

Friends

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2006

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Janice Pine assumes presidency; 5 new board members take office

Our new Friends' president, Janice Pine, is a Nevada native, born in Elko, and a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in biology. Both of her parents were Nevada alums and one of her daughters is also an alumna.

After "interning" at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, California, she became a laboratory technologist for the hospital and then worked for various Reno laboratories. Eventually, she became the Director of Governmental Relations for Saint Mary's Health Network for 18 years, representing Saint Mary's health care, business and insurance issues.

An Active Alumna — Janice was active in the University Alumni Association, restoration of Morrill Hall, and Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni during the 1970s. She served three terms on the UNR Foundation Board of Trustees, after working to help create the Foundation.

A Community Activist — She was elected to the Reno City Council in 1979, serving two terms (8 years). She also served a one-year term as president of the Nevada League of Cities, and has been active on various national, state, and local committees.

A Friend — Janice says that because her mother, Frances Crumley, and dear friend, Gwen Leonard, were active



Janice Pine, Friends' president

in the Friends of the Library in its infancy, her involvement "flows naturally from their examples."

Meet the New Board Members

Tom Cook — Tom Cook is a trustee of the Mallory Foundation (Mallory Ignition). The Mallory Foundation recently gave the UNR Engineering Department a \$100,000 donation.

Suzette Hicks — Suzette Hicks is a retired school teacher. She graduated from UNR, where she was a Pi Beta Phi sorority member and Panhellenic President.

Ed Humphrey — Ed Humphrey, a local attorney with Woodburn and Wedge, was nominated to the Friends Board by Frankie Sue Del Papa. Ed is a Nevada graduate where he was an active Sigma Alpha Epsilon member.

Joe Guild — Joe Guild, a local attorney in solo practice, is a trustee of the Clark Guild Jr. Foundation. He is a graduate of UNR, a Vietnam War veteran, and has 5 children with his wife, Catherine.



Bobbi Lazzarone



Suzette Hicks



Tom Cook



Ed Humphrey



Joe Guild

Bobbi Lazzarone — Bobbi Lazzarone, a public relations consultant with MasterWorks Chorale, is the former general manager of the University's public radio station, KUNR-FM, for nearly 8 years. A 1996 UNR graduate, she holds an M.S. degree from the College of Health and Community Sciences.



Baby swan goes for a ride

The campus is gloriously alive with beauty this summer. Here, a baby swan cygnet rides on the back of its parent, Olivia, at Manzanita Lake.

Swans have populated the campus lake off and on since the 1930s. The campus is also home to black Australian swans named Boris and Natasha. In their nest are three eggs that were expected to hatch about June 14.

—Photo by Judy Ouimet

Gwen Leonard remembered

Nevada alumna and long-time Friends of the Library supporter dies

Gwen Leonard, a Reno native and long-time University of Nevada, Reno and Friends of the Library supporter, passed away on May 18. She was an enthusiastic Friends' board member, Book Nook volunteer, and a true philanthropist. She will be greatly missed. Of her college years, she said, "We were very poor. Those were the Depression years, but we didn't really feel poor. We felt privileged to be in college."

Following graduation, she accepted a teaching contract in Ely. Gwen married her college sweetheart, Elko newspaperman Paul A. Leonard, in 1938 and they lived in Elko and Reno. While Paul was in the Army, Gwen worked in the Reno office of Senator Pat McCarran and as a legal secretary.

Gwen was also a member of Delta Delta Delta, P.E.O. Chapter T,



Gwen Leonard ('37 History)

Assistance League, AAUW, and was involved with many community and arts organizations. She was an active alumna since graduation and established several endowments at the University. She received the President's Medal in 1989.

A memorial service was held June 11 in Reno at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Construction well underway on Knowledge Center

Did you know that in 2005, more than one million people visited the University's Getchell Library? The University expects to double the number of visitors in the new Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center during the 2008-2009 academic year.

This exciting new facility will serve the entire University campus (students, faculty and staff), as well as visitors from the community.

A 295,000 square-foot, five-story classical brick building, the Knowledge Center will harmonize with the rest of campus, while being one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. Its gracious design includes a 200-seat auditorium and stage, rotunda coffee shop, smart classrooms equipped with the latest technology, wireless network access and computers throughout the building, along with spacious and comfortable reading rooms with atrium and large windows to provide plentiful light.

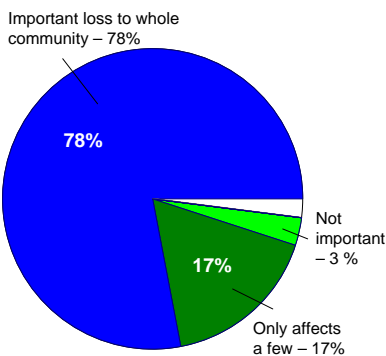


An artist's rendition of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center (above) and a June 16, 2006 photo (below) from the time-lapse camera that is documenting the anticipated 3 years of construction. To learn more and view the time-lapse video, go to: <http://www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/>.



Americans view libraries as essential to whole community

The pie chart below shows how Americans answered this question: "If your public library were shut down tomorrow due to lack of funding, would you feel that something essential and important has been lost, affecting the whole community, or that while something important was lost, it really only affects a few people in the community, or the loss would not be important for your community?"



The question was asked by a group called Public Agenda with support from the Americans for Libraries Council and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. They have just released a report entitled: *Long Overdue: a fresh look at public and leadership attitudes about libraries in the 21st century.*

The report says American people expect and prize public library service in the Internet age. In fact, they see libraries as providing potential solutions to many pressing problems, from universal access to computers to a safe place for teens.

