

Friends of Granada Hills Library Newsletter

Winter 2017
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Next Meetings:

Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 3,
11:30 a.m. at the
Golden Hunan
Chinese Restaurant,
10334 Reseda Blvd.
Northridge
(cross-street:
Devonshire Street)
\$15 – contact
Donna

General Meeting

FRIDAY, Jan. 6,
10:30 a.m. at the
Granada Hills Library

Next Book Sales:

Friday, Jan. 20
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Jan. 21
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 17
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, Mar. 18
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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President's Message by Pamela F.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and pondered about what you are thankful for. This time of year till after the holiday season is full of music and festivities to be enjoyed by all.

At this time, I would like to thank the Board of the Friends Group for an outstanding job they have done:

Donna A., Vice President, is someone who inspires the group with her ideas for activity events, heads the telephone committee together with so much more.

Joan D., Treasurer, does an outstanding job of balancing our books and keeping them in good order.

Judi V., Secretary, takes the minutes of the meeting and presents them at each meeting with precision and clarity.

Greer R., VP Book Sales. Our book sales are amazing due to the expertise of Greer and her little elves who volunteer their services. Greer puts in endless hours on these book sales and they are indeed successful!

Betty F., Membership Chairman, who makes sure all members are current with their dues and keeps us informed of how many members we have in the group.

Thank you, Beryl, for working with Betty to keep our roster up to date.

Ellen W. does a magnificent job as editor of putting out our newsletter in good time even though there are always last minute additions. **Sandy J.** Where would we be without our bookmarks and flyers? Thank you, Sandy.

Carol M., who promotes our book sales and group in her job as publicity chairman.

Renee Z. works diligently with our Ralphs Rewards Program and keeps us informed of their charitable contribution to the Friends each month. Please ensure you sign up for this program by registering with your Ralphs Reward Card.

I hope to see all of you at our Holiday Luncheon in December.

Pamela F., President



MONTHLY CLASSIC FILM SERIES

Hosted by Cliff
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

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| Jan. 11: | The Big Sleep |
| Feb. 8: | Breakfast at Tiffany's |
| Mar. 8: | The Enchanted Cottage |
| Apr. 12: | The Manchurian Candidate |
| May 10: | Private Lives |
| June 14: | Key Largo |
| July 12: | The Last Picture Show |
| Aug. 9: | Gaslight |
| Sept. 13: | Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore |
| Oct. 11: | Funny Face |
| Nov. 8: | To Have and Have Not |
| Dec. 13: | A Song to Remember |

This newsletter was edited by Ellen Weinstein.

FRIENDS OF GRANADA HILLS LIBRARY
10641 PETIT AVENUE
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

Librarian's Report – by Pam Rhodes, Senior Librarian

*My dear Friends of the Granada Hills Branch Library,
Thank you for the wonderful support you have shown our community library. We have worked in partnership to create a magical place for our neighbors to share ideas, find amazement, laugh together, improve our minds, and expand our life experience. We have done this through group activities that support the library, attending programs at the library, and using our library resources. I am grateful for the awesome synergy of the Friends of the Granada Hills Library and the Library staff. Thank you!*

Pam Rhodes



**Make every day a day of Thanksgiving
And continuous contentment will
Sparkle in your body, mind and soul.**

Paramahansa Yogananda

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.: Body & Brain Yoga & Tai Chai. Bring your own yoga mat and a large towel.

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| Thurs, 12/1/16 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Stress Relief Techniques with Frances O'Brien, certified hypnotherapist |
| Sat. 12/3/16 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | BARK – Beach Animals Reading with Kids |
| Mon. 12/5/16 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Movie for adults and teens: <i>Nerve</i> |
| Sat. 12/10/16 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Introduction to the Internet, Email, and Word |
| Mon. 12/12/16 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Movie for adults and teens: <i>Skiptrace</i> |
| Wed. 12/14/16 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Classic Film Series: <i>An American in Paris</i> |
| Mon. 12/19/16 | 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Marx Brothers Film Extravaganza: <i>Duck Soup</i> and <i>Monkey Business</i> |
| Tues. 12/20/16 | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Word Basics and Resume Writing |
| Wed. 12/28/16 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. | Classics Book Club: <i>100 Years of Solitude</i> by Gabriel Garcia Marquez |
| Thurs. 1/5/17 | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Word Basics and Resume Writing |
| Thurs. 1/5/17 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Embrace the New Year Through Meditation – a workshop by Doug Frankel |
| Thurs. 1/12/17 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Shakespeare on Film: <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> . Adapted for a contemporary setting, this 2012 film of the battle-of-the-sexes comedy stars Amy Acker and Alexis Denisof. |
| Tues. 1/17/17 | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Computer Class: E-Media Basics |
| Fri. 1/20/17 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Shakespeare on Film; <i>Henry V</i> . Starring Kenneth Branagh and Derek Jacobi, this 1989 version of Shakespeare's play about the young King Henry V is both thrilling and poignant. |
| Tues. 1/24/17 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Shakespeare on Film: <i>Forbidden Planet</i> . Starring Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis, and Leslie Nielsen, this 1956 science fiction version of Shakespeare's play <i>The Tempest</i> finds a starship crew investigating a colony on a faraway planet that has gone silent. |
| Sat. 1/28/17 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum will share Shakespeare. Actors from Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum – a professional repertory theatre – will perform excerpts from some of Shakespeare's most popular plays. This exciting event is perfect for the whole family, and is related to the Central Library exhibition on <i>America's Shakespeare: The Bard Goes West</i> . |
| Mon. 1/30/17 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Shakespeare on Film: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> . For this 1968 version, director Franco Zeffirelli cast Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting as the star-crossed lovers. |

Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat.: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Sundays & major holidays

(818) 368-5687

LAPL Policies

Loan Periods: 3 weeks, may be renewed 2 times.
Fines charged for material returned after the due date.
Placing a "hold" is free, BUT a \$1.00 fee per item will be charged if not picked up.

Toll Free Renewal: (888) 557-5275

www.lapl.org

SUPER PACS PUZZLE

from Dottie O.

**EVERY ANSWER IS A FAMILIAR TWO-WORD PHRASE OR NAME IN WHICH THE FIRST WORD STARTS WITH "PA"
– THE SECOND STARTS WITH A "C".**

Ex: Official who oversees cities green spaces. Answer: Parks Commissioner.

1. Waterway that connects Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. _____
2. Bent wire to hold office papers together. _____
3. What Comcast is to NBC Universal. _____
4. Police officers' vehicle. _____
5. Renowned 20th century cellist. _____
6. Country singer of hits "Crazy" & "I Fall to Pieces". _____
7. Container for Sherwin Williams or Benjamin Moore Products. _____
8. Device to remotely watch Chinese zoo animals. _____
9. Person who shows up to a social event without an invitation. _____
10. Words repeated before baker's man in a children's rhyme. _____

(See page 6 for the answers.)

BOOK REVIEW BY DEBRA K.:

"The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History" by Robert M. Edsel with Bret Witter

The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History. A long title, but it very much describes the theme of this true story written by Robert M. Edsel with Bret Witter. The destruction and loss of life in World War II was devastating. Yet amidst the devastation many great works of art and monuments survived. This is the story of the group of Allied soldiers known as the "Monuments Men". Their initial responsibility was to attempt to ensure that combat would not harm churches, museums, and other monuments. As territory was captured from the Germans, their task changed to locating works of art and other cultural items seized by the Nazis or otherwise missing.

Hitler's goal was to seize art and cultural artifacts for his Fuhrermuseum. His henchmen raided museums and stole thousands of items, and as the persecution of Jews increased they took all art and valuable items from them. Treasures were hidden in caves, basements, salt mines, and even castles. Not only Hitler and his officers hoarded the art, but some citizens hid collections as well. From 1943 to 1951, the Monuments Men labored to locate what were thousands upon thousands of the greatest masterpieces, including paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, Jan Vermeer and Rembrandt and sculptures by Michelangelo and Donatello as well as books, tapestries, and historic cultural artifacts.

This book is about how eight men took on this staggering endeavor from 1942 to 1945. They rarely traveled together or even saw each other so the chapters are for the most part about each one's solitary effort. Photographs and correspondence supplement detailed observations of how they went about their searches and what life was like in Europe in those years, and make for a fascinating read. This account of the Monuments Men and their contribution in preserving the world's great art is one of the most important stories in history.

Markets' Community Programs



Please re-enroll in Ralphs' community program after September 1st, by calling the phone number listed below. A percentage of your purchases from Ralphs will then be donated to the Friends of the Granada Hills Library.

For the last quarter, the Friends received \$283.57 from Ralphs and \$70.02 from Food 4 Less!

RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

After September 1st of each year, you should renew your participation in Ralph's Community Contribution program, but the signup procedures have changed (the barcode no longer works). It's super easy to enroll by phone so please do the following:

Call 800-443-4438 - you will actually speak to a person! They will ask for:

1. Your Ralph's reward card number or you can use your phone number that's linked to your Ralph's card.
2. Your name.
3. Friends of Granada Hills Library Non Profit Organization number (NPO) - 84984.

That's all there is to it! Please take a moment to register so that we can continue to receive this good source of extra income for the Friends.

