



DRIPPING SPRINGS  
COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY  
FRIENDS

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### Christmas in the Hills Home Tour promises interesting mix...

Home Tour Chair, Kim Frederick, announced this year's lineup of homes for the Friends' big annual fundraiser, stating she is very excited about the eclectic mix. "We will have a unique array of home styles, ranging from traditional to hill country to contemporary, including a home designed by renowned local architect, James Polkinghorn, who also designed the community library." The tour will include a stop at the library, with a special program in the works. A separate ticket may be purchased to attend the early evening reception featuring a celebrity author, and including complimentary wine tasting with wines from around the world. Added Kim, "Circle the date, Saturday, December 8, 2012. This will be a wonderful way to spend the day, and to show your support for the Dripping Springs Community Library."



The home of Doyle and Claireen Fellers, at left, was one of several unique homes on the 2011 Tour. This year, look for an equally interesting group of neighbors' homes to usher in the holiday season.

Kim (pictured right) also pointed out volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. "We need greeters, help with checking tickets, placing directional signs and assistance with parking." She noted volunteers will receive a complimentary ticket for admission to all the open houses on the tour. Shifts are two to three hours and you can be paired with someone by request. So please step up. This is a special way to support the community library, and also a way to meet new neighbors and friends.



**Please contact Home Tour Chair, Kim Frederick, for volunteer opportunities. email to [kfred@austin.rr.com](mailto:kfred@austin.rr.com) or telephone 512.219.6416**

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### *President's Message...*



Hi Everyone! I'm Bobbie Hentschel, this year's volunteer president of the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library. Since I'm new at this, I'm kind of curious. I'm wondering how many friends the library actually has. It's got to be way more than the handful of individuals who come to the monthly board meetings.

I have spoken with many very nice people who really love the library and all the terrific programs available to our community at no charge. You made cookies for or came and bought cookies at Founder's Day. You came out in the rain to visit our booth for Christmas on Mercer Street. I know you care, and I know supporting the library is important to you. So I had an idea.

Why don't we try this. SHORTIMERS. Here's how it will work. I will leave a sign-up sheet at the circulation desk at the library for anyone who can IMAGINE that they have EVEN 1 HOUR to be a Friend. Not a whole year or a whole season, not a major commitment, just an hour.

What can you do in an hour? You can sit at a booth with me and greet our neighbors at Christmas on Mercer Street the first Saturday in

December when we have the bake sale. You can spend an hour the day before that, helping wrap cookies folks have donated for that bake sale. You can bake some cookies. And if you like to take pictures, I could really use your help to keep a record of our activities for the scrapbook. We can offer some community service hours to high school students who qualify, with their parents permission, to participate in Friends events and some computer oriented projects.

The Home Tour could use your help for an hour to stand at the door of a beautifully decorated home and welcome visitors the second Saturday in December. Just an hour (well, maybe two). and I'll get you a free ticket for the tour, how's that sound? I'm excited to hear your response to my idea. SHORTIMERS. Be a Friend for just a short time. There is lots to do to keep our cherished community traditions alive and in so doing, support our library.

So look for the signup sheet at the library or just call me, Bobbie, at 512- 771-3217. I'll help you sort out the where and when part. I have every confidence we can work together to make the magic happen! Someone very wise once said, "Many hands make light work".

'Bye for now, Bobbie

*From the desk of Donna Woody, Membership Chair...*  
Thank you to the new and renewing members thus far in 2012, who are:

**Carnegie Level**

Dorothy and Dick Blue  
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bordie  
Nikki Loftin

**Pulitzer Level**

Betty and Randy Bendall  
Mary and Darrell Carder  
Maggie Castleman  
Melva and Omar Codina  
Barbara Cole  
Jeanie Fuelberg  
John Hoag and Sue Blackburn  
Lucinda Krudop  
Sarah Witkowski

**Nobel Level**

Nancy Brown  
Karen Crowther  
Becky and Dave Edwards  
S.C. Janda  
Marshall Jennings  
James McClard, Jr.  
Donald Pripstein  
Pat Seiders  
John Sone  
Richard Stark  
Pat Strickland  
Donna Woody

**Caldecott Level**

Jennifer Benesh  
Estelline Bullock  
Diane Demogines  
Pamela Hogg  
Susan Jelmini-Haynes  
Theresa Kendall  
Meg and David Owen  
Marcelio Rodriguez  
Karen Werner

## *Wine Tasting adopts literary flavor*

In 2011, the Friends of the Library launched its first International Wine Tasting event. As an inaugural activity, it was well attended and enthusiastically received. This year, again held in conjunction with the holiday Tour of Homes, the wine tasting will take on an expanded focus, more in keeping with the spirit of the Friends' mission of heightening literary interest and awareness. Event chair, John Hoag, stated "We are working to develop a lineup of literary notables and to develop a connection through these honored guest(s) to the wines which we will be tasting." At this writing, both the wine list and the literary notables are a work in progress, but it promises to be an eclectic mix on all counts, with several unique "pairings" to delight both your palate and inner literary curiosity. Continued Hoag, "We have been offered a beautiful location which will, in itself, guarantee a dynamic conclusion to the day's festivities." Stay tuned for an update on the cast of characters for this exciting event.



