# BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 2022 Newsletter



serving our community since 1960

As you receive the "Red Envelope" reminder in your mailbox asking you to support the many nonprofits that serve our community, I would like to thank you on behalf of Bainbridge Public Library for your past generosity. A long chain of dedicated donors built and maintains the beautiful library building and gardens that we all love. It is because of you that we are the "heart of the community." We appreciate and rely upon your continued support.

~ Carol Schuyler, President, Bainbridge Public Library Board of Directors

Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in One Call for All. Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give! <u>https://onecallforall.org/bainbridge-public-library/</u>

You can also give online at <u>www.onecallforall.org</u>.

# Art in the Library!

Brighten the darkening days with the light of art and our November exhibit featuring a group of artists who call themselves "The Strawberry Hill Artists Group". They will host an opening reception of their exhibit "From Our Inventory" for First Friday art walk, November 4, 5-7PM in the library meeting room. Enjoy refreshments, a glass of wine and the music of acoustical guitar player, Rick Barranger. Some pieces will be available for viewing only at the reception.



Margaret Wright-Niemann

Featured artists include: Susan Arens Roberta Dueno Thomas Duncan Bill Fulton Allison Kettering Margaret Wright-Niemann Gregg Onewein Thea Peterson Sue Shoemacher Ellen Toby Laura Firman Linda Golden Gigi Godfrey



Gregg Onewein

"We are a gradually changing group of 9 or 10 artists, of all ages, who meet on Friday mornings at Strawberry Hill art center to practice drawing from the

unclothed model. We are of varying abilities/ experience and participation is open to all.

Bainbridge Island Parks has been sponsoring this activity for approximately 30 to 35 years that I know of and the group itself is rumored to have started in a participant's home in the mid 1950's! So, we are perhaps pushing 75 years old, as are many of our artists."

You can view this exhibit all of November during regular library hours and on the website, <u>www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org</u>. 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



### **Giving Thanks**

During this season of Thanksgiving, we are grateful to the Legacy Circle members who have supported Bainbridge Public Library through their estate plans. They are honored with an inscribed leaf on the Legacy Tree in our library garden.

We thank them for their dedication to the future of Bainbridge Public Library!

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 <u>legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org</u>. You can also visit the website, <u>bainbridgepubliclibrary.org</u>. 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.



## What's Up with Facilities?

Happy Autumn, library lovers!

As you've become accustomed to reading in this section of the BPL Newsletter, there's pretty much ALWAYS something going on in our little corner of the BPL universe <sup>(C)</sup>. We try to keep you up to date with what repairs and maintenance issues or projects we're focused on for the building and grounds, as well as what garden care is front and center during the everchanging seasons. Keeping our most favorite library in tip-top working order is the primary focus of the many folks who make up and participate on the BPL Facilities Committee. The group consists of several BPL Board members, at least two members of KRL branch and operations management, and frequently other community volunteers.

Among the recent activities we're working on:

#### Parking Lot Repairs and Striping

Repairs to the asphalt has been completed in the main and north lots. The darker asphalt in the pictures below represent the areas where asphalt repairs were made. The re-striping has been done in the north lot, off High School Rd. Refreshing the striping in the main lot is coming up soon. We apologize for the inconvenience this causes and appreciate your patience and understanding. It will be great once it's done!





#### **Mulching in the Fern Garden**

Boy, there's nothing like a fresh, cozy layer of rich, nutritious mulch to help our gardens stay happy and healthy! A bountiful layer was recently added to the library's fabulous fern garden.



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 <u>kipbankart@comcast.net</u> or by phone 206-931-0693.

> Showcasing Our Local Authors! Celeste MacLeod



As a teenager growing up on a citrus grove in Phoenix, AZ, I became increasingly curious about how people in other places lived and started writing. After graduating from UC Berkeley, I traveled to Europe and beyond on a shoestring budget. Returning home on freighters, I spent extended time in India and Japan, staying with fellow students I'd met while living in the International House at the university.

Settling back in Berkeley, I was active in local affairs for decades, earned a master's degree in Library Science from Cal, and wrote articles. One published in The Nation, "The New Migrants," about young working-class Americans who flocked into Berkeley and Francisco on the heels of the Hippies but didn't fit in, led to writing my first book, "Horatio Alger, Farewell." Travels to Australia led to my next book, "Multiethnic Australia: Its History and Future," which describes Indigenous people and immigrants from Europe and Asia, bringing out their conflicts but also the country's successes. Both books have been excerpted in several places, the Australian one in "Thinking Globally: A Global Studies Reader."

My current book, "A Woman of Unbearable Opinions: Fanny Trollope, Maverick Truth Teller" (coming out in 2023), is about the English writer (and mother of Victorian novelist Anthony Trollope) who fled to the U.S. in 1827 to get away from an ill-tempered husband who couldn't support their family. A satirist with a strong commitment to social justice and a wry sense of humor, she saw Americans as a money-mad people with overblown egos, as described in her book, "Domestic Manners of the Americans." Her comic novels about the Widow Barnaby, a rogue heroine who flouted every rule women were supposed to obey and had rollicking adventures, were a huge hit with English women.

In April 2022, I moved to Bainbridge Island where my younger son Peter and wife Debbie live. I enjoy the friendly people, uncrowded streets, trees in at least four shades of green and elegant little birds, the smallest I've ever seen.



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

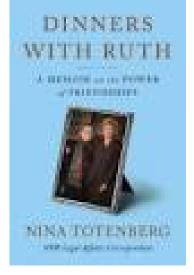


### Have You Seen This Library?

It is the Carpenter Memorial Library in Cle Elum! A City of Cle Elum Library was created by an ordinance from City Council almost 100 years ago. Thirty years ago, a bequest by the Carpenter family enabled the building of a new library and it was renamed the Carpenter Memorial Library. It is located at 302 Pennsylvania Avenue in Cle Elum.

If you have a library that you would like to share email Susan Braun.

**Books Worth Sharing!** 



#### Dinners With Ruth By Nina Totenberg

Nina Totenberg's Supreme Court and legal coverage has won her every major journalism award in broadcasting. She has been celebrated by the American Bar Association and awarded countless honorary degrees for her exceptional body of work. Along the way she forged an enduring friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As both carved careers in male dominated fields, their friendship served as a sounding board for efforts to strengthen the rights of women. And as each suffered the pain of widowhood their friendship gave them an anchor. More than simply the genial memoir of a titan of journalism, Totenberg's book is a unique view of American jurisprudence at the highest level and an homage to the exceptional friendship of two fierce and brilliant women.

~ Susan Braun



BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at <u>ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org</u>. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Sunday, November 7, from 12-4; Thursday, November 17, from 12-4; and Sunday, November 27, from 12-4.

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <u>https://www.bifriends.org</u> 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 <u>books4all@bifriends.org</u>.

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 <a href="mailto:susangb01@aol.com">susangb01@aol.com</a>.

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

Sustainable Bainbridge

## 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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