

The Friends of the Library **NEWSLETTER**



Brooklin, Maine

www.friendml.org

December 2009

The Librarian's Notebook

Friend Memorial is looking terrific with new shingles on the front and sides of the original part of the building. Roger Hutchinson and crew, who carried out the re-shingling, and Jerry Gray and crew, who repaired the columns and porch last year, have given our library the TLC it needed. We owe a big thanks to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for the grant that covered the cost of the re-shingling project. And, of course, thank you to all our dedicated library users who contribute to the upkeep and operation of this lovely library.

This year several beloved members of the extended community who passed away were honored with donations directed to Friend Memorial Library. This included Marlis Smith, Frank Henry, Elizabeth

Dunn, and Louis Barnes. We will miss these friends. If you are interested in this thoughtful way of remembering a loved one, please don't hesitate to call or write if you have any questions.

The Winter Wanderlust travel talk and slide shows that were so popular last winter began this year in November with *Narrowboating the Llangollen Canal*, presented by George and Pat Fowler. If you have a travel adventure with pictures you would like to share with the community, call or e-mail the library and let me know.

Have a cozy winter,

Stephanie Atwater, Library Director

"Love Your Library" Is Coming!

As soon as you get your 2010 calendars, please mark some very special dates in February. Once again, the entire month of February will be a perfect time to show how much you "Love Your Library." Please watch for a special postal mailing and emails describing these events.

But first, begin by thinking about a special item or service you might like to contribute to the Love Your Library auctions, and whether you would like your business to be a sponsor on the auction website. Contact Stephanie at the library to talk further about these options.



"Love Your Library" details:

- ❖ **Make Friend Memorial Library your valentine.** For each donation of \$5 or more during the month of February, our staff and volunteers will create a special valentine to hang on the library walls in honor of anyone you would like to recognize (a loved one, book character, special friends...) Last year hundreds of colorful, beautifully decorated hearts greeted all who entered the library throughout February.

- ❖ ***Participate in a silent auction of wonderful local items and services.*** From February 1 to 13, dozens of items donated by local residents and businesses will be displayed in the library so you can bid on them: very special meals, summer flowers, local foods, books, beautiful craft items, art, jewelry, and lots more. Your successful bids bring income needed to help maintain library services and resources.
- ❖ ***An equally enticing online auction offers other local items and services for you to bid on, even if you're far away..*** From February 1 to 13, our online auction will offer completely different items from those in the silent auction in the library, each one tied in very special ways to our Brooklin community. Local sponsors underwrite auction expenses so that every penny you bid goes to support Friend Memorial Library.

The Board of Trustees and the library thank you for your continued support of your library. See you in February!
Pat Fowler

“Get a Clue” Information Hunt

More kids than ever participated in this summer’s “Get a Clue” information hunt, in which the kids use the library catalog to locate a particular book that will help them answer the questions of the week. Each week, one winner is drawn at random from the entries and that person is awarded a \$25 bookstore gift certificate, provided by the Friends of the Library. Thanks to all of the young readers who played, and congratulations again to the 2009 winners: Ellenore Tarr, Sydney Nangle, Hoyt Hutchins, Lizzie Sturtevant, Genevieve Claybaugh, Colin Aponte, Lindsay Nevin, and Emily Klofft.

Young readers enjoying the library...



Holiday Open House at the Library

Please join us for sweets and savories, mulled cider, and holiday cheer at our annual open house at the library on Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Watch for Our Winter Book Sale

We're planning a book sale in February or March, since we have so many great books on hand. Watch for posters and an announcement in the local press.

Garden Plans for Spring

Wet weather kept volunteers out of the garden for much of the past summer. Many of the plantings increased dramatically in size due to so much rain. As a result, we are planning some garden renovation in the coming year. Several of the taller trees will be pruned and the euonymus (burning bush), which are crowding and shading more desirable plantings, will be removed. We will add some smaller, more colorful flowering shrubs and shade-loving perennials in hopes of bringing things back into scale. We also plan to refurbish plantings on each side of the front porch, now that the re-shingling project is complete.

The Friends of the Library are an important element in keeping our Circle of Friends Garden blooming, as maintenance of the garden is funded by the Friends' book sales. We are grateful for the community's support of these book sales.

None of our garden work would be possible without the loyal members of our volunteer Garden Committee. If you would like to join and lend a hand, please leave a note at the library.

Peggy Hopkins, Garden Committee



Library Calendar

Holiday Open House at the Library

Saturday, December 12, 1 to 3 p.m.

Storytime – Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Knitters Group – Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m.

Programs

Winter Wanderlust – our popular Travel Talk series returns; watch for details at the library, in the local press, or online

Art Exhibits

December – **Student Photography Exhibit**

January – **Fiber Arts Exhibit**

February – **“Love Your Library”** – valentines, in-library auction, and online auction

March – **Tad Goodale** – photography

April – to be announced

May – to be announced

June – **Dorothy Jordan** – portraits

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

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Committee; Nancy Randall, Books for Babies; Sharron Ellis,
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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

Winter Hours

Tuesday 10 to 4

Thursday 10 to 6

Friday & Saturday 10 to 4

Summer Hours

(July & August)

Tuesday through Saturday

10 to 6

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