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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

River Friends Newsletter Chair Terry Gwiazdowski

2019 Year in Review

What a year it has been dear friends! Despite floods and fires, Guerneville Regional Library has been there for our community in wonderful ways. First, a big THANK YOU! To all the Library staff for your dedication and energy in assisting our community in so many ways!

Kudos also to the fabulous volunteers who regularly bring great enthusiasm to our book cleaning sessions, the Book and Bake Sales, the Spring Egg Painting event, the Halloween House event, the Young Writers Contest and many others!

The Guerneville Regional Library held well over 300 programs for children, teen and adults this year. Many of the programs were sponsored by the River Friends of the Library or jointly sponsored by the Sonoma County Library and the River Friends.

We expanded the River Friends and the Library's presence this year with our outreach to the weekly Guerneville Farmer's Market and at one of the bi-monthly Rockin' The River music events. We regularly visit the local schools to advertise our book and bake sales and the annual Young Writer's Contest.

We continue to raise funds through our yearly River Friends of the Library membership drive and continue to support the Guerneville Regional Library through our yearly and periodic donations.

Thank you for being a part of this vibrant organization! All the best to all of you in the New Year!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- The Winter Book and Bake Sale took in \$2,518.63!
- We have 51 lifetime members and 79 regular members for a grand total of 130 River Friends of the Library memberships!

SPOTLIGHT ON: DIY TOOLKIT

This is a program that started at a few libraries including Guerneville Regional Library a couple of years ago, but I wanted to highlight it again because of our continuing need to be more energy efficient.

The contents of the toolkit, which can be borrowed, will help you take charge of your home's energy and water use in order to reduce your utility bills. The user guide will walk you through each step and enable you to calculate your estimated savings. It will also provide additional "tips" for "going green" in your daily life.

Some of the items will be yours to keep and install in your home such as LED lightbulbs and faucet aerators.

Other items must be returned in the toolkit carrier such as the various thermometers and the user guide.

Come into the library soon and check it out!



DIY TOOLKIT

All Sonoma County Libraries will be closed on Wed. January 1st for New Years Day and Mon. January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

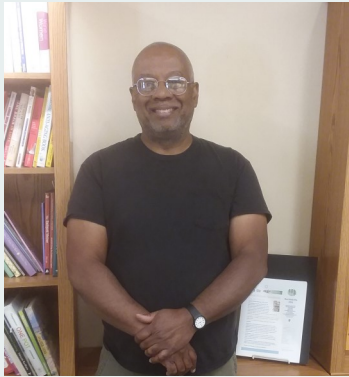
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The theme for the 2019 Young Writer's Contest was "What do you see as the most hopeful thing in your life, your community, or in the world?" Aft what Guerneville has been through this year, I thought it might be a good idea to strike a hopeful note in my last President's column for the year.

We have been through a record-setting flood, drought conditions, wildfires, an unprecedented mandatory evacuation for all of West Sonoma County, power outages, and just recently, a week or more of drenching rain and high wind events.

Through it all, the Guerneville Regional Library has survived and has been a beacon of hope for all of us, signifying that things would be alright. While some events had to be postponed, many went on as planned when the power was restored and the Library could safely reopen. After the fire evacuation, I was delighted to see air filter machines at the reopened Library to scrub the air of smoke odors for the safety of staff and patrons. Business always returns to normal and life went on in the comforting and welcoming space.

I know that the Library will always be there for us. Please come by to enjoy the extensive services and events it has to offer. Best wishes to all for a happy and hopeful New Year!



BRUCE ROBINSON

RIVER FRIENDS OF
THE LIBRARY
PRESIDENT



JANUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Bat Lady, Jan 11 @ 2 pm

COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN JANUARY

Children's Programs

- Saturday Jan 4 & 18 @ 1 pm — Read-to-a-Dog. Practice reading aloud skills.
- Monday Jan 6, 13 & 27 @ 3:30 pm — Family Yoga with Ozlem.
- Saturday Jan 11 @ 2 pm — The Bat Lady. Meet bats and learn about their value in our environment.

Teen Programs

- Friday Jan 3 @ 3:30 pm — Glow in the Dark Teen Yoga with Ozlem
- Saturday Jan 4 & 11 @ 11 am — Teen 3D printing class
- Wednesday Jan 15 @ 4 pm — Young Adult Pride Book Club. Read/Discuss "Bloom" by Kevin Panetta
- Thursday Jan 16 @ 4-5:30 pm — Chain Maille Jewelry
- Saturday Jan 25 @ 2 pm — Glow in the Dark Teen Yoga with Ozlem

