Round, complete with set, sound & lighting! The memorial event was a perfect fit for departed

Friend, Geraldine L. Gilroy, whose daughter started the evening off with opening remarks about her mother. In attendance were the President, Vice President & Media Relations staff from the Women's Political Caucus of NJ. It was a night to be remembered.... Caitlin Marschner participated in the *Polar Bear Plunge* fundraiser for Special Olympics for her second year in a row. Great job, Caitlin!

We look forward to the return of summer staffers this May as we once again gear up for the summer crowds.

Exciting Spring Things!

So many wonderful events will soon be upon us in the months of April-June. Please make sure you add programs of interest to your calendars so you don't miss out!

Born Unto Spring!

For those of us who have remained here for the winter, a 'growing excitement' was evident as Miss Laura, our wonderful Children's Librarian, entered her final trimester of pregnancy. Baby Walter has a green due date of March 17th, so by the time you are reading this newsletter Mom & baby should be happily home from the hospital and enjoying their new life as a family o' three! Congratulations Laura! We will miss her over the next few months. At the same time we extend a warm welcome to Librarian-in-Training Christi Aldelizzi who will be executing children's programs in Laura's absence. Also join me in welcoming Stella Kern who will be with us part time to help fill Laura's maternity leave. I have worked with Stella over the years, and trust me when I say you are in for a treat of warm & wonderful customer service during her 10 week stay!

Older Americans Month~! A May Celebration

During the month of May we will be celebrating Older Americans Month with some wonderful programs.

●Each **Friday Wii Bowl @ 10:30 am**—Join the League and wow your kids & grandkids by getting active with electronic gaming! We will show you the ropes—easy as pie! Stop in any or all Friday mornings!

● **Young @ Heart: Please join us for A special Monday Matinee: May 4th @ 12**

An elderly choral ensemble (average age of 81) that covers rock songs?!? Come enjoy the unexpected in this musical documentary that has thrilled audiences worldwide.

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Spring into some Great Library Activities!

Let's Play! Adult Gaming in the Library!

Have you heard about Wii, but have no clue what it's really all about?

This spring come have out to play with library friends while getting in shape and seeing what fun electronic gaming can be. It's easy & good for you too! We have sessions for tennis (no racket or previous experience required) and a Friday Bowling League (leave your ball @ home!). We provide the instruction, you provide the smiles! Please come in & give it a try—I promise you'll be glad you did!

Tennis Fun: Tuesdays, April 28th, June 2nd & June 9th @ 2 pm OR 7 pm

Bowling League: Every Friday in May from 10:30 am-12 noon
DROP IN! No registration required!

Friends Bus Trips!

Thanks once again to Teddy Esposito, there are two wonderful trips to look forward to! If you haven't already signed up, now is the time! Help support programming by attending these wonderful fundraisers!

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AARP Senior Tax Aide!

We are happy to serve as an assistance location for tax preparation help this year! There is still time to have AARP Tax aides file your return! Call today for your appointment. Afternoon appointments are available Thursday, April 2nd or April 9th from 12 pm-3:45 pm.

This service is **free of charge**.

Please stop in or call to schedule your appointment. **By appointment only.

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Stop in Soon!

I look forward to seeing all of you here for the **General Membership Meeting** on **Wednesday, April 8th** @ 7 pm. Following the meeting noted jazz & cabaret singer, Maggie Worsdale and accomplished pianist, Felix Truex will perform for our listening pleasure: **The Great American Songbook**. Maggie has performed professionally nationally and internationally since 1989. Her career highlights include: Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, The Petroleum Club in Dallas, Channings in Edinburgh, Scotland, The Ritz Carlton in California, Boston, & Florida. Maggie has been the opening act for Bob Hope, George Burns and Mark Russell! This program is sure to entertain. *See you there!*