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From Flame to Fine Art

Amazing. That one word best describes the dedication of *Blooms of Enlightenment* by the Eules Library Foundation ("ELF") as it gifted the City of Eules and the Library with this unique blown-glass art sculpture on Friday, August 12, 2005 at a dedication ceremony attended by more than 150 guests.



Amazing work of art. Amazing watching the process take glass "from flame to fine art." Amazing turnout to see the dedication.

Culminating a 3-year fundraising program to raise money for this commissioned artwork, Foundation members and directors, donors and city officials mingled and watched a video of the glass-blowing process used to produce each roundel (blown-glass element).

After a welcome and introduction of City Council members and University of Texas Arlington leaders by ELF president Diane Porterfield, Mike McGehee, chair of the Foundation's Art Committee, highlighted the Foundation's art gifts to the City over the past 10 years (see sidebar on page 4). Mike also talked about how the *Blooms* project began and the awe with which everyone watched it become reality.

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2004 Eules Library Foundation Board of Directors & Officers

Lynn Adams, Past President
Frances Allen
Curtis Brown
Boyce Byers
Sandra Crowley, Secretary
Mary Ann Goetz
Karan Jasper

Leila Khoury
Mike McGehee
Sandy Mosser
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American Airlines Credit Union

ELF Gets Kinky ... And You're Invited!

On Friday, November 11, 2005, ELF will launch its Texas Authors program.

"ELF Gets Kinky," the first of what is expected to be a series of conversations with Texas authors, will feature Kinky Friedman. Friedman's latest book is "Texas Hold 'Em," a wide-ranging collection of essays and observations about Texas and Texans. Part of what makes this book a winner is that it is written in Friedman's entertaining and irreverent style. According to a recent review, "It's an outrageous winner."

Details and ticket information will be available at ELF's annual meeting on September 15, 2005. Tickets will be limited so be sure to get yours early.

The proceeds from this event will be used as a starting point for the Foundation's next art project which will be announced in early 2006.



Upcoming Events

ELF Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2005
6:00 p.m. at Eules Public Library
All ELF members invited.



ELF Annual Meeting & Election of
Directors and Officers
Thursday, September 15, 2005
7:00 p.m. at Eules Public Library



ELF Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2005
7:00 p.m. at Eules Public Library



ELF Gets Kinky
(see article, pg. 1)
Friday, November 11, 2005
American Airlines Training &
Conference Center



Check the ELF website at
www.euleslibraryfoundation.org for a
complete list of all scheduled meetings.
Dates are subject to change.

ELF Insider

We hope you enjoy this issue of the ELF Insider, a newsletter for Eules Library Foundation members. Our plans are to keep you up-to-date on the programs and activities of the Eules Library Foundation on a regular basis and let you know how you can become involved in helping us support the entire Eules community. We welcome your feedback. Visit our website at www.euleslibraryfoundation.org, send us an email at admin@euleslibraryfoundation.org, or contact us through the library at 817-685-1679.

ELF Annual Meeting Slated for September 15, 2005

Election of Directors and Officers

The Eules Library Foundation will host its Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2005. Officers and Directors for the 2005-2006 fiscal year will be elected. The Board of Directors meeting is at 6:00 p.m. at the Eules Public Library; the Foundation Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

According to the Bylaws, directors are elected for two-year terms with about half of the Board elected each year. Directors whose terms expire in 2005 and will seek re-election are Leila Khoury, Karan Jasper, Mike McGehee, and Tom Stover. Norann Lustfield, currently Secretary of the Friends of the Eules Library, will seek election as a Director of ELF replacing Lynn Adams, who is not seeking re-election this year. Directors whose terms expire in September 2006 are Frances Allen, Curtis Brown, Sandra Crowley, Mary Ann Goetz and Sandy Mosser.

Laura Satterfield, as Vice President/President-Elect for 2004-2005, will become President on October 1, 2005. The nominating committee offers the following candidates for election to other offices:

- * Vice President, Sandra Crowley - Sandra has been a Director since 2002 and has served as Foundation secretary for the past two years.
- * Secretary, Mary Ann Goetz - Mary Ann has been a Director since 2004.
- * Treasurer, Tom Stover - Tom has been a Director since 2003 and has served as Treasurer since joining the Board of Directors.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Board will also seek approval by the Foundation for a change in the Bylaws. The Board recommends that the position of Vice President/President-Elect be changed to Vice President and that the positions of Vice President and President be elected each year at the Annual Meeting.

The proposed change would offer more opportunities for directors who would be very interested in serving as Vice President but would not want to commit to the Presidency. Also, this provides the flexibility for a President to be nominated for an additional term if the projects underway would benefit from such continuity.

This primarily affects Article VI, Sec. 6.5 of the Bylaws that were revised in September 2002 (see below for Sec. 6.5 with highlighted changes). You may pick up a copy of the proposed Bylaws with highlighted changes at the Library or visit our website at www.euleslibraryfoundation.org/bylaws. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact a Director or send an email to admin@euleslibraryfoundation.org.

