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Friends Receive “Good News Award” From Chamber

The Friends is honored to be one of six recipients of the 2023 Good News Awards for its community support and dedication to championing modern libraries. The award was presented April 12 at The Chamber’s luncheon at River Stone Manor in Glenville.

The Good News Awards, presented by The Chamber of Schenectady County, celebrate extraordinary achievements of Schenectady County’s top businesses, organizations, and individuals. From unprecedented growth and innovative new buildings to significant anniversaries and unparalleled community support, honorees have made a lasting impact in our county.

The Friends could not achieve its goals without both the monetary and book donations received from the community, the volunteers who help make our stores and book sales a success, to and our members.



The Friends Executive Board: Charlene Roman (seated); standing, L to R: Charlie Richardson, Shirley DeBono, Lisa Esperti, Carol Hyde

**Thank you for your
membership and support!**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We are honored to be among the recipients of the 2023 Good News Award from the Chamber of Commerce. There isn't a more deserving group of volunteers around, and we are proud to be recognized. We were honored with five other groups at a luncheon on April 12.

We are also excited to hold our Annual Meeting in person this year, May 4 at Turf Tavern in Scotia. It will be fun to see everyone in person again.

Please visit our website regularly and follow our social media pages for late-breaking events that don't make the newsletter. Both stores and the Friends organization have Facebook pages. Please follow them to get the latest news and sales. Links are posted on the Friends and bookstore websites.

— Charlene Roman

SPRING BOOK SALE MAY 6–7



The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

May 6: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 7: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All books will be \$1.00 or less. Our popular bag sale will be held on Sunday.

We are seeking volunteers for setup on Friday, working during the sale, and cleanup on Sunday. If you can volunteer for a few hours, we'd love to have you! Visit our web site or watch your email for more information and volunteer sign up! Or, contact Robin Eddy at rjedly321@gmail.com with the subject line "Book Sale Volunteer."

NEWSLETTER IN YOUR INBOX

Did you know that you can receive this newsletter via email? Reading all the news from the Friends of the Library can be just one click away. To change your delivery preference, send an email to friendslibrary12305@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4

We are excited to announce the return of an in-person annual meeting and dinner! Please plan to join us Thursday, May 4, at Turf Tavern, located at 40 Mohawk Ave., Scotia. This will be a nice, relaxing evening to enjoy the company of your FRIENDS!!

Agenda

5:45 pm – Arrival

6:00 pm – Meeting start time. Elect a new president, officers, board members, and vote on bylaws:

Charlene Roman – President
Shirley DeBono – Vice President
Charlie Richardson – Treasurer
Jessicca McDonald – Assistant Treasurer
Carol Hyde – Secretary

6:45 pm – Buffet dinner. Cash bar available.

9:00 pm – End

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Please mail a check, payable to Friends of SCPL, to Friends of SCPL, 99 Clinton St, Schenectady, NY 12305. Please label with "Dinner."

RSVP by April 27 to Charlene Roman, chuckyr29@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, and dinner, will be held on May 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Ave., Scotia, NY. The agenda will include the adoption of proposed amendments to the Friends' Bylaws (proposed amendments can be viewed at <https://friendsofscpl.org>) and the election of Officers and new Directors. If you can't attend, you can still vote by sending your proxy to SecretaryFSCPL@gmail.com, using the following language:

I, _____, a member of Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library and being entitled to vote, appoint the President of the Friends as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting of the Friends to be held on May 4, 2023, and any adjournment thereof.

FRIENDS TRIPS UPDATES

A small group of Friends had a wonderful visit to Charleston, Savannah, and Jekyll Island. We enjoyed learning about the history of that area, delicious food, great weather, and old-fashioned Southern hospitality.

The registration date has passed for the Poland trip. Registrations will be based on availability.

Our spring day trip is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. We will be traveling to Hartford, CT, to visit the Mark Twain house, the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, and the Wadsworth Atheneum. More information and the registration form are available on "Travel With Us" page of the Friends website.

We hope to travel with you soon!

— Gail Denisoff & Sue Crawford



IN MEMORIAM

The online team is saddened to announce the passing of Miranda Rand, who for years helped sell collectible books with her careful and detailed descriptions. We miss her positive attitude and graceful manners.

