



A chapter of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library

September, 2008

The Art Show is Coming!

Calling artists young and old to the Southwest Library's 17th Annual Community Artists Showcase; stop by the branch or call 206-684-7455 to sign up between Wednesday, October 1 and Saturday, October 25th. Artists of any age, and artwork of any medium, are welcome. Artwork will be displayed at the Southwest Branch from October 27th through November 15th.

Please bring the works you want to exhibit to the library, 9010 35th Ave SW, on the Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (October 23, 24, 25) before the show, and arrange to pick up your artworks on the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (November 17, 18, 19) after the show.

Submissions are limited to artists residing in West Seattle. Library space is limited but we will do our best to store your packing materials for you. Please make sure they are labeled.

The library will create display labels for each of your pieces. It helps if you attach to each piece your name and the title of each work as you want it to appear.

Although we may not offer works for sale in the library, you may bring a stack of business cards to put near your display, and we will be glad to refer any expressions of interest to you.

Due to our space limitations, we ask each artist to submit no more than 3 pieces. We regret that the library's insurance does not include provision for liability coverage against theft or damage for works on display. This is not a juried showcase.

SAVE THE DATE! There will be a special meet-the-artists reception hosted by the Friends of Southwest Branch Library from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 8th at the library.

What Shall We Do Next Year?

Join us after the Artists' Showcase reception for the Friends of Southwest Branch Library annual membership meeting, Saturday, November 28, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come and speak up for the projects

you'd like us to work on! This is the meeting where we choose our overall direction for next year. We need your input!

This Newsletter by Email

If you received this newsletter by email, it's because you indicated on your sign-up form that you prefer to receive your newsletter by email.

We're experimenting with using email to distribute the newsletter to those members who'd prefer to receive it that way. Some members we've talked to have expressed very strong preferences for paper mail; others are equally adamant for emailed newsletters. For now, we're trying to accommodate both preferences. If you've been a friend for a long time, you didn't have this option on your sign-up form. If you'd rather switch to email, just send an email requesting that to j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com.

It's Library Budget Time

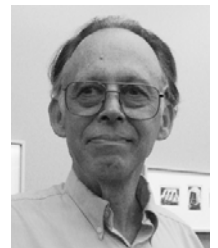
Yes, it's budget time again, already! Last year, our advocacy encouraged the city council to restore the library budget almost to pre-2001 levels. You might think that we'd be done. Alas, this year's budget looks tighter than ever, and that can mean cuts for the library. The mayor's biennial budget, announced Monday, September 29, appears at a quick glance to maintain library budget levels. However, the city council is likely to make changes to the overall budget, and could choose to reduce the library's budget to cover cuts in other programs.

Please come to the council budget hearings Wednesday, Oct 8 and Monday, Oct 27 at City Hall to speak up for the library. Sign-ups start at 5 pm; the hearing starts at 5:30. (In the past we have found that people who were there very early to sign in were able to speak first and leave. These hearings can go very late.) If we fail to make the case for maintaining the library's budget, the lovely new buildings we paid for might be inadequately stocked, and/or open less.

If you cannot attend a hearing, you can contact city council members to express your opinion.

In Memoriam Dennis Gruenig

We are saddened to report the death of Dennis Gruenig, a faithful member. Dennis maintained the Book Sale kiosk, and always had a book to share at our monthly meetings. (His last book recommendation is in this issue.) His passion for books and scholarship will be missed. His hand is one of those cast in bronze at the entrance to the library.





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Events Calendar, Friends of Southwest Branch Library

2008 Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Oct 8	Wed	5:30–	City Hall, 600 4th Ave.	Budget Hearing
Oct 27	Mon	5:30–	City Hall, 600 4th Ave.	Budget Hearing
Oct 27	Mon	6:30–7:45 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Monthly Meeting
Oct 27–Nov 15			SWT Branch	Artists' Showcase
Nov 8	Sat	2–3 pm	SWT Branch	Artists' Reception
Nov 8	Sat	3–5 pm	SWT Branch upstairs	Annual Membership Meeting

Friends Recommend

The Cloister Walk by Kathleen Norris

(from Dennis Gruenig)

"Why would a married woman with a thoroughly Protestant background and often more doubt than faith be drawn to the ancient practice of monasticism...?" The author chronicles her experience as an oblate living in a Benedictine monastery.

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

(from Dennis Gruenig)

Historical fiction from an ancient period known originally through oral tradition. This is based on the story of Dinah from Genesis chapter 34. Characters

include Jacob, Rachel, Joseph, and Leah. The story is told from the point of view of Dinah and the women around her, who gathered in the red tent.

Flights Against the Sunset : Stories That Reunited a Mother and Son by Kenn Kauffman

(from Roberta Martin)

Renowned birder Kenn Kauffman tells his mother, now in a nursing home, of his experiences with birds throughout his life and around the world. The individual stories are told in short chapters. Very enjoyable reading.