

Art students' works are displayed

Painting and sculpture by Susan Birkhead's students brighten our display case this month. Fanciful creations include critters and edibles in both abstract and realistic interpretations. Don't forget the Friends of the Library Book Club's discussion of *Tuesdays with Morrie* on May 20th at 3:30 at the library.

Chris Bohjalian (author of *Midwives*) addresses the clash between conventional and homeopathic medicine in *The Law of Similars*. A widowed attorney is treated by and then falls in love with a woman who practices homeopathic medicine. When her methods are challenged in a court case, the lawyer, acting as state's attorney, allows his judgement to be compromised. The reviewers say the story is a compelling one.

A Boston art expert is called upon to help the police trace a valued Velasquez that was first stolen by the Nazis. It was subsequently traded on the underground market until it surfaced in Boston thirty years later in *Loot* by Aaron Elkins.

Iris Rainer Dart, author of *Beaches*, returns to the printed page with *When I Fall in Love*. A television writer only sees her co-worker's gruff and seemingly unfeeling exterior until a tragedy rearranges her world. Then he reveals another



Rosalie Boyd

side—compassionate and sensitive—as he helps her and her son rebuild their lives

A woman retreats to a cabin *On Mystic Lake* after she finds herself alone for the first time in many years. There on the outskirts of her hometown in Washington state, she learns to live with her solitude and then to reach out again—by Kristin Hannah.

From what used to be the "Wild West" we have story collections entitled *The Secret of Crutcher's Cabin* by Walt Coburn, *Tumbleweeds* by Will Henry, and *Riders of the Shadowlands* by H.A. DeRosso.

Harry Turtledove writes alternate history tales and his newest, *Into the Darkness*, takes place in a mythical land where modern magic is employed in warfare. In this version of World War, trained dragons set fire to enemy cit-

ies and harnessed sea monsters attack enemy ships.

Two compact books from Europe: A best seller overseas, *The Pollen Room* by Swiss-born Zoe Jenny, is a contemporary coming-of-age book, a starkly realistic and disturbing story. *Trumpet* by Jackie Kay revisits the life of a jazz trumpeter whose death unleashes a carefully guarded family secret. That secret, revealed at death radically alters accepted beliefs and traditions among family and acquaintances.

For parents and kids: *Lost and Found: A Kid's Book for Living through Loss* was written by a priest and a rabbi was written to help young people understand and deal with large and small losses.

North Carolina Women: Making History is an impressive book beginning thousands of years ago with the hunter-gatherers and continuing through World War II. Changes and advances made by women were often subtle. Prior to the Civil War only seven percent of the public school teachers in the state were women, but by the war's end, fifty percent of the teachers were women. A wonderful poster from the 1920's says, "Women bring all Voters into the world—Let Women Vote."

New audio-tapes: *The Testament* by John Grisham, *Plum Island* by Nelson DeMille, *Mirror Image* and *The Ghost* by Danielle Steel and *Legacy of Silence* by Belva Plain.

New video-tapes: *Michael* (Liam Neeson as Irish statesman Michael Collins), *Courage Under Fire* (Meg Ryan and Denzel Washington as Gulf War officers), *Marvin's Room* (Meryl Streep and Leonardo di Caprio as mother and son), *Lethal Weapon 2* (Mel Gibson and Danny Glover take on more bad guys), and *Lord of the Dance* (Michael Flatley and company bring Celtic step-dancing new audiences).

Pettigrew Regional Library Board meeting, Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.



FOUNDATION GREETES NEW MEMBERS

John Wood (far left) board chairman for the Chowan Regional Health Care Foundation, greets three new members at a recent meeting. From left: Willie Boone, Ruth Lane, and Judge J.C. Cole. The foundation supports health care efforts in the community and it is also a sponsor of the local Relay for Life, which will be held May 21 and 22.

Officers are honored at services

Sunday was an exciting day for Immanuel Baptist Church, Edenton. The parking lot was filled with patrol cars of the local Police Department as well as Sheriff Department and NC Highway Patrol cars. Inside was the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday. Over 35 Law Officers from the immediate community were present for Sunday School and the Morning worship service. "It's a true blessing of the Lord!", replied Sgt. (ret) Joe Norman when asked how he felt to have so many of the "Men in Blue" present. Sgt. Norman may be retired but his heart is still in Law-enforcement. "It just gets into your blood," said Sgt. (ret) McCoy Parker. "You never really retire from being a Lawman."

County a safe place to live said one of the members of Immanuel Baptist Church. The phrase, "That none live in fear" is a phrase from another community that Pastor Lockwood picked up for the slogan placed on the plaques that was presented to each department. "I'm not sure which city Police Department uses this but it really made an impression on me when I read it. Because it is so true and Scriptural. Pastor Lockwood reminded the congregation of their obligation to hold these women and men in uniform up before the Lord in daily prayer. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (2) for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and mercy..." (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

He also explained to the Law-officers, their God ordained position in our society. "It is awesome," said Pastor Lockwood, "when you realize just who your true "Boss" is!" For according to Romans Chapter 13 and verses 1-4 you men and women are appointed by God Himself to the position you now hold. You are ministers of God!" He asked, "Do you know your Boss?"

The Adult Sunday School class was taught by veteran missionary, Brent Riggs from Poland. His lesson was in reference to our obligation to the Law of God. And the Purpose of the Law. Once again, he did a great job (stated one of the City Police) explaining this great theme.

Each Officer received a personalized "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Church. This also included Deputy (K-9) "Rex" who performed a little for the folks by demonstrating his response to voice commands.

Over all it was a great morning for all in attendance at Immanuel Baptist Church. Pastor Lockwood wants to remind all the Fire Departments and EMT departments that in the very near future we will be having a day for them also.

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