

## August 12: Annabeth Rosen Ceramics

The Contemporary Jewish Museum presents the first major museum survey of the work of Northern California sculptor Annabeth Rosen, a pioneer in the field of contemporary ceramics. *Annabeth Rosen: Fired, Broken, Gathered, Heaped* covers more than 20 years of the artist's work, revealing both the variations and consistencies found within her ongoing explorations of form and process. A docent will present images from the exhibit and discuss them.

Alameda Free Library, Main Branch  
1550 Oak Street  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.



## Live @ the Library tickets for 11th season on sale August 1

Tickets for the 11th Annual Live @ the Library series go on sale August 1. This year's lineup of performers is again an outstanding one, with jazz artists well known to Bay Area audiences. Get your tickets early. All concerts are at the Stafford Room at Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda. Doors open at 7 p.m. for pre-concert refreshments and concerts start at 8 p.m. See below for more information on this year's outstanding performers and how to get tickets.

### Concert dates:

**September 14:** Larry Vuckovich Quintet with Alvon Johnson, vocalist; John Santos, Latin percussion; Akira Tana, drums; Jeff Massanari, guitar; and Doug Miller, bass

**October 12:** Mimi Fox, with Brian Ho, Hammond B3 organ, and Lorca Hart, drums

**November 16:** Dmitri Matheny Quintet with Charles McNeal, tenor sax; Matt Clark, piano; John Wiitala, bass; and Leon Joyce Jr., drums

### Ticket Information:

Individual tickets: \$40 each  
Series of three tickets: \$100

### Tickets available at:

- ◆ Books Inc., 1344 Park St., Alameda
- ◆ Dewey's Friends Café, Main Branch, Alameda Library
- ◆ Online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

## Repurpose old books at Alameda's Mini Maker Faire on August 11

Let's make Book Art! FAL will have a booth at Alameda's Mini Maker Faire on August 11. Learn how to create art by upcycling old books. By using pages, covers, and/or spines, you can make a myriad of art objects such as paper sculptures, knife holders, purses, book safes, lamp bases, clocks, picture frames and much more. FAL will supply old books and instructions on how to make many beautiful and useful objects. Your imagination is the only limit. All free.

August 11

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alameda Point, intersection of

Ranger Avenue and

Saratoga Street

(nearest address: 905 W. Ranger

Avenue, Alameda, CA)



Doris Ung's paper sculpture, David Beall's knife holder, Karen Butter's clock

## FAL celebrates and thanks all its volunteers at well-attended event

On July 25 during a delightful Alameda afternoon, some Friends gathered to celebrate a group dedicated to making the city a better place. Organized by Board members Karen Roemer and Jo Winzenread, with assistance from Carole Robie, Honora Murphy and Luzanne Engh, this was the Friends of the Alameda Free Library's annual celebration of volunteers. On the patio of the Dragon Rouge Restaurant, volunteers for both FAL and the library itself were feted. Over 75 of the total of about 200 volunteers who support the library attended and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres.

FAL President Karen Butter welcomed everyone, expressing pride in the library and gratitude to the attendees, without whom the library's value to the community would be greatly diminished. She noted that in the last year FAL was able to provide over \$60,000 to various library programs. In addition to the ongoing support of these programs, FAL intends to provide advocacy for a new branch of the library at Alameda Point and a tool library at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

Library Director Jane Chisaki addressed the group and profusely thanked all who volunteer for FAL, as well as the volunteers of the library itself. She noted that the latter group had logged over 6,000 volunteer hours this year.

Team leaders recognized individual groups, including those who work on the semiannual book sale, in Dewey's Café, at Live @ the Library concerts and Docent Program lectures, the communications team, and the volunteers of the library itself, as well as the Library Board. Gathering for group pictures by photographer Phillip Kaake at the end of the event, these cohorts seemed to be all smiles. —David Beall



Phillip Kaake photo: FAL Café committee and staff.

## Andy Warhol docent lecture entertains and informs audience

On July 8 in the library's Stafford Room, SFMOMA Docent Avril Angevine presented "When Art Went Pop," a program focused on the Pop Art Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. To call Angevine's program a "lecture" does it a disservice, as it was as entertaining as it was informative (as all of her past presentations at the library have been).

Angevine showed a slide of a 1958 work by British artist Richard Hamilton displaying numerous advertising images of American goods still not available under post-war rationing. It prominently features a Tootsie Pop. This, she said, is where it is believed the term "pop art" originated.

She pointed out how the post-war consumerist culture provided fertile ground, particularly in the New York advertising world, for young commercial artists to develop. The transition from commercial art to "fine art" pioneered by Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and others was soon joined by the superstar of the movement, Andy Warhol. His silk screen images of Campbell's soup cans, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Chairman Mao, cow wallpaper and multitudes of other subjects were sensational and controversial.

Warhol died in 1987 at age 58. His legacy lived on in the work of other artists, such as Claes Oldenburg, Roy Lichtenstein, Wayne Thiebaud, and many, many others.

The next Art Docent program at the library will be August 12 at 6:30 pm, in partnership with the Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco. It will feature the ceramic art of Annabeth Rosen. As always, the event will be free.

—David Beall



Soup cans donated by attendee; photo: K. Manuel

### FAL Presidents Report: June Meeting

Friends of the Alameda Free Library will sponsor a booth at the Alameda Mini Maker's Faire on August 11 at Alameda Point. The Communications Committee has volunteers who have created projects from discarded books to show at the Faire - books and instructions will be provided.

FAL has moved into new storage at Alameda Point that is secure, dry and of sufficient size to store boxes of books before the sale. Library Director-Jane Chisaki was congratulated on her persistence in obtaining the new storage space. The Book Sale Committee is looking for new leadership and a small committee is re-organizing the job into small, discrete tasks to make it more attractive to volunteers and is actively recruiting.

Tickets for Live@the Library will go on sale on August 1 at Dewey's Café, Books Inc and online with Brown Paper tickets. World class jazz musicians are featured in the three fall concerts and we expect another sell-out season.

There are two remaining Docent Talks this year -Annabeth Rosen and James Tissot. Talks this year have been outstanding. The August program will feature a ceramic artist for the first time. We will begin planning for talks in 2020 as the museums begin to release information about exhibits.

The Board is working on goal setting for the next 3 years and expects to finalize the document at the next meeting. The Board heard from two potential new members and following the meeting voted to ask them to join.

—Karen Butter



### Mission: Friends of the Alameda Free Library

- ◆ To provide a variety of ways to contribute to the ongoing services and growth of the Alameda Free Library for the enjoyment and benefit of the entire community.
- ◆ To act as steward for the library and its many services and programs through advocacy, volunteerism, and fund-raising to supplement public funding.

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## Coming Events

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**October 18-20: FAL Used Book Sale**  
Alameda Point, "O" Club



Mimi Fox

### Stay in touch!

Information: [info@alamedafriends.com](mailto:info@alamedafriends.com)

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For the latest information on Friends events check our website: [www.alamedafriends.com](http://www.alamedafriends.com).