

# FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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## “Novel Ingredients: A Recipe for Change”

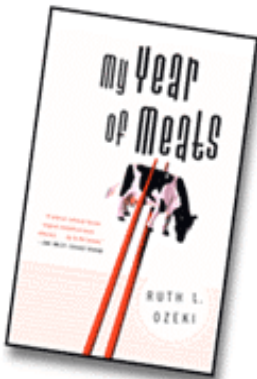
by **Ruth L. Ozeki**

**Courtright Memorial**

**Library, Tuesday**

**October 29, 2002, 7:30 PM**

This year’s common book, *My Year of Meats*, is a novel by Ruth Ozeki, a Japanese American documentary writer. It is about Jane Takagi-Little, also a Japanese American, who is hired by a Japanese group to direct a television series, "My American Wife." – Common Book Website



*The novel examines many issues -- the safety of our food and the methods that bring beef to our tables, the image of the "ideal" American family, television and the advertising industry, cultural differences, mother-daughter relationships, domestic violence, and ethics involved in doing our jobs and making our own personal life decisions.*

– Common Book Website

Ruth L. Ozeki is a novelist and award-winning independent filmmaker. *My Year of Meats* (Viking, 1998) has been translated into ten languages and published in twelve countries. Ozeki is currently working on a screenplay based on *My Year of Meats* and writing a second novel. She splits her time between British Columbia and New York. -- Shambhala Sun Magazine (<http://miniprep.stanford.edu/neat/ozeki/shambhalasun.html>). Picture available at Writers’ Studio (<http://www.geocities.com/Paris/LeftBank/7708/Ruth.html>) &

## Long Lost Literary Loot A Success!

A capacity crowd of Friends, Alumni, and Community members enjoyed a fun filled evening on Friday April 19, 2002. They had the opportunity to bid on items provided by our tremendous cast: *Moses* (John Wells), *Miss Haversham* (Pat Kessler), *Gatsby* (Rick Dorman), *Mrs. Dalloway* (Beth Daugherty); *Hemingway* (Stephen Grinch) and the women from *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Mary Pat Knight & Alison Prindle). Bert Horn served as our Auctioneer Extraordinaire and Jane Horn was fabulous as his assistant! &



A short business meeting was held at the end of our event.



## Melissa Peace Creates 2002 - 2003 Friends Bookmark



A contest in Don Austin's 2-D Design class led to the creation of our 2002-03 bookmark. Congratulations to Melissa Peace, '05 for winning this contest! Thanks also to Don Austin and the other members of the art class for their wonderful designs. Melissa Peace is an art major at Otterbein College, coming to us from Pittsburgh, PA. Melissa has enjoyed art since she was young.

She took classes at Sweetwater Center for the Arts and lessons from one of Pittsburgh's local artist's, Storma French.

A Gustav Klimpt poster of "The Kiss" inspired the design for this year's bookmark. The geometric design pattern in the poster caught her attention. She used the influence of Klimpt to create her own design pattern for the bookmark. She drew simple squares, rectangles, and lines, and arranged them to look like a messy bookshelf. All the shapes represented books from the library. The way they stand, stacked, and supporting each other, symbolizes how the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library also support the library – Adapted from information provided by Melissa Peace. &

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## Fund a "Book" (or video, CD, DVD)



Would you like to give a special gift this year? Then please consider donating money to *Fund a "Book,"* an ongoing library fund raising project to help supplement the library

materials budget. You have the opportunity to fund the purchase of a book, video, or other type of material for the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein College. The minimum donation is \$25.00.

If you so choose, you can specify your donation to be used to purchase items on a particular subject or topic. Your donation can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion or anniversary. A special bookplate will be placed inside the item.

To participate in this fund raising opportunity, you can go online to the Friends' web page and fill out the "Fund a Book" form or you can contact Lois Szudy (614) 823-1414 for more information. &

## Treasurer's Report

As of September 7, 2002, the Friends have \$6,542.93 available to spend.

Possible uses of these funds:

- ∨ Purchase additional tables and chairs for "under the overhang" of the library. Cost for a set with 1 table & 4 chairs is approximately \$750.00
- ∨ Purchase additional bookshelves to relieve overcrowding of the library collection. Each double sided metal shelving unit costs approximately \$400-\$500. Library needs a minimum of 20 sections, but even a few will make a difference.
- ∨ Purchase new couches and comfortable furniture (including additional beanbag chairs) to make the library a more inviting and user friendly place. No cost estimate currently available.
- ∨ Convert front doors to allow for handicapped accessibility. This is needed to meet Americans with Disability regulations and to make our library easier to use for everyone. Approximate cost for entrance and exit doors is \$5,000.

Additional funds, beyond what is currently available, are obviously necessary to accomplish all of these ideas. Further donations will help us meet these needs. The library's top priority is currently to convert the front doors for handicapped accessibility. &

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## Try out the Friends Web Page

You can use the Friends web pages by going to <http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/libpages/friends/index.htm> or you can access it from the college's home page (<http://www.otterbein.edu>) by choosing the library link. Our web page has information on membership, officers, volunteer opportunities, bylaws, and fund raising, and includes copies of previous newsletters and pictures taken at various events. The web pages will be updated during the 2002 December Interterm Break. Any comments or suggestions are welcome – please send them to Lois Szudy ([LSzudy@otterbein.edu](mailto:LSzudy@otterbein.edu)). &

## Purchase a 2003 Book Lover's Calendar



The 2003 Book Lover's Calendars have arrived and are ready to be purchased. The cost is only \$10.00 for each calendar and they can be mailed (for a small additional fee). They make great gifts! Purchase calendars for yourself, your friends, and your family. Call Lois Szudy, (614) 823-1414 or stop by the library to purchase your calendars. Hurry, they will go fast! &

