

The Port Washington Public Library

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Art Council welcomes Robert Kobayashi

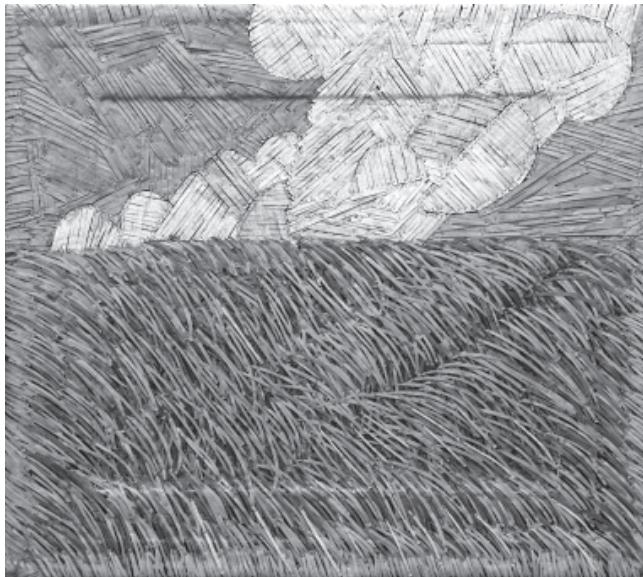
Robert Kobayashi: American Landscapes & Still-Lifes will be on exhibit December 2 through 30. The installation includes paintings and sculptures in tin, with an emphasis on new paintings devoted to landscape. Each piece refers to specific memories of places in America. The Art Advisory Council hosts a reception for the artist on Saturday, December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The works are made of closely laid thin strips or large shapes of raw tin, painted tin, and textured ceiling tin nailed onto a wooden form. Made in the same manner, the frame is an integral part of each work. Kobayashi states, "I use both raw rusted tin, and tin that I have painted with oil, making colors that are reminiscent of those I saw in Hawaii as a child. This process, which I have used for 30 years, is like painting to me . . ."

Robert Kobayashi was educated in Honolulu, Paris, and under the instruction of Robert Ferren at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. He was a recipient of a fellowship from the John Hay Whitney Foundation, NY. He wrote and illustrated a children's book *Maria Mazaretti Loves Spaghetti*, published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

His works are in many private and public collections including the Brooklyn Museum, The Museum of Modern Art, Nassau County Museum, and the Prudential, NJ. His painting *The Brooklyn Bridge*, in the permanent collection of the Brooklyn Museum, will be

featured in the museum's Brooklyn Bridge Project on their website that will debut early in 2007. The artist is represented by Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, Brooklyn. He resides in New York City with his family.



Robert Kobayashi's Cane Break, 2006 (American Landscape No. 4)



We're a Family Place

One of the programs we offer as a Family Place Library is the Parent-Child Workshop. The library provides the setting in which the child and parent work and play together. Community resource professionals and librarians are on hand to discuss speech and language, physical fitness, literacy, nutrition and behavior. Registration for the next session begins Friday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room. See the Library Kids page for details.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. The library will also be closed Sunday and Monday, December 31 and January 1. Happy holidays to all.

Sound of Music sing

Join actress Melanie Lipton and sing along to all your favorite songs while we show this beloved film at Sandwiched In on Friday, December 22.

Museum passes

Borrow a pass (available at the Circulation Desk) to Old Westbury Gardens. The pass admits 2 adults and their children. Passes are for use by Port Washington card holders only, and may be borrowed for 3 days. *Please note:* There is a \$2/day overdue charge.

Writing History in the Age of the Blog

George Vecsey, veteran journalist with the *New York Times* and author of two dozen books, will discuss the challenges of writing a regular sports column that is carefully edited by several colleagues in an age when blogs spring from fevered mind to computer screen in the flick of a cursor. The program, which is co-sponsored by the library, takes place at the Landmark on Main Street on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Hearing screening

On Friday December 8 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Adelphi University Speech and Hearing Center will conduct a free hearing screening. No appointment is necessary. This program is co-sponsored by the Health Advisory Council.

Friends Cabin Fever Series

Save the date. The Friends of the Library hosts its popular Cabin Fever Series again this winter. The first program will be Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. featuring Wendy Perelman. Ms. Perelman is a musical theater writer who will speak about writing and producing a musical. Stay tuned for further details in future issues of this publication.



