



The Cornwall Library Newsletter • June 2009

Food Glorious Food 2009 Festival
The second annual Food Glorious Food festival will be held Saturday, June 20 to benefit the Library. The day begins at 9:30 am with breakfast foods and Fair Trade coffee. The art show, silent auction, "Batterie de Cuisine" and the new and used cookbook sale also open at that time. The farmer's market will run from 9:30 to 1:30. Food and retail vendors will be open from 11:30 to 3pm.

Madhur Jaffrey, chef and cookbook author, will speak about her memoir, *Climbing the Mango Tree*, at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20. Tickets for the cocktail party from 5-7 pm (adults only) are also \$20.

All festival activities will be held on library grounds except the Jaffrey talk (at the UCC Parish House) and cocktail party, which will be held at a private residence in Cornwall Village.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Amy Cady at the Cornwall Library (860 672-6874). Tickets will also be available at the door. MasterCard, Visa or checks will be accepted for advance tickets.

Art at the Library

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 14 from 3-5 pm for the opening of the second annual Food Glorious Food! Art Show. Participation forms have been mailed and are available at the library. We anticipate that the Library walls will be filled with

artwork depicting FOOD; guaranteed to be filling (for your walls) but non-caloric. If last year is any indication, the works will be many and varied. The show will run from June 9-26. Proceeds will go to the library operating fund.

Children's Summer Program

This year's Summer Reading Program is called "Be Creative @ Your Library." Wednesday evenings will feature a different performer or workshop, and children will be encouraged to read all summer with reading logs and prizes. The program will run for six weeks starting July 1. Schedules and book logs will be available in late June.

Notes from the Book

Selection Committee

Despite his edible surname, Sir Francis Bacon was not known as a foodie. There is no record of his ever saying, "Yum! Yum!" or the Elizabethan equivalent. He did, however, create one of the most durable food-metaphors of all time when he wrote that "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

The Book Selection Committee completely agrees, especially when it comes to building a cookbook collection. Almost everyone who prepares meals, whether for pleasure or for mere

maintenance, has “chewed and digested” a few indispensable culinary works. Fannie Farmer and Irma Rombauer, Elizabeth David and Julia Child – their views and methods become second nature, shaping and transforming your own.

Most cookbooks, however, are for more desultory use: for “tasting” and “swallowing.” You try a recipe or two in the hope of relief from the inexorable pressure of meal-planning, but you don’t want to rest your whole domestic economy on, say, *101 Ways to Make Sausage*, no matter how inventive it may be. This is why the Library is a satisfying culinary partner. You can borrow a stimulating volume or two for a one-night stand, with no fear of commitment.

A quick scan of the Library’s cookbook table (just beyond the new-book bins in

the main hall) turned up almost the entire oeuvre of the Barefoot Contessa, Ina Garten; Claudia Roden’s *Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey and Lebanon*; *Tapas* by Penelope Casas; and *The Sushi Experience* by Hiroko Shimbo. Any one of these would make delightful summer reading and might add a standard or two to your repertoire.

And don’t forget that Madhur Jaffrey, doyenne and evangelist of Indian cuisine, will grace the “Food Glorious Food” festival on June 20. The Library owns several of her works, but some will also be available to buy. The Book Selection Committee was thrilled to leaf through a crisp new copy of *Madhur Jaffrey’s Quick and Easy Indian Cooking*, which could turn into a transforming experience.

EXHIBITS, PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Art at the Library

The Food Glorious Food 2009 art exhibit will run from June 9–26.

Glorious Food Artists’ Reception

There will be a reception at the library for all participating artists and their guests on Sunday, June 14 from 3–5 pm.

Black Bears Program

A Black Bears Program will be presented by the CT Department of Environmental Protection on Saturday, June 13 at 3:00 pm.

Sixth Grade Luncheon

The Friends of the Library are hosting a luncheon for CCS sixth graders on Thursday, June 4 at 11:30 am at the library.

Story Hour

Friday, June 5 will be the last Story Hour for pre-schoolers and kindergarteners. Story Hour will resume in the fall.

Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, June 12 at 3:00 pm.

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