Myrna Turtletaub

A life in art

Myrna Turtletaub was a well-known Long Island artist who captured the beauty of nature and every day life in her work.

The Art Advisory Council sponsors an exhibition of her work in the library’s Main Gallery April 1 through 29, and hosts a reception on Saturday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Myrna received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University, and taught art in the Port Washington public schools for several years. Her works were widely exhibited in a variety of venues in Maine, Long Island and New York City and were included in several corporate collections.

Myrna was a member of the library’s Art Advisory Council and the Graphic Eye gallery. She was a working and committed artist to the very end.

Explore Asian culture on April 12

Join us on Saturday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. as we celebrate Port’s diverse Asian population. Enjoy Asian music, dancing, crafts, displays, homemade delicacies and food from local Asian restaurants. A fun-filled children’s program begins at 4:30 p.m. with Japanese music, dance and storytelling by Kikyo Genso.

There will be a performance of Japanese Royal Court Music, Gagaku, by Tenri Gagaku Music Society of New York, followed by a dynamic Chinese martial arts demonstration by World Champion Master Shan Chen, a Korean music and dance group and traditional dancing from India.

Also featured are Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting, Japanese sushi, origami and kimono demonstrations, Korean hand painting, flag and bookmark decorating, and Indian henna decorating.

The festivities will close with a delicious assortment of international desserts prepared by the library’s ESOL students. This family event is free and is made possible by a generous grant from the Friends of the Library.

Library Budget Vote

Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election takes place Tuesday, April 8. See page 2 for details.

Tax help

Continuing on Tuesdays through April 8, trained volunteers from AARP will be available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to assist with the preparation of tax returns. Appointments required; call the Information Desk at 883-4400, Ext. 136.

Long Island Reads

Long Island Reads, a project of the Nassau and Suffolk Library systems, has selected *Aloft* by Chang-rae Lee. See calendar for related programs.

Parents and educators . . . are invited to Sousa School on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. for “The Home-School Connection,” a presentation by Nancy Schulman and Ellen Birnbaum, directors of the 92nd Street Y Nursery School, and co-authors of *Practical Wisdom for Parents*. Their program is co-sponsored by the Port Washington Child Care Partnership. For information contact Regina Farinaccio at 767-5470.

Latino Festival May 4

On Sunday, May 4, the Friends of the Library will co-sponsor a Latino Festival with the Landmark on Main Street. Featured at the library will be ethnic foods from several local restaurants, a strolling guitarist and displays of culture and customs from Latin American countries. The festivities begin at the library at 1:30 p.m. There will be a performance by Jose Obando at 4 p.m. in the Landmark on Main Street, followed by an outdoor festival.

Save the date

Check next month’s newspaper for information on a May 6 program with a panel of health professionals and an attorney, who will offer the latest medical and legal information on advance directives, life and end-of-life decisions.

Notary Service

The library offers notary service free of charge. A notary is available Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please call ahead for availability.

Volunteers needed . . . to conduct Roadwise Review. Contact Program Coordinator Jessica Ley at 883-4400, Ext. 123.
There are two seats open for a 5-year term (beginning July 1, 2008) on the Library Board of Trustees. Candidates are: Joseph Burden and Thomas Donoghue.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

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**LIBRARY MATERIALS**

| Books | 365,000 | 365,000 | 360,000 |
| Periodicals | 262,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| Documentation | 50,000 | 50,000 | 55,000 |
| Media—Visual | 1,500 | 1,500 | 900 |
| Media—Audio | 46,000 | 46,000 | 45,000 |
| **Subtotal—Library Materials** | 583,500 | 580,000 | 571,400 |

**LIBRARY OPERATIONS**

| Office & Library Supplies | 51,200 | 49,200 | 50,000 |
| Telephone | 29,000 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| Postage & Freight | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Printing | 27,500 | 25,500 | 24,000 |
| Staff Conference & Training | 16,000 | 16,000 | 15,000 |
| ALIS | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Program Services | 48,000 | 48,000 | 45,000 |
| **Subtotal—Library Operations** | 153,225 | 149,700 | 145,000 |

