

Display Case Features Amherst Makerspace

Throughout this month, the library display case, located near the circulation desk, will feature the Amherst Makerspace.

Amherst Makerspace, located at the Amherst Middle School, makes use of a public school's Industrial Arts resources for the community.

This program has transformed an old industrial arts lab into a thriving Innovation and Design Lab for the kids during the day and an adult community Makerspace, in the evening.

Items created in the Makerspace, and information about it will be on display. Be sure to check it out!

We need your help! Do you, or someone you know, have a unique collection or hobby you'd like to share with the community? If so, please e-mail Zola:
zola@zolasweb.com.

Find Your Pot o' Gold at Trivia Night

The luck of the Irish may not be enough...you really need to know your stuff...

Mark your calendars this Saint Patrick's weekend. The Friends' fifth annual trivia night will take place at Hampshire Hills Athletic Club on Saturday March 18th, 2017. Tables are filling up quickly so secure your spot soon. Tables of 10 are a steal for \$150 and single tickets are \$15 each.

Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:00 PM accompanied by an extensive prize raffle that benefits our fantastic library. Trivia starts at 7:00 PM and appetizers and dessert may be ordered between trivia rounds.

Don't miss this opportunity to find your pot of gold!

All proceeds from ticket and raffle sales to benefit the library.



Sign up now:
2017trivianight@gmail.com
or contact Stephanie
Tannariello (603.377.0718)
and Elizabeth Larson
(603.769.7039) with any
questions.

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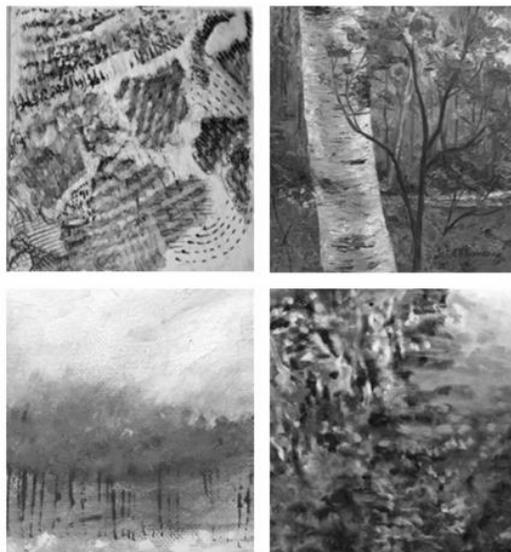
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Artist Exhibitions

Come explore the talents of local artists in the upcoming months at the library.

January 15 - February 28 - Everything Small Exhibit

This exhibit will feature the artwork of local New Hampshire Artists. Among the artists exhibiting their small artworks are Phillip Bean, Elizabeth Craumer, Sherie Dowsett, Elaine Farmer, Ken Fiery, Tracy Hayes, Marilyn Heaps, Betsy Holmes, Susan King, Sue Leger, Lyudmyla Mayorska, Janice Miller, Roxanne O'Brien, Tami Sciola-Borelli, and Stephen Topia. We invite you to come see what is considered in the art world to be "little gems."



Artists: Tracy Hayes (Top Left), Elaine Farmer (Top Right), Sue Leger (Bottom Left) and Betsy Holmes (Bottom Right)

March 1-31 - Watercolorist Jennifer Cook

The public is invited to the opening reception on Sunday, March 5 from 2-4 pm.

With no formal art degree, Jennifer took her first watercolor painting class six years ago where she discovered her love for watercolors. "With watercolor painting, you have no real control over the paint. It goes and flows how it wants. You have to accept it and be patient if you want a strong painting."

Jennifer likes to paint a variety of subject matter ranging from still life to boats and landscapes. She wants to share what she finds beautiful with others through her paintings.

For more information about the exhibits contact Christine Farris at FOLArts@icloud.com.



"Boathouse", Watercolor by Jennifer Cook

Artist Exhibitions

April 1-30 - Color Pencil Artist Tina Gagnon

Tina is a color pencil artist whose work captures both the vivid and sometimes subtle colors found in nature. Having spent her professional career in the Graphic Arts industry, in 2007 she embarked on her Fine Arts career. "Going through an old closet, I came across my twenty year old set of colored pencils. Why not? I gave them a chance. It was with them that I found what I was missing. My love of colored pencils was born right then and there."



"Fleur de Lys Calla Rouge", Color Pencil by Tina Gagnon

Art Coordinators Needed

Professional Artist Coordinator Needed -

A patron of the ARTS! Want to be a part of an organization that makes a difference? The Friends are currently looking for an individual who would like to take over as the Professional Artists Exhibit Coordinator. No background needed just an appreciation of the Arts. Individual will receive instruction and training.

