



A Newsletter from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library
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Coming in March:

Bargains, Treasures and Tax Breaks...

Get Ready for the Library's 3rd Gently-Used Art Auction

We only do this every couple of years, and the time is here again. Our previous two art auctions were resounding successes both for our patrons and for the Library, and we are looking forward to an even more exciting show this year, including some very special added events.

*The third Gently Used Art
Auction will be open to the public
March 17 to March 19:*

Friday, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, Noon - 3:00pm

Hundreds of paintings, photographs, etchings, plus art books, will be available via silent auction bidding. For those of you who fall in love with a piece and want to be certain of getting it, a blue line ("take it now") price will be listed.

Library Society members will be able to preview the show on Friday evening, March 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and will have the opportunity to bid and even make blue line purchases before the general public. If you are not yet a member, and want to be among the first to see the show – you can purchase a Library Society membership at the door.

Here is the tax-break part: Our shows are totally made up of art we receive from those of you who have items that you are ready to part with. In the past, this has ranged from simple prints to highly collectible pieces. All proceeds benefit the Library, and donors will be given a receipt to use as a tax deduction. So - *please* check your storage rooms,

shelves and attics, and bring those paintings photos, art books, etc. which you wish to donate, to the library during the following hours:

Sat. 3/11, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sun. 3/12, Noon - 4:00pm
Mon. 3/13, 10:00am - 4:00pm



**Tours of Five Local
Art Collections
and "The Art of Collecting"**

In addition to the auction this year, we are sponsoring a series of visits to some fabulous local art collections. Five collectors have generously offered their collections for viewing as a benefit to the Library. As a special bonus, Susan Cummins, (former owner of the Mill Valley Susan Cummins Gallery) will moderate a panel of the five collectors in a discussion of "The Art of Collecting." The panel will take place at the Library on Sunday, March 26, from 1:00-3:00 pm, solely for ticket holders to the collections.

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Is it the Water?

So many talented writers live in our area that our Local Authors Collection keeps *Growing*. Recent additions include:

The Workplace

You Can't Talk to Me That Way!: Stopping Toxic Language in the Workplace (2005), by **Dr. Arthur Bell**, is for anyone who needs help dealing with abusive bosses, co-workers and other employees.

Think Big, Act Small (2005), by nationally known author **Jason Jennings**, identifies ten practices that nine of the best performing companies have in common.

The Ten Faces of Innovation (2005) by nationally known author **Jonathan Littman**, co-authored with Tom Kelley. An extraordinary guide to "nurturing and sustaining a culture of continuous innovation and renewal."

Local Private Schools

Private K-8 Schools of San Francisco & Marin (2005, fifth edition), by school placement specialist **Betsy Little**, and her colleague **Paula Molligan**. A great local resource for families considering private elementary schools, this book describes the private school admission process in a clear and informative way.

Health, Exercise and Nutrition

Keep It Up, Harry Potbelly!: A Doctor's Lighthearted Guide to Robust Health (2005), by local physician **Dr. Don Linker**.

Local History

Marin Country Club: the Early Years, Its History Until 1960 (2005), by noted local historian, **Dr. Hillary Don**.

Spiritual Matters

A translation by Tiburon resident, **Laleh**, of *the Quran: the Final Testament*, into Farsi. This parallel Arabic-Farsi edition was published in 2004.

Women

A Woman's Asia: True Stories (2005), by award-winning travel writer and Adventure Editor for TravelGirl Magazine, **Marybeth Bond**. A wonderful collection of tales about gutsy women who travel to places most of us only dream about from our armchairs.

Women are Funny (2005), by **May Kramer** of Tiburon. A delightful collection of monologues, skits and one-act plays.

Energy

Energy for Keeps: Electricity from Renewable Energy: an Illustrated Guide for Everyone Who uses Electricity (2005), by **Marilyn Nemzer**. This award-winning book (www.energyforkeeps.org) is a comprehensive treatment of renewable energy written for children and adults.

Suspense

Diana O'Hehir, poet, novelist and Pulitzer Prize nominee of Belvedere, has written a thrilling mix of mystery fiction and literary whodunit in her second mystery novel *Murder Never Forgets* (2005).

Biography

Ski To Die: The Bill Johnson Story (2005), by **Jennifer Woodlief**. A riveting biography of the Olympic gold medalist Bill Johnson, a dysfunctional hero with true grit.