Marlin Frederick, host of the 2011 Wine Tasting, and , John Hoag, event chair, discuss wine selections for coming year



While Marshall Kuykendall, left background, studies his wine rating sheet, co-sponsor Scott Daves (Stanberry Associates, Realtors), Bobbie Stevens, and columnist Scott Burns, (l. to r.) take a break from the arduous task at hand to pose for our camera.



Winemaster, Tom Duck (above), insured that plenty of useful information was dispensed to our budding oenophiles, which included Kathleen Kellogg, Sharon Lesicko, Laurie Halfpenny and co-sponsor Gavin Loftus (Edward Jones) l. to r. below



Photos courtesy of Jaime Molina, PODS



Membership Chair, Donna Woody

## New Lifetime Membership Level

The Friends board has added a new Lifetime Membership level for those who wish to show their support for the library in a really big way. For \$2500 you can become a member for the rest of your life with no further action on your part. We haven't thought of all the ways to say "Thank You" yet, but you will be recognized and appreciated by the Friends and the library for many years to come. Contact membership chair, Donna Woody ([woodydj04xx@yahoo.com](mailto:woodydj04xx@yahoo.com)) and we'll make you feel like a hometown hero.

## And...You can make a donation to the Friends online

You can now make donations, pay membership dues and buy tickets on line at [www.Chase.com](http://www.Chase.com). The library circulation desk will have copies of the set up procedures. You can even use the library's computers to set up a QuickPay account. If you already have an account with Chase, or even if you do not, it is really quite simple. Please go to the Friends of the Library web site (<http://dscl.org/Friends>) for more detailed instructions on how to make a payment/contribution. For any questions, feel free to contact your local Dripping Springs Chase Bank branch at 512-858-2062 or send an email to Donna Woody ([woodydj04xx@yahoo.com](mailto:woodydj04xx@yahoo.com))

## Financially speaking...

At the last Board meeting, the Treasurer reported the Friends' bank account stood at \$7,699. The budget for the year was also finalized, and may be viewed online at <http://dscl.org/Friends>. Memberships to date have brought in approximately \$2,000. The summer reading program, financed in part by the Friends, was a rousing success. Of course, financially, the success of the entire year rests on the outcome of the Home Tour in December. Stay tuned...



## Cara says...

Cara Russell, Library Director, reports that every summer the library offers several wonderful programs for our community and all are free! *Get a Clue at the Library* was the theme for this summer's programs.



Several budding crime solvers take a break from sleuthing to pose for our camera. Names withheld due to clever disguises.

Sixty-six programs were offered this summer and included a talk about fingerprinting with Private Investigator Sue Ashabranner , Catch a Spy at the Library, Sherlock Holmes Detective Class, and Battle of the Mystery Books, just to name a few.

The Reading Incentive program this year was also a huge success with 262 children participating and reading a total of 442,605 minutes – the equivalent of 10 months! **Thanks to the Friend's donation of \$1,000 - summer reading incentive prizes were purchased that the children all enjoyed.** Summer time is always a fun and exciting time here at the library. We are now planning for next summer. Our website, [www.dscl.org](http://www.dscl.org), has all the latest information on what is happening at the library. Take a look! Hope to see you at YOUR library soon!

## Bake Sale takes center stage on Saturday, December 1st

The Friends of the Library will conduct a bake sale from their booth at the Christmas On Mercer Street day-long celebration. It is time for all you volunteer bakers to dust off your cookie sheets and donate your baked goods for sale.

Goodies such as cookies, bars, breads, brittle, brownies, tartlets, fudge, etc. that can be packaged and sold in small quantities will be perfect.

Cupcakes can only be accepted in packages of six with domed plastic lid to protect during transport.

Items should be packaged in sandwich size plastic bags . If baker is unable to package items in small quantities, volunteers will be available to divide and wrap. Volunteers will also price donated goods accordingly. Items vary in price from 50 cents to \$5.

## Baked goods can be dropped off at the library by noon the Friday before (November 30<sup>th</sup>).



We need volunteers to bake, price donated items on Friday, and help sell at Mercer Street on Saturday.

We appreciate you doing your part to support the library! Please contact Kim Frederick **512.219.6416** or any Board member if you have questions.

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## Friends welcome Karen Crowther as Secretary.



The newest member of our leadership team is Karen Crowther. She has been hard at work as our new secretary, and is making her presence felt as a dynamic voice on the Board. She is an experienced graphic designer,

having worked at the University of Texas publishing house for over 20 years. She also finds time to volunteer at the Library and is working with staff on scanning historical documents so they can be available on line. Welcome aboard, Karen.

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John Hoag, Editor  
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## Friends of the Library Membership

You can provide much needed support to the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, Inc. To join, simply complete the form below and return with your dues to: **Friends of DSCL, Inc., 501 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

### Annual Membership Levels (circle one)

Caldecott \$25

Nobel \$50

Pulitzer \$100

Carnegie \$200

Name:

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Mailing

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (receiving your Newsletter via email saves tremendously on printing and postage):

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving as a board member or chairperson.

\_\_\_\_\_ Helping with the Christmas in the Hills Tour of Homes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other fundraising events for the library.

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on a committee (e.g. membership, public relations, etc.)

Please return this form, together with your check made payable to:  
Friends of DSCL, Inc., 501 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

You can now also make donations, pay membership dues and buy tickets on line at  
[www.Chase.com](http://www.Chase.com)