

The Rose *Window*

Rosendale Library Newsletter

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Library Budget Vote, Board Election

Thursday, September 2, 2010 the annual voter referendum on the operating budget for the Rosendale Library and election of three Board trustees will take place in the library from 11:00am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots can be obtained at the library prior to September 2nd. The proposed 2010-2011 budget will be available for review at the library by mid-August. All registered voters in the Town are eligible to vote and are encouraged to support your library by doing so. The library will remain open on the normal Thursday schedule (11:00am – 7:30pm)

The downturn in the economy has hurt many people in our community as well as our library. Likely significant Library Aid cuts at the state level are already having an impact at the very time libraries are playing an even more critical role in providing information and services. Rosendale librarians are always available to assist patrons with accessing job information/searches, materials to prepare for civil service exams, and resume writing information. Library books, CDs and DVDs provide untold hours of enjoyment and entertainment at no cost to Rosendale Library patrons.

“A third of Americans – about 77 million people – use public library computers to look for jobs, connect with friends, do their homework, and improve their lives.” * Become a library advocate. Contact information for all Mid Hudson Library System area legislators is available on the MHLS home page: <http://midhudson.org>.

* `Kingston Daily Freeman, March 25, 2010

Support Your Library, Support Your Community Vote: September 2nd

From the Desk of Robert Sena, President *Library Board of Trustees*

Greetings from the Library Board. The library has been busy so far this year. As part of the overall roof

restoration project, we undertook three smaller projects to enhance the building and grounds. In May we completed a trenching project designed to eliminate water leakage into the basement. Perforated PVC pipe now runs around

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"The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card."- E. L. Doctorow, Author



Friend of the Library *Carol Cortelyou Cruikshank*



While born and raised in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, and a world wide traveler all her life, Carol Cortelyou Cruikshank's Rosendale roots go deep. Until her recent move to the Mountain View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in New Paltz, Carol, a former resident of the Astoria Hotel on Main Street, was truly a Rosendale town fixture of many talents. A gifted professional photographer, Ms. Cruikshank has recorded much of the recent history and many of the people and places of Rosendale in multiple photo albums, including the well known and popular winter scene of the library. Carol has donated these photo albums to the library's local history collection.

Always a very creative person, Ms. Cruikshank is known for her daily writing of poetry, authorship of a biography of Mohonk minister Reverend Sizoo, and her unusual ministry. A graduate of Vassar College, she attended seminary in later life and at age 70 was ordained in 1992. She found her calling to minister in a most unusual way. Rather than in a building, "My ministry was in the street, on the roads." Everyone she met on the streets, in busses, wherever, was enriched by her gift for truly listening. She is sincerely interested in everyone she meets. Carol has also written a soon to be published book *A Preacher's Preacher*.

A library user and longtime financial supporter of the library, Reverend Cruikshank believes that "one of the greatest assets of the Rosendale library is the children's collection and the library's children's programs. Parents give their children a great gift when they give them a love of books." She hopes the community realizes how helpful the librarians are and how valuable the library is to the community. The Friends of Rosendale Library thank Carol Cruikshank for being a true Friend of the Library!

Library Quilt

Pictured here with librarians Ann Sarrantonio and Linda Tantillo (originator of the idea to create a quilt to mark this milestone) is the library's 50th Anniversary Friendship Quilt. Many thanks to all the library patrons who supported this Friends of the Rosendale Library project. By signing a square and recording family history and local information in the "Quilt History File" you have become part of the library's history!

Thanks also to Ann Sarrantonio, Florence Staats, Eileen Hall, Linda Tantillo, Judith Minissali, Laura Marie Flynn and Carol Champion for assisting with assembling the quilt. Special thanks to two expert quilters, Shirley Darrow of Tillson for designing the quilt, and Eileen Brophy of Style Fabrics in Kingston for

attaching the backing and completing the quilting.

The Friends also thank Mike Ponte for hanging the quilt. On your next visit to the library be sure to admire this beautiful and meaningful addition to the library.



Linda Tantillo & Ann Sarrantonio with quilt.

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two sides of the building and empties into a storm drain at the edge of the property near Main St. At the end of May, we repaired, resurfaced and lined the parking lot. One of the spots is now a dedicated handicapped parking space. Lastly in early August, we replaced all the windows (a total of eight) in the extension part of the building; none of the windows in the original chapel building were touched. There are now new, modern energy efficient windows in the children's area, office area, bathroom and copier room near the entrance.

In July, we sent in the completion forms for the roof project to the State so that they could officially close the project and give us the last grant payment (\$7500). The entire project cost \$153,000. It was paid for in the following way: \$75,000 from the State Education grant, \$26,000 from the Raise the Roof campaign, \$25,000 from construction grants received through Senator Bonacic's office, and \$27,000 from the library's savings. This means the library paid for only 17.5% of the project with its own funds.

