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THE FRIENDS OF THE GOUCHER COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

FOL's 50th Anniversary Celebration Continues with *Good Bye, My Lady Love*

Continuing the year long 50th anniversary celebration that began with last fall's *Ghosts from Goucher's Past* living history presentation, the Friends of the Goucher College Library present Sally Sherwood's one-woman show *Good Bye, My Lady Love: A Musicale of Yesteryear* on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mildred Dunnock Theatre on the college campus.

The performance takes its audience back to the turn-of-the-century Broadway musical scene, when the audacious, ostentatious, and sometimes downright scandalous onstage and offstage antics of Broadway stars like Anna

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—Sally Sherwood

Held, Lillian Russell, and Blanche Ring lit up the Great White Way with a combination of talent, excess, and fun. Accompanied by pianist Woody Regan, performer and playwright Sherwood brings these women back to life and shows how they challenged the conventions of their time and



Sally Sherwood performs in *Good Bye, My Lady Love* at Goucher on Wednesday, April 12

left behind a legacy of musical theatre that remains with audiences to this day. The performance recreates the bustling, extravagant era when the Waldorf-Astoria, Rector's, and Delmonico's turned eating into an art form, when the brand-new subway transformed the social life of the city, and the theatre district — "The Rialto" — stretched all the way from 14th Street to 42nd.

Sherwood began her acting career as a member of the SoHo Repertory Theater in New York City, where she played a variety of roles in classics from Shakespeare to Shaw, Rostand to Ibsen. Since then she has performed in the original cast of *A Thread of Scarlet* at the Encompass

Theatre and appeared in musicals throughout New York, including *The Music Man*, *Little Mary Sunshine*, *New Girl in Town*, and *Anything Cole*. She has also appeared in light opera productions (including *The Count of Luxembourg*, *Rose Marie*, and a host of Gilbert & Sullivan productions), on the cabaret stage as writer and co-star of the two-woman show *Just Between Friends*, and on television and radio as an actor and corporate spokesperson for Pfizer and AT&T. Hailed by reviewers as "a first-rate comic," "golden-voiced," and "a delightful comedienne with a complex and rich voice," Sherwood has appeared as a

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Trustee Carla Hayden Speaks at Annual Meeting



Carla Hayden, executive director of Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library and member of the Goucher College Board of Trustees, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Goucher College Library on Tuesday, May 9 at 2 p.m. in the Soper Room of the Julia Rogers Library.

Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1998, Hayden has served as executive director of the Pratt Library since 1993. Prior to that, she worked as first deputy commissioner and chief librarian of the Chicago Public Library, taught at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Library and Information Science as an assistant professor, and served as library sciences coordinator for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. A graduate of Roosevelt University and M.A. and Ph.D. recipient from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, Hayden began her career at the Chicago Public Library, serving as children's librarian and library associate from 1973-1979 and young adult services coordinator from 1979-1981.

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In addition to her teaching experience at the University of Pittsburgh, Hayden has served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland at College Park College of Library and Information Services and as a faculty member at the summer institutes of the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University, and Columbia University's School of Library Service.

An active participant in a variety of community organizations, Hayden's board memberships include the Maryland Museum of African American History and Culture Corporation, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and Library (New York), Libraries for the Future, the Maryland Historical Society, National Aquarium of Baltimore, and Washington College. She chaired the American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation from 1994-1997 and the ALA Spectrum Initiative from 1997 to the present, and is a member of the Public Library Association and the Maryland Library Association.

Hayden is the recipient of the 1998 Johns Hopkins University President's Medal, the 1997 Andrew White Medal from Loyola College in Baltimore, and the 1996 Legacy of Literacy Award from the DuBois Circle in Baltimore. In 1996, she was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by Warfield's Business Record, and in 1995 was named Librarian of the Year by *Library Journal*.

Julia Rogers Library Receives Strategic Planning Grant

A grant from Goucher College's strategic initiatives committee will enable the Julia Rogers Library to bring a traveling exhibition of the American Library Association entitled *The Frontier in American Culture* to Goucher this fall. In conjunction with the exhibition, members of Goucher's faculty and administrative staff will participate in an informal speaker series. Confirmed speakers include William Fox, special assistant to the president, who will speak on faith on the frontier, and Joe Morton, professor of philosophy, speaking on the experiences of indigenous peoples during American expansion. More speakers and activities will be announced as the exhibition nears.

