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Planting “Friendly” Seeds in Allen

If you’re reading this newsletter you are likely already a “friend” of the Allen Public Library, so I’ll avoid “preaching to the choir” about the benefits of becoming a member of the Friends. Instead I thought I’d simply remind you of some of those benefits in the hopes that you might share them with some of your friends and family who may not be aware of both the benefits and the opportunities within the Friends’ organization. In other words, I’m asking for you, our current Friends members, to plant some seeds in our community about becoming a member of, and perhaps even a volunteer for, the Friends of the Allen Public Library.

You might, for example, share how—for as little as ten dollars a year—joining the Friends of the Library entitles the member to ten fine waivers for overdue books! And you might share that joining one of the committees can be a satisfying way to support the library in our community, or be just plain fun! By planting these seeds in your friends and family, you might just see that they find a special place to bloom within one of the Friends committees.

Is your friend or family member a music or cultural arts lover? The Bach to Books committee needs volunteers to guide groups through special exhibits and welcome guests to Friends’ programs. You say you have a chocoholic in your family? No problem, they can continue to feed their addiction by volunteering for the Annual Chocolate Friendly Membership Celebration! Bake a dessert, help organize the event, and/or work a shift the evening of the event.

Know a bookworm who loves to browse libraries and bookstores? Direct them to our Ongoing Book Sale, where they can help sort and stock books and magazines. They’ll get first crack at all the new donations that come in from Allen’s generous citizens.

Have a social butterfly in the family? They’ll gather many new friends helping ALLEN Reads plan and carry out their annual ALLEN Reads One Book. And who’s not about recycling these days? Help support folks’ recycling efforts by directing them to Recycle-A-Book Day. Help is needed in collecting books from elementary schools and/or helping Friends sort books to distribute to charities. Friends are also needed for Texas Recycles Day to help collect book donations the morning of this one-day event in conjunction with the City of Allen and Keep Allen Beautiful. The Annual Rotary Christmas Parade when we need Friends to help create a float and/or march in the parade is a wonderful way to catch the Holiday Spirit!

So, please take the time to plant some seeds in the Friends’ garden of opportunities with your neighbors and family members. Finding that friendships bloom along the road to nourishing our community through service is, to me, the most special benefit of all!

“Bloom where you are planted” on www.allenfriends.org.

*Ann Livingston, President
Friends of the Allen Public Library*





Celtic Night

Celebrate the mysticism and lure of Celtic Culture with the Keltic Dead, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12. Enjoy popular tunes and ballads from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Mann and Brittany. Celtic culture has influenced music from Edinburgh to Dublin to Appalachia. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library Bach to Books. No reservations are required.

Keltic Dead was founded by Allen resident "Shaun" Patrick O. Young. Born into a Scots-Irish-Welch-Native American family, Shaun experienced the Celtic sounds as a child and leaned to play a style that has become part of the Celtic renaissance. In college, he began performing on simple instruments such as six-hole whistles and flutes. Recently, his focus is on the harmonica. Having served in the Marines and later as an engineer in defense systems, he has traveled throughout the world, discovering the international influence of Celtic music. Shaun states, "a purpose of the Keltic Dead is to be a song-catching initiative for music that is in the traditions of the Celtic culture, but it is more than



music, as it also tries to capture the magic and soul of what being Celtic is all about." Other performers in the Keltic Dead are Earnie Taft, David Sparks and Mark Kenneth.

BACH TO BOOKS Presents

Pianist Domenico Codispodi



Italian pianist Domenico Codispodi performs selections from one hundred years of Romanticism. Enjoy the works of famous composers such as Liszt, Schumann, Granados and Rachmaninov at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium.

Born in Catanzaro, Italy, in 1975, Codispodi has won many prestigious awards. Under the tutelage of Bruno Mezzena, Codispodi graduated with First Class Honors from the Conservatory and the Accademia Musicale of Pescara. He received the Joel Estes Tate Scholarship at Southern Methodist University, studying with Joaquin Achucarro.

His recital tours have included Europe, America and Asia where audiences and critics alike have been captivated by the warmth, elegance and sensitivity that is brought to his recitals. Enrique Franco of *El Pais* of Madrid declares, "Listening to Codispodi interpret one of Rachmaninov's Etudes op. 39 and Chopin's brilliant Polonaise-Fantaisie was more than just a simple performance, it was an intimate and artistic experience."

Codispodi's concert appearances include performances with Luzerner Sinfonieorchester, Brno Philharmonic, Filarmonica Italiana, Iceland Symphony, Sinfonica de Galicia, and Warsaw Radio Symphony Orchestra under conductors such as Daniele Agiman, Rumon Gamba, Kirill Karabits, Tomas Koutnik, Andrzej Straszynsky and Christopher Warren-Green.

Outside his busy concert schedule, Codispodi coaches regularly at the Opera Department of SMU, and actively participates in the Van Cliburn Foundation's *Musical Awakening*, as well as in the Gina Bachauer Foundation's educational program in Utah.

In recent years, he has regularly given master classes in conservatories throughout Europe and America, as well as being on the faculty at the International University of Andalucia in Baeza, Spain.



