

September 2024 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

As our beautiful summer in the NW winds down, don't forget to put art on your calendar beginning with First Friday, September 6, 5-7PM opening an exhibit titled "Independent Island Artists Group Show." Our September group openings have historically attracted lots of attention and you won't want to miss it. This year's exhibit is coordinated by Michael Pontieri and Jamie Brouwer.



Shaun Swalley

Here is the list of included artists:

- **Sarah Lane (painting)**
- **Nic Schluter (painting)**
- **Richard Bartell (painting)**
- **Jamie Brouwer (painting)**
- **Drew Kunz (painting/ conceptual)**
- **Michael Pontieri (painting)**
- **Shaun Swalley (photo)**
- **Mary Rowland (painting)**
- **Mandi May (photo)**
- **Chris Demarest (sculpture)**
- **Gareth Williams (ceramic sculpture)**



Mary Rowland

You can view this exhibit during regular library hours (unless a program is happening) all month. A portion of sales are donated to the library.
www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org.

As always, thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

Facilities Report

We are happy to promote an upcoming garden event presented by one of our fabulous volunteer Garden Leads, John Van den Meerendonk:



Gardening with Ferns

Over two weeks in September, explore fern botany, identification and use in landscaping. Presented by John van den Meerendonk, designer & installer of the Fern Garden at Bainbridge Public Library. Sign up at the Library or call (206) 451-5050.

Saturdays, Sept. 21 & 28

10 a.m.-noon

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Always open at KRL.org

A Shout-Out for Help (take two!)

Our BPL Facilities Committee is looking to recruit a person(s) who has knowledge and experience in the current world of adding solar panels to existing buildings. This would include familiarity with local, state, and federal guidelines, incentives, and codes. They will work with the members of the Facilities Committee to:

- prepare a project description.
- identify and vet potential vendors.
- assess vendor responses.
- oversee the project through completion.

If you know someone (or are someone 😊) with this experience and would like to participate in this exciting opportunity, we'd love to hear from you! The wide-open, south- and western-facing roofs of the library seem to be prime locations for solar panels; however, the research and assessment process we plan to pursue will provide BPL with the facts we need to ascertain whether to pursue the installation of solar panels at this time.

Please email us at: ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and enter "Solar Panels" in the Subject line.

In closing, we hope you enjoy our glorious September weather with a walk in the library gardens, pausing to enjoy the sight and sound of the serene Haiku Garden water feature.

Showcasing Our Local Authors - Mary Lou Sanelli



Suppose for a minute you once authored a book entitled *Women in the Garden*. And after a decent review in *The Seattle Times*, lo and behold, you are invited to sign copies of that book at a prestigious garden show.

- Since that initial invitation, I've learned that garden shows are numerous as the charities they support. And for two summers back in the nineties, I'd pack up my books, covering freeways from Seattle to San Francisco, turning down a few because I could see myself taking on more of these "shows" than I was wired to handle. Because as lovely as some of them were, it wasn't the gardens that most intrigued me, but the social climate entwining each, varied as the plant life.
- Completely naive about garden shows, I thought the gardens on display would be similar to the community P-patch in my neighborhood at the time, a vibrant, unpretentious garden; its gardeners eager to share enthusiasm with nosey onlookers like me.
- Then I found myself on the East Side of our Emerald City. And trust me, had I not been invited as an author, I'm pretty sure my life would never have intersected that life.

- Those of you not familiar with the East Side city of Medina need to know that Bill Gates lives on an estate away from the sheared-for-golf lawn I propped my book table on. When I drove up, what was foremost on the owner's mind was that my car was not fitting enough to be parked anywhere near her tiled piazza. She was obviously suffering from some kind of garden show performance anxiety.
- I proceeded to unload my box of books before driving off to hide my battered 1989 Dodge Colt, the walk back seeming twice as long now that I felt . . . poor. "I don't want to go back," I said to myself.
- And the garden?
- Well, the garden was a portal into another landscaped universe, as far from where one might say, "Hey, honey, come and see the size of my delphiniums!" and deep into the world of "Behold what a landscape architect and a lawn maintenance crew can contrive."
- To me, enormous, cordoned off gardens showcasing indigenous foliage are tidy but ungratifying. If I'm promised a show, I expect flora that blooms with colors that reach into me. But what I mostly saw let me down in a way: fifty shades of green.
- Maybe it's my proletariat roots reaching deeper than appreciation can go, but I found myself wondering if the owners of the grounds gaze over their land with pride but from a distance, unable to grasp a hands-on, I-grew-this-from-seed kind of knowledge. More than once, I asked myself, do you think these new mansions need to be so large to house the size of the void such a lack of personal, passionate, involvement can create?
- The next weekend, and what a relief it was, I sunned myself behind a modest bungalow in Poulsbo where the owner served lemonade and she didn't rope off her aromatic ground cover but invited her guests to step on it just so we could know the swiftness with which a scent can begin and end. The interconnection of gardener to garden? Fertile as her compost in clear sight and steaming.
- And in my eyes, nothing is more satisfying than pride with a scent like that.

