



Lowell Library Lines

OCTOBER 2002



Sun Shines on Outdoor Show

After two days of much needed but heavy rainfall, the day of the Library Quilter's 3rd Biannual Outdoor Quilt Show on September 21 was picture perfect with sunny skies and cool breezes. Library visitors were treated to a panorama of colorful quilts, wall hangings, pillow covers, and baby quilts displayed against the background of the library's Nature Trail where tours were being conducted to view the new additions to the trail of trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

The library property consist of over 300 trees. Throughout the years, since the present library first opened its doors in 1993, area residents have donated trees and shrubs to enhance the library grounds. Recently more flora was added from donors and through a grant from NiSource. After the Nature Trail tour, library staff held an tea served with homemade desserts to show the library's appreciation to all the donors.

Stan Sims of Purdue Cooperative Extension Service conducted the Nature Trail Tours and met with the donors. In his presentation he told them of the wonderful educational tool the Trail and grounds had become thanks in part to their efforts. He also noted the foresight of the library board to have chosen a site for the library that encompassed the beautiful wooded acres that community residents could enjoy for generations to come. The Friends of the Library were also on hand at the event hosting a plant sale and offering Nature Trail T-shirts as a fundraiser. The beautiful day ended too soon but was a glorious way to say goodbye to summer and look forward to the fall colors that will soon grace the library setting.

Bringing Home the Flag

On September 26 Astronaut Col. Jerry Ross will give a video presentation at the Crown Point High School of his April space shuttle mission to the International Space Station.

At that time he will also present the American flag he carried on his mission to Lowell Library Director Francine Shreffler and Butch Bukovac, Chairman of the Lowell Labor Day Organization who arranged for Col. Ross to carry the flag that will be on permanent exhibit at the library

"Coming to the library on Lowell's 150th birthday makes the gift all the more meaningful for the community," said Bukovac. "We are truly grateful to Col. Ross for carrying our flag on his historic journey."

Library Highlights

Bill Tuley, survivor of one of the greatest World War II European battles, will present "**A Soldiers Story**" on October 24, at 7 PM.

One Region, One Book, **A Lesson Before Dying** will be discussed on Thursday, October 17, at 7 PM and Friday, October 18, at 10 AM. Refreshments will be served.

The first in a series of arts and crafts classes will be presented by Rebecca Parks beginning October 22. **Faux Painting**, a 4 week course will be held each Tuesday, at 10 AM.

Gertrude Jekyll: Gardening Icon will be presented by Phyllis Nelson on Monday, October 28, at 7 PM.



October Adult Programs

Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, October 7, 14, 21, 28
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, October 10
9 AM - 10:30 AM

First come, first served.

Lowell Tuesday, October 15

1 PM - 4 PM

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, October 10 & 24 at 7:00 PM

Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum,
sponsored by the library, and share
your writings with other members.

Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, October 21, at 6:30 PM

Join and learn techniques of crocheting or
work with other participants on your projects.
No need to register.

"Character Baskets" - Lowell

Tuesday, October 15, at 8:30 AM

Thursday, October 17, at 6 PM

Wednesday, October 23, at 6 PM

Create a Character Basket - angel, witch,
snowman, etc. - with Master Basket Weaver
Julie Duttlinger. Each basket is \$10.
Samples will be on display at the library.

Basket Classes - Shelby

Thursday, October 3, at 9 AM

Tuesday, October 8, at 6 PM

Call 552-0809 for information.

Pisanki (Polish Egg Decorating) - Lowell

Each Tuesday, October 15—November 12

Learn the art of Pisanki, the Polish art of egg
decorating. Artist Ted Sumara will teach
participants to create and color eggs with floral,
geometric or other images. The five-week
course is \$15 due upon registration. Register
now for this fun class.

Guide to Managing Money in Retirement - Lowell

Monday, October 14, at 4:30 PM

"Life after the last paycheck." Presented by:
Chris Schmidt of Centier Bank and Tim Meeks of
Scudder Investments

A Lesson Before Dying - Lowell

Thursday, October 17, at 7 PM

Friday, October 18, at 10 AM.

Set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940s, *A Lesson Before Dying* tells the tale of two young men who have a powerful impact on each other. Spend an evening or morning discussing this gripping tale of life's lessons.

