

St. Patrick's Day parade a winner

Rain could not dampen the enthusiasm demonstrated by more than 60 entrants in this year's Murphy's St. Patrick's parade held March 14, in downtown Hillsboro. Over \$1000 was raised for the local Inukai Family Boys & Girls Club. Although spectator attendance was down, all who participated in the event agreed it was well worth the effort.

Winners of the Most Irish Animal entry were "Mini Express" headed up by Debbie Logue. This herd of miniature

4H horses stole the hearts of judges and competitors alike. Calvary Lutheran Preschool walked away with Most Irish Walking entry. Their spunk showed through the drizzle to inspire those around them. First-time participant Hillsboro Hobby Shop flew off with Most Irish Float entry. Their construction of a mobile display window and distribution of Balsa wood airplanes demonstrated true creative entrepreneurs. Hands down winner of Most Irish Vehicle was another first-timer, Artful Garden. Their PT Cruiser with "pop-up leprechaun" coming out of the sunroof was a real crowd pleaser. Ronald McDonald, who was the ultimate Grand Finale' to this year's parade, epitomized this years spirit with his always cheerful words of encouragement.

Murphy's would like to thank the many hands that contribute to the success of this annual event and tell everyone they are looking forward to making next year's parade bigger and better than ever.

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Between the Bookends

By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library



On Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Alton Takiyama-Chung will present *For the Sake of the Children* at the Banks Public Library as part of the Fifth Annual Hearing Voices Storytelling Festival. He will tell stories from the internment camps, the front lines in Europe, and the return of the Japanese to the West Coast. He will be performing at other libraries throughout the county and will draw on the stories of different individuals for each performance.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library is expanding and moving their Annual Plant and Book Sale. This year, the sale will include local crafts and garden art, in addition to a broad selection of plants and used books. The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 8, from 3-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This sale is a perfect opportunity for last minute Mother's Day shopping.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs and trees. All are offered at reasonable prices and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of readers will be offered for sale, as well as some videos, magazines and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations and withdrawn library materials.

Space is available for local arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate in the sale. Vendors can purchase exhibit space for \$25. They will handle their own sales and keep all profits. Spaces will be available until April 15. Contact Stephanie Jones at sjones@pdx.edu if you are interested.

The Friends would also like donations of craft items to sell. Contact Stephanie Jones if you have something to donate.

The Art, Plant and Book sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used by the library to purchase bestsellers and current titles, CDs, DVDs, equipment and programs for the library throughout the year. The Friends fund a weekly Story Time for preschool children, a summer reading program for early readers through teens, and provide books for the Banks Community Auction.

Join us for craft night and enjoy some lively conversation while you work on your favorite craft. Come and meet some new friends or visit with old ones while using the library's work space and enjoying some light snacks. Join the Friends on Wednesday, April 8, from 6-9:00 p.m. in the community room.

Join us for Preschool story time on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the community room of the library. It is designed for children aged three to six, but younger siblings are welcome. This month Miss Cathy will read stories on the following themes:

- April 1: Creepy Crawlies
- April 8: Easter Parade
- April 15: Silly Animals
- April 22: Mostly Mice
- April 29: Egg on Your Face

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, or volunteer. Money that the Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

Remember that Swatco is no longer offering recycling on the second Saturday of the month.

On the Shelf:

We have added two new knitting books to our collection:

Hats, Gloves, Scarves, easy designer knits for family and friends by Louisa Harding and *Weekend Knitting: 50 Unique projects and Ideas* by Melanie Falick. Both books offer beautiful designs. **please see page 14**

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