Classic Feynman: All the Adventures of a Curious Character (2006), edited by **Ralph Leighton**. According to Booklist, this definitive collection of renowned physicist Richard Feynman's memoirs "displays perhaps the most flamboyant personality in modern science."

Please Note: If you are a Belvedere or Tiburon author and would like to donate a copy of your work to the Library's Local Author Collection, please contact Librarian Elaine Crepeau at ext. 229.

As of January 2006 Top Ten Most Requested Books at the Library

1. *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
2. *The Lighthouse* by P.D. James
3. *A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey
4. *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan
5. *Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
6. *City of Falling Angels* by John Berendt
7. *Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis* by Jimmy Carter
8. *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci
9. *Are Men Necessary?: When Sexes Collide* by Maureen Dowd
10. *S is for Silence* by Sue Grafton

If you're fascinated by birds, gardening, photography, adventure...

Mark your calendars for our

PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs begin at 7:30 pm. Also check for additions in the Library News column in THE ARK or on the web at thelibrary.info.

Thursday, February 16

High Arctic: In the Footsteps of Robert Peary
Tacy Dunham, local author, hiker, camper, and adventure traveler, will discuss stories of the 1909 race to the North Pole, highlighted by her slide presentation on the High Arctic and Greenland, land of the midnight sun.

Thursday, February 23

Low Vision: Why Does It Happen and What Can Be Done?

Dr. Patsy Harvey, Associate Clinical Professor at UC Berkeley School of Optometry, and specialist in Geriatric Optometry and Visual Impairments, has taught at the UC Low Vision Clinic for 20 years. This should be a valuable presentation for anyone experiencing low vision or its onset.

Tuesday, February 28

After the Ruins: Re-photographing the San Francisco Earthquake

Kay Payne, a docent at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, will discuss this exhibit which is currently at the Legion of Honor. Arizona-based photographer **Mark Klett**, who has been photographing the American West for over 25 years, chose to recreate historic photographs of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, the centennial of which is April 18, 2006. This will be a double screen slide presentation.

Thursday, March 9

Paradise in a Pot

Back by popular demand, **Suzie Maggiora**, Tiburon gardener extraordinaire, will present her annual program. She will talk about what, how, and when to plant to achieve an artful and healthy garden. If you're lucky, you may take home one of the sample containers she will bring along!

Thursday, March 23

The life and work of W. A. Coulter

W.A.Coulter is recognized as one of the world's leading maritime painters and the foremost chronicler of

San Francisco's waterfront. His paintings span the years from 1869 to 1936 and depict the development of the maritime trade in San Francisco from the age of sail to the age of steam. Grandson **Tom Coulter** will discuss his life and show slides of the paintings.

Tuesday, March 28

Here's Looking at You – The Amazing Faces of Birds

Gary Walter is an avid Marin County birdwatcher, whose close encounter with a resplendent Quetzal in Costa Rica inspired him to begin taking photographs of birds. Come see the astonishing results of his inspiration. View more than 100 beautiful photos and hear the interesting stories that go with them. Birds of the Bay Area, the southwest desert and some of the most spectacular birds of Costa Rica make up this Power Point presentation.

*Afternoon Tea
at the Library*

*Third Wednesday of the
month, 3 to 4 pm.*

Come and meet our new hostesses **Judy Singer and Gretchen Neal**. Join the Program Committee volunteers and the Library staff for homemade sweets and sandwiches in the Founders Room.



Tuesday, April 25

Blackie's Native Plants

Harvey Rogers is a lifetime Master Gardener, who developed the garden at Blackie's pasture. He will discuss the plants around this area. A Power Point presentation.

from the Teen Alcove!

Winning Picks of 2006

Best Books for Middle and High School Students

Every January, Martha Jackson, the Library's Young Adult coordinator, eagerly awaits the announcement of the American Library Association annual book awards for the best books of the year. This year was a particularly good one. "It's so interesting to see which books are chosen. They are always excellent, though not always the ones I would have picked," she says. "This year, though, the committee named the exact book I was hoping would win!"

2006 Printz Award for Excellence in Books for Teen Readers

Looking for Alaska by John Green is the story of 16-year-old Miles' entry into a swanky Preparatory School in Alabama, where he meets an odd assortment of people and has a year filled with friendship, new discoveries, unaccustomed freedoms, love, jokes, mischief, and tragedy. According to Martha, the book is "very funny in places, sad in others, edgy, quirky, thoughtful and thought-provoking - I loved this first novel by a brilliant

young writer and am thrilled that it was given the Printz Award."

