

# The Rose Window

## Rosendale Library Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2011

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### Your Rosendale Library Board of Trustees



*Pictured above, left to right, are seven of the current community volunteers that comprise the Rosendale Library Board: Carl Welden, Robert Sena (President), Amy D'Antonio, Nancy Hertzog (Secretary/Treasurer- non-Board member), Natalie Wargin, Craig Zisman, and Toby Eisman. Missing from the picture are board members Mike Hines and John Schwartz (Vice President).*

The board is dedicated to the ongoing improvement of library services and always welcomes interested community members to their monthly meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Library. The Board is currently short one member and encourages all library supporters to consider becoming a member by completing an application available at the library.

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### Winter Sundays in the Library

The Friends of the Rosendale Library are again sponsoring winter "Sunday in the Library" events. Come join us to learn something new, share your ideas, and warm your soul:

In celebration of Valentine's Day an **origami folding workshop** will be held in the library on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4PM**. Valentine themed foldings, as well as other models, will be made by participants. Come enjoy

*"Libraries are more than bricks and mortar. They are an integral part of a child's learning and an essential component of the economic and cultural vitality of a community." – Dick Iannuzzi, NYSUT President*

## *Friend of the Library Church Communities, Rifton*

Church Communities (formally known as Bruderhof) are an international Christian communal movement of families and single people. The heart of the movement is to follow Jesus which results in the desire to reach out to the wider community and the world. Locally, the Woodcrest Community of Rifton has a long and continuously strong supportive relationship with the Rosendale library. Their contributions to the library and library supported events cover a wide spectrum, but they are particularly noted for support of the children's programs and the delicious cookies and cakes provided for library events throughout the year. They add so much to library celebrations!

The community operates its own school, with a central importance of inspiring children to lifelong learning and service to others. Books from the Rosendale Library help both children and adults of the community have a broad exposure to academics, art and literature.

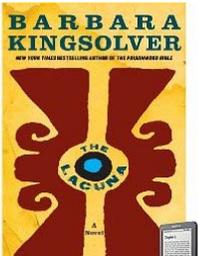
On behalf of Woodcrest and the Woodcrest School Johann Huleatt states: "We are grateful for the Rosendale Library and all of the wonderful staff. When thinking of the Rosendale Library this thought from Andrew Carnegie comes to mind: 'There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration'".

The Friends of Rosendale Library thank the Church Communities of Rifton for being a great friend of the library.

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### *Sundays in the Library*



*(Continued from page 1)*

A book discussion of The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver will be held on **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM.** "How can the experiences of a fictional loner merge with those of

larger-than-life figures who played a pivotal role in world politics? And what can readers learn from their intersection? Those are the questions answered by this dazzling novel, which plunges into Shepard's (the protagonist) notebooks to dredge up not only the perceptions they conceal but also a history larger than his own, touching on everything from Trotskyism, Stalinism and the Red Scare to racism, mass hysteria and the media's intrusion into personal and national affairs.

The fuller value of Kingsolver's novel lies in its call to conscience and connection. She has mined Shepherd's richly imagined history to

create a tableau vivant of epochs and people that time has transformed almost past recognition. Yet it's a tableau vivant whose story line resonates in the present day, albeit with different players." \* Copies of this interesting novel are available at the circulation desk at the library.

\*Liesl Schillinger, NY Times

Information on the **April event will be available at a later date at the library** and on the library's web site: [rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org).



### **Volunteers Needed**

The library is in need of volunteers to help with the Bookceller. Needed are one or two young people to carry books; someone who can be called on to sort & shelf books; others for quick once over dusting & straightening. If you can offer just a little time, your effort can make a big difference and will be much appreciated. Please contact Wendy Alexander at the library.

