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Outstanding Fall Authors!

We have some very exciting fall authors to announce and we know you will want to get your tickets early before we start our publicity in September. On Friday October 28 we are hosting British Columbia author **Gail Anderson-Dargatz**



who will discuss her new novel *The Spawning Grounds*. She has been published worldwide in many languages. A

Recipe for Bees and *The Cure for Death by Lightning* were international bestsellers, and were both finalists for the prestigious Canadian Giller Prize.

On Thursday November 17 meet American writer **Paula McLain** best known for the New York Times bestseller *The Paris Wife* based on Ernest Hemingway's first wife Hadley Richardson. McLain's latest novel *Circling the Sun* is another of her impeccably researched works of historical fiction. It takes readers to Kenya in the 1920s, where the life of the beautiful young horse trainer, adventurer and aviator Beryl



Markham is told against the backdrop of the glamorous and decadent circle of British expats living

in colonial East Africa including Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.

Please note that the October event is a Friday evening. Our new ticket prices are \$15 (\$10 for members of the Friends). Tickets are available now in the Holland Landing and Mount Albert Libraries and we are expecting to be sold out.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of
The Friends of the
East Gwillimbury Library
will be held:

Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 9:30 am
In Canada Hall "A"

EG Sports Complex, Sharon
All members and potential members
welcome.

Please consider joining the board as
there are vacant positions.

Contact: egfriends@gmail.com

Note new time and location of meeting.

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

The Friends of the Library were recognized with two honours this spring. For the third time we were selected by the East Gwillimbury Chamber of Commerce as a nominee in its Community Service category. We had to scramble to meet the deadline, but President Catherine Brydon crafted an application from her resort in Florida and Treasurer Helena Bzonkova added the financial material and got it in on time. After we had submitted our application we heard that the Library had been nominated in the same category. The winners were announced at the Chamber's annual dinner in May and neither the Library nor the Friends won this year.

Congratulations to Network North who won this category and is doing amazing community outreach in the Town.



OHA Community Improvement Award

The other award is a plaque which will be presented to us in Kitchener in July at the annual meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). The Literacy Garden was chosen by the Awards Committee of the OHA because the project enhanced the beauty of the landscape and added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project. Special consideration was given to projects that involved working with other organizations. In the case of the Literacy Garden, The Friends were the lead applicant for the Trillium grant and a collaborative was formed among the Town of East Gwillimbury, the East Gwillimbury Public Library Board and the East Gwillimbury Gardeners.



Anthony De Sa

Remember that name. You will be hearing much more from this gifted writer and storyteller who is already an award-winning author but whose career is taking off. His visit to East Gwillimbury on May 19 to talk about his recent novel *Kicking the Sky* had the audience laughing and feeling the struggles of the immigrant Portuguese community in the 1970s. His next novel is almost finished and will be called the *Children of the Moon* about an albino girl from Tanzania who falls in love with an African/ Portuguese soldier.



Some special moments from the Anthony De Sa event. Left: Marie Coulter, Author Liaison, with the author. Centre: De Sa greets Gord Sands. Right: Library Trustee Rob Morris extends appreciation.

Remembering Tina Forrester



Photo courtesy Malcolm Geast

Why can't we get all the people together in the world that we really like and then just stay together? I guess that wouldn't work. Someone would leave. Someone always leaves. Then we would have to say good-bye. I hate good-byes. I know what I need. I need more hellos.

~Charles M. Schulz

This quotation sums up how many of us feel about Tina Forrester – gardener, writer, photographer, nature lover, neighbour and friend.

Tina and her husband Tom were killed in a car accident on February 22, 2016. Tina was an extraordinary caregiver for Tom, who was recovering from a debilitating stroke. They loved to go for drives to look for birds, discover out of the way places or just enjoy the shores of Lake Simcoe. They were a team and it is some comfort to the rest of us to know that they are still together – tragic though the circumstances were.

Tina Forrester was a past President of the Friends and one of our earliest members, recruited by founder, Karen Dempster. Tina and Tom helped set up the Library's book sales every year and Karen asked Tom if he would like to join the new Friends group. Tom said

he thought his wife would be interested and we are so glad she was. As a writer of children's books and editor of a gardening magazine her literary skills were unmatched. It is not surprising that she became the editor of *Library Times*, our own newsletter. Tina was a quiet and steadfast volunteer not just for our group but as past President of the East Gwillimbury Gardeners and an Assistant Director for District 5 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Her skill as a photographer resulted in exquisite photos that blended her creative eye with her love of nature. We could always count on her to take photos at our author events.

Our hearts go out to Tina and Tom's families who have had to deal with this tragedy from afar. A suitable memorial project in a garden in Mount Albert is under discussion among the East Gwillimbury Gardeners, the Friends of the Library and the East Gwillimbury Public Library Board. A book spine in her honour will be added to the Library Quilt at the Mount Albert branch.



As President of the Mount Albert Horticultural Society, (now the East Gwillimbury Gardeners) and a member of the Friends Board, Tina played a major role in the planning and execution of the Literacy Garden. She is seen watering the first garden at the sod-turning in May 2010.





Plan to attend our 4th annual SHABBY CHIC SALE

Saturday, June 11, 2016,

8am to 1pm

Temperance Hall,

Leslie Street, Sharon

Baking, furniture, gently used clothing, household decor,
books, jewellery, vintage items

All proceeds from the sale go to programs and projects of
the East Gwillimbury Public Library

For information or to volunteer contact

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SAVE THESE DATES

August 27, 28

5th annual *Weaving Words Festival* at Sharon Temple.
The Friends of the Library is a sponsor again this year.
Details www.weavingwords.ca

October 28

Author Event with **Gail Anderson-Dargatz**.
7:30 pm at the Civic Centre. **This is a Friday evening.**
Tickets at the libraries now.
New prices \$15 and \$10 for Friends members.

November 17

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January 26, 2017

*The Films of Sherlock Holmes:
From the Silents to Cumberbatch*
with local Sherlockian expert Doug Wrigglesworth.
Organized by the East Gwillimbury Public Library Board.
7:30 pm at the Civic Centre. Tickets \$10.
Available at both Library branches in the fall.