

NEWSLETTER

Friends of the North Grenville Public Library

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Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration "Attended" by Queen Victoria and Sir John A.



Our dignitaries, as they entered the Urbandale Centre, were greeted by the magnificent Barrhaven Fiddleheads. The Queen was certainly amused! Sir John A. was obviously fascinated.

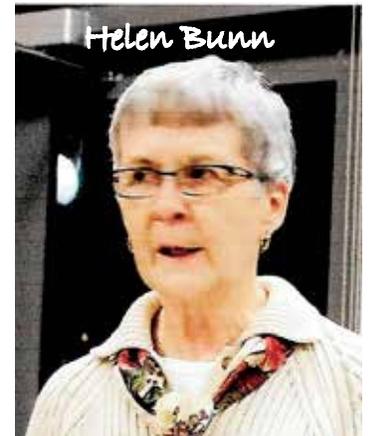
On with Puppets Up!, the brainchild of Noreen Young, Canada's foremost puppeteer! What a day Saturday, June 10, 2017, turned out to be! All in honour of Canada's Sesquicentennial and on the occasion of Friends fifteenth anniversary. Also performing was Adam Zimmerman's Eccentric Puppet Emporium, a whacky and wild puppet show including a pet dinosaur!

Four finger puppet making workshops for children were offered as part of the morning program. Noreen Young coordinated.

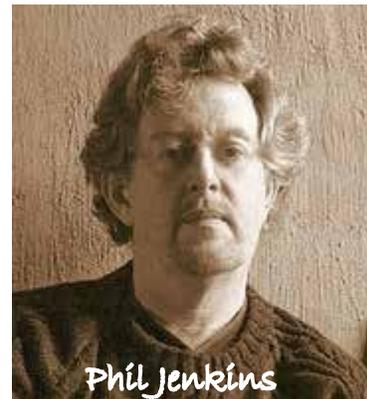
This special free event was offered by Friends of the North Grenville Public Library in recognition of the strong support provided to them these last fifteen years by the wonderful citizens of this municipality. Special thanks to Ivan and Roberta Russell for "recruiting" Noreen Young. She certainly made our special day possible!

AGM attracts overflow crowd

The highlight of this year's 15th AGM of the Friends of the Library on November 16 was the keynote address presented by Phil Jenkins, renowned author and journalist, who resides in Wakefield. His animated talk, rich in humour and accented with music, focused on the Rideau Canal and how it has impacted on North Grenville. His bestselling book, *An Acre of Time*, was on display.



Helen Bunn



Phil Jenkins

His audience, as usual, was enraptured.

Emcee for the evening was Jude Levere, who presided over the presentation of the prestigious Star of the Library Award. This year's recipient was Cheryl Mackie, proprietor of the famous Brigadoon Restaurant. Her granddaughter, Stephanie Boyce, accepted the award.

Helen Bunn, Chair, Executive Committee, conducted the business

component of the program. She reviewed the year's events and encouraged more individuals to become involved in the various undertakings of Friends, especially as we move beyond our last fifteen years.

In charge of the scrumptious refreshments was Vivian Howe, member of the Executive, who is known for her culinary expertise.



Jude Levere

Special thanks to Sue Higgins, the inspiration behind Friends of the Library!

Star of the Library



Accepting on behalf of Cheryl Mackie was her granddaughter, Stephanie Boyce.

Well deserved for her ardent support of Friends!

Literary Follies

Grenville Mutual was the site of this year's 15th Annual Literary Follies coordinated by Helen Bunn, Jude Levere, and George Buys.

This well-attended event, held on October 22, 2017, highlighted Canadiana. Among the speakers and musicians were: Author J. William Galbraith who expounded on the life of John Buchan (1st Baron Tweedsmuir) who became Governor General of Canada; Victor Suthern who focused on Captain Cook in Canada; Dan Black, who shared his poignant book, *Child Soldiers in the War*.

Musical entertainment was provided by Louise Atchison and the Sing'n Seniors; followed by Opera Singer to Folk Musician, Justin Ralph.

Free coffee was again provided by Brewed Awakening. Refreshments were served by volunteers. Vivian Howe, Jeff Murray, and Pat Babin were also on the organizing committee.



