

Twelfth Annual Poetry Reception

Poetry is a synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits. - Carl Sandburg

On April 28th, budding local poets, their families and fans gathered at the Community Center to hear the contest winners read their masterpieces. For this year's winners, please see below.

Last year was the first year that Bill Lane was absent due to a prior commitment. Bill himself was not a poet per se, but was instead an example of poetry in motion - always synthesizing the ideal and the workaday to benefit the greater good. As he and Jean had been major supporters of the contest (and the Roush Family preceding them), Bill was an ever-present fan of the annual event. We miss him sorely, but his closest ambassador, Jean, was there to continue the tradition. No matter what, though, Bill will never be truly absent from this or any other local event because he is a fixed star in our community's firmament - one that shines over and guides every communal endeavor.



Friends of the Portola Valley Library Summer Newsletter 2011

12th Annual Poetry Contest

Thank you to our judges and congratulations to the young poets:

Grade	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Honorable Mention
K	Evan Ruiz	Charlie King	Carolyn Faban	Catherine Byrne
1st	Stefan Minkowski	Alex Sandhu	Ana Celerier Salcedo	Chas Mitchell
2nd	Andrés Ruiz	Courtney Yee	Carson Miller	Chester Thorson
3rd	J.J. Murphy	Olivia Scott	Nora Brew	Toby Taylor-Cohen
4th	Sophia Hope	Kate Jahraus	Amaia Minkowski	Olivia Vercuryse
5th	Joseph Puglisi	Robin Sandell	Alex Waddell	Chet MacArthur
6th	Nadia Faisal	Nicholas Treynol	Ryan Calbert	Julia Bounds
7th	Carolyn Akers	Jeremy Rader	Connor Young	Robert Screven
8th	Simran Kashyap			



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Numbers, Numbers...

Business is brisker than ever at the Portola Valley Library: circulation of materials shows a 3% rise, and patron visits have increased another 6% over the previous year. These numbers reflect the continuing vitality of our small but mighty repository of knowledge and the thriving nature of this living culture of communal sharing.

~ This newsletter marks the beginning of the Friends' Membership Renewal Drive, when we ask you to remit your memberships dues, join us as a new member or possibly even upgrade your current level of membership. Please complete the enclosed renewal form printed on the self-addressed remittance envelope, and mail it, along with your check to FOPVL, or simply drop the form and check at the library on your next visit. We are proud to remind all that nearly every cent of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to embellish library services, resources and programs.

Did You Know . . . that the Portola Valley Library is a member of the Peninsula Library System (PLS), a consortium of 35 public and community college libraries? Founded in 1971, the PLS is funded primarily by member libraries to provide cost-effective services. Your current card is recognized throughout PLS, and with it you can borrow books from any of the member libraries. Also, you may return to Portola Valley Library materials borrowed from other PLS and city libraries. (How convenient is that?) For addresses, hours, and maps, go to www.plsinfo.org. If you prefer to 'be green', stay closer to home, and patronize our lovely Portola Valley Library, you can request delivery of items from other PLS libraries to the Portola Valley Library. You will need your 14-digit library card number and your PIN to make the request. The charge for this service is \$0.75 per book. When your delivery has arrived, you will receive notification via e-mail.

Soon to Be Installed

R.F.I.D. (Radio Frequency Identification) is both a security and a circulation system. All library materials will be equipped with a microchip containing unique barcode information. This information, already catalogued in the library's circulation software, will be bounced back via radio frequency to the system's antennae at the front desk and at the doors. The library's computer system will then be capable of automatically monitoring items and checking them in or out as they pass through the doors. No interruption in service is expected during the installation, and the end result is easier check-out, simpler materials handling for staff, and less items lost or missing in action.

Friends in Motion

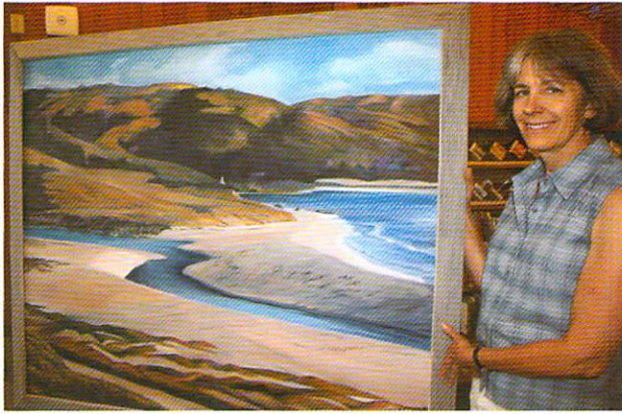
If one face can say Portola Valley Library, that face belongs to our Adele McPartland. For nearly 40 years, she provided every service in the library's repertoire, all the while exemplifying the generosity and graciousness that is our library's hallmark. Adele is so many things to so many in our community: she is the library's institutional memory (having been staff and volunteer corps); neighbor, friend and artful floral arranger; and she is someone we won't allow to retire fully from her many roles. Adele is a touchstone we simply cannot do without.

