



Friends of the Lantana Public Library

The Bugle

"We blow the library's horn"

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Do You Remember Ye Tower Restaurant?



Long Time Lantana residents will. They, and those who don't, won't want to miss Marjorie Watts Nelson's talk at our friends March 24 meeting on Paul Dunbar and his landmark restaurant which ran from 1925 through the 1980's. Paul Dunbar was Lantana's Mayor for 9 years and a skilled amateur photographer. Mrs. Nelson, co-author with Town Historian Mary Linehan of Pioneer Days on the Shores of Lake Worth, 1873-1893, has a host of recollections of Ye Tower and will be illustrating her talk with some of Paul Dunbar's photographs. The Meeting, co-hosted with the Friends by the Lantana Historical Society, 7 pm at the Library, will end with light refreshments. All are welcome. Tell your Friends not to miss this evening of yesterday's Lantana.

Friends of the Library—2011 Officers and Directors Elected at the January, 2011 Meeting

President, Teresa Wilhem
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Hours: Mon-Thursday, 10:00 am—8:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 am-6 pm
Saturday and Sunday—Closed



Watch the Space in Front of Our Library

Two years ago or so the Library lost its hedge dividing our parking lot from the old bowling alley property to the north. White flies killed it, and the Town removed the corpse, leaving an area “ripe for renewal” as real estate developers (used to) say. It’s still ripe; but, because of budget woes, un-renewed and supremely unattractive. Much the same can be said of the Library’s front “lawn” facing Ocean Avenue. Every day thousands of shoppers, commuters, and post office users pass our property and form an impression of the Library dominated by the litter ridden, waste space around it.

We can do better, and the Friends are helping with a small grant to provide seeds and plants to create the start of the Lantana Public Library Garden. First a disclaimer: this will not be the expensive, labor intensive municipal landscape project that results in instant, boring beds of impatiens or bedding begonias. Nor will it be the stunning, superbly costly, splendor of the garden surrounding the Society of the Four Arts Library in Palm Beach. What we’ve got to start with is a sand lot with no irrigation or, to put it more positively, plenty of grit. These are hard times: grit (to paraphrase Gordon Gecko) is good! We mean to make it colorful.

The Library’s garden will contain gritty plants: the kind that like bad dirt and a little water. We’re starting with nasturtiums, marigolds, periwinkle, morning glories, and a variety of other flowering tough guys. The Friends grant will provide us with cannas and caladiums for a little flourish. These will live in plastic pots so we can give them a decent start in life.

If you have a grit loving flowering plant that you think might like our lot and are willing to contribute it, please call Library Director (and garden laborer) Sid Patchett at 540-5740. With a little help from its Friends, we can transform our Library property.

Watch this space as we follow our motto:

“Sow’s ear to silk purse, one plant at a time!”



Help “Paint” Our Fence

Ever notice the chain link fence that divides the Library’s property from the Post Office lot to the east? We thought not. After all, a fence is just a fence, right? Looked at in the proper light, however, a plain old boring chain link fence is a first rate trellis. The Friends are helping transform our nondescript border into a colorful landscape ornament. So far an anonymous donor has provided us with a few allemanda vines, a bougainvillea, and a blue clock flower. Blue morning glories will join these.

You can help by donating a flowering vine in a pot. We can use allemande, passion flowers, thunbergias, bougainvillea, mandevilleas, gloriosa lilies, and cypress vines. If it’s a climber, likes plenty of sun, and is tough we need it. For more information, please call our Library Director Sid Patchett at 540-5740. Your gift vine can help us colorfully paint our fence

It’s Time to Pay Our Dues

Here’s a call from our Treasurer. It’s the same as last year: If you haven’t already contributed your 2011 Friends’ dues, there’s no time like now. After 14 years, still only \$5.00. It was a bargain in 1997 when we started: now it’s almost too good to be true. Every one of those 5 bills goes to support the Library (including mailing this newsletter). We have no administrative tail, so you get a complete bang for each buck. Please send in your \$5.00 or bring it to the Library now.