Special ALLEN Reads Events

Guest Speakers

Judy Neil, Collin County Master Gardener

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m., Allen Public Library - Civic Auditorium

Co-sponsored by the Allen Garden Club

Growing Great Vegetables in Texas

Paul Fleischman, author of *Seedfolks*

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m., Watters Creek BORDERS

Presentation followed by book signing

Sarah Stewart, author, & David Small, illustrator, of *The Gardener*

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m., Allen Public Library - Civic Auditorium

Presentation followed by book signing

BORDERS will sell books on site, or you may bring your own

(Hardback books only will be signed)

Seedfolks Book Discussions

Monday, Jan. 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Allen Public Library (APL) - Board Room

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 12-1 p.m., APL - Board Room

Thursday, March 12, 7-8 p.m., APL - Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 25, 12-1 p.m., Allen Senior Recreation Center

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m., Teen book discussion, APL - Meeting Room

Children's Events

Puppet Shows, *Into the Garden*

Sunday, February 8, 2 & 3:30 p.m.

Allen Public Library - Children's Program Room

Junior/Teen Gardeners, co-sponsored with the Allen Garden Club

Saturday, March 28, 1:30-3 p.m., Allen Public Library - Courtyard

Plant seeds in recycled containers to grow at home

Movies & Performances

Greenfingers: Movie Night (Door Prizes, too!)

Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., APL - Civic Auditorium

Co-sponsored with the Allen Garden Club (R-rated)

Actors Helen Mirren and Clive Owen share the joys of gardening

Seedfolks: The Play, by the AHS Theater Department

Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Allen High School Black Box Theatre

Free

The Bee Movie: Dive-in Movie

Saturday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium

Entrance fee: age 14 and up \$7; age 13 and under \$4



March - April Schedule of Events At the Allen Public Library Auditorium

MARCH MOVIE: Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
Adam's Rib (1949) stars Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

Celtic Night: Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Irish music.
See article for more detail.

MARCH MOVIE: Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
Woman of the Year (1942) stars Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

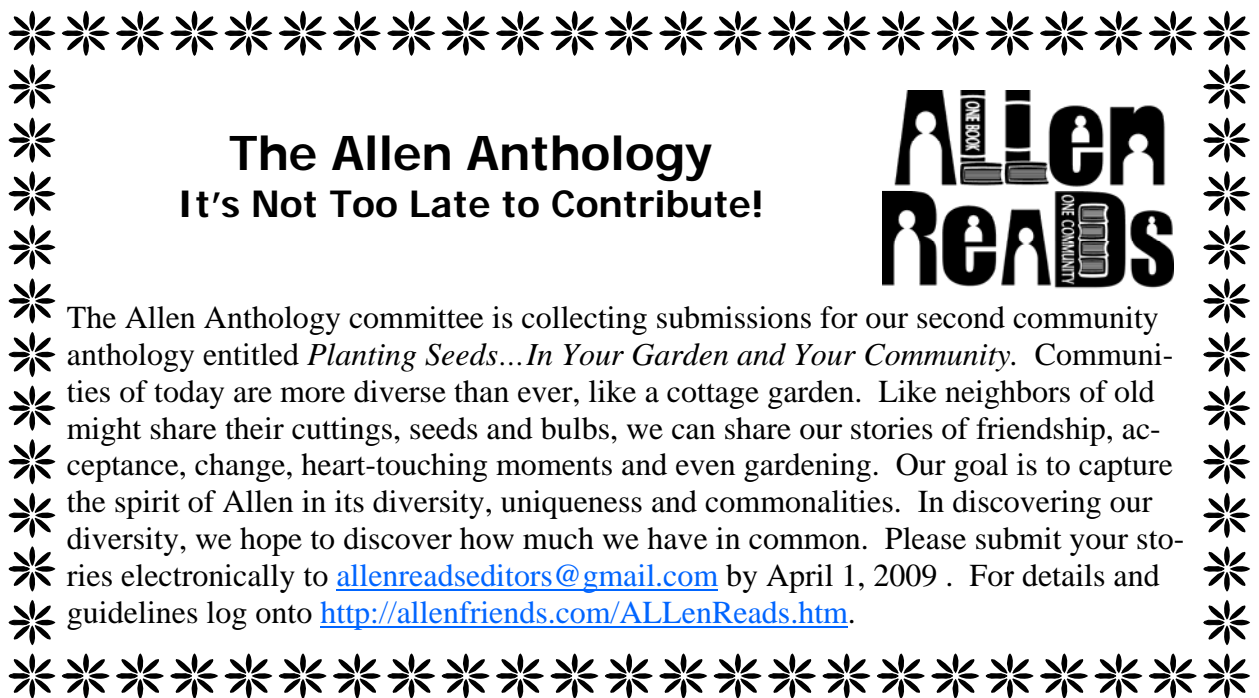
Pianist Domenico Codispodi, Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.
See article for more detail.

MARCH MOVIE: Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
His Girl Friday (1940) stars Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell.


MARCH MOVIE: Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
Desk Set (1957) stars Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

Archaeologist Randy Moir, Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Will talk about early Native Americans and lifestyles of early Collin County settlers.