**A Message from  
Wendy Alexander  
Library Director**

*"In a democratic society we must live cooperatively, and serve the community in which we live, to the best of our ability. For our own success to be real, it must contribute to the success of others." - Eleanor Roosevelt*

On a perfect October day, it was my pleasure to be present for the 24th Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal Ceremony luncheon at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, Hyde Park, where one of the honorees was the Mid-Hudson Library System and where Merribeth Advocate, MHLS Interim Director, accepted this important award celebrating "individual organizations of high ideals that have made significant contributions to humanitarian efforts around the world."

The Mid-Hudson Library System region is the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined, covers the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam and Ulster and serves 66 member libraries. MHLS was one of the library systems formed in New York State in 1959 to strengthen local public libraries by (1) sharing materials (2) providing consultants and techniques to promote professional development (3) improving local library service especially by leveraging funds for resource sharing and free access. **"Each dollar invested by New York State in library systems provides more than \$13 worth of services in each member library community."**

When the Rosendale Library was formed in 1958, the founders in town were actively involved with the Mid-Hudson Library System the following year and availed themselves of the benefits and services provided to give the new library a good beginning. From then until now, library systems have continued to focus on value, visibility and viability to help keep our libraries strong.

Check [www.ervk.org](http://www.ervk.org) for more about the wise humanity of this outstanding woman and the Eleanor Roosevelt Center.



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

Greetings from the Library Board. At the end of August, we installed eight state of the art, energy efficient windows in the extension constructed in the 1970s that houses the office and children's area spaces. This was the last project of the overall roof grant proposal. In September, we filed the closing paperwork for the grant with the State Education Department and at the end of that month we received the final grant payment (\$7,500). The trenching project that was carried out in the summer has kept the Library basement dry and, as a result, the board will move forward with mold abatement in the basement in the spring.

In early September, we had the budget vote and election of Trustees, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed budget. The board, staff and Friends of the Library thank the community for its strong show of support. Three currently serving Trustees (Carl Welden, Craig Zisman and Amy D'Antonio) were elected to new terms.

The Library Board of Trustees is composed of nine members elected for four year terms. At present there are eight members and we would like to fill the one vacancy. Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve on the Board can pick up an application at the circulation desk and return it to that same location. The applicant then will be invited to a Board meeting and, if they choose to serve, they will be accepted onto the Board. Once accepted, the Trustee must stand for election at the next budget vote in early September. After being elected, the trustee must go, within 30 days, to the Town Clerk's office and swear an oath of office. This step is necessary because, even though they volunteer, they become members of a governmental agency subject to State Education and other statutes governing libraries. Even though the Library Board is a governmental agency, it is not a part of the Town government structure. The Rosendale Library District is a separate entity with its own by-laws and operating budget. We hope some of you will consider joining the Board.

### Library Staff

Wendy Alexander, Director  
Amy Coté Carol Evans  
Sue Horowitz Ann Sarrantonio  
Linda Tantillo Ann Van Damm

## National Library Week

National Library Week will be observed April 10-16, 2011 with the theme, "Create your own story @ your library@."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Support your library and celebrate with us. Visit [www.protectionlibraries.org](http://www.protectionlibraries.org)



## News Of The Old From the Rosendale Library Local History Collection

Several books on local history have been added to the circulating collection. Among them are the following:

*Street Whys: Anecdotes and Lore About the Streets of Kingston, New York*, by Edwin M. Ford, is a fascinating book that Mr. Ford, Kingston Historian, spent 50 years compiling.

*New Paltz* and *New Paltz Revisited*, by Carol A. Johnson, head of the historical collection at Elting Library, New Paltz. These two books are part of the *Images of America* series

*The Rondout: A Hudson River Port*, by Robert Steuding, is a wonderfully readable history of this part of Kingston, which was once more important than Kingston itself.

*Water-Works: The Architecture and Engineering of the New York City Water Supply*, Kevin Bone, editor. This is a

beautiful and very thorough book with many images, maps and plans.

*Dutch New York: The Roots of Hudson Valley Culture*, edited by Roger Panetta, a book about what makes the Hudson Valley is so special.

