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# THE BEST OF FRIENDS

Knoxville, Tennessee

Summer 2017

## Celebrating Friendship at Annual Meeting

Friends members will celebrate the past and look toward the future as we gather for our annual meeting for members on Monday, July 17, at 6 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center.

Event coordinators Kay Hays, Marye Rose, and Sharon Smith have planned a menu featuring light hors d'oeuvres from Bradford Catered Events. Our guest speaker will be Jack Neely, executive director of the Knoxville History Project, columnist for the *Knoxville Mercury*, and author of several books about Knoxville and its history.

Members will also vote on the 2017–18 slate of officers and directors submitted by the Nominating Committee as well as on changes to Friends bylaws (see page 3).

Plan now to join our celebration of Friendship. And please let us know you'll be there by contacting the Friends office at 865.215.8775 or [info@knoxfriends.org](mailto:info@knoxfriends.org) by July 10.

### Jack Neely: Hometown Historian



Jack Neely has been writing about his hometown for years. He received awards for his work for *Metro Pulse*, including his long-running column "Secret History," from the East Tennessee Historical Society, Knox Heritage, UT Press, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Tennessee Library Association.

After the demise of *Metro Pulse*, Neely and others founded the Knoxville History Project, a nonprofit organization devoted to exploring, disseminating, and celebrating Knoxville's unique cultural heritage, as well as the *Knoxville Mercury*, an independent, locally owned news magazine that informs and connects Knoxville's many different communities. He writes a column called "The Scruffy Citizen" as well as the clues for the *Mercury's* Knoxville-centric crossword puzzle, the "Crooked Street Crossword."

Neely has also authored several books about Knoxville and its history, including *The Tennessee Theatre: A Grand Entertainment Palace*; *Market Square: A History of the Most Democratic Place on Earth*; and *Knoxville, Tennessee: This Obscure Prismatic City*.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

## JULY

- 8 Summer Library Club Ice Cream Social at Blount Mansion, 1 p.m.
- 12 *Prints of a Man*: Brown Bag Lecture with Arthur Bohanan, noon
- 13 All Over the Page: Miriam Davis leads a discussion of *The Boston Girl*, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Friends Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 23–28 Truth and Consequences Symposium
- 26 Books Sandwiched In: Jackie Clay and Ronni Chandler return to continue the discussion of *Rac(e)ing to Class: Confronting Poverty and Race in Schools and Classrooms*, noon

## AUGUST

- 9 East Tennessee History Day: Brown Bag Lecture with Award-winning Documentaries by Student Winners, noon
- 15 All Over the Page: Karyn Storts-Brinks leads a discussion of *The Mothers*, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 East Tennessee History Fair
- 23 Books Sandwiched In: Dr. Victor Erik Ray leads a discussion of *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, noon

## A Lasting Imprint: The Shelton Bequest

William “Bill” Asa Shelton loved learning, libraries, and photography. Those interests coalesced into his bequest to the Friends of the Knox County Public Library to enhance the library’s resources related to technology and photography. As a result, everyone with a KCPL library card can access Safari Books Online — where books are fully searchable and always available — while visiting any branch or searching online at home.

Shelton lived his passion. He worked for the Polaroid Corporation where he developed the Big Shot camera, which creates a feeling of physical closeness to the photographed subject. The Big Shot was the darling of pop artist Andy Warhol and continues to be used and appreciated by such photographers as celebrity portraitist Lucas Michael. It functioned so well in the hands of laypeople that consumers gave it the highest ratings of any Polaroid product.

Shelton enjoyed roaming his Sequoyah Hills neighborhood in later life, saying “I love walking along the winding roads there, photographing the homes with their beautiful grounds.” Rather than sell the images, he offered them to the residents of the houses he photographed, endearing him to residents who had to downsize and leave their beloved homes.

