

September 2022 Newsletter

As autumn approaches, we welcome your additions to our Legacy Tree



With each commitment to make a legacy gift, an inscribed leaf is added to the Legacy Tree located in the library garden. We would like to include you, so please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. But if you haven't yet made that move and would like more information, you can leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. You can also visit the website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Click on *A Lasting Legacy* under the *Support BPL* tab to download a Legacy Leaf Form.

It would give us enormous pleasure to thank and to honor you now.



Art in the Library!

September moves us forward into seasonal changes and colors...our September artists offer us a "twofer". Partners in life and creativity, Joanie Klorer and LinMara Bluebird will host an opening reception for their exhibits "Who I Was Before I Was Me" in the meeting room and "Putting It Together" in the lobby display case for First Friday Art Walk, **today, September 2nd from 5-7PM.**



WHO I WAS BEFORE I WAS ME

I have a particularly good long-term memory with sound, color, and texture. Each painting begins with a memory. I sift through images and feelings associated with that memory, and then pick up my paintbrush and paint.

Memory and Identity are intricately linked. Memories of experiences and feelings often form the basis for who we believe we are by providing vital details of who we were at a given point in time. Our memories provide a map of changing and evolving identity. I sometimes struggle to feel the connection between who I was as a child, as a teenager, a young adult, and the person I am today. Is it all the same person, really?

I believe that all art reflects the identity of the artist. In this case, since my art is triggered by memory, these paintings reflect my identity as it has changed through the years. My paintings are not literal representations or interpretations of events, but the expression of the feelings associated with memories and identity.

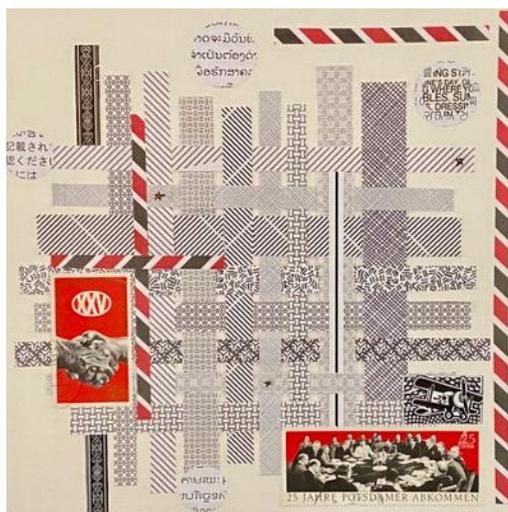
All these paintings are acrylic and were completed between 2019 and 2022.



PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Paper and graphic art have been life-long loves of mine. I love the way paper feels, the way it presents a blank slate for creativity. For as long as I can remember I have used paper to combine shapes and color to make cards. In recent years, I have branched out to create small mixed media pieces which have included objects that I have collected.

I grew up in upstate New York and from there lived in several places on the east coast. I lived in Maine before moving to Seattle in 1981 and have happily been on Bainbridge Island for 9 years. I retired as a dental hygienist 5 years ago.



You can view this exhibit all of September during regular library hours and on the website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. And as always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists. (A portion of sales is donated back to the library.)

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

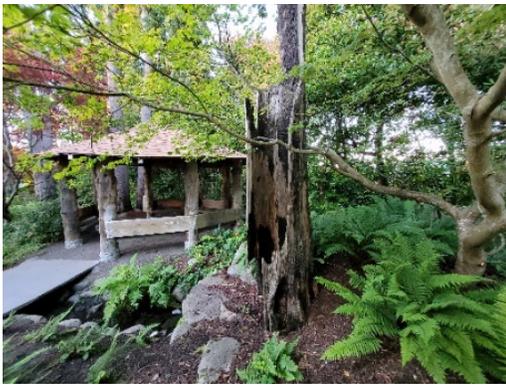
What's Up with Facilities?

Woo-hoo! Feels like summer to me! We hope you and your family are simply *luxuriating* in all the wonders of island life and the plethora of fantastic options in the breath-taking surroundings of the Pacific Northwest!

In this issue of the Newsletter, the Facilities Team is thrilled to provide pictures of the two most-recently completed projects in the grounds surrounding the library: the renovated gazebo and several new enclosures surrounding mechanical and operational components of the building. It may seem odd to be so enthusiastic about things some might consider mundane, but I can assure you, these projects were identified just prior to the pandemic. Consequently, they have been on-again; off-again; on hold; subject to supply-chain issues; and on and on and on. But Randy Ponce and his diligent, courteous, professional crew at Ponce Excavating, Construction and Consulting made the experience super easy for us. Thank you, Randy, and Jayme Ponce!

Our beloved Fern Garden Gazebo

Ready to host garden visitors for many, many more years!



Trash, Recycle, and Yard Waste Storage

Increased size and shape will facilitate easier, more efficient handling of what passes through the library on its way to its eventual destination.





New HVAC Enclosure and Propane Tank Screen (to enhance Legacy Tree Setting)



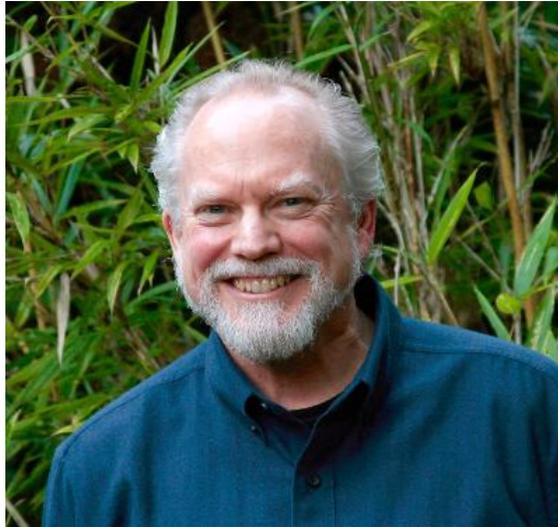
And we're not done yet! Parking Lot Repairs – September 26th

Assuming the weather cooperates and current schedules hold, the **Bainbridge Library will be closed on Monday, September 26th** to complete the needed repairs in our parking lots. We regret the interruption of service but feel we can complete the work faster and more efficiently if the contractor can operate with full, uninterrupted access to the work areas. We appreciate your patience and will keep you informed as the work and closure draw closer.

