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Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library December 2010

A Note From Linda



Thanksgiving is behind us and we are getting ready for the Christmas season. Hopefully you and your family were able to attend our annual tree lighting on Friday, December 3rd. With the visit from Santa and a beautiful tree, it was the perfect way to start the holidays.

Our December 21 meeting will also be a great way to relax and catch up with the other members of Friends. This is a social event rather than a meeting. You can enjoy great refreshments, good conversation, and go home with a book you want to read - the perfect way to celebrate the holidays.

While we are all busy this time of year, please stop by the Library and wish Richard and Sandy a happy holiday. They keep our library running smoothly and make it fun to support such a great community treasure. Happy Holidays to all of you. I hope to see you on the 21st.

Linda

FOL December Meeting - Christmas Social and Book Swap

WHEN: Tuesday, December 21, 7PM, at the library

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Bring a plate of cookies or other treats to share and a book to swap. Instead of our regular meeting, we will visit with “old Friends” and make “new Friends.”
Come one and all.

FOL to Sponsor Spanish Classes

The Friends will sponsor free Spanish classes for children in grades **1 -3 on Saturdays, from 10-10:30AM from January 15-26**. Señora Victoria Jones will teach the classes again. This is a very popular program with the children and a great winter time activity. Thanks to Meg Thompson for organizing this program again this year. Parents should **preregister children by calling 828-478-2729**.

December Schedule at our Library

Sandy Cooke, Branch Manager

- **Toddler/preschool stories Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** followed by crafts
- **Music time, 10 a.m. Thursdays:** Don't forget Santa is coming to music time on Thursday, December 16th. He'll have special treats for all our little ones. Music starts at 10:00am with Santa arriving shortly after - bring your camera.
- **Friends of the Library social, 7 p.m. Dec. 21**
- **The library will be closed Wednesday, December 22 through Saturday December 25 and Friday, Dec. 31.**



The library will celebrate the season with Christmas and Hanukah activities through cheerful stories, songs and crafts. Children's crafts will add to the festive decorations as well as be taken as a gift for that special someone to decorate homes and trees.

Following story time we will have crafts a plenty for our visiting children in the afternoon/early evening. Throughout the month we'll have soft music playing and the smell of **sugar cookies on Tuesday evenings.**

Crafts and books on decorating will be on display in the library for those who enjoy decorating with flair. **Also on display is a beautiful collection of pottery pieces from local resident, Richard Burgess.** Rick is a self-taught artist who has been producing some truly exceptional pieces. Be sure to take a look at the glass case.



Our Christmas giving tree and our collection of food for the Sherrills Ford Food Pantry have been successful and we wish to thank our community for their generous donations. We also wish to thank those who have supported the FOL Christmas wreath sales.



Annual FOL Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Photos by Jan Liska and Bob Larsen



Bow making session at the Lions Den, November 10:



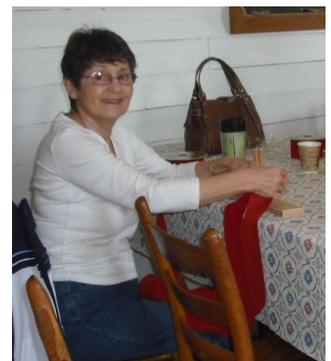
Alice Larsen



Barb Andres, Pat Anderson



Jackie Cox



Jean Schooley



Mary Wanzong



Vanda Freeman



Attaching the bows, December 2



Flo and Pat Hollands, Betty Hanson



FOL Sponsored Tree Lighting and Santa Visit

Photos by Linda Greenwell



Above: The crowd anticipates Santa; Santa reads Gabriel Wright's list; Jacob Raulerson
Left: Santa arrives in splendor. Below: McKenzie Westerholt receives animal crackers and a candy cane from Santa; Susan Hunsucker and Sweetsie.



FOL thanks Flo Hollands, Jan Liska and Pat Anderson for chairing the wreath sale and Tom Turowski for chairing the Tree Lighting.

SFFOL Member Information

FOL Social: Tuesday, December 21, at the Library, 7 PM. Bring a plate of cookies or other treats to share and a book to swap.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions** to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion, **or to request previous issues: ejdewey@gmail.com**. Unless otherwise credited, all photos by Ellen Dewey. Please notify Ellen of any e-mail address changes.

County Library News

Tammy Wilson, Public Info. Officer, CC Libraries, <http://www.co.catawba.nc.us/library>

Holiday craft opportunities at other branches:

If you're looking for some inexpensive crafts to make for the holidays, look no further than Catawba County Library. Free workshops are planned in coming weeks to help you gear up for the gifting season.

Kids can **make Christmas ornaments at St. Stephens Branch on Dec. 7**. The craft time will be held in conjunction with a family story time at 6 p.m. that Tuesday and is open to school-aged children. School-aged children are invited to **craft holiday letters to veterans from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Main Library in Newton**.

St. Stephens welcomes knitters and crocheters to a book talk and stitching session beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Be sure to pre-register by calling the branch at 256-3030.

St. Stephens branch will host **adult crafters at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14**. Materials will be provided to decorate bags in the Art Deco style.

A **jewelry-making session is planned at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at Maiden Branch**. Participants should contact the branch to sign up so that there will be enough supplies.

For more information about the sessions, contact Main Library at 464-8668, Maiden Branch at 428-2712 or St. Stephens at 256-3030. All are part of the Catawba County Library System.

Free computer instruction:

Local residents may take free computer classes at Catawba County Library during December. The 90-minute sessions are taught by librarians and pre-registration is required. Classes include:

Intro to Computers—Take the first steps toward computing with the Windows operating system. Sessions will be offered at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Newton and again at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10 at Southwest Mountain View.

To register call the Main library at 465-8665 or Southwest at 294-2343.



Community

Holiday Band Concert: The **Community Band** sponsored by Mitchell Community College will perform a **Holiday Concert** at Shearer Auditorium on Monday, December 13, 7:30 PM.

Wild over LKN! is a community-wide initiative to provide habitat for wildlife throughout the Lake Norman Region--in individual backyards, on school grounds, and in public areas such as parks, community gardens, places of worship and businesses. This will become the first lake region in the nation to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat Community. A committee with representatives from each zip code that abuts the lake will certify Lake Norman area as a Certified Wildlife Habitat Community under the guidelines of the National Wildlife Federation. This project is supported by the chambers of commerce of the towns around the lake.



Wild over LKN! is a project of The Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists (LNWC), a chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. LNWC works to preserve habitat, holds workshops about gardening for wildlife and other environmental conservation topics, and initiates conservation projects that include Osprey nesting platforms, fish attractors, turtle basking platforms, plantings to minimize shoreline erosion, and a coverboard project to monitor snakes and reptiles on the islands.

PLEASE help make Lake Norman the first and largest body of water designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat in the U.S.

LNWC needs 500 backyards, 15 schools, and 10 churches to become Wildlife Certified Habitats. We currently have 193 backyards, 13 schools, and 2 churches. Please support this initiative by making your backyard a Certified Wildlife Habitat. You can do this by providing the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and , places to raise young. Make your backyard a Certified Wildlife Habitat by going to the following link: www.secure.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certify/page1.cfm

Please make sure you also register your backyard with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation found on the same link.

Thank you!
Vanda Freeman, LNWC Secretary



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