

Stoneham Public Library Newsletter

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Friends of the Library Annual Meeting June 4th at 10AM

Nonie Gadsden, Senior Curator of American Decorative Arts and Sculpture at the MFA provides a presentation on The Saturday Evening Girls Club



The Saturday Evening Girls' club was established in 1899 to provide cultural activities for Italian and Jewish immigrant girls who lived in the tenements of Boston's North End. In 1908, the reform-minded club leaders founded a pottery to provide the girls with a clean and educational venue in which to earn money. They named the enterprise the Paul Revere Pottery. The Pottery exemplified the ideals of the early twentieth-century Arts and Crafts movement, a design reform movement which sought to alleviate the negative social effects of industrialized society by promoting handcraftsmanship, the integration of art into everyday life, and healthy working conditions for artisans. The playful ceramics produced at the pottery feature barnyard animals, native flowers, and rural landscapes in the stylized manner of the Arts and Crafts style. Nonie Gadsden will tell the remarkable story of the SEG and their Pottery through the life of Sara Galner, a young Jewish immigrant who worked there.

Please join us for this wonderful presentation and fabulous breakfast. All are invited. This is free and open to the public.

BOOKS IN BLOOM FUNDRAISER

A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you all for your support for our wonderful Books in Bloom fundraiser. What a fantastic time!

Hooray for the Friends of the Library! We couldn't survive without you.



Thanks so much to the Garden Club for all they did for the fundraiser. We love you!

Special thanks to the Historical Society for shoe exhibit!



Great Stories from Franklin Street with Historian Dee Morris



Recently, a website mentioned that Franklin Street was famous as the most direct route between Stoneham and Melrose. Granted that it also served as an important component of a stage line connecting Reading and Boston in 1833, thus allowing residents a reliable way to travel to the city. But Franklin Street is much more. It is now home to an 1842 residence dramatically rescued from demolition. Its roll call of “who was who” included business leaders, workers in a shoe factory and a clairvoyant physician. Professor Queen, a necromancer (magician), owned a lovely estate there. Join us for a lively exploration of the legacy passed on by this constantly-changing part of Stoneham.

Date: May 24, 2018, Thursday

7:00 PM

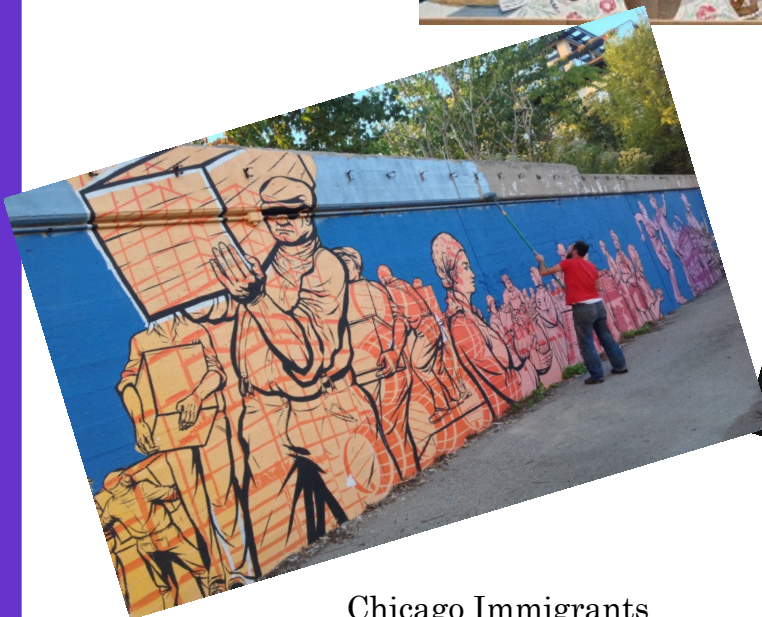
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Immigrant Experience Through Muraling

The Library has been celebrating community and the Immigrant Experience through events centered around *The Saturday Evening Girls Club* by Jane Healey. Nonie Gadsden, a curator at the MFA will be speaking at the Friends of the Library Annual Breakfast on June 4th about the Paul Revere Pottery that young Italian and Jewish Immigrant girls created in the North End in the early 20th century. As a final event for this wonderful experience celebrating the Immigrant experience, we would like to create a mural on long brown paper depicting our heritage or some community experience that shows common ground. Join us at Annual meeting as we plan for producing this mural. We would love ideas.

East Boston Mural



Chicago Immigrants



Oregon Muslims



From the Director's Desk

Thank you to all involved with Books in Bloom Fundraiser

When I was first approached by the Stoneham Garden Club members wanting to have a fundraiser for the Library about a year ago, I never dreamed that the journey would allow me to meet so many new and wonderful people who love and support the Library. Over the past year, the Garden Club, the Friends of the Library, and other Library staff and I have met numerous times, as any good Planning Committee does.

And the fundraiser, called Books in Bloom, held on May 4th exceeded our expectations for a first-time event. The floral arrangements done by various Garden Club volunteers were colorful, professional, and top notch! The arrangements and plants donated by local businesses were highly sought after raffle prizes. The entertainment provided was also engaging and well done. Ninety-one tickets were sold, in addition to the funds raised by the raffles.

We are gearing the funds raised towards programs for all ages, the first of which is a speaker at the Friends Annual breakfast next month! All are welcomed to attend this event, even if you aren't yet a member of the Friends. However, please consider donating your time and talents to a dynamic Friends group that is always looking for new members!

We are tentatively planning the idea of the next fundraiser, to be held in the fall of 2019. We have ideas on how to improve and to expand upon what we have done this year. I look forward to working with the Garden Club, the Friends, and the myriad of volunteers and donors. You all make promoting the Library and all that we do for the community as well as what we hope to offer in the future exciting and a pleasure.

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