

The Friends of the Library **NEWSLETTER**



Brooklin, Maine

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The Librarian's Notebook

Ahhh...summer. The Circle of Friends Garden is beckoning. The new Internet Pavilion will soon be up. The garden beds in front of the library have been completely renewed, with flowering shrubs and a foreground of perennials. The shrubs will need a few years of growing before they have their proper effect, but we hope they will ultimately be an attractive solution to this challenging garden site. Thanks go to The Brooklin Garden Club for a \$500 grant to help pay for the project, and to June Sendrowski for volunteering to help me with the labor required.

Exciting library programs this summer will include *Scales and Tales*, a children's program with live reptiles; *Building Gypsy Wagons*, a talk and slide show by Jim Tolpin; *How to Create Characters*,

presented by Sisters in Crime mystery authors; and a return of our *Get a Clue* information hunt for kids

Extended summer hours, open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., will be in effect during July and August. Which reminds me again just how lucky Friend Memorial Library is to be so well loved and supported by you all. When many public libraries are being forced to cut back services, we are not. This year's Love Your Library Auction & Valentine Send was even more successful than last year's, as was the Annual Fund Drive.

Thank you, thank you!

Stephanie Atwater, Library Director

Internet Pavilion—Attention Laptop Users!

This July and August enjoy the fresh air while using your computer. Try out the new Internet Pavilion on the sunny side of the library. Our charming pavilion (think Gwyneth Paltrow's *Emma*) will offer you bug protection, shade, table and chairs, and electricity; and you will be helping to make the indoor library space and resources more available to everyone. The cost of the Internet Pavilion was covered by our wonderful Friends of the Library group. Because of the overcrowding experienced last summer, we will be asking laptop users to be considerate of other library users and limit their *inside* wireless use to one hour a day during July and August. Thanks so much for your cooperation.



Watch for our Big July Book Sale

Please join us for our annual July book sale to be held this year on Saturday, July 3rd—before, during, and after Brooklin's parade—at Bowden Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Friends of the Library have sorted an unusually large and impressive collection of books in fine condition. It's the perfect time to stock up for your summer reading. Library notecards, postcards and canvas bags with our newly designed logo will also be available for sale. All proceeds to benefit the library.



“Get a Clue” Information Hunt

Our summer reading program information hunt, *Get a Clue*, will be back again by popular demand every week in July and August. Kids from grade one through high school can participate. Each week there will be a new set of questions to answer and a chance to win a \$25 bookstore gift certificate.

Garden Notes

Gardens are always a work in progress and the Circle of Friends garden is no exception. Now more than ten years old, some plantings have outgrown their allotted spots. Others have succumbed to disease or old age. Some, notably a portion of a hemlock hedge, fell victim to last winter’s big storm.

The Garden Committee undertook substantial face-lifting this spring. We pulled out, transplanted, or cut down the problem shrubs and trees. We pruned, introduced native ground cover, and we’ll be planting a number of fresh shrubs over the course of the summer. With more light and space in the garden, we hope for good things to come.

Thanks are due, as always, to our hard-working volunteers, and new hands are always welcome

Peggy Hopkins, Garden Committee

Jazz in the Garden

It was a balmy May afternoon when the Brooklin School Jazz Band entertained an estimated 70 people at a “Jazz in the Garden” event that coincided with opening day of the weekly Brooklin Farmers’ Market. The repertoire included Henry Mancini’s *Peter Gunn* theme, George Gershwin’s *Summertime*, short instrumental solos, and vocals by Maya Sealander, Mia Vierthaler, Rory Bradford and Mallory Gommo.

“So many people mentioned what a nice community feeling there was that day in Brooklin,” said Stephanie Atwater, library director.



Book Review: *At Dusk on Naskeag Point*

A slim volume of fine poetry in the Maine section in the Reading Room of the library is not to be overlooked.

At Dusk on Naskeag Point by Tina Barr (Flume Press, Chico, CA, © 1984) paints word-pictures of life in Brooklin, as this excerpt from “Center Line, Route 1, Brooklin,” illustrates (and yes, we all know that Route 1 does not go through Brooklin):

Blue light above the signboard
Of Brooklin General Store
Lavenders the red clapboard,
Makes a totem of the gas pump.
Clouds thud past the moon.

“Naskeag Point, December” offers another fine example:

Beyond Hog Island, his boat lifts and rolls.
He is gone for days to drape steel nets
For the clattering spill of scallops.
Empty shells are scattered at my feet—
Talismans exposed through ice.

Occasionally, a poem brings the reader up short as it deals with the more troubling aspects of life, but even these strong works are well done.

Jane Whitney

P.S. I checked with Brooklin’s Joyce Barr, and the poet is not a relative.

A Seat in the Shade



Summer is here, and one sign is the emergence of the library garden benches from storage. Thanks to Ken Pratt for his major restoration efforts this year. Over the spring he cleaned, sanded and applied wood preservative to all four benches. This should keep them serviceable for several seasons, and they look great. Please enjoy them!

Library Calendar

Book Sale— Saturday, July 3, 9 a.m. to noon – Bowden Hall

Storytime—Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Programs

Get a Clue—information hunt for kids, every week in July & August

Scales and Tales —reptile program for kids with four live reptiles, July 19, 2 p.m.

Building Gypsy Wagons— slide show and talk by Jim Tolpin, August 10, 7 p.m.

How to Create Characters—presentation by Sisters in Crime. Date TBA

Art Exhibits

June —Dorothy Jordan—artwork

July—Bill & Caroline Mayher—sculpture and pottery

August—Landere Naisbitt—drawings

September—Elizabeth Sawyer—watercolors & pastels

October—Vicki Richardson—weaving

More programs and exhibits are being scheduled – watch for posters and news items, and check our website:

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Help is Welcome!

Are you interested in joining the Friends group? Or would you like to offer help with occasional library projects? We'd love to hear from you. Please email or call the library, and one of the Friends members will call or email in response.

We are always looking for help with book sales, the Circle of Friends garden, the newsletter, re-stocking books for sale in the front entry, our annual open house, and whatever else the library needs us to do.

We hope you'll join us.

Friend Memorial Library

Summer Hours

(July & August)

Tuesday through Saturday
10 to 6

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Tuesday 10 to 4

Thursday 10 to 6

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