

Treasures of our Memorial Library



The Memorial Library's inner courtyard, with its statue of Aphrodite.
Courtesy W.V.M.L.

Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of beauty, love, laughter and marriage, sprang from the foam of the sea on the shores of the beautiful island of Cyprus.

The ocean nymphs were the first to discover her, cradled on a great blue wave; and they carried her down into their coral caves, where they tenderly nursed her, and taught here with the utmost care.

Then they pillowed her softly on a great wave and entrusted her to the care of Zephyrus, the soft south wind, who blew a gentle breath, and wafted her to the Isle of Cyprus.

(unattributed)

Our own beautiful Aphrodite did not fare so well. This appealing alabaster statue, a replica of a Greek statue by Praxiteles (circa 330 BC), which has graced our Library Memorial Garden for over twenty years, was irrevocably damaged recently while being removed for repair.

So, *Hail and Farewell*, Aphrodite. We will miss you .

So, too, will Discobolus - the Discus Thrower - a replica of a work by Myron (circa 450 BC), who resides in our Memorial Library's West Wing.

These two works of art came, in the 1970s, to the West Vancouver Municipality from the Eagle Harbour estate of Nicholas Kogas - creator of that spectacular headland home "The Parthenon".

Newsletter

As there will be no December meeting of the Friends because of the Christmas holiday, it has been decided that there will be no January newsletter, the next edition being in February, following the January 22 meeting. This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting of the Friends, in regard to which a formal notice will be sent out next month. February renewal notices will be sent out with this notification.

The newsletter is for the Friends about the Friends, so do let us have your contributions.

Christmas Closing

The Library hours during the holiday period will be as follows:
Christmas Eve - 10 am to 5 pm
Christmas Day - Closed
Boxing Day - Closed
Dec 27 to 30 - Regular Hours
New Year's Eve - 10 am to 5 pm
New Year's Day - Closed

The next meeting of the Friends, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will be on:

**Wednesday,
January 22,
at 7 pm**

in the Peters Meeting Room

Betty Neilson
Joanna Knight
Ted Hill