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Artisan Extraordinaire in Display Case

Hazel Kundert is a woman who has led a full life. Not only has she been a wife and mother, but she's been a teacher, bridge player, designer of church banners, painter, jewelry-maker, hat maker, sketcher of local Monticello history, both with words and with drawings, and a caring generous friend who supports the library in its fund-raising activities and makes use of its resources.

Ask anyone who knows Hazel, and they'll tell you what a delightful person she is. Her visits to the library light up the place. She is always interested in knowing how to do new things and how to do it herself. With some minor help, she mastered the library's copy machine, she does her own taxes, reads books, sews, knits, and is gracious at all times. What a pleasure it is to know this 96 year-old lady.

An artisan is defined as a "person skilled in applied arts" and this sums up Hazel and her interest in the arts. She works in water colors, acrylics, pastels, pen & ink, wax, material, yarn, shells, and beads. If there is something she wants to know, she checks out a book or takes a class.

In 1962, Hazel, Marie Knobel, Gladys Steinman, and Jerry Woodruff took a hat designing class in Monroe. Hats were a "must" in the 50s & 60s so they decided to make their own. Hazel has several displayed; one is made of pheasant feathers collected by her students who brought her enough to make a hat, a purse, and shoes. The kids loved seeing Hazel wearing her ensemble. Alas, only the hat remains. There are also two knit

berets. Hats have given way to scarves for Hazel these days, but the berets are still worn.

The second shelf contains Hazel's talents as a jewelry creator and designer. She made and sold jewelry which consists of earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and pins. Some are made with shells and beads, some are copper-backed and then sprinkled with powder and baked. This is called copper enameling. Then there are the copper twisted bracelets, etc. which were popular in the 50s. Hazel had her students make earrings like this as Christmas gifts for their mothers. Her first earrings had screw backs and then proceeded to clips. This is an "Antique Display," she laughingly says.

Art classes at night school and at Platteville provided Hazel with the tools to create art. When the Monticello schools needed an elementary art supervisor, Hazel went to Platteville to summer school to get the needed credits. She took the tole painting classes at night school with Fran Carroll as the teacher.

She has a coffee pot, fry pan, and ladle painted with fruit in the tole technique. Birds, barns, flowers, and Monticello's historic buildings such as Stauffer's Blacksmith Shop, and the jail, are themes found in her watercolors and acrylics. She took her class to Abram's Woods on Oliver Road to watch the maple-sugaring and took photos which she later

used as models for her painting. The interior of the blacksmith shop won her a special award in an art show. She has had her paintings on display at the Amcore Bank in New Glarus, and has been know to swap paintings with other local artists. She also made candles. Thanks, Hazel, for sharing your hobbies with library patrons.

Chick Flicks

Chick Flicks run every Monday evening at 6:30 during the month of February beginning February 4th. The first movie will be WAITRESS; the second will be THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB; the third will be NO RESERVATIONS ; and last is BECOMING JANE.

Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring the movie license, for the popcorn, to Wes Cash for the sound system, and to Carolyn Seaver for showing the movies.

Friends' Membership Drive

Come into the library to renew your membership or to join the Friends for as little as \$5, place your name in the drawing and you could be the winner of \$25 worth of Monticello Money!! But hurry because the drawing is Valentine's Day at one o'clock.

Individual life-time memberships are \$50 and Household life-times are \$100. Regular households are \$10 and individuals are \$5. Get involved now! Thanks.

Book Group

The Monticello Public Library Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

The February books is Maya Angelou's *THE HEART OF A WOMAN*. If you've always wanted to know a little more about Oprah's favorite author, here is your chance. In this fourth volume of Angelou's autobiography, she enters the turbulent life of New York city, is a singer-dancer, & meets unforgettable people from Billie Holiday to Malcolm X.

Marlea Duerst will lead the discussion.

