

WINTER/SPRING 2023



**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
CLINTON LIBRARY**



## Message from the President

By Carol Flax, President



I'm excited to start this new year with three new FOCL board members. Phyllis Alexander has moved up to Vice President and we are adding Cindy Willis as book sale coordinator, Jacob Brock as Treasurer and Mary Burns in at-large position #2. More information about each new board member appears below. Continuing to serve on the board is Michael Clyburn as Secretary, Ginny Kuehn as membership coordinator and Beth Quigley in the first at-large position. Beth has been doing a wonderful job as our social media maven. Thanks to all these board members for stepping up. And a special thanks to our retiring board members Barb Graham and Gwendine Norton!

We look forward to a rewarding year as more in-person programs continue to be added to the Clinton Library's agenda. We're also very excited about the possibilities of our library refresh (which could even mean a new library). If you haven't filled out the survey asking what your preferences are for the Clinton Library, please do it soon. The more community input we get, the better our chances of having the library that best serves our Clinton community. The survey can be found [here](#).

## Meet the New Board Members



**Jacob Brock** - I am a recent, permanent transplant but grew up fishing and crabbing around Lagoon Point with my family. As an adult, my wife and I love the Island so much we found a piece of land near Deer Lake and have spent the last few years building our home together. Part of the draw to Whidbey for us was the sense of community and I am excited for the opportunity to get to contribute to that! My favorite types of books are Sci-fi and Fantasy along with some non-fiction sprinkled throughout.

## Meet the New Board Members (con't)



**Cindy Willis** - As the new Book Sale Coordinator, I look forward to upcoming sales and events and meeting the members. I am a long-time Clinton resident. I enjoy reading, bird watching, horse riding, and beach walking.



**Mary Burns** is delighted to be a part of FOCL as she has always loved libraries. She owned a bookstore for twelve years, and really enjoyed interacting with the customers, finding just the right book for each person.

## Membership News

by Ginny Kuehn, membership coordinator



This is a good time to acknowledge and bring forth our connection to the Clinton Library. Sno-Isle Libraries is in the process right now of considering possibilities for our Library. A visit to any other Whidbey library can awaken inspiration to see what our library could become. So acknowledge your connection to our Clinton Library ... become a new member of Friends of the Clinton Library (FOCL) or renew your membership for 2023. If you aren't sure of your status, call or text Ginny at 360-632-5103.

Our Purpose, as stated in part in the Bylaws of Friends of the Clinton Library, states: "FOCL have a common concern for their library's active expansion and participation in community life. They have a conviction that good library service is important to everyone."

The terrific book sales are FOCL's principle fund raiser, but the Friends' membership numbers are our "voice" to show that our building matters to us. Let's show Sno-Isle our interest and our strength by building our membership. At the end of 2022 we had grown to 161 members.

Now's the time to join or renew...let's see if we can continue to grow! Use the form on the back of this newsletter, or pick up a form at the library and leave it with staff.

Thank you!  
Ginny Kuehn  
Membership Coordinator

## From the Library Manager

by Kaley Costello



### **Clinton Library Programs:**

Please check online or stop in for a calendar for any program updates.

### **The Meeple Murders**, A Themed Board Game Night with Clinton Library Saturday March 11 6-9pm Clinton Community Hall

Come play detective with us! Don your best outfit for sleuthing and join us as we explore games that feature the mysterious, the unexplained, and the downright criminal. Zo and Sean invite you to join us for an evening of murder, mystery and mayhem at Clinton Hall. Try out the board games provided or bring a game to share. If you need any help learning a new game or deciding what to play we've got you covered. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+

### **Whidbey Reads - Cooking with Honey**

Saturday, Mar 18, 3-4pm Clinton Community Hall Kitchen

Honey recipes are as old as written history. This unique ingredient is deeply imbedded in several cuisines that can teach us a great deal about how to incorporate honey into our everyday foods.

### **The Wise Gardener Book Group**

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the Clinton Community Hall, 6-7:30pm,  
Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25

The Wise Gardener Book Group is a newly forming group of gardening nerds and those inspired by gardens and nature. Each month encompasses a gardening theme, with numerous books to choose from.

### **Whidbey Reads-Buzz about Bees**

Sat, April 1, 2-3:30pm Clinton Community Hall

Lisa Phillips, a beekeeper for over fourteen years, will talk about beginning beekeeping, plants that extend the bee feeding season, and how to tell the difference between wasps and bees.

Whidbey Reads- Bees, Honey and our Shared Cultural Experience

Saturday, Apr 8, 4-5:30pm, Hierophant Meadery

Jeremy Kyncl of Hierophant Meadery will lead a tour of the meadery and share the many ways bees are ingrained in our shared cultural experiences, particularly via mead.

