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Eules Library Foundation 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.

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John Tippetts to Speak at ELF Annual Meeting

John Tippetts, retired CEO of American Airlines Federal Credit Union, is the author of *Hearts of Courage*, a tale of his father's experiences as a survivor of an Alaska airplane crash in 1943. The plane, with six onboard, went missing in remote Southeast Alaska with the pilot's only radio message of "one engine has conked out, expect trouble."

John describes his mother's strength and courage as the crew of a small Coast Guard vessel discovered the missing plane.

One reader wrote, "This book reminded me of the strength of the human spirit and the power that comes from listening to those little voices within." Another called this "an amazing story."

Join us on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eules Public Library to hear John's inspiring message.

Seating is limited; make your reservation today by calling 817-685-1679.



Community Supports Tile Project

At last year's Annual Meeting, ELF officially kicked off its ceramic tile wall mural art project with a visit from our artist Marion Grebow.

Each tile is an individually created work of art based on photos and historical text provided to the artist. It is a time-consuming process, yet the end result is something that the Eules community can point to with pride.

To date, we have raised 68% of the total funds required to complete this unique historical mural and have sponsors for 72% of the tiles. As tiles are delivered to us, they will be put on display in the library until the final mural is ready to install in late 2010 or early 2011.

As the project has progressed, there have been a few inquiries. We thought we'd share the most frequently asked questions with you and give you an update (see page 4).

Additional information about the project will be presented at our Annual Meeting.



Upcoming Events

ELF Annual Meeting
Friday, September 11, 2009
6:30 p.m. at Eules Public Library



ELF Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2009
6:30 p.m. at Eules Public Library



ELF Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009
6:30 p.m. at Eules Public Library



Check the ELF website for a complete list of all scheduled meetings. Dates and times are subject to change.

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2009-2010 Officers and Directors to be Elected in September

The Eules Library Foundation will elect officers and directors for the 2009-2010 fiscal year in September. Ballots have been mailed to all Foundation members. The results of the balloting will be announced at ELF's Annual Meeting on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eules Public Library. All Foundation members in good standing (paid dues for 2009 or are Lifetime members) are eligible to vote.

Our guest speaker at the Annual Meeting this year is John Tippetts, author of *Hearts of Courage* (see page 1). Come join us and get an update on ELF's tile mural project.

Candidates for Director positions and their terms are:

Directors To be Re-elected	For Term to Expire in
Frances Allen	2011
Kathy Conlin	2011
Norann Lustfield	2011
Mike McGehee	2011

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2009-2010:

President—Sandra Crowley (incumbent)
Vice President—Evelynn Kelly
Secretary—Norann Lustfield (incumbent)
Treasurer—Mike McGehee (incumbent)

If you are an ELF member and have not received a ballot or have any questions, contact ELF at (817) 571-9939 or via email at admin@euleslibraryfoundation.org.

Here's how to join ...

To join ELF or renew your membership, complete the enclosed form and return it with your check payable to Eules Library Foundation (or ELF) to:

Eules Library Foundation
ATTN: Membership
201 N. Ector Drive
Eules, TX 76039

Fall Book Sale Dates—October 9-11

Dates for the Fall Book Sale are Friday, October 9 through Sunday October 11. The Early Bird Sale is on Friday, 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., and is free to ELF members. Admission for non-members is \$5.00. Hours on Saturday are 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us.

Got books you'd like to donate?

If you have gently used books that you'd like to donate to the library for our book sale, just bring them by the Eules Public Library during normal business hours. Any questions? Visit our web site at www.euleslibraryfoundation.org or email us at admin@euleslibraryfoundation.org.



President's Corner

by Sandra Crowley

It seems like yesterday that we announced the start of our tile mural project, yet it's been almost a year ago.

As they say, "my how time flies!"

Response to the tile wall mural project has been remarkable. To date, we have commitments for more than 70% of the proposed tiles and have received funds or commitments for 68% of the anticipated mural cost.

All of this is because of support from this wonderful community and you, its citizens.

Those of us working on the project are learning a great deal about Euless history and the city's role in Tarrant County history. We hope that when the mural is completed, you'll enjoy seeing and learning more about Euless as well.

When we officially kicked off this project (Sept. 2008), we anticipated that it would take approximately two years to complete. That includes time for all the tiles to be sponsored and then time for the artist to design and produce them.

Each historical tile is individually designed, sculpted and painted; the final results are worth the wait as evidenced by the spectacular Himes Log House and Trinity High School and other tiles currently on display at the library.

