



Submitted Above: John DeJarnatt (second from left) received the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Keizer Art Association on Sunday, April 17 at the annual volunteer appreciation event at the Keizer Heritage Center. Joining DeJarnatt are (L to R) current mayor Cathy Clark, KAA Board of Directors president Lore Christopher and KHC Foundation president Lyndon Zaitz.

Right: Marie McCarty (right) was presented the Art Burr Library Champion Award by Daisy Hickman (left) for her service to the library.



Volunteers honored at KHC appreciation event

The Keizer Community Library, Keizer Art Association, Keizer Heritage Museum and Keizer Heritage Center Foundation honored more than 80 volunteers at the annual volunteer appreciation event, "Giving Time, Touching Hearts," on Sunday, April 17.

The Keizer Art Association presented its Distinguished Volunteer Award to John DeJarnatt, an association member since 2013.

"John has made himself invaluable as our webmaster, our monthly poster designer and our event photographer," said Keizer Art Association Board of Directors president Lore Christopher. "He never says 'no,' he always shows up, participates, and over-delivers. John DeJarnatt is a perfect first recipient of our Distinguished Volunteer Award."

Acting as the volunteer event photographer, DeJarnatt turned over his camera to another volunteer long enough to accept his award.

"Thank you, John, for all you do for KAA," Christopher said.

Daisy Hickman, president of the board of the Keizer Community Library, presented three awards for volunteer recognition.

Steve May, a library volunteer since 2004, was presented the Art Burr Library Champion Award. He has served on the board of directors for the library and was instrumental in drafting policies and procedures for managing the library's collection of books and other media. He was instrumental in connecting the library to book resources in the community.

"Steve is the one who works behind the scenes, continuously demonstrating outstanding dedication, advocacy and tireless commitment to the library," Hickman said. Marie McCarty, the library's longest serving volunteer, was also presented the Art Burr Award. Hickman said she was "a constant ambassador and ready advocate for the library. An unwavering volunteer for the circulation desk."

Since the library's inception McCarty has served the library in various ways, from staffing the circulation desk for two to three shifts a week, to training new volunteers and supporting the Board of Directors.

Chris Melquist, who received a Special Certificate of Appreciation, joined the library as a circulation desk

volunteer in 2013.

"During those four years," the citation reads, "whenever Chris saw a need, she was there to help. From contributing to library committee work, to serving as vice president of the library Board of Directors, to knitting winter scarves for patrons, she has been willing to help the library."

Her commitment is most exemplified when she volunteered, without hesitation, to steer the library through a difficult transition in 2015 as the unofficial Library Manager.

"She has been my rock and the rock for everyone at the library," Hickman said.

The Art Burr Library Champion Award is named for the late Art Burr, who began volunteering at the library in 1999 and was instrumental in forming a Blue Ribbon Committee to explore options for a suitable library location and worked closely with city leaders and the Heritage Center Foundation, culminating in double the floor space at the Heritage Center and additional collaborations with the City of Keizer.

He served as voluntary Library Director from 2008 until 2011, when he became co-director with the late Steve Prothero, namesake of the library's Prothero Computer Center.

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Hanna Maria Kahel-Ringo

October 14, 1992 - April 11, 2016

Our beloved Hanna went to be with the Lord on April 11, 2016.

Her lovely personality and tender heart remains with her loved ones forever. Her life has been a blessing and a light for many. She fought hard to conquer her illness and the courage she maintained is something we are all proud of. Hanna was a gentle, loving, and kind young woman. She was funny, intelligent, and her smile touched all who came into her presence. She's been a peacemaker in everyone's life and cherished all the precious moments with her family and friends. Our hearts know she is in a better place and celebrating her new life. She impacted many and will be missed until we see her again. Her legacy continues in our hearts as we remember her beautiful life.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies it brings us together again and again." -

Maya Angelou. For our Hanna, "Refined by Grace."

She is survived by her parents Linda Ringo-Reyna and Lupe

Reyna, Ibrahim Kahel and Amaal Kahel. Her siblings Malik Kahel and Denisse Kahel, Amanda Ringo Colfax and Gordon Colfax, Lucas

Reyna, Malaak Kahel, Rema Kahel, Hussein Kahel and Hassan Kahel. Her grandparents Minnie Robinson, William and Jackie Ringo, and Lupe and Rosa Reyna, and her nephew Tarek Kahel.

Visitation and celebration will be held at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service. Visitation will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 1 to 2 p.m. Her Celebration of Life will follow from 2 to 4 p.m. Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting www.vtgolden.com.

Kelle Machele (Susich) Sossaman

December 7, 1979 - April 12, 2016

Kelle Machele (Susich) Sossaman, 36, was born Dec. 7, 1979 in Fortuna, Calif. and passed away on April 12, 2016, surrounded by her loving family, at her home in

Keizer.

At Kelle's request there will not be a funeral or memorial service for her.

For more information on her obituary or for making contributions in Kelle's name, go to www.ANewTradition.com and look up her name under the obituaries.



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