New DVDs

Some new titles include: *SUNSHINE*; *SHILOH FALLS*; *DRAGON WARS*; *SESAME STREET OLD SCHOOL 1974-179, V. 2*; *SUPERNOVA*; *3:10 TO YUMA*; *DEATH SENTENCE*; *3 VEGGIE TALES*; *MIRACLE DOGS TOO*; *DORA EXPLORER PUPPY POWER*; *THE CHEAP DETECTIVE*; *GOLDEN GIRLS 1 & 2*; *THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS*; *SAVING SARAH CAIN*; *MR. WOODCOCK*; *WEDDING DAZE*; *GOOD LUCK CHUCK*; *KILLER DILLER*; *LOVE LIES BLEEDING*; *WHAT'S NEW SCOBBY-DOO 3*; *THE HUNTING PARTY*; *ADRIFT IN MANHATTAN*; *THE GAME PLAN*; *SYNDEY WHITE*; *NEW ADVENTURES OF OLD CHRISTINE*; *WEEDS 1 & 2*; *GOLDEN DOOR*; *JANE AUSTEN'S PERSUASION*; *MOLIERE*; *DARK BLUE, ALMOST DARK*; *MANSFIELD PARK*; *NORTHANGER ABBEY*; *HANNAH MONTANA ONE IN A MILLION*; *TWITCHES TOO*; *COMEBACKS*; *FEEL THE NOISE*;

GROUNDHOG DAY; *DADDY DAYCAMP*; *TRADE*; *KING OF CALIFORNIA*; *DIRT*; *THE INVASION*; *DEAD CALM*; *BLONDE AMBITION*; *DAMAGE: SEASON 1*; *SPONGEBOB TO LOVE A PARTY*; *ACROSS THE UNIVERSE*; *THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSIE JAMES*; *THE BRAVE ONE*; *ELIZABETH THE GOLDEN AGE*; *THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB*; *FEAST OF LOVE*; *SNOW BUDDIES*; *DIEGO'S MAGICAL MISSIONS*; and *TWO DAYS IN PARIS*.

New Adult Books

Among the new titles are: *BEGINNER'S GREEK* by James Collins; *BEVERLY HILLS DEAD* by Stuart Woods; *BORN STANDING UP* by Steve Martin; *CACHE OF CORPSES* by J. B. Stanley; *DUMA KEY* by Stephen King; *FAULT TREE* by Louise Ure; *GOLDEN AGE* by Tahmima Anam; *ICE TRAP* by Kitty Sewell; *THE KINGDOM WHERE NOBODY DIES* by Kathleen Hills; *LAST CALL* by James Grippando; *THE APPEAL* by John Grisham; *LIGHT OF THE MOON* by Luanne Rice; *LOTTERY* by Patricia Wood; *MIDDLE PLACE* by Kelly Corrigan; *MY LOBOTOMY* by Howard Dully; *NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON* by Pascal Mercier; *SIZZLE & BURN* by Jayne Krentz; *VERMEER'S HAT* by Timothy Brook; *WHEN THE GROUND TURNS IN ITS SLEEP* by Sylvia Garcia-Sellers; and *VINTAGE VAVOOM ROMANTIC DECORATING*.

New CDs

New titles include: *JUNO SDTK*; *JONAS BROTHERS*; *MENT OF FOREVER* by Willie Nelson; and *GRAMMY NOMINEES 2008*.

New Audio CDs

Among the newest titles are: *TRUE EVIL* and *THIRD DEGREE* by Greg Iles; *THE ABSTINENCE TEACHER* by Tom Perrotta; *THE BOOK OF THE DEAD* by Patricia Cornwell; *THE CHASE* by Clive Cussler; *THE VANISHING ACT OF ESME LENNOX* by Maggie O'Farrell; *BLEEDING KANSAS* by Sara Paretsky; *BLUE HEAVEN* by C. J. Box; *BLOOD BROTHERS* by Nora Roberts; *AWAY* by Amy Bloom; *LOTTERY* by Patricia Wood; *THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SANTA CLAUS* by Jeff Guinn; *T IS FOR TRESPASS* by Sue Grafton; and *DUMA KEY* by Stephen King.

New Large Print Books

New Large Print Books donated by Marlea Duerst are: *AMAZING GRACE* by Danielle Steel; *PIECES OF MY SISTER'S LIFE* by Elizabeth Joy Arnold; *EVER-LASTING* by Kathleen Woodiwiss; and *A WEEK FROM SUNDAY* by Dorothy Garlock.

Story Time

We need more children for Story Time on Wednesday mornings from 10-10:30. If you are home and caring for a preschooler, please come to Story Time.

February will see themes of Feeding Birds; Valentine's Day; and probably more snow!

New Juvenile Books

Some are: *RUNEMARKS* by Joanne Harris; *LESSONS FROM A DEAD GIRL* by Jo Knowles; & *MISCHIEF MONSTER*.