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Holiday Home Tour, another blockbuster...

Well, the Friends' primary annual fundraising activity came off with nary a hitch, reported 2011 event Chairperson, Margaret Wimmer. Four homes, in addition to the historic Pound House and the Library, were on display, each selected because of its unique architectural features and decor, reflecting the diverse character, warmth and charm of Hill Country living. Margaret was quick to thank the people who opened their homes for the Tour, including Marcia Clark, Doyle

and Claireen Fellers, Patricia and Bill Hall, and Claudia Oney and Bill Paige.



Host Bill Paige explains details of their home.
Photo courtesy of PODS

The sponsors for the Tour included Faith Holmes, M.D., the Russell Family, Camilla and John G. Bordie, Kim Collins (Moreland Properties), Nancy and John Fierstien, Kimmell Builders, Inc., Sue Blackburn and John Hoag, Dick and Dorothy Blue, June and Jim Baumuel, Family Dentistry, Susan

Santamaria (EdwardJones), Texas Water Systems, Wayland D. Clark Photography and Texas Hill Country Olive Company.

A new feature of the day's activities was the International Wine Tasting, hosted by Kim and Marlin Frederick at their home in the Polo Club. This event, which provided a significant boost to overall receipts, was made possible through generous underwriting by Gavin Loftus, of Edward Jones, and Scott Daves, of Stanberry Associates, Realtors. The tasting was conducted by Tom Duck and Leonard Olson of Star of Texas Liquor & Wine. Fruit and Cheese were provided by Thyme & Dough. Attendees seemed to feel the tasting was instructional, as well as a lot of fun.

Friends treasurer, Marla Sone, stated "with the success of the Tour, the wine tasting and other events, we are again assured we will be able to make a substantial contribution to the ongoing financial needs of the Library."



Host Marlin Frederick and event Chair John Hoag prep for the wine tasting – Photo by Jaime Molina, PODS

From Donna Woody, President...



As I end my two year term as president of the Friends, I find it hard to know what to say except "Thank you" to everyone I've worked with and talked with while trying to live up to the excellent job done by the many who preceded me as president of the Friends of the Library. It's a big job but a worthwhile one. My main goal was to keep the Tour of Homes going. To me it's a unique kind of home tour. It's not just about big, fancy homes, although we all love to visit them. It's not just about the Christmas decorations, although we all like to find something new to try. It's about a community where people visit one another to share the spirit of Christmas as celebrated in their homes. Even if we didn't make any money doing it, I'd want to continue the tradition. In fact, I've already said I want my home on the tour next year. Thanks to Margaret Wimmer for chairing the 2011 home tour. We'll miss her.

In the past couple of years, we've come up with two new fund raisers. The Dining out in Dripping Raffle has the potential to grow along with Dripping Springs. In 2010 we had 14 restaurants in our area donate

Woody, continued. a meal for two. In 2011 we had 24 restaurants participate. We sold over 300 raffle tickets and Becky Thomas won all those free meals. That's a lot of bang for a three dollar ticket. Thanks to Bobbie Hentschel for all her effort in contacting the restaurants.

John Hoag dreamed up the International Wine Tasting event and made a great success of it the first year. Tom Duck and Leonard Olson were entertaining and knowledgeable guides to the wines from around the world. I'm really looking forward to the next one.

I intend to be an active past president. We don't have a President on the slate yet, but I will attend as many meetings as possible to coach the new team in its efforts. This isn't the first time we haven't had experienced leadership, and everyone involved just pitches in to get what is needed done. We are counting on some of you to join us. You don't have to be experienced, just willing.



Donna Woody and Board Member Bobbie Hentschel take a break the day of the Tour. Photo courtesy of PODS

Editor's note: PODS is an acronym for Photographers of Dripping Springs, a new nonprofit service group headed by Carla McCandless



Did you know?

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with more than 151.8 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 34.5 million books and other print materials, 3.3 million recordings, 13.4 million photographs, 5.4 million maps, 6.5 million pieces of sheet music and 66.6 million manuscripts.

Announcing - Annual Meeting...

The Board reminds everyone of the upcoming annual meeting and volunteer appreciation night, to be held at the Library on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 beginning at 7PM . This is a great networking opportunity to meet like-minded volunteers and to share your ideas and concerns. If you have even the slightest interest in helping, this will give you the chance to receive direct input about our many involvement opportunities. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend.

Spotlight On...

Brad Kimmell

For the past 7 years, Brad Kimmell of Kimmell Builders, Inc. has been a Platinum Sponsor of our Home Tour. Two years ago he was proud to sponsor Ann and Shawn Connolly's home, which he built.



Brad Kimmell

Brad grew up in Dallas and started in the construction business in 1976. He graduated from UT in 1981, and moved to the Dripping Springs area about 20 years ago. Encouraged by architect Jim Polkinghorn and library trustee, Linda Woodward, he was named the general contractor for building the library's Children's Wing. Says Brad, "That first job gave me a good start in Dripping Springs and that's why I feel compelled to continue supporting the library." He has since

built many commercial projects and custom homes in the area. He is known for using classic Hill Country materials to produce beautiful, warm homes and offices.

