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LYNN MCGINTY and SHERYL JOHNSON, GLA Co-presidents

Gustavus Library Associates board member Lois Allen has served GLA in exemplary ways for over three decades. She is one of the first recipients of the newly established Founders Award.



This award was announced at the Royal Affair gala event in November 2013. Lois will be officially recognized this fall on

campus at the Founders Celebration reception on Wednesday, September 17, from 10:30 to noon in the Heritage Banquet Room of the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center. Co-presidents Lynn McGinty and Sheryl Johnson prepared these interview questions for Lois's response...

### [Tell us a bit about yourself.](#)

Choosing Gustavus in 1955 was not a difficult decision for me. Gustavus was

my church college, my brother was a Gustie, and teaching high school was my goal. I was excited about Gustavus life and I met Clyde in that first year. After my second year we married. I completed my degree at another Lutheran college, became a teacher, parented two sons, and, at various stages of family life, became involved in related activities in our church, school, and community.

### [How did you become involved in GLA and how have you been active?](#)

In 1983, my personal friend and mentor, Evodia Linner, then president of GLA, convinced me to join GLA and become a member of the Royal Affair auction committee. At the time, I didn't have a clue what I could offer, but I was willing to try something

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*"Gustavus Library Associates promotes learning, literature, and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library at Gustavus Adolphus College."*

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## From Your President . . .

*"If you have a garden and a library,  
you have everything you need."* – Cicero

My garden is a source of joy to me, especially in the summer months after I've put in the time and work of tending to it. Weeding and watering continue, but by mid-July I finally see the results of my labors in the beauty of the blooms.

In 1977, the soil was tilled for Patty Lindell and others to plant a seed that became Gustavus Library Associates. Since then we have continued "weeding and watering," and have been rewarded with an endowment of \$2.5 million and the ability to provide Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library with 25 percent of its annual acquisitions budget. We have built and enriched friendship—our roots growing ever deeper—by attending Books in Bloom events, Author Days, Lucia luncheons, and Royal Affairs.

Hard work has its rewards, but GLA needs people to tend and care for it. Without your membership and attendance at our events, it couldn't survive and thrive. Tell your friends how important our mission is, so that we may continue to grow.

This year, our growth will include (but is not limited to) the following:

1. We look forward to the fresh leadership of our new college president, Rebecca Bergman. Her presence on our Board of Directors will be an honor.
2. Annual membership dues will be increasing slightly in order to keep up with the rising cost of library materials and databases. A Contributing member will now join for \$45; Acquisition level will now be \$75. We have also added an entry-level option for Young Alumni at \$30.
3. New rolling membership renewals are now available; your annual membership will now be good for an entire year from the day you pay!

As always, a Gift of Celebration is an outstanding way to honor or remember loved ones.

Thanks for all you do to support this crucial need. We are grateful for our roots, and look to our branches to reach upward—the sky's the limit!

Wishing you days of enjoying your gardens and libraries,



Lynn McGinty, Co-president

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[gustavus.edu/orientation/ReadingInCommon](http://gustavus.edu/orientation/ReadingInCommon)

## Reading in Common Book Selections Announced

Gustavus Adolphus College has selected the books *Where Am I Wearing?* and *Where Am I Eating?* by author and journalist Kelsey Timmerman as its Reading in Common books for the 2014–15 academic year—the 15th year of the program at Gustavus. All first-year students are expected to read at least one of the two selections during the summer before meeting with faculty members and other Gustavus students to discuss them during New Student Orientation this fall.

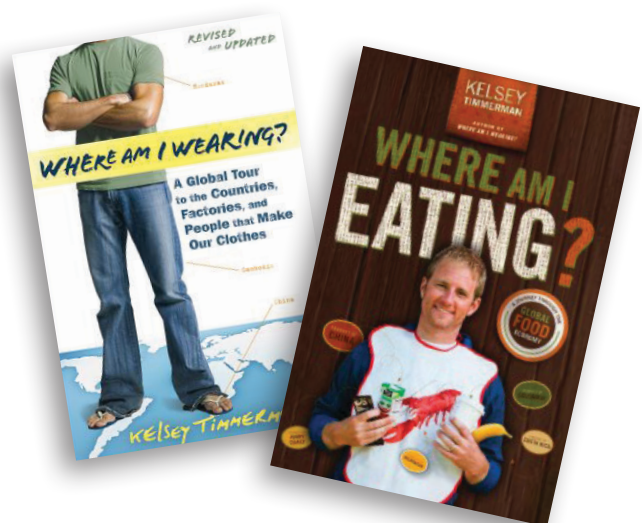
In his first book, *Where Am I Wearing? A Global Tour to the Countries, Factories, and People That Make Our Clothes*, Timmerman takes readers on a journey through Asia and Latin America. Whether writing about a 20-something t-shirt maker in Honduras or a single mother in Bangladesh, he humanizes the issues of globalization, bridging the gap between global producers and consumers. He describes with intimacy and clarity the connection between impoverished garment workers' standards of living and the all-American material lifestyle.

