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The Bookworm Bulletin
Events of the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

FMHL Annual Membership Meeting with author Carol Firenze

All members of the Friends are invited to this special event on Tuesday, November 27. After a brief meeting to elect 2013 officers and hear a “State of the Friends” report, we are fortunate to have as our featured speaker, Carol Firenze, author of The Passionate Olive.

Carol will share the history of olive oil, various uses that go beyond cooking, and how olive oil is produced today. She will also lead us through a tasting of this “liquid gold”.

Carol started her early career as a history teacher. After receiving her Doctorate from USF, she worked for an international management consulting firm. During a sabbatical, she followed her interest in the history of health, religion, beauty, and culinary arts with the major connector of these subjects – olive oil.

In 2003 Carol formed her company, The Passionate Olive, and wrote her book. Now considered an expert in olive oil, she lectures worldwide and hosts Olive Harvest Adventure tours to Umbria and Tuscany. Please see page 5 for details of her presentation.
Volunteers Count

Fall Book Sale

The next Friends book sale will be on Saturday, October 13, and it will be better than ever. As usual, all books are $1.00 or less, with an extensive collection of fiction and nonfiction. But this sale has many teen books, videos, books on tape, and audiotapes that will be only 10 cents each. All children’s books and small paperbacks are also just 10 cents.

Other features are the Members’ Only Preview at 9-10 am on Saturday before the sale opens to the public and the $4 per bag sale that takes place the last hour of the sale. In addition, teachers and representatives of non-profit groups are welcome to take books for free at the end of the sale, but must register ahead of time with Carol at cbohare@garlic.com or 408-782-9029.

All proceeds from our big sale and bookstore benefit the Morgan Hill Library programs and services.

2012 Philanthropy Day Honoree - Teresa Stephenson

The FMHL board has selected Teresa Stephenson as our 2012 Philanthropy Day honoree. She will receive her award at the Philanthropy Day dinner on Friday, November 9 at the Community Center.

The event is sponsored by the Morgan Hill Community Foundation as a way for non-profit groups to recognize those who help make their organization a success.

Teresa is well deserving of the honor. She has been Friends membership chair, served as president and vice president, works a regular shift in the bookstore and hosts the book sale committee meetings (and provides delicious treats).

She is always willing to help out when needed, whether waxing and polishing bronze sculptures, picking up book donations from the SJ Mercury News or setting up for book sales. Besides the Friends, she is an active volunteer with WERC, the Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center, and has been that organization’s honoree in the past.

Our thanks to Teresa for generously sharing her time and talents with the Friends of the Library.

If you would like to attend the dinner where Teresa will be honored, please contact Valerie, vjchamliss@gmail.com.

Scape Martinez at the unveiling of his urban art mural, “Inspire”, at the library’s 5th birthday party.
The library always anticipates the busyness that occurs when school starts after a long summer. We have a large uptick in students coming into the library to find the materials they need for their schoolwork. I remember how important the library was to my son’s success in school.

When my son was in first grade, he struggled with even the simplest of beginning readers. When he started 2nd grade his teacher told me that she was really worried about his reading skills and that we would have to work really hard if he was going to be successful that school year. I was a children’s librarian then and brought home library books on any subject that I thought would get him excited and interested in reading. Those were two long and worrisome years. Without the library and all the materials I borrowed to give my son the practice he needed, I don’t think he would have ever made it over that hurdle.

Today, children have even more challenges. Not only do they have to become proficient readers, but they also have to navigate all the new technologies.

That is why I am thrilled that the Friends will be supporting a pilot project next year to supply pre-loaded electronic tablets with children’s book apps and games specifically for pre-readers and beginning readers that will support and enhance their experiences in learning to read and mastering new technologies.

After discovering that over 30% of 3rd graders in the Morgan Hill School District are not reading at grade level, Children’s Supervising Librarian Saralyn Otter wanted to offer children and their parents a tool that foster and reinforce both reading and technology skills.

I wish there had been children’s book apps and games to help my son. It would have given him an engaging tool to help him overcome that hurdle of deciphering those squiggly lines on a page (or screen) that finally turn into letters, sounds and words.
2013 Silicon Reads Books Announced

With the theme “Invisible Wounds of War”, two books have been selected for 2013 Silicon Valley Reads.

*The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life that Follows* by Brian Castner

A memoir by a bomb-disposal veteran of the Iraq War traces his three tours of duty in the Middle East and his team's daily life-threatening efforts to stop roadside bombers, sharing additional coverage of the challenges he faced while reacclimating to civilian life. [NPR Books review]

*Minefields of the Heart: A Mother’s Stories of a Son at War* by Sue Diaz

How do combat veterans and their loved ones bridge the divide that war, by its very nature, creates between them? Diaz recounts the emotional rollercoaster her family and other soldiers' families experience during and after deployment. [NPR Books review]

Sue Diaz will appear at the Morgan Hill Library on Thursday, January 31, and Brian Castner will be at the Gilroy Library on Saturday, February 1.

