



FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Marge Golas

Happy New Year everybody! I hope your holidays were full of family, friends, and good eating! Most of us are now likely concentrating on ways we can improve ourselves in 2012. In the same way, the FOL's Executive Board is looking forward to trying new approaches that will further support our libraries.

We have already begun our organizational "soul-searching" and have some new plans that should pique your interest. Most importantly, we are actively researching ways to help the libraries to provide user access to ebooks. This is a complicated matter of research, organization, and funding, but we are optimistic that we can make progress.

On the event side of things, look for information to come your way soon about a Gently Used Hand Bag Sale. All of us have one or two or more purses that we haven't used in a very long time or are too small, etc., etc. Go look for them now and put them away because you'll be getting specifics very soon. Lastly to the scores of FOLSIOI volunteers reading this newsletter, the organization could not function without you! To say thank you we will sponsor a volunteer reception in May.

Speaking of new activities and people, we have several new Executive Board Chairs. We revised the composition of the Board by adding or changing some positions to more accurately reflect what the community needs and what we do. **Ben Brooks** is our new Vice-President. Ben has lots of executive experience in his background of public service. You may already know that **Pauline Burkhardt** is in charge of Book Sales and Collection. We are happy to say that our move in May has allowed us to continue our very successful monthly book sales. We have even increased the number of sales under Pauline's leadership. Our new Publicity Chair is **Chris Stitche**. Chris has added a whole new artistic dimension to our announcements, flyers, etc. She has great ideas to catch your eye!

Our new Secretary, **Charlotte Novak**, comes to us with years of experience in that position in other organizations. We're lucky to have her, too. Some of you may know **Kay Jolliff**, whose work and volunteer experiences make her the perfect person to take on the challenges of Programs/Special Events Chair. She'll have lots to do with our new activities. You'll be seeing a lot of Kay. Finally, we have added the position of Ways and Means to handle various types of fundraising. (See handbag sale above.) **Judith Kurzer** has volunteered to help on this very important side of our support mission.

Have a healthy and happy year ahead. We look forward to seeing you at our new activities as well as our always popular events discuss in the following pages.

USED BOOKS SALE

2012 Dates

Located at Southport Realty
727 N. Howe Street

JANUARY 28	10AM - 1PM	
FEBRUARY 25	10AM - 1PM	
APRIL 7	10AM - 1PM	
APRIL 28	10AM - 1PM	
MAY 26	10AM - 1PM	
JULY 2	2PM - 4PM	MEMBERS ONLY
JULY 3	10AM - 2PM	
JULY 28	10AM - 1PM	
SEPTEMBER 1	10AM - 1PM	
SEPTEMBER 29	10AM - 1PM	
OCTOBER 20	10AM - 1PM	
NOVEMBER 17	10AM - 1PM	
DECEMBER 8	10AM - 1PM	

Used books needed

Any and all book donations are welcomed.
 Please drop off at either library or
 Southport Realty.

Save the Date!

Lets Talk About It Series

January 26 2pm – 4pm

The Journey Inward: Women's
 Autobiographies

Opera Series

February 5 & 12 2pm

UNCW Prof. King will return
 with her opera students.

Lit & Film Series

March 19
10 am – 12 pm

Dracula Comes to Barbee

Lifelong Learners Series

Thursdays 10 am

America through History and
 Literature”

Additional Information Following



Membership News by Judy Wagner

Time to Renew

All 2011 memberships in the *Friends of the Library Southport-Oak Island* expired at the end of December. If you renewed at our Annual Meeting in September, during the October Membership Drive or any time in the last 3 months, you have a 2012 membership. If not, it is time to renew. There is now a Lifetime Membership available. For a donation of \$250 or more, you will be listed as a Lifetime Family Member and help our libraries in a big way. Get those renewals in soon! Your donation helps the Barbee and Harper libraries in these difficult times.

Again this year, all 2012 members will be entered in a drawing in February. There will be some great prizes donated by local businesses. This drawing will be held during the UNC-W Opera Series at the Southport Community Center but you do not have to be present to win. Prizes are a kayak trip with the *Adventure Company*, a harbor tour for 2 on the *Solomon T* and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. This is a small 'Thank You' to our members and we appreciate the businesses that have been so generous.