We hope you'll join us at the Annual Meeting to hear more about the project status and also to hear John Tippetts discuss his book *Hearts of Courage*.



For more information, contact Sandra at 817-571-9939, visit our web site or email us: admin@eulesslibraryfoundation.org.

ELF Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Euless Library Foundation for 2010. Annual memberships expire September 30, 2009.

The Euless Library Foundation is an independent non-profit organization of caring community members who give gifts of time, energy, ideas and financial support to the library and the community.

The success of ELF depends greatly on our friends in the community.

ELF was formed in 1995 to bring together public and private funding in support of the Euless Public Library and to generate permanent artwork for the library's state-of-the-art facility.

In addition to gifts of artwork, ELF supports the Summer Reading Programs and other projects not covered by the library's annual budget.

Everyone who enjoys the library and public art benefits from the work of ELF.

Membership fees:	
Individual	\$ 15
Family	\$ 20
Lifetime	\$250
Business	\$ 50
Corporate	\$100
(includes listing on web site)	

A Membership Renewal form is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have already renewed your membership, thank you. If you have not, you may do so by sending your membership renewal fee to the Euless Library Foundation, ATTN: Membership, 201 N. Ector Dr., Euless, TX 76039. Please note "Membership" on your check.

Membership fees are used to pay for printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter and for general day-to-day

operation expenses so that monies raised via fundraising events may be used for designated projects.

Your membership includes a subscription to the *ELF Insider* newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

New Day/Time for ELF Board Meetings

Effective October 1, 2009, ELF Board of Directors meetings will move to the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Euless Public Library. The November meeting will be on the third Thursday and there is no meeting in December or July. For exact dates and times, visit our web site at www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org.

Benefits of Membership

- Quarterly *ELF Insider* newsletter
- Advance notice of ELF events & programs
- Free admission to Early Bird book sale
- Taxable deduction
(ELF is a 501(c)3 organization)

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Because You Asked About the Tile Project

Following are some frequently asked questions about the Euless Library Foundation's tile wall mural project.

How are tiles identified for inclusion in the project?

The first question to be answered: "Is this a relevant part of Euless history?" A starting point for us was whether or not the person, place or event was included in the 50th Anniversary book published by the City of Euless.

Secondly, what information did Euless citizens consider an important part of Euless history?

Third, what had we left out? This is where the Historical Preservation Committee is particularly helpful!

In addition, Euless citizens have brought us photos and/or made suggestions. In each case, the Art Committee reviews the input and makes a final decision with the artist.

How did you decide what size a tile was going to be?

In many cases, the size proposed for the tile is determined by photographs that we have of the place or event to be depicted. Most often, depicting a house or a single image can be accomplished in a 6" x 8" tile. If you have an image, such as Himes Log House, that has a significant amount of detail plus an image such as the log houses' interior that can be included on the tile, then it makes sense to opt for a larger tile.

Orientation is another consideration. The Iron Bridge, for example, would not be best served in a 6" x 8" tile or even in a square 12" x 12" tile, thus it is designated as a 12" x 6".

In some cases we suggested a tile be 12" x 12", as was the case of the "Mr. & Mrs. Euless" tile, but the artist envisions something with a different orientation, such as the 18" x 8" tile that was actually created. The final decision is made by the artist and the Art Committee, often in cooperation with the tile's sponsor.

What happens once a tile has been ordered/sponsored?

The real work begins. It is important to know that the tiles proposed on the layout are not designed until they are sponsored. We may have photographs and some information to use as suggestions for the artist, but work is not actually started on the design of a tile until it has been fully paid for. At that point, the Art Committee collects photographs and writes the descriptive text that will appear on the tile. Orders are sent to the artist in batches of 8 or more tiles rather than a single tile at a time.

The artist then drafts a sketch and sends it to the Art Committee for approval before starting to sculpt the tile. Each tile is an individual work of art.

What's the timeline for completion?

We anticipate installing the completed project in the library sometime in late 2010 or early 2011. In the meantime, tiles will be displayed throughout the library as they are completed.

What if I have an idea for a tile that's not on the current list?

If you have an idea for a tile that is not on the current list, contact Sandra Crowley or Kate Lyon and tell them your idea. It helps if you have a photograph and some additional information about the place or event you're suggesting. Your idea is then reviewed at the monthly Art Committee meeting and you are notified of the Committee's decision.

Additional Questions

If you have any additional questions, call Sandra Crowley at 817-571-9939 or send an email to admin@eulesslibraryfoundation.org