The indexing of *The Rosendale Ledger and The Rosendale News for the years 1937-1943* should be done soon, so if you have genealogy or history questions for this time period the search will be much easier now.

The library is currently working on a project on **The Music Scene in Rosendale** in the 1960s-1980s. If you would like to add your thoughts, please contact Linda Tantillo at the library. In the spring she will be working on compiling information on Rosendale's Resort Days in the first half of the twentieth century. If you have information, memories or photos on boarding houses, activities, etc., Linda would love to talk to you!

## New York Library Advocacy Day

Advocate for your library on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up at the library to travel to Albany by bus with other area library supporters or advocate by email at [NYLA.org](http://NYLA.org).



## Annual Scholarship

The Friends of the Library will once again award a \$600 scholarship to a 2011 June graduate of Kingston, Rondout Valley or New Paltz High School living in the Rosendale Library District. Applications for the Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns scholarship will be available in the library this spring.



### 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

## Spring Programs for 2011-

Contact: Sue Horowitz, Adult Programs

### *During and After the Ice: The First Americans- An Ice Age Mystery Story*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 7PM/ Free

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**Dr. Eugene Boesch, Archaeologist and Speaker: NY Council for the Humanities**

Despite decades of digging into the origins of humans in North America, archaeologists are still uncovering new information about the "Paleoindians". This lecture covers the latest discoveries about the identity of the "First Americans", offering evidence of their presence as far back as 50,000 years ago. Discover how their coexistence with the ice age mammals was linked to their mysterious demise.

### *The Dalai Lama and Tibet: Myths and Realities*

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 7PM/ Free

Rosendale Library

**Professor A. Tom Grunfeld, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Empire State College. Speaker: NY Council for the Humanities**

Americans are fascinated with Tibet, yet they know very little of its history or its relationships with China and the United States. This talk explores the social and political myths and realities of this incomparable land and people.

A. Tom Grunfeld is a historian who specializes in the teaching of modern East Asian history with an emphasis on China and Tibet. He has been traveling and living in that region since 1966, and has published several books, over 150 articles and book reviews including *The Making of Modern Tibet*.

### *My Weedless Garden*

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 7PM/ Free

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**Lee Reich, PhD. Horticulture**

This slide lecture will introduce a novel way for caring for the soil, resulting in fewer weeds.

Lee's weedless gardening system is an integrated one that maintains soil integrity by nurturing the ground from the top down, avoiding soil compaction and emulating Mother Nature rather than fighting her. The principles and practices are rooted in latest agricultural research.

Lee Reich is an avid farmdener (more than a garden, less than a farm) who turned from plant and soil research with the USDA and Cornell U. to writing, lecturing and consulting. He is an Ulster County resident whose books include *A Northeast Gardener's Year*, *The Pruning Book and Weedless Gardening*. His garden has been included in "Open Days" tours of the Garden Conservancy, and has been featured in *Martha Stewart Living* and the *NY Times*.

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

**Inquiring Minds Bookstore  
New Paltz**

and

**Dr. Lisa Fields-Jacobson, Chiropractor  
New Paltz**



### *Last November in the Library*

Sarah Wyman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, SUNY New Paltz (on left) facilitated a wonderful and lively discussion of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Denise Giardullo (on right) shared her hand made Chinese doll with participants. Eileen Hall, Friends President, is pictured in the center.

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## Rosendale Library Coming Events Winter/Spring 2011

- Origami Folding Workshop, February 6, 1:30pm. See page 1.
- Library Advocacy Day, Tuesday, March 1. See page 4
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## On-going Activities

- Preschool Story Hour, Thursday's 9:30am – 10:45am, at the library.
- Library Board Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, at the library.
- Library Friends Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library.
- Friends of the Library Scholarship. Application available at the library in the spring.
- Music Scene in Rosendale in the 1960's-1980s project. See page 4
- Rosendale Resorts and Boarding Houses Project. See page 4