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“Art is much less important than life, but what a poor life without it”

Robert Motherwell

The Monticello Public Library’s life is enriched with the art of Pat Sellon, a local artist. Pat has filled the library display case and the walls with samples of her humor, her style, her love of color, textures, and her imagination.

Included in the display are all different types of media from fabric art to painting and collage. The first thing one notices is Pat’s love of color and contrast. She is able to create art from most anything; egg cartons turn into brilliant candy dishes, soda crates and boxes turn into trays, cans turn into cosmetic holders and so on.

Once Pat puts plexi-glass in the bottom of a tray, it can be used to store items in the kitchen, the bathroom, or her workroom. Brushes and scissors, plants and candles become part of the art.

Pat started playing around with collage (her current favorite media) in about 1996. She has boxes filled with cut-outs of every imaginable image which she gets from fashion, home decorating and cooking magazines. She files them according to subjects in huge plastic containers and waits for “play days” and inspiration to arrive. Pat says she has no idea what the finished product will be when she starts. She just “plays” around until it looks right. According to Pat, adults need to play more. Children have no trouble creating, they just plunge right in. “Just start” is Pat’s motto.

In addition to loving color, Pat loves texture and just got back into knitting again because of the different texture of yarns. Pat uses two patterns and every

time she knits them, she is amazed at how they change with the various yarns.

There are two different sets of egg carton bowls displayed. The cartons are soaked, then pulverized and mixed with wall paper paste and set into saran wrap inside a bowl to form the mold. When dry, she sometimes uses tissue paper to cover them, or sponge-paints them. Needless to say, they are very colorful.

Come see Pat’s framed pieces, her three dimensional works, candle stands, trays, oil paintings, water colors, and scarves. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of Pat’s work, she might be persuaded. Also, Pat has volunteered to hold an adult “Play time with Pat” where she will teach a small group to do collages. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the library. The fun will be at the library on March 27th. If you have any old, unwanted frames to give away, Pat is always on the lookout. “I really have fun. I love doing collages,” says Pat and I’m sure she’d agree with Paul Hawken who says “always leave enough time in your life to do something that makes you happy, satisfied, and even joyous.”

Chicks Enjoyed February Flicks!

Once again, women enjoyed coming to the library to watch movies together. Thanks to Maryellen Broge & Wal-Mart of

Madison & Lisa Cihlar, we had door prizes. Thanks to Wes Cash, we had an excellent new sound system. Thanks to Carolyn Seaver for showing the movies and to all who came to enjoy them.

Since the first Chick Flick was cancelled because of weather, **we will be showing Russell Crowe in A GOOD YEAR on Monday evening, March 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

Book Group

On March 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the library, Susan Wetherington will be leading the discussion on Khaled Hosseini’s book **THE KITE RUNNER**. “All the great themes of literature and life are the fabric of this extraordinary novel; love, honor, guilt, fear, redemption.” This popular book is a “moving portrait of modern Afghanistan.” There are copies available at the library so pick up a copy and come join us.

New DVDs

Some new titles are: **YOGA BOOTY BALLET LIVE; FRANK SINATRA COLLECTION; SUDDENTLY, MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM, TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY; STEVE MARTIN COLLECTION; THE JERK, DEAD MEN DON’T WEAR PLAID, LONELY GUY; AS TIME GOES BY 4 & 6; MAN ABOUT TIME; DIEGO—GREAT JAGUAR RESCUE; HALF-NELSON; E D D I E M U R P H Y —**

DELIRIOUS; LIVING WITH WOLVES; PLAY AS BALL; SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS; ZOOM—ACADEMY FOR SUPER HEROES; MARIE ANTOINETTE; THE DEPARTED; WINTER PASSING; THE WALTONS: SEASON 1; SCRUBS 1 & 2; DEEPLY; ACROSS THE TRACKS; FLIGHT OF FURY; THE PRESTIGE; FLUSHED AWAY; 100 SING'N SLUGS; DORA THE EXPLORER—MUSICAL SCHOOL DAYS; MISS SPIDER'S FROGGY DAY IN SUNNY PATCH; MAN OF THE YEAR; BABEL; FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION; BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI; MASH; MADEA'S CLASS REUNION; WHY DID I GET MARRIED; SHUT UP & SING; CROSSOVER; THE U. S. VS. JOHN LENNON; QUINCEANERA; LOVERBOY; THE WICKERMAN; KEEPING MUM; TENACIOUS D IN THE PICK OF DESTINY; RAGING BULL; THE LAND BEFORE TIME; GREAT DAYS OF THE FLYERS; STRANGERS THAN FICTION; A GOOD YEAR; FRENCH KISS; and THE TOM HANKS COLLECTION: THE MONEY PIT; THE BURBS; DRAGNET.

