

TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

CHECK IT OUT!



NEW AND NOTABLE @ YOUR LIBRARY

AUGUST 2010

Fiber Artist Linda Van Alstyne

Participants in the Farmland Play Mat classes will have the opportunity to learn from local fiber artist Linda Van Alstyne. Linda has been sculpting wool, both wet and dry, since 1996.

She is one of the authors of *Needle Felting Art Techniques and Projects*, which can be borrowed from our library.

Linda has taught classes here at the library in the past. Students have had the opportunity to craft snakes, butterflies, and masks.

In order to keep the costs down for these programs, Linda found local farmers willing to donate wool which she and library director Karen DeAngelo then washed, fluffed, and carded. Linda also dyed the wool to be used in the programs.

Save the Date: October 2, 2010 - Spinning Demonstration and "Stash Swap."

Times not yet set in stone.

What's a Stash Swap? An opportunity to share your unwanted yarn, books, and knitting/crocheting paraphernalia with others and take theirs home with you. We also envision this as an afternoon of knitting/crocheting and sharing of yarn, techniques, and whatever else strikes our fancy. Unwanted yarn will be donated at the end. Details to follow.

Fall Fiber Fun

Did you know that there are over 100 farms in Saratoga County? The library will be celebrating the farms and farmers of Saratoga County with a special emphasis on farmland and fiber. During September and October the library will host a series of fiber related programs, including 2 felting programs with fiber artist Linda Van Alstyne, a stash swap, and a spinning demonstration. These programs are made possible with funds from the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding (SPAF), part of the Decentralization regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by Saratoga Arts.

Felt a Farmland Play Mat (for 6-10 year olds).

Saturday, September 11, 2010, from 12-5PM. A snack will be served.

Participants will use natural sheep wool donated by Saratoga farms to create a felt play mat with water, paths, fields, and a pocket. The mats will be an interpretation of pictures and stories about farmland and fiber producing animals. This program is free, but space is limited and registration is required by calling 399-8174 ext. 2.

Felt a Farmland Play Mat (for pairs of Adults, i.e. friends, parent/offspring over 12yo, etc.)

Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 12-5PM.

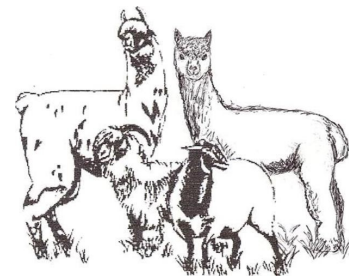
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We would like to invite Ballston and Charlton farmers to email or drop off pictures of their farms for use as inspiration for our programs.

If you have pictures, suggestions or a desire to volunteer:

Email: kdeangelo@sals.edu

or call Karen DeAngelo at 399-8174, ext. 5.



Your Library - Online All the Time

Let's look at all the ways you can enjoy the library on the computer at home:

- Look up a book, movie, or audio-book at <http://catalog.sals.edu> and put it on request.
- Download an audio-book or e-book at <http://salon.sals.edu>.
- **ASK US 24/7** at <http://tobllibrary.sals.edu>
- Find out what's happening at the library on our home page at <http://tobllibrary.sals.edu>



OR

- Look us up on **FaceBook** and **LIKE** our page
- Read a children's book online (and not just in English) by clicking on **TumbleBooks** at <http://toby.sals.edu>
- Add your email address to your account and we'll email you 3 days before your books are due or when the book you requested arrives at the library
- Find magazine articles, tax forms, and more at <http://tobllibrary.sals.edu> by clicking on **Online Research**



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Library Hours

Monday -Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday 10 AM-5 PM
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM
Closed Sunday

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E-MAIL: KDEANGELO@SALS.EDU
HTTP://TOBY.SALS.EDU
E-MAIL: RDARLING@SALS.EDU

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed on
Monday, September 6, 2010
for **Labor Day**

On Display

In the Community Room

*Photography
of
Dave Crudele*

In the Display Case

*Schenectady
County
Home Bureau*

Upstairs

*Water,
Water,
Everywhere*



Downstairs

On the Road Again

End of Summer Beach Party

Everyone who participated in the NYS Summer Reading Program “Make a Splash @ Your Library” is invited to our End of Summer Beach Party on Saturday, August 7, from 11 AM—1 PM.

August 13th is the last day to pick up your prizes!



Children's Programs

**Toddler and Preschool Story Times
will resume on Monday, September
13th!**

Music with Mona continues through August on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM. No registration is required for this interactive family style sing along.



Photographer Dave Crudele

Our Community Room art display for the month of August highlights the nature, fine art and sports photography of local artist Dave Crudele.



Dave spends countless days photographing, backpacking, canoeing, and generally enjoying life in the Adirondack Mountains.

Dave is a self-taught photographer with a passion for photography reaching back more than a decade. Although Dave primarily makes his living through engineering, his art work is available at showings, craft fairs, and select retail outlets in the northeast. For more information on Dave and his artwork, please contact him via www.davecrudele.com.

Schenectady County Home Bureau

The charitable crafts of the Schenectady Chapter of the New York State Federation of Home Bureaus, inc., are featured in the library's display case this month.

If you like what you see, consider going to their craft preview on Tuesday, September 7, from 1-3PM and 6:30-8:30 PM at the First Reformed Church of Scotia.

Board of Trustees

The August meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held at 7PM on Wednesday, August 25 in the library community room.

Meetings are open to the public and we'd love to see you there! Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found under the Board tab at <http://toblibrary.sals.edu>.

Collectors and Crafters on Display

Have you noticed the display case as you enter the library?
Do you have something you collect that you'd like to share with others?
Each display stays up for one month in our locking display case.
Please call 399-8174 ext. 4 to sign up.

Knitters - join us for social crafting on Monday, August 30th at 7 PM in the library community room! Other crafters always welcome!