In his second book, *Where Am I Eating? An Adventure Through the Global Food Economy*, Timmerman tells fascinating stories of the people who produce the food we eat, explaining what their lives are like and how our habits

affect them. This book explores the global food economy and food crises, fair trade, and immigration.

Books for the Reading in Common program are chosen based on their literary quality, reading manageability, and interdisciplinary nature. Timmerman will make a public appearance at Gustavus on Wednesday, September 10, in Alumni Hall of the Johnson Student Union, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about the program visit online at [gustavus.edu/orientation/ReadingInCommon.php](http://gustavus.edu/orientation/ReadingInCommon.php).





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## Save the Date

Festival of St. Lucia  
Thursday, December 11

The 2014 Festival of St. Lucia will be celebrated on Thursday, December 11. The festivities begin on campus with the presentation of the St. Lucia Court at Daily Sabbath in Christ Chapel, followed by the traditional Scandinavian smörgåsbord and entertainment in Alumni Hall. This year we welcome Lori Evert and her photographer husband Per Breiehagen, children's authors of the magical Nordic tale *The Christmas Wish*. It will truly be a family affair with daughter Anja joining her mother and father for the program.

Be sure to "Save the Date" and purchase your tickets in October for this annual celebration of our Swedish heritage sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates. **Watch for your invitation!**

## Keeping Up

World Book Night USA, which gave away 500,000 books to random strangers each April over the past three years, is shutting down. For three years the publishing industry and book community very generously footed the bill and contributed enormous time and effort to the project. GLA Author Day guests **Leif Enger** (Fall 2008) and **Peter Geye** (Spring 2013), as well as Minnesota treasure **Garrison Keillor**, were among those whose books were given away.

**Matt Rasmussen**, 1998 Gustavus graduate and visiting assistant professor of English at his alma mater, won the 2014 Minnesota Book Award for poetry last April for his debut collection of poems titled *Black Aperture*. The book had previously been short-listed for the National Book Award in the same category.

St. Paul author and Fall 2010 Author Day guest **William Kent Krueger** was named recipient of the 2014 Edgar Award for Best Novel at the Mystery Writers of America awards ceremony in New York last May for his novel *Ordinary Grace*. Krueger is the Author of 13 Cork O'Connor mysteries, with the 14th to be published in August.

Minneapolis writer **Pete Hautman**, National Book Award winner for *Godless* and Author Day guest in Spring 2005, has a new young-adult book out. *The Klaatuu Terminu*s is book three of his Klaatuu Diskos series.

Spring 2005 Author Day guest **Mary Logue** has released *Lake of Tears*, her ninth mystery novel featuring Deputy Sheriff Clair Watkins and set in rural Wisconsin.

*The High Divide*, a new novel by Fall 2008 Author Day guest **Lin Enger**, is scheduled to be published in late September by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Paul Batz**, a 1985 graduate of Gustavus (and husband of GLA board member Melinda Moen Batz), launched his sixth book project in June. *Good Leadership Today* is an interactive e-book, designed in full color with live links and video and featuring the best of his weekly "Good Leadership" blogs as selected by a panel of readers. And it's free! Copies are available at [goodleadership.com](http://goodleadership.com) in Kindle, Nook, and iBook platforms.



After signing books at the Spring Author Day event in April, author Sarah Stonich displayed her honorary GLA membership certificate as she visited with Brian Cornell '74, a longtime fan of her writing.

# SAVE THE DATE

## *A Royal Affair*

Saturday, November 14, 2015 | Radisson BLU, Mall of America

Efforts are already under way for the GLA's next fundraising gala, and everyone can get involved in the excitement. If you would like to be a part of the planning or donate an item for the auction, please contact one of the event co-chairs, Jan Michaletz ([jan.michaletz@gmail.com](mailto:jan.michaletz@gmail.com)) or Cathy Asta ([c\\_asta@hotmail.com](mailto:c_asta@hotmail.com)).

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new, so I plunged right in (hook, line, and sinker). The next year, I was asked to join the GLA Board, and through the years have served as president, financial officer, on the membership committee, etc. Besides chairing A Royal Affair in 1989 and co-chairing the event in 2001, I've always found a place as a leader or an organizer for the auction committee. I believe in being a part of the solution.