William Galbraith

Trivia Time at Bayfield

For the past three years, Friends has been providing trivia classes at the Bayfield Retirement Home. Assisting Pat Babin are the following: James Babin, Dana Mae Grainger, Jean Kilfoyle, Anthea Loke, Lou Munz, Jeffrey Murray, Anne Newton, and Femmie Wright.

Soon, Friends will be offering trivia sessions at the Kemptville and District Home Support on Sanders Street. Memory and literacy go hand-in-hand.



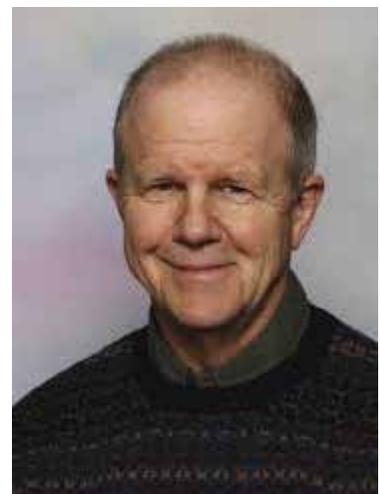
Sing'n Seniors



Justin Ralph



Dan Black



Victor Suthern

Special thanks to Brewed Awakening and Grenville Insurance

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16th Children's Funfest

Thanks are extended to Rick Kingsley, Owner, Giant Tiger, for his continued support of this very special children's celebration held at the North Grenville Public Library. The talented duo, Susan and Kerry Badgley, assisted by George Buys, provided a musical program that kept the youngsters and their parents in a festive mood the morning of December 28.

Barrhaven Fiddleheads



We love YOU!

Helen Groskopf and Maureen McCleery



Two worthy Life Members



Financial sponsors of Puppets Up!: Fran Thompson, RB Heating, Kemptville Living, Sheila Pratt, Joan Simpson, Myers Motors, Hard Stone Restaurant, Municipality of North Grenville, John Brauneisen Enterprises, Tallman Trucking, Roberta Russell, Dana-Mae Grainger, Jean Kilfoyle and Friends of the Library.

Your Support is Our Lifeline

In Appreciation

The members of the Executive Committee, Friends of the Library, wish to thank Dr. Helen Bunn, outgoing Chair of the Executive.

She provided strong leadership during challenging times. This past year has seen a resurgence. 2017 was one of our most active and vibrant periods.

Our entire membership thanks you, Helen.

Barbara and John Grinstead left us this past year. Both life members of Friends, they were also active in Youngsters of Yore. R.I.P.

Friends is a registered charity recognized by Revenue Canada.

Our Registration Number is:
840 342 729 RR0001

Volunteers are our Lifeline!

What's Ahead for Friends as we Start Year Sixteen?

Quotable quotes from our early years:

"Their (Friends) enthusiasm and their commitment to the life changing power of reading is an inspiration." Jim Armour, Library Board

"Without Friends' help the Library would not be able to provide the quality of programs and services that we now offer." "They are an essential part of the team." Library CEO, Sue Higgins

"Your creativity, diligence and kindness are greatly appreciated." Bill McElrea, Chair, Room to Read Committee

One of the volunteers (during the fundraising phase of Library construction): *"How often do you get to do this in your lifetime?!!"*

That was yesterday.
What about today?

Do we have enough support to continue as a volunteer organization? Do we still have the energy that propelled us to first place as recipients of the Gabriele Schrieber Friends of the Year Award in 2012? Number One in all of Canada!!! Are we still valued in the Community? Do we still have that "amazing network" in North Grenville? Can we rebuild our Executive? Do we still have the energy and creativity once so prevalent?

During the next few months we will be holding meetings to discuss our future. Yes, we do realize that volunteer fatigue is a factor.

How can we energize our membership?

In Memoriam



The Friends of the Library would like to extend its condolences to the family of Mary Eleanor Bondo Johnson. Mary's final wish to have the Friends recognized as part of her legacy to the community will have a lasting impact on the Library's programming for young people.

Cathy, we will miss you!



Amount raised for Library as a result of the OPP BBQs: **\$9,500**

One of the most exciting components of Friends' many undertakings is Youngsters of Yore.



Thank you, Jean Kilfoyle, Fran Thompson, and your wonderful cadre of volunteers for nurturing such a vibrant weekly event. The place to be for the tea crowd! The programs are certainly worth the price of admission.