



Art in the Library!

Falling into fall.... our October artists, Ken and Susan Wiersema celebrate 40 years together with their first joint exhibit of their artwork and photography. The Wiersemas will host an opening reception for First Friday, October 3, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

Susan's statement:

Home: 26 years of Living on Bainbridge Island

The dictionary defines *Home* as where one lives permanently, especially as a family member or household member. A home is something so special, it is indescribable.

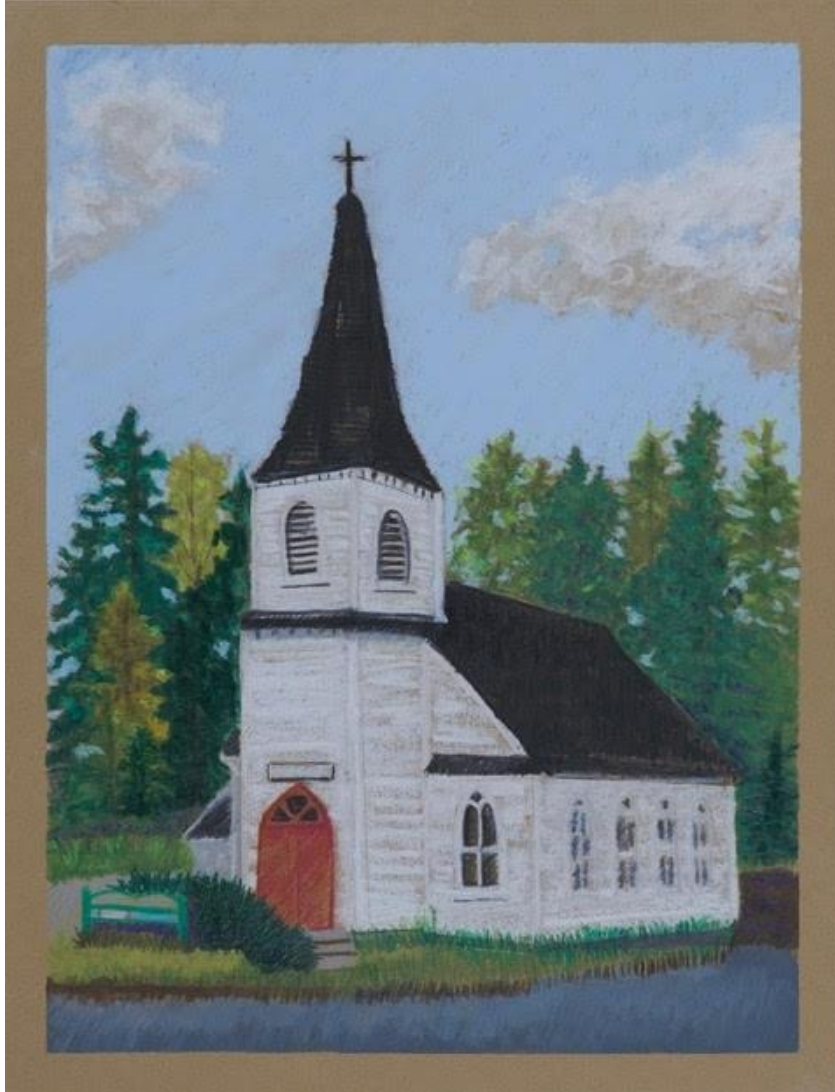
Bainbridge Island has become my definition of home. We have lived on this island for over 25 years and have enjoyed joining the Bainbridge community and giving our son a great place to grow up.

I grew up in Southern California and was a real "SoCal" girl, never thinking I would ever leave. But I did and have never looked back.

I still remember our first visit to Bainbridge Island. Well, it was not a visit; it was more like a drive-through on our way to the ferry, but it made such an impression on us. When Ken graduated from the University of Washington and got a job in Seattle, he thought that would make a reasonable commute, after watching me driving over the 520 bridge for two years.

The images in this show are of our places, which evoke warm memories of our lives here. Thank you, Bainbridge Island, for giving us a wonderful Home.

My work for this show was created on Stonehenge Kraft paper with water-soluble colored pencils and crayons.