Mary Lou Sanelli's last collection of essays, *Every Little Thing*, was nominated for a Washington State Book Award & a Pacific Northwest Book Award. A professional speaker and a master dance teacher, she is a columnist for various newspapers and magazines. **Please join her at Eagle Harbor Books on September 12th, 6:30 pm to celebrate her newest book, *In So Many Words*.** Visit her at www.marylousanelli.com.

In So Many Words

Launch Celebrations

September 5th, **Arundel Books**, Seattle, signing 5 - 8 pm
September 7th, **Magnolia's Bookstore**, Seattle, signing 10 - 2 pm

Launch Party: 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 12th, Eagle Harbor Book Co.

September 13th, **Elliott Bay Book Company**, Seattle, 7 pm
September 14th, **Womenfest**, Lake Crescent, 8 pm
September 19th, **Edmonds Bookshop**, 6 pm
September 22nd, **Vintage by Port Townsend Vineyards**, signing 3 to 5:30 pm
September 28th & 29th, **Italian Festival**, Seattle
October 3rd, **Third Place Books**, Seattle 7 pm
October 4th, **Sotheby's, Bainbridge Island Artwalk**, signing 5 - 8 pm
October 12th, **Village Books**, Bellingham, signing noon - 3 pm
October 17th, **Bainbridge Island Women's Club**, 9:30 am
October 21st, **Everett Women's Book Club**, (private event)



CHATWIN BOOKS

Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be

favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!
~Susan Braun

Go to bainbridgepubliclibrary.org for more info on local authors.

With Each Leaf, a Promise and an Inspiration



Just as tree roots embed themselves in our garden, sustaining life, nurturing growth--the leaves on our Legacy Tree hold out the promise that Bainbridge Public Library will endure into the future. Each leaf represents the pledge of a gift to the BPL from an estate. Each leaf signifies a love of community and the belief that libraries matter.

Please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. If you would like more information about making a legacy gift leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Or visit the BPL website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to download a Donor Intention Form. We'd be pleased to thank and honor you now!

Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund Honoring Special People



Created by Island artist Dick Strom and erected by volunteers from BPL's Facilities and Garden Committee, the metalwork mural is located near the Legacy Tree on the south side of the library building. Nameplates below the mural will recognize honorees in whose names gifts were made to the fund. The minimum donation for a nameplate is \$500.

For information about making contributions to the BPL Garden Fund, visit our website at bainbridgepubliclibrary.org or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250 (message line).

Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.



Events will be held at the Rowing Center, Senior Center and BIMA

www.Bainbridgebookfestival.org

Have You Seen This Library?



This magnificent edifice is Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru, the National Library of Wales!

Though there was talk of a national library for Wales in the 18th century, it was only in 1873 that a serious campaign started. A committee was set up to collect Welsh material and house it at the University College in Aberystwyth.