Following the business meeting, Mike McGehee, chair of the Art Committee, will speak briefly on the Foundation's "Legacy of Art" and plans for evaluating future art projects.

Proposed Changes are shown as strikethru.

6.5. Vice President/President-Elect. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President/~~President-Elect~~ shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President/~~President-Elect~~ shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned him by the President or the Board of Directors. ~~The Vice President/President-Elect assumes the office of President at the Annual Meeting following his term as Vice President/President-Elect. The President-Elect remains a member of the Board for one (1) year following his terms of office as Vice President/President-Elect and as President.~~

President's Corner

by Diane Porterfield

It's almost time for my "swan song" ... and what a melodious tune it has been.

The year 2005 has truly been a banner year for the Eules Library Foundation.

Our long anticipated *Blooms of Enlightenment* artwork has been the most significant piece of art ELF has donated to the City and displayed at the Eules Public Library. The ELF Board of Directors takes great pride in this exciting addition and appreciates the support of the City of Eules and those individuals and local businesses that have helped make this possible.

What a great note on which to retire from the ELF presidency!

I cannot begin to adequately express my appreciation to the ELF Directors. They certainly made my "job" easier. Everyone performed their function 110% ... a couple, Sandra and Laura in particular, went way beyond the extra mile. There was always someone to fill in when and where needed. It has not only been inspiring but fun to work with such a dedicated group.

The Eules Public Library staff is so friendly, helpful and knowledgeable. I feel privileged to be associated with such a state-of-the-art library and quality staff. The Library has become the cultural center of the City, and I believe that the Library is truly the PRIDE of the City of Eules.

I am certainly proud to be a citizen of Eules and a faithful patron of the Library.

Thank you, ELF team, for a memorable year as your president.



How *Blooms* began

Special recognition and thanks should be given to the Eules Library Foundation Board of Directors and Art Committee for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

LuAnn Portugal, who was President that year, and Art Committee members Boyce Byers, Diane Porterfield, Mike McGehee and JoAnn Rogers, were the leaders who set the *Blooms of Enlightenment* project in motion.


With Art Committee approval, McGehee presented the proposal for *Blooms* to the Board of Directors at a meeting in the fall of 2002. With unanimous approval from the Board, LuAnn signed the contract in November 2002 which officially commissioned the artwork's completion.

Without this group's ability to see the potential in *Blooms* and their belief that the Foundation could accomplish its fundraising goal, we might never have embarked on this journey. Their leadership is a key component of the *Blooms of Enlightenment* project. The Foundation is eternally grateful for their vision.



ELF Art Committee signs contract and presents downpayment to David Keens. Pictured: Diane Porterfield, Mike McGehee, LuAnn Portugal, David Keens, JoAnn Rogers.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale



Eules Public Library
201 North Ector Drive
Eules, TX 76039
817-685-1679

Early Bird Sale
Friday, September 23, 2005
Early Bird Admission is \$5.00
3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Regular Hours
Saturday, September 24, 2005
10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday, September 25, 2005
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Join the Friends of the Eules Library on September 24 and September 25 for their bi-annual book sale. Proceeds benefit youth programs and other projects for the Eules Public Library. Admission is \$5.00 for non-members. Friends members are free. Early bird sale begins Friday, September 23, at 3:00 p.m.

ELF Insider

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ELF Mission Statement

The Eules Library Foundation's mission is to enhance the visibility and growth of the Eules Public Library through the purchase of public art and the support of programs and projects that will enable the Library to become the cultural center of Eules.

From Flame to Fine Art (continued)

As the evening ended, guests were invited to linger and look more closely at *Blooms* and to look at the permanent Donor Recognition Book and Donor Recognition Display.

Open Houses on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and August 14, completed the dedication ceremonies. The Foundation expects that *Blooms* will be a major attraction for years to come.



Joy Baldwin, Brenda Davis, and Richard Davis.



Frances and Katharine Allen, Glenn Porterfield.



Umang Chaudry, Arianne Keens and Dr. Beth Wright.



Artist David Keens answers questions at Open House.



Elias and Leila Khoury.



Children are fascinated by the play of lights through *Blooms*.

A Legacy of Art

Artwork valued at approximately \$300,000 has been donated to the City of Eules and the Eules Public Library by the Eules Library Foundation:

Rapture of the Human Spirit
Cindy Burleson
August 1997

It was just like yesterday ...
Cindy Burleson
January 1999

Timeout
Gary Price
2000

Bookworm II
Gary Price
2000

The Music Maker
David Scherer
April 2002

Guitar II
David Scherer
April 2002

Blooms of Enlightenment
David Keens
August 2005



More than 125 people visited the Library during the Open House specifically to see *Blooms of Enlightenment*.

More photos available online at
www.euleslibraryfoundation.org/photogallery