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Friends Lecture Series 7 pm in the library

September 19, 2018

Joe Bruchac –

“Native Americans and the Adirondacks”

October 17, 2018

Nina Schoch –

“Adirondack Loons”

January 23, 2019

Greg Schaefer –

“Ride Up Slide Down”

Early skiing in the Gore Mountain Region

February 21, 2019

Joan Collins –

“All About Birds”

Library Hours

Tuesday - 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesday - 9 am to 6 pm

Thursday - 1 pm to 6 pm

Friday - 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday - 9 am to 1 pm

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Barbara Wilson Memorial Mural Dedication

On September 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm, Barbara A. Wilson will be honored by The Friends of the Town of Chester Public Library at a dedication of the recently completed children’s room mural.



The ceremony will be held in the library before Joe Bruchac’s presentation about Native Americans and the Adirondacks.

The colorful mural was painted by Assistant Library Director, Wendy Joy-Hayes. On the passing of Barbara Wilson, the Friends of the Town of Chester Library commissioned Wendy to create a mural in Barbara’s memory. The inspiration for the theme of the mural is a tribute to Barbara’s work in entertaining children through stories.

Dennis Wilson, offered this brief bio about his late wife: “Born in Texas, Barbara was raised and educated in Illinois. In 1985, she and her husband Dennis relocated to Chestertown. She served sixteen years as an elementary school teacher in Indian Lake. After she retired in 2002, she became active with both the Chestertown Historical Society and the Friends of the Library where she served as president.”

“Barbara was involved in various library endeavors which included the organization of two award winning community programs and she was honored as Citizen of the Year by the North Warren Chamber of Commerce. She loved to dress up as Mother Goose and read stories to kids in the library and the elementary school. The Mother Goose figure in the mural was modeled after Barbara.”

[Check the library website for more upcoming events](#)

Friends Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on Friday, September 21st at 10 am in the library. Election of board members to fill expiring terms will be held as follows:

Chair, Linda Taverni
 Vice Chair, Bob Walp
 Treasurer, Rich McCrum

Continuing board members are Lynne Hagmann, Linda Thorsen, Sharon Andrews and Kathleen Rivers.

The Friends extend a heartfelt thank you to Carole Hart, retiring board member and current treasurer, for her many years of service and dedication to the library.

Joe Bruchac, September 19th



Please join us at 7 pm in the library for what is sure to be a fascinating evening as storyteller, performer and writer **Joe Bruchac** presents "**Native Americans and the Adirondacks**" as part of the popular Friends of the Library lecture series.

In a program for children and adults Joe will talk about the history, past and present, of the native peoples who have made these mountains their home. Through lecture, song, and traditional stories he will explore the Iroquois and Abenaki relationship to the

Adirondack region.

See the front page of the newsletter for the rest of the lecture series for this year.

Summer Reading Program

The Children's Summer Reading Program was a great success this year with a record number of sign ups. In partnership with the **Horicon Library** there were a total of 40 children who joined the program and read 33,088 pages combined. At this year's award ceremony the 11 years and under 1st place prize of a new bike, provided by the Friends of the Library, was awarded to Abby O. (age 11) who read a total of 6,361 pages. The 12



Book Sale

Our July book sale was very successful with a great selection of books and a steady stream of buyers. Sales at the weekly Chestertown Farmers Market, which continues through mid-September, have also been excellent. Thank you to our book sale chair, Sharon Andrews, and all our volunteers who work so hard to help the Friends reach our financial goals.

years and over 1st place prize of a Kindle Fire was awarded to Jack O. (age 14) who read a total of 4,215 pages. Other prizes were provided by the Horicon Board of Trustees and the **Main Street Ice Cream Parlor**. Program and party refreshments were provided by Kyle Conroy and the Friends of the Town of Chester Library.

Dennis Wilson on Chip Carving

One of the simplest forms of woodcarving, chip carving is an art form in which various designs are drawn on a piece of wood, usually either basswood or butternut. The carver then creates the design by using a small knife to remove pieces ("chips") of the wood within the pattern he or she has drawn. Most cultures throughout history have had some form of chip carving, but modern carvers have been mainly influenced by patterns created in the folk traditions of Northern Europe. Chip carvers create their designs on jewelry boxes, kitchen cabinets, plaques and many other wood items.

I learned to chip carve at the Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vermont where in 2005 I saw the carvings of Wayne Barton, the world's premier chip carver.

I took his class and have been carving ever since.



A few years ago I was asked to carve the "Public Library" sign above the library's entrance; I did so, and the sign was well received. This past year, I suggested removing the 12 ft. board above the Children's Room entrance, and replacing it with a basswood board that I would carve to make the entrance more decorative. Removing the board proved difficult, however, so the decision was made to leave it in place and instead fill the alcove below it with another board that would be chip carved with



The Friends of the Chestertown Public Library would like to extend a special acknowledgement to Dennis Wilson for his longstanding membership in our organization. Along with his late wife, Barbara, who served the Friends as president, Dennis has volunteered his time and talent to numerous events and fund raising efforts over many years.

Dennis is well known in the greater Town of Chester community as a retired English teacher at North Warren Central School and for his involvement with Our Town Theatre Group (OTTG) as a talented actor, often with lead roles in their productions. Prior to relocating to Chestertown in 1985 with his wife, he taught English and Drama at international schools in Taiwan, England and Morocco.

Dennis will be combining his love of teaching with his passion for chip carving as an instructor at The Adirondack Folk School in Lake Luzerne. He is excited to be offering instruction in both introductory and advanced classes beginning in 2019.

The chip carving project was made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

decorative images and characters from children's stories.

When I completed the front, I noticed that the same alcove exists on the inside of the room, too. As of this writing, I am working on more boards that will fill this space as well.

It is my hope that my work, together with Wendy Joy-Hayes' beautiful mural, will create a visual children's world that supports the printed world in books and stimulates the imagination even more. I hope the adults in the library enjoy the mural and the carving, too!

Join the Friends of the Library for 2018

We sincerely thank all of our members who supported the Friends of the Town of Chester Library this past year. Your commitment helped our library provide up-to-date best selling books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs for all ages, computer and internet access, children's programs, special events and much more. As a Friends member you are playing an important role in supporting a vital community resource. We look forward to your continued membership in our organization and we welcome our new members!



Annual Membership - July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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