Japanese folktales

On Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m., we invite you to take a trip to a distant land through the art of ancient Japanese Theatre. Be swept away in the fantasy of mystical creatures who encounter surprising events, demonstrated by

dancing puppets and agile actors.

The Oracle Theatre creates a unique entertainment experience for adults and families with children 8 and over — Japanese Folktales of Love and Woe.

Indian Cinema on DVD

This month we screen *Water*, Deepa Mehta's drama from India. The following Indian films are available in our circulating DVD collection:

The Apu Trilogy. Writer/director/composer Satyajit Ray's moving trilogy follows the growth of Apu from childhood to manhood: *Pather Panchali: Song of the Little Road* (1955), *Aparajito: The Unvanquished* (1956) and *Apur Sansar: The World of Apu* (1959).

Asoka (2001). Shah Rukh Khan and Kareena Kapoor star in Santosh Sivan's epic adventure set in the 3rd century B.C.

Bollywood Dreams (Rangreza) (1995). Munna (Aamir Khan) grows jealous when Milli (Urmila Matondkar), the girl he secretly loves, lands a job starring in a movie. Ramgopal Varma directed, and A.R. Rahman composed the tunes.

Bride & Prejudice (2004). An Indian beauty (Aishwarya Rai) falls for a pompous American (Martin Henderson) in Gurinder Chadha's Bollywood-style update of *Pride and Prejudice*.

Charulata: The Lonely Wife (1964). Madhabi Mukherjee learns about the possibilities of true love when her husband's cousin moves in. Satyajit Ray scripted, directed and scored.

The Chess Players (1977) by Satyajit Ray. Indian noblemen Saeed Jaffrey and Sanjeev Kumar indulge in chess day and night, without regard to the eminent British threat.

Earth (1998). In 1947 India, 8-year-old Lenny sees her nanny

Shanta falling in love with charismatic Hassan. Deepa Mehta scripted and directed.

Fire (1996) by Deepa Mehta. Unhappily married Radha (Shabana Azmi) develops a passion for her sister-in-law Sita (Nandita Das), putting both of their lives in danger.

I Have Found It (2000). Two pampered sisters (Aishwarya Rai, Tabu) look for love in writer/director Rajiv Menon's musical variation on Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.

Indian Babu (2003). As her parents plan an arranged marriage for her, Dil (Gurlene Chopra) falls in love with rock singer Jeet (Jaz Pandher). Sameer and Nadeem Shravan composed the songs for Lawrence D'Souza's Bollywood musical.

Monsoon Wedding (2001). As wedding plans create chaos all around them, a young couple has second thoughts about getting married. Mira Nair directed.

Straight from the Heart (1999). When a famous musician (Vikram Gokhale) learns that his daughter (Aishwarya Rai) has fallen in love with one of his students (Salman Khan), he marries off her to another man. Sanjay Leela Bhansali directed this musical.

The Terrorist (2000). A female revolutionary (Avesha Dharkar) reviews her life as she prepares to assassinate a government official via suicide bombing. Director/cinematographer Santosh Sivan also co-scripted.

Library and Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington

An archival collaboration

The Port Washington Public Library will formally present the recently-organized *Archives of the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington* at the Residents' Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Schreiber High School Auditorium.

"We are so thrilled to once again join forces with the Port Washington Public Library, this time on a ground-breaking archival project," said Residents' Executive Director Jennifer Rimmer. Library Oral History Director Elly Shodell and Archivist Carol Clarke will review the highlights of the collection, which features excerpts from these unique historic records, as well as photographs from the past. They will also acknowledge the many Residents members and officers who contributed to the project.

Following the presentation, Ms. Rimmer will conduct the annual business meeting, including financial report, projects of the year and Board of Director nominations.

In addition, as part of the Town of North Hempstead Visioning Project for the Port Wash-

ton Peninsula, there will be a traffic/parking presentation at 7:30 p.m., with keynote speaker Supervisor Jon Kaiman and a panel including Councilman Fred Pollack, representatives from the Port Washington Police and Fire Departments, and the Town parking consultants, who will report on existing parking conditions and the options of tiered parking.

The *Archives* project was funded by a grant to the Port Washington Public Library from the New York State Archives Documentary Heritage Program.



