



Inside Hyde Park

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The Book Lady: from Whim to Passion

by Paul Wentz, editor, *Inside Hyde Park*, and HP homeowner

In 1995, Ann Johnson, already a weaver and fiber artist and a professional commercial interiors designer, had her eye on yet another art form. On a whim and because she liked to make things, Ann signed up for a book-making class offered at the Philbrook Museum. She started handcrafting journals, wedding albums, and small books. Because they are works of art, these books are also known as “artists’ books.” This course ignited a passion that continues to shine brightly. Her new found love of designing and crafting unique books and her desire to learn more about them would take Ann to different parts of the United States and Europe. It would also set her on a course that continues to motivate and influence her love of creating her artist books.



focusing on the crafting of small books. Ann’s love of creating these pocket-size books led her to ask the youth minister at the Tulsa First Presbyterian Church, “Would you be interested in me making books for your kids?” The youth minister was thrilled with the idea. Having retired in 2004, Ann was able to devote her time to designing and crafting small books for the thirteen and fourteen year olds completing their confirmation program.

The kids love the small books. For each confirmation class, the books have quotes from the Bible which follow a theme, such as “fear not.” The kids are asked to keep their small books handy so that a dose of inspiration is always accessible. This year, Ann starts her 16th year making these small books for the First Presbyterian Church confirmation classes.



Ann’s first stop after completing her class at the Philbrook was Chicago, followed by a trip to New York City to attend book schools. She participated in these workshops, she said, “Because I loved making the books.” Her Chicago and New York experiences channeled her new skills and interest toward

Ann estimates that over the years she has designed and crafted approximately 700 artists’ books. Her love of designing and creating these small works of art that give comfort and guidance to the youth of her church brings her great joy which radiated from her during our interview. To these young adults, Ann is the Book Lady, a justified and affectionate appellation. **HP**

Holiday Shopping by Cathy Reynolds, Safety Committee and HP Homeowner

With the holidays approaching, it is easy to forget about ways to keep ourselves safe. If you do your shopping online, your credit card is typically safe; however, it is always a good idea to monitor your statements. If your packages are delivered while you are gone, have a neighbor get it for you to keep it from being taken by a “porch pirate.” NOTE: We have not heard of this occurring in Hyde Park.

If you do your shopping in person, a few simple actions will go a long way to keep you safe. It is a good idea to shop during the day or shop with a friend. If you must shop at night, park as near the door as possible and under a light. Hide or put your items in the trunk and always lock your car. If you plan to use a credit card, take only one with you. Know the number of the card so that if taken or lost, you can call the company and cancel it immediately. Bad guys or girls will take your card and quickly do their own shopping. Do not load yourself down with shopping bags, particularly when walking to your vehicle. Wait to walk out to your car (unless you are with someone) until a group of people are walking out to the parking lot. You want to have your vehicle keys handy. If someone attempts to grab your purse or wallet do not resist. Let go so as not to get pulled down on the ground. Those things can be replaced...you cannot.

Keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Do not fall victim to those who may be attempting to target you! **HP**

Ad Graphics: Pro Speaker Brings Unexpected Blessing

by Jim and Barbara Weems, HP Communications and HP Homeowners

For over 30 years, my wife and I have been designing books for some of America's top professional speakers. When we started Ad Graphics, our second project was for Larry Winget, a client just entering the speaking business. Larry eventually learned that to be successful as a speaker "ya gotta" have a book. *The Ya Gottas for Success* was Larry's first book and our first as book graphics designers.

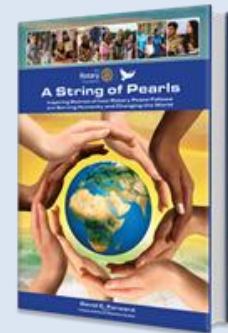
Our new careers as book designers could have ended there, but Larry was a promoter. His book was not a best seller, but his income stream improved by selling tons of books in back-of-the room sales at his speaking engagements. He then told ALL his speaker buddies about us and how they needed to use Ad Graphics to produce products for them to sell at their speaking venues. It was not long before Barb was able to leave her job at St. John Hospital and join me full time as a designer of book interiors.

It was a remarkable situation! We had a professional speaker recommending our services to other speakers. It was an unexpected blessing! I mean, it was unbelievable. But at the time it just seemed like, well, COOL! Looking back, this was a niche market we would never have considered. Here we are years later, and we have designed nearly 500 books for clients all across America.

While it has been an amazing ride, we are surprised it is still not over. We thought we were retired when we moved to Hyde Park, but we recently finished designing four books, and we expect a few more projects to come in soon. You can see more of the Weems' work at <http://www.thebookproducer.com>. **HP**



The Joy of Language is probably our most lively and colorful cover.



A String of Pearls is a full-color book that was produced to support one of Rotary International's major projects, the Rotary Peace Fellowships.

Hyde Park Charity Selection

by Janice Holka, HP Social Committee Chair

The charity chosen for Hyde Park homeowners for 2021 is Lindsey House, a non-profit organization that empowers women with children to become independent. It provides women with shelter and a program to learn life skills that enable them to independently provide and support their families. Currently, there are 24 women and 40 children residing at Lindsey House. Website: lindseyhouse.org.

From the Lindsey House website: "Thanks to the generosity of the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable foundation, your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000."

A box will also be provided in the clubhouse vestibule for those who choose to donate items. Suggestions would be personal items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc., or cleaning items, such as dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleanser, etc.

I (Janice Holka) will collect donations through November. Checks should be made out to Lindsey House. **HP**

Table Talk from the HOA Chair

by Les Gleaves, President, Hyde Park HOA

Last month, the Board announced that Hyde Park has agreed to a one-year contract with Robson Property Management effective November 1. The cost is well within our budget. On Thursday, October 28, Gail Ogle, Robson Property Management representative, made a presentation to homeowners followed by Q&A.

So, why is a professional property management company needed now? Assistance and guidance with:

- Expense management and adequate reserve fund development,
- Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions and By-Laws updating, and
- Variance requests and non-compliance issues.

Each homeowner will have access to Hyde Park's communication "Portal." The Portal has several features and is well-designed and effective.

Be watching for Gail's email. **HP**