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Friends Annual Membership Meeting: Ulla Aatsinki to Speak

Mark your calendars: The *Friends Annual Membership Meeting* will take place Thursday 29 October 2009 from 4:00-6:00 in the East Reading Room in the Van Pelt and Opie Library. All members and the public are welcome to attend.



Ulla Aatsinki, Visiting Fulbright Scholar in the Social Sciences Department, will be giving a presentation at the Annual Meeting titled “*Research, resource and remembrance – How to study schooling of Finnish-American children in Upper Peninsula in the 1920’s.*” There will be plenty of time after the presentation for questions and discussion. Dr. Aatsinki is looking forward to meeting the many local people who are interested in the Finnish history and culture of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Dr. Aatsinki is a graduate of the University of Tampere, Tampere Finland. Her dissertation was about the labor movement in Northern Finland right before and after the Finnish Civil War in 1918.

The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” With this goal as a starting point, the Fulbright

Program has provided almost 300,000 participants — chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The presentation will begin after a short business meeting and elections for the Friends of the Van Pelt Library. Refreshments will be served.

Nominated for Board membership are:

Debra Charlesworth
Eloise Haller
Dana Richter
Richard Rupley
Patricia Van Pelt

Nominations for officer positions are:

Amy Hughes, Chairman
Don Durfee, Vice Chairman
Mary Marchaterre, Secretary
Terry Reynolds, Treasurer

Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Visitors are invited to become Friends through a modest donation.

Another Successful Friends Book Sale!

Submitted by Terry Reynolds and Eloise Haller

The 2009 Friends Annual Book Sale, held 26 and 27 March in Tech’s Memorial Union Ballroom, once again netted over \$4,000 for Library improvement projects and travel study grants for the Archives. As noted in the graph below, 2009

proceeds, while minimally lower than the 2008 Book Sale, still exceeded all other previous years.

As usual, the success of the sale depended on the hard work of Friends' Board members in classifying, pricing, and boxing the thousands of books donated, as well as the help of the Society of Intellectual Sisters and our many student volunteers on the days of the sale. We also very gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Michigan Tech's Facilities Management Department, who helped move the books to and from storage, and the Baraga County Center of the Copper Country Mental Health Services, who helped us properly dispose of dated and damaged items.

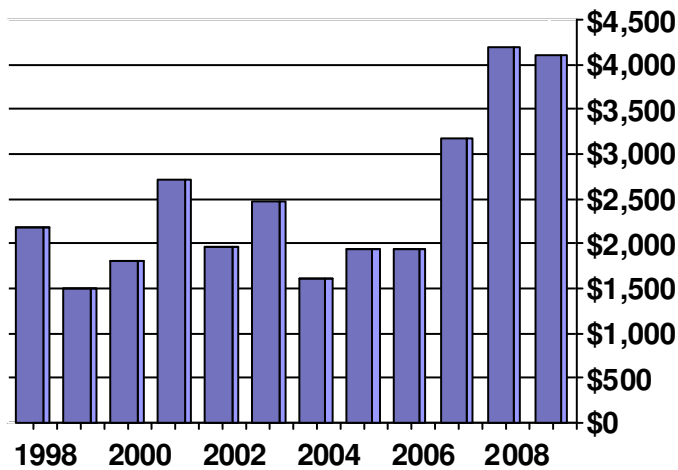


Figure 1: Proceeds from Friends Book Sale since 1998.

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Book Sale: the main sale will be Friday, April 9th from 10 AM to 4:30 PM, with the Member-only Pre-Sale on Thursday evening, April 8th from 5 to 7 PM. Those who attend the Pre-Sale enjoy easy parking and the first choice of books, all for only a \$15 donation (\$10 for seniors and students, and \$25 for families).

Book donations are now being accepted and may be dropped in the collection box in the entry of the Van Pelt and Opie Library, or donors may call 906-487-2500 for assistance with larger donations brought to the Library loading dock. Donations can also be

picked up – call or email Dana Richter (487-2149 or dlrichte@mtu.edu) to arrange for pick-up.

