

# Friends Of The Cranbrook Public Library

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## Message from the President

Don Ohs

We have the Annual General Meeting coming up at 7:00 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. So this is probably a good time to review the past year of Friends activities. What a year it has been!

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Magazine Sale last March. It was successful in that it raised some money and gave us a model to build on. We are currently working hard, under the leadership of Elaine Karras, to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Magazine Sale bigger, better and even more profitable. Elaine says she will rival the Book Sale before she's through!!

Which leads me to dwell momentarily on a great community partnership – between the Cranbrook Sunrise Rotary Club and the Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library. We partnered on a great sales event last October and ended up raising almost \$4,500 for each organization. We are already working on the 2005 event under the able chairing of Marilyn Forbes. Stay tuned for that one.

Last April the Friends took on the sponsoring of the Teen Spaces project, in conjunction with the Cranbrook Public Library. To date we have created the space and begun to furnish it. We have created a large number of partnerships within the community and, as President of the Friends, I am pleased and slightly overwhelmed with the generosity of some organizations and individuals. This project is letting us discover the true meaning of community, and the youth will be the winners.

And speaking of community, we have another longstanding community link, with the College of the Rockies.

They have volunteered the space and facilities for the Friends Travelogue series, and we are extremely pleased to be able to combine with the COTR and Karen Crawford to present a Travelogue benefit for Tsunami Relief. We believe that occasionally we have to reach out beyond our local community to honour our link with the global community.

A new form of community empowerment is just now being explored. For the first time the Friends of the Library have combined with a federal agency (Human Resources and Services Development Canada) and a private partner – Selkirk Signs – to undertake a large project in support of the Cranbrook Public Library. We are currently producing a full new set of signage for the Library, a new look that will move forward into a new facility, saving some future expenditure of funds. The whole Board wants to thank Allan Hobden of Selkirk Signs for championing this undertaking.

That doesn't begin to cover all that the Friends have accomplished in 2004 but it gives an idea of how dynamic the organization is. And we will become even more so as we plan to undertake a strong membership drive in 2005. The fact that this is our third newsletter in as many months gives some idea of the energy and accomplishment that the Friends are bringing to focus on Cranbrook and the Cranbrook Public Library.

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tues Feb 15, 2005

Cranbrook Public Library, 7:00 P.M.

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## MAGA-SALE-MADNESS

The time is fast approaching for the Annual Mad Magazine Extravaganza sale!!! On March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library, with the support of the Cranbrook Mall, will once again offer back issues of your favourite magazines for purchase.

If you have someone in your household working on social studies projects, run-don't-walk to the Canadian Geographic and National Geographic piles. First come first served folks!

Hunters and fishers in the audience, and we know there are lots in the great East Kootenay outdoors, will want to quad-down early to grab titles like American Hunter, BC Sport Fishing, Bowhunting World, Field & Stream and Guns & Ammo. For the ambivalent outdoorsman there is also Harrowsmith Country Life, Mother Earth News and Owl (just kidding).

For the crafters there are project ideas galore in Country Sampler, Crafting Traditions, Martha Stewart Living, Stained Glass, Quilting Ideas, and Crafts 'N' Things. For the crafter who totally wants to break out of the box, maybe Mad, Vegetarian Times, or Pro Wrestling will fill the bill.

Support the Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library – in fact, become a Friend yourself. A few volunteers for setting up and conducting the Magazine Sale would be appreciated (ph. Elaine at 426 – 6869). We will accept magazine donations for the sale at the Cranbrook Public Library up to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks everyone!

For the project builder and backyard mechanic we have everything you would ever want. Come down and scoop the back issues of Wood Magazine, Bedroom and Bath Ideas (for builders), Collectible Automobile, and Fine Woodworking. Or, if you want to break out of the backyard and garage, there are mounds of Men's Fitness, New Scientist, Four Wheeler and Good Times. Throw away your hammer and find yourself – read Emergency Librarian.

Remember that all the funds raised go toward Friends projects to make the Cranbrook Public Library an even more vibrant and exciting place. People looking for a little Flare or Glamour in their lives have to beat a path to the Marvellous Magazine Merchants March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Elaine Karras  
Chair, Annual Magazine Sale

## FROM THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

Since November, the Friends of the Library's 'Moving Forward within Our Community' team has been helping to give a fresh face to the Cranbrook Public Library. In addition to tirelessly working on the Teen Room project, the team is cleaning and repairing books, audio books, music CDs and videos, and, in partnership with Selkirk Signs, creating new signage for the Library. As well, they are developing a series of plans for events for both the Friends and the Library. The team has had a definite positive influence in the Library, and works well with the Library staff.