### What is your vision for GLA in 10 Years?

It is my hope that GLA will continue to grow and support the Gustavus Library Endowment. I envision the newer graduates bringing talents, ideas, and know how to blend with the "tried and true" events for friend- and fund-raising. GLA will then stay alive and healthy.

### What are your fondest memories of GLA?

To name a few: Membership teas; overnight board retreats at the Najarians' on the St. Croix, planning for the year; the late sculptor Paul Granlund leading a tour of his many sculptures around the Twin Cities; Evelyn Young's bake sales; meeting Donna Beck, Susan Wilcox, Wilma Jensen, and Mike Haeuser in San Francisco to accept GLA's Gale Research Company Financial Development Award in 1987; summer dinners and plays at the Old Log Theater;

breakfasts with the Easter Bunny; Author Day brunches; GLA being selected as the sole winner of the \$1,000 Friends of Academic Libraries Award by Friends of Libraries U.S.A. in 1990; cheering for Evelyn Young after she single-handedly baked 5,000 cookies for the 1999 Royal Affair; Royal Affair electronic bidding taking the place of hand written bids; and my many treasured friendships.

### What are the strengths of the GLA Board Members?

Our backgrounds, ages, and life stories are diverse, but our goal is the same. This board has a "can do spirit," and with its multitude of talents, networking, ideas, energy, and experiences, we work together to make friend- and fund-raising fun as we support the Gustavus library.

### Do you have a role model on the GLA Board?

Not really, but my hat goes off to the founders, who forged ahead with the concept of an organization to support the Gustavus library. GLA was organized in 1977 and because of its efforts, the book collection increased and Gustavus won Phi Beta Kappa recognition in 1983.

## **NEW GLA MEMBERS WELCOMED IN THE PAST YEAR INCLUDE:**

Dennis '57 and Vada '57 Carlson  
Anoka, Minnesota

Robert Christenson '58  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Kirsten Dawson '64  
Arden Hills, Minnesota

Mary Dierkes '11  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mary Everett  
St. Peter, Minnesota

Pat Fick '61  
Northfield, Minnesota

Maggie Forster '09  
Shakopee, Minnesota

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Medina, Minnesota

Anna Johnson '12  
Carver, Minnesota

John Kupris  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Kim Leach  
Hopkins, Minnesota

Lynne Lind '68  
Burnsville, Minnesota

Jean Osborne  
St. Peter, Minnesota

Kristin Peterson '75  
Duluth, Minnesota

Karen Wojahn '79  
Windom, Minnesota

## **Celebrating Membership in GLA's Thirty-Eighth Year!**

MAGGIE FORSTER, GLA Board Member

As of June 1, Gustavus Library Associates has made changes to its membership levels. With the rising cost of acquisitions in the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, the membership levels were altered so that the Acquisition level would still reflect the average cost of one acquisition. Also introduced this year is a level for young alumni (those individuals who graduated in the past decade (2004–2014), to allow them to support the library at a monetary level reasonable for a younger generation.

The dues are now:

**Benefactor:** \$1,000 and above

**Patron:** \$500–999

**Associate:** \$250–499

**Supporting Member:** \$125–249

**Acquisition Member:** \$75

**Contributing Member:** \$45

**Young Alumni Membership:** \$30

Consider making your yearly membership as a sustaining gift to GLA. Make a regular monthly, quarterly, or yearly donation using your credit card until it expires. It is quick and efficient, and you can cancel at any time. Being a sustaining giver makes your gift go further. You can make your gift today by visiting [gustavus.edu/gla](http://gustavus.edu/gla).



## **Gustavus Library Associates cordially invites you to our FALL FOUNDERS CELEBRATION**

A time to gather in fellowship with friends as GLA recognizes its founders and celebrates the inaugural recipients of the new Founders Award.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**10:30 a.m.–Noon**

**Heritage Banquet Room,  
C. Charles Jackson Campus Center  
Gustavus Adolphus College**

All friends and friends of friends are welcome.  
No RSVP required.





At Books in Bloom last spring, Minneapolis designer Tom Rosen's stunning floral "bloom" captured the essence and sensitivity of poet Matt Rasmussen's Walt Whitman Award winning book, *Black Aperture*.



Designers Diane Lunderberg and Danni Kuhl of St. Peter Greenhouse and Floral created a birthday celebration with three-layered cakes, parfaits, ice cream sodas, and cupcakes inspired by the recipes of the *Gustie Gourmet II* cookbook.

