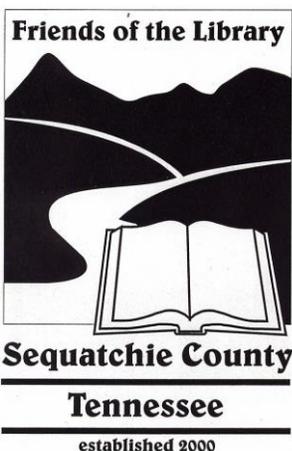


# SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

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*A great  
community  
deserves a great  
library.*

## The People's Choice

*Carla Mazzone's "Barn in Williamson County" was a runaway crowd pleaser at the 2014 Art & the Library Exhibition.*



Every year the Art Show Committee tries to incorporate something new, usually a suggestion made by a visitor to the show. In May 2014 a People's Choice selection was made at the Art & the Library Exhibition for the very first time. Although there were many appealing works in the exhibition, Carla Mazzone's *Barn in Williamson County* struck a chord with visitors, and no other work came close in the voting.

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Carla, who spent the majority of her nursing career in the field of oncology, recently built a retirement home on Fredonia Mountain in Dunlap, where she has a cedar timber frame studio that was originally an early 1800's summer kitchen. We had several newcomers to the exhibition this year, and we are very lucky to have had Carla among them.

On Tuesday, April 29, the exhibition opened with a reception at the Dunlap City Training Center. Despite stormy weather, ninety people attended the reception. The exhibition was open without admission the following Wednesday through Friday, and its last two days coincided with Valley Fest 2014, May 3 and May 4. There were 42 artists exhibiting, and the exhibition had 464 visitors.

In a very real sense the exhibition was a tribute to departing artist Coco Dauer, who will be moving away from Dunlap to Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Coco has been very important to the exhibition, not only as an individual artist and Art Show Committee member, but through teaching and encouraging other artists during monthly painting sessions taking place at the historic Chapel Hill Methodist Church in Dunlap, Tennessee. Ten of the artists participating in the exhibition were part of "Coco's group." Coco served on the Art Show committee for about two years, and she helped hang last year's exhibition. She will be greatly missed on the Art Show committee, but she has promised to return as an exhibitor in 2015.

Nina Hunt, who coordinated the exhibition, was pleased at how well it was received. "Over and over I heard comments from visitors about how important they thought it was to provide local artists with a venue for exhibiting their work and how the exhibition reflected well on the community as a whole. I am also always glad to hear new exhibitors say they were encouraged to begin painting as the result of visiting the exhibition in the past and seeing their friends' and neighbors' work." Visitors to the exhibition also see biographies of the artist which are encouraging, often explaining how the artist found the courage to face the blank canvas the first time.



Rosemary Carson, another first-time exhibitor, is also a recent retiree to the Sequatchie Valley, who also has a nursing background. Rosemary's still life *Lemon Slice* is the painting at the upper left of this photograph.



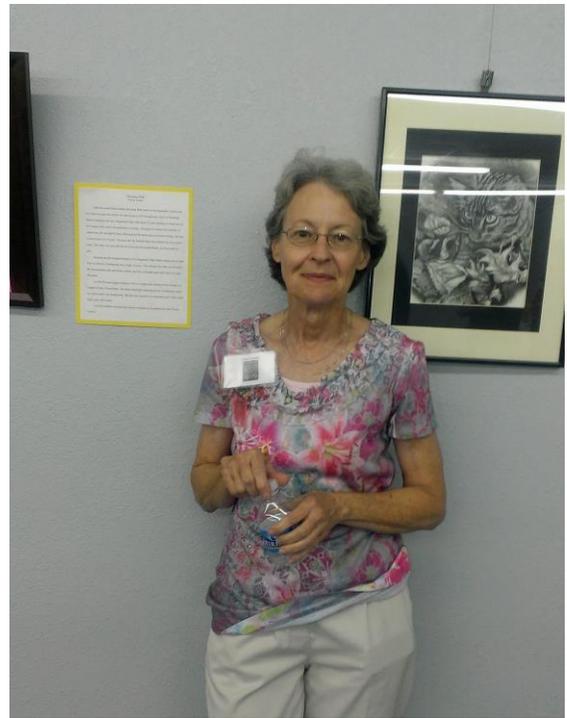
Our present President Linda Johnson and our past President Lucy Szelengiewicz share a moment together at the show.



We were delighted so many came for the reception despite the threat of thunderstorms. Many thanks to those who generously helped make the reception a success, Bill Colvin, Linda Howard, Jane Indyk, Rick Jacob, Grace Steele, and Lucy and Ed Szelengiewicz. We also appreciate the many contributors of the very tasty food, and the volunteers who watched over the art.



Visitors enjoy seeing the skill of the wood workers, as well as the paintings, like the wood turning of Dan Smoak, another first-time exhibitor. Dan, too, is a retiree to the Sequatchie Valley, but one less recent. He moved from Southwest Florida to Dunlap with his family in 2006.



