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The FOBBL FLYER

NEWS LETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF BIRCH BAY LIBRARY

You may have noticed that the membership did not meet in November nor December because of the holidays competing with the fourth Monday. But things were still happening. At a board retreat in October, we learned that a reorganization would improve our performance. First up is a rewrite the bylaws. A major change being considered is to reduce the Membership Meeting from monthly to annually. Also, the board may be expanded to include the chairs of the Development and Communications Committees, improving internal communication.

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Valerie McBeth resigned as President of FOBBL after two years of devoted service, bringing us from a committee structure through all the complex logistics of becoming a Friends group. During her term, the Whatcom County Library Services (WCLS) closed the sale of the Vogt property for the future Birch Bay Vogt Community Library.

Filling that vacancy will follow the bylaws rewrite.

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THE FRIENDS
REORGANIZE

THE PRESIDENT
RESIGNS

PROGRESS
REPORT

A major step towards the Birch Bay Vogt Community Library becoming a reality is the formation of the WCLS Design Committee, composed of staff and community representatives. Keith Alesse and Bonne Broadway were elected by the FOBBL Board as our representatives. The first meeting was December 18 and we look forward to updates to share.

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LOOKING
FOR A NEW

The Friends of the Birch Bay Library invite you to enter their logo design contest to replace the current one (on masthead). A Birch Bay theme, a library building, or reading, learning or discovery theme should be reflected. Original artwork only.

Registration and submission guidelines can be viewed at sites.google.com/view/fobbl. The winning design will be signed and framed with the creator's biography in the future Birch Bay Vogt Community Library.

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018; Submission Deadline: March 15, 2018. Email questions to:

[**birchbaylogocontest@gmail.com**](mailto:birchbaylogocontest@gmail.com)

or land mail to:

**Friends of the Birch Bay Library,
4550 Birch Bay-Lynden Road,
#1182,
Blaine, WA 98230.**

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LOSS OF A
MEMBER

In October Janet Feiring died quietly in her recliner. She was an enthusiastic, hard-working volunteer, staffing the event booths all summer, crafting a needlepoint FOBBL banner and doorknob hanger, and serving home-baked cookies at every membership meeting.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Jacobs Landing Clubhouse. Her family has requested that in lieu of flowers, people who wish to can donate to the Friends of the Birch Bay Library, about which Janet was so passionate.

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Janet at the FOBBL booth during Birch Bay Discovery Days,
September 2, 2017

Photo by Connie Taylor

Donations can be made to:

**Friends of the Birch Bay Library,
4550 Birch Bay-Lynden Road,
#1182,
Blaine, WA 98230.**

If you plan to attend Janet's Celebration of Life, please help us organize by sending an email of your acceptance by **January 21, 2017** to **birchbaycommunitylibrary@gmail.com**

or mail a note to:

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Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Staffing booths, building a little "Give One, Get One" library or walking in a parade, are just some of the ways you can help our Friends group continue to inform the community about our goal of a branch library in Birch Bay. Contact **birchbaycommunitylibrary@gmail.com** to volunteer.



The Vogt home

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*We welcome comment or if you wish to be taken off this mailing list, please email **birchbaycommunitylibrary@gmail.com***