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Newsletter of Friends of Southern Pines Public Library

Winter 2011

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## Landmark Ornament Holiday Tradition

The Friends of Southern Pines Public Library are once again offering a collectible ornament, the tenth in the series recognizing local architectural landmarks. The 2011 edition depicts Southern Pines Elementary School. The 24K gold-finished, etched ornament is a three-dimensional representation of the building which was dedicated in 1947.

The plans, hopes and dreams for this iconic structure had actually begun decades earlier. The Depression and the war caused delays, but the \$175,000 building was the first of four structures to be completed on the campus located at the intersection of May Street and Massachusetts Avenue. It continues to serve children in the elementary grades to this day.

Designed by school architect William H. Deitrick of Raleigh, who studied in New York at Columbia University and the Beaux-Arts Institute of

Design, the building was described in *The Pilot* newspaper when it opened as being “one of the most modern and beautiful schools in the country.”

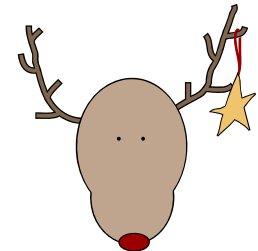
At the time of construction, the Town of Southern Pines had its own special-charter school district, separate from the county schools. While the county was still responsible for providing construction funds for buildings, the Town citizens would go on to approve a bond to supplement the construction of separate buildings for the gymnasium and auditorium/cafeteria instead of one building combining all three functions. In 1954 and 1955, the building facing May Street which housed high school students was added, replacing structures which had been condemned. When the schools were segregated by race, this campus housed white students in all grades. In 1969 the Southern Pines School District was merged with the county school system and all schools were integrated.

Only 250 copies of the Southern Pines Elementary School ornament have been produced, and they are available for purchase at Southern Pines Public Library for \$25 each. While supplies last, those purchasing the 2011 ornament will be able to select one of the

previous year’s ornaments at no additional cost. These include: 2003 Book Shop Row on Broad Street, 2004 Weymouth Center, 2005 Shaw House, 2006 the Library itself, 2007 Civic Club, 2008 Sunrise Theater, 2009 Dempsey Student Center, and 2010 Pine Knoll.

All proceeds from the ornament project are used to fund the many programs of the Friends.

## Holiday Program



Children ages toddlers through grade 3 are invited to wear their jammies and bring their favorite stuffed animals to the library’s annual holiday program.

Celebrate the season with a puppet show, crafts, and songs!

The fun starts at  
7:00 pm on  
**Tuesday, Dec. 6**



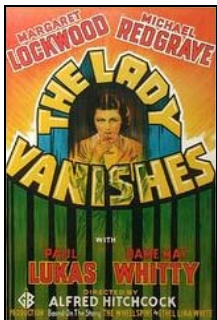
### Text Notification

The Library is now offering notifications via text message. If you choose to use this notification method, text messages will be sent to your phone when items you have checked out are due or overdue and when holds have arrived or have been canceled.

This service is provided free to patrons, but standard text messaging fees may be charged from your cellular service provider.

If you are interested in this service, please send an email to [circ\\_notices@sppl.net](mailto:circ_notices@sppl.net), call the library at 910-692-8235, or speak to a member of the library staff.

### Winter Programs



#### Oldies & Goodies: Classic Films and Afternoon Tea

This winter the Oldies & Goodies film series will be offering a classic musical, romantic suspense, and swashbuckling adventure for your viewing pleasure.

On **Thursday, January 12** Margaret Lockwood and Michael Redgrave star in *The Lady Vanishes*. While

traveling in continental Europe, a young woman realizes that an elderly lady seems to have disappeared from the train. Alfred Hitchcock directed this suspense thriller from 1938.

*The Band Wagon* will be the feature on **Thursday, February 9**. Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse star in this 1953 musical comedy about a pretentious artistic director who is hired for a new Broadway show and proceeds to change it beyond recognition.

Errol Flynn stars in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, which will be shown on **Thursday, March 8**. Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains, and Basil Rathbone co-star in this 1938 gem.

The Oldies & Goodies films are shown from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Programming is made possible through Friends funding of movie licensing.



Sharon Cooper Murray, *The Gullah Lady*

#### Author Read

The Library's "Author Read" series for 2011-12, featuring legendary southern author Pat Conroy, continues with special film showings, discussions, and a fascinating look at the Gullah culture.

On **Sunday, December 4** at 2:30 pm there will be a free movie screening of *The Lords of Discipline*, which is based on

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Conroy's novel of the same title. This film, which is rated R, is set at a military college in the Deep South in the 1960s. Two local graduates of The Citadel, Rev. Fred Thompson and Tom Marsh, will be viewing the film and participating in the discussion following the movie.