Newbery Award - for Outstanding Contribution To Children's Literature

This year the Newbery award was given to a book in the teen section (which rarely happens).

Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins is a tale of teenagers in a small town in the 1960s as they experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect in the search for the meaning of life and love.

Pura Belpre Author Award - honoring Latino writers and illustrators - whose books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience.

The Pura Belpre award was also given to a book in the teen section this year.

The Tequila Worm by Viola Canales is another favorite of Martha's. It is the story of a young Latina named Sofia, who has grown up in the close-knit warmth of a Texas barrio only to find herself a stranger in a strange land when she enters an Episcopal boarding school as a scholarship student.

Check out these award-winners, and pick up a list of some of Martha's other new favorites!

The Film Series @ the Library



Conversations with Filmmakers.

The film committee began the New Year by hosting a program all about how a movie is made. Marin County filmmaker, screen

writer and producer, Robin Bradford used the "dailies" from her recently completed feature film, *Graduation*, to illustrate her presentation. She took us behind the scenes and gave us a wonderfully informative view of how scenes that appear to be totally unconnected are turned into award winning films.

On February 24th the Series will screen a documentary, *The Bridge So Far*. Our guest will be David Brown, the film's producer and director. The film hilariously (sadly?) documents the re-building of the Bay Bridge after the 1989 earthquake. An object lesson in Politics 101, the film is sure to encourage a lively discussion and Q&A session.

The March 25th program is not finalized yet, so check the library's website for information.

On April 28th, we will screen *Visioning Tibet*, a documentary that vividly portrays a decades long project to bring the intricate skills of cataract surgery to Tibet. In Tibetan Buddhist culture, clear sight is equated to wisdom and knowledge and the opposite is ignorance and negativity. The film reveals the realities of life in rural Tibet and the miracle of restoring sight to the people living there. Our guest will be Dr. Marc Lieberman, the founder of the Tibet Vision Project.

These evenings are always fun. The wine and appetizers before the films give everyone a chance to meet the filmmakers and catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. Look for announcements of future programs in The ARK, on the Library's website, and on the flyers always available in the Library.

In the Children's Room

Please note! Unless otherwise indicated, **ALL programs require pre-registration.**
Call Alicia Bell at 789-2662 to register.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Baby Bounce *for ages 2 & under*

Mondays at 10:30am & 11am, through April 24th
Frolic with your baby to songs and finger plays!

Preschool Story time *for ages 3-5*

Tuesdays at 4pm, through April 25th
Join us for stories, songs and finger plays. Older children are welcome!

Toddler Story time *for 2's*

Wednesdays at 11am, through April 26th
Stories, songs, finger plays and other surprises.

Cocoa Hour Read Along *for ages 7 & up*

Wednesdays at 4pm, through April 26th
Featuring a free copy of a chapter book, hot cocoa, and freshly baked cookies.

Bookworms Group for Beginners

pre K (4 1/2 yrs)-grade 2
Second Tuesday of the month, 3:30-4:00pm
Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9
At each session we listen to a story, draw related pictures and have a short book discussion. Everyone keeps a copy of the book. This is a great way to introduce your budding reader to book discussion groups. (A special Thank You goes to our BookMarks group for making this program possible.)

Need help with Science Homework? Visit our Science Resource Center!

Available to you from the library's web page www.thelibrary.info, this in-depth, science database provides a one-stop resource for all science-related research needs. Available 24/7, Science Resource Center reflects curriculum trends and focuses on key concepts taught in school classrooms, such as earth science, science history, life science, physical science, science and technology, space and much more. Get instant access to thousands of full-text articles on hundreds of topics. A great tool for young researchers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Tree Music Together *for infants to age 4.*

Saturday March 18th and Saturday April 1st - 10:30am.
Music educator Bill Polits will be back for a fun filled morning of singing and dancing.

Preschool Storytimes with Sharon Heron and her animal friends *for ages 3 & up.*

Tuesdays at 4pm in the Children's Room
March 14 - **Meet the Millipede.**
April 25 - **Meet a Russian Tortoise.**
May 16 - **Meet a Ball Python.**

Traveling Lantern Theatre *for ages 5 and up.*

This theater company gives budding actors a chance to shine. Come early for good seats and a chance to participate in their lively theatrical productions.

