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BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

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ANNUAL

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

OCTOBER 19-20, 2019

INFORMATION AND VOLUNTEER DRIVE

This is the most important fundraiser for Friends of the Belmont Public Library. We need many volunteers to help with setup on Tuesday and Wednesday October 15 & 16 and with the sale and cleanup on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 & 20.

Please consider helping for an hour or two — email us at belfriendslib@gmail.com and we'll send you more info and a link to sign up for a shift. We will also have community service opportunities for Chenery and BHS students so email us about that as well.

We hope to see you all at the sale! Book lovers can expect to find books on travel, cooking, history, politics, art as well as children's books, novels and mass market paperbacks all priced at \$1 or \$2. We're selling thousands of donated books to support the Library's vital and engaging programs for adults, teens and kids, professional development for library staff, and beautification of the Library property inside and out.

Those who are Friends of the Library members get early-bird access to the Book Sale on Thursday October 17 from 6pm to 9pm.

[Become a member of the Friends of the Belmont Public Library and gain early admission](#)



EVERYTHING IN YOUR TOWN—ALL IN ONE PLACE

NEVER MISS AN EVENT AGAIN!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR APPLICATION

The Belmont Public Library will be launching a pilot program of the new community calendar application, Burbio. Burbio is your one-stop-shop for all community events—from school functions, library programs, and town events. The Library hopes that this community-centered calendar will help everyone with scheduling events and programs around town and the surrounding areas, but also to help people never miss an event again!

Look for  on our [website](#) in the upper right-hand corner!



LIBRARY NEWS

LATEST UPDATES FROM BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

The Belmont Public Library is open on Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm.

Library Closures:

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, August 31—9:00am—1:00pm

Sunday, September 1—1:00pm—5:00pm

Monday, September 2—CLOSED

Tuesday, September 10—CLOSED 9am-2pm for Staff Training

BUILDING COMMITTEE SURVEY

We need your input! Please take a moment to fill out our Library Building Schematic Design survey.

[Click here to complete our survey.](#)

FEATURED RESOURCES



Value Line®



This month we are featuring two e-resources that can help you stay up to date on the stock market. The *Value Line Investment Survey*, and *Morningstar*, offer company profiles, market news and analysis, investing recommendations, and useful "help centers," that explain how to get the most out of each resource.

At-home access is available for Belmont card holders. See [Subject Guide > Business and Career](#) to get started today. Speak with a reference librarian at 617-993-2870 or askbelmont@minlib.net for assistance.



LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

BELMONT STORY PROJECT

Listen to [Jean Gauthier and Fran Yuan](#) discuss Fran's work on social justice causes, and Jean's highs and lows living in Belmont, as part of the LGBTQ community.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Belmont's oral history project, contact Nancy McColm at nmc-colm@minlib.net or 617-993-2870 or Joanna Tzouvelis at jtzouvelis@wickedlocal.com





EVENTS FOR KIDS

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES AND THEIR FAMILIES, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

FEATURED EVENTS

MUSIC TOGETHER CONCERT

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

It's never too early to introduce your family to music! Join Lenka Zbruz from Music Together of Belmont, and see your kids connect with music.

SING-ALONG WITH THE UKULADIES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Come sing, dance, and meet new friends! Belmont Children's Librarians Rachel and Adrienne will play their ukuleles and get goofy!

For kids 5 and under.



CONCERT WITH EMILY HALL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join Parents Choice Award winning singer and musician Emily Hall for songs old and new and lots of interactive fun for your little one.

Recommended for families with children ages 0-5

SING-ALONG WITH MATT HEATON

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 AT 10:30AM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join acclaimed local musician Matt Heaton for this sing-along for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with both original songs and classic favorites.



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RECURRING PROGRAMS

STORYTIME FOR 1's

TUESDAYS, SEPT. 17 AND 24 AT 9:30AM AND 10:30AM

FLETT ROOM

We'll share simple stories, songs, and nursery rhymes, and includes time to play and make friends.

For walkers and toddlers under 24 months.

STORYTIME FOR 2's & 3's

THURSDAYS, SEPT. 12, 19, AND 26 AT 9:30AM AND 10:30AM

FLETT ROOM

Come listen to stories and rhymes, sing, and even dance!

For 2 and 3 year olds.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 11, 18, AND 25 AT 9:30AM

FLETT ROOM

We'll read longer books, sing and dance, and enjoy some fun surprises.

For 3-5 year olds with a longer attention span.