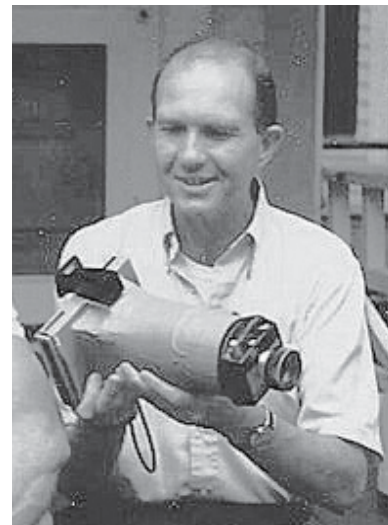
The great photographer Ansel Adams mentored Shelton and became a good friend. That was a hallmark of Shelton’s life — his remarkable ability to befriend people of all levels and walks of life. Members of the Friends of KCPL consider him special, too. Through the Safari database, his endowment gives library users like camera buffs and image manipulators access to over 200 books and nearly 30 videos on digital media alone.

### KCPL Makes Authors Event Podcast Recording Available

Friends’ Author Events Committee has created its first podcast of an author’s presentation. A podcast is a digital audio recording made available on the Internet for download to a computer or mobile device.

On May 16, when Friends, Union Ave Books, the Knox County Public Library, and the East Tennessee Historical Society hosted award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick, Melissa Brenneman of the KCPL Reference Department recorded Philbrick’s remarks.

The discussion of Philbrick’s most recent book, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*, can be found on our website’s Past Events page: <http://www.knoxfriends.org/past-events/>.



Bill Shelton holds an example of his Big Shot camera in 1968.

# Proposed Revisions to Friends Bylaws

The Board Development Committee has proposed the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library. ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT of the current Bylaws stipulates:

*These bylaws may be amended by any regular or special meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of voting members attending, provided that the proposed amendment has been reviewed by the Charter and Bylaws Committee and has been published and/or mailed to each member not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the meeting at which voting is to take place.*

**Current Provision**

**ARTICLE VI MEETINGS, SECTION 3**

Notice of each annual meeting shall be mailed not less than ten nor more than thirty days in advance of the meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to members with the notice of the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 1**

A Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by the membership at each annual meeting. Election shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for each vacancy; in which case, voting may be by voice.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 4**

The Nominating Committee shall also nominate a chairman and two members to the Nominating Committee to serve during the coming year.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 6**

The Nominating Committee shall obtain the consent of each person it proposes for nomination at the annual meeting. The committee shall give a copy of its report to the President in sufficient time for it to be mailed to members with the notice of the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES SECTION 1 (B)**

Charter and Bylaws Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to draft such amendments to the bylaws or charter of the corporation as may be ordered by the President of Board of Directors; to report to the Board on those and any other amendments; and to present all such proposed amendments to the membership for action.

**Proposed Provision**

**ARTICLE VI MEETINGS, SECTION 3**

Notice of each annual meeting shall be mailed **or electronically communicated to members not less than ten nor more than thirty days in advance of the meeting.** The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to members with the notice of the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 1**

A Nominating Committee of **five** members shall be elected by the membership at each annual meeting. Election shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for each vacancy; in which case, voting may be by voice.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 4**

The Nominating Committee shall also nominate a chairman and **four** members to the Nominating Committee to serve during the coming year.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 6**

The Nominating Committee shall obtain the consent of each person it proposes for nomination at the annual meeting. The committee shall give a copy of its report to the President in sufficient time for it to be mailed **or electronically communicated** to members with the notice of the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SECTION 8 ADDITION**

**SECTION 8** The Nominating Committee shall convene and begin its work no more than 30 days after the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES, SECTION 1 (B)**

**Board Development**, Charter, and Bylaws Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to draft such amendments to the bylaws or charter of the corporation as may be ordered by the President of Board of Directors; to report to the Board on those and any other amendments; and to present all such proposed amendments to the membership for action.

**ARTICLE XIII POLICIES**

These bylaws are supplemented with Policies of the Friends, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" which may be revised from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Exhibit A**

Policies of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library  
 1. Every committee must have at least one (1) member of the Board of Directors to serve as liaison between the committee and the Board.