Student Art Show Coordinator Needed -

Big supporter of Youth Arts? Want to be part of an organization that makes a difference? The Friends of the Amherst Town Library has an immediate opening for one or two individuals who would like to run and continue the annual Student Art Show which has become an annual tradition over the past 24 years. No art background needed just an appreciation for Youth Art. Individual will receive instruction and training.

For more details on either volunteer opportunity and questions contact Christine Farris at FOLArts@icloud.com or 603.667.3160.

Save the Date!

Join us as we kick off the 2017 Student Art Show on Sunday, May 7!

We're looking for a few volunteers to help with the student art show (in addition to a coordinator). Please contact Cheryl at friendsoftheamherstlibrary@gmail.com if you'd like to help

A Note From Your Library Director

Amy Lapointe's Quick Picks for Books Coming out January - April

Leopard at the Door by Jennifer McVeigh - I've been anxious for McVeigh to write another book ever since I fell in love with "The Fever Tree" (a cross between *Gone with the Wind*, *The Painted Veil*, and *Out of Africa*.) Set in 1950s Kenya, the story's central character deals with personal turmoil amidst political upheaval.

The Sleepwalker by Chris Bohjalian - A mother who is a chronic sleepwalker goes missing and the worst is assumed, but nothing is as it seems. Chris Bohjalian teases apart family and community dynamics and current issues like a skilled surgeon. He never disappoints.

The Most Dangerous Place on Earth by Lindsey Lee Johnson - How would you like to go back to High School and face all of the drama of adolescence in a world where every moment might be captured on film, analyzed via social media, and shared with everyone you know? This novel explores the complicated web of a group of ultra-privileged California kids.

The Girl Before by JP Delaney - This year's "Girl on a Train" will keep you twisting and turning all night.

Always by Sarah Jio - Alternating between past and present, Kailey must decide what she wants and what it is worth to her after her perfect life, perfect job, perfect fiancé unexpectedly come face to face with "the one who got away", now homeless and broken.

My Not So Perfect Life by Sophie Kinsella - Kinsella never fails to deliver a fun and entertaining read. If you want to curl up in front of the fire with something light, this is a sure bet.

A Piece of the World: A Novel by Christina Baker Kline - This historical fiction imagines the world captured in Andrew Wyeth's iconic "Christina's World". For fans of "Girl with a Pearl Earring" or anything by Susan Vreeland.

The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff - This is another harrowing World War II novel for readers who loved Kristin Hannah's "The Nightingale".

The stars are Fire by Anita Shreve - Shreve takes us to Maine in 1947, to an imagined story of a woman with young children who lived through the largest forest fire in the history of the state. But after the fires burn out, having leveled whole towns, Grace Holland feels more free than ever before.

I Found You by Lisa Jewell - Decades of secrets, a young bride, and a man with amnesia, make this a sure pick for fans of Liane Moriarty.

The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova

The author of "The Historian" is back for a gripping tale unfolding the history of Bulgaria. A central figure begins the tale in an urn, but will emerge as an unforgettable character.

Sundays at 4

Each year the Friends sponsor the musical "**Sundays at 4**" programs at the library. It is always well attended. In fact, reservations are required (via the library website or circulation desk). Ruslyn Vear does a fantastic job picking very talented and interesting programs. In addition to funding we provide snacks at the programs themselves.

The dates are as follows:

- **February 12** - Trio D'amis" in Concert (pianist, celloist, violinist)
- **March 12** - Music of the Emerald Isle: the Jordan TW Trio in Concert" (fiddles, etc.)
- **April 2** - "Tap into Spring: Jenny Herzog and Jacob Hiser in Concert" (tap dancer/singer and pianist)

We need volunteers to **provide some cookies, brownies, fruit or cheese & crackers or other small finger foods.** Drop off at the library about 3:30.

Send a quick email to Paula Schmida (Hospitality Chair) paulaschmida@yahoo.com or friendsoftheamherstlibrary@gmail.com with what dates you would like to help and what you would like to bring.

A huge thank you in advance!



Mark Your Calendar

Friends-supported events

- Trivia Night - 3/18
- "Art in Bloom" Trip - 5/1
- Student Art Show - 5/9-5/11

Must-attends from your library director:

- Let your imagination soar and your creativity thrive! Join us for "Artful Adventures," select Saturdays through May 1:00-3:00 pm
- Victorian Valentines - 2/4
- Spring Pastel Workshop - 3/11
- Books in Bloom - 4/1
- Colorful Ink Tiles - 5/6

register online www.amherstlibrary.org
or call 673-2288



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Volunteer

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