Planting trees for the future



Sandwiched In: India

Join us on Friday, December 15 at 12:10 p.m. for a trip to this fascinating country with Sally Wendkos Olds. Her slide illus-

trated lecture will give you a glimpse of India's people and splendors, its ancient traditions and exotic beauty.



Top left: Honoree F. William Schmergel, Schmergel Enterprises and Gay Schmergel; **Top right:** Honoree Susan Isaacs; Aviva S. Pinto, President, PWLF Board of Directors; PWLF Board Member Fay Fraser; Julie Geller, Library Board President; Honoree Dr. Charles Rogers; **Middle left:** Library Trustee Myron Blumenfeld with Mayor Leonard Wurzel, Village of Sands Point; **Middle center:** Amy Hagedorn, Director Emeritus PWLF; F. William Schmergel; Gala Chair Charles Berger; **Middle right:** PWLF Board Member Wanda Matthews, Julie Geller; **Bottom:** Library Director Nancy Curtin, Gala Chair Elkan Abramowitz, Esq., Susan Isaacs, Aviva Pinto.

Foundation Gala a success

The Port Washington Library Foundation's Third Inspiration Gala: A Celebration of Progress and Ideas raised over \$145,000 for programs and services not funded by tax payer based support. Over 150 guests were treated to a fabulous evening at the Clubhouse at Harbor Links on Saturday, October 14.

F. William Schmergel, of Schmergel Enterprises, was honored with the Corporate Leadership Award. Community Leader-

ship Awards were presented to Susan Isaacs, well-known Port Washington novelist, essayist and screenwriter, and Dr. Charles Rogers, chairman of the library's Health Advisory Council. The Honorable Leonard Wurzel, mayor of Sands Point, was Honorary Chair of the event. Dinner co-chairs were Elkan Abramowitz, Esq., of Morville, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg, and Charles Berger, former chairman and CEO of Scotts Miracle Gro.

In memoriam: Jacqueline Wood

The library has lost a dedicated friend and supporter with the recent passing of Jacqueline Wood, co-founder of the Music Advisory Council.

Jackie Wood and Ruth Feingold were honored with the Friends of the Library Award in 1996 for their commitment to the library's Music Advisory Council.

As Friends' president Amy Bass remembers, "Jackie graced the library for so many years with her commitment to fine music programs; nothing ordinary or routine, but really emerging artists on the national level. The continuation of the library's Music Advisory Council and its commitment to the level of excellence that Jackie set for library music programs is a real tribute to her. Jackie will be deeply missed."



Jacqueline and Paul Wood



In memory of Jacqueline Wood

Pianist Pedja Muzijevic

A versatile pianist, Bosnian-born Pedja Muzijevic has been widely praised for his interpretations of the standard literature and for his imaginative programming. The Music Advisory Council welcomes Mr. Muzijevic on Sunday,

December 3 at 3 p.m. to perform a recital of selections from Scarlatti, Hummel, Chopin and Liszt.

This concert is dedicated to the memory of Music Advisory Council co-founder Jacqueline Wood (see story above).

Thank you

... to all of the volunteers who work so diligently
on our behalf throughout the year.

We salute you . . .

Art Advisory Council

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Friends of the Library

Health Advisory Council

Port Washington Library Foundation

Music Advisory Council

Nautical Advisory Council

Thank you also . . .

to all of the individual volunteers
who make the Port Washington Public Library special

December Library Kids

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.*

Winter Craft Workshops

Preschoolers

**Monday, December 11 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Polar Bear Juggling Snowflakes**

Art designer Shirley Ruby will show participants how to create an adorable decoration with foam, sequins, glitter, wire and beads. For children ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. *Registration is required and begins Friday, December 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.* Workshop fee: \$3.

Grades K to 4

**Thursday, December 28 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Wood Falling Snowflakes**

Brighten up the cold days of winter with this cool hanging snowflake. Shirley Ruby will show participants how to create a unique decoration with wooden pieces, glass stones, beads and glitter. *Registration is required and begins Tuesday, December 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.* Workshop fee: \$3.

Grades 5 and 6

**Thursday, December 28 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Winter Decoupage Plate**

Create this platter for serving holiday treats. Shirley Ruby will show participants how to design a reverse decoupage plate with winter themed specialty papers, stickers and glitter. Finished plate is hand washable. *Registration is required and begins Tuesday, December 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.* Workshop fee: \$3.



