



Adorned wreaths awaiting pickup.

Sherrills Ford

Friends of the Library

December 2011




Greetings From the President



I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving; our family thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and the reunion. As I write this we are playing Christmas music and starting to prepare for the busy Holiday Season.

The Friends of the Library have been occupied with seasonal projects in addition to regular activities. By the time you read this we will have lit the Christmas tree and welcomed Santa to the library (December 2). Our wreath sale will also have been completed. Many thanks to Jan Liska and Flo Hollands for coordinating this event; and of course a huge “Thank You” to all other *Friends* who participated. Our December 20 meeting will be a social featuring refreshments and a book exchange. Please bring one book to swap and a small plate of your favorite cookies. There will be no business meeting.

We have planned the next three regular monthly meetings of the FOL. On January 17 we will devote the entire meeting to business items. Tammy Wilson is tentatively scheduled to speak at the February 21 meeting. Then in March we will conclude the Sherrills Ford Read with a program featuring Professor Tony Abbott leading a discussion of *Cutting for Stone*.

I am very pleased to announce that we have new leadership for Membership. Jackie Cox and Betty Fike have graciously volunteered to co-chair this vital element of our organization. My thanks to these two *Friends* for stepping up and assuming this function. I want to also thank Autumn Hinrichs for the fine work she has done as chair over the last few years.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

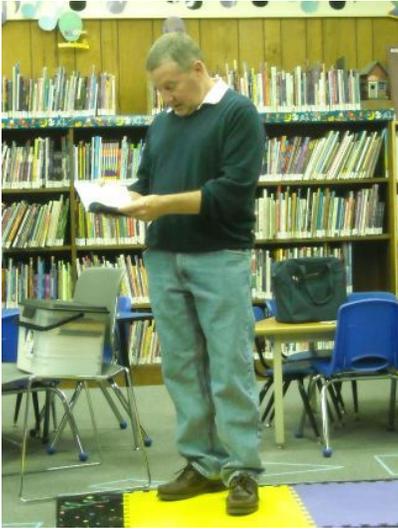
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Schedule at Our Library
Richard and Sandy



- Ready to Learn, 10 a.m. Wednesdays
- Music time, 10 a.m. Thursdays
- Ready to Learn family stories, 4 p.m. Thursdays

FOL Welcomes Local Author at Nov. Meeting



Terrell resident Bill Bennett, author of three published books, described how his writing developed in stages throughout his life. Bennet began writing outside of assignments while in high school, and after a while, set it aside as “life” intervened. He returned to it again around the age of 40, and CCPC writing classes helped him find his style, and he began writing poems and short stories. Another writing hiatus followed. Then, following personal tragedies in his life, Bennett began writing again.

Left: Bill Bennett (also known as Gordon Bennett) reads from one of his novels.

Below left to right: Tom Turowski samples the delicious cookies while getting his copy of *The Old Man’s Plan* signed. Wally Wanzong and Jan Liska with their signed copies of *Beyond Living*.



Successful FOL Wreath Sale



Above Left: Chair of the Wreath Sale Flo Hollands, standing at left, along with (clockwise) Martha Nemechek, Sharon Chabica, Jackie Cox, Betty Fike, Ginny Sanford, and Anna Kretz, make bows at one of three bowmaking sessions at the Lions Den. **Above Right:** Some of the 200 bows made to adorn the wreaths.



Bow Attaching Session held at the Lions Den: Left to right in both photos: Linda Greenwell, Pat Hollands, and Bob Larsen; Jean Schooley, Jan Harrison, Phyllis Meyers, and Jan Liska.

SFFOL Member Information

FOL Meeting/HOLIDAY SOCIAL: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30. PLEASE BRING A SMALL PLATE OF COOKIES AND A BOOK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A BOOK EXCHANGE. ALSO BRING WREATH MONEY AND DUES FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR, and bring a friend, too!

FOL Help Wanted: Volunteers are needed for a book cleaning project in January, February, and March. Contact Linda Greenwell at 828-478-4321 if you would like to help.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions** to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion: ejdewey@gmail.com.

FOL to Continue Sponsorship of Spanish Lessons at Sherrills Ford Library

Watch for detailed information on Spanish lessons for children at Sherrills Ford Library coming in January and February, sponsored by Friends of SF Library. Make your plans now for the eight Saturdays in January and February. There will be a **beginning and an advanced class each Saturday** with a short break in between. The same instructor, Miss Victoria, will teach; and a fiesta will conclude the final sessions.

Friends to Sponsor 2nd Community Read

For the second year, the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library will sponsor a community read-where members of the community read the same book and then meet together to discuss the book. The discussion of the book will be held on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 pm at the Sherrills Ford/Terrell Fire Station on Slanting Bridge Road. This year's selection is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

We are fortunate to have Tony Abbott lead the discussion again this year. For those of you who attended last year's discussion, you know we are in for a lively discussion that will make you think, laugh and give you a better appreciation for the book you have just read.

Cutting for Stone is a sweeping, emotionally riveting first novel—an enthralling family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home. It has received great reviews and is enjoyed by all readers, men and women. More details about the Community Read and this novel will appear in January's newsletter.

Community

Meals on Wheels Begins Route in Sherrills Ford:

Catawba County Meals on Wheels now has a route in Sherrills Ford. Additional volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens in this area. Volunteers typically spend one hour per month delivering meals. Donations are also needed to reach the maximum number of people needing this service. For more information, go to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/adult/nutrition.asp> or call 828-695-5610. You can also “like” us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/MealsonWheelsofCatawbaCounty>.



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