

Friends to Elect Officers, Directors

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library (BHL) will be held Jan. 10 at 7 pm at the library. Election of officers and directors will take place at this meeting. All members of the Friends in good standing are invited to attend and are eligible to vote.

Officers proposed for the election are: President – Mary Bowler; Vice President – Claire Kantar (to serve remaining term of current Vice President, Mary Bowler, until December 2012); Secretary – Camille Rafferty. Brief biographies of these candidates follow.

President, Mary Bowler, until 2014. She has been a director since 1995 and has a special interest in programming for children and teens. She is a corporate and securities attorney, and corporate secretary of DuPont Co. She volunteers for a number of other charitable and educational organizations.

Vice President, Claire Kantar, until 2013. She has served as a director since 2007. She has served as a professional librarian for more than 30 years in fields as diverse as school and Navy libraries and technical research facilities.

Secretary, Camille Rafferty, until 2014. A director since 2011, Camille has worked for the DuPont Co. for 35 years in various capacities. She volunteers at Winterthur and the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Officers continuing in position until December 2012: Treasurer, Jim Scanlan.

Candidates newly proposed for election as directors, to serve terms until 2014, are: Kay Bowes, Martha Gessler, Michelle Mastitis-Mooney, and Lynne Rosa. Brief biographies follow.

Kay Bowes: A children's librarian for 18 years, she is known and loved by many of the youngest patrons of BHL. Before retiring, Kay collaborated often with the Friends on programs for children of all ages. She is interested in continuing her knowledge and passion for books and reading and her love for BHL as a member of the Friend's Board.

Martha Gessler: A successful entrepreneur, Martha operates Cornucopia Tours, which focuses on exploring the Brandywine Valley and surrounding area. She previously worked with the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau and several local historical attractions. Martha is an inveterate student and lover of libraries.

Michelle Mastitis-Mooney: An entrepreneur in creative endeavors, she hand paints floor clothes, has been a personal chef, and writes Web content. She comes from a long line of library aficionados, reads a book daily on vacations, and loves BHL's wide offerings.

Lynne Rosa: She retired three years ago from the City University of New York. Lynn has served on boards of several volunteer organizations including political organizations, American Association of University Women (Oregon), Friends of Ashland Library (Oregon). She loves libraries in general and BHL in particular.

Directors continuing in service until December 2012 are: Helen Butler, Agnes Galvin, and Kristie Moore.