As part of the Palustris Festival on **Sunday, March 25** at 3:00 pm, the Library will be offering a presentation on "The Gullah Language and Traditional Folk Music." Featured speaker Sharon Cooper Murray will discuss the Gullah people of the South Carolina Low Country, with whom Conroy worked and wrote about in his book *The Water is Wide*.

On **Sunday, April 15** at 2:30 pm, *The Great Santini*, starring Robert Duvall and Blythe Danner, will be shown. This R-rated film, based on Conroy's own childhood experiences growing up in a military family, explores the high price of heroism and self-sacrifice.



#### Explorations: A Forum for Adults

The Explorations lecture series for adults will return in 2012 with the timely topic of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The Town of Southern Pines is revising this nearly twenty-four year old document that controls all

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design and land-use regulations for the community. This year-long undertaking is being performed in an effort to streamline and update the existing code in addition to ensuring its compliance with, and ability to implement the goals of, the recently adopted Comprehensive Long-Range Plan.

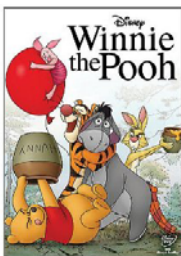
Stay tuned for the exact date of this informative program.



#### Family Fun Night

Want to “bone” up on your fossil facts? Kids in grades 3-5 and their parents are invited to become amateur paleontologists on **Thursday, February 23** at 5:30 pm. Among the activities planned will be sifting for fossilized shark teeth.

As always, the Friends will provide a free dinner for the Family Fun Night participants.



#### Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

Children in grades K-2 and their parents are invited to a special screening of *Winnie the Pooh* (rated G) on **Sunday, January 8** at 2:30 pm.

Based on the classic book by A. A. Milne, this all-new movie version reunites audiences with the "bear of very little brain" and friends Tigger, Rabbit, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo, and Eyeore.

Kids in grades 3-5 and their parents won't want to miss *Dolphin Tale* (rated PG) on **Sunday, March 11**. Based on true events, this family film is about a young dolphin that loses her tail in a crab trap and the 11-year-old boy who befriends her.

Enjoy free snacks at the movies, courtesy of the Friends.



#### Pizza with Pizzazz

Due to popular demand, Game Night returns on **Tuesday, January 10!** Students in grades 6-8 are invited to play video games on the big screen and compete against other players on Xbox 360. Participants are welcome to BYOG (Bring Your Own Games) - as long as they're rated "E" or "T"!

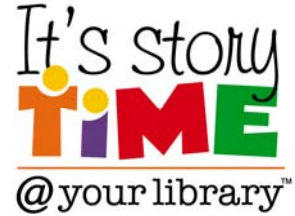
The program is from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, and free pizza will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

It's a Valentine's Day Craft-o-Rama as we make duct tape roses and iPod valentines on **Tuesday, February 14**.

Would you know how to react in an extreme weather situation? Find out on **Tuesday,**

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**March 13** as the Southern Pines Fire Department demonstrates what to expect, complete with sound and lighting special effects.



#### Preschool Storytime

Storytime is a wonderful opportunity for parents to introduce their children to reading and language in a fun way. Children 5 years old and younger will enjoy the shared stories, songs, and activities as well as the opportunity to make new friends.

Preschool Storytime will meet from 3:30–4:00 pm on the following Wednesdays: **January 4, 11, 18, & 25; February 8, 15, 22, & 29; March 14, 21, & 28.**



TAB members help at the Boys & Girls Club Halloween Carnival

#### Teen Advisory Board

During Teen Read Week in October TAB sponsored a “Guess Jar” contest. Teens had to guess how many candy pumpkins were in a jar (185), and the lucky winner received a gift card from Best Buy, courtesy of the Friends.

TAB also sponsored an “after hours” Cheesy Movie Night on Friday, November 18.

Teens enjoyed pizza and other cheesy snacks while watching *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* and playing Xbox games.

Teens are invited to wear tacky yuletide duds to TAB's annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Party on **Wednesday, December 14** at 6:00 pm. Bring a wrapped gift (something from the dollar store will do) and get in the holiday spirit while decorating mini gingerbread houses.



### Tax Assistance

In joint sponsorship with the Library, trained A.A.R.P. volunteers will offer free tax help for middle and low-income seniors at the Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning in February and continuing through mid-April.

Clients register onsite between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. No prior appointments by phone are given.