- Americans want such traditional services as having enough books for children, good reference materials, and knowledgeable, friendly librarians.
- At the same time, two-thirds say computers and online services should also be a high priority for their local library.

To read the full article, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/royve>; or a summary is at: http://www.publicagenda.org/research/pdfs/long_overdue_summary.pdf.

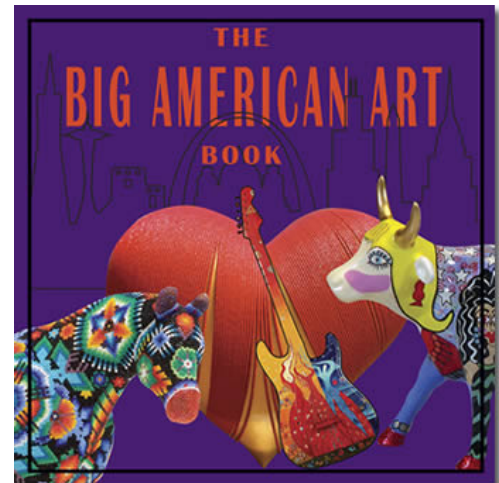
Chair-i-ty photos to be featured in art book

Exciting news! The publishers of *The Big American Art Book* have invited the Friends of the Library to submit photos of chairs that were turned into art objects for last summer's Chair-i-ty Auction Artown event.

The Big American Art Book, which celebrates public art projects across America, is intended to give community groups the chance to show off the hard work and energy that went into their events. According to the publishers, "This amazing book will give the world the opportunity to take a tour of ... incredible art projects that helped inspire and connect America."

Friends' board member **Carol Johnson** is coordinating our participation in this book project. All featured groups receive two complimentary copies of the book, when it is completed. A big THANK YOU to Carol for making us aware of this exciting opportunity.

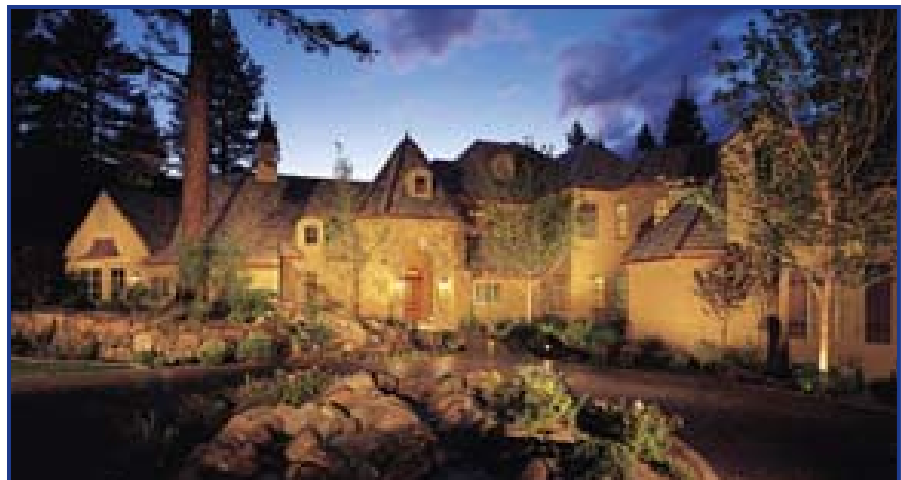
The Chair-i-ty Event — Some 70 University lecture hall chairs, retired from campus use, were turned into art objects ranging from elegant to



outrageous last year by area artists, community leaders, and local celebrities.

Most of the chairs were auctioned off to the public on July 11, 2005 to raise money for the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center that is replacing Getchell Library. A few of the chairs were kept by the Friends for a special exhibit in the new Knowledge Center.

If you didn't get a chance to go to the event, an exhibit of Chair-i-ty photos is currently on display on the main floor of Getchell Library. Check it out!



Montrêux welcomes 2006 Hall of Fame

The 19th annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame will be held on Tuesday evening, October 3rd, in the elegant clubhouse at [Montrêux Golf & Country Club](#), 16475 Bordeaux Drive in Reno. Montrêux is a private, gated community nestled in the Sierra Nevada mountains between Reno and Lake Tahoe off Hwy. 431 (Mt. Rose Highway).

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Finding a treasure in the Book Nook

Looking for happy home for some of your used books? How about donating them to the Book Nook, a tiny used book store tucked into a corner of Getchell Library. For those who have never been there, it's toward the back of the main floor on the right – just opposite the Help Desk.

The Book Nook has been selling used books, magazines, records, and tapes for nearly two decades now. They first opened their doors on February 1, 1986 as a project of the Friends of the Library. Today, as it nears its 20th anniversary, coordinator Clair Wojcik and a team of 12 volunteers keep the place humming Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteers Needed — Clair coordinates the 8 regular volunteers, who work one 3-hour shift each week. When one of them can't make it in, one of 4 substitutes is called.

"We can always use more volunteers, so if you are interested, please let me know," she says. Many volunteers are former librarians or Friends board members, but no special qualifications are required.

Checking It Twice — Besides training and coordinating the volunteers, Clair



In the Stacks — Mary Ann Aldrich, a Book Nook volunteer, and Clair Wojcik, coordinator, place some recent donations on the shelves. — Photo by Ted Cook

processes all the donations, which can range from a few books to many large cartons. If an item seems to be a good match for one of the Library's collections, she researches it and notifies the Subject Specialist for that area.

Generally, however, items go on the shelves for very reasonable prices: \$1-\$2 for a hardback, 50 cents for a paperback, and 20 cents for a magazine.

So, next time you're in the area, stop by and check out the bargains!

*To volunteer, call the
Book Nook at 775-
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