Jazzy Night. Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m.
Featuring the Allen High School Jazz Band directed by Matt Boening. Friends Annual Meeting



The Allen Anthology
It's Not Too Late to Contribute!



The Allen Anthology committee is collecting submissions for our second community anthology entitled *Planting Seeds...In Your Garden and Your Community*. Communities of today are more diverse than ever, like a cottage garden. Like neighbors of old might share their cuttings, seeds and bulbs, we can share our stories of friendship, acceptance, change, heart-touching moments and even gardening. Our goal is to capture the spirit of Allen in its diversity, uniqueness and commonalities. In discovering our diversity, we hope to discover how much we have in common. Please submit your stories electronically to allenreadseditors@gmail.com by April 1, 2009 . For details and guidelines log onto <http://allenfriends.com/ALLENReads.htm>.

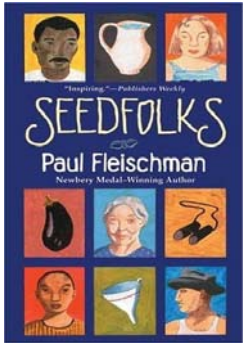
Allen Reads

ONE BOOK
ONE COMMUNITY

Time to Bloom

by Joshua Sabik

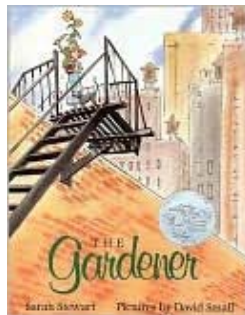
With spring coming to life, there is no more appropriate time for ALLEN Reads to reach its full height. The garden we've planted over the past eight months is beginning to sprout. Between author visits and community events, there's no shortage of plants in the garden.



Book discussions are continuing through March, one on the 25th at the Senior Center, and one for teens on the 28th at the Library. Also at the Library on the 28th, the Allen Garden Club will host a seed planting event, where children will plant seeds in recycled containers to grow at home. For those

with green—or not so green—thumbs, Judy Neil, Master Gardener, will give a presentation at the Civic Auditorium on March 14th titled Growing Great Vegetables in Texas (see article on this page). On Saturday, April 4th, the AHS Theater Department will hold a free presentation of Seedfolks: The Play. Then, on the 25th of April, The Bee Movie will be the Dive-in movie at the Natatorium.

Most excitingly, Paul Fleischman, the author of *Seedfolks*, will be in town on April 4th at the Watters Creek Borders for a presentation and book signing. Two weeks later we will host Sarah Stewart, author, and David Small, illustrator, of *The Gardener*, our companion book to *Seedfolks*, April 18th at the Civic Auditorium for a presentation and book signing. Borders will sell books on-site.



ALLEN Reads Presents Master Gardener

Do you enjoy vine-ripe, picked fresh vegetables? Do you recall the smell of newly turned soil or the sweet taste of homegrown tomatoes? If you would like to experience these pleasures again, come tap into the wisdom of Master Gardener Judy Neil at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14, in Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium. This free program is sponsored by ALLEN Reads and the Allen Garden Club.

Judy, a Master Gardener, has been an avid vegetable gardener for over 20 years.

She received over 100 hours of classroom training and internship before being certified as a Master Gardener, and then recertifies every year through Continuing Education Units and volunteer hours.

The ALLEN Reads selection this year is Paul Fleischman's *The Seedfolks*, a story based on how a community garden transforms a town. Allen Garden Club President Denise Webre states, "It is my hope that the book along with the program will inspire more people to get out and get their hands dirty learning how to grow things in their home gardens. Old and young alike will gain a sense of achievement by growing their own produce."

More information about the Allen Garden Club can be found at www.allengardenclub.org



And Don't Forget!

Gather up those gently read books (especially children's books and paperbacks!) and take them to the library to donate to the Ongoing Book Sale. Ask the Circulation Desk for a receipt – it's tax-deductible!



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Thanks to Our New and Returning Members

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| Judith Barnes | Hannah Marks |
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| Patricia Bradley | Dayna Price |
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| Marian & George Chrisman | Geoffrey Rupp |
| Mary Cone | Ume Sara |
| Katie Davis | Betti and Bill Scillian |
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| Joanne Easley | Ellen Staller |
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| Liz Haddad | Vicki Wester |
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| Janice Hildenbrand | Reta Yearby |
| Margaret Leary | Heidi Zette |
| Barbara & Paul Lecheler | |

Friends of the Library Endowment Board

The Endowment Board held its first meeting for 2009 on January 8th. Their first order of business was to welcome Worley Stein as a new member. Mr. Stein is president of the American National Bank of Texas and a long-time Allen civic leader.

In addition, they were also pleased to have Mary Jane Hamilton join the board as an ex-officio member. Ms. Hamilton is the new president of the Allen Library Board.

Over the next few weeks, the Endowment Board will continue developing outreach and development plans, with a focus on increasing knowledge in the Allen community about how giving to the Fund will enhance the library's long term vibrancy.

The Friends of the Allen Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting the Allen Public Library by providing funds and programs that would not otherwise be possible.