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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

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Don't Miss the Second Annual Erin McKenzie Event!



John McKnight

John McKnight will speak on

Building Communities from the Inside Out

"Powerful citizen-centered local democracy that solves problems, welcomes all neighbors and creates a community of genuine care is possible when we discover our personal capacity to connect ourselves to the riches that surround us. We are, after all, not people half-full. We are a people whose cup runs over."

John McKnight

John McKnight is a Professor of Education and Social Policy and Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute of Northwestern University. For three decades, John has researched social service delivery systems, health policy, community organizations, neighborhood policy, and institutional racism. He currently directs research projects focused on asset-based neighborhood development and methods of community building by incorporating marginalized people.

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Wednesday March 28, 2007
3:00 to 5:00 PM
Courtright Memorial Library
- There is no charge to attend -



Erin McKenzie

Erin McKenzie (August 9, 1984 - August 24, 2004) attended Westerville South High School where she enjoyed being involved in all the traditional high school activities. She was very involved with the theater department at Westerville South and regularly assisted the Otterbein College Theatre department by serving as an

usher for both summer and main stage productions.

In honor of Erin McKenzie, the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library has created a virtual welcoming space on the Library homepage at the web-address <http://library.otterbein.edu>. The Virtual Welcoming Space is a website to promote learning, discovery, and to

confirm and challenge old notions with new ones. It pulls together materials in a variety of formats, on a variety of subjects, that can be easily located and used. Links to materials purchased in Erin's memory are included. Erin McKenzie's life mirrored the lofty goals of this virtual space.

Hope you Enjoyed the Show!

From the Magic Kingdom



On Wednesday March 7, 2007 the Freshmen Musical Theatre students under the direction of Dr. Dennis Davenport, with Staging and Choreography by Stella Kane, presented an evening of mystical entertainment.

The musical presentation, titled *From the Magic Kingdom*, consisted of many popular songs from Disney movies such as *Mary Poppins*, *101 Dalmatians*, *King David*, *Hercules*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Once again the freshmen musical theatre class showcased another impressive performance. Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the event next year!

"Second Chance" Art Exhibition & Reception

On March 1st a reception was held in the lower level of the Library to showcase the art of 12 Otterbein College Art students. Each year many art pieces aren't accepted into the Art Department's Juried Student Exhibition. Starving Artists takes these works, judges them again and puts together their own show.



This year Starving Artists worked with Allen Reichert, Library Art Liaison to mount an exhibit in the library of the pieces chosen. Many of the pieces are for sale. The exhibit provides the artists with a venue to highlight their work, while providing Library patrons a good reason to take a moment to linger in the lower level.



Student Art Majors - Members of Starving Artists

The Exhibition ran from February 26 through March 13 and was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Starving Artists



Otterbein Art Professors: Amy Johnson, Jim Bowling, and David Stichweh

Oh how We Liked it!



Top Left:
Stephen Grinch playing the role of Shakespeare.

On a cold Sunday January 28th, a packed house of 150 brave souls attended the showing of "As We Like It (And You Better Like It Too!)" The event was a tribute to the first theatrical production staged at Otterbein College 100 years ago.

Directed by Pat Kessler, James Bailey, John Wells, and Petie Dodrill with performances by many friends and colleagues, the performance was simply amazing. Far from the original production, this original version was filled with much more comedy than the bard ever envisioned.



Top Right:
Some liked it even more!
John Ludlum as Romeo drops on both knees for James Bailey as Juliet.



Bottom Left:
The Queen and Three Witches stirring things up. Played by: Carolyn Williams, Mary Pat Knight, Petie Dodrill, and Pat Kessler



Center:
John Ludlum and Stephen Grinch duel to the shock of John Wells.



Bottom Right:
Mary Pat Knight as Rosalind is wooed by the ever-busy James Bailey in the role of Orlando.

Sarah's Corner Dedication



Sarah Rose Gorsuch

A dedication ceremony for the completed Sarah's Corner was held during Homecoming in October of 2006. Last summer the lower level of the library was transformed into Sarah's Corner, the new name for the Courtright Memorial Library's children's collection.

There was a large turnout for the event from both friends and family of Sarah Gorsuch as well as many Friends of the Library.



Enjoying Sarah's Corner!



Tim Bowers, Children's Book Illustrator shares his talent.

Tim Bowers, a Children's Book Illustrator from Ohio gave a presentation during the dedication. His work has been published in books and children's magazines. His illustrations have been used on a wide variety of products and his characters have appeared on hundreds of greeting cards.