Campaign Community Partners met on November 9.

### Campaign for Grade Level Reading Update

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, a community initiative which the

Library is spearheading, is working to increase the number of low income students proficient in reading by the 3rd grade.

Representatives from 16 community organizations met at the Library on November 9 and divided into work groups in order to prepare a Community Solutions Plan. The organizations involved include: Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills, Citizen's Pet Responsibility Committee, Communities in Schools, Friends of Southern Pines Public Library, Moore County Chamber of Commerce, Moore County Literacy Council, Moore County NAACP, Partners for Children and Families, Rotary Club of the Sandhills, Sandhills Children's Center, Southern Pines Elementary and Primary Schools, Town of Southern Pines, and United Way of Moore County.



### Early Issues of *The Pilot* Available Online

Thanks to a joint project between the Library and the NC Digital Heritage Center, over 600 issues of *The Pilot* newspaper are now available at: <http://digitalnc.org>.

Founded in 1920 in Vass, NC, *The Pilot* has provided continuous coverage of Moore County communities, especially Southern Pines and

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Pinehurst. The issues currently available online range in date from September 1929 through October 1942. Earlier issues, beginning in 1920, will become available in late 2012.

The NC Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing program housed in the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Digital Heritage Center works with cultural heritage institutions across the state to digitize and publish rare and unique historic materials online. The Center operates in conjunction with the State Library of North Carolina's NC ECHO (North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Online) project. It is supported by the State Library of North Carolina with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.



GIS Day participants compete in "Geography Jeopardy."

### GIS Day

For the sixth year in a row the Library celebrated GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day on November 16 with fifth-grade students from Episcopal Day School. Library staff led games and activities which included using Google Earth and the Town's interactive mapping site and

mapping the migration paths of whales, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

The North Carolina Public Library Director's Association recently awarded Southern Pines Public Library's GIS Day as the "Most Outstanding Program for Children and Families in a Small Library."



## Committee Reports

### Special Events

*Debbie Pardal, Chairperson*

It's the time of year when the Southern Pines downtown is festively decorated with Christmas trees. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals creatively and beautifully adorn the trees that line the streets. The Lyne's Den has so generously sponsored the Friends' tree, which is located on the corner of NW Broad Street and New Hampshire Avenue.

### Membership Drive

*Kara Broughton, Chairperson*

As of the November Board meeting, 83 memberships, representing 120 people have been received. **The label on this newsletter will have a red dot if we have not yet received your membership renewal for the 2011-2012 year, and the reply card is enclosed.**

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership to insure you keep

receiving the Friends quarterly newsletters.

By joining or renewing, you are helping to support the library, a vital community asset. Your memberships provide essential funds for the Friends operating budget. Thank you!

### Endowment

*Steve Saye, Chairperson*

As the end of the year approaches you may wish to consider a tax deductible gift to one of the Friends endowment funds. These funds provide the library with additional resources and program funding, which serve to enhance service to the community. For more information consult:

<http://www.sppl.net/Library/EndowmentCommittee.aspx>



### Reading Is Fundamental

*Lydia Gill, Chairperson*

Fall RIF distribution days were held on October 12 and 18 at Southern Pines Elementary and Primary Schools. Approximately 900 children were able to select a book of their own from a wide selection of popular titles.

In coordination with this Friends-sponsored program, library staff made classroom visits. Over 600 children participated in storytimes and were encouraged to visit the library.

With nearly two-thirds of low-income families owning

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no books, RIF aspires to make lifelong readers through the power of choice. Three times a year children have the opportunity to select and keep a new book of their own, empowering them to discover the joy and values of reading.

### Gifts and Memorials

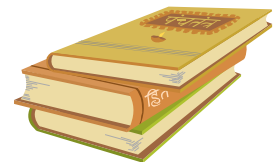
*Janice Reagan, Chairperson*

If you would like to create a meaningful memorial for a relative or honor a significant individual, please consider making a gift donation to the Friends. Individualized gift plates are placed in each book to recognize the donor and the honoree.

Gifts made this past quarter were by:

Ms. Judy Shepherd

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thorpe in memory of Mrs. Lillian Peterson Thorpe



### Book Sale

*Jay Thompson, Chairperson*

The Library is continuously accepting donations for the annual book sale. Please note that textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, magazines, VHS tapes and encyclopedias will not be accepted.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the sale, which will be located at the Train Station during Springfest at the end of April, please contact the Library or Chairperson Jay Thompson: [jaythompson1@earthlink.net](mailto:jaythompson1@earthlink.net).

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Happy Holidays!