New Labels for Library Art Collection

Submitted by Patricia Van Pelt

When Phyllis Fredendall's stunning felted piece, *Miners' Ascent*, commissioned by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library in 2008, was hung in the Opie Reading Room, it was accompanied by a label that included date of completion, size, medium, and an artist's statement. This label significantly increased people's interest in and understanding of the work.

The Friends of the Van Pelt Library realized that similar labeling for the rest of the art collection in the Library would be useful, encouraging awareness and understanding of the art works.

Friends board member Patricia Van Pelt obtained statements from many of the artists about their pieces in the Library, and where that was not possible, researched material in the Library files. New labels were produced this fall by Ladybug Digital in Hancock. These labels adhere directly to the wall, but are removable and reusable, allowing flexibility in the disposition of the art works. This is a considerable advantage in the Library where the use of spaces is always changing.

Artist Joyce Koskenmaki and Patricia Van Pelt installed the new labels in the Library in late September 2009.

Save Your Receipt: Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library

Submitted by Mary Marchaterre

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library at Michigan Tech. Through its Computers for Kids program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all Econo receipts collected. These funds are used to pay for computer systems in the library. In 2008-2009, the Friends of the Van Pelt Library collected Econo receipts that totaled \$53,773. As a result, Econo Foods donated \$537.73 to the Friends.

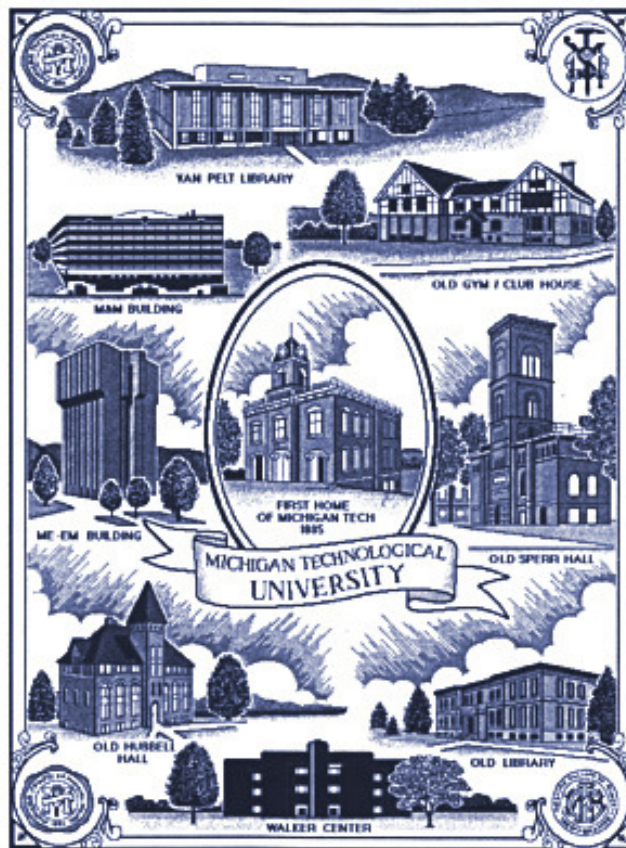
Many thanks to those who participated last year, and a big "keep it up" to all who are collecting receipts for this year.

Want to help?

Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the circulation desk of the Library. Econo will accept receipts dated end of August 2009, through the beginning of June 2010. Please send your receipts by intercampus mail to either Mary Marchaterre (Admin 212) or Faith Morrison (Chemical Engineering - 304A Chem Sci). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our library. There are drop boxes in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), the Chemistry office (607 Chem Sci), at the Library circulation desk, in the coffee room on the 2nd floor of the Admin building, and in the basement of the EERC. Every little bit helps.

Friends Blankets Available!

The beautiful MTU blanket is available once again from the Friends of the Van Pelt Library (<http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/blanket.htm>). The 4 ft by 5 ft cotton blanket in blue and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus (design shown below) and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping. Email Terry Reynolds (treynold@mtu.edu) to order your blanket. All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.



www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm