IN MEMORIAM
We remember Friends Board Members....

In loving memory of Gail Mickelson, Founding Member, Past-President and long-time Member of the Friends of the Library Board

Gail was a Founding Member of the Friends of the Library and served as President of the Friends Board from 1977-1982 as well as Chair of the twice-yearly book sales for many years. Gail was a loyal library supporter and volunteer. -Sydelle Zove, Former Library Board President

Gail was a truly dedicated Friends Board leader and a wonderful model of library advocacy. Her legacy is still present with those of us who were fortunate enough to benefit from her many years of service. -Irv Leventhal, Friends Past President and Board Member

Click photo, below, to read about Gail’s life:

Long-time Library supporters Gail Mickelson and Margaret Berkey lend a hand in preparation for the February 2010 book sale. Both women served as President of the Friends of the Library Board. Photo by Sydelle Zove.

HOW NEAT!

Gail worked as a Music Editor for Disney Studios where her talents were forever immortalized as the whistle of Mr. Bluebird in “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah” from Disney’s 1946 animated film Song of the South.

Listen to Gail as the whistling ‘BlueBird on my shoulder’ in Disney’s 1946 Song of the South!
Founding Friends of Library member and Past Board President, Gail Mickelson, joined fellow Friends Board members in presenting a check to the Library in the amount of $5,000 for the annual Mary Knowles Technology Fund on 22 October 2015 at the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors Meeting.
In loving memory of long-time Friends Board Member & Book Sale Committee Chair Barbara Pio
Barbara was a dedicated member of the Friends of the Library Board and worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure successful Friends book sales, serving as Book Sale Chair for many years. Please click here to read more about Barbara’s life.

Friends Board Members and their guests attend the Library Gala on 09 May 2014: Friends Board Members pictured: (back row) Shirley Barclay, Barbara Pio, Irv Leventhal, Tara Horwitz, Sydelle Zove (front row); Kiki Kuzovich, Margaret Berkey, Lillian McCuen

Friends Board Members: Shirley Barclay, Barbara Pio, Denise Maggetti Nowak


Barbara in her element! with the fruits of her labor
In loving memory of **Margaret K. Berkey**, Past-President and long-time Member of the Friends of the Library Board

**article from The Colonial Newspaper, by M. English, September 06, 2007 about Margaret Berkey click photo, below, to read about Margaret’s life:**

Margaret & her husband John

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Linda Gardner Doll & Margaret Berkey

Three of the Friends Board immediate past presidents with current president, Linda Gardner Doll. L to R: Kiki Kuzovich, Linda Gardner Doll, Irwin “Irv” Leventhal, Margaret Berkey

Margaret Berkey joined fellow members of the Friends of the Library Board at the Biennial Meeting Program on 08 March 2018 in presenting the Annual Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund Check to the Library.
In loving memory of former long-time Friends Board Member, Nancy Corson, who passed away in February of 2012. Nancy was an active and passionate member of the Friends, serving as Membership Chair and maintaining the membership records for many years.

**OBITUARY: Nancy Corson**
Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library Membership Chair Nancy Ida Corson, social activist and member of the Plymouth Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends in Plymouth Meeting, PA, died on Friday, February 10, 2012, after a short illness. She was 91. Born October 27, 1920, she was daughter of Livingston Corson and Dorris Fowler Corson, Nancy grew up in Jamaica on Long Island, NY. She attended Queens College and during World War II she was trained and worked as a draftsman in New York. In 1946 she moved to the Corson family homestead in Plymouth Meeting, a historic site that was once part of the Underground Railroad. Nancy worked in the drafting department of Allen Sherman Hoff Engineering for 40 years until her retirement in 1986. A committed Quaker throughout her adult life, Nancy Corson joined the Plymouth Meeting Peace Society during the Vietnam War era and participated in many marches for peace. She participated in the American Friends Service Committee, the Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom, and the Colonial Neighborhood Council. She remained active on the boards of the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society and the Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library. An avid traveler, she regularly visited her relatives in England and France in addition to her multiple trips to many and diverse countries around the world. She spent her summers at the family’s island cottage near Bath, Maine. Nancy is survived by two nieces, Ann Hopkins Wilson and Margaret Stevens, and a nephew, Thomas Hopkins. She will be interred privately in the Plymouth Meeting Friends Cemetery. A memorial celebration of her life is being planned for the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to one of her membership neighborhood charities.

Published in *The Times Herald* on Feb. 16, 2012 LINK NO LONGER WORKING! Nancy’s Papers: Nancy Corson clippings scrapbooks | circa 1950-1990, 7 linear feet. It is a description of archival material held at the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society. Read HERE about Nancy’s home at Abolition Hall

**Annual Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund Check Presentation**

The Friends of the William Jeanes Memorial Library established the Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund in 2012, in honor of our former long-time Friends board member, who passed away in February of 2012. Nancy was an active and passionate member of the Friends, serving as Membership Chair and maintaining the membership records for many years. In recognition of Nancy’s passion for writing, the Friends have committed to an annual contribution to this fund. Monies from the Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund support Book and Poetry Writing Contests. Members of the public are welcome to make contributions to the Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund which is managed by the Library.

Members of the Friends of the Library Board present the Annual Nancy Corson Creative Writing Fund check in the amount of $2,000 to the Library at the Biennial Meeting of the Friends of the Library on 8 March 2018. Pictured, Left to Right: BACK ROW: Joan Shaffer, Deborah Harris, Debbie Garnett, Library Board Member-Stan Finegold, Friends Treasurer-Jake Massincaud, Friends President- Linda Gardner Doll Front row: Julia Shaffer, Eileen Lowenstein, Friends Past President-Margaret Berkey, Library Board Members: Sally Lane, Jacy Toll, Library Director-Lisa Clancy, Ken Edick, Denise Maggetti Nowak