Getting to Know Our Library Staff Members

**Staff Member Profile: Durga Jandhyala**

Durga Jandhyala is our newest library clerk. She came to us from the Cupertino Library where she worked as a page for 11 years. She likes meeting new people and interacting with them in a comfortable environment. Durga said she enjoys the Morgan Hill Library’s “calm, laid-back atmosphere that makes it quite gratifying to work with the staff and patrons in this wonderful library!”

In September Durga became a grandmother for the very first time. When she is not working, she enjoys cooking, watching movies, travel, smiling, and, of course, taking care of her new grandson Saavan when she has the chance. When asked what she dislikes, she answered untidiness and coconuts (because of her allergies). Please welcome Durga when you see her at the accounts desk.
Olive oil great to cook and bake with in your kitchen ... it is the healthiest, monounsaturated fat! And, The Passionate Olive—101 Things to do with Olive Oil also teaches you how to use olive oil around the house to clean, polish, and preserve your belongings. You can use it to improve the condition of your skin, nails and hair. Learn these and other tips from noted olive oil expert, Carol Firenze. Joining Carol will be Say Ota of Passionate Sweets.

Available for Purchase
The Passionate Olive & Passionate Sweets:
(great holiday gifts)
- The Passionate Olive book (autographed)
- Olive Oil Soaps (organic)
- California Olive Oil & Vinegar (200 ml & mini size gifts)
- Dolce Amore (dessert candy)
- Salty & Sassy (gourmet truffle nuts) ... and more!

Come to our Olive Oil Tasting event ... (and try some Sweets and Treats, too!)

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library
Annual Membership Meeting
Welcome Author and Speaker
Carol Firenze

Tuesday, November 27
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Presentation,
Olive Oil Tasting & Treats

Morgan Hill Library
600 West Main Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA
Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 13
10 am to 3 pm

All books $1 or less
$4 per bag 2-3 pm

Fiction, nonfiction, hardcover and paper
Children’s books and small paperbacks 10 cents each

Members Only Preview
Saturday, October 13, 9 - 10 am
(before sale opens to the public, memberships available at the door)

Save the date: Feb. 9, 2013 next book sale!
We have heard nothing but praise for the 5th Birthday of the Morgan Hill Library celebration this past July 21. Attendees enjoyed the varied entertainment, including Taiko drummers, karate demonstrators, wildlife exhibitors, musicians, and scavenger hunters.

The cake in the shape of a stack of books and other refreshments were a big hit, and the unveiling of “Inspire” in the Teen Study Room, a work by Scape Martinez, capped off the afternoon. [Photos from the MH Times.]

This was the result of many, many hours of planning put in by volunteers and library staff, and it brought about a wonderful sense of community for all those participating. We especially thank Yvonne Duckett for all her creativity in chairing the event for the Friends of the Library.

**Great news! In honor of National Friends of the Library Week, October 21 – 27, we will be offering to the first 100 Friends who drop by the Bookstore during that week a free $2 certificate towards purchases in the store. Thank you, Friends!**

Finally, we invite any service-minded member to nominate him/herself or another to serve on the 2013 FMHL Board in the position of President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer. Those interested in assisting with Programs, Membership, Book Sales, Newsletter and Publicity are also welcome to let us know of your inclination! Please contact Teresa Stephenson (stephensonjr@earthlink.net) with your response.

The Board election will take place during the Annual Membership Meeting on November 27, at 7 pm in the Programs Room. Thank you for considering this important way to help the Friends move forward in our service to the Library.

All are members are most welcome at our Annual Membership meeting; it should be a fascinating and delicious event (see announcement).

*Valerie Chambliss – President, vjchambliss@gmail.com*

**FMHL Budget and Library Requests**

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Friends Bookstore sales were approximately $9,770 from May 1 through August 31, 2012. Online sales were about $6,100 during the four months, and we received an additional $952 from the Big Sale on June 9th for a total income for the quarter of $16,822.

Expenses for library activities during the four months included $3,072 for adult and teen bestsellers, $4,700 for children’s programming, and $1,835 for teen programs, a total of $9607.

Many thanks to Lionel and Marilyn for making the bank deposits.

*Marti Jurick – Treasurer, momoo1@aol.com*
Friends at Historical Society
Holiday Boutique

The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library will again participate in the Morgan Hill Historical Society holiday boutique, “Christmas at Villa Mira Monte” at 17860 Monterey Road.

The book sorters have been saving some of our better books to sell at this popular event. The boutique will be held:

**November 9 to 11, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

with a special preview on

**November 8, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.**

FMHL Volunteers are needed to staff the booth, sharing information about the Friends and keeping the table stocked and tidy, and to help with set up on Tuesday, November 6. Please contact Valerie, vjchambliss@gmail.com.

*Shop for holiday gifts and treasures!*
Woodcrafts, antique tea cups and glass, lamps, silverware, floral, soaps, custom jewelry, old and rare BOOKS, handmade crafts, furnishings, poppy jasper and other items unique to Morgan Hill!