

The Friends of the Library **NEWSLETTER**



Brooklin, Maine

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The Librarian's Notebook

Spring, finally! Although it seemed like a long winter, it was actually a good one for the library. Our February Love Your Library auction and valentine event was even better than last year, raising about \$16,400 of the year's operating budget, thanks to amazing community support. What a fun way to chase the winter blues and help the library. February also saw the launching of free downloadable eBooks and audio books for all Friend Memorial cardholders. You will find a link to *Download Library* on our library website. If you have questions about this

service, just ask at the library desk. The *Kids' Page* on the website is also up and running. Visit this new place for local kids to write about books they have enjoyed. If your kids are interested in participating in the Kids' Page, don't hesitate to contact Stephanie. The Internet Pavilion will return to the library in July and August, as will the kids' summer reading program with chances to win bookstore gift certificates. Come enjoy the garden, the new books and movies, and old friends. Here comes the sun!

Stephanie Atwater, Library Director

Happy Retirement but Not Goodbye



Brooklin's beloved June Eaton announced her retirement from her job as library assistant as of the end of this May. We will miss her terribly, but count on seeing her smiling face about town, visiting the library, and at the Brooklin Keeping Society, where she will continue to volunteer. June first began helping at Friend Memorial Library when she was a teenager, and she has continued to work here at different times throughout her life. June is a wonderful local history expert, with many, many stories about earlier times in Brooklin and at the library. June sets us an amazing example for aging with grace. Even in her mid-eighties she has walked the 2 ½ miles between her home and the library twice a week to stay limber. There are many of us who consider June a role model for growing older, with her spry mind, willing body, sense of humor, and friendly cheerfulness. We wish her all the best.

A Treasure Trove for Birders

Thanks to the Downeast Audubon Chapter of the Maine Audubon Society, the library now possesses a grand selection of updated tools and information for birding enthusiasts. Check them out—literally!



Gardening Season 2011 Begins with a Flourish

The Friends of the Library are delighted to welcome June Sendrowski of Brooklin as head gardener for the Circle of Friends Garden at the library. Here, in her words, are some of her plans for the gardening season.

A new season is upon us and we are very excited about the garden this year!

We will be adding some new perennials and moving some things around this year, and we wanted everyone to be updated on all the fun happenings that will be taking place. The FML garden is a great place to enjoy throughout the year and a quiet, peaceful refuge right in the middle of town. We hope you all get to enjoy it. We wish to inspire you to check out the plants and their cultural requirements, and possibly get you interested in these plants for your own home gardens. We hope to have them all identified with plant tags in the near future.

This year we already added a few new spring perennials:

Corydalis lutea— yellow fumitory

Actaea “Brunette” (formerly *Cimicifuga “Brunette”*)— snakeroot

Epimedium sp.

Leucojum aestivum -- summer snowflake (even though it blooms in spring)

These are just a few new additions. A plant profile follows with some information on one of the new additions. We also will be exploring the history of the garden and talking in the future about the interesting shrubs, trees, and perennials that already grace our lovely local treasure of a garden.

PLANT PROFILE

***Corydalis lutea*— yellow fumitory**

The botanical family that yellow corydalis belongs to is *Papaveraceae*. (Originally it was in *Fumariaceae* but now it is included in the poppy family). The genus *Corydalis* has more than 300 species, mostly herbaceous with a few evergreen species. They come from a wide range of habitats, from woodlands to mountain areas, and occur mostly in the northern temperate regions. The yellow corydalis comes from forested slopes and grows in shady areas among rocks. It is especially widespread in Europe. In our gardens, this plant can grow virtually anywhere. Although it prefers good drainage with light shade, I have seen it growing in many different situations. It is a mounding perennial 8 to 15 inches tall with a 12 to 18 inch spread, with bluish green, deeply divided leaves and golden yellow flowers $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long, blooming spring through fall. This plant self-sows very profusely, so deadheading is advised if you don't want your garden full of seedlings. USDA hardiness zones 5-9. Slugs and snails can be a problem. Enjoy this lovely spring denizen of gardens!

June Sendrowski



Cornelia Connelly (left) and Cynthi Knapp (right) labor with love in the library gardens while hellebore blooms.

Support Your Library While Recycling at Sedgwick Redemption Center

Here's a simple way to contribute to your library: Just bring your redeemable bottles and cans to Sedgwick Redemption Center and designate "*Friend Memorial Library in Brooklin*" as the entity to which you would like to direct your refund. For years, the good people at the center have passed along your refunds to the library. The center accepts all redeemable bottles and cans with the exception of milk bottles. Sedgwick Redemption is located on Route 172 in Sedgwick at the corner of Sedgwick Ridge Road. Thank you!