Faux Painting Class - Lowell

Each Tuesday at 10 AM,

October 22-November 12

Learn the techniques of marbling and don't tell your friends that your beautiful Italian rose marble fireplace is not the real thing! Artist Rebecca Parks will teach you the art of faux painting in four 2-hour classes. Bring your choice of project from home. All other supplies will be provided. Projects can be: candle holders, picture frames, mirror frames, ceramic tile squares or small plaster statues. Fee for the course is \$45.

Battle of the Bulge: A Soldier's Story - Lowell

Thursday, October 24, at 7 PM

Bill Tuley survived what is said to be the worst battle of World War II, the Battle of the Bulge. He will share his memories of staving off the German offensive in the Ardennes Forest. The battle lasted from December 16, 1944, to January 28, 1945. The battle was waged in one of the most terrible winters on record with American and British soldiers facing German tanks and rocket fire. There were 81,000 American casualties with 19,000 killed.

Gertrude Jekyll: Gardening Icon - Lowell

October 28, 2002, promptly at 7 PM.

Presented by Master Gardener Phyllis Nelson, as part of the library's 2002 Gardening Series, this program will highlight Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) a "Master Gardener Extrordinaire" who created over 400 gardens across the continents of Europe and North America.





Nature Club Grand Finale

All summer long members of the Kids' Nature Club went "buggy" over insects! They covered the library grounds looking for beetles, praying mantises, caterpillars, locusts, grasshoppers, earwigs, and other creepy, crawly, dive bombing creatures.

At the club's monthly meetings the members could see their bugs magnified through the library's colorful Creature Peeper containers. Some members brought in bugs to keep on the Reference Desk for a day before the little creatures were given a new home on the library's Nature Trail. Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg brought monarch and eastern black swallowtail caterpillars and milkweed and parsley for their food. Dozens of beautiful butterflies emerged by the end of the summer to be set free on the library grounds.

Stan Sims, Lake County Extension Service Educator, brought insects from Purdue University to teach club members about insect life and behavior.

A party was held at the September meeting before the club resumes in the Spring of 2003. Club members brought desserts shaped in the form of bugs and entered a drawing for prizes. Each member who attended received a "Herbie: A of Bugstown Story" coloring book, and Insect Hunter ribbons. Members are looking forward to next summer vacation and fun at the Kids' Nature Club."

"Give the Gift of Life"

The Lowell Lions Club in conjunction with the Lowell Public Library will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Food, Fun & Fiction

Join the popular "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club and take part in a lively exchange with other young adults, grades 6-12. Each month young adults take part in not only discussing the book selection of the month but in choosing the next month's selection. October's book is *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson. *Fever 1793* is available for checkout at the circulation desk. Refreshments are served at each club meeting. Call for date and time and to pre-register.

The Shelby Branch will hold its "Food, Fun & Fiction" on Wednesday, October 23, from 5 PM to 6 PM. The selection is *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. Call 552-0809 to pre-register, and pick up a copy of the book at the branch library.

Computer Classes Offered

Staff member Ruth Bougie is busy teaching participants to learn word processing, the Internet, Excel, Microsoft Publisher, etc., at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches. To schedule an appointment for the popular free classes call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

Meetings

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 PM.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 28, at 7 PM following an Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Entertainment Books 2003

Buy an *Entertainment Book* now (\$30) and get the 2002 book free. The 2002 book is good for discounts up to November 1. The 2003 and 2002 *Entertainment Books* will be available at the circulation desk.

Halloween Craft Corner



Pre-school and school age children will enjoy making their Halloween Craft with Miss Heidi. The dates are as follows:

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| <u>Lowell</u> - | Thursday, October 3,
at 3:30 PM |
| <u>Schneider</u> - | Thursday, October 10
at 3:30 PM |
| <u>Shelby</u> - | Thursday, October 17,
at 3:30 PM |

Babysitting Course Offered

A two-session Red Cross Babysitting Course for young adults, ages 11-15, will be held at the library on Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Fee for the course is \$25 due upon registration. Be sure to bring a sack lunch to the first session and a pizza lunch will be served at the final session. Class size is limited. Register now!



To pre-register for programs call: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



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