~ We bid Alan Couch, Branch Manager, a sad farewell as he returns to his Alabama roots; and we extend hearty greetings to Patrick Sweeney, who assumes the position of Acting Branch Manager.

Making New Friends

When Maryann Derwin, Portola Valley Town Vice Mayor and Vice Chair of the San Mateo JPA, asked us to collaborate with East Palo Alto Library and local representatives there in establishing a new Friends group, we couldn't refuse. We already share a connection through the Peninsula Library System and now an Acting Branch Manager, Patrick Sweeney. It's just an advisory role, but we're all hopeful that EPA Library can develop a solid base of grassroots advocates - which is what Friends are - for its already thriving community resource.

For Art's Sake...



Recently the Friends held a reception for Kris Davis Taylor, local artist and daughter of local artists Louise (Lu) & Wally Davis. On display was the painting 'Carmel River,' one of Kris' mother's many masterpieces, which Kris has donated in her mother's honor to the Friends. Kris also made a gift of two in a series of fascinating ink drawings entitled 'Aphid Cities,' created by her son Martin when he was but a 12-year-old growing up in Portola Valley. These are displayed in the Children's Room...at an appropriate eye-level.

The Davis Family's roots are here in Portola Valley. Many who attended the reception contributed to impromptu "I remember when" stories about the Davis Family and their colorful (artistic and otherwise) history, as well as details about the donated pieces. Sue Chaput, longtime member of the Friends' Board of Directors, facilitated the donation/acquisition.

In case you haven't already noticed the painting 'Windy Hill' behind the circulation desk, it is by renowned local artist Ann Hogle. Ann magnanimously donated this painting, feeling it belonged in a public arena beside the natural landscape which inspired it.

Spend a few moments during your next library visit admiring these latest additions, which represent great art and reflect the local generosity and talent that the Friends are honored to receive and display on behalf of the community.



Book Donations and Sales

Please consider the Friends when you have gently-used books, CDs, DVDs or books on tape to donate. We continually operate a used-book sale in the library in the Friends' Alcove. Prices range from \$.50 to \$2.00 and proceeds finance the Friends' Collection (also in the alcove) and library programs. We do appreciate all the donations we have received – they are our only source for books to sell. There are some types of books, however, that people do not purchase, so we hate to waste the space putting these types of books out (and would prefer to not receive them): They are: books in poor condition (torn, dirty, missing pages); textbooks; computer or business books more than three years old; and technical books.

Thanks for your support!

Louise Hamm & Bunny Dawson, Book Sales

What Do the Friends of the Library Do?

The Friends of the Library organization supports and enhances the services and programs of the Portola Valley Library. For over forty years the Friends' group has raised money to sponsor library programs and cultural events. We sponsor our annual Poetry Contest for school children and our Summer Reading Program for children and adults. We pay for lectures, workshops, and events held at the Portola Valley Library. We provide money to purchase best-sellers and other current fiction and non-fiction books (located in the Friends' Alcove and now overflowing onto an adjacent bookcase). When our new Town Center was built, we raised money to help furnish and equip our new library – and we also helped organize and finance the library's relocation to the Corte Madera School campus, keeping it open during the entire period of construction.

"There is not such a cradle upon the earth as the free public library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration." - Andrew Carnegie

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Portola Valley Library's Schedule of Events: Summer 2011

Summer Reading Program begins for Children, Teenagers and Adults in June

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| June 4th at 10:30 am | Friends of Portola Valley Library Book Sale in conjunction with Town Picnic |
| June 11th at 11:00 am | Paws for Tales: For children to read to a trained therapy dog. Sign up in advance |
| June 16th at 4:30 pm | Sweet Theater presents 'Flying Skeletons', a Mexican tale set in LA |
| June 22nd at 3:30-4:30 pm | Chef Yan Can Cook Demonstration of Asian cooking by Martin Yan |
| June 25th 11:00- 12:00 pm | Computer Security Class |
| July 13th at 7:00 pm | Picasso Masterpieces: de Young docent lecture on current exhibition |
| July 14th at 4:30 - 5:30 pm | Keiki Pa'ina: Children's Party with Island Moves. To be held outside. |

Babies and Books Storytime: Mondays at 11:00 am

Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Pre-School Storytime: Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Non-Fiction Book Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm