



Artist in Residence: WWII Portrait Journey, an Odyssey Across America



Bainbridge Public Library visitors will be able to watch best-selling illustrator Chris Demarest paint on Saturdays beginning Oct. 1 through Nov. 30. The Kitsap Regional Library is hosting this Artist in Residence program, the first of its kind for our county library system.

Meanwhile all other monthly Art Walk artist exhibits have been moved into next year. We will keep you updated on progress. We appreciate your patience and your support of local artists and your

Bainbridge Public Library.

Inspired by the black and white image of a WW II fighter pilot, Chris started a series of WW II portraits in 2011. Two years and 70 portraits later, he began traveling across the country to share his work. Watch Chris at the Bainbridge Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during October and November as he paints a portrait or bring your own WWII photo or memory to share. He will also bring his easel and paints to the following locations during October and November:

- **Mondays:** Sylvan Way. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Tuesdays:** Downtown Bremerton. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Wednesdays:** Port Orchard. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Thursdays:** Silverdale. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Fridays:** Kingston and Little Boston every other week. 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** Bainbridge Island. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 27:
Friends of the Library Book Sale
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, October 8:
Friends of the Library Book Sale
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, October 13:
Friends of the Library Book Sale
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Longtime, 103-Year-Old Volunteer to Retire

Eleanor Deines, 103-year-old longtime volunteer with the Friends



of the Library, is retiring after many years of serving as a regular monthly cashier at the Friends' book sales.

Eleanor still counts money in her head and will be missed not only by the Friends, but by the customers she has helped over the years. Thank you, Eleanor, for your volunteer work in supporting Bainbridge Public Library. We will all miss your hard work, dedication

and friendship to the Library.

Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate Update

Project details are being tweaked and finalized, budgets are being carefully reviewed, and the board is hopeful that construction will begin this fall. Please stay tuned for updates when we know more. Once the work begins, it will be exciting to watch the progress! The library will remain open, and we'll let patrons know what areas will be temporarily inaccessible during the remodel.

Change is in the Air by Ann Lovejoy

Changes come to us all, and especially to gardens. For 20 years, the Friday Tidy volunteers have planted and tended the BPL gardens, which kept growing in size as well as content. Many plants were donated as dozens of volunteers came and went, each bringing something special to the gardens. Today, most of the gardens need thorough editing, so this fall and winter, they will be renovated bed by bed. We're working toward more sustainable plantings that don't need as much managing to look attractive all year round.

This is a very common goal amongst gardeners, the younger folks since they are always pressed for time, the oldsters because we are slowing down. We'll reorganize the beds, add deeper mulches, and trade fussy perennials for hard working shrubs with several seasons of interest. We'll also be choosing theme plants that carry over from bed to bed, unifying the look and simplifying the care. If you are finding the care of your own landscape a bit overwhelming, keep an eye on our progress and you may find good ideas to transplant into your own gardens!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Bainbridge Island Friends of the Library book sales offer gently used books, CDs DVDs, audiobooks and magazines to support the Friends, who in turn reinvest in the library through endowment gifts, programming and special events, magazine subscriptions, the aquarium in the Children's Library and much more.

Mark your Calendar:

- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bainbridge Public Library

Did You Know...

Bainbridge Public Library is a proud member of One Call For All.



Our library is a successful, unique partnership with the Kitsap Regional Library system, which contributes tax dollars for library staff, technology and media collection. But the library itself is an independent, all-volunteer 501 (c)

(3) nonprofit organization that owns, maintains and manages the building and its grounds - solely through private donations. Your contributions sustain the library as a community-owned Island treasure.
