

Message from the President of Friends of the West Carteret Public Library

The 2014 fund-raising activities for Friends of the West Carteret Public Library started very successfully. Our Book Cottage continues to be open several days a week and is staffed by our wonderful volunteers. In addition, we had a book sale at the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival that brought in well over \$500 – again staffed all day by great volunteers.

However, our most lucrative fund-raising activity is coming up on the weekend of May 3 – the Annual Homes Tour and Art Sale, held in conjunction with the Seaside Arts Council. This year the Friends Reception and Art Preview will be held Friday night, May 2, at the Emerald Isle Town Hall. All Friends should have received their personal invitations and we look forward to seeing you there. Tickets to the Tour and Art Sale are still available, and will be up through the event, at the Crystal Coast Visitor Center or from various members of the Friends and at other locations. Tickets can also be purchased at the WCPL website through PayPal. We look forward to seeing all of our members, and members of the Seaside Arts Council, at these events.

We also plan to hold our second Pirates Day Festival for kids later in the year. Keep an eye on the website for WCPL for more information on that event.

And finally, in May the Friends' Book Club will be closing out a very successful year and an interesting list of reads. The new book club year will be starting again in September. If you like reading good books and enjoy a lively discussion after, you will want to join our Book Club! Check the WCPL website, Friends page for details.

Officers for 2014, elected at our January Annual meeting, are

Wanda Collins, President

Isabel Stout, Vice President

Mary Mahns, Secretary

Charles Brown, Treasurer.

We all recognize that the Friends of WCPL could not be successful in supporting our library's activities and needs without the involvement and support of so many individuals who are members and who also are unstinting in their volunteer efforts. Thanks to all for the really valuable support you provide!

Wanda Collins, President