Adult Programs

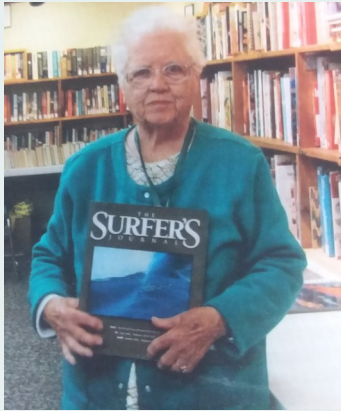
- Monday Jan 6, 13 & 27 @ 3:30 pm — Adult & Teen Yoga with Ozlem.
- Tuesday Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 1-4 pm — Basking Weaving with Annie Roberts. All materials provided. *Registration required.*
- Wednesday Jan 8 @ 4:30 pm — River Friends of the Library Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Wednesday Jan 8 @ 7 pm — Library Advisory Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Thursday Jan 9 @ 12:30 pm — Book Discussion: "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.
- Wednesday Jan 15 @ 5:30 pm — Reader's Theater auditions.
- Saturday Jan 18 & 25 @ 11 am — Meditation and Mindfulness presented by Jessica Webb
- Saturday Jan 18 @ 3:30-5:30 pm — Reader's Theater auditions.
- Wednesday Jan 22 @ 7 pm — The Gravenstein Mandolin Ensemble
- Saturday Jan 25 @ 4 pm — Holiday Tamale Making Workshop. *Registration required.*
- Thursday Jan 30 @ 10:30-11:30 am — **Coffee with the Sonoma County Library Director!**



YA Pride Book Club, Jan 15 @ 4 pm



Coffee with the Library Director
Jan 30 @ 10:30-11:30 am



MARIE SCHAAP

REMEMBERING MARIE SCHAAP

Dr. Marie H. Schaap was a long-time volunteer with the River Friends of the Library. Many folks who have been with our organization awhile knew and enjoyed her. She passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on October 28, 2019.

She lived in Monte Rio since 1959. She raised four children and is survived by two sons and their wives and a daughter and her husband, several grandchildren, as well as other family members. Marie was preceded in death by her husband Charles and son Dr. Kevin M. Schaap.

Marie was a doctor who graduated from the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Southern California. She was an Aviation Medical Examiner and was a U.S. Army Reserves physician. She had a long career practicing medicine locally.

She was active in the Guerneville Senior Center and was appreciative of the work of the Monte Rio Fire Department.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Guerneville Senior Center, P.O. Box 325, Guerneville, CA 95446 OR the Monte Rio Fire Department, P.O. Box 536, Monte Rio, CA 95462.



HONORING DUANE AND URSULA NIBBLETT

The River Friends of the Library owes a big debt of gratitude to Duane and Ursula Nibblett. Duane has been the Chair of the Book and Bake Sale Committee for over 10 years. Duane and Ursula have been the driving force behind our Book and Bake Sale events being so high profile and of such high quality. Together, they have helped raise tens of thousand of dollars to support the Guerneville Regional Library!

Duane and Ursula also keep up the Library garden, oversee the various book carts we have out in the community, keep track of the funds from the Forum Room book shelves and the coffee cart and other things around the Library.

Duane has been our contact with our online vendor Forest. Those efforts have netted us quite a lot of funds from the sale of special books and other donated materials over the years.

Duane is scaling back his volunteering starting next year as he focuses on other interests in his life. Ursula will continue to volunteer at a less intense pace for now. Please thank both of them the next time you see them!



DUANE & URSULA

READER'S THEATER 2020!

The Reader's Theater will continue next year with two great rounds of new and established talent!

"Designer What?" by local writer Christmas Leubrie; "Success Story" by Bernice Morgan; "The Lottery" by famed writer Shirley Jackson will be the February plays.

"Hipster Hobos" by D.M. Larson; "The Christmas Truce" by Aaron Shepard; A poetry reading by local poet Sashana Kane Proctor; "Three Skeleton Key" by George Toudouze will be the March line-up.

Stay tuned for more information soon!



READER'S THEATER

Save the dates! Reader's Theater auditions will be held at the Library on Wed. Jan 15 from 6-8 pm and Sat. Jan 18 from 3:30-5:30 pm.

WINTER BOOK AND BAKE SALE REPORT

A sincere THANK YOU TO ALL who helped with our Winter Book and Bake Sale held from Wed. the 4th through Sat. the 7th. Twenty-eight River Friends volunteered their time to bake, set up and break down and staff the book and bake sale. The weather was not cooperative this time around, but despite the rain, our community came out to support our Guerneville Regional Library by buying our donated books and home-made goodies.

It does take a Village. Our proceeds were \$2,518.63. A good amount for a winter book and bake sale per our retiring Chair, Duane Nibblett.

On Monday we offered the left-over books to the community for free. All of our leftover comic books went and a majority of the books. Lots of happy faces. Since the homeless shelter was open, Christmas, one of our volunteers, took some books to them. Thank you Christmas! Some books and media were also donated to the Guerneville Senior Center.

A special thanks to our pre-teen volunteer Ryder. He did an excellent job cashiering. He has helped us before at our Comic Book sales. It's fun to work with our Youth volunteers. Would love to have more of them.

Also—welcome to our new volunteer Steven. Thank you for all your help.

Mark your calendars for our next sale—April 29-May 2 2020!



BOOK & BAKE SALE

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Chair, Newsletter

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Art Committee Chair

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

In the month of November we received \$103.24 from our book carts in Cazadero, Duncans Mills, Forestville and Occidental. We netted \$95.22 from the Forum Room book shelves. Our online vendor sent us \$367.62. The coffee cart took in \$41.64 for a total of \$607.72.

The December Book and Bake Sale resulted in sales of \$2,518.63. Pretty good for a winter sale!

Membership Report

We have 13 new members who have joined in 2019: C & B, Carolyn, Claudia, Deborah, Ella, Johanna, Kathie, Mary, Ryder, Susan, Steven and Ted. Welcome to River Friends of the Library!

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