## Recommended Slate of Officers

The Friends Nominating Committee, chaired by Kay Hays, has recommended the following slate of officers and directors for the 2017–2018 Friends of the Knox County Public Library.

### 2017–2018 Officers

**President:** Maggie Carini

**President-elect:** Rusha Sams

**Secretary:** Meryl Keegan

**Treasurer:** LeAnn Luna

**Past President:** Claire Serrell

### 2017–2020 Directors

Al Horn

Meryl Keegan\*

Anabel Lino\*

Suzanne Lenhart\*

\**Second Term*



Al Horn



Meryl Keegan



Rusha Sams

## Build a Better World!

### Join the Summer Library Club \$1111 Chip-In Challenge!

Knox County's young readers and listeners are building a better world this summer. They're having fun with books, programs, and new adventures while maintaining and improving their reading and listening skills as participants in the Knox County Public Library's Summer Library Club.

A few Friends have issued the Summer Library Club \$1111 Chip-In Challenge because they want to help ensure that all participants who meet their reading goals receive reward packages. They also want to help branch libraries host family-friendly programs such as Dr. Al Hazari, Magician Michael Messing, Zoo Knoxville's ZooMobile, and Sparky and Rhonda Rucker. Thanks to these Friends, the first \$1111 contributed to this year's chip-in campaign will be matched by their donations.

You can help our kids build a better world this summer by using the enclosed envelope to make your contribution toward our goal of \$3000. You can also donate online by following the link on our home page at [knoxfriends.org](http://knoxfriends.org).



Magician Michael Messing gets assistance with a trick.



The Zoomobile brings hands-on experiences with exotic beasts to the library.



## Editors Donate Royalties to Friends

In *Mascot: Memoirs from a Zinc Mining Town*, 39 authentic voices re-create a bygone world in rich detail. Editors Helen O. Williams and her daughter Beth W. Cusack are donating the book's royalties to Friends of the Knox County Public Library to encourage fresh approaches to local history and to give back to the community that they dearly love. The book is available from Union Ave Books and Amazon.



## Many Thanks to These Generous Donors: March – May 2017

### Memorials & Tributes

*In memory of Ernest Koella Trotter  
by Phillip & Victoria Fulmer*  
*In memory of Helen Hoffman Orton  
by Robert & Nancy Hoffman*  
*In memory of Fredrica Read  
by Gary & Station Nation*  
*In honor of Anne Lamott's visit  
by Brenda Sellers*

### Miscellaneous Donations

*Anonymous donations at Nathaniel  
Philbrick author event*  
*Beth Cusack & Helen Orton Williams  
(royalties from Mascot: Memoirs  
from a Zinc Mining Town)*  
*Friends member households via  
AmazonSmile*  
*UT Campus Chest (anonymous UT  
employee donations)*

### \$1111 Summer Library Club Chip-In Challenge

*Martha Edington  
Jim & Martha Gill  
Meryl Keegan & Greg Wilson  
Laurie Pearl  
Rusha & Bert Sams  
Claire & Paul Serrell  
Sharon & Larry Smith*

### Dues Payers in Excess of \$30

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### Support Friends While You Shop

Friends member households shopping at Kroger from March to May in 2017 brought us \$447.80 because their Kroger Plus cards are linked to the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you're already registered, you'll receive an email from Kroger Community Rewards in August reminding you to renew your support. If you haven't registered your Plus Card yet, go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> to create an account.





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\_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive my newsletter by email.

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 Public Library is enclosed.

My favorite library branch is \_\_\_\_\_

Renewals can also be made online at [www.knoxfriends.org](http://www.knoxfriends.org)

**Category of Membership**

\_\_\_ Library Lover (Students & Seniors): \$10

\_\_\_ Bookworm (Individual): \$20

\_\_\_ First Edition (Family): \$30

\_\_\_ Mary Lawson McGhee: \$50

\_\_\_ Calvin McClung: \$100

\_\_\_ Mary Utopia Rothrock: \$250

\_\_\_ James Agee: \$500

\_\_\_ Business Membership: \$100

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