New Members 2012

Arlene Baldino	Ruth Lawrence
Rich & Kim Bandera	Cenetta Leeson
Isobel Beebe	Phyllis Liller
Anita Bell	Judith McCormack
Lynne Bissett	Irene Melomo
Gerry Bordes	Patricia Moore
Ben Brooks	Craig Morrison
Toby Bronstein	Bill Neely
Rebecca Cash Furre	Carole Novak
Neil, David, & Donna Donovan	
Linda Feragne	Sharon Rose
Carol O'Halloran	Deborah Shaw
Alan Ferrell	Peggy Smith
Jennifer Fields	Kathleen Stanton
Kathy Fleming	Mary Stuker
Jenine & Dick Flexner	Jean Toner
Prentiss Halladay	Lynn Wilcox
Kate Hardin	Brenda Willis
Tommy & Julie Ann Harrelson	
Sharon Harris	Linda Wilson
Bill James	Heather Winterbottom
Dennis Krueger	Leah Woodin

GENERAL MEETING OF FOLSOI 2011



Margaret Maron



Upcoming Events for 2012

For over sixteen years, the Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOI) have supported the Harper and Barbee libraries and aims to engage the community in library program by arranging varied events. The following are scheduled for 2012:

Opera Series

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Opera Appreciation Series was first presented to the Southport and Oak Island community in February 2003. The series was held in memory of Mary Jean Cornish, a past member of the Friends of the Library. Due to audience enthusiasm and demand it has been held every year since on the first two Sundays in February at the Southport Community Center

The lectures are presented by soprano and UNCW Professor and voice instructor Nancy King and in collaboration with her accomplished accompanist Patricia Ainspac. The series is designed for those in the know and those who want to be! Each Sunday we explore the musical, historical, and cultural elements of opera, enhanced by live performances from the members of UNCW's Opera Outreach Project (UNC-WOOP).

Professor King's upbeat personality makes each lecture a delight. Her down to earth approach takes away the highbrow mystique of opera. Early on she told us most librettos were merely soap operas today; lot's of mistaken identity, unrequited love, mischief and pathos. The students are well prepared and the audience has an opportunity to watch them progress from year to year. They have made us laugh and tear up. We miss them when they graduate. If you haven't been to the series please plan on joining us this year.

All performances are free and open to the public.

February 5 & 12 at 2:00pm



Literature and Film Series

Dracula Comes to Barbee

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, on Monday, March 19 from 10AM to noon for a presentation entitled Bram Stoker, Bela Lugosi, and Dracula: From Transylvania to Hollywood. First he will review Stoker's 1897 novel *Dracula*, and then examine how it translates into the 1931 film version in which Lugosi's performance became the definitive portrayal of the famous vampire's voice, appearance, and personality. Visit or revisit one of the movies that contributed to the establishment of the horror genre in Hollywood, another being *Frankenstein*, also released in 1931, the subject of the Literature and Film Series last March.

Registration begins at Barbee Library on Monday, March 5 at 9 AM. Enrollment is limited to 25. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free and open to the public.

Let's Talk About It Series

The Friends of the Library will once again hold a Let' Talk About It Series to discuss four autobiographies. These stories describe the literal and figurative journeys of four women attempting to make sense of their lives. The series titled, **The Journey Inward: Women's Autobiographies** will be held at the Harper Library on Thursday January 26, February 9th and 23rd and March 9. All programs will begin at 2p.m. Registration is now in process and is limited to 25 individuals.

Books to be read and discussed by visiting scholars are the following: *One Writers Beginning*, Eudora Welty, *Letter of a Woman Homesteader*, Elinor Pruitt Stewart, *Dust Tracks on a Road*, Zora Neale Hurston, *West With the Night*, Beryl Markha. Books will be provided.

This program is funded with a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council and in collaboration with the North Carolina Center for the Book, a program of the State Library of North Carolina.

This event is already filled.

Lifelong Learners Series

Sponsored by FOLSOI a continuing program featuring the Great Courses, an engaging series of videos led by the world's best professors and experts in diverse fields such as philosophy, history, literature, science, and the arts continues at Barbee Library on Thursdays at 10 AM.

This series of lectures has been going on at Barbee for over four years. Subjects thus far range from ancient Egypt to discussion on human rights. The current topic is "America through History and Literature." After viewing a 30-minute video a group discussion is lead by Max R. Williams. All are invited to attend, limited only to space.

Thank you, Corporate Donors and Volunteers

The Friends of the Library would like to thank our 2012 Corporate Donors. Please tell them that you appreciate their financial backing of the *Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island*

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 Southport Realty
 The Adventure Company

The *FOLSOI* Board would like to thank those members who gave their time during our Membership Drive at the Barbee and Harper Libraries in October 2011. All money collected as dues is used for items or programs at the libraries. Those volunteers are listed below. Thank You!

Kat Abbott	Yvonne Moody
Diane Butzin	Margaret Poe
Charla Dougherty	Barbara Reed
Kathy Flemming	Flora Solomon
Marge Golas	Deborah Vitale
Marion Gunther	Judy Wagner
Ben Hinson	Mary Walker
Martha Johnson	Al Whitford
	Gibby Wilson

Thank you to the Volunteers that help make our Annual Meeting a success!

Set Up --- Ginny Cannon, Diane Butzin, Judith McCormack
 Membership Tables --- Linda Jenkins, Betty Cavanagh, Kit Batson Howard,
 Kathy O'Donnell

Refreshments --- Charla Dougherty, Barbara Hazelton, Kathy O'Donnell, Gail Gregory,
 Flora Solomon, Judith McCormack, Ruth Carver,
 Gibby Wilson, Suzanne Winterhalter, Betty Cavanagh