EARLY LITERACY PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS, SEPT. 13, 20, AND 27 AT 10:30AM

FLETT ROOM

This parent and child group supports your child's language and literacy development. You'll play, read, sing and take home new ideas! Presented by educators from the CFCE grant program.

For children age 4 and under.

ACTIVE LEARNING FOR INFANTS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 11, 18, AND 25 AT 10:30AM

FLETT ROOM

This short program of songs and rhymes is focused on engaging with your baby and meeting new friends.

For infants up to 12 months and pre-walkers.

MONTHLY EVENTS

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT WITH RUBI

MONDAYS, SEPT. 23 AND 30 AT 9:30AM AND 10:15AM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

This active program will get kids (and their grownups) moving, dancing, and having fun!

For kids ages 2-5.

PARENT-CHILD BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 AT 6:30PM

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

FLETT ROOM

Enjoy great books as a family! This month's title is [Dumpling Days by Grace Lin](#); all registered families can pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Room desk. Pizza will be served.

For children in grades 3-6 and their parents or other special adult.



EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

CHECK INDIVIDUAL EVENTS FOR RECOMMENDED AGES.

FEATURED EVENTS

TWEEN/TEEN MAGIC: THE GATHERING BOOSTER DRAFT

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 AT 2:00PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ASSEMBLY ROOM

The library is hosting its first Magic: The Gathering tournament with a Core Set 2020 Booster Draft! Space is limited, so sign ups are strictly required. All cards will be provided for this event, which will be single elimination, with prizes for the top 3 finishers. Players will get to keep their drafted cards.

This event is for experienced players up to age 17. Please note that unlike our Open Play events, there will be no one available at this event to teach new players the rules.



What is a Booster Draft? It's a Limited format of playing Magic: the Gathering where you draft cards - each player opens a pack, picks one card from the pack, and passes it to their neighbor, repeating this process until all the cards are chosen. Each player gets 3 packs worth of cards and builds a 40 card deck out of those cards in the allotted time. Then, players use those decks in the tournament! Lands will be provided as well, so players do not need to bring any cards with them to participate in this event.

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EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

MAGIC: THE GATHERING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 AT 3:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Beginners, join us to learn how to play Magic the Gathering! We'll provide the cards—which you can keep. Veteran players, we will have open play as well, and access to a deck building toolkit and lands if you need to round out your deck!

For Tweens and Teens



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 16 AT 3:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MONDAY, SEPT. 30 AT 3:00PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FLETT ROOM

Ever wanted to embark on your own epic quest? Here's your chance! The library is launching a Dungeons and Dragons campaign for teens! Beginners are welcome, and dice will be provided. Space is limited, please email moir@minlib.net for more details.

For Teens.





EVENTS FOR ADULTS

FOR PATRONS 18+, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

MONTHLY GROUPS AND BOOK CLUBS

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 at 11AM

BEECH STREET CENTER

The Beech Street Center and Belmont Public Library are excited to announce our new monthly book club, the Page Turners! The new group will be led by Coordinator of Public Services Mary Carter, Community Outreach Librarian, Jonathan Nichols, and Beech Street Center volunteer, Kimberly Sliney. Please join them for their first meeting, where they will discuss what the focus of the new group will be and book selection choices. This group is open to anyone and every one so please bring you ideas and book suggestions!

BELMONT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 AT 3:00PM

FLETT ROOM

This month we're discussing [Shanghai Girls](#), by Lisa See.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of every other month. No registration is required and all are welcome. Find out more about the library's book groups, including the Belmont Book Discussion group's [titles for 2019](#).



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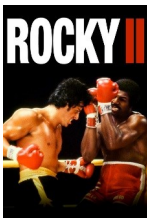
MORE MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

DIAL M FOR MOVIES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 AT 6:30PM
VIEWING—ROCKY II
ASSEMBLY ROOM

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 AT 7:00PM
DISCUSSION
FLETT ROOM

Dial M for Movies is the Library's movie club, hosted by Library Director Peter Struzziero. Join Peter for the film viewing - with popcorn of course - then come back later in the month to discuss the film.



KNITTING CLUB

FRIDAYS IN AUGUST FROM 12:30PM-2:30PM
FLETT ROOM

Bring your knitting, crochet, weaving, or other portable crafts or projects, and we'll get to know each other as we work. We're mainly a social group who like to take a few hours on Friday afternoon to relax and work with yarn, although we're happy to help if you've reached a tricky point in your pattern, or need assistance fixing a dropped stitch. No commitment necessary - we look forward to meeting you!