In June, a "Rain Garden" was planted near the edge of the property close to where the pipe from the trenching project passes into the storm drain. It was put in as part of a federal grant administered by Rutgers University and with the help of the Ulster County Cooperative Extension office. For the next three years, Master Gardeners in the county will maintain the garden.

As you can see, the library has had a busy few months. At present, the Board has one vacancy. Anyone interested in serving on the Board can pick up an application form at the library and return the completed form to the same place. Any potential Board member is invited to attend one or two meetings before making a final decision. While the members initially volunteer, once accepted they must then stand for election on the day of the next budget vote in September; the term of office is four years. I hope some of you will consider serving on the Board.

The budget vote this year is Thursday Sept. 2nd from 11am to 8pm at the library. Some members of the Board of Trustees will also be elected at this time. In order to vote you must be a resident of the town of Rosendale whose name appears on the list of registered voters. We encourage all eligible voters in the town to turn out for this important vote.



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Book Review

Wendy Alexander

Library Director

For this issue of "The Rose Window," I thought a review of the recently published book by Marilyn Johnson, *This Book Is Overdue (How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All)* would be useful for library lovers since she



explores the latest in the library/tech/info world. While the writing is lively & entertaining, the true stories illustrate areas of central importance where our libraries meet & mediate the culture, including: social justice & the commons; library collections vs. consolidation; privacy & the Patriot Act; free access to information vs. censorship; space & digital conversion; & funding always.

See the library world in all its fascinating variety, virtual & real! Learn more about ProjectGutenberg, zines, Second Life, WorldCat.org, GIS.com, SwissArmyLibrarian blog & so much more that you'll probably need to take breaks to avoid information sickness! Have fun with all of it because clearly this author has. Marilyn Johnson is the 'pixie in pixilated' ! "



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2010 Scholarship Recipient

Kathryn Roosa from Cottekill, (pictured below with Friends President Eileen Hall), was awarded the Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship by The Friends of the Rosendale Library on June 4th at the Rondout Valley High School Scholarship Ceremony.



Kathryn has been active in many activities including sports, school clubs, community service organizations and student government throughout her high school career. As a member of the National Honor Society, she organized a winter clothing and food drive, served at the Women's Club of Rosendale Christmas Day Luncheon, created theme baskets for local families in need and offered peer tutoring. Kathryn completed the gold award in Girl Scouts for organizing, planning and creating a habitat garden and wall mural at Meagher Elem. School in Kingston. Kathryn will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. to study environmental engineering.

Kathryn identifies herself as a "frequent flier at the Rosendale Library." As a young child, she remembers enjoying the summer afternoons reading picture books in the cool library until she fell asleep and she continues to depend on the library's resources for research and relaxation. She articulated the importance of libraries in her application. "Libraries are usually the sign of a close knit community; they hold people together through friendship, education, and understanding. In a library, people from all walks of life can come together to learn, be inspired, catch up on work or just chat with other community members. Without a library, there is no similar sense of belonging."

More Sundays in the Library

Following up on last March's very successful first Sunday in the Library, a discussion of the Kathryn Stockett novel *The Help*, the Friends of the Rosendale Library have scheduled several "Sunday" events for the fall/winter.

On Sunday, October 17th the Friends invite you to a Writing and Poetics Workshop from 2:00 to 5:00pm. The workshop will be presented by **Steve Clorfeine**, the author of several books of prose poems and *In the Valley of the Gods*. He teaches and performs his work in the U.S. and abroad.

Participants will practice with a series of exercises based on responding to the present moment with "found and random materials" - postcards, letters, cut-ups, personal observations and memories. The idea is to open up imaginative expression with words: shapely and musical language. This workshop is open to experienced and new writers, adolescents and adults. **There is a \$5.00 registration fee for this workshop. Send an email to fol.rosendale@gmail.com to register for this workshop, or leave your name and number at the Circulation desk.**

Also on October 17th , from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, a Reading by Steve Clorfeine from recently published books of poetry *While I Was Dancing* and *Field, Road, Sky* will be presented in the library. **This event is free and participation in the afternoon workshop is not required.**

On November 14th at 2 pm, plan to join us for a Book Discussion of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Free. A language kept secret for a thousand years forms the backdrop for an unforgettable novel of two Chinese women whose friendship and love sustains them through their lives. "The wonder of this book is that it takes readers to a place at once foreign and familiar— foreign because of its time and setting, yet familiar because this landscape of love and sorrow is inhabited by us all. *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* is a triumph on every level, a beautiful, heartbreaking story."— *Washington Post*. Copies of this widely praised bestseller are available at the library.



*Susan Lewis, (second from right) Associate Professor of History at SUNY New Paltz facilitated a lively discussion of *The Help* at the March "Sunday in the Library" event. Pictured above are attendees Barbara Piombino, Ann Sarrantonio, Susan Lewis, and, Maryellen Whittington-Couse*

Make an Ornament

In December, at Rosendale's annual Saturday **Frozendale** celebration, join the Friends from 3 to 4:30pm in the library to make an Origami ornament. Free. The library will host singing and tree lighting at approximately 5:30 pm. Come be part of the fun!



