On October 22, 2013, the Friends’ second-hand book store, the Book Nook, will celebrate its 20th year of operation. What better way to celebrate than to save book lovers money? On October 17th and 19th, 2013, all books will be 20% off, and select paperbacks on tables outside the Book Nook will be $.20 each. To sweeten the deal further, cookies will be available. Plan to stop by, treat your sweet tooth, get some great book buys, and congratulate the Book Nook staff.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Conversations With Dr. Neil Hamilton, **October 16th, 2013**, Stewartfield, 7:00 PM
Conversations With Dr. Robert Harding, **November 23rd, 2013**, Stewartfield, 7:00 PM
Conversations With Peggy Cunningham, **January 22th, 2014**, Stewartfield, 7:00 PM
Conversations With Carolyn Haines, **March 12th, 2014**, Stewartfield, 7:00 PM
Conversations with Roy Hoffman, **April 9th, 2014**, Stewartfield, 7:00 PM

**FRIENDS LITERARY SERIES EXPANDS**

This year Spring Hill College faculty will participate in the Friends “Conversations With” series. Traditionally, the series focuses on local authors who are releasing new titles. The first faculty presenter will be historian Dr. Neil Hamilton. His latest book, *Outlaws Still at Large! A Saga of Roots Country Music Since the 1970s* (Outlaw Press, 2013) is the first book on the history of the renegade Outlaw country music movement. Following Dr. Hamilton will be political scientist Dr. Robert Harding. His latest book is *Space Policy in Developing Countries: The Search for Security and Development on the Final Frontier* (Routledge, 2012). Presentations are for general audiences, so come learn about contemporary music trends and the politics of space exploration. Out of this world!
Manda Collins is now an established writer with four St. Martin's Press paperbacks and an e-book to her credit. The road to success, however, took more than talent. She collected 39 rejections before the first book in her Ugly Ducklings series, *How to Dance with a Duke* (Jan., 2012), was accepted. It garnered laudatory reviews: “If Manda Collins keeps writing novels like her debut, *How to Dance with a Duke*, she is sure to become a bestseller” (Romance Junkies, Blue Ribbon Review).

The September 18th, 2013, conversation focused on the final book in that series, *How to Entice an Earl* (June, 2013) and the first in her second series (Wicked Widows Trilogy): *Why Dukes Say I Do* (July, 2013). Audience members learned a great deal about historical romances. For one, both readers and publishers alike favor trilogies, books with the same or related characters. Additionally, although historical accuracy is a paramount issue for the genre, author Manda Collins, who does substantial research for her books, knows her readers aren’t historians. She is content with historical verisimilitude, scenes that would feel right to readers. Mastering the speech of the period (“shot the cat” means someone’s inebriated) came easy to Manda who’s been reading Regency fiction since she was 13. All of her books are available on Amazon and at Books-a-Million and Barnes & Noble (see mandacollins.com for a complete list of titles).

**THE CATHOLIC IMAGINATION AND CATHOLIC FICTION: PANEL DISCUSSION**

Joseph O’Brien, Tuscany editor; Dr. Michael Piafsky (English Department, SHC); Jesuits Fr. Viscardi and Fr. Williams; and Tuscany authors Ron O’Gorman and Kaye Park Hinckley.

After searching unsuccessfully for realistic, artistic, contemporary Catholic fiction, Peter Mongeau launched Tuscany Press to publish good well-written fiction that captures the imagination of the reader, reflects the Catholic imagination, and includes both a Catholic theme and a protagonist who grows to have a deeper understanding of a moral truth and God.

Two Tuscany authors discussed why and how their novels are Catholic. For author Kaye Park Hinckley (*A Hunger in Heart*, Tuscany Press), all characters are good because God made them. They also have free will, and are equally capable of falls or epiphanies. The task for her is to interlock characters and God’s presence (grace). Dr. Ron O’Gorman is a member of the Friends Literary Events Committee. As a writer he feels a responsibility to tell a compelling, well written, honest story but, as a Catholic writer his responsibility is to infuse his Catholic world into his work. His novel (*Fatal Rhythm*, Tuscany Press) is currently in the editing stage.

Hosted by Spring Hill College’s English Department and advertised in part through the Friends’ social network software, the discussion was outstanding—of interest not just to writers, publishers, editors, theologians, students, and English professors, but to everyone who thinks.
Welcome to Our Newest Members

The generosity and dues of members make it possible to continue to support the library. Each new member is integral to the Friends’ success.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bobinger
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie M. Hampton
Dr. Bart Kendrick II
Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Manley
Mr. Anthony Tobin
Ms. Olga L. Villar

Friends Donate Book Funds to New Spring Hill College Faculty

Every year, the Friends give new Spring Hill College faculty up to $500 in collection development funds to enrich the library collection in their field. During orientation, the new faculty were very happy to hear of these funds and many commented on how lucky we were to have such a supportive Friends group. They have one year to spend the funds.

Mark Your Calendar: October 28th

Writer-in-Residence at the University of South Alabama, Frye Gaillard has written extensively on and will be talking to students and the public about southern race relations, politics and culture. Time: 7:00 PM. Location: Student Center (LeBlanc Room)

Recent Memorial and Honoree Gifts to the Friends

Photomania USA In Memory of Jack Edwards
Samuel J. Boldrick In Memory of German Munoz ’72

You can contribute to the Memorial and Honoree program by going online: https://badgernet.shc.edu/memorial-and-honoree-books. Gifts of books can also be brought to the library any time.

New Members/Volunteers Reception

2012 - 2013 was a wonderful year for the Friends. Thirty new people became members. To provide an opportunity for them to meet Board members and learn more about the organization’s goals, plans, and achievements, the Friends held a reception in the Burke Library on July 30th. Four new volunteers were also invited. Wine, cheese, fruit, and pastries provided a relaxing way for new members to meet each other, talk with Board members, and learn about opportunities for supporting the Library and the greater literary community. Library Director Gentry Holbert displayed some unusual artifacts recently returned to the College, followed by a special treat: a tour of the Rare Book Room/Archives.

President John Hafner shared some important facts, i.e. The Friends
• began on April 6, 1990, more than 23 years ago;
• opened a second-hand book store, The Book Nook (lower level of the Burke Library), on October 6, 1993;
• published seven books, including works on the College’s history and Fr. Ryan’s Poems;
• created a Memorial/Honoree book gift program;
• sponsors a number of literary events annually, including the ongoing “Conversations With” series;
• supports faculty research; and
• underwrites student research through the annual Boyle Research Award.
This was a first-time event, but the Friends would like it to be an annual one. Encourage your friends to join our Friends today, and we can continue this tradition.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

“Write about your sorrows, your wishes, your passing thoughts, your belief in anything beautiful.”
Rainer Maria Rilke
Gentry Holbert spoke at the 5th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries (QQML) June 4-7th, La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy. Her session "Assessing the quality & effectiveness of library services using the MISO survey," was presented with colleagues from Bryn Mawr College and Lafayette College. Gentry has served as a co-investigator to the national MISO Survey (Measuring Information Services Online) since 2011. The Friends of the Library funded the travel for this international conference. Afterwards, her paper was published in the QQML Journal of Library and Information Science. Besides the presentation and meeting librarians from around the world, a highlight of Gentry's time in Rome was attending a papal audience with His Holiness, Pope Francis, in St. Peter's Square. Public papal audiences are a time for pilgrims and tourists to see and hear the Pope as well as receive his blessing. "It was 1990 when I last went to Rome, as part of the SHC semester abroad Venice Program," Holbert said. "It was quite special to come back, not as a student, but as an educator, and present at an international conference. It felt very 'full circle'.”

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