For more information, contact Jonathan Nichols at 617-993-2896 or jnichols@minlib.net.

TAI CHI AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 AT 10:00AM
TUESDAY, SEPT. 17 AT 7:00PM
ASSEMBLY ROOM

Tai Chi practitioner and coach, Aisling O'Shea, will guide you through this beautiful and low impact form of martial art and meditation. NO equipment necessary, just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

Registration is optional but appreciated.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Belmont Public Library.

ELL CONVERSATION GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 4, 11, 18, AND 25
AT 7:00PM
FLETT ROOM

MONDAYS, SEPT. 16, 23, AND 30
AT 10:00AM
FLETT ROOM & YOUNG ADULT ROOM

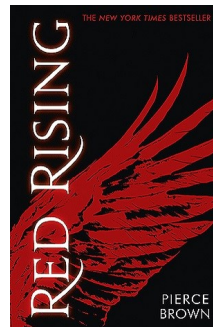
Improve your English and practice conversational skills in a small, welcoming group with guidance from the group leader.



PLANET PAPERBACK—SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 AT 6:30PM
FLETT ROOM

Join our newest book club, Planet Paperback. This group will read and discuss classic and modern works of science fiction. We will be discussing [Red Rising by Pierce Brown](#) at this meeting and then voting on our next book during this meeting (so come with ideas)! For more information or questions, please email Jonathan Nichols at jnichols@minlib.net



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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS

ARTIST RECEPTION FOR AGUSTA AGUSTSSON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 FROM 2:00-4:00PM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Artist reception for Agusta Agustsson, in connection with her show *Plastic Sea, Changing Earth* at the library.

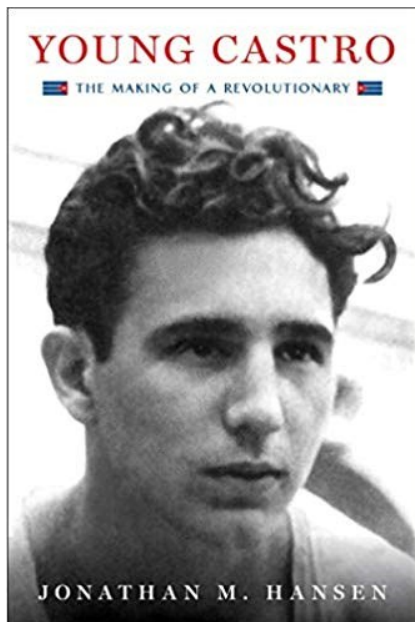
Free and open to the general public.

YOUNG CASTRO AUTHOR TALK

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 AT 7:00PM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Join us for a special evening with Jonathan M. Hansen as he discusses his new book, *Young Castro*.



This book will change how you think about Fidel Castro. Until now, biographers have treated Castro's life like prosecutors, scouring his past for evidence to convict a person they don't like or don't understand. This can make for bad history and unsatisfying biography. *Young Castro* challenges readers to put aside the caricature of a bearded, cigar-munching, anti-American hot head to discover how Castro became the dictator who acted as a thorn in the side of US presidents for nearly half a century.

The first American historian in a generation to gain access to the Castro archives in Havana, Jonathan Hansen was able to secure cooperation from Castro's family and closest confidants, gaining access to hundreds of never-before-seen letters and to interviews with people he was the first to ask for their impressions of the man. The result is a nuanced and penetrating portrait of a figure who was determined to be a leader—a man at once brilliant, arrogant, bold, vulnerable and all too human. A man who, having grown up on an island that felt like a colonial cage, was compelled to lead his country to independence.



THE 21ST CENTURY JOB JEARCH: A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 AT 6:00PM

ASSEMBLY ROOM

Today's job search is a mixture of networking in person, cultivating your online presence, and tried and true outreach to friends and former colleagues.

Belmont resident and Director of Success Associates Career Services, Larry Elle MSW, will outline the steps jobseekers need to take to become a viable candidate in the eyes of employers and agency recruiters.

Come discuss the use of Key Skills in resumes and online applications, "branding", the importance of having a clear resume summary, a top-notch LinkedIn profile, and avoiding common job search mistakes.



