



2011

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Friends of Battle Ground Community Library

### Next special book sale: Cookbooks!

### Library Basics

#### Hours

- Mon. - Thurs. 10-8
- Fri. - Sat. 10-6

#### Phone

- (360) 687-2322

#### Library Address

1207 SE 8th Way  
Battle Ground, WA  
98604  
(Battle Ground Village)

#### Friends' Mailing Address

P.O. Box 2272  
Battle Ground, WA

### Library Events & Activities

For current information on the library website please go to: <http://www.fvrl.org/events/bg.cfm> Or call the library at (360) 687-2322.

### Friends General Meetings

First Tuesday evening of the month, 7 PM in the Meyer Room at the Library—a great way to learn more about the Friends. Open to the community.

### Friends Board Meetings

Second Saturday after the general meeting, 9 AM in the Meyer room at the Library. Open to all Friends members.

It's holiday time in Battle Ground Village. Time for special recipes, tried and true and new, to be found at a cookbook sale on Saturday, Dec. 3, starting at 10 AM in the hallway by Ben's Books bookstore in the library. Many of the books (new and used) are of gift



quality. Price range is \$2 to \$5 each. The Teen Council will be on hand to offer gift-wrapping.

### Library hosts open house

The book sale is part of the kickoff for the Battle Ground library's Holiday Festival on Saturdays beginning December 3 with an Open House.

Special guests will be the popular Dickens Duet singing Christmas carols from noon to 2 PM by the fireplace. Also performing that day will be the Sprouting Seeds school choir in the Reading Room. Kids' crafts are available from 11 AM to 3 p.m. Cookies and cider will be served from 11 AM to 3 PM.

### Tears of Joy to visit the library

On Sat., Dec. 10, at 2 PM your family won't want to miss the performance of the famous Tears of Joy Theatre which will present "Who's in Hare's House," an enchanting puppet show based on a Bantu folktale. Characters include a jackal, rhinoceros, elephant and caterpillar.

### Christmas movies and Lego night

At 3 PM Sat., Dec. 17, the monthly matinee will be a double-feature showing "Frosty" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." And, if there are Lego lovers in the family, they will want to come to the library that evening from 6 to 7 PM for fun creativity.

All of these activities dovetail with Battle Ground Village's special holiday season events.

### Weiner entertains at FVRL Foundation dinner auction

Jennifer Weiner shared personal experiences as a writer, mother and family member to a packed house at the Hilton, Vancouver, November 16.



Although the annual benefit supports all the branch libraries in

the region, Friends chapters receive funds from this event based on the bids from silent auction items contributed by their groups. The Battle Ground Friends will receive \$393 for their part in the auction.

One of the items donated by the Battle Ground Friends was a huge piñata filled with 10 pounds of candy. Guess what holiday the candy came from?



### Diamonds anyone?

Jeweler Michael Nutter is sponsoring a raffle April 24 for a beautiful half-carat diamond, plus custom mounting at 50% off. Need not be present to win. Contact the foundation for more information.

## Mysteries solved

The most recent Farm and Barns photo display was a big hit. Viewers used a sheet of answers to find out the locations of barns and farms and the types of architectural structure that were used.

A bonus that developed was the



Amboy photographer Dan Gerges supplied current photos of old barns in the county.

bringing together of members of the Elmer family—almost a family reunion which continued after the reception on Oct. 29.

If you have a theme idea for any upcoming History’s Mysteries displays, please contact Jane Higgins at zzzjane@comcast.net.

## New takes on old favorites shown at library’s Swift gallery

“Renditions of the Masters” is the theme of the current art display in the Swift Gallery of the library. It runs through December 31 during library hours.

Local artists present their own renditions of paintings by such well-known artists as Gustav Klimt, Monet and William Gouguereau. Paulette Smith, owner of the library’s neighbor, Avalon Gallery, partnered with the library to present the show.

## Upcoming closures

Holidays will soon be upon us so take note of these days when the library will be closed: Dec. 24 and 25, January 1 and 16.

## Unlikely connections in the library?

There is an electrical outlet box in the floor in the library literacy area. Nettie Pullella-Barca, leader of a weekly ESL conversation group, recently discovered that in that box were notes of encouragement among her “students,” Lizzeth, Sarah, Jakob, Tami, Rosa and Judy. All the short notes were written within the last few months. One note said, “I feel like I just found a geocache!” Will this new technique for social networking in the library replace texting? facbook? email?

## Congratulations, Ute

Blue Castle Coffee owner Kimberly Rivera recently offered a prize of a free beverage to whichever library staff member could recommend a book she would most enjoy. Ute Gensler was the winner!



## Ask Ben



### Q. Does The Friends have a facebook page?

A. Yes, thanks to Friends of the Battle Ground Library board member and book store volunteer, Christine Grier.

And, if you don’t yet know how to use facebook, there is a good free tutorial at [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org) which gives step-by-step lessons.

The Friends also have a website at [www.bgcfriends.com](http://www.bgcfriends.com). Keep up-to-date with Friends’ activities.

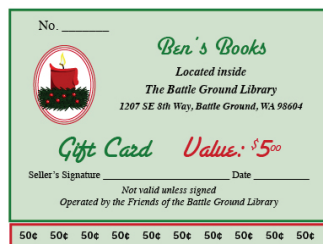
## Where is Ben’s Books bookstore located?

Right in the library building along the hallway to the Meyer Community Room.



## Bookstore reaps profits for Friends

Ben’s Books, the Friends’ bookstore, accepts donated books and resells them for “pure profit”! The Friends treasury increased by over \$42,600 since the opening of the new library in 2009. Thanks, Donors!



Book store **Christmas gift cards** are available in increments of \$5 and \$10. The Friends use their profits towards library projects and programs not in the budget of the regional district.

# Library corralled Halloween would-be pranksters

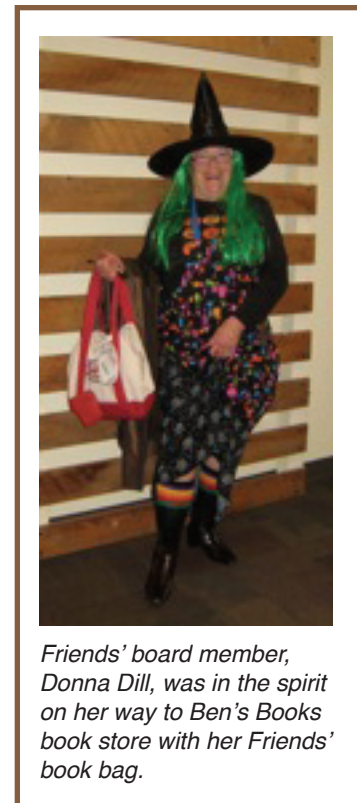
To avoid tricks, Friends were busy Halloween afternoon and evening handing out treats to costumed kids (and some adults) by the “corral.” Here are just a few of the visitors.



*Have you ever seen a “Mama Cowboy” keeping a leopard and munchkin in tow?*



*Here’s an imaginative trio.*



*Friends’ board member, Donna Dill, was in the spirit on her way to Ben’s Books store with her Friends’ book bag.*



## No-fee favorite music downloads available at your library

After some beginning challenges, FVRL cardholders can now download up to three MP3-format music files each week. The files are downloaded to the patron’s home computers or devices via a service called Freegal. Explore thousands of songs from the Sony Music Entertainment catalog at <http://www.fvrl.org/findabook/index.cfm>. Entertainment catalog. There is FAQ section to help answer questions.



*Many-a-trickster rode a horse this year.*



*There were many unlikely playmates who showed up.*

*Bats appeared out of nowhere. This one even carried a black pumpkin to hold his or her collection of treats. Was this a hint for black licorice?*



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## Next Member Meeting: Tues., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

### Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library

- **Executive Board**
  - President, Anna Cross
  - Vice President, Louise Tucker
  - Secretary, Sara Striker
  - Treasurer, Donna Dill
- **Other Board Members**
  - Christine Grier, Jan Shaul, and Linda Clemmer
- **Friends Webmaster:**
  - Donna Dill
- **Newsletter & Facebook Editors:**
  - Louise Tucker and Christine Grier
- **Membership:**
  - Anna Cross
- **Community Librarian:**
  - Jackie Spurlock
- **Learn about the Friends of the Battle Ground Library:**
  - [www.bgcfriends.com](http://www.bgcfriends.com)
  - & facebook: Search Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library
- **Learn about the Library Foundation:** [www.fvrlf.org](http://www.fvrlf.org)
- **Learn about the Battle Ground branch library:**
  - [www.fvrl.org/aboutus/branch\\_list.cfm](http://www.fvrl.org/aboutus/branch_list.cfm) (click on Battle Ground)
- **Learn about the Library District:** [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org)
  - & Facebook: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (search Battle Ground Library)

### Christmas Internet shoppers bring dollars to Friends

Check to see how a percentage of your purchases will be sent to the Friends. Go to [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com). or [www.bgcfriends.com](http://www.bgcfriends.com). There are hundreds of well-known national merchants who sell their wares through this site so go online and check it out to see if the items you buy on line can benefit the treasury of the Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library.