We are lucky to have many such community-minded people living and working to make Dripping Springs the great home town it is. Thanks, Brad!

Amanda Rorie

Everybody loves Amanda! That's the first thing of which you become aware when you speak with her co-workers and volunteers. It is easy to understand why. Her friendly smile and willing attitude are readily apparent. Says library head, Cara Russell, "Amanda is a vital part of our team!"

So our intrepid editorial staff decided to get a little better acquainted with Amanda Rorie.

She is definitely a local girl, having moved to Drippin' with her family when she was still in grade school. She says she was in the first class of sixth graders to attend Middle School (now the district's administration facility), and she was a 2004 graduate of D.S. High School.

Having always had an interest in books, she started as a volunteer in the library, and was hired as a part time clerk in 2005. Since then, she has become immersed in assisting patrons at the main circulation desk, as well as assisting the children's librarian. This latter activity obviously brings her great pleasure, as her face lights up as soon as she starts talking about it.

Amanda is serious about her library position, evidenced by the

Amanda, continued. receipt of her Library Assistant certification from Alamo Community College, followed by recognition at Palo Alto Community College for academic achievement. Her training includes working with all manner of reference materials, and if you need help finding your way around the reference section or the card catalog, she's your gal.

Amanda says she is particularly proud of the library's summer reading program for kids, where participants earn prizes (donated by Friends sponsors) for reading achievement.

Rumor also has it she is quite the cat fancier. So next time you spot someone feeding the cats, or leading around a big stuffed playmate in the children's section, or helping an old dude like me navigate the card catalog, that just might be Amanda. And we're oh so glad she's here. *John Hoag*



Amanda and friend. Photo courtesy of PODS

Opportunities Abound...

Many hands make light work, and it's true. If you're looking for an opportunity to get involved with something worthwhile in Dripping Springs, join the Friends of the Library. We have many different tasks, large and small, and we can use the help.

Let's start small. Could you address, stuff and mail envelopes? Could you work a shift at our booths at Founders Day and Christmas on Mercer Street? Would you bake something and help package and price the goodies? Would you be willing to be a greeter at one of the homes on the Christmas tour?

How about a little bigger challenge? Could you call or email people to recruit bakers for our bake sales? Can you help put up and take down Christmas decorations at the library? Can you put out directional signs along the streets for the Tour of Homes? Can you contact people about having their home on the tour? Are you a part of a musical group that could perform at one of the houses on the Tour of Homes?

Bigger questions. Can you commit to attend a monthly meeting and help get things organized? Do you know how to use Quicken and have the time to pay bills and make deposits? Can you send out membership reminders? Can you help us publicize our events? Would you be willing to help us contact sponsors for our events? Are you good at desktop publishing and design? If any of the above possibilities have sparked your interest, please call Donna Woody at 512-858-2937 or email her at woodydj04xx@yahoo.com.

Circle the date!

- ✚ Friends of the Library Annual Meeting – 7 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2012. At the Library
- ✚ Annual Christmas Tour of Homes – Saturday, December 8, 2012
- ✚ Board of Directors monthly meeting - Second Tuesday of each month, 10 AM to noon, at the Library

MY LIBRARY, by Varda One

*It's only a room with shelves and books,
but it's far more magical than it looks*

*It's a jet on which I soar
to lands that exist no more.*

*Or a key with which I find
answers to questions crowding my mind.*

*Building my habit of learning and growing,
asking and researching till I reach knowing.*

*Here, I've been a mermaid and an elf
I've even learned to be more myself.*

*I think that I shall never see
a place that's been more useful to me.*

*With encouraging kind friends with wit
Who tell me to dream big and never quit.*

*It's only a room with shelves and books,
but it's far more magical than it looks.*

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It's time once again for our annual membership drive!

We hope you will renew your Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library membership, maybe even increase your level of support. In 2011, thanks to memberships and our fund raising efforts, your library is adding a subscription to Ancestry.Com and will also use the funds to start an e-reader library! The Dripping Springs Community Library is doing more every year to stay "cutting edge". Your membership helps in more ways than we can possibly express in this space. Check out the web page, <http://www.dscl.org> to discover more. You will be able to access the Friends website from this link also.

Thank you for the contributions you have made in the past. We hope you will continue on the rolls of the Friends as we help our library move from good to great!

Sincerely,

Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library

February, 2012

Friends of the Library Membership

You can provide much needed support to the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, Inc. To join, simply complete the form below and return with your dues to:

Friends of DSCL, Inc., 501 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Annual Membership Levels

Caldecott \$25

Nobel \$50

Pulitzer \$100

Carnegie \$200

I do not want to be a member, but please accept this donation. _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email (if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail) _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities

- _____ Serving as a board member or chairperson.
- _____ Helping with the Christmas in the Hills Tour of Homes.
- _____ Other fundraising events for the library.