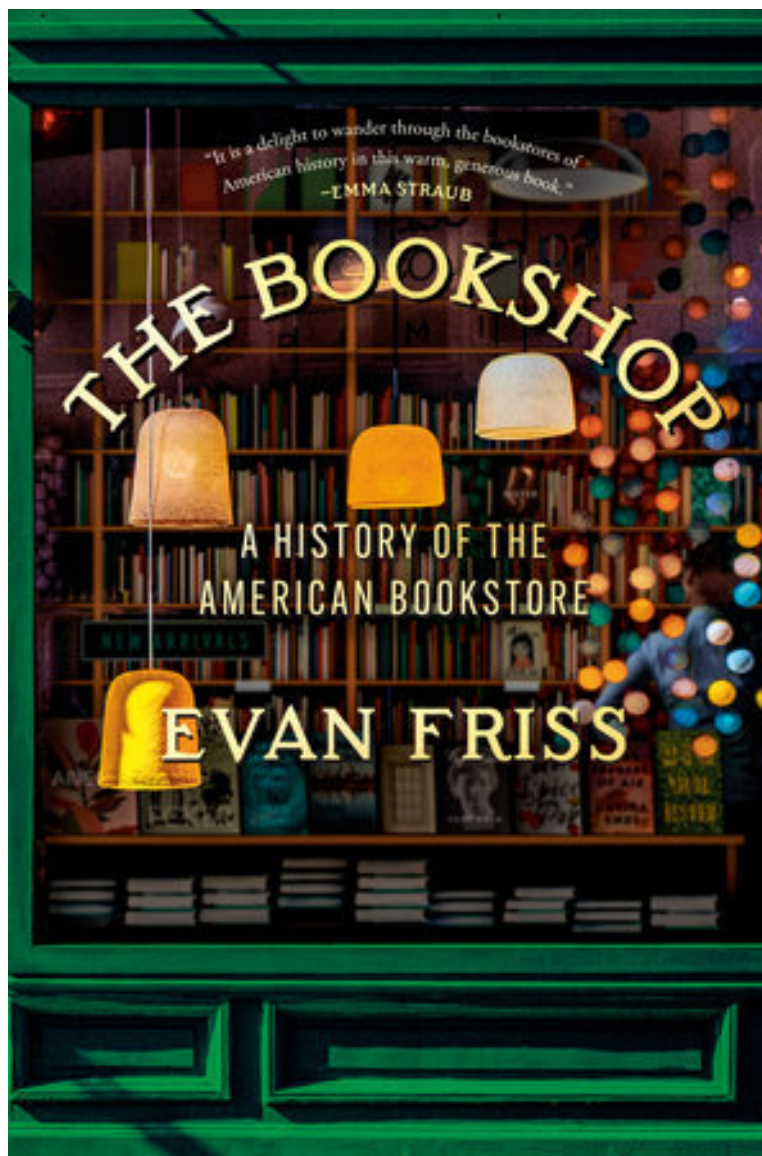
Leading Welsh people and Members of Parliament worked hard to establish a National Library and a National Museum. In 1905 the government promised money in its Budget, and the Privy Council appointed a committee to decide on the location of the two institutions. Aberystwyth was selected as the location of the library partly because a collection was already available in the College. Sir John Williams, physician, and book collector, had also said he would present his collection to the library if it were established in Aberystwyth. Cardiff was selected as the location of the National Museum.

Both the Library and Museum were established by Royal Charter on the same day, 19 March 1907. The building on Penglais Hill above the town of Aberystwyth was begun in 1911 and was first occupied in 1916.

Several extensions have been added since then. In 1996 a large new storage building was opened, and in recent years many changes have been made to the front part of the building to make it more open and welcoming. A new Royal Charter was granted in 2006. It houses 6 million books, 40,000 manuscripts, and 1.5 million maps. 60,000 works of art and 1,900 cubic meters of archives! It is a legal depository library with the rights to copy any written work in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

If you have photos of Libraries or Museums or Bookstores you would like to share, please email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun).

Books Worth Sharing



The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore *By Evan Friss*

If the independent bookstore were an animal, it would be an endangered species! Powerful spaces, bookstores are nonetheless plague to the vagaries of the economy, the pressures of competing media, and soaring rents. They influence our tasks, our thoughts, and our politics. They provide us with countless hours of entertainment and joy. Beginning with the ambitious literary efforts of James Franklin and his indentured brother Ben, this is a charming, deeply researched history of the understated but vital role that booksellers have played in forging the American identity. Often paired with publishing houses and printers, bookstores were an essential source of information from the time of the Revolutionary War. Author Friss draws on oral histories, archival collections, municipal records, diaries, letters, and interviews with leading booksellers, penning a wonderfully readable love letter to bookstores in America.

~ *Susan Braun*



BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

Sunday, September 8, from 12-4; Thursday, September 19, from 12-4; Sunday, September 29, from 12-4.

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please send us a message at books4all@bifriends.org.

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean, undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the Friends door adjacent to the Children's library downstairs. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

Useful Community Links



As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to susangb01@aol.com.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
- [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

But wait! There's more! Do you know about [Bainbridge Island Resource Directory \(BIRD\)](#)? It is another great source for valuable community resources!

A Special Partnership

- **Bainbridge Public Library**, a separate nonprofit organization, owns, operates, and maintains the Library building and grounds through

community donations and grants.

- **Kitsap Regional Library** provides the library staff, collection, classes, and a virtual library at KRL.org with funding from property tax revenues.
- **Together** we provide the quality library our community wants and has come to expect.



"A library is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival—a cathedral of the mind; hospital of the soul; theme park of the imagination." ~ Caitlin Moran

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