Come learn:

- ✓Why a clear career goal is crucial
- ✓How to increase your visibility to recruiters and hiring managers
- ✓What key words to use in resumes & online profiles
- ✓Why networking is more important than ever

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NEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS

COOKBOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 7:00PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

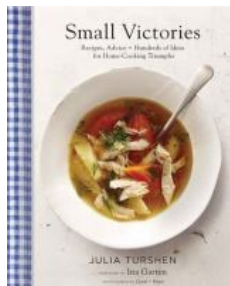
ASSEMBLY ROOM

The Library's Cookbook Club will be returning in October! Join us for a potluck and discussion of [Small Victories](#) by Julia Turshen.

Contact Chris Tremblay at ctremblay@minlib.net if you have any questions.

Happy cooking!

This event is a potluck as defined by Massachusetts State Law.



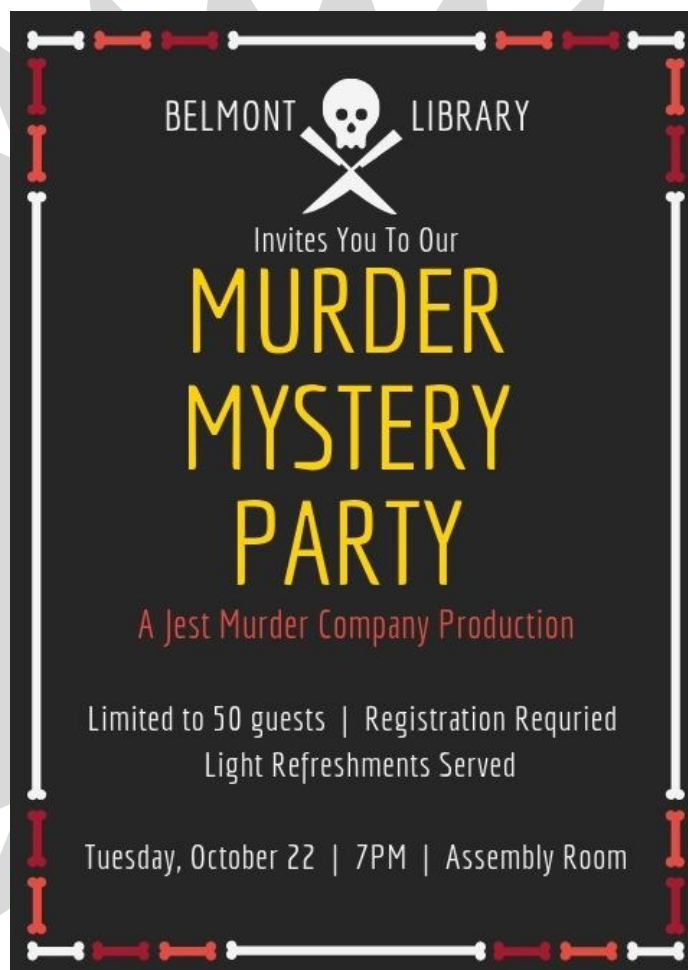
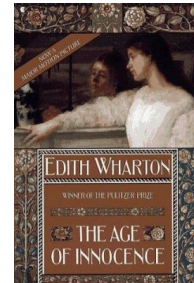
CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 1:30PM

FLETT ROOM

A new Classics Book Group will start at the library this fall. The group will be led by Reference Librarian Miriam MacNair. The group discussions will focus on both modern classics and classics from earlier time periods. All are welcome to attend.

The book to be discussed at the first meeting is the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel [The Age of Innocence](#) by [Edith Wharton](#), published in 1920. The work presents a picture of upper-class New York society in the late 19th century and is considered by many critics to be Wharton's greatest novel.



A photograph of three women sitting at a wooden table in a cafe or library setting, laughing and smiling. A white coffee cup on a saucer, a smartphone, and some papers are on the table. The background shows bookshelves and a window.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN BELMONT

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

SECOND ANNUAL PORCHFEST

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 AT 10:30AM
FRONT STEPS OF LIBRARY**

Belmont's Porchfest is a celebration of community through music and arts performed by your friends and neighbors in yards, porches, and parks throughout Belmont. Bike to a friend's house to hear a Klezmer band or host a circus show on your front lawn.

Last year, a total of 75 groups (including 128 students) performed throughout Belmont at 60 homes and venues to approximately 2500 audience members. 60% of audience travel was by foot or bicycle.

Librarians Jonathan Nichols and Rachel Overbeck will be on hand to entertain you with a puppet show and a storytime. Join us on the front steps of the library for a fun-filled afternoon of stories and songs! Please check back in September for our performance time and for the full Belmont Porchfest schedule.

