

# The Monticello Public Library News

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## Disch's Hardanger Needlework



Vivian Disch has more than 100 beautiful Hardanger needlework pieces and some of these are in our display case for the month of April.

More than twenty years ago, Mrs. Disch decided she wanted to learn to do Hardanger needlework or Norwegian embroidery as it is more commonly known. She did what any one would do. She went to Stoughton for classes!

An avid knitter and crocheter, Vivian took to Hardanger as if she were born to it. She uses patterns and even designs her own work.

Hardanger embroidery or "Hardangersøm" is a form of embroidery traditionally worked with white thread on white even-weave cloth, using counted thread and Drawn thread work techniques. It is sometimes called Whitework embroidery. In the period between 1650-1850 Hardangersom (meaning work from Hardanger area) flourished in Norway. Flax was grown, carded, spun and woven into white fabric and thread

which was used to make and decorate traditional Norwegian costume items called bunads (long aprons) as well as other items of clothing and household linens such as mats, curtains and bedspreads.

While Vivian doesn't raise flax, card or weave her own fabric, there is a doll on the third shelf wearing a bunad. Mrs. Disch uses the traditional method of working white or cream colored thread on its matching material. There are some blue materials with white threads and some materials that she has used traditional embroidery stitches to create the pattern or flowers.

Most of the items on display are dresser scraves, wall hangings or designs which have been matted and framed. Family members receive most of Vivian's beautiful work. She doesn't sell her creations which take quite some time to make as one would expect. However, her daughter says it usually takes her mom about two weeks. She pursues this hobby in the evenings while watching TV.

The large piece framed on the bottom shelf was entered in a Grange Lodge State Convention in Reedsburg where it won a first prize of \$50 and the right to be entered into the National Convention in California where it won the Grand Prize of \$500. She hadn't planned to enter it because she didn't want to send it to Cali-

fornia, but some fellow Grange members took it for her.

The other large framed piece on the bottom shelf includes a piece of lace from Italy which was given to her. It has her initial V on it and she created a design around it. Vivian's favorite creations are the more complicated designs which present more a challenge for her. Thank you Mrs. Disch.

## Friends' Meet

The Friends of the Monticello Public Library will meet on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the library at 7:30 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include: Homecoming Food Stand, May Festival Food Stand, National Library Week, Silent Auction, and any other appropriate business.

Anyone is welcome to join the Friends and to attend the meetings.

## Book Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the library to discuss



THE KNOWN WORLD by

Edward P. Jones.

According to Peter Matthiessen this is “an immensely moving novel that manifests quite marvelously the irony and sorrow, the joy, pain, mystery, and poignant humor of our transient human existence in the known world.”

Pick up a copy today, read the book, see if you agree, and come discuss. Pat Sellon will be the leader.

## National Library Week



The library will be celebrating National Library Week, April 11-17 by participating in the Culver's Drawing Contest for any child eleven and under who wants to draw a picture of his favorite book or character. A completed drawing earns a coupon for free icecream from Culver's and a chance at the Grand Prize. Thank you Culver's for supporting libraries!

Teachers in Monticello are invited to bring their classes to the library during this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons between 1-3. Carolyn will share poetry and stories.

Libraries make a community a better place to live. There is something in a library for everyone so stop in to see how you can enjoy your library.

## New DVDs



Some new titles include: NINJA ASSASSIN; THE 4TH KIND; DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS; ARMORED; BANDSLAM; ASTRO BOY; SPONGEBOB'S LAST STAND; MONK: SEASON 8; BROKEN EMBRACES; NEW

MOON; THE MEN WHO STARED AT GOATS; MAD MEN: SEASON 3; BLIND SIDE; BROTHERS; FANTASTIC MR. FOX; FREE WILLY—ESCAPE FROM PIRATE'S COVE; THE PRISONER; RED CLIFF; NIP/TUCK: SEASON 5, PART 2; POLDARK: SEASON 1; ALVIN & THE CHIPETTES—CINDERELLA, CINDERELLA; ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS THE SQUEAKQUEL; SHERLOCK HOLMES; BACYARDIGANS ESCAPE FROM THE TOWER; ANGUS, THONGS & PERFECT SNOGGING; IMAX UNDER THE SEA; AN EDUCATION; BOONDOCK SAINTS; BLEAK HOUSE; UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE; PICNIC; BAD LIEUTENANT PORT CALL OF NEW ORLEANS; TIGGER & POOH SUPERDUPER SUPERSLEUTHS; SECRET YOSEMITE; GREAT WHITE ODYSSEY; HIDDEN HAWAII; EXTREME ALASKA—DENALI NATIONAL PARK; HOME OF THE GIANTS; DORA THE EXPLORER—LET'S EXPLORE; ALLY MCBEAL: SEASON 2; THE COLLECTOR; I'M NO DUMMY; and SESAME STREET—BEING GREEN.



## Adult Books

Some new titles are: CAUGHT by Harlan Coben; ABRAHAM LINCOLN VAMPIRE HUNTER by Seth Grahame-Smith; THE SILENT SEA by Clive Cussler; LITTLE BEE by Chris Cleave; PERFECT PORCHES by Paula Wallace; HERO AT LARGE by Janet Evanovich; HOME IN CAROLINA by Sherryl Woods; GARDEN SECRETS FOR ATTRACTING BIRDS; SMART GUIDE VEGETABLES; SUCCESSFUL

CONTAINER GARDENING; ANGELOLOGY by Danielle Trussoni; BONE THIEF by Jefferson Bass; DANCING FOR DEGAS by Kathryn Wagner; FRIEND OF THE FAMILY by Lauren Grodstein; KILLING EDGE by Heather Graham; LAST FIX by K. O. Dahl; MORNING'S REFRAIN by Tracie Peterson; SHADOW PRINCESS by Indu Sundaresan; WEED THAT STRINGS THE HANGMAN'S BAG by Alan Bradley; and WHITER THAN SNOW by Sandra Dallas.

## New Ju- venile Books



New titles for children are: BIRTHDAY BALL by Lois Lowry; BRIGHTLY WOVEN by Alexandra Bracken; BUNNY'S EASTER EGG by Anne Mortimer; DANNY IS DONE WITH DIAPERS by Rebecca O'Connell; DOGS by Emily Gravett; ERNEST'S FIRST EASTER by Paivi Stalder; FANCY NANCY THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL by Jane Oconnor; HEIST SOCIETY by Ally Carter; HEX HALL by Rachel Hawkins; NOTHING BUT A DOG by Bobbi Katz; and THIS WORLD WE LIVE IN by Susan Beth Pfeffer.



## New Audio Books

Some newer titles are: WIFE'S TALE by Lori Lansens; ANGELOLOGY by Danielle Trussoni; HELL GATE by Linda Fairstein; SOLAR by Ian McEwan; and DECEPTION by Jonathan Kellerman.