**Library Hours
658-9013**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Friday

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Introducing Mango Basic!

Mango Basic is designed to teach users simple, practical and polite conversation skills in a foreign language. It's fun, easy to use, and available through the *Home Access Button* at rosendalelibrary.org. The Mango Languages family focuses on providing simple and fun language learning for library patrons. With easy-to-follow interfaces, practical conversation skills, and audio from native speakers, Mango offers a variety of easy and effective ways to learn.

Mango includes:

- 36 guided language learning experiences, including 14 English as a Second Language courses
- Multiple ways to learn, with Mango Basic and Mango Complete
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- Remote access through a web-based system — no training, downloads or installation required. Languages include: Spanish, French, Italian, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Arabic (Leventine), Farsi, Pashto, Urdu, Turkish, Hebrew, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Tagalong, Hindi, Irish, Dari, and the following ESL courses: Polish, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese.

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Bookmark Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Friends of the Library Bookmark Contest: Olivia Serrano (age 3), Isabella Serrano (age 6), Elana Kellerhouse (age 11), and Matthew Maestro (age 16). Each received a \$25 gift certificate donated by **Inquiring Minds Bookstore in New Paltz**. Bookmarks illustrating these young artists' designs are available in the library.

**We would like to recognize and thank our
business supporters:**

**Mohonk Mountain House
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**Ulster Federal Credit Union
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Annual Scholarship Fund Raffle

It is time for our Annual Scholarship Raffle! This year we have 5 prizes donated by local merchants. The tickets are \$5 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The tickets are available for sale at the circulation desk at the library. There is also a sign out sheet if you are able to take groups of ten tickets to sell to family, friends and library supporters. As always, we appreciate your support for the library and its programs. Winners will be drawn at the September 29th Friends Meeting at 7 pm.

Prizes:

- Initial Chiropractic Evaluation with Dr. Lisa Fields- Jacobson (\$95 value)
- \$25 Gift Certificate to the Postage Inn Restaurant in Tillson
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Table Rock Tours Bicycle Shop in Rosendale
- Soft Cover Laptop Briefcase donated by Alan's Affordable Computers in Stone Ridge
- *Archeological History of Whiteport* by D. Howe, donated by Century Historical Society

**Rosendale Library presents.
Fall 2010 Programs**

**Wednesdays, 7pm, Free
Rosendale Library**

**From Founders to Farmers: An Archaeologist's View of Hudson Valley Homes of
the 19th Century**

Wednesday, September 22, 7 pm, Free

Dr. Eugene Boesch- Speaker, NY Council for the Humanities

How are techniques of archaeology used to explore 19th century homes of the Lower Hudson Valley? From residences of the elites to the dwellings of lower status landholders, historic archaeology creates a picture of the past that frequently exceeds and sometimes contradicts the documentary record. This presentation explores what we are discovering about such domestic sites, methods employed during investigation and insights gained about the transition from a locally-based rural lifestyle to one that forged the roots of modernization. Methods used during excavation will be discussed along with slides of 19th century homesteads. This event is funded through the New York Council for the Humanities.

Dr. Eugene Boesch received a Ph.D in Anthropology from NYU, specializing in Native American cultures and has served as a member on Historic Preservation Advisory Committees.

Inventing Fashion: Iroquois Beadwork and the "Art of Flowering"

Wednesday, October 13, 7 pm, Free

Deborah Holler- Speaker, NY Council for the Humanities

In the mid-19th century, NYS officials began to collect Iroquois material culture, intending to preserve what they saw as a vanishing race. At the same time, Iroquois women were discovering that their beadwork was appealing to fashionable women flocking to summer resorts. This presentation traces the historic development of the Iroquois costume, which defined the public image of "Indian-ness" around the world. The collections of Henry Morgan and Rochester museums will be represented in the complex cultural exchange that defined 19th century fashion. *This event is funded through the New York Council for the Humanities.*

Ms. Deborah Holler teaches in Cultural Studies and Humanities at Empire State College. She is writing a book on the life and times of Ga-ha-no Parker Mt. Pleasant, an acclaimed Seneca textiles and bead worker.

Writing the Resume That Works for You

Wednesday, November 10, 7 pm Free

Ulster County Workforce

Learn how to create a successful resume from the professionals at Ulster County Workforce. Style, presentation and informative hints that personalize your resume will be covered. This workshop is helpful as a refresher course for those who already have a resume, as well as for those who are just beginning their job search. Bring yours! Q&A

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Rosendale Library Coming Events Fall/Winter 2010

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- **December, Make an Ornament at Rosendale's Annual Frozendale, 3 – 4:30pm. At the library.**

On-going Activities

- **Preschool Story Hour, Thursday's 9:30am – 10:45am, at the library.**
- **Library Board Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library.**
- **Library Friends Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library.**
- **Annual Scholarship Fund Raffle, See page 6.**