



MEET THE REAL “JUNGLE JENNY”

**and author Jane Hancock,
both longtime Chevy Chase Canyon
residents!**

Chevy Chase Library

3:00 pm

Saturday, February 23, 2013

**Jenny & Jane will be there for
Q&A & book signing!**

Animal crackers will be served.

Before his death in January of 1948, Art Foehl sends his foster daughter, Genevieve Cuprys, a letter from Malaysia. “Make me proud,” are his last words.

A month later, Genevieve is on a Dutch cargo ship, the *Borneo*, headed for Singapore. On that day, this twenty-three-year-old woman doesn’t realize what barriers she is breaking. She’s young; she’s a woman; she’s embarking on a career as a collector of wild animals. She escapes being crushed between elephants; she captures a twenty-five-foot python that has slithered out of its cage; she corrals tiger cubs on the loose; she is mauled by a leopard. The female Frank Buck of her generation, she becomes Jungle Jenny.

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Jane Hancock, co-director of the UCLA Writing Project, is enjoying a rich career of teaching and providing professional development for teachers in the field. Her philosophy: to teach writing you must write yourself-- and as you go through the process, you then know what students need to become writers. As busy as she is, she blocks out time for what she loves most, writing with other writers.

She lives in Glendale, California, in the house she and her husband bought 51 years ago, the house where she raised her five boys, five boys who played with the children of Jungle Jenny, Jungle Jenny who still lives just at the end of the street.