New Audio Books

THE SUNDAY LIST OF DREAMS by Kris Radish; TEN DAYS IN THE HILLS by Jane Smiley; TRAVELER by Ron McLarty; HEART-SHAPED BOX by Joe Hill; SKYLIGHT CONFESSIONS by Alice Hoffman; MADEA'S UNINHIBITED COMMENTARIES ON LOVE & LIFE by Tyler Perry; THE CASTLE IN THE FOREST by Norman Mailer; I FEEL BAD ABOUT MY NECK by Nora Ephron; and STEP ON A

CRACK by James Patterson.

New Large Print Books

New Large Print Books donated by Marlea Duerst are: WHITE HOT by Sandra Brown; AMETHYST DREAMS by Phyllis Whitney; ON TALL PINE LAKE by Dorothy Garlock; A COUNTRY AFFAIR & COUNTRY WIVES by Rebecca Shaw; and LETHAL JUSTICE by Fern Michaels.

New CDs

Among the new titles are: NOT TOO LATE by Norah Jones; MUSIC FROM THE MOVIE FLICKA; HAPPY FEET SDTK; INFINITY ON HIGH by Fallout Boy; REFLECTIONS by Mary J. Blige; DAUGHTRY; BACK TO BEDLAM by James Blunt; EYE TO THE TELESCOPE by K. T. Turnstall; WEST by Lucinda Williams; FRANK SINATRA—THE EARLY YEARS; EYES OPEN by Snow Patrol; ZOMBIES, ALIENS, VAMPIRES, DINOSAURS by Hello Goodbye; and COME-WHAT (EVER) MAY by Stone-sour.

New Adult Books

New titles include: ESSENTIAL SCANDINAVIAN STYLE by Rosalind Burdett; INNOCENT IN DEATH by J. D. Robb; THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC 2007; SISTERS by Danielle Steel; INNOCENT TRAITOR by Alison Weir; EDGE OF WINTER by Luanne Rice; SHOPAHOLICA & BABY by Sophie Kinsella; WATCHMAN by Robert Crais; STORM RUNNERS by T. Jefferson Parker; ALPHABET WEEKENDS by Elizabeth Noble; BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS by Giles Blunt; EXILE by Richard

North Patterson; NATURAL BORN CHARMER by Susan Phillips; NEW MOON'S ARMS by Hopkinson; PRACTICAL HANDBOOK FOR THE BOYFRIEND by Felicity Huffman; SIMPLE STUNNING WEDDING SHOWERS by Karen Bussen; WAR-MAN'S NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ARTIFACTS by Russell Lewis; WHITE CASCADE by Gary Krist; YELLOWCAKE by Ann Cummins; YSABEL by Guy Gavriel Kay; and 10 DAYS IN THE HILLS by Jane Smiley;

New Juvenile Books

MS COCO IS LOCO by Dan Gutman; THE HIGHER POWER OF LUCKY by Susan Patron; HURRY HURRY by Eve Bunting; JUNIE B 1ST GRADER DUMB BUNNY & JUNIE B 1ST GRADER ALOHA HA HA by Barbara Park; MR. CHICKEE'S MESSY MISSION by Christopher Curtis; NATURE OF JADE by Deb Caletti; SHOUT: LITTLE POEMS THAT ROAR by Bagert; SILVERBOY by N. M. Browne; TAMAR by Mal Peet; WILDWOOD DANCING by Julie Marillier; 7 DAYS AT THE HOT CORNER by Terry Trueman; LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD by Andrea Wisniewski; TODAY AT THE BLUEBIRD CAFÉ by Deborah Ruddell; TRACTOR DAY by Candice Ransom; SILLY BILLY by Anthony Browne; AT HOME IN THE RAIN FOREST; THE MIGHTY MACHINES SERIES; WORLD WAR II SERIES; DINOSAURS; SERIES by Elaine Landau; THE GREATEST SPORTS HEROES SERIES; LET'S GET LOST by Sarra Manning; ONLY A COW by Arlene Hamilton; THE TERRIBLE STORM by Carol Otis Hurst; and GET HOOKED: SIMPLE STEPS TO CROCHET.