Friends of RADL
November 2019 Newsletter

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80 Members (thank you for renewing!)

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 5 at Fred’s of Roscommon
Please note: we have been doing a great job of arriving at 11:30 to order lunch. (Thank you!) So - Fred’s waitstaff will announce daily specials at 11:35 and begin taking orders. That way we will get our lunches sooner. Meeting will begin at noon.

To view photos in this newsletter, please download attachment to view entire newsletter with photos.)

ARTIST AMONG US
Thank you, Susan Horvat for envisioning and organizing the Artist Among Us showcase at RADL for local artists from October 8 -12. Seven artists displayed art inspired by natural materials. During the week, a variety of artists offered demonstrations. On display (but not pictured here) was art by woodcarvers, Chet Schneider, Bob Southworth, Macey Mires, painted gourds by Jeri Selthoffer and basket weaving by Ruth Rushlow. Thank you to Connie Allen, Ed Bobinchak, Marilyn Ferguson, Dorothy Backus, Ann Jordan, Mary Lou Jennette, Valerie Remenar, Gene Koemer, Linda Brick, Ruth Muchler, Judith Voorhees, Gail Lynch, Brenda Mikula, Linda Udy, Martha Clapp, Deb Rosczyk and Tom Allen for volunteering.

Woodcarver Charlie Wilkins displayed a variety of carved pieces. A favorite is a buffalo he carved from a photograph he took in Wyoming. (With Joan Wilkins and Artist Among Us organizer, Susan Horvat.)

Cindy Potts brought her potting wheel offering a demonstration and made several pieces at the library.

10th ANNUAL WINE & CRAFT BEER TASTING - FEBRUARY 16
Can you believe this is our 10th year? Chairperson Ruth Muchler reports plans are well under way for this great event! The committee has met twice.
• Assignment sign-up begins at the November Membership Meeting (or call Ruth @ 586-214-8037)
• Tickets will be available for sale in December at RADL for your holiday shopping! Do you have a friend or neighbor you’d like to treat? (Tickets will be distributed at Member Mtg via mail to members in January.)
• Start looking for those chocolate sales after Thanksgiving & Christmas to donate boxes to consume at event.
• Folks are coming up with basket ideas - the ones guests at the event buy tickets to win. A big money-maker and lots of fun! A list will be passed at the November Membership Meeting. There are many ways you can contribute, such as donate items for use. (The basket committee can find a “home” for anything!) Bring in a flat-bottomed basket, maybe from a basket you won or one you spied at resale. Make up a complete basket on your favorite theme. Team up with a friend or two to make up a basket. Need ideas? We’ll be sharing suggestions soon. Coordinators Connie Allen, Susan Horvat & Heidi Luebke have plenty to share!
• Door prizes - those little goodies we pass out throughout the event - can be brought to any meeting or to RADL at anytime. Coordinator Deb Rosczyk suggests we need 10 or so.

PLEASE NOTE: a$ previously announced, this is Ruth’s final year to chair this event. We need someone to apprentice with Ruth with the aim of taking the leadership role for 2021. Could certainly be a duo or trio taking it on, if you prefer. This is an activity in which tasks are divided into parts and performed by a committee. ONE PERSON IS NOT DOING EVERYTHING. There are exacting records and many experienced people involved. It is our main fundraiser, we don’t want it to disappear. Can you help? Ruth can answer any questions you may have, share instructions/records so you can see what is involved. Even if you are just “thinking about it”, please contact Ruth Mutchler ruthmutchler@aol.com or call 586-214-8037. Thank you.

FRIENDS FUND RADL PROJECTS
The Friends recently voted to appropriate up $1,000 to buy books for RADL’s Tween Book Club. These young readers are an enthusiastic bunch who meet with Erica monthly and devour and discuss lively selections. The members get to keep their books to reread, build their own library or share with friends. Great incentive!

The Friends recently approved a joint project with the RADL Board to fund DVD shelving spacers for RADL. Each group contributed $1,750. The DVD shelves look fantastic! The spacers allow for attractive display of the DVDs making it easier for helpers to shelve, organize and secure DVDs on the shelves, as well as making it easier for patrons to locate materials.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
At the October Membership Meeting, members decided to once again have our Holiday Celebration Meeting! This is a festive, fun meeting, a great way to start the holiday season! We are having our Gift Grab, when you may pick a gift or “steal” a Friends’ - all in fun. We ask that you please bring a little item, in the $1.00 - 3.00 range or a gently used pass-me-on. Put in a gift bag, tape the top closed. Items may be “naughty (meaning silly) or nice”. All for fun! The December meeting will be Tuesday, December 3.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP TREE
Friend Martha Clapp has a great idea and we’re building on it! (And subject to expected approval at the November Meeting) Friends will display a small tree at RADL in December as a Membership Tree. Visitors may pluck a token from the tree and make a $5.00 donation to Friends in someone’s name or in their own name. In exchange, they’ll receive a packet (to give to the recipient of their gift) that contains information on the Friends and a membership form to convert the donation into a one-year membership, if the recipient desires. Just another way to reach out to our library community. Some festive fun!

Does this appeal to you? We’re looking for someone, two or three Friends to put this idea together. (We have the tree.) Sounds like a simple project - a chance to design a bit of cheer! Let Linda Brick know if interested - bayportbrick@gmail.com or 248-835-3036.
RADL NEWS
• The RADL Board Officers have voted to retain their current positions and maintain the current schedule for meetings on the first Friday on each month,
• The 2019 - 2020 Budget has been approved,
• You may have noticed the 14 new computers at the library, approved by the Board. The needed update includes operation with Windows 10 and allows the library to access services offered through the co-op, and
• The Board approved a $30,000 payment on the library's loan principal. Wow! Congratulations!

WELCOME TO RADL!
Welcome to RADL's newest clerk, Sara Humphrey. You're likely to see Sara's smiling face at RADL during evenings and Saturdays. So glad you're here!

AMAZON SMILE CHARITY
Do you order from Amazon during the holidays? When you do, you may designate the Friends of RADL as your Smile Charity and the Friends receives, at no cost to you, 0.5% of your purchase total. In the past year, shoppers who have designated the Friends of RADL as their Smile Charity sent, to Friends. As a result, over $200 has been directly deposited to the Friends banking account since August, 2018. Interested in helping? Go to smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of the Roscommon Area District Library" as your charity.

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS - "DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS" PROGRAM
The collection box at RADL has been regularly filled with receipts. Thank you, shoppers! A big thank you to Rita Baticiotti for tallying the receipts for September, October and November. Wow! Linda Brick is on deck to count for December. Remember: Family Fare receipts need to submitted in their entirety - the whole tape to be valid. You also need to use your Family Fare "Yes" card when purchasing to receive "Dollars".

Friends of RADL Officers & Committee Leaders

All omissions, mistakes and general boo-boos are mine. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Linda Brick