Ken's statement:

When we moved on to the island, I started a daily commute on the ferry into Seattle, it has been my break between home and work for the same 26 years that Susan has been making our home on the island. My Mom was born and raised in the shadow of Rainier, after she married my Dad, the army sent our family all over the world, but I remember her telling us about the Mountain growing up, it's presence and always the big question, "is it out today?"

I was an adult before I started getting to know the Mountain on my own. My daily commute has allowed me to see it in all kinds of light, weather, and seasons. I'm still looking for it daily and seeing if there is a shot I have not taken of it yet.



You can view this exhibit all of October during regular library hours (unless a program is happening). A portion of sales is donated to the library.

As always, thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

We're Going Solar!



The Bainbridge Public Library (BPL) is a non-profit organization that owns, operates, and maintains the library building and grounds. The BPL Board leadership recognized an opportunity to leverage the unique design of the library building and its large roof surface to reduce the carbon footprint of the library while maintaining its historic beauty. The BPL Board has approved the installation of solar panels on the library roof with the following objectives: reducing energy costs, creating a solar energy educational component, and demonstrating prudent stewardship of this cherished community resource.

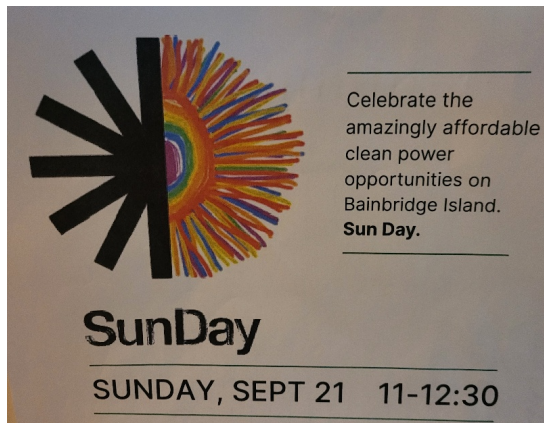
After an extensive search and vetting process, a vendor has been selected. The decision was based on design, system components, cost, and payback timeline. The project timeline has a target completion date of no later than December 2025. This timeline is critical to be eligible to realize government rebate incentives and to lock in materials prices. BPL will be seeking funding from PSE, federal rebates, Rotary, and individual donors to fund the project. We are pleased to share that 100% of the Library Board and CoFun Committee have contributed to a \$25,000 matching gift which we now invite you to help meet. The total cost of the project is \$175,000. We are pursuing a combination of individual donations and grant funding to bring it to life. To meet our match and move forward, we hope to receive pledges by October 1. To donate to this important community project [click here](#).



Facilities Report

Greetings, Library lovers! A Splendid Event!!

"Sun Day," a national mobilization on September 21, 2025--the Fall Equinox--celebrating solar and wind power, and growing the movement to build a cleaner, healthier future.



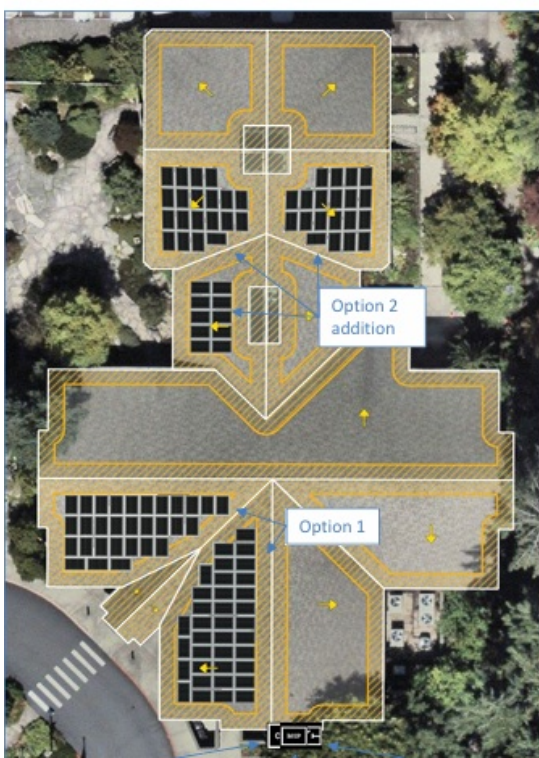
Over 100 people attended the event at the library where they heard Jeremy Smithson, co-founder of Puget Sound Solar (PSS), provide a brief history of the solar industry. (The BPL Board chose the PSS proposal from the four we received for our solar installation.) Additional speakers provided examples of the growing number of solar installations on the island and surrounding area. Home and business owners who had already installed solar on their homes or businesses were available to speak about their experience and to answer attendees' questions.