**BUILDING OPERATIONS**

| Fuel & Utilities | 210,000 | 225,000 | 222,000 |
| Custodial | 101,200 | 96,200 | 89,900 |
| Insurance | 70,500 | 70,500 | 70,000 |
| **Subtotal—Building Operations** | 381,700 | 397,700 | 389,900 |
| **Subtotal Expenditures** | 5,896,515 | 5,643,246 | 5,460,618 |

**EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS & TRANSFERS**

| Equipment | 47,000 | 40,000 | 50,000 |
| Repairs & Alterations | 75,000 | 60,000 | 50,000 |
| **Subtotal—Equip., Repairs & Transfers** | 122,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

**DEBT SERVICE**

| Bonds—Principal & Interest | 525,055 | 522,605 | 545,449 |
| Installment Debt—Principal & Interest | 11,997 | - | - |
| **Subtotal—Debt Service** | 537,052 | 522,605 | 545,449 |
| **Principal & Interest** | 537,052 | 522,605 | 545,449 |
| **Total Expenditures** | 6,555,509 | 6,315,851 | 6,106,067 |

**Tax Levy Increase** 3.92%  
**Budget Increase** 3.79%  

Fund Balance: In an effort to keep the tax rate down, this budget includes an application of $75,000 of fund balance. After these funds are applied, the remaining fund balance is $388,624. Additional Information: More detailed information about the budget, previous actual expenditures, debt service and fund balance is available through the Director's Office, 883-4400, Ext. 300.

**LIBRARY USAGE ANNUALLY**

- Registered Library Users: 22,625
- Library Visits: 450,401
- Materials Circulated: 446,189
- Information Questions Answered: 100,658
- Public Computer Use: 153,037
- Program Attendance: 27,556
- Community Use of Meeting Rooms: 4,697
- Library Web Page Visits: 245,415

**MATERIALS IN COLLECTION 245,214**

**Library Materials & General Services**
- Absentee Ballots
- Books
- Bus & Train Schedules
- Business Information
- Community Bulletin Board
- Computer Center
- Computer Classes
- Consumer Information
- E-Mail
- Fax Machine
- Foreign Language Books & Magazines
- Government Documents
- Homework Help Online
- Information & Referral Services
- Interlibrary Loan
- Library Publications
- Literacy Outreach
- Maps
- Meeting Spaces for Community Groups
- Monthly Newspaper
- Museum Passes
- Newspapers
- Notary Public
- Photocopiers
- Research Services/Electronic Resources
- Reserves
- Tax Assistance
- Tax Forms
- TeenSpace
- Telephone Reference Service
- 24-hour Web Access
- Wireless Hotspot

**Audio Visual**
- Audio Books
- Compact Discs
- DVDs/Videos
- Foreign Language/English as a Second Language Audio
- Playaways

**Programs for all Ages**
- Art Exhibits
- Book Discussion Groups
- Concerts
- Films
- Gallery Talks
- Lectures
- Literacy Outreach
- Photography Exhibits
- Reading Clubs
- Storytimes
- Workshops

**Special Collections/Services**
- Career Counseling
- Downloadable Audio Books & DVDs
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Family Place Library
- Health Information Center
- Historic Photographs, Interviews & Transcripts
- Homebound Service
- Large Type Books
- Library Publications
- Local History Center
- Parenting Information Collection
- Senior Connections Service
SoundSwap welcomes Toby Tobias

Join host Tony Traguardo on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. for a SoundSwap event featuring Long Island singer/songwriter Toby Tobias and his new ensemble.

