Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting and Program with author
Carol Firenze

All members of the Friends are invited to this special event on Tuesday, November 27, at 7 pm. There will be a very brief business meeting to elect 2013 officers and to hear a “State of the Friends” report. That will be followed by featured speaker, Carol Firenze, author of *The Passionate Olive: 101 Things to Do with Olive Oil*. She will be joined by Say Ota of Passionate Sweets.

Carol will share the history of olive oil, various uses that go beyond cooking, and how olive oil is produced today. (Is it really extra virgin?) She will also lead us through a tasting of this “liquid gold”. The evening will conclude with a tasting of delicious sweet treats.

Books, olive oil products and sweets will be available for purchase (think holiday gift giving).

See flyer on page 4 for more information.
Volunteers Count

Winter Book Sale-Save the Date

The next Friends book sale will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2013. (Note change of date.) As usual, all books will be $1.00 or less, with children’s books and small paperbacks just 10 cents each.

The Members’ Only Preview will be 9-10 am on Saturday before the sale opens to the public, and the $4 per bag sale will be the last hour of the sale.

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

The October book sale was very successful. It earned over $1500 and brought us 19 new members. Our thanks to the 22 members who helped, including cashiers, set-up and clean-up volunteers. These sales couldn’t happen without them!

Congratulations to 2012 Philanthropy Day Honorees

Congratulations to these Philanthropy Day Honorees who are members of the Friends:

Judy and Murv Little
were chosen for the honor by Morgan Hill Sister Cities.

Lesley Miles
was recognized by the Teachers Aid Coalition.

Elizabeth Mandel
was recognized by AAUW-MH.

Teresa Stephenson
was selected by the Friends of the Library. (See photo below.)


From L: Teresa, Roberta Henderson, Marti Jurick, Elaine Reimer, Karen MacDonald, Carol O'Hare, Valerie Chamblis.

Not pictured, John Stephenson and librarian Peggy Tomasso.
Silicon Valley Reads 2013 Theme “Invisible Wounds of War”

Two books have been selected for 2013 Silicon Valley Reads program with the theme, “Invisible Wounds of War”: The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life that Follows by Brian Castner, and Minefields of the Heart: A Mother’s Stories of a Son at War by Sue Diaz. Each book deals with the issues facing soldiers and their families, both during deployment in Iraq and returning home.

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]

Meet Our Own Hero: Operation Freedom Paws Founder, Mary Cortani

On February 12, Mary Cortani, founder of Operation Freedom Paws in Gilroy, will speak at the library. She will talk about her organization and how it helps war veterans begin the process of healing their “invisible wounds” by training their own service dogs. Mary will be joined by local veterans and their dogs.

In recognition for her work, Mary has been selected as one of ten finalists for CNN’s Hero of the Year award. Voting to determine the winner is now taking place online (deadline November 28). To vote for Mary and to learn more about OFP, go to www.CNNHeroes.com.

Sue Diaz will appear at the Morgan Hill Library on Thursday, January 31.

Brian Castner will be at the Gilroy Library on Saturday, February 2.
Olive oil is 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:*

- 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!
FMHL President’s Message

As the time for a new election of officers approaches, I take pleasure in recognizing and thanking many of those who have put in so much time and effort towards all we do for our library.

Thanks to our most-able vice president, Teresa Stephenson, our ultra-competent secretary, Vicky Reader, and our ever-helpful treasurer, Marti Jurick.

Kudos to Mary Ringo, who prices all our books and manages Bookstore sales, to Joy Safakish, who has overseen a record-setting year in membership services, to Karen MacDonald, who organizes all volunteer efforts (ably assisted this summer by Joy, wearing two hats!), to Yvonne Duckett, both editing our newsletters and putting on one-heck-of-a-party for the library’s Fifth Birthday, to Jan Sanders, handling FMHL’s publicity angle, to Carol O’Hare, wearing more hats than one can count, but with a hand in Big Book Sales, coordinating the installation of our magnificent murals by Scape Martinez, setting up Friends’ programs and keeping us all on task, and hugs and kudos to Roberta Henderson, who single-handedly runs our online sales division.

Thanks also to Andrew Poth, who maintains our website, and to Lionel Mattos and Marilyn Jimenez, who faithfully collect and deposit all monies. Thank you to all our hard-working sorters and wonderful Bookstore cashiers. And thank you to all those who support the Friends and the library.

Finally, I would like to recognize Peggy Tomasso, who is so great at running our fabulous library and so thoughtfully puts our funds to their best and fullest use for the benefit of all library users. Thank you all for a great year!

2013 FMHL Slate of Officers

The current 2012 officers have all agreed to continue in the same positions for 2013. Thank you!

- **President: Valerie Chambliss** previously served as secretary. She is a book sorter and coordinates the Friends participation in Historical Society boutiques.

- **Vice President: Teresa Stephenson** is a past president and has been secretary and membership chair. She works a regular shift in the bookstore.

- **Secretary: Vicky Reader** has served as president, vice president, program chair and newsletter editor. She also works in the bookstore.

- **Treasurer: Marti Jurick** joined the board in 2012. She works a regular shift in the bookstore.
Give the Gift of Reading

Share your love of reading with needy Bay Area children by donating books to the Gift of Reading program. This annual project collects new or nearly-new books and distributes them as holiday gifts. Especially needed are books for ages 1-12, as well as books in Spanish.

Books (unwrapped) may be dropped off at BookSmart or the Morgan Hill Library. (BookSmart will give a 10% discount on books purchased for Gift of Reading.) The deadline is Sun., Dec.16, but early donations are appreciated.

The project is sponsored by RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) and The Mercury News.