

MASTER GARDENER SERIES

FALL 2011



Petaluma Regional Library

All workshops are on
Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.

August 27

Useful Gardens, Practical
Harvest

Presented by Janet Barocco

September 10

Wonderful World of Vines
Presented by Ann Chambers

September 17

Conquering Gophers and Moles
Presented by Jim Lang

October 15

Introduction to Seed Saving
Presented by Electra de Peyster

October 22

Transforming the Lawn Into a
Perennial Garden
Presented by Sue Lovelace

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Baby Time for ages 0-17 months

Fridays mornings at 10:30
Sept. 16-Nov. 4

Toddler Time

for ages 18 months-3 years
Friday mornings at 10
Sept. 16-Nov. 4

Preschool Storytime

for ages 3-5 years
Wednesday mornings at 10
Sept. 14-November 2

**Readers of the Pack
for New Readers**

Tuesday afternoons
from 3-4 Sept. 6-Nov. 29

Library Hours Are Changing

Beginning August 1, the Petaluma Regional Library as well as all the branches of the Sonoma County Library will reduce service hours by almost 25% to close the continuing and increasing budget deficit.

The decision was not made easily. Faced with 10% decrease in revenue in over the last two years, the Library Commission evaluated options and listened to public comment. Their decision was to reduce hours rather than to reduce the materials, services, and staff. Ultimately, the Commissioners are committed to maintaining free public library service for the years to come—and must be watchful stewards of the library and the public funds that support it now to achieve that goal.

Beginning August 1, the Petaluma Library will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Library will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. All the other branches of the Sonoma County Library will have the same schedule of hours. The Central Library in Santa Rosa will continue to be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Despite our reduced hours, the Petaluma staff and volunteers as well as the Friends of the Petaluma Library and the Petaluma Library Advisory Board are committed to providing our wonderful patrons with the best services possible. While the hours have been reduced, we will continue to offer our programs for children, teens and adults as well as expanding collections and public computer access.

How can you help? Join the Friends, support their book sales, donate funds—and return your Library materials Tuesday through Saturday. We appreciate your understanding and support at this difficult time and we hope that you continue to visit and enjoy your Petaluma Library!

Thank you most kindly!

Doug Cisney, Branch Manager

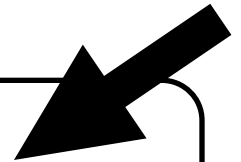
**Petaluma Library Hours
as of August 2, 2011**

Tuesday - Thursday - Friday

10:00 am-6:00 pm

Wednesday - 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am-4:00 pm



President's Message

Dear Friends!

If you are one of the faithful volunteers at our Book Sale or in the Book Store, we thank you. If you don't volunteer, but do come to the Sale or the Store and make purchases we also thank you. In spite of the economy both are doing pretty well. We'll have our next Book Sale in August. We hope to see you there.

Thank you all,
Emily Roeder

Hours for Dorothy's Place

Because of the new library hours, the book store hours are as follows:

Monday - closed
Tuesday - 12pm-5pm
Wednesday - 12pm-5pm
Thursday - 12pm-5pm
Friday - 12pm-5pm
Saturday - 12pm-4pm

Susan Seward

Staff, Friends, volunteers and patrons lost a very dear person in May. Susan Seward, long-time Technician III at the Circulation Desk, died of complications from lung cancer. She worked for the Library for over twenty years.

We who worked with her or had her help us in the Library, knew she was a wonderful, kind and generous woman – one who saw the good in everyone and every trying situation and always had a great sense of humor.

Susan was one of the best-read staff members and was a great person to ask for a book recommendation. Her love of music extended to events in the Library when she often attended our musical events.

One of the last events Susan attended was our Dia de los Muertes program in October. This year we had the dance group Danza Mexica Ohtli Yoliliztli. At the end, the group invited all attendees to join in the circle dance. I will never forget seeing Susan firmly gripping the hand of the person next to her who was one of our regular homeless men. She didn't flinch, just grabbed his hand and joined in the dance with great gusto. That is our Susan – so very cool!

Among Friends

When my uncle gave me a flashlight one Christmas, I am sure he hoped I would use it for hiking, camping or Girl Scout activities. But truthfully, I am not an outdoors girl so mostly I used the flashlight to read... at night...under the covers. It was under this quilted tent that I discovered some of my closest friends. I spent evenings with Laura Ingalls, Henry Higgins, the March sisters, and Nancy Drew. They opened doors to ideas and showed me possibilities.

Of course, I chose a career in teaching where students go hand in hand with books. A bit reluctantly (ok more than a bit), my students frequently got to meet all my flashlight friends. Apparently, I once invoked my favorite childhood fiction 14 times in one week. Yes, they counted. Linking us through words and adventures, my literary friends and as well as those of my students (Sarah Witting, Ramona, Harry, Ron, Hermione), helped us forge strong ties. My students suffered more willingly through medieval history and their teacher became more at ease with correcting the --nth term paper on Napoleon. I worked in a boarding school where establishing relationships was paramount and reading by clandestine flashlight was often the norm.