This project is an active partnership between the Friends of the Library, the Cranbrook Public Library and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The Library welcomes and supports the Friends in their pursuit of developing a more visible presence in the community, and sees this project as an important step in achieving this goal.

Ursula Brigl, Chief Librarian

**Any Canadian who turns up his nose at a Canadian book because it is a Canadian Book, is a foule byrd.**

**Lawrence J Burpee**

What's the Story

## ARE YOU AN EMPTY NESTER? ADOPT

a magazine!! The Friends of the Library are moving forward with the annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive. Currently the Library offers 144 separate magazine titles to its users. Of that number only 63 are sponsored at this time.

Nettie Palajac, Chair of the Adopt-A-Magazine committee for the Friends, is looking for one or two volunteers to help with the programme. These volunteers should be comfortable canvassing for potential new sponsors, writing letters and learning a little about fund-raising for a nonprofit organization. A sense of fun would be appreciated as well. Volunteering for this programme would take about ½ a day a week thru March and April (but we can be flexible).

So, if you want to volunteer in support of the Adopt-A-Magazine programme, if you know of potential sponsors for a magazine, or if you want to adopt one yourself – cute & cuddly Guns & Ammo is looking for someone who cares, as are Glamour, Hockey News, Vegetarian Times and Vanity Fair, to name only a few.

Fulfill your resolution to make a difference in your community. Join the Friends of the Library, take a magazine under your wing, and have some fun.

For more about volunteering or donating contact Nettie at 489-8093 or [lnpalajac@shaw.ca](mailto:lnpalajac@shaw.ca). Thanks for supporting the Cranbrook Public Library.

Nettie Palajac  
Chair, Adopt-A-Magazine Programme

## VALENTINE'S DAY REALLY IS ABOUT LOVE!

Valentine's Day is observed every February 14<sup>th</sup>. There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts say that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Emperor Claudius II (otherwise known as "Claudius the Cruel") was having a hard time getting soldiers to join the military. He believed that most men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages in Rome. Now, at this time, the good Saint Valentine was a priest, and secretly continued marrying couples. For this, he was imprisoned and sentenced to death. While jailed, Valentine became friends with his jailer's daughter, who often came to visit him. It's said that the night before he died, he left a note for her and signed it "Love from your Valentine."

Perhaps this is where the tradition of exchanging love messages began. The following day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, was also traditionally the day that Romans honoured the goddess Juno, goddess of marriage. The pastors of early Christian churches endeavoured to do away with pagan celebrations by substituting the names of Roman gods and goddesses with saints. Saint Valentine, the Christian martyr, was suitably chosen as the patron saint for this day. So, Valentine's Day is a day to think about love and friendship, and to remember: Love Can't Be Beaten!

### A Valentine's Recipe

#### Hearts

2 ½ cups of water or fruit juice  
4 packets of strawberry, raspberry or cherry gelatin.

1. Combine water/juice and gelatin in a saucepan and heat until boiling.
2. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Pour into a square pan and refrigerate until set.
3. Use a small heart shaped cookie cutter to cut out hearts.
4. Voila! Sweet, heart treats for the ones you love!

Shaman Beloin

**HELP WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE  
LIBRARY 2005 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.  
CONTACT DON OHS AT 489 2882 OR  
[asforohs@telus.net](mailto:asforohs@telus.net)**

# Coming Events

**MAGAZINE SALE**—MEGA MAGAZINE MADNESS SALE—MARCH 4TH & 5TH AT THE CRANBROOK MALL DURING MALL HOURS

**TRAVELOGUES SERIES**—CONTACT TAMMY BEAUCHAMP 417 - 0298 OR gcpintabians@hotmail.com IF YOU WANT TO PRESENT A TRAVELOGUE OR VOLUNTEER.

**ADOPT—A—MAGAZINE**—CONTACT NETTIE PALAJAC 489 - 8093 IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROGRAMME.

**LIBRARY READATHON**—FEBRUARY 5TH AT THE LIBRARY. GET YOUR PLEDGES AT THE CHECK IN COUNTER.

## **REMINDER OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 15th, 2005**

**Cranbrook Public Library, 7:00 P.M.**

**Agenda:** President's Report; Amendment to Constitution; Election of Officers

Mail in or leave at the front desk of the Cranbrook Public Library

### **Become a Friend of the Library**

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