

# *The* *Quatrefolio*



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## **QUATREFOIL CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS**

All members and friends of the library are invited to a celebration marking our fifth anniversary on Sunday, February 24, at St Paul Reformation Church. A social hour will begin at 5pm, with dinner being served at 6pm.

The evening will include music, reflections on the past and future of the library, and a light-hearted look at the world around us (including a possible return visit by the infamous Mary Jane of politics fame).

Tickets are on sale at the library now through February 16, at a cost of \$10.

Also plan to stop by the library on Saturday, February 2, for the start of our anniversary month. Check out the new videos and enjoy cake and coffee during regular library hours, 12-4.

## **PAT BOND REMEMBERED**

Quatrefoil Library lost a friend and lifetime member with the passing of Pat Bond on Christmas Eve. Many of us first became acquainted with Pat through the 1977 documentary "Word is Out," where she talked about the army witch-hunts of the 1950s and of the early Lesbian community in San Francisco.

Pat twice brought her one-woman shows to the Twin Cities as fund raisers for Quatrefoil. Her portrayals of Gertrude Stein and Lorena Hickok will long be remembered by all those in attendance. Before her death, Pat had talked of renewing work on a long-delayed project, a story of the life of Lizzie Borden.

Gertrude Stein once said: "Dead is dead. But dead is not done." In Pat's memory, friends from the Bay area have organized the Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award. This award will be presented annually to a Lesbian over 60 who has made significant contributions to the Lesbian community. Donations can be sent to the Pat Bond Fund, 545 Douglass Street, San Francisco 94114.

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

The first book group has finished its sessions with a list of members' favorite books. They pass along the titles below with the thought that other Quatrefoil members might also enjoy them.

The City and the Pillar  
Dancer from the Dance  
Fried Green Tomatoes at the  
Whistle Stop Cafe  
The Front Runner  
Joseph and the Old Man  
Lost Language of Cranes  
Maurice  
Memory Board  
A Single Man  
Surprising Myself  
Tales of the City (series)  
Totem Pole

Gore Vidal  
Andrew Holleray  
Fanny Flagg  
  
Patricia Nell Warren  
Christopher Dairs  
David Leavitt  
E.M. Forster  
Jane Rule  
Christopher Isherwood  
Christopher Bram  
Armistead Maupin  
Sanford Friedman

A longer term book discussion group, meeting in 1991, will explore Gay and Lesbian classic novels. Some have 'sex variant' themes and characters, others were written by Gay/Lesbian or Bisexual identified authors. Most are both. Some of the authors who will be included are Herman Melville, Radclyffe Hall, Oscar Wilde, DeJuna Barnes, and Christopher Isherwood.

There will be ten group meetings at four week intervals, beginning March 10. Discussions will be Sunday afternoons, 3-5pm, at Quatrefoil. The fee for the group is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Group size is limited. To register, call or send your name, address, and phone number to the library.

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## **BOARD NEWS**

Welcome to new board members Juan Jackson and Catherine Burnett. Juan will serve on the PR/Membership Committee and Catherine will be part of the Acquisitions Committee during 1991. Scheduled board activities for the next quarter include workshops on long-range planning and racism.

The board has approved the 1991 budget, totaling \$28,000, an increase of \$7000 over 1990.

## **DONORS THANKED**

The board has acknowledged a number of recent gifts to the library. Star of the North Publishing has donated \$2500 of advertising space in 1990-92. A generous member contributed \$450 for the purchase of the video "Word is Out" when it becomes available. The producers are updating the documentary before releasing on video, so this money has been earmarked for future purchase. The remaining funds from the Northland Business Association were given to Quatrefoil. Finally, the Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities (CPCSM) has donated a substantial sum for purchase of original videos. Some of these are already available at the library. Finally, the board would like to thank all the Quatrefoil volunteers who together donated thousands of hours of their time to the library in the past year.

## **CFD UPDATE**

Final 1990 Cooperating Fund Drive payroll deduction campaign figures are not yet available, but preliminary figures show that more than \$680,000 was raised for CFD member organizations, Quatrefoil Library being one. Many new worksites were added, and about 10,000 additional employees contributed to CFD. Long rang goals for CFD include the 1993 target of a million dollar campaign. Thanks to all library members who pledged through their worksites. Information on Quatrefoil's 1990 allocation will be in the next newsletter.

## 1990 STATISTICS

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Total 1990</u>
Days open	20	24	20	21	256
Men in	211	226	170	166	2588
Women in	93	115	130	144	1310
Total	304	341	300	310	3898
Items checked out	452	432	374	399	4746
Director in	21	24	17	17	248
Director's hours	116.5	134	64	52	1234
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Volunteers' hours	249	155	139	146	2630
New members	-	-	-	-	233

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 - Cake and Coffee at the library - beginning of Anniversary Month

February 24 -- Fifth Anniversary Dinner at St. Paul Reformation Church

March 15 - deadline for next newsletter

## COME SEE US

Quatrefoil Library is located at 1619 Dayton Av, St Paul. That's one block northwest of Snelling and Selby. We're convenient to the #4, #16, #93B and #21 bus lines. The library is open Monday-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, and 12-4pm Saturdays. Our phone number is 641-0969. The library is wheelchair accessible via the elevator at the southwest entrance of the building.

## CLIPPERS NEEDED

We are looking for people to clip articles of interest to the community from mainstream newspapers. Just drop the materials at the volunteer desk. If you clip an article from a page, please be sure to include the date and name of the newspaper.

## **HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER:**

**Please return books promptly.**

**Notify the library as soon as possible concerning a change of address and/or phone number.**

**Renew your membership promptly.**

**Deadline for next Quatrefolio: March 15**

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

With this issue we unveil our new name and masthead. "The Quatrefolio" was suggested by Alan, a long time member now residing in California. A number of good suggestions were received, the most unusual being "Vierblatt Zietung." Thanks again to all those who took the time to offer ideas.

Due to technical problems, the Quatrefoil mugs that were anticipated for the holidays will not be ready until early spring.

A personal thank you from this editor to all those who helped with the newsletter in 1990. To John Livingston, who got it ready for printing; to all those who contributed material; to Bill Lyons, who organized the volunteers; and to the many volunteers who photocopied, folded, and labeled each month.

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