



May, 2003

## **Library Expansion Schematic Design Public Review**

**Monday, June 16th 6:30—8:00 pm**

*Mark your calendars now!* Olson Sundberg architects will present their schematic design for the expanded Southwest library branch.

The Southwest branch will expand from 7,500 to 15,000 square feet. The design scheme proposes to extend the building almost to the sidewalk on the west, and adds a partial second story on the west side of the building; the parking lot remains where it is now.

You can also meet the project artist, Katherine Kerr, at the meeting. (See the next article.)

*Don't miss this important opportunity to give your feedback to the design team!*

## **Artist Katherine Kerr Selected**

*by Keith Enevoldsen*

Vancouver artist Katherine Kerr has been selected to design artwork for the Southwest Library expansion. She was recommended by the six-member Southwest Library art advisory panel, which included our head librarian, Christy Tyson, and one community representative (me).

Kerr has degrees in art and architecture. She has created many art installations for public places, including parks, plazas, malls, and transit stations. She is very versatile, having created indoor and outdoor art in an astonishing range of media, including glazed quarry tile mosaics (with embedded fiber optic "stars") for a plaza, etched glass panels, inlaid wood, concrete with bronze inserts, resin embedments, fabric-covered tensile sculptures, and painted murals. We're sure to get something nice, but nobody yet knows what! She likes to weave together words (sometimes her own poetry) and images (often nature images) into multi-layered visual stories.

Although she lives in Vancouver, BC, she will work closely with the architects, and is looking forward to meeting with community members. (Even before she was selected, she took time to visit the library and explore the neighborhood.) Welcome, Katherine!

## **Library Board Decides: No Southwest Library at Roxhill Park**

In case you haven't already heard, at their March 25th meeting, the Board of Directors of the Seattle Public Library unanimously decided not to pursue the proposal to move the library to Roxhill Park, but rather to proceed with the design process for the original expansion project for Southwest branch library. They said that the uncertainties and delays that further consideration of the Roxhill Park proposal would involve, together with their task to conclude the Libraries for All capital project within budget, require this decision. Friends of Southwest Library thanks the library board for the careful consideration they gave to the proposal.

## **Farewell, Marian!**

### **Volunteer Needed: Secretary**

Friends of Southwest Library bids a fond farewell to our faithful secretary, Marian Spath, who is leaving West Seattle for Oregon. Her reliable and punctual minutes and her thoughtful contributions to meetings will be sorely missed.

Marian's departure leaves Southwest Friends without a secretary. The secretary takes minutes at all monthly meetings (see the schedule on reverse), and arranges to make the minutes available to the steering committee, and for posting in the library. Access to email is very helpful. If you are interested in contributing to this Friendly group, please contact Julie Enevoldsen or Sarel Rowe.

## **Banned Books Readaround Added**

The success of our *Winter Doldrums* and *April Poetry* readarounds prompted us to return the popular *Banned Books* readaround to the schedule in September. Mark your calendar now, and plan to share your favorite banned book.



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### **Friends of Southwest Library 2003 Event Calendar**

June 16, Monday	6:30—8 pm	<i>Library Schematic Design presented to the public</i>
June 21, Saturday	10—12 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
July 19, Saturday	10—12 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
August 16, Saturday	10—12 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
September 13, Saturday	10—12 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
September 19, 20, 21		<i>Friends of SPL Semi-Annual Book Sale, Sandpoint</i>
September 27, Saturday	2—3 pm	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>
October 11, Saturday	10—12 pm	<i>Readaround: Banned Books</i>
October 27—November 15		<i>Community Artists Showcase</i>
November 8, Saturday	2—4 pm,	<i>Community Artists Reception</i>
November 2, Saturday	2-4:00 p.m.	<i>Artists' Reception</i>
November 12, Wednesday	6:30—8 p.m.	<i>Annual Membership Meeting</i>
<i>No meetings scheduled in December</i>		

### **2003 Officers**

Friends of Southwest Library officers for 2003 are:

**Co-Facilitator** .....**Julie Enevoldsen** (932-3741,  
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**Co-Facilitator** .....**Sarel Rowe** (937-8133,  
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**Secretary** .....**Position open**

**Treasurer** .....**Nils Enevoldsen**