THANK YOU!

The Beat the Snow Concert Season has concluded. We had an excellent turnout every week. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program!

— Janice Walz

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

Benefactor — \$200+

- Donal Early
- George & Joan Gould
- Carol Hyde
- Jeffrey Peil

Patron — \$50+

- Bryant & Casey Bigelow
- Patricia & Thomas Brady
- David & Anne Gray
- Fran Gross
- Jesse & Mindy Holland
- Hasna Kaddo
- Roberta & Brian Kelly
- Isabel & Steven Krempa
- Cheryl & Bill Nechamen

- Susan & Michael O'Brien
- Robbie Roessle
- Louise Sattar
- Donald Thurston
- Harmon & Jan Tunison
- Kaela Wallman

Supporting — \$35+

- Cynthia Bennett
- Beth DeMidio
- Bill & Donna Fairlee
- Joe & Jane Hendrick
- Doreen May
- Ann & Jai Misir
- Stephanie Olson
- Carmel & Bill Patrick

- Elizabeth & Carl Pieper
- Dorothea Potochnik
- Kathryn Rose
- Barbara Walton
- Vera & Marvin Weiss

DONATIONS

In Memory of Colleen Connelly

- Alison Connelly
- John & Trish Crowley
- Brian & Ann Daley
- Laurie & Rick Leone
- Kelly & Dean Snyder
- Kimberly & Buddy Watson

FOUR NOMINATED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art Brassard



Art Brassard retired in 2015, after 40 years of working in city, state and county government, in the fields of planning, housing and economic development. He and wife Mikki live in Rotterdam; they have volunteered at A Second Look since it opened. Art's interests include genealogy, history, government and politics. He credits

his grandmother who raised him and would read to him every night.

Sanjay Correa



After earning B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan — Go Blue! — **Sanjay Correa** joined GE's Global Research Center in Niskayuna. He and his (also U. Mich) spouse Carol Hyde raised their three now-adult daughters in the community. Sanjay has since retired

as a vice president from GE's Aviation business and enjoys volunteering at several organizations including the Friends; staying current in science and industry; the company of friends; and travel, including flying his Cirrus — almost anywhere.

Mark Mattis



Mark Mattis joined the Friends in August 2022 and transports incoming donations from the loading dock, selected books to Whitney Book Corner, and to the Street Soldiers organization. He lives in Niskayuna with his wife,

Janet; they have two grown daughters. Mark was an elementary school teacher for 36 years, the last 30 in North Colonie School District, before retiring in 2019.

Diane Wilkinson



Diane Wilkinson lives in the city of Schenectady and currently volunteers at A Second Look. She retired from the Schenectady City School District in June 2020. In her 30-plus-year career with the SCSD, she was a technology teacher at

Oneida Middle School; a district-wide instructional technology support specialist; and ended the last eight years as executive principal at Schenectady High School. She has always been an avid reader, enjoying books in multiple mediums. She reads three to four books simultaneously, in text, ebooks and audio.

May/June Youth & Family Literacy Events

Register for these programs and more on the Events & Class Registration page at www.scipl.org

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

**Saturday, May 6 thru
Wednesday, May 10
All Branches**

Celebrate this special yearly event and pick up comics at any of our branches during open hours, while supplies last! For children and teens. Comics will be given out on a first come, first served basis. Limit of three comics per child/teen throughout.



BIKE RODEO

**Saturday, May 13
1:00–3:00 pm
Niskayuna Town Hall**

Bring your kids and their bikes to practice and develop skills to become better cyclists. This rodeo will have helmet-fitting, bike tune-up stations, and review bike and road safety. Skill activities include slow racing in side-by-side lanes; dodging objects; sudden stops; and practicing rules of the road. We will also have games, bike accessory giveaways, and refreshments.

This event is sponsored by Capital District Transportation Committee in partnership with Cycle Schenectady, the Friends, and the Niskayuna Police Department. For grades K-5 and their adult. Registration required.