## Books in Bloom: A 2014 recap

MARISA M. SCHLOER, *Books in Bloom* Chair

Celebrating its fourth year, *Books in Bloom* again attracted a host of new friends. Visitors were captivated by the creativity and detail of the floral designs as they meandered through the exhibition on the lower two floors of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. The pairing of mixed media, literature, and visual floral art continues to provide great synergy.

With 26 "blooms" on display this year, Gustavus Library Associates raised \$13,000 for the GLA library endowment thanks to the \$500 sponsorships for each bloom. We especially acknowledge the presenting sponsors, Kraus-Anderson Construction Company (Minneapolis) and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation (St. Peter), whose gifts funded all of the operating expenses.

The *Books in Bloom* organizing committee is also truly grateful to the more than two dozen talented, creative, and inspiring floral designers . . . and we cannot wait to see their efforts in 2015!

## Stimulate Your Summer Appetite

The newly published *Gustie Gourmet II Cookbook*, featuring nearly 450 recipes, is now in several hundred kitchens.

The easiest way to order your cookbook is to contact the Gustavus Book Mark at 1-800-847-9307, or online at [bookmark@gustavus.edu](mailto:bookmark@gustavus.edu). The cost is \$25 (including tax) plus a \$5 postage and handling fee.

Stimulate your summer appetite by preparing the back-cover recipe on the grill!



## COMING EVENTS

### READING IN COMMON

Public Lecture & Book-Signing

*Where Am I Wearing?* and  
*Where Am I Eating?*,

Kelsey Timmerman, author

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 p.m.

Alumni Hall

Gustavus Adolphus College

*No reservation needed*

### GLA FOUNDERS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 17

10:30 a.m.

Heritage Banquet Room,

Jackson Center

Gustavus Adolphus College

*Invitation will be mailed in August*

### 50TH NOBEL CONFERENCE: Where Does Science Go from Here?

Tuesday & Wednesday,

October 7 & 8

9:30 a.m.

Lund Center Arena

Gustavus Adolphus College

[gustavus.edu/nobelconference](http://gustavus.edu/nobelconference)

### FALL AUTHOR DAY featuring Kristin Swenson, author of *Bible Babel*

Tuesday, October 28

9:30 a.m.

Edina Country Club

*Invitation will be mailed in September*

### CHRISTMAS IN CHRIST CHAPEL

"Tender Rose, Starry Night"

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday,

December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

December 6 & 7 at 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College

*Tickets on sale October 13*

[gustavustickets.com](http://gustavustickets.com)

### ST. LUCIA LUNCHEON featuring children's author Lori Evert and family

Thursday, December 11

11 a.m.

Alumni Hall

Gustavus Adolphus College

*Invitations will be mailed in October*

## Decisions, Decisions!

DAN MOLLNER, Academic Librarian

Librarians and library staff are asked a lot of questions. After all, both asking and seeking to answer questions is the purpose of higher education and the college library. One of the things I am asked most often by people interested in the behind-the-scenes work of a library is how we decide what to add to our collections. The straightforward, party-line answer is that we add what supports the curriculum. In reality, it is more complex and a bit more fun than the short answer may imply.

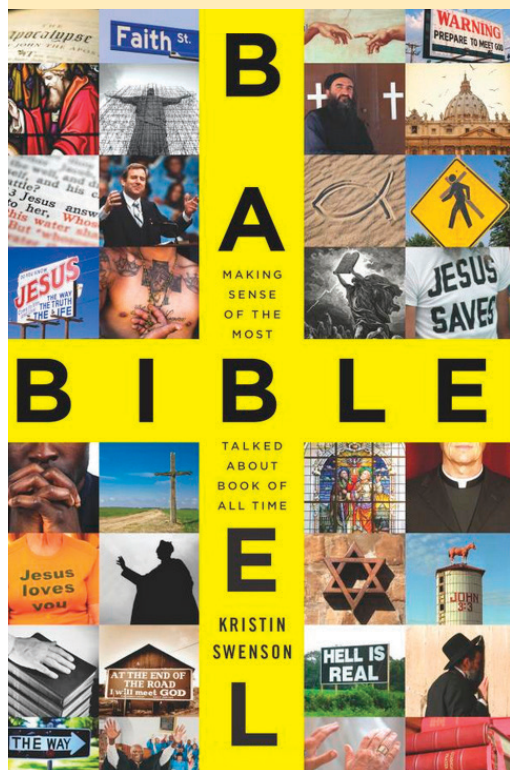
Certainly, the basic question we ask about every purchase of a book, journal, database, reference work, score, or video or sound recording that we make is how the material will support student learning and the Gustavus curriculum. We ask the same question about donated materials before we accept any gift and before we add individual items to our collections from a gift. Because of this grounding in the curriculum, the Library makes an acquisitions allocation from our budget to each academic department or program for the purchase of library materials. The library faculty regularly seek the advice and expertise of the faculty in other departments who are familiar with the literature of their disciplines and knowledgeable of the directions that current research is taking their field.