Attendees both young and old marveled at his drawing ability. After the event, Mr. Bowers presented the Library with two signed pictures that he drew during the presentation. In addition, he donated a few of his children's books to the collection. You can learn more about Tim Bowers at his website, www.timbowers.com.

The 1956 50th Reunion Committee at Otterbein College has established a fund in memory of Sarah Rose Gorsuch. Through the generosity of many people, over \$7,000 has been raised thus far. The money has been used to purchase area rugs, comfortable chairs, big book shelving and to continue to improve the collection, including purchasing new books and materials.

Donations for Sarah's Corner can be mailed to:

Lois Szudy, Courtright Memorial Library,
1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081

Please make checks payable to Otterbein College and write Sarah's Corner in the memo section of your check.



Sonya and Bill Evans, Louise Schultz and Marge Trent

Friends Bookmark 2007 - 2008

For the past several years, the Courtright Memorial Library has held a contest for a design for its annual bookmark, which consists of students from Professor Don Austin's Design 2D class (ART 110). The winning bookmark is chosen by the library staff and distributed to members of the Friends throughout the year. This year's winner was Vedrana Misanovic, a Freshman Art Major at Otterbein College.

An excerpt from Vedrana Misanovic artist statement:

"In creating the Friends of the Library bookmark, I mainly focused on my emotions. As a result, I came up with butterflies as the subject."

"I've always liked butterflies, and to me they symbolize a fairyland where joy, and the freedom to be adventurous rule. Butterflies are serene little explorers who continuously seek the unknown that surround them."

"As I enter through the doors of a library, I begin to feel like that butterfly who is searching for the perfect flower to land on, only in my case it is a book I can sink deep into. That's how I came up with the flying book-butterfly design. I imagined how books would appear in different positions and added an abdomen and antennae to them."

"The focal point of the bookmark is a large yellow book-butterfly with written information on it. The type is intended to mimic some of the patterns commonly seen on a butterfly. I chose warm, organic colors to reflect the welcoming nature of the library, as well as our natural tendency toward exploration."



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Treasurers Report



As of March 13, 2007 the Friends of the Library has a total of \$6,771 in our Friends membership account. In addition, due to the generosity of a large number of individuals the library has \$5,164 remaining in the Sarah's Corner fund.

Don't forget to renew your membership! The mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter indicates when your annual membership expires.

A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

Betty Woodworth Clark



March 17, 1919 to January 11, 2007

It is with sorrow that we say goodbye to a long time Friends member, Betty Woodworth Clark. Clark was a career artist and specialized in water color painting. A native of Jamestown, New York, she grew up in the deep woods and sunlit meadows of Chautauqua County, and influences of those years are evident in her work. An alumna of Otterbein College, Clark received her M.A. from Ohio University, and has studied with a number of artists through the years.

Clark's works have been exhibited in hundreds of Ohio and national exhibitions and have won many awards over the years. She taught Art in Euclid Schools, Cleveland Museum of Art, Tri-C Western Campus, Parma Continuing Education, and Parma Center Gallery, where she served as volunteer Director from 1963-1993. The Westerville Otterbein Women's Club in 1966 named her Woman of the Year for her achievements in art. Two of her paintings rendered in iridescent watercolors were published with her commentary at the invitation of editors of Watercolor Magazine, Summer 1997 issue.

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*
January 21, 2007

In 1999, Clark designed the first annual Friends of the Library Bookmark and exhibited a number of her works at the Courtright Memorial Library. She generously donated one of her water color paintings to the library.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Otterbein College Department of Art.

Poetry of Betty Woodworth Clark

January, 1937

When your life has proved such a blessing,
That knowing you, others feel love,
There will be joy knowing you are resting
In the arms of your Father above.

The last fleeting days seem so precious.
The faces around you so dear;
But your peace and joy will be greater
When you pass o'er that river so clear.

The loved ones around you are saddened,
But, knowing your life, they will try
To carry on your happy nature
And meet you up there by and by.

April, 1967

After the rain
The mists...translucent, ever moving,
Stir and seep
Stir and seep among the treetops

In the valley;
And, like an artist's thoughts inspired,
Wraith-like they seek they

Newly brilliant sun,
Then, slowly disappearing,
Reveal a lucid image.

June, 1995

A quiet place to meditate and dream,
A friend whose handclasp cheers a cloudy day
Deep sense that someone loves you without end
The right to worship God your chosen way;
A deep capacity for finding peace
In nature, friendship, victory over strife,
Work that fills your years with fruitful days.
These are the needs for happiness in life.



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*Enclosed is your latest copy of
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