From the Friends President

by Merle Phillips

In the bowels of the Goucher College Library lies the archive where is stored the history of the college and material contributed by graduates who were ready to donate their collections concerning a particular subject or pursuit.

Recently I joined Rhoda Dorsey, president emerita, in collating the archives of the Friends of the Library, concentrating particularly on the programs members have enjoyed for the past 50 years. It was intriguing to learn of the wide variety of topics that had been offered through the years.

Louis B. Wright, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, gave the inaugural address to the Friends in 1950. Lectures in following years included "Art-isms and Architecture in Our Century," "The World into which Darwin Led Us," and "Form and Reform in Liberal Arts Education." In 1960 the renowned Miss Dorothy Miner, curator of manuscripts at the Walters Art Gallery, discussed "Adventures with Rare Books," and in 1996 Selby Kiffer of Sotheby's spoke on "Current Collecting Trends." Professors from Goucher, including Dr. Brooke Peirce, Dr. Kent Lancaster, Dr. Jean Baker, and poet Elizabeth Spires, have spoken on subjects in their various specialties.

Through the years panels of speakers have been popular and have included poets, authors of children's books, and mystery writers. The Mencken Society and the Jane Austen Society have joined

with the Friends of the Goucher Library to celebrate their authorship and discuss their experiences. Broader topics have ranged from "The Fun and Foibles of Cartooning in America," addressed by Kevin Kallaugher from the *Baltimore Sun*, to "Quilts: Symbols of Milestones in Women's Lives," by Pat Long Gardner.

We will continue to seek the best and brightest talents in all of these fascinating fields as lecturers at the Friends' special events, but we also welcome your input to the process. Do you have a particular topic you would like to see addressed? Would you like to see a particular program repeated? We invite you to contact any member of the board of directors listed below with your suggestions so we can continue to satisfy you at our various events with subjects both enlightening and enjoyable.

From the College Librarian

by Nancy Magnuson

A major development has been the selection of an architectural firm for the renovation and expansion of the Julia Rogers Library. After careful evaluation, the Hillier Group of Philadelphia and Princeton was chosen by a group of trustees, staff, faculty and students. The selection followed several months of visits to other libraries, telephone reference calls and a morning of formal presentations. We are all looking forward to working with the Hillier team, which has a great deal of experience in designing libraries for liberal arts colleges.

We continue to have positive response to the Round Robin web site, which was recently selected by the Scout Report — a very nice way to be noticed on the Web! You can see the site, the development of which was funded by a strategic planning grant from

the college, at www.goucher.edu/library/robin. The letters themselves, as you recall, were purchased for the archives by the Friends. Articles about the project have appeared in the *Sun*, and *CRAB*, a newsletter of the Maryland Library Association.

The newest face in the library is that of Anne-Laure Dunne, who began as circulation assistant on January 3, 2000. She works Saturday through Wednesday so you may well encounter her on the weekends. An upcoming staff change is the announced retirement in August of collection development librarian Barbara Simons, who has worked at the Julia Rogers Library since 1966. A national search is underway for her replacement.

I also want to tell you about a new development at the state level. Goucher is participating in a new initiative called the Maryland Digital Library. This initiative, funded by the state, will provide for shared access to Web-based information products and will greatly boost the amount of well-evaluated information we can offer our students. MDL will also, in the future, provide the mechanism for a union catalog of materials in the 60 Maryland academic libraries, and will serve as a conduit for digitization projects involving special collections in our libraries. Working on MDL has been a great exercise in collaboration among representatives from libraries of many different kinds of institutions of higher education.

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The Friends of the Goucher College Library thank you for your support

It's not too late to contribute to the 50th anniversary bookplate fund.

The following gifts have been received for the Friends of the Goucher College Library's 50th anniversary bookplate fund. Each plate represents a book to be added to the library collection that would not have been possible without the support of these generous donors. The titles selected will be listed in the next issue of *Focus*.

The campaign will continue throughout the anniversary year until November 2000. Checks for \$50 may be sent to the Friends care of Nancy Magnuson, college librarian, Julia Rogers Library, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD, 21204.



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guest artist in the 92nd Street Y's Lyrics and Lyricists series and at Symphony Space in "An Evening of Cabaret" with Julie Wilson and B.D. Wong.

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