Toby Tobias was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa. He studied classical music, but soon became influenced by the styles of American and British popular music of the ‘60s and ‘70s — including Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin, and British folk rockers Fairport Convention and Steeleye Span. By age 17, he was a regular performer at many of Johannesburg’s popular clubs and cafes. Amidst the political turmoil of South Africa in the ‘70s (the inspiration for his album African Son), Toby left his homeland to study at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem. He became a fixture on the music scene there, but in 1988 decided to make Long Island the place where he would continue his musical journey.

With his soulful voice and outstanding guitar work, Toby’s blend of rock, folk, blues, jazz and African rhythms, coupled with his great stage presence, make him a joy to watch and to listen to. He has combined a rich assortment of cover and original material into a performance that is always a hit with audiences that enjoy the art of song.

The Food Maven visits on April 23

The New York Times Magazine called Arthur Schwartz “a walking Google of food and restaurant knowledge.” As the restaurant critic and executive food editor of the New York Daily News, which he was for 18 years, he was known as The Schwartz Who Ate New York. Nowadays, he is best known as The Food Maven, the name of his website. He is acknowledged as one of the country’s foremost experts on food, cooking, restaurant, and culinary and restaurant history.

The Brooklyn-based food critic, author and media personality makes a return visit on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. to present his latest contribution to the world of culinary delights — Jewish Home Cooking. Arthur knows how Jewish food warms the heart and delights the soul. His book features authentic yet contemporary versions of traditional Ashkenazi foods — rugelach, matzoh brei, challah, brisket, and even challenging classics like kreplach and gefilte fish, that are easy to make and reverential to eat.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Sands Point/Shoshana Chapter of the Nassau Region of Hadassah.

Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election / Tuesday, April 8
Welcome to the page for Children's Services. Be sure to look here for upcoming exhibits, programs and articles relating to Children's Services and the Parenting Information Center. Parents: Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs and be prepared to show proof of local residency.

Special Programs

Kikyo Genso: A Japanese Journey — Saturday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m.
As part of the library's Asian Festival, artists Chris Merwin and Kishiko Hasegawa present a world of beauty and illusion with music, dance, movement and storytelling. Children will learn Japanese folk dances and listen to stories and songs in Japanese. For families of all ages. No tickets required. Co-sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council.

Bash the Trash Earth Day Celebration — Friday, April 18 at 4 p.m.
Enjoy a musical performance with instruments made from an unusual resource – garbage! For children in grades K to 6 with an adult. Tickets required and will be available at the Children's Services desk beginning Monday, April 14. Co-sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council.

Hiawatha — Tuesday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m.
The Catskill Puppet Theater presents a delightful production with exquisitely crafted puppets and Native American music. For children in grades K to 6 with an adult. Tickets available at the Children’s Services desk beginning Monday, April 14. Co-sponsored by the Children’s Advisory Council.

Constant Wonder — Thursday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m.
Stories, music and song with the musical duo Connie Gilles and Alice Weiser. For children ages 2½ to 8 with an adult. Tickets required and will be available at the Children’s Services desk beginning Monday, April 14.

The Great Library Card Adventure
In collaboration with the elementary schools of Port Washington, Children’s Services presents the 6th Annual "Great Library Card Adventure." Throughout the month, children in grades K through 5 are invited to visit the Children’s Room and help win books for their school libraries. Present your library card (or library card application) at the Children’s Services desk and participate in a 20-minute scavenger hunt. Each child that plays will receive a gift (while supplies last). The grade that has the most participants will be the winner! Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

School-Age Workshops

Wacky Waves
Friday, April 4 at 4 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Day and learn about water, waves and the environment. Make a fun project that will simulate an oil spill and learn creative techniques to clean it up! Presented by Mad Science of Long Island for children in grades 1 to 4. Registration began March 25. For availability call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Lantern Craft
Monday, April 21
Join Shirley Ruby and decorate a battery-operated wooden lantern. Workshop I from 10 to 11 a.m. for children in grades K to 3. Workshop II from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children in grades 4 to 6. Make-up date from canceled workshop. For availability call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150. Workshop fee: $3.

