"The richest person in the world - in fact all the richest in the world - couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library."

Malcolm Forbes

It was amazing to see how many people of all ages were all over the library this summer. The parking lot was always full. Our community children had a wonderful time with all of the activities planned for them. I am still hearing about the great success of the Harry Potter evening. Aren't we fortunate to have the most loved and talked about library in our region?

I am so honored to have been asked to serve as the President of The Friends of the Hoover Library this year. We have such a super group of individuals who have agreed to serve as your officers and committee chairpersons. There has been so much work done during the summer with the yearbook, the budget, the sorting and stocking of the incoming books for the
with the yearbook, the budget, the sorting and stocking of the incoming books for the bookstore, and the preparation for the first newsletter of the year. I am extremely grateful to all of you who have played a part in these tasks.

This year we will be reminding you of our meeting dates by using CALLING POST. This is a program that will post all of the dues paying members and send a recorded message prior to each meeting from me. The message will be left on answering machines if you are not at home, or keep calling the number until someone answers. New member’s names will be added as they join.

Just a reminder to donate your used books to our Friends Bookstore. Come by for a visit, bring a friend, and buy a few of the books for some really good reads. This is our fund-raising project, and we want to keep a good thing going. I look forward to seeing you at our September 12 meeting.

Bookstore Notes from Freida Bearden

Our bookstore continues to be a source of pride to the Friends and we’ve worked hard to make it so. My special thanks go to our sorting and stocking committee who are responsible for keeping the donations organized and our shelves stocked. Thanks also to our volunteers who staff the store and help in many ways.

In addition to books inside the store, our half-priced books in the Plaza continue to be very popular with our customers. Also, when you are organizing your donations, don’t forget CDs and DVDs.

I have to thank Sue Simpson for her tireless work in keeping the store staffed; that’s a hard job and she does it so well.

As Barbara Lyons recently mentioned to me, “Come by and buy.”

ARTS EVENTS

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF ALABAMA

Members’ Showcase
Opening Reception & Awards Presentation
Sunday, Sept. 18
2:30 to 4:00 PM
4th Floor Art Gallery & Board Room
Thurs., October 27--Exhibit Closes

VESTAVIA HILLS ART ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FALL ARTS & FINE CRAFTS SHOW
Vestavia Hills Civic Center Gymnasium
Corner of Merryvale Road & Hwy 31 S.
Saturday, October 15, 9 to 5 PM  Juried Show

HOOVER/SHELBY ART ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FALL ART & CRAFT SHOW
Heardmont Park Senior Center Area

Submitted by: Winnie Cooper, Publicity
For more info. call 979-5699
Eileen Lewis is the new chair of the Hospitality committee. She is a lifelong resident of Birmingham. She received her BS from Auburn University and her masters in social work from the University of Alabama. She worked 35 years for the American Red Cross in disaster relief and service to the armed forces during the Vietnam war. She still volunteers for the Red Cross. She has been married to Mickey for 36 years and has a stepson, Michael. Eileen’s hobbies include gardening, reading English mysteries and travel. She is also active in the Monte D’Oro neighborhood association. She retired in 2005 and her favorite trips so far have been a six-week tour of England and Normandy and a trip snowmobiling in Yellowstone. Welcome to Eileen one of our newest members.

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| **September:** | Gary Ricketts  
| Photography |  
| **October:** | Alabama Woodworkers Guild Show |  
| PLAZA ART GALLERY |  
| **October:** | Gary Ricketts |  
| **November:** | Exceptional Foundation- Veterans |  

**LADIES DAY OUT ON THE PLAZA-Sept. 17  11 am-2 pm**

- Aveda Institute will show you makeup tips and have stress relief massage chairs available and hand treatments
- Library employees modeling fashions from Steinmart at 12 noon
- Learn new ways to wear scarves
- Make a bead bracelet
- Coffe-ol-ogy will serve lemonade and food samples
- Door prizes
- Check out library books on makeup, fashion, hair and more

**A NOTE FROM THERESA REED**

From the Membership Committee: As of today, we have 162 individual members and 65 couple members. The yearbook has been updated and will head to the printer next week. Remember, there is always room for more "Friends," so mention our group to your family and friends who might like to join us in supporting the best library in Alabama! Membership cards are available in the Friends bookstore and will be available at meetings. See you on September 12 at our first meeting. New yearbooks will be available at the meeting or in the bookstore.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Bobby Horton will present a free program on April 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the theatre. This program is free and open to the public. It is sponsored and funded by the Friends.

**Heartstrings**

Please let Eleanor Berry know if anyone is ill or has a death in the family so that she can send a card from the Friends.
205-824-2948
205-835-9121
Friends Programs for 2011-12

September 12, 2011  “Yellow Dot Program” by Firefighter Dennis Agnew
October 3, 2011     Von Goodwin author of *Egg Moon*
November 7, 2011    First Light Director of Women’s Shelter will explain what it is and what they do
January 9, 2012    Mayor Petelos gives “The State of the City “address
February 6, 2012   Fiddlers, Banjo Players and Strawbeaters A History of Black Folk Music by the Alabama Humanities Foundation
March 5, 2012      Sally Lee will talk about the art of raising bees
April 2, 2012      Membership event on the plaza
May Luncheon       To be announced

* Note: All programs are at 9:45 am for refreshments and 10:00 am for program in the meeting rooms on the lower level