Book Sale Report by Greer



BOOK SALE NEWS

We had a good sale in November despite a packed parking lot on Friday and our usual no-available-parking-on-Saturday. We made \$906.95 at the sale & received \$56.31 in donations for a total of \$963.26. We had lots of help this time - a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered. Special thanks to so many of our new members, we're delighted to be getting to know you. All us volunteers bought gift books for friends and families, especially for the grandkids since we had an abundance of good kids books this time.

We have a paperback shortage and really need donations for our upcoming sales. If you have any to donate or know someone who does, let me know and I'll be happy to pick them up.

Mark your calendars for our next sales:

January 20-21 - setup Thursday, Jan. 19, at 3:00 p.m.

March 17-18 - setup Thursday, Mar. 16, at 3:00 p.m.

May 19-20 - setup Thursday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m.

We'll start tearing down on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

SEE YOU THERE!

Greer

Membership News by Betty F.

Welcome to our new members: Nick, Beth, and Sylvia!

As of October, the Friends have 50 members. We hope to see you at the luncheon on December 3rd and at the next meeting on January 6th.

Betty F., Membership Chairperson

Get Well Wishes

Wishing a quick recovery to Marcia H.



Congratulations to Cliff on his retirement.
Healing wishes for Marcia.

Don't forget the holiday luncheon on December 3rd at the Golden Hunan at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$15.00. Please join us: Call Donna.

A day trip to Farmers' Market will take place on April 13. Thanks to Councilman Englander for our free bus. I am hoping to have more fun outings and also a casual dining group.

Happy Holidays from Donna A.

Friends of Granada Hills Library's Officers

Elected Officers:

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| Pamela F. | - President |
| Donna A. | - 1 st Vice President |
| Greer R. | - 2nd Vice President - Book Sales |
| Betty F. | - 3rd Vice President - Membership |
| Judi V. | - Secretary |
| Joan D. | - Treasurer |

Volunteer Chairs:

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| Donna A. | - Hospitality |
| Ellen W. | - Newsletter |
| Carol M. | - Publicity |
| Sandy J. | - Webmaster/Brochures |
| Dorothy O. | - Consultant |

The Friends' website is linked to the Los Angeles Public Library's website and can be accessed as follows:

- Go to the Los Angeles Public Library's website: www.lapl.org
- Select "Locations & Hours"
- Scroll down the page and select "Granada Hills"
- Scroll down the page and to the right: Select "Friends of Library Group"

OR

Go to the website google.com and search for "Friends of Granada Hills Library"

"The library is not, as some would have it, a place for the retiring of disposition or faint of heart. It is not an ivory tower or a quiet room in a sanitarium facing away from the afternoon sun. It is, rather, a command center, a power base. A board room, a war room. An Oval Office for all who preside over their own destinies. One does not retreat from the world here; one prepares to join it at an advantage."

-- Eric Burns, *The Joy of Books: Confessions of a Lifelong Reader*

"Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly – they'll go through anything. You read and you're pierced."
-- Aldous Huxley

"Second-hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack. Besides, in this random miscellaneous company we may rub against some complete stranger who will, with luck, turn into the best friend we have in the world."

-- Virginia Woolf,

"A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe."
-- Madeleine L'Engle



Recipe from Jackie L.
(served at the November 2016 meeting)

DESSERTS

pumpkin chocolate-chip squares

MAKES 24 ■ PREP TIME: 30 MINUTES ■ TOTAL TIME: 2½ HOURS

If you can't find pumpkin-pie spice, substitute 1½ teaspoons cinnamon, ¾ teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, and ¼ teaspoon each allspice and cloves (all ground).

2 cups all-purpose flour
(spooned and leveled)

1 tablespoon pumpkin-pie spice

1 teaspoon baking soda

¾ teaspoon salt

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter,
room temperature

1¾ cups sugar

1 large egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup canned pumpkin purée

1 package (12 ounces)
semisweet chocolate chips

1 Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with foil, leaving an overhang on all sides. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, pie spice, baking soda, and salt; set aside.

2 With an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar on medium-high speed until smooth; beat in egg and vanilla until combined. Beat in pumpkin purée (mixture may appear curdled). Reduce speed to low, and mix in dry ingredients until just combined. Fold in chocolate chips.

3 Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake until edges begin to pull away from sides of pan and a toothpick inserted in center comes out with just a few moist crumbs attached, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely in pan.

4 Lift cake from pan (using foil as an aid). Peel off foil, and use a serrated knife to cut into 24 squares.



Photo by Jackie L. for the November 2016 meeting

LINING THE PAN

In addition to keeping the cake from sticking to the pan, the foil makes it easy to lift it out after baking.

Answers to the word puzzle on page 3: Park Commissioner, Panama Canal, Parent Company, Pablo Cassal, Patsy Cline, Paint Can, Panda Cam, Party Crasher, Patty Cake