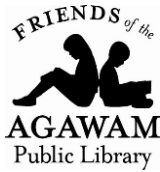


# Friends of the Agawam Public Library



## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It is finally Spring! After that long, long winter, I think we were all wondering if Spring would ever come again! To keep us warm during the long, chilly months, the Friends were very busy starting a new venture and working on an old one. During the month of April, we held our very first Annual Open Juried Art Show. We decided to hold The Art Show for two reasons: to benefit the Agawam Public Library and to help recognize and encourage area artists. It was a resounding success! See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

Another resounding success was this year's annual Book Sale in May. Considering the economic climate, we found that we were happily surprised to have made as much from this year's book sale as we made from last year's! This was despite having fewer books donated this year (about 10,000 versus the over 15,000 books donated last year) and having fewer book dealers (the big money spenders) coming to our Friday preview night. Even with these obstacles, we still managed to make over \$3,200!

With the profits that we have made with this sale and with the profits from the Art Show, the Friends will be able to help provide the library with the funding for those items that are not in the Library's budget and, in these difficult times, the monies will come in very handy.

The Friends group, "Friends Meeting With Friends" that we created last Fall has been very active. For a start, we have come up with an official name: "The Pioneer Valley Friends of Libraries". As you may recall, its primary purpose is to share information

among the Friends groups in the Pioneer Valley so that we can all benefit from each other's successes and failures. Well, we have been doing a lot this past year. We met at each other's libraries to discuss various topics including how to increase membership, how to generate money from various events and projects, and which events work well and which do not. There is a great deal of knowledge and experience within the various Friends groups and we were all able to share a great deal of that expertise. The Pioneer Valley group, by the way, is the only one of its kind in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Friends of Libraries was so impressed with our initiative that they have asked members of our group to speak at their yearly Fall workshop!

Also, keep an eye on the Friends' Bulletin Board at the library. We will be having some more new events that we will be hosting during the Fall of 2009 and the Spring of 2010. Until then, enjoy the sunshine and warm weather and have a great summer!

*Marcia Capuano*

#### Board Members & Committees:

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### **To Our Current Friends:**

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide funds for projects, services, programs and materials that were beyond the scope of the town's Library budget. This is the kind of community support that gives all of us a great Library!

The Friends of the Library provided the following:

- Amelia Park Children's Museum passes
- Baker & Taylor Books
- Bookcases for the "Friends corner"
- Book Displayers for the Children's Room
- Forest Park Zoo membership
- Color LaserJet Printer
- Colorful Rug for the Children's Room
- DVD player
- Holyoke Merry-Go-Round pass
- Library card protectors (6,000)
- Popcorn Cart
- Support of an Eagle Scout project to restore and extend the retaining wall in the front of the library
- Thousand Cranes – ESL (English as a Second Language) lessons
- Welcome Baby Books & accessories
- Westfield Children's Museum passes
- WMRLS Membership

### **To Our Future Friends:**

Please join us and help to ensure the continuing excellence of your Library. Your annual membership is a demonstration of your appreciation of the Library, its administration and staff. It is the best way of saying "Thank You!"

### **Book Bags & Coffee Cups**



We have book bags and coffee cups with the Friends logo specially designed for the Friends by local artist David Cecchi. The book bags are \$12 and the cups are \$5. Show your support for your library by getting and using both!



### **Monthly Meeting Dates**

**June 4, 2009**  
**September 3, 2009**  
**October 1, 2009**  
**November 5, 2009**  
**December 3, 2009**  
**January 7, 2010**  
**February 4, 2010**  
**March 4, 2010**  
**April 1, 2010**  
**May 6, 2010**  
**June 4, 2010**  
**September 3, 2010**  
**October 1, 2010**  
**November 5, 2010**  
**December 3, 2010**

## **DON'T FORGET OUR ON-GOING BOOK SALE**

If you just cannot wait until next May for those great bargain books, check out the continuous sale located in the library on the main floor. The selection is constantly changing and the prices can't be beat!

# Friends of the Agawam Public Library First Open Juried Art Show A Stellar Success!

*The Friends of the Agawam Public Library held their very first Open Juried Art Show in April and it was a phenomenal success! The show was wonderful and full of fantastic art done by very talented artists. There were four categories of art presented: oils & acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media. There were prizes offered for best in show and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes within each category.*



*We were very lucky to have Barbara Cohen, Doris Coughlin and Doug Gillette as our selection jurors. They very generously donated their time and talents in the judging of the show and in helping with the exhibition itself. Without their input and aid, we would have not been able to have this juried show.*

*We were also extremely lucky to Paul Leveille as our Awards Juror. We are sure he had some very difficult choices to make in handing out the awards. According to Paul Leveille, "The artwork that was accepted was of the highest caliber". Of the ninety-nine works of art that made it through the jurying process, twenty-two of the pieces were done by local area artists. Moreover, of those twenty-two artists, four of them were award winners!*



*Also of great success was the "Meet the Artist" reception. Everyone not only was able to review the hanging art itself but they could also talk to the very artists who created it. In addition, they had the opportunity of being able to talk to the various selection jurors to see how they went about making their decisions.*

*This show was such a great success that will be having another one, our Second Open Juried Art Show, in October 2010. So mark your calendars!*

"Best in Show" winner, Barbara Groff is shown here below her prize-winning painting.



Art Show Committee Members: Teresa Kosloski, Sylvia Deliso, Kathy Arnold, Bob Kadis, Scott Letendre, Jean Clark, Judy Clini, Marcia Capuano, Pam Pudlo, Louis Russo, Gary Janulewicz.

# *Please Join the Friends of the Agawam Public Library*

*If you like what the Friends do for the library, consider becoming a member in one of the following categories:*

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Individual	\$15 per year	Family	\$20 per year
Senior Citizen (65 & over)	\$10 per year	Organization/Business	\$50 per year

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**PO BOX 478**  
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Remember a loved one. Honor a special friend. Give a gift that will last forever. Consider a memorial donation in someone's name to the Friends of the Agawam Public Library.

Email: [friendsapl@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsapl@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friendsoftheLibrary.htm>