SUMMER READING PAVILION EVENTS KICK-OFF

**Tuesday, June 27
10:30 a.m.
Central Park Pavilion**

Join us as we kick off the Summer Reading outdoor performances with world-renown illusionist Leon Etienne. Leon's original creations, his passion for "sleight of hand" magic, and the best jaw-dropping grand illusions in the world explode on stage in his critically acclaimed hit show, Magic Rocks!

The Central Park Pavilion is located at 500 Iroquois Way.



MEGA BUBBLE PLAYGROUND

**Thursday, June 29
10:00 a.m.
Niskayuna Community
Center Park**

Have a blast exploring bubble science by making big bubbles from our mega bubble pools with custom wands. How big can you make your bubble stretch?

For families with children of all ages. Registration required. Niskayuna Community Center Park, 2682 Aqueduct Road.



May/June Programs & Events

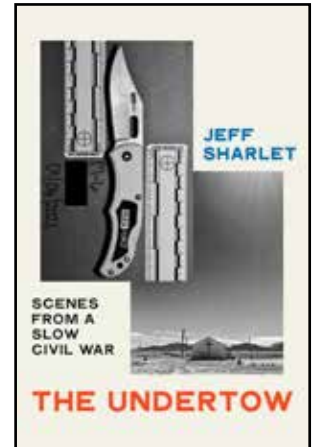
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AUTHOR VISIT: JEFF SHARLET

Thursday, May 4, 6:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Jeff Sharlet, author of “The Undertow: Scenes from a Slow Civil War” will present a talk followed by a book signing. Jeff is an award-winning editor for Vanity Fair. He is the Frederick Sessions Beebe Professor of The Art of Writing at Dartmouth and lives in Vermont.

Books for the event will be available at Open Door Bookstore, 128 Jay St., for a 15 percent discount until April 27. Books will also be available at the event, with a portion of the sales to benefit the Friends of the Library. No registration required.



HOW CAN KINDNESS MAKE YOU HAPPIER?

Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Are you curious about how it impacts you when you are kind to others on a regular basis? This workshop will focus on the science of well-being in connection to the practice of kindness. Join positive educator and life coach Anita Andersen as you spend time exploring Kristin Neff's work on self-compassion, giving you the opportunity to select ways to explore treating yourself with kindness. Registration required, starting April 26.



PAPER JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 17, 6:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Join artist Mary Frances Millet from Electric City Barn to learn paper jewelry making. Students will use specialty paper (provided, or bring your own pretty paper) to create lightweight yet sturdy earrings and pendants. Each student will come away with many items and the skills to continue the project.

Spring flowers/Mother's Day theme.
Registration required, starting May 3.



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Register for these programs and more on the [Events & Class Registration page at www.scp1.org](http://www.scp1.org)

INNER BLISS SLOW FLOW VINYASA

Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Join us to soak up a little sweetness in this relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class. This class will focus on building strength and flexibility; improving balance and range of motion; dissolving tension; and creating a deep sense of well-being that will stay with you long after you leave the mat. This is a mixed-levels class for beginners and up. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat if you have one. Registration required, starting May 4.



PINEWOOD HOLLOW BLUEGRASS CONCERT

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Family-friendly concert of bluegrass standards, fiddle tunes, and other string band music. Pinewood Hollow is Judd Staley on guitar and vocals and Denise Radke on guitar, banjo and vocals. All ages welcome!



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COLLECTION DRIVE

Sunday, May 21, 12:30-3:30 pm
Central Library Lobby

Vanguard-ASO, Inc., volunteer supporters of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, is partnering with the



Schenectady Public Library to collect gently used musical instruments for Capital Region students. We cannot accept pianos, recorders, electric keyboards, or accordions. Instruments will be distributed to Schenectady City School District and 10 other local school districts that lack sufficient instruments for children whose families cannot afford rental or purchase fees.

Vanguard-ASO, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) charity organization and the value of your donated instrument is tax-deductible. For more information, contact Jill Rifkin: 518-439-1843 or jrrif@aol.com or visit www.vanguard-aso.org

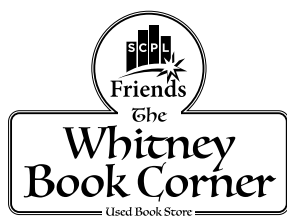


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