



FRIENDS OF THE WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARIES

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Greetings from the President

Hello to all after a quickly escaping summer! We had one new event: an “impromptu” Children’s Book Sale on July 17th, (July Jubilation Day) which surprised and pleased the summer patrons and gave us another opportunity to sell a very popular section of our used book inventory. That same afternoon, we discovered that the Friends had received book donations nearly equaling the amount we had just sold! Your donations have been generously given all summer long, and we are delighted to say that this Fall Book Sale (Sept. 23-26) will be very well-stocked and is highly anticipated.

I would like to take this time to personally thank our outgoing President, Mary Whalen, for her dedicated service to the Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries throughout the last six years. Mary’s greatest contribution to our Board was a call for revamping of the Friends’ internal structure which will provide increased effectiveness in these changing times. Since the 2010 Spring meeting, our group has been working with this new organizational structure which, with Mary’s guidance, has already been consistently drawing on talent across the board. Mary continues to give her time and insight, and I appreciate that tremendously. You can still visit her on a variety of days at the sorting room. Mary, on behalf of our Board and our town, I thank you for all you’ve done and for what you continue to do!

Arlene Schulz, President

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Important Message to our Members

We hope that you will keep your membership current and in doing so, enable our library to continue to provide so many wonderful programs for our community year after year. Fabulous museum passes, visiting authors, speakers, and performing artists are just a handful of ways that your support makes our library a more dynamic and vibrant place for library patrons. And don’t forget that your membership entitles you to attend our “Members’ Preview Night” before each book sale.

We couldn’t do what we do without Friends like you--thank you!

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New Board Members

The Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries Board of Directors consists of 20 members. Each member serves a three year term, with an option to serve a second three year term. Departing members may be nominated to the board after one calendar year has passed since their last term expired. Board members manage the affairs, activities, and finances of the organization.

In Spring of 2010, four members served their final term. Many thanks to Doris Ducey, Sue Humphrey, Emily Langford and Mary Whalen. You will each be missed for your many contributions.

At the Fall 2010 meeting we welcome six new board members, who were nominated and elected to the board last spring: Bridget Bettigole, Dan Brabander, Naomi Cameron, Susan Case, Rani Elwy and Karen Griswold. We look forward to their service in this organization.

New Reusable Tote Bags for Sale at Circulation Desk

Have you seen the new red, non-woven, 100% reusable tote bags at the circulation desk? The Wellesley Free Library wants to encourage "green" habits so the Friends are providing the new totes in place of the white and pink plastic bags. The new bags contain 10% recycled material and are on sale for \$1.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden Our Newest Museum Pass

Tower Hill Botanic Garden is a new addition this year to the Friends' museum pass program. It is located in Boylston, MA, which is about an hour west of Wellesley. It consists of 132 acres of gardens, meadows and woodland trails, and was established in the 1980s by the Worcester Horticultural Society.

Yankee Magazine listed Tower Hill this summer as one of its Top-5 favorite public gardens, calling it, "a horticultural feast with cutting-edge plantings, fragrant secret garden, heirloom apple trees, hardwoods, woodland 'folly,' plant evolution display, wildlife garden (a birder's paradise), and three miles of woodland trails."

Highlights include:

- an 18th century-style Orangerie, which also hosts winter displays
- an orchard with 119 varieties of heirloom apples
- trails through managed natural areas, displaying a wide variety of natural species and dramatic views of Mount Wachusett and Wachusett Reservoir
- café, library and shop

The Botanic Garden is open all year round, Tuesday – Sunday and holiday Mondays. Tower Hill's web site: towerhillbg.org

Passes available to library patrons allow free admission to Tower Hill for up to 4 people and are donated by the Friends. All museum passes may be reserved online through the Wellesley Free Library's website, in person at the Main Library or by phone at 781-235-1610, ext. 1105.



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Please call on me to volunteer
- Please email my newsletter

Annual Membership Contribution

- \$10 Student/Senior Citizen
- \$20 Individual/Senior Couple
- \$30 Family
- \$50 Supporting
- \$100 Patron
- \$300 Life
- \$ ____ Additional Gift
- My company's matching gift is enclosed

Make your tax-deductible checks payable to:
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Please send form and payment to:
Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries
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Attention: Membership

Time to Renew?

Memberships expire at the end of every year. The label on the front of your newsletter shows the year through which your membership is/was current. If your membership has expired, you may renew now and be current through the end of 2011 - it's like getting 3 months of membership for free!

You may send in your payment with the form on this page, renew at one of our book sales, or ask for a Friends form at the circulation or info desk. Or renew online at the Friends' page on the library website. Renewal letters are also sent to you every January for your convenience.

E-Newsletter

Thanks to those of you who are already receiving this newsletter via email. If you're now receiving a hard copy newsletter and would like to make the switch, please send your email address to: FWFL.Membership@gmail.com. You will have fewer pieces of paper on your desk and the knowledge that you've taken one more small step to help the environment! If you are receiving this via email but would like to have a hard copy newsletter sent to you, please email the above address and note "hard copy" in the subject line.

Volunteering Opportunities

If you would like information about volunteering with the Friends, please contact FWFL.Membership@gmail.com, drop a note at the Library or leave a message at 781-235-1610, x1202.

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Fall Book Sale

Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library

Members' Preview

Thursday, September 23, 5-9pm

Public Sale

Friday, September 24, 9am-6pm

Saturday, September 25, 9am-5pm

Bag Sale

Sunday, September 26, 1-5pm