

Among Friends

The Friends of West Palm Beach Public Library Newsletter

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Welcome Friends



FRIENDS Board Members:
Front row (from left to right):
Joseph Chase, Patricia Casdorff, Elisabeth Bastion, Mary Brandenburg, Dorothy Jacks, Kat Jackson, Faith Schullstrom, Sylvia Moffett, & Ella Gilbert.
Back row: Peter Brandenburg, Meagan Cleary, Al LaSorte and Library Director Christopher Murray. Absent: Ada Brinas.

(Photo taken by Jim Sugarman, Executive Director of West Palm Beach Library's Foundation.)

Dear Friends,

As we begin 2011, I cannot thank you enough for your support of this organization and the West Palm Beach Public Library. I know many of you are regular users of the library, and understand the very important role the facility plays in our community. To see so much going on in those walls, and to know that it is supported through civic responsibility and support from our community makes me proud.

I am also so proud of how the Friends of the WPB Public Library has grown. Only 20 months old, the Friends now has close to 400 members. Our programs are interesting, diverse, fun and well attended. Our Board of Directors continues to inspire me with new ideas and directions for the organization, and our volunteers cannot be beat. A few words about them in particular, it makes us so happy to hear someone say they are willing to help. Our volunteers, all Friends themselves, come to events to help with check-in or wine sales or just by greeting our attendees. They do this with a smile and usually, a laugh as we have such a nice time together. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you – please call Sylvia Moffett our vice president and volunteer coordinator at 561 848-9674, she would be so happy to hear from you.

The Friends has been able to support the Library with many programs and activities over the past year, including the Polar Express cookie decorating area, the Quickbooks instructional program, the Saturday Yoga Class, and the Kids Space Family Festival. We also provided incentive prizes for the Summer Reading Program. Probably our biggest contribution is Friday Night Jazz, a program that usually has over 150 in attendance and would not happen had the Friends not taken over the support of the program. If you haven't had the chance to attend FNJ, make sure you do this winter, the first Friday of each month, now through April.

All of this is through YOUR support of the Friends, through your membership dues and the small attendance fees for events. We could not do it without you – we are your organization, our goal is to bring together people who love libraries and want to support libraries, thank you for being one of those very special people.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, a very happy and healthy 2011 to you – and we hope to see you soon.

Dorothy Jacks, President
Friends of the West Palm Beach Public Library



FRIENDS First Birthday Celebration!

Sylvia Moffett

On Mar17, 2010 during the FRIENDS Annual Meeting, our first year in operation was feted. The many programs from the past year were celebrated including 92Y LIVE, Friday Night Jazz, Al LaSorte's Galileo Program; Song and Associates: Designing the West Palm Beach Public Library; Space: How to Make the Best Use of the Space You Have by Laura Johnston; Habitat for Humanity; Dr. Cordero & Chiropractic; and Hyman Patton: Business and the Power of Mindfulness.

FRIENDS offered 22 programs during our first year. This wouldn't have been possible without the hours of work contributed by FRIENDS volunteers. In addition to FRIENDS Board Members and library Staff



pictured cutting the birthday cake: Sylvia Moffett, Vice President & Dorothy Jacks, President

we thank the following first-year volunteers: Lois Umback, Carole Bruno, Kathleen Nardo, Adriana Gregory, Janet Schreiber, Maxine Schreiber, Barbara Storch, Fred Storch, Susan Stechnij, Natalia Mayorga, and Britt Deviney.

This year's volunteers, in addition to those listed above include: Face Painters: Erika Taegar, Malina Prisarojn and Marina Julia (along with Board member Kat Jackson), Alice Bojanowski, Jerry Davidow, and Carole Pichney. FRIENDS couldn't operate without you dedicated volunteers. Thanks so very much for your time.

Winter/Spring 92Y LIVE Programs* FRIENDS \$5 Non-members \$10

In the Library Auditorium

(*Live via Broadcast from the 92 Y in New York City)

Registration Encouraged. www.friendswpblibrary.org



Attend 92 Y LIVE and Be Dazzled!

Sylvia Moffett

Thanks to the foresight of our City and Jeri Muoio in particular, when our library was built it was fitted with satellite dishes to receive broadcasts from New York City's 92nd Street Y. We have subscribed since the library opened and have shown many broadcasts. City TV 18 technicians assist each broadcast and the FRIENDS thanks them for their invaluable aid.

Our library's audience write questions before the broadcast that are emailed to the live event in New York City. West Palm Beach has had many questions selected to ask featured guests. 92Y LIVE programs broadcast from our library have included: Al Gore, Dan Ackroyd, Mitch Albom, Food on the Tube, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Malcolm Gladwell & Adam Gopnik, Nora Ephron, Howard Dean, Fareed Zakaria, Elie Wiesel, Jeff Garlin & Ira Glass, and Steve Martin. These have given us things to think and talk about.

The FRIENDS conducted a straw poll using our audiences from December's Friday Night Jazz and November's 92 Y LIVE broadcast. As a result of the tally, the programs for this winter/spring season were chosen and are listed on the next page. Please attend!

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**Arianna Huffington and Joseph E. Stiglitz:
Wednesday March 2, 2011 at 7:45 PM.**

Arianna Huffington is the cofounder and editor in chief of *The Huffington Post*, a news and blog site that has become one of the most widely read and frequently cited media brands on the Internet. She is also a nationally syndicated columnist, a frequent guest commentator on the Sunday morning news programs and the author of 13 books, the latest titled *Third World America: How Our Politicians Are Abandoning the*

Middle Class and Betraying the American Dream. In 2006, she was named to the Time 100, Time magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people.

Joseph E. Stiglitz is University Professor at Columbia University in New York and chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought. In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for his analyses of markets with asymmetric information. Stiglitz was a member of the Council of Economic Advisers from 1993 to 1995 and served as its chair from 1995-1997. He then became chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank from 1997 to 2000. His latest book is *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*.



**The Barefoot Contessa: Ina Garten with Anna Quindlen:
Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 7:45 PM.**

America's favorite hostess will talk tonight with writer Anna Quindlen about her successful ventures in retail, television and publishing as well as her life as a mother, wife and home cook. Her newest book is *Barefoot Contessa How Easy Is That?: Fabulous Recipes & Easy Tips*.

Quindlen's books have appeared on fiction, non-fiction and self-help best-seller lists and her columns in *The New York Times* and *Newsweek*

have won journalism's most prestigious awards, including the Pulitzer Prize. Her most recent novel is the New York Times best-seller *Every Last One*.



**Howard Gardner and David Brooks: On Truth, Beauty and Goodness:
Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 7:45 PM.**

Howard Gardner is the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was selected by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines as one of the 100 most influential public intellectuals in the world. The author of 25 books, including, most recently, *Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the 21st Century*. David Brooks is an Op-Ed

columnist for *The New York Times* and an acclaimed author.



**Andy Borowitz's Countdown to Election '12: Only 538 Days Left:
Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 7:45 PM.**

Award-winning satirist Andy Borowitz of the Borowitz Report has been called "America's satire king" by The Daily Beast. In what promises to be an irreverent—and certainly the earliest—look at the 2012 elections, Borowitz will be joined by an A-list panel of comedians and journalists.



Friday Night Jazz!

at the LIBRARY

5:30 - 7:30 PM in the 3rd Floor Auditorium

Admission: \$5 for FRIENDS members

\$10 for non-members

No registration accepted. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Two Programs Remain for this Season:

March 4: Phil Fest Latin Jazz

April 1: Patti Wicks Trio

Wine and water is available for purchase and light refreshments

by Carefree Catering are served.

Friday Night Jazz *Faith Schullstrom*

For six months of the year, when the library closes its collection and regular services areas, something magical happens on the third floor. The FRIENDS provide two hours of jazz featuring local, national and international jazz musicians.

The Jazz Arts Music Society (JAMS) identifies and books the groups-- providing a varied menu of jazz formats featuring instrumentals and vocals in various styles--Latin, straight ahead, Chicago and more.

These popular programs are held one Friday a month in November through April and fill the Library Auditorium with Jazz lovers as well as those new to the field from 5:30 to 7:30. The programs are timed and priced to make the music accessible to a broad spectrum of the community. FRIENDS members pay \$5 and the General Public pays \$10 for this opportunity to hear talented and celebrated musicians.

To add to the fun, wine and sparkling water may be purchased and light hors d'oeuvres are complimentary. Carefree Catering handles this part of the program to the delight of our audiences.

In addition to these six concerts, we try to provide a special summer program as a bonus to those who are here year-round. The photo above records our summer 2010 program featuring Marian Petrescu.

The proceeds from Friday Night Jazz help to support special library programming such as Polar Express, yoga, speakers, and the like.



Joe Dillon, owner of Carefree Catering.



A typical Friday Night Jazz Crowd.

How to get it out of your head and down on paper

Elisabeth Bastion

Aspiring authors had the chance to find out more of the mystery of writing in a special Friends writing workshop in April of 2010 called How To Get it Out of Your Head and Down on Paper.

On a Wednesday afternoon for three consecutive weeks, Elisabeth Bastion, published author of mystery novels *No Just Desserts* and *The Marigold Mafia* gave inside information on basic writing techniques, then gave writers a chance to write then read their words to the workshop asking for comments and suggestions. Novelists, mystery writers, those writing memoirs – even poets – offered their work. This well-attended workshop was free and will be considered to be repeated in 2011. (*Members of the class with instructor Bastion third from right.*)



Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Dorothy Jacks

The Friends of the West Palm Beach Public Library held their first Bookfair in conjunction with Barnes and Noble, City Place, on November 27th, 2010.

This Thanksgiving weekend event had something for everyone including face painting, story time (*photo of Mayor Frankel who was one of our readers*), live musical performances, and book buying advice from the Library Book Goddess.