Our 4th of July Book Sale is Coming

We hope to see everyone at our 4th of July book sale at Bowden Hall from 9 to 11:30 on Monday, July 4. With the Brooklin parade occurring as well, it's a morning you won't want to miss. We'll have a selection of great books, book bags, cards and notecards, and all proceeds benefit the library.

If you have books you'd like to donate, please bring them inside the library no later than July 2 (sooner is better) and place them near the office. And if you would take a look at our Book Donations Guidelines, included in this issue of the newsletter, we would very much appreciate it. Thanks, and see you July 4!

What do the Friends of the Library Do?

The Friends of the Library group was formed some years ago to help promote and support the library's presence and programs in our community. A major focus of our work is to maintain the Circle of Friends Garden, which was created by the Friends in memory of Katharine and E.B. White. Over the years, the Friends established an endowment fund for the garden, and have raised funds, primarily through our book sales, to keep that endowment strong. We oversee a head gardener to plan yearly projects and to work with a group of stalwart garden volunteers who help on an as-available basis. We also assist the library director in specific projects and provide funding for non-budget items she has identified as being needed. We publish the library newsletter, and we host the annual Holiday Open House. We hold only six or so one-hour meetings each year and we love what we do.

We can always use new members of the Friends group, or new volunteers on our garden workers list, so if you would like to find out more, please call Jane Whitney at 359-8999.

Library Calendar

4th of July Book Sale—

Monday, July 4

9 to 11:30 a.m., Bowden Hall

Storytime – Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Programs

The Story of Charlotte's Web—

Michael Sims will read from his new biography of E.B. White on Saturday, June 25, at 7 p.m.

Art Exhibits

June— Marge Wilson—fiber arts

July—Jeff & Emily Klofft—photographs of Africa

August—Sue Wright—fiber arts

September—Tim Seabrook—paintings

October— Giffy Full—bird carvings

November— Girl Scouts—handicrafts

December—to be announced

*More programs and exhibits are being scheduled—
watch for posters and the local press,
and check our website:*

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We Need Your Help!

The Friends of the Library are so very grateful for your kind and generous book donations to our book sales, but we must ask for your help.

On the back side of this sheet of paper, you'll find a very short summary of
Book Donation Guidelines.

Please...

- Read these guidelines.
- Pin this sheet up in your library for future reference.
- Do not contribute books that don't meet these guidelines.

Here's why we are requesting this help:

All the proceeds of our book sales are for the benefit of the library, and we want to ensure that our book sales continue to offer books of the ***highest quality*** and ***in excellent condition***. By meeting these criteria, we maximize the number of customers (including book sellers) we attract to our sales, and therefore maximize the funds we can make available to the library.

Many of your donations meet these criteria. Some exceed expectations by being antiquarian, first-edition, or otherwise qualified to sell on the internet or sell at special prices at our book sales. Your generosity is exceptional.

We would love to have every book sale sell out completely. This is far more likely with top-quality books, but we still have to dispose of leftovers. And some donated books never make it to the sales. If they are too worn, yellowed, musty or moldy, marked up, academic, outdated, stained, or sticky, they won't sell. We take them directly to the landfill.

Now, factor in that the Friends of the Library are not among the youngest folks in town. We find that the physical work involved in sorting book donations, storing them, hauling them to our book sales, and then hauling leftovers away is wearing us out a bit. This extra work of sorting through and hauling away so many unsaleable books is just too much to ask of our volunteers.

So if you, our kind and generous donors, can ***be extra alert about the types of books we cannot accept***—and the list is really very short—then you will be even more wonderful than you already are.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

The Friends of the Library



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Friend Memorial Library, Brooklin, 359-2276

Book Donation Guidelines

Thank you for thinking of the library for your recycled books. *Please help us by adhering to these guidelines:*

Where and when to donate:

Inside the library whenever the library is open. *Please do not place donated books in the outside box designated for returned library books.*

We welcome:

Clean, unmarked, intact, and like-new books; antiquarian or specialty books in very good condition; books on tape or on CDs in their boxes; DVDs in their boxes.

We cannot accept:

Musty, mildewed, stained, torn, yellowed or heavily dusty books; text books; dictionaries; encyclopedias; Reader's Digest condensed books; magazines; video tapes.

***The best guide:** If you would be interested in buying the books that you donate-- **in their present condition** --then your books are appropriate for donation to the library and are gratefully accepted.*

Thank you

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Thursday 10 to 6
Friday & Saturday 10 to 4

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