



## The Cornwall Library Newsletter • March 2010

### **Art at the Library**

The Cornwall Consolidated School students' art exhibit will continue through March, until April 3. Close to eighty students are participating in this colorful multi-media extravaganza.

### **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day**

The Cornwall Library invites all to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the first day of spring with popcorn, snacks and the movie *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, the story of an Irish-American family living in Brooklyn at the turn of the 20th Century. Adapted from Betty Smith's celebrated coming-of-age novel and directed by Elia Kazan, the film won two Academy Awards. It will be introduced by Joy Boyum and shown on Saturday evening, March 20 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door – \$10 each, \$15 per couple.

### **Knit a Row, Purl a Row**

For all would-be knitters and those who want to share their talents, Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm marks the launch of the newly-formed knitting group. Bring ideas for a project, yarn and needles if you have them. We will have knitting books and samples for you. Tea and dessert will be served. Knitting pros will be on hand to instruct. If you enjoy other handicrafts like crocheting, rug hooking, embroidering or cross-stitch, you are

welcome to bring your projects. Call the Library at 672-6874.

### **R.E.A.D. for Fun**

Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) is a literacy support program utilizing trained therapy dogs to act as pet partners for developing readers. Dr. Katherine Kane and her dog Bo, will be volunteering at the Library after school on Wednesday, March 31 at 3 pm so that young readers can read to Bo. Please call the Library to sign up for a ten minute session reading to a friendly, furry and attentive listener!

### **Save the Date**

This year's spring fundraiser, *The Gardens of Cornwall*, will take place on Saturday, June 19. Tour over six local gardens and enjoy the Library's botanical art exhibit and sale. At the end of the day, celebrate gardens and spring with the annual cocktail party held at a local residence.

### **Notes from the Book**

#### **Selection Committee**

The Book Selection Committee knows you have spent sleepless nights worrying about consensus: not the Congressional kind, which is making impasse a way of life, but the library kind, which adds books to the collection. For whatever reason, this kind of consensus comes

fairly easily when we're considering fiction. Non-fiction is a stickier wicket, possibly because amongst us we have such a scattered range of life-interests.

You'll be happy to hear that at our last meeting we all agreed on Michael Pollan's most recent manifesto, *Food Rules*. Nor could we resist *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right* by Atul Gawande, born of his experiences as a surgeon, but applicable and useful in most areas of life. Probably you won't rush to the Library, panting for a look at *The Annotated U. S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence*, but at some point you'll be glad to consult it. And we know there are some espionage junkies out there who will love the big, fat volume *Defend the Realm*, which is Christopher Andrew's history of MI-5.

We also laid in a supply of fiction which we hope will sustain us through

the last sputtering days of winter. Here are a few samples:

Geoffrey Becker, *Hot Springs*. Some novels can't help being called *rollicking*; this one is, even though it deals with a painful subject: the determination of a biological mother to kidnap her child away from her adoptive parents.

Gail Godwin, *Unfinished Desires*. Nobody writes more adeptly than Godwin about the intensity of adolescents growing into the adult world – in this case, in a Catholic school for girls in the South.

Alexander McCall Smith, *La's Orchestra Saves the World*. This is a non-violent novel of WW2 from the writer who is about as prolific as Joyce Carol Oates, and a lot less Gothic.

Cathleen Schine, *The Three Weissmans of Westport*. Another member of the growing Jane Austen family, this one is a saucy version of *Sense and Sensibility*.

## EXHIBIT, PROGRAM & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Art Shows

The CCS students' art exhibit will continue through March, until April 3.

### Chess Club

The Chess Club continues on Saturday March 13 and 27 at 10 am for children ages 7 and up.

### Census Testing

2010 Census testing to become a part-time census taker will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 5 to 7 pm.

### Hot Chocolate Hour

Hot Chocolate Hour continues for third and fourth graders on Wednesday, March 3, 10 and 17 at 3 pm.

### Story Hour

The last Story Hour session in this series will be on Friday, March 5 at 1:15 pm.

### Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees will meet Friday, March 19 at 3 pm. The Friends of the Library will meet Friday, March 19 at 4 pm.