Dorothy & the Land of OZ

Thursday March 9 at 4pm at Tiburon Town Hall

The Life of Mozart

Thursday, April 6 at 4pm in the Founders Room

Bookmarks Movie Nights *for ages 10 & up*

Friday evenings at 5:30pm in the Founders Room.
Sign up early for this monthly favorite for older kids.
Free book provided.
March 24 - **Get a Clue**
April 21 - **Racing Stripes**
May 19 - **A Bear Named Winnie**

Word for Word: Lost and Found *for ages 5 and up.*

Thursday April 20 at 4pm
A performance based on two children's books "Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge" by Mem Fox, and "Looking After Louis" by Lesley Ely.

Clay Day Crafts for Mother's Day *for ages 5 and up.*

Thursday May 4 at 4pm.
Join us for our first annual "Clay Day". We'll provide everything you need.

Arthur's Birthday Thursday May 25

It's the birthday of Marc Brown's **Arthur the Aardvark**. We'll be handing out party favors and birthday goodies all day in honor of Arthur.

Don't Say We Didn't Tell You – Find Out What's Happening!

Belvedere - Tiburon Library Community Calendar

Perhaps you want to attend the next Planning Commission meeting and need to know the date and time. Or maybe you are looking for a fun community event for your out-of-town visitors. Perhaps you heard about an upcoming disaster-preparedness class, but can't remember where or when it is to be held. You can find the answer to all these questions and more on the Library's home page (www.thelibrary.info). Click on the Local Area Events icon in the lower left corner and the calendar site will pop up. We aim to provide a comprehensive listing in an easily accessible format, of all community meetings and events in Belvedere, Tiburon and Strawberry.

Navigating the Calendar is easy. Click on a particular date on the small calendar in the upper right-hand corner (1) and everything scheduled for that day will be displayed. Monthly and weekly calendar views are also available. Drop-down boxes also allow you to choose events by location, meeting or event type, and by month (2, 3 & 4).

We encourage any member of a group or agency to submit upcoming events for possible inclusion in the Calendar. Guidelines and a submission form appear on a link (5) near the top of the Calendar page. Alternatively, send an email to refdesk@bel-tib-lib.org, with the subject heading: Community Calendar.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Town of Tiburon City of Belvedere Community Calendar. At the top, there is a header with the town name and a small image of a harbor. Below the header are navigation buttons: 'Tell a Friend', 'Print Version', and 'Help'. A small calendar for February 2006 is visible in the upper right, with a callout '1' pointing to a date. Below the calendar are links for '(Monthly Calendar View)' and '(Weekly Calendar View)', with a callout '3' pointing to them. A welcome message follows, with a callout '5' pointing to a link for more information. Below the message are three dropdown menus: 'All Events', 'February', and '2006', with callouts '2' and '4' pointing to them. The main content area shows an event for 'Wednesday February 1, 2006' at 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM, titled 'Toddler Storytime for ages 2-3'. A callout '4' points to the event title. A 'Go To Top' button and another 'Tell a Friend' button are also visible.



Library Staff Profile: Ralph Vazquez

If you are a regular visitor to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, you will recognize the friendly face of Ralph Vazquez. You may even know Ralph by name. Ralph has been working at the Library for six years, primarily checking in and checking out books and other materials in the Library's Circulation Department. He also sets up for Library programs and is the Library's all-around handyman. Ralph was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and raised in San Francisco. He and his wife Jan have lived in Marin County for thirty years and recently became grandparents. We asked Ralph if he could tell us something about the Library that most people don't know. His answer was "the quality of the evening programs." He's right - just take a look at what's offered on page 3.



This is a rare opportunity to see these unique, personal collections. Each tour is limited to 10 visitors, so sign up as soon as possible if you want to be sure of participating in this exciting event. The fee is \$100 per collection, and tickets will be issued according to the order of receipt of your check.

To visit a collection, send your check to the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920, attention Jeanette Carr. Include the letter (ABCD or E) to indicate your chosen tour, plus your phone number on the check. Each visit will begin at the Library and last approximately 2 hours.

Five Fabulous Art Collections

Collection A - Saturday, April 8, 1:00-3:00pm

A Mill Valley collection of contemporary works featuring artists from New York, Israel, Australia, Great Britain, Japan and the Bay area. Of special note: Andy Goldsworthy's outdoor sculpture, Sol LeWitt etchings, Richard Tuttle's paper octagon, Jack Scott's charcoal pencil on canvas, and Eric Snell's magnetic drawing.