PS - Care to learn more about our team of volunteers on the Bainbridge Public Library's Facilities Committee? For information about what we do and how you might fit in, please contact me, Kip Bankart, at kipbankart@comcast.net or by phone 206-931-0693.

Showcasing Our Local Authors!

John Wilson



Although Bainbridge has served as an anchor for my wife and I for 37 years, the path of travel in my work winds back at least that far.

We moved to the island from Japan, and poems from our life in that country occupy a prominent part of my first full-length anthology of poems, *Call This Room a Station*, published in early 2020. That book's release coincided with two events: my wife's and my return from journeying in Cambodia and Vietnam, and the onset of the Covid pandemic.

In large part, my poems written during the Covid era have involved our experiences in Cambodia. Many poems revolve around what I learned from speaking to people whose families were affected by the Pol Pot genocide, 1975-79. Throughout that country, people moved me with their openness in talking about what happened to their families.

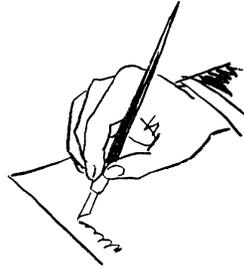
With travel comes perspective, on one's home ground and on life in large and small scale. In writing poems stemming from travels, I hope to share that broadening.

Even with these wanderings, Bainbridge has always been my "rock," as the high school kids call the island. I enjoyed selling my own book at Eagle Harbor Book Co., a cherished Bainbridge institution from which I retired last April after 30 years of working as a bookseller and manager of the Staff Recommends section. My bookstore employment was an excellent job to complement my calling as a poet.

Receiving the Island Treasure Award for contributions to Bainbridge arts in 2014, a gesture in support of my work and my presence on this island as a poet, was very moving.

And I owe deep gratitude to the Bainbridge Island Metro Park & Rec Dept, which employed me for 26 years as a writing workshop instructor.

My wife and I moved to Bainbridge almost by accident: It happened to be positioned advantageously between a post-Japan job my wife took in Kitsap County, and the cultural attractions of Seattle. At home and away, this island is never far from my mind, and I feel fortunate to have landed here and to have it as a place of great returns.



Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!

~ Susan Braun

Other local authors' profiles are on the [library's web page](#)

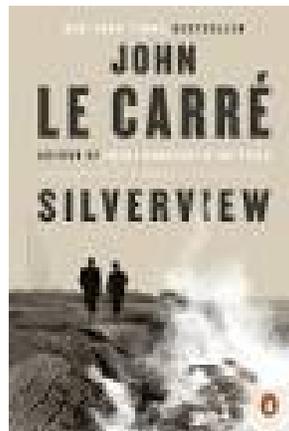
Have You Seen This Library?



Located at 1010 Guard St, it is the Friday Harbor Public Library! A haven for resident and tourist readers alike, it is officially known as the San Juan Island Library. With a collection of over 47,000 books, 2100 audio books, 3300 video and 135 magazines and newspapers, it is a great spot for waiting for whale watching boats and taking a break from browsing the community of Friday Harbor.

If you have a PNW library that you would like to share email [Susan Braun](#).

Books Worth Sharing!



Silverview
By John Le Carre

Julian Lawndsley has left his high-powered finance job in London and bought a bookshop in a small seaside village. One of his first customers is Edward,

the husband of a high-ranking intelligence officer and resident of the Silverview manse on the edge of the village. Strangely, he knows a lot about Julian's family and early life and seems eager to engage Julian in a new business enterprise. Shortly thereafter, a letter turns up at the door of the spy chief in London warning him of an intelligence breach in a small seaside village and the predictable Le Carre roller coaster begins! Full of all the themes of his best thrillers, this 26th and final of Le Carre's work is full of love and betrayal, loyalty and morality and dedication to public duty. It is on Barak Obama's 2022 summer reading list and has made mine as well. Elegantly written, silkily plotted, and ended with a satisfying punch this is a bittersweet end to a stunning writing career.

~ Susan Braun



The CoFun Committee of BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media. If you have skills in Facebook and Instagram and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact Kevin Manion kpmanion@gmail.com or Brian McKenna brian.emckenna@comcast.net. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is greatly appreciated!

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Thursday, September 8, from 12-4 and Sunday September 18, from 12-4.

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please sent us a message at books4all@bifriends.org.

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean, undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the

Friends door adjacent to the Children's library downstairs. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

Useful Community Links



As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to susangb01@aol.com.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
- [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)

Did You Know?

- **Bainbridge Public Library**, a separate nonprofit organization, owns, operates, and maintains the Library building and grounds through community donations and grants.
- **Kitsap Regional Library** provides the library staff, collection, classes, and a virtual library at KRL.org with funding from property tax revenues.
- **Together** we provide the quality library our community wants and has come to expect.

Be safe... Be well!



"A library is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival—a cathedral of the mind; hospital of the soul; theme park of the imagination." ~ Caitlin Moran

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