The Catskill Puppet Theater presents Hiawatha on April 22 at 2:30 p.m. Pick up tickets beginning April 14.

Preschool Workshops

Musical Moppets — Monday, April 14
A preschool music and movement program. Musical Moppets for Babies for children ages birth to 29 months with an adult from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. or 1 to 1:30 p.m. Musical Moppets for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, April 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Topics to be announced.

Springtime Craft — Monday, May 5 at 1 or 2 p.m.
Join Jeanne Hall for a seasonal craft, stories and songs. For children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult. Registration begins Monday, April 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

A Time for Kids
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 11 a.m or 12:30 p.m.
Enjoy educational activities with Donna Green. Storytelling, dancing, a take-home craft and more. For children ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult. Registration begins Monday, April 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.

Twilight Tuesdays

Pajama Story Time in English and Spanish
Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.
Takes place the second Tuesday of every month. Come in pajamas and enjoy stories, songs and fun activities from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 6 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Pajama Story Time — Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.
Takes place the third Tuesday of every month. Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 5 with an adult. Family members welcome. No registration required.

Page Turners — Tuesday, April 29 at 7:15 p.m.
Takes place the last Tuesday of every month. Fifth and sixth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. For availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.

OUR MONTHLY DISPLAY: Visit the Children's Room throughout the month to view a display of artwork created by the children of the Temple Beth Israel Nursery School.

Thursday Workshop Series for Parents
April 3 & 17 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Meet other parents from the community and discuss popular topics with Tina Rotstein, CSW. Registration in progress. For availability call Children’s Services at 883-4400, Ext. 150. Topics to be announced.

Tweens’ Night Out
Friday, April 18 from 8 to 10 p.m.
Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to have fun learning something new, visit with new and old friends and enjoy light refreshments. Registration begins Monday, April 7 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children’s Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150. Workshop topic to be announced.
Happy Birthday, Sir Alec!

Born in London on April 2, 1914, Alec Guinness grew up to be one of the most versatile actors of the twentieth century. Beginning in 1936, he gained experience playing Shakespeare, Shaw and Chekhov at the Old Vic. Although he played a bit part in one film in 1934, his real screen debut was as Herbert Pocket in David Lean’s 1946 version of Great Expectations.


For a younger generation, Guinness may be best remembered as Jedi knight Obi-Wan Kenobi in the first Star Wars trilogy, Empire Strikes Back in 1980, and Return of the Jedi in 1983; espionage fans know him as George Smiley in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1979) and Smiley’s People (1982). Guinness was knighted in 1959 and made a Companion of Honour in 1994. He won an Academy Award for the Bridge on the River Kwai, and a special Oscar in 1980; he was also nominated for The Lavender Hill Mob, The Horse’s Mouth (Best Screenplay), Star Wars and Little Dorrit.

Alec Guinness passed away on August 5, 2000, at the age of 86.


FOL welcomes Edward Mendelson
Columbia’s Lionel Trilling Professor gives Bogen Memorial Lecture

The Friends of the Library invites you to join them on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. for the Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Lecture. Edward Mendelson, professor of English and Comparative Literature, and Columbia University’s Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities will talk on his book The Things That Matter: What Seven Classic Novels Have to Say about the Stages of Life.

The book has been called an illuminating exploration of how seven of the greatest novels of the 19th and 20th centuries — Frankenstein, Wuthering Heights, Jane Eyre, Middemarch, Mrs. Dalloway, to the Lighthouse and Between the Acts — portray the essential experiences of life.

Professor Mendelson did his undergraduate work at the University of Rochester and earned his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of Early Auden, Later Auden, and is the Literary Executor of the Estate of W. H. Auden. He is the editor of Auden’s Complete Works, as well as of novels by Thomas Hardy, George Meredith, Arnold Bennett, Anthony Trollope and H. G. Wells.

Since 1986 he has written about computing, software, and typography and is a contributing editor of PC Magazine.