Many of our Friends attended the event to enjoy music from the Palm Beach Public School Strings

orchestra (*see the photo*), and live jazz from the Jim McCreavy Duo. The children enjoyed face painting by our Friends Board Member Kat Jackson and her friends from the Dreyfoos School of the Arts where Kat is a Senior. “Recommended Reading” tables were set up with holiday gift ideas, and the entire store was alive with Friends activities. A really great part of the day was a percentage of every item sold to a participating buyer went to the Friends for future Library support.

We plan to repeat this event in 2011 and hope you will join us for this fun day for a great cause. Keep your eye out for news of the next Barnes & Noble Bookfair and we’d like to thank all our FRIENDS who supported it in November.





Wine for the Holidays

On December 12th the FRIENDS sponsored a wine tasting event that was given by Ted Task, member of the Society of Wine Educators. Ted and his wife Anita are new residents to West Palm Beach and generously donated both their time and wine to the program.

Ted started with the definition of a good bottle of wine suggesting that you ask yourself - "Does it taste good, will it go with the food I'm serving, and will it fit my pocketbook." Participants enjoyed a pleasant afternoon while tasting 8 reasonably-priced wines and learning about wine. Ted's humor and knowledge were both a treat.

(Photo: Ted and Anita with their daughter Evie)



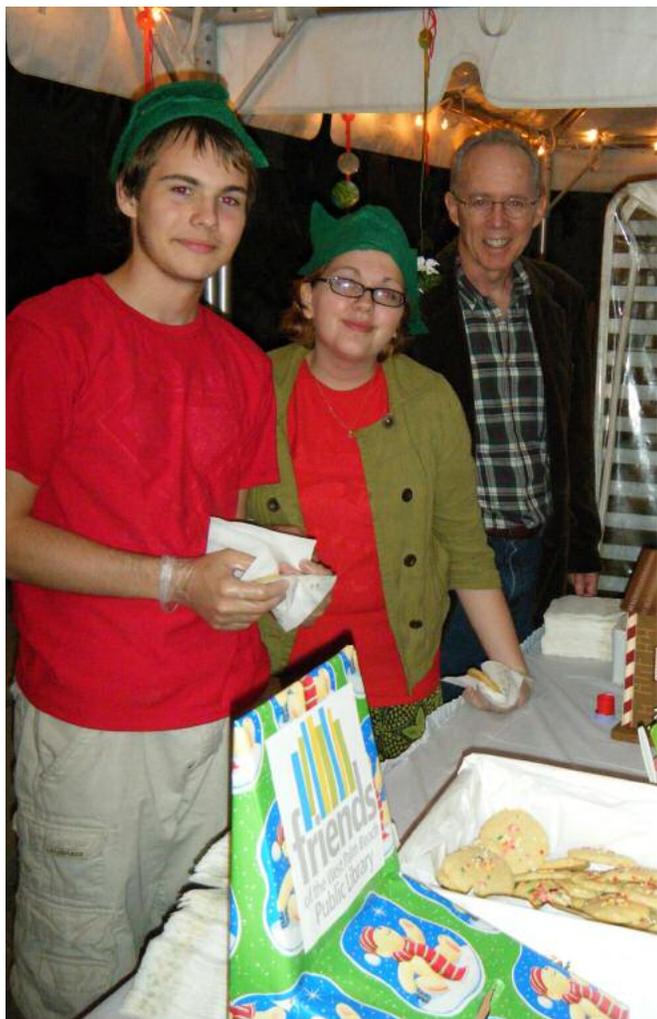
Mounts Botanical Gardens

Allen Sistruck, Director of Mounts gave a garden talk entitled *The Future of Gardening in Palm Beach County*. He discussed choosing the right plants, how to handle old and new pests and sources for information.

The capacity crowd left with pamphlets and magazines to further their knowledge.



Friends Help the Polar Express



FRIENDS Kat Jackson and a Dreyfoos friend (pictured with Library Director Christopher Murray), help with cookie decorating at the library's yearly Polar Express.

In addition FRIENDS helped with the Reindeer Food booth. (pictured is Jean Meade)



So you think you can tell a Ghost Story?

Sylvia Moffett

The FRIENDS of the West Palm Beach Public Library presented this program near Halloween of 2009. The storytellers, pictured left to right, are: Britt Diviney, Tina Albee and Brad Walston. Spooky stories were told and refreshments were served.

This program was followed by a 92Y LIVE event in which Dan Aykroyd and his father explained the development, and their family's involvement with spiritualism.



Lindsay Babich: Wellness

Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Aromatherapist, Lindsay Babich conducted a free seminar in ways to reclaim health naturally. Participants learned of the health that can be had through aromatherapy while sampling the scents of essential oils.

In the photo Lindsay (on the left) presents her donated basket of aromatherapy to its Friday Night Jazz winner. Lindsay has a weekly radio show on *The Art of Living Well* radio network.

Would You Like to Donate a Door Prize?

Friday Night Jazz goers have a chance to win a drawing. We'd like to thank all those who have donated past door prizes including coupons to Rocco's Tacos and Tequila Bar Restaurant, Grease Burger Bar, O'Shea's Irish Pub, Roxy's Pub, JAMS, and Lindsay Babich.

If you'd like to donate, either call 561-848-9674, or write to the address listed below.



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