We are always glad to see regulars return, too. Linda Persohn is one of the group who paints with Coco Dauer. She chose to exhibit a pencil drawing, however, which demonstrates her versatility. It's of Marvin, her cat, frolicking in autumn leaves.

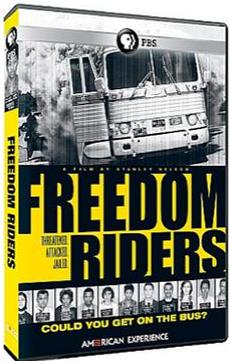


Longtime Friends member, Anne Wolf, tells visitors about her stained glass piece. To the left is a bass and frog carved by Clint Cole.



Another longtime Friends member, Lota Greer, selected an abstract oil painting for the 2014 exhibition.

## Would you have the courage to board the bus?



On May 8, 2014, at the Sequatchie County High School auditorium, about 300 junior and senior high school students attended two discussions led by History Lecturer Paul Coker from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Working with retired history teacher Henry Camp, the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library hosted these discussions as the first of our Created Equal discussions. Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The catalyst for these first discussions was clips from the PBS video *Freedom Riders*, written, produced, and directed by Stanley Nelson, based in part on Raymond Arsenault's book of the same name.

Beginning in early May 1961, more than 400 black and white Americans risked their lives by simply traveling together on buses and trains as they journeyed through the Deep South, deliberately violating what are known as "Jim Crow" laws. The Freedom Riders met with bitter racism and mob violence along the way, testing their belief in nonviolent activism. The video tells the story of those six months, which changed America forever.

The committee working on this project plans more discussions for fall 2014 and winter 2014. For more information, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/public/featured-project/created-equal-americas-civil-rights-struggle>

## Let's Make Georgia Howl

On Thursday, May 15, in the Dunlap City Training Room, Terry Earnest, the Friends Vice-President, who is interested in military history and who has generously shared his interest with us in earlier presentations, gave another Civil War presentation. His subject was an overview of William T. Sherman's Georgia campaign during the Civil War, entitled *Let's Make Georgia Howl*.

Terry selected this campaign for a May presentation because the campaign began in May 1864, 150 years ago, and was pivotal in the outcome of the Civil War. The number of campaign casualties was horrendous: 31,687 Federal soldiers (4,423 killed; 22,822 wounded; 4,442 missing or captured); and 34,979 Confederate soldiers (3,044 killed; 18,952 wounded; 12,983 missing or captured). The success of the campaign ultimately helped Lincoln win reelection. On September 1, 1867 the Confederate States Army abandoned Atlanta, and two days later Sherman sent Lincoln a telegram stating, "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won." After Atlanta fell, during fall 1864, Sherman continued beyond Atlanta on his march to the sea, leaving in his wake a forty to sixty mile-wide path of destruction through the heartland of Georgia.

As usual Terry sprinkled his presentation with great anecdotes, including an amusing story about how nine Federal soldiers swam the Chattahoochee River naked with their armaments on top of logs to avoid opposing sharpshooters, succeeded in flanking them and making them withdraw, as the Confederates assumed they were outnumbered.

## Join us for fun and frolic!

We are planning some events "just for fun." In June in place of our regular business meeting, we will attend either the Cumberland Playhouse or a dinner theatre in Crossville. Two of our members are working on a July event, a tour of the Chattanooga library and visits to some Chattanooga art galleries, along with lunch. If you are interested in going along on either jaunt or both, email Nina Hunt at [n1hunt@aol.com](mailto:n1hunt@aol.com) (the "1" is the number one) or call her at 423-949-6135.

**And speaking of fun, remember we will add a silent auction to the book sale in fall 2014.** Setup will begin September 29, and the Friends sneak preview will open on the afternoon of October 1. The sale will open to the public October 2-4. Bring your donated materials and items for the silent auction to the library at any time.

**The genealogy room will be open from 9-11am CT on Tuesdays.** Friends member Cindy Price will generously donate her time, so it will be open once a week on a regular basis. The Genealogy Club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 2:30pm in the genealogy room.

April 1 was Karen Marshall's first day working at the library, but she was already well known to many library patrons through her work at the UT Extension Service Office in Sequatchie County, because of her work at the Sequatchie County Fair, or the many other activities in which she takes part. She has conducted several demonstration classes for the Friends in the past. If you have not stopped by to welcome her yet, please do.





## **The Book Sale is the Fuel that Keeps Us Running!**

Thanks to Vicki Swan's leadership we raised about \$1650 at the spring book sale. She was ably assisted by Janese Freye and Norma Lizotte, and many other volunteers who altogether contributed 365 volunteer hours to making the sale a success. Moreover, in appreciation for the assistance we received from county jail trustees, we contributed books to improve the selection in the jail's library, and several generous Friends members supplemented the contribution by making donations so the jail could receive even more books.

## **Ready for some beach books? Here are some good books newly arrived at the library, which may suit you perfectly.**



### **A Family Affair by Fern Michaels**

This is definitely a Prince Charming story. Trisha Holiday is a dancer who ignores the admiring note and the accompanying \$1000 bill she receives after a performance. However, the sender, a wealthy foreign prince, is not easily dissuaded. After a breathtaking visit to his kingdom ends with a marriage proposal, Trish attempts to adjust to an opulent new lifestyle complete with servants, sumptuous surroundings, and vast wealth. Yet this new life will have challenges too--adjusting to a new and complex culture, to the myriad demands of her admirer's royal position, and to the expectations she will face as his wife.