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## Student Artwork Displayed in Library



Come visit the library and see the wonderful examples of student artwork currently on display! Due to the collaborative efforts of Allen Reichert, Library,

and Paula Nees, Art Department, student art is currently exhibited on the lower level, first and second floors. The artwork will be rotated twice each year so that a variety of students' work can be exhibited for a longer period of time. We hope you will enjoy seeing the photographs, paintings, drawings, computer-generated art, and sculptures by our talented students! &

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## Dr. Kenneth Foltz Displays Artwork



Thank you to Dr. Kenneth Foltz, '48 for allowing us to continue to display some of his wonderful wood sculptures in the library. The wood sculptures are located on all floors and are being enjoyed by everyone who visits the library. &

## Musician holds 1,000<sup>th</sup> concert (and still counting)

Jim Grissinger (Vice President of the Friends) played his 1,000<sup>th</sup> musical performance in December 2001. He has shared his love of music with nursing homes throughout central Ohio for 12 years, making up to 20 - 25 stops a month. His first show in 1987 and his landmark 1000<sup>th</sup> performance were at Manor Care Health Services in Westerville.

Jim, professor emeritus of Otterbein College's Communication Department, creates a 55-minute concert with a theme for each month. Equal parts musician, historian, and stand-up comedian, Jim enjoys giving some history of the songs he plays. "It let me continue at least a nudge of teaching. Not serious teaching, but I'm of the philosophy of no matter how old you are, (one should) seriously try to impart knowledge." (*News & Public Opinion*, Dec. 19, 2001 and *Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 19, 2001) &

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## New Editor Hired for the *Friendly Correspondence*

Julie Smith, '03 was recently hired as the new editor for the Friends of the Library newsletter. Julie is a Senior majoring in Mathematics with minors in English and Sociology. Julie was a student at Otterbein her Freshman and Sophomore years. She transferred to Kent State University but has returned to Otterbein College to complete her education. &



**A Farewell to Friends  
We Have Lost**



**Carol K. Cornell**, age 80, died May 6, 2002 at Ohio State University Medical Center. She was a licensed massage therapist.

A graduate of Ohio State University, she was a life member of the OSU Alumni Association and Presidents Club; a member of the Knox County Humane Society and American Massage Therapy Association; and a volunteer for the Ohio Historical Society and Inniswood Metro Gardens. She also was a life member of the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library.

Preceded in death by her husband, Merriss; daughter, Cindy Abascal; and son Christopher; she is survived by her grandchildren, Nara Cornell of Columbus, Jason and Alianna Abascal of Miami, FL; nieces and nephews.

Carol donated the Lucinda Cornell diaries and a wide variety of other artifacts, letters, and diaries to the Otterbein Room. In addition, she set up two endowed funds to preserve this collection and to encourage its use.

**Deborah Ann Merriman King**, 33, died May 13, 2002 at her Columbus home after a courageous battle with bladder and lung cancer.

Debbie was born September 30, 1968 in Toledo, OH. She came to Westerville in 1971 with her parents (members of the Friends), Harriet Sollenberger Merriman and William V. Merriman, and her brother, Michael P. Merriman.

Debbie graduated from Otterbein College with a degree in English in 1990. She was the news editor of the *Tan & Cardinal* and was awarded the 1989 Verda B. Evans journalism award.

Debbie taught language arts at Blendon Middle School. An All-Ohio Capital Conference runner, she coached cross-country and track at Blendon, as well as track at Westerville South. She left teaching to devote herself to her family, husband Kyle King and sons, Griffin and Jason. She was and is loved deeply and will live forever in our hearts.

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***The Friendly Correspondence*** is published 2 - 4 times per year. Please send any submissions for articles to Lois Szudy, Library Director, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081 or [LSzudy@otterbein.edu](mailto:LSzudy@otterbein.edu).



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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

**Friends of the Library  
Membership Information**

Memberships are valid for one year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal or New Member **(Please circle one)**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:

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**Choose the donation category most appropriate for you:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Imaginative Friend: Generous donation, including special purpose or non-financial**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Philanthropist (\$500+ )**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Benefactor (\$100-\$499)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Contributor (\$50-\$99)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family: 2 + people in same household (\$35)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual Friend (\$20)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Otterbein Student (\$5)**

To insure proper gift credit, please make **checks payable to Otterbein College**. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules.

One benefit to being a friend is borrowing privileges at the library.

**Are you interested in receiving borrowing privileges?**

Yes, I would like to have borrowing privileges. Please provide social security number(s) for name verification.

\_\_\_\_\_  No, I do not need borrowing privileges.

**Please return form to Circulation desk or mail to:**

**Lois F. Szudy, Library Director  
Courtright Memorial Library  
1 Otterbein College  
Westerville, OH 43081**

**Order Form for 2003 Book Lover's  
Calendar**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #:

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ (number) calendar(s) @ \$10.00/calendar.

I wish to have my calendar(s) mailed to me \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no). Please add \$2.00 for shipping off campus.

Total cost \_\_\_\_\_ **(Checks to be made out to Otterbein College).**

**Return Order Form and Check to**

**Lois Szudy  
Library Director  
Courtright Memorial Library  
1 Otterbein College  
Westerville, OH 43081.**

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**Please note that your membership expires on the date shown on your mailing label.** To renew fill out the enclosed form and mail to Lois Szudy at above address.  
Thank You.

*Enclosed is your latest  
“Friendly Correspondence,”  
The Newsletter of the Friends  
of the Courtright Memorial Library!!!!*