Coming to Dorothy's Place I found endless books to consider; lots of new friends to make. My old friends are always on the shelves and they have led me to new ones... Miss Read, Elizabeth Bennet, Maisie Dobbs, Gerry, Margaret, Gretchen among others. Among Friends.

— Francesca Hayes

Book Discussion Groups

July 28

The Wind up Girl
Paolo Bacigalupi

August 25

In the Sanctuary of Outcasts
Neil White

September 22

The Elegance of the Hedgehog
Muriel Barbery

October 27

The Silver Linings Playbook
Matthew Quick

Fourth Tuesday of the month
noon – 1pm
Bring your lunch etc.

PETALUMA TEENS

Summer reading is in full swing for our teens. Thanks, in part to generous funding by our Friends, our teens are exploring the art of henna as well as the world of Harry Potter in two of our programs offered this summer. (Our third program is a Duct Tape mania program where teens have the opportunity to explore their creative side while creating a wallet, bracelet or who knows what using duct tape.) We also have an active teen volunteer program with 30+ teens giving us at least two hours a week in the library. Whew – these teens will be thanked in a Teen Volunteer Appreciation party hosted by our Teen Advisory Council in late July. These teens rock!



PETALUMA GARDEN

Take a little bit of time while visiting the library to enjoy the garden out in front. Plants love this space as do the many visitors to the library. Keep an eye out for scarecrows coming in late July. Also, we have been soliciting input from people attending our programs to help us find a name for the garden. Whatever it is called, this garden definitely invites people to sit down and read a good book!

Meet the Author

The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln Program

Author and speaker Arnold Kunst will present his fascinating program *The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln* at the Petaluma Regional Library on Saturday, September 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Arnold Kunst, who holds a MA in history from Queen's University in Northern Ireland, has taught both children and adults on both sides of the Atlantic for over thirty years.

Mr. Kunst gave his first talk about Abraham Lincoln as a high school student and he has been fascinated by Lincoln ever since. Mr. Kunst's presentation on September 24 will bring the wit and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln to vivid life. The program will begin with a thirty-minute presentation by Mr. Kunst followed by a fifteen-minute question and answer period.

Mr. Kunst is also the author of the recently published *Lincoln 365*. Copies of *Lincoln 365* will be available for sale and a portion of the proceeds from each sale will be given to the Sonoma County Library.

The Wit & Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln, which is being sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma Regional Library, will be presented in the Community Room of the Petaluma Regional Library. The Library is located at 100 Fairgrounds Drive in Petaluma. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the book store and book sales. Applications will be available at the Summer Book Sale.

Contact Anita Greene to volunteer for the book sale

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PLEASE-

No smelly or dirty materials.

No donations from

August 10-24

Meet the Author: Boyce Quinn

Local author Boyce Quinn will be the featured speaker at a Meet the Author program at the Petaluma Regional Library on Saturday, September 10, at 2:00. Mr. Quinn is the author of *At Least One Balcony: Learning to Live in Granada*.

Mr. Quinn has worked as a freelance writer, magazine editor, and columnist. He and his wife, Kay, have traveled through Europe, Africa, China, Japan, Mexico, Iran, Australia, and South American. Boyce and Kay now live in Petaluma.

At Least One Balcony: Learning to Live in Granada is the story of the author's true story of the years that he and his wife lived in Granada. Mr. Quinn says, "*At Least One Balcony* tells our story from beginning to end, from planning our adventure, obtaining visas, and renting an apartment, to surviving excessive togetherness, coping in a foreign language, improvising holidays abroad, and becoming members of the neighborhood. The book also contains a sprinkling of Spanish history as well as information about the language, the royal family, and the Spanish lifestyle. Often humorous, filled with frustrations and triumphs, *At Least One Balcony* describes how we met the challenge of learning to live in Granada, Spain.

The Meet the Author program featuring Boyce Quinn will be presented in the Community Room of the Petaluma Regional Library located at 100 Fairgrounds Drive in Petaluma. The program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Petaluma Library.

JOIN FRIENDS of the PETALUMA LIBRARY for 2011

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We invite you to participate in one or more Friends activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Bookstore | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up Donations | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

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Friends of the Petaluma Library

BOOK SALE

Summer 2011

CHILDREN'S SALE DAYS

Tuesday - August 16 - 2-4:55
HALF PRICE - 5-6 pm
Half Price Both Days

GENERAL SALE DAYS

Wednesday - August 17 - 4-8 pm
Thursday - August 18 - 10 am-5 pm
Friday - August 19- 10 am-5 pm

DEAL DAY

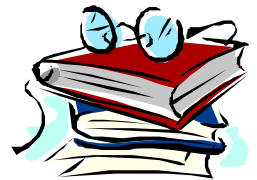
Saturday - August 20
HALF PRICE - 10 am-3 pm

BAG SALE - \$2 PER BAG

3:10-5 pm

ALSO :

SPECIAL BETTER BOOKS



NEW BOOKS ADDED DAILY WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Helen Putnam Community Room

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