Holiday Week Program

Gems: the World's Wisdom Stories

Wednesday, December 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Theater artist Doug Berky weaves together various art forms to create a fabric of stories from around the world. Masks, puppets, mime, drama, comedy, music and storytelling are integral elements that help the audience experience these treasures of wisdom. For children in grades K and up accompanied by an adult. *Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning Tuesday, December 12 at 9:15 a.m.*

Parent-Child Workshop

January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 11:15 to 12:30 p.m.

Spend time with your child and meet new people in an educational and creative environment. Each week a different resource professional is on hand to discuss speech and hearing, physical fitness, nutrition and behavior. For children ages 18 to 29 months and a parent or caregiver — siblings welcome.

In-person registration begins Friday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room. Birth certificates are required as proof of age; families must be Port Washington residents; priority given to first time registrants. Co-sponsored by the Port Washington Public Library Family Place.



Twilight Tuesdays

Bilingual Story Time — Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m.
Takes place the second Tuesday of every month. Join local resident Mayra Cruz-Vazquez and children's librarian Rachel Fox for stories and fingerplays in English and Spanish from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 6 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. *No registration required.*

Pajama Story Time — Tuesday, December 19 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 2½ to 5 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. *No registration required.*

Page Turners — Tuesday, December 26 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.*

Japanese Folk Tales of Love and Woe

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Register beginning December 5

A trip backstage at the Metropolitan Opera

As a special treat in January, instead of our usual Monday Afternoon at the Opera, we'll be taking an exciting tour backstage at the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center. The 90-minute tour explores the creation of an opera production, guiding visitors through the shops where artisans work on the sets, costumes, and wigs, and includes the rehearsal facilities, dressing rooms, 10-story backstage complex, and the auditorium.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our opera lovers, and oth-

ers, to see what goes on behind the scenes of a major production. On Monday, January 15, we'll leave the library at 1:30 p.m. arriving at Lincoln Center in time for a 3:30 p.m. guided tour. Dinner will be on your own at an area restaurant (we'll provide a list). We'll leave from Lincoln Center to return to the library at 7:30 p.m. The \$45 fee is payable at registration which begins Tuesday, December 5. The trip will be cancelled if not fully subscribed by January 5 and refunds will be made.



Faces in the news

Teen participants in the recent Babysitting Workshop. Topics included basic child care, minor first aid, handling emergencies and entertaining children. All those who completed the course are included on the library's list of available babysitters. The list is available in TeenSpace to parents of young children in the community.



Amadeo Modigliani Quartet



Dora Seres



Adam Neiman

Music Advisory Council schedule

The Music Advisory Council's 2006-07 Season continues with these fine performers. Please join us on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.

Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m.
Maire O'Brien, Soprano

Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m.
Amadeo Modigliani Quartet

Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m.
Dora Seres, Flute

Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.
Adam Neiman, Piano

Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m.
Smolens Swingtet

Give the gift of reading

Great gift books for the holiday season

Fiction titles

One Good Turn by Kate Atkinson. Millionaire ex-detective Jackson Brodie follows his girlfriend to Edinburgh for the famous arts festival, but when he witnesses a brutal attack on a man, he becomes caught up in a string of events that draws him into a deadly conspiracy.

Thirteen Moons by Charles Frasier. A man raised in the North Carolina wilderness travels America defending his adopted Indian people and brooding over an elusive woman.

Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome by Robert Harris. A tale inspired by the writings of Tiro, Cicero's confidential secretary, traces the life of the ancient Roman orator from his beginnings as a young lawyer through his competitions with Pompey, Caesar, and Crassus in the political arena.

Abundance: A Novel of Marie Antoinette by Sena Jeter Naslund. The story of a teenage empress's daughter who is forced to leave her family home to marry the future king of France and who rebels against the formality and rigid protocol of court life.

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield. When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life, but Margaret needs to verify the facts since Vida has a history of telling outlandish tales.

Non-fiction titles

Heat: an Amateur's Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta Maker, and Apprentice to a Dante-quoting Butcher in Tuscany by Bill Buford. A staff writer for *The New Yorker* offers an exuberant account of his entry into the world of professional cooking, documenting his experiences in the kitchen of Mario Batali's restaurant Babbo.

I Feel Bad About My Neck: and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman by Nora Ephron. A collection of essays that offers a humorous look at the ups and downs of being a woman of a certain age.