Our BPL Solar Project is in the permitting and engineering stage. We anticipate installation to occur before the end of Fall. Stay tuned as we inch forward to this very exciting addition to the library.

Here's what our solar array will look like on the roof.

The approximately 65 kw system is expected to produce sufficient power to offset our energy needs by about 30%.

Included in the installation will be a real-time monitoring station, viewable by library patrons. The solar array has been designed to complement the look and feel of our beautiful building.



Left to right:
 Jeremy Smithson providing solar history (globally).
 Bainbridge resident, John Bonow, sharing his experience with the solar
 installation on his home with other attendees.
 And island resident, ex-governor, and strong clean energy advocate, Jay
 Inslee was on hand to view the proceedings.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the library!



Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give!

Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in you give!
 (<https://onecallforall.org/bainbridge-public-library/>) You can also give online

BAINBRIDGE BOOK FESTIVAL

October 10-11, 2025  Stan Pocock Rowing Center



www.bainbridgebookfestival.org

A Quote for Book Lovers

"How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book."

~ Henry David Thoreau

Can AI Help Build Your Family Tree?



All across the world, all sorts of paper records, from birth certificates to historic newspaper articles, are being scanned so they can be accessed electronically. There are now many billions of family history records available on the internet, with more being digitized every day. That is why most family historians today spend much of their research time on computers, from smart phones to desktops. The "paper trail" left by our ancestors is rapidly being converted to a "digital highway."

Having so many records available is great, but more records mean more to sort through to find your unique family history. Now, there is significant new help on the way - Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence has brought powerful new tools to family history research. AI can efficiently summarize documents, reliably extract information from large texts, and accelerate your research. These tools offer fascinating possibilities for enhancing and simplifying your family history.

On **Friday, October 17th at 10AM**, Mark Thompson, will come to us via Zoom, with his beginner friendly presentation, "**Best Uses of AI for Genealogy.**"

A nationally known expert in the use of artificial intelligence for family history applications, Mark will explain how to use these powerful tools to find, analyze and organize our data. He will also highlight areas where caution is critical and traditional research methods remain essential.

You are invited to join us! No membership necessary. Go to the BIGS website to register and receive the Zoom link: bigenealogy.org/events



Mark Thompson

With Each Leaf, a Promise and an Inspiration



Just as tree roots embed themselves in our garden, sustaining life, nurturing growth--the leaves on our Legacy Tree hold out the promise that Bainbridge Public Library will endure into the future. Each leaf represents the pledge of a gift to the BPL from an estate. Each leaf signifies a love of community and the belief that libraries matter.

Please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. If you would like more information about making a legacy gift leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Or visit the BPL website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to download a Donor Intention Form. We'd be pleased to thank and honor you now!

**Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund
Honoring Special People**



Created by Island artist Dick Strom and erected by volunteers from BPL's Facilities and Garden Committee, the metalwork mural is located near the Legacy Tree on the south side of the library building. Nameplates below the mural will recognize honorees in whose names gifts were made to the fund. The minimum donation for a nameplate is \$500.

For information about making contributions to the BPL Garden Fund, visit our website at bainbridgepubliclibrary.org or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250 (message line).

Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.

Featuring Local Authors - David Korten, PhD



My Path to a Writer Advocating Ecological Civilization

Looking back, I see my writing career as a journey shaped by a simple but urgent question: *How can humanity live in ways that sustain both people and the living Earth?*

My early years were spent inside the establishment. I trained at Stanford in psychology and business, then joined the faculty at the Harvard Business School. Later, my work in Ethiopia, Central America, the Philippines, and

Indonesia gave me a close look at the failures of development policies that prioritized corporate and financial interests over the well-being of communities and nature. Those experiences gradually opened my eyes to the deeper systemic forces driving ecological destruction and human suffering.