Collection B - Saturday, April 15, 1:00-3:00pm

A Tiburon collection composed of: Photography by Brassai, Frederic Sommer and Sebastian Selgado; Paintings by Nathan Olivera, William Wiley, David

Korty and others; Book art by Julie Chen, Charles Hobson and Arion Press; and contemporary ceramics.

Collection C - Saturday, June 10, 1:00-3:00pm

The collection in this custom designed Belvedere home contains ancient classic Asian art from China, Japan and Southeast Asia, including funerary objects, jade, and religious pieces, plus rare Russian Icons and French modern abstract paintings.

Collection D - Sunday, June 25, 1:00-3:00pm

This Tiburon collection features Amish geometric quilts dating from 1880-1940. The owners, originally from the Midwest, have been collecting for 30 years, after being struck by the resemblance of Amish quilts to the modern paintings of Sol Lewitt, Ellsworth Kelly, Victor Vasarely and others. The Denver Art Museum, the Renwick Gallery and the University of Michigan Museum of Art have all been venues for this collection. Also of note is a collection of museum quality contemporary ceramics and international studio glass.

Collection E - Wednesday, August 23, 1:00-3:00pm

This Belvedere collection has been included in ARTNEWS Magazine's top 200 collections for the past several years. Art of the past century is represented in virtually all media, and includes the work of Larry Rivers, Sol LeWitt, Ed Ruscha, Andy Warhol, Arthur Dove (1939) and Ed and Nancy Kienholz. The photography collection encompasses the history of photography, from the early surrealist explorations of Maya Deren to the social realism of Bernice Abbott to the "street photography" of Garry Winogrand and Lee Freeland.

A tour of the DeYoung Museum caps off our program!

On April 7, at 1:00pm, museum docent Joyce Rose will escort five guests on a private tour at the DeYoung Museum. Joyce will design the tour based on the interest of the group. Meet in front of the Richter piece in the main gallery. The fee is \$40 per person, (not including museum admission). Make your check payable to the **Belvedere Tiburon Library** and send it to the attention of Jeanette Carr, at the Library (address on Page 1).

NOTE: The library holds 2 memberships (admitting 4 people) to the Fine Arts Museums, which can be borrowed through the circulation desk. You are welcome to reserve the membership card for this day.

Planning a Trip? Don't Leave Home Without Us!

Our newest newsletter, *Travelsmart*, provides information about how to travel better and more affordably. *Travelsmart* offers articles on US and international destinations including great travel deals, must-see sites and best places to eat. Because this newsletter does not accept advertising, it is able, according to the publisher, to tell the “unvarnished truth about deals, destinations and discounts.”

The Library also subscribes to a fine selection of other travel magazines: *Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Islands*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Travel & Leisure*, and *International Travel News*. A wide variety of travel guidebooks is also available Lonely Planet, Fodor's, Eyewitness Travel and Michelin.

The Notary is “In”

It's tax season again...time to get your financial house in order. Mary Vella, Administrative Assistant for the Library, is also one of the few notaries in town. So, when you need a Notary Public during this process, or at any other time you require a document notarized, come to the Library! Stop by and browse our collections in addition to taking care of business. Make an appointment with Mary by calling 789-2665 ext. 228, or after hours dialing 902-1064. There's a bonus ... 10% of her fee goes to the Library, so everyone wins.

Add Color To Your Life

Technology keeps improving here at the Library! By popular demand we are now pleased to have a color printer in the public computer area. Printouts are \$1.00 per page and black and whites remain \$.10 per page.

Use the color copier for copies of that winning business presentation, brochures, magazine articles, holiday photo collages, and lots more. Its 600 dpi quality produces excellent results. Also, the black and white copiers are now capable of making multiple copies. We have two machines, so you should never have to wait to make your personal copies.

Why Can't the Library Remind Me When My Books Are Due?

We can! We are now sending email reminders to our patrons two days before items are due. This new service is available to patrons who have given us an email address and who allow us to send notices via email. To see if you are set up for this service:

1. Log in to your account using the MyMARINet link at <http://marinet.lib.ca.us>.
2. Click the “Modify Personal Info” button to verify that we have your current email address and that you have not clicked the “Postal mail” button. And that's it!

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