Barefoot Contessa at Home: Everyday Recipes You'll Make Over and Over Again by Ina Garten. A collection of uncomplicated, tried-and-true recipes featuring elegant but easy-to-prepare dishes for both everyday meals or special occasions, accompanied by tips on the art of entertaining with style.

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson. A wonderful portrait of the Edwardian era that recounts two parallel stories — the case of Dr. Hawley Crippen, who murdered his wife and fled to America, and Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of wireless communication.

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game by Michael Lewis. Follow one young man from his impoverished childhood through his discovery of the sport of football, and his rise to become one of the most successful, highly-paid players in the NFL.

Kate: the Woman Who Was Hepburn by William J. Mann. A study of the complex, intelligent, sophisticated woman behind the mythic Hollywood image.

Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community, and War by Nathaniel Philbrick. A history of the Pilgrim settlement of New England challenges popular misconceptions, discussing such topics as the fragile working relationship between the Pilgrims and their Native American neighbors, and the devastating impact of the King Philip's War.

What's new in TeenSpace?

Teen Advisory Group

Interested in making a difference at the library? Want to help select books, music and other materials for TeenSpace? Would you like to help select the types of workshops TeenSpace offers? Stop by TeenSpace and join our Teen Advisory Group. Let your voice be heard.

December 26

BOHEMIAN BANDANA BAG WORKSHOP: Create your own bohemian bandana tote bag without sewing a stitch! In-person registration begins December 1 in TeenSpace. Materials fee \$5. 7 p.m. Sample in TeenSpace.

December 27

BOOK SWAP: Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in a Book Swap. If you have books that you want to share, join the swap and get something new for yourself! Each participating teen should bring at least one book. Free registration begins December 1, in TeenSpace. Book Swap 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

December 28

FENG SHUI SOIREE: De-clutter your room and your life. Bring a photo of your room and learn the

5000-year-old Chinese art of room arrangement to enhance areas of your life. In-person registration begins December 1, in TeenSpace for grades 7 through 12. Materials fee \$5. 7 p.m.

New Books in TeenSpace

Check out some of our new books in TeenSpace!

New Moon by Stephenie Meyer. When the Cullens leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, it is almost too much for 18-year-old Bella to bear. She finds solace in her friend Jacob until he is drawn into a "cult." (YA FIC Meyer)

Clay by David Almond. The developing relationship between Davie and a new boy in town morphs into something dark and sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers. (YA FIC Almond)

What Are You Afraid Of? Stories About Phobias edited by Donald R. Gallo. Ten short stories by well-known authors featuring teenagers with phobias, including fear of gain-

ing weight, fear of clowns and fear of cats. (YA SS What)

Just in Case By Meg Rosoff. Convicted that fate is out to get him, 15-year-old David Case assumes a new identity. (YA FIC Rosoff)

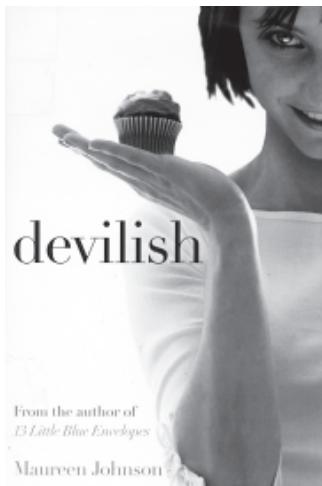
Raiders Night By Robert Lipsyte. Matt Rydeck, co-captain of his high school football team, endures a traumatic season as he witnesses the rape of a rookie player by teammates and grapples with his own use of performance-enhancing drugs. (YA FIC Lipsyte)

Psyche in a Dress by Francesca Lia Block. Yearning to be transformed by love, Psyche, desires to become immortal and must overcome the challenges and temptations that the gods and demons throw her way as she embarks on a perilous quest to reclaim herself. (YA Fic Block)

Endymion Spring By Matthew Skelton. Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, 12-year-old Blake Winters is at loose ends until he stumbles across an ancient and magical book, which

draws him into a life-threatening quest. (YA FIC Skelton)

Devilish by Maureen Johnson. Jane must battle against the devil, who is masquerading as a sophomore with a fondness for cupcakes, to save her best friend Ally, who has sold her soul in exchange for popularity. (YA FIC Johnson)



From the author of
13 Little Blue Envelopes

Maureen Johnson



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