By the mid-1990s, I had left establishment institutions behind to focus my attention on communicating to a wider public on averting the crisis toward which establishment institutions are leading us. *When Corporations Rule the World* (1995) was my breakthrough book, opening a global conversation about the dangers of corporate-led globalization. In the years that followed, I wrote *The Post-Corporate World*, *The Great turning: From Empire to Earth Community*, *Agenda for a New Economy*, and *Change the Story, Change the Future*, each exploring new dimensions of how we might redesign the economy to serve life rather than profit. For two decades, I also regularly contributed to *YES! Magazine*, for which I served as co-founder and Board Chair. Now managed by *Truthout* *YES!* was a larger outlet engaging readers in imagining practical, hopeful alternatives to business as usual.

Now, in the later phase of my life, I find myself writing with an even sharper sense of urgency. My focus is the human transition to what I call an Ecological Civilization—a way of organizing our lives, economies, and cultures so that we live as responsible members of Earth’s living community. This is not simply an aspiration; it is imperative if humanity is to survive and thrive.

I write today to help make visible both the dead ends of our current financial and corporate systems and the emerging pathways that point the way forward—community-owned energy, cooperative enterprise, regenerative agriculture, and living democracy. My ongoing newsletter series on Ecological Civilization explores these themes in depth and invites readers to join me in shaping this vital conversation. You can find it here:

<https://davidkortens.org/david-kortens-newsletter-essays/>

Have You Seen This Library?



Probably not! But Trese Williamson found it, and I think it is well worth sharing! Thanks, Trese!

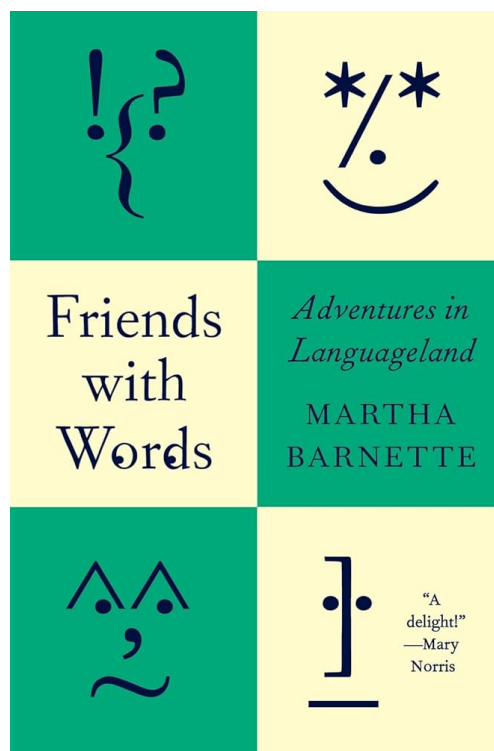
When the designer envisioned this futuristic public library, the intent was not simply to create a building, but to create a living, breathing celebration of books. More than a repository of knowledge, this space was imagined as an environment that inspires awe, invites curiosity, and offers tranquility, a true sanctuary for the mind.

The concept takes the instantly recognizable form of an open book, a symbol as timeless as the act of reading itself. This was no accidental metaphor; the open book represents the openness of sharing knowledge, the free flow of ideas, and the boundless possibilities that learning provides. Its sweeping, curved forms mimic the gentle turning of pages in motion, while illuminated lines on the roof suggest written text, creating the illusion that the story comes alive even from a distance.

Designer: To read more about this incredible design [click here](#).

If you visit Libraries, Museums, or Bookstores on your travels, please email photos of them for inclusion in this newsletter to [Susan Braun](#).

Books Worth Sharing



Friends With Words: Adventures Languageland **By Martha Barnette**

If you are a true word nerd or you just love the idiosyncratic language we speak, you will love podcaster Martha Barnette's breezy and hugely humorous romp through the origins of English. The daughter of educators, Barnette honed her linguistic chops during college, thanks to the mentorship of a retired classics professor and polyglot who taught her all of *Oedipus Tyrannus* in the original Greek and opened her mind to the subtleties of translation. Throughout the book, she intersperses personal anecdotes with dives into word origins, from mythological to eponyms with an infectious sense of curiosity. If you enjoyed Lynn Truss' *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*, this will be catnip!

~ 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 ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

Thursday, October 2; Sunday, October 12; Thursday, October 23, 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 Genealogical Society](#)
- [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 \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [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](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

But wait! There's more! Do you know about [Bainbridge Island Resource Directory \(BIRD\)](#)? It is another great source for valuable community resources!

A Special Partnership

- **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.



"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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