Want to perform or host a performer, visit belmontporchfest.org.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEECH STREET—SENIOR CENTER

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 at 11AM

BEECH STREET

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LOVE IS LOVE: THEN, NOW, AND FOREVER

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17 at 4:30PM

BEECH STREET

The Arlington Council on Aging and Beech Street Center are excited to announce our first Love is Love party! This party continues our efforts to be a welcoming place for all and develop LGBTQ+ ally programming. Join us for an evening of celebrating love! The definition of love is endless and can show itself through partners, spouses, longtime companions, and friendships. However you define love, we want you to celebrate! Mix, mingle and share your love stories. Dance to Will McMillan's song performances of some of our favorites including Harold Arlen, Hoagy Carmichael, Dorothy Fields, the Gershwin Brothers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Lorenz Hart, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, and Jule Styne. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Cost: Free, but donations towards food and drinks appreciated.

MARILYNNE'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 AT 1:15PM

BEECH STREET

Learn what persuaded a septuagenarian book-worm to board a plane for the first time in her life and fly alone to a foreign city. See scenes of the art and architecture of a literary and historical quest for British icons from Shakespeare to Paddington Bear (that also found an unexpected local connection among the tombs of medieval knights).

Cost: Free.

MEET JULIA CHILD!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 at 1:15PM

BEECH STREET

Meet Julia Child! is a live performance featuring Lynne Moulton as "Julia Child" doing what she did best. The audience will learn about her life and have the opportunity to view "Julia" on the set of *The French Chef*, an amusing and fun experience. After the performance, the cast will open up for discussion about the real Julia Child.

Meet Julia Child is supported in part by a grant from the Belmont Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information, call the Council on Aging at (617) 993-2970.

Cost: Free.

This event is generously sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS AT BEECH STREET](#)



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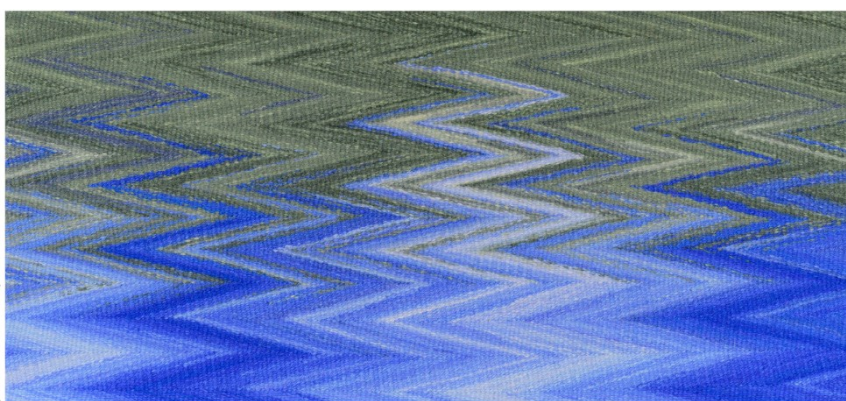
BELMONT ART GALLERY—HOMER BUILDING



IMPACT CLIMATE CHANGE

Contemporary tapestry from Tapestry Weavers West & Tapestry Weavers in New England

Sep 8 — Oct 13, 2019 Belmont Gallery of Art, MA
Dec 16, 2019 — Mar 13, 2020 Mills Building, SF/CA



Images, front: Sue Pretty, Bobbi Chamberlain, Care Standley, Alex Friedman; Back: Sarah Warren

BELMONT GALLERY OF ART

Reception: Sep 15, 1-3pm
 Homer Building
 19 Moore St.
 Belmont Center, MA

MILLS BUILDING

Reception: Jan 30, 2020, 5:30-7:30pm
 220 Montgomery St.
 San Francisco, CA

ARTISTS

Janet Austin	Stephanie Hoppe
Nicki Bair	Barbara Levine
Don Burns	Laura Kamian McDermott
Barbara Burns	Yonat Michaelov
Bobbi Chamberlain	Beth Minear
Deborah Corsini	Sonja Miremont
Sharon Crary	Patricia Nelson
Marcia Ellis	Sue Pretty
Alex Friedman	Minna Rothman
Susan Gangsei	Care Standley
Madelaine Georgette	Kathe Todd-Hooker
Tricia Goldberg	Sarah Warren
Janette Gross	Sue Weil
Lyn Hart	Ama Wertz

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