



Friends of the Lantana Public Library

# The Bugle

"We blow the library's horn"

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## Friends of the Library 2012 Officers and Directors Elected at the January, 2012 Meeting

President, Teresa Wilhelm  
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Directors: Ilona Balfour  
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## Now We're Looking Better

A happy combination of generous donors, a hard working garden volunteer, and the help of the Town's Operation Center have transformed the Library's grounds and parking lot. First to appear, in March, was the hugely handsome ponytail palm on our front lawn, a gift to the Town from Pat and Catherine Dunn of Hypoluxo Island. Moving the palm from Hypoluxo Island to the Library was a massive, full day operation and fascinating to watch. This tree is a vast improvement to Ocean Avenue's streetscape.

Later in March and early in April, the Town's Operation Center, led by Library Friend Mike Greenstein improved, beyond recognition, the grounds around our parking lot. From a barren waste, they created a vista of elegant wooden fences, palms, and lignum vitae trees. They also planted three promising frangipani cuttings donated by Friend Lee Ann Greiser, so we should have a small, colorful frangipani grove beside our parking lot.

[A call from our treasurer. Same as last year. No time like now to contribute your Friend's membership dues. After 14 years still only \\$5.00. Every one of those bills goes to support the library \(including this mailing\).](#)

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Hours: Mon +Thursday, 10:00 am—8:00 p.m, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 am—6 pm  
Saturday and Sunday—Closed



Library volunteer Nick Coppeto (pictured above in the midst of his labors) built the new, bright green raised beds which surround the two trees at our building's parking lot entrance. Nick trans-planted about one hundred caladiums and other plants into their new beds. They seem to like the change. We thank Nick and Library Friend Catharine Rambeau who, in her red truck, transported all the lumber and potting soil for these bright improvements to our entrance.

Our 'Paint the Library's Fence' Project is a work in progress. We plan to change the chain link fence that divides the Library's parking lot from the post office driveway into an array of blooming vines. We hope the Library's Friends (that's you) will continue to donate allamandas, thunbergias, bougainvilleas, and other flowering vines for this project.

We certainly look better now and hope the Friends will continue to support the transformation of the Library's surrounds into the blooming heart of downtown Lantana.

### **Your Library's Now a Hotspot**

Looking for a quiet, comfortable place with free high speed internet access to use your laptop? Look no further: the Library now offers free WIFI. Be sure your laptop's battery is charged though because we have no public electric outlets to plug it in. Just check at our loan counter for your password and you'll be on the web in seconds.

### **Downsized, Re-Engineered, Retired?**

Do you have a friend or neighbor who matches these descriptions? Tell them the Library wants them. Suggest they send their resume to us. We'll actually read it. Yes, the Lantana Public Library wants volunteers. No pay, but we offer good company, a chance to create a unique role suited to one's professional experience, and the satisfaction of building an institution. We're looking for counter assistants, book processors, computer tutors, public relations persons, book discussion group leaders, and grant writers. This list is not exclusive. If you have a skill you think we might use, complete our application form at the Library counter or call Sid Patchett at 540-5740.

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