The Gustavus Academic Catalog and an awareness that our mission is to teach undergraduates are therefore roadmaps for deciding to add a particular item. For librarians, reference work with students attempting to work on projects and write papers highlights areas of the collection that are strong and those that need building. Faculty, both within the library and in the other departments, read reviews, hear an author speak, watch a program or listen to a concert and decide to order something much like anyone would do when pursuing a personal purchase. But I think we also pay a little more attention to things like balance of perspective, contrasting points of view, criticism, and multiple editions than the ordinary shopper.

Support of the curriculum is only part of our mission, albeit the principal portion. The library is also charged with "advancing the intellectual life of the College," and this necessarily takes us outside of the curriculum on occasion. We buy books by authors not necessarily taught yet, and movies that have won prizes and awards but are not assigned, because we hope to inspire our students and colleagues to read and watch and listen beyond the curriculum. We also need to anticipate additions to the curriculum, either by a new faculty member who has other assignments and interests to teach, or by the addition of programs. For example, the faculty recently voted to add an African Studies minor.

All of this is fairly labor- and time-intensive. We have some shortcuts, such as being able to make some pre-selection decisions (all the material on a given topic by a particular publisher, for example) and having access to publishers' catalogs that can group subjects in a reasonable way, yet we still need to think and read and decide. We also rely heavily on the purchasing expertise of Diane Christensen in Library Acquisitions and Mark Kump in Audio Visual to help us catch mistakes, get the best prices, avoid duplicate orders (we only very rarely order more than one copy), and get things on campus in a timely fashion. It is a complex business, and one we enjoy immensely.





## An Illuminating Author Day Is Set for October

On Tuesday, October 28, Gustavus Library Associates welcomes Duluth native Kristin Swenson, author of *Bible Babel: Making Sense of the Most Talked-About Book of All Time*, back to Minnesota for the fall Author Day Brunch at the Edina Country Club.

With engaging wit and straightforward biblical scholarship, Dr. Swenson, a visiting associate professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia, addresses the biggest questions, misconceptions, and general curiosity that people have about the Bible—what it is, what’s in it, where it came from, and how people use it. Her book provides biblical literacy without simply summarizing the Bible or using religious belief to explain the Good Book. Bible Babel is a lively introduction to the Bible.

*Michael Dirda of the Washington Post writes, “Bible Babel is wide-ranging, objectively factual, and written for the common reader. . . . Swenson’s book possesses a singularly breezy tone, a kind of “Jesus Christ Superstar” approach to the sacred . . . a solid, readable work that doesn’t shy away from the tough issues.”*

Swenson says her writing is taking a turn. She is currently working on historical novels set in ancient Babylon and Persia. “I love stories, I’ve spent a good bit of time immersed in the facts; but it’s the stories about them that most excite me. Studying the ancient world, religion, and especially the

Bible has allowed me to live and work between categories. Fact and fiction dance together in truth’s arena.”

Please join us for brunch and a book-signing with Kristin Swenson this fall at the Edina Country Club. Her talk will be illuminating! Watch for your invitation in mid-September.

Fall Author Day  
Tuesday, October 28  
9:30 a.m.

Edina Country Club

Look for your invitation in September.



## Stimulate Your Summer Appetite by Preparing the Following Recipe on the Grill!

### Coffee Marinated Grilled Pork Loin

#### Ingredients

½ c. ground coffee beans  
½ c. vegetable oil  
¼ c. mild molasses  
¼ c. macadamia nuts, dry roasted  
¼ c. maple syrup  
¼ c. soy sauce  
2 cloves garlic  
2 T. lime juice  
1 T. mirin  
1 jalapeno chili, coarsely chopped  
1½ tsp. ginger, minced  
1½ tsp. kosher salt

1½ tsp. ground black pepper  
2 pork tenderloins (totaling 2½ lb.)

#### Directions

Puree all ingredients (except pork) in a food processor until smooth. Transfer to a large plastic bag. Add pork and chill in the refrigerator 24–48 hours.

Grill pork until meat thermometer registers 145 degrees, turning often (about 25 minutes). Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serves 8

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