## Library Programs (con't)

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### **Board Game Night**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

6-9pm Clinton Community Hall

Join Zo and Sean at Clinton Hall for an evening of games. Try out the board games provided or bring a game to share. If you need any help learning a new game or deciding what to play we've got you covered. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+

### **Meet Whidbey Reads Author Eileen Garvin,**

Apr 20, 7-8:30, Freeland Hall

Join us for an evening with Eileen Garvin, author of the 2023 Whidbey Reads selection and national best-seller *The Music of Bees*. Garvin will talk about her books, writing, and being caretaker to approximately 120,000 honeybees.

### **Laura Hudson Art Series-Acrylic Landscapes**

(rescheduled), Apr 22, 2-3:30pm, Clinton Community Hall

### **Orca Network: Sat April 29, 2:00 p.m. All ages, Family**

Location: Clinton Hall

Gray Whales: From Baja to the Salish Sea.

Gray whales are unique in many ways. They are the only living member of their family and genus, and the only whale that primarily bottom feeds. They undertake one of the longest migrations of any mammal in the world. They were the first whale species to be removed from the Endangered Species List after almost being hunted to extinction. But the species is currently struggling with an Unusual Mortality Event that was declared in 2019. Join us to learn about the biology and status of these fascinating whales, and about a small group of local gray whales known as the Sounders, who have found a food source in North Puget Sound that may be saving their lives.

Cindy Hansen is the Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Orca Network, and was a naturalist/guide at Laguna San Ignacio in Baja Mexico for 20 years.

### **Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series - Nainoa Thompson: Polynesian Voyaging**

May 6 at WICA

Details TBD

### **Spring Seasonal Cooking Class with Karen Achabal**

May 16, 6-7:30pm, Clinton Community Hall Kitchen

Details TBD

## Book Sale News

by Phyllis Alexander, Book Sale Coordinator



We had a very successful Holiday Book Sale thanks to a lot of volunteers going the extra mile. The day before the sale, thanks to the Community Hall allowing access in advance, a group of elves helped move and set up the children's books ahead of time: Katie Stewart, Indigo Day, Cindy Willis and Bob Alexander. The day of the sale we had a little excitement. The propane tank had run out at the hall so we were calling volunteers and asking them to bundle up. Much thanks to Jim Swan for catching the problem and Skagit Farmers for showing up before 8:00 am to fill the tank.

There seemed to be a surge of illness in December so we had to do some quick juggling to fill positions at the sale. Thank you to Lisa Battalia for jumping in her car and heading right over to fill one of the morning cashier positions.

We saw a lot of young families with kids coming through to take advantage of the great kids' book prices and to see Santa. Jim Swan and Rod Stewart took turns as Santa and Katie Stewart was Santa's Helper. The Fiddle Chix, who donated their time, performed for an hour at the sale. A lot of people came by to hear them play. Thank you so much for making the day special.



photo credit Victoria Karno

We brought in a total of \$1312.90: WOW books pre and during sale \$532.00, Other presale \$20.00, Membership \$90.00, Donations \$27.00, Regular books \$643.90

Thank you to all of the people who donate books, sort the books, and volunteer at the sale. Marvin Senff spends time every day going through the donations to find WOW books. We have six volunteers that work every week to sort books into genres. We have the best group of volunteers!! What we really need is one more covered truck or van to help with loading in and/or loading out of the books.

A new Book Sale Coordinator, Cindy Willis, has been elected. Phyllis Alexander will work with her for the next couple of sales to make the transition as easy as possible. Please note the dates of the next sales. We need to change from our usual schedule due to availability issues. The sale dates will be **March 25th, June 24th, Sept.23rd and Dec. 9th.**

## Social Media Report

by Beth Quigley, Member at large



Beth posts a variety of items to Facebook every day, from books, community happenings, Sno-isle events to the Clinton Library special programs. Clinton Library programs are cross posted to South Whidbey Alerts and Community, and other FB groups that are applicable. The Friends of Clinton Library FB page reaches approximately 1,737 people monthly, and has 299 followers. 85% of the followers are women and 15% are men (statistics provided by Meta).

### Thank you to the outgoing board members:

**Barb Graham:** Barb Graham was our Vice-President for two terms. In that time she started a database of our volunteers and members and started keeping a good record of our passwords. We will continue to keep and improve on the records she created. Barb, for years, has been a constant at the book sales as a cashier. Barb, thank you for your years of services to FOCL. We will see you at the book sales.

**Gwendine Norton:** Gwendine is our outgoing Treasurer. She did a wonderful job computerizing our records, helping create a new cashier report form and funds request process and walking us through the audit process. She is very knowledgeable about non-profit rules which helped us keep things in order. Thank you Gwendine for sharing your knowledge and your willingness to weather the pandemic with us.



#### FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Yes! I want to support our community library.

Renewal                       New Membership

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Fees

Individual: \$10                       Family: \$20  
 Business/Organization: \$20  
 Additional Donation or Memorial: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Please contact me regarding volunteering.

Please drop off your membership form and check at the library or mail to:  
FOCL, 4781 Deer Lake Road, Clinton, WA 98236.  
FOCL is a nonprofit organization under IRS section 501(c)(3).

*Thank you for your support!*