### **The Keeper by John Lescroart**

Thanksgiving is a day ago when Hal Chase, a guard in the San Francisco County Jail, drives to the airport to pick up his step-brother for the weekend. When they return, Hal's wife, Katie, has disappeared without a clue. Featuring Lescroart characters attorney Dismas Hardy and former homicide detective Abe Glitsky, the tension will build until Glitsky realizes, perhaps too late, that the next victim might be himself. By the time Hardy learns Katie's missing, she has been missing for five days. The case has become a suspected homicide, and Katie's husband Hal is the primary suspect. Hal wants Hardy to defend him. Complicating matters, before she went missing, Katie had been seeing Hardy's wife, a marriage counselor. The Chases' marriage was fraught with problems; Hal's alibi is suspect; and the life insurance policy on Katie was huge. When Katie's body is found not three blocks from the Chase home, Hal is arrested. He finds himself an inmate in the very jail where he used to work, a place full of secrets he knows all too well. Glitsky's job is to identify other possible suspects, and there proves to be no shortage of them.

### **Saucer Savage Planet by Stephen Coonts**

A year after young engineering student Rip Cantrell discovered the first flying saucer buried deep in the sands of the Sahara, another saucer is brought up from the bottom of the Atlantic. The recovery is funded

by a pharmaceutical executive who believes that the saucer holds the key to an anti-aging drug formula that space travelers would need to voyage between galaxies. But one of his technicians, Adam Solo, an alien marooned on Earth for a thousand years, steals the saucer, hoping to summon a starship to rescue him. Unfortunately, the stolen saucer has damaged communications gear. Solo goes to Rip Cantrell and his partner, ex-Air Force test pilot Charlotte “Charley” Pine, and Rip’s uncle Egg, for help in summoning a starship. Meanwhile, as a terrified world fearful of space invaders approaches meltdown, big pharmaceutical moguls and their thugs are hot on the trail of the foursome. In a world turned upside down, it may be the arriving aliens who offer limitless possibilities.

### **Miss Julia’s Marvelous Recovery by Ann B. Ross**

It is summer in Abbotsville, and Miss Julia has visions of enjoying a life of leisure. But before she can even sip some iced tea on her front porch, a letter from her long-lost cousin Elsie informs her that Elsie’s granddaughter is on a bus headed to Abbotsville that very day. Reminding Miss Julia of an old family debt, Elsie proclaims that she is sending Trixie to Miss Julia’s to learn to become a lady. The nerve of some people! When the rude and unkempt Trixie arrives, even Sam and Lloyd agree that Miss Julia faces quite a challenge.

### **The Collector by Nora Roberts**

When professional house-sitter Lila Emerson witnesses a murder/suicide from her current apartment-sitting job, life as she knows it takes a dramatic turn. Suddenly, the woman with no permanent ties finds herself almost wishing for one. Artist Ashton Archer knows his brother is not capable of violence—against himself or others. He recruits Lila, the only eyewitness, to help him uncover what really happened. Ash longs to paint her as intensely as he hungers to touch her. But their investigation draws them into a rarified circle where priceless antiques are bought, sold, gambled away, and stolen, where what you possess is who you are, and where what you desire may become a deadly obsession.

### **The Women of Duck Commander by Kay Robertson**

Kay Robertson shares the honest story of her relationship with Phil—and his wild and philandering years—and the challenges of being a teenage mother. Even more amazing, she shares the forgiveness she offered Phil and how they have now celebrated forty-eight years of marriage. Korie tells of her first encounter with Phil when she was in just the fifth grade. At that first meeting Phil came right out and told her what good husbands his boys would make and that she should keep an eye on them. She also shares the reaction her parents had when she told them that she and Willie were getting married when she was only eighteen. The other women of Duck Commander offer fun and inspirational stories about their lives.

### **Black Horizon by James Grippando**

Popular Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swytek returns in an international case involving a devastating oil spill that pits him against his most villainous adversaries yet. Three summers after the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe, oil is again spewing into the ocean—from a drilling explosion in Cuban waters sixty miles off the Florida Keys, creating a politically complex and volatile situation. Representing an American woman whose Cuban husband was killed on the rig, Jack finds himself in dangerous waters when he discovers that his incendiary case may be lethally connected to his new wife Andi’s undercover assignment for the FBI . . . and that the looming environmental catastrophe may have been no “accident” at all.

## LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

HOURS: Monday, 8am-5:30pm

Tues. & Wed., 8am-5:00pm

CLOSED THURSDAY

Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Saturday, 8am-Noon

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| Betty Worley, Library Director<br>Donna Moore, Assistant<br>Library Director |
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### Upcoming Events

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm\*

June and July Outings (Details within Newsletter)

Fall Book Sale & Silent Auction

October 1-4

\*Ask Librarian to confirm meeting date before attending

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