Mendelson was an associate professor of English at Yale University and a visiting associate professor of English at Harvard University.

He lives in New York with his wife and son. Valued for her sense of humor, incisive comments and great knowledge of literature, Ruth Bogen was a dedicated longtime member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Library.

In November of 2000, the Friends established The Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Collection to honor Ruth’s memory. It is supported by the Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund, which is administered by the Friends. More than 1,200 classic works of fiction and nonfiction have been purchased. Many more titles will be added in the years to come.

Scene of the Crime
Panel features rising stars of crime fiction

Four up-and-coming stars of the crime fiction genre will be welcomed by the Friends of the Library on Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

This fun and lively panel discussion will be moderated by Lee Fertitta, director of adult services. “How Crime Fiction Writers Choose and Use Locale” is the topic to be discussed by the group, some of whom have won or have been nominated for prestigious literary awards.

Theresa Schwegel’s Probable Cause was named raves reviews and was a New York Times’ Editor’s Choice. Her third novel, Person of Interest, was selected one of Publishers Weekly’s Best of 2007 and an Entertainment Weekly critic’s choice.

Megan Abbott is the Edgar-nominated author of Queenpin, The Song is You and Die a Little, as well as the nonfiction study, The Street Was Mine: White Male Masculinity in Hardboiled Fiction and Film Noir.

Alafair Burke’s most recent book, Dead Connection, introduced NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher. Burke currently serves as a legal and trial commentator for radio and television programs.

Daniel Judson’s three novels — The Poisoned Rose, The Bone Orchard and The Darkest Place — have all garnered Shamus Award nominations and one Shamus Prize. His fourth novel, The Water’s Edge, will be published by St. Martin’s Minotaur in June.

Books by each author will be available for purchase and signing following the program.
Rock with Push Play on Friday, April 11!

Push Play — voted best Long Island band by the Long Island Press — will perform at the Landmark on Main Street Friday, April 11 at 8 p.m. as part of the library’s SoundSwap series.

Mark your calendar now — this is a show you won’t want to miss. The winner of Schreiber’s Battle of the Bands will open for Push Play.

Free tickets will be available to Port Washington residents beginning Tuesday, April 1. There is a 4-ticket limit per resident. Bring ID.

Non residents may pick up any remaining tickets beginning April 7.

Push Play’s appearance is jointly sponsored by the library, the Port Washington Union Free School District and the Port Washington Teen Center.

What’s new in TeenSpace?

Young People’s Poetry Week
Visit TeenSpace during Young People’s Poetry Week (April 14-20) and sample some highlights from our collection. Check out “Poetry Panes,” an interactive window activity, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Check out the Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry database at the library or from home. This database contains 13,000 full-text poems, plus indexing of 250,000 poetry citations, including commentaries, biographies and more.

New Books in TeenSpace
New books arrive almost daily! Here are a few recommended verse novels that you might enjoy:

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate. Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt. (YA FIC Applegate)

Shark Girl by Kelly Bingham. After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, 15-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss. (YA FIC Bingham)

Walking on Glass by Alma Fullerton. A teenage boy recounts his attempts to deal with the realities of his mother’s near-death coma. (YA FIC Fullerton)

Glass by Ellen Hopkins. In a powerful sequel to Crank, Kristina is determined to manage her addiction to crack in order to keep her newborn child. (YA FIC Hopkins)

Heaven Looks a Lot Like the Mall by Wendy Mass. When Tessa Reynolds falls into a coma after getting hit in the head during gym class, she experiences heaven as the mall where her parents work. (YA FIC Mass)

Song of the Sparrow by Lisa Ann Sandell. In fifth century Britain, nine years after the destruction of their home, 17-year-old Elaine describes her changing perceptions of war and the people around her. (YA FIC Sandell)

Rubber Houses by Ellen Yeomans. As 17-year-old Kit’s observes her younger brother’s battle with cancer, she withdraws into and gradually emerges from her grief. (YA FIC Yeomans)