



# The Library Lookout

August 2000

Tel: 474-9072

## Wish List

Computer furniture or donations towards the purchase of some (ie. computer desks, chairs, etc.)

Most of all, your participation in the Friends!



## Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

### Children:

- Hassett *Charles of the Wild*  
Penn *The Kissing Hand*  
Rawling *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*  
Bang *When Sophie Gets Angry—Really Angry*

### Adults:

#### Fiction

- Haag *Dust to Dust*  
Pilcher *Winter Solstice*  
Heller *Name Dropping*  
Burke *Purple Cane Road*

#### Non-fiction

- Anderson *The Day John Died*  
Lehr *Black Mass—The Irish Mob*

## LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

### New Computers

The new computers are finally here! We have two new, state of the art machines, thanks to a New Century Grant from the State of Maine. The computers are actually faster and more powerful than we had anticipated, and than announced in last month's newsletter: 600MHZ rather than 500, and with 20 MB hard-drives! The internet computer has been hooked up and is now available for use; the scanning and CD-burning computer in the Civil War Room is waiting on a new printer—so state of the art it isn't available until early in August! Thanks to Bob Varner from Madison Computer, and to Jeff Hewitt from the Town, who have worked with me to get the two machines set up and ready to go.

The Computer Class series has begun again, on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, with the new computers; much of the new Windows 2000 Operating System is similar to Windows 95/98, but there are also many new features which I will be explaining as the classes go on. Feel free to drop in, as the classes are fairly independent of one another.

### Next Friends Meeting

The chair person of the program committee, Maxine Russakoff, has announced that the regular meeting of the Friends on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 PM at the library will feature a panel discussion on "The Role of Small Town Libraries Today". Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear and voice opinions on this timely subject.

### Recent Library Events

A great many thanks go to the people who have given their time to present interesting and entertaining programs for the children on Wednesday afternoons this summer. They are Kristine Rinaldi, Kathy Hopkins, Warren Balgooyen, Joe Scozzafava and Jodi Renshaw. Many children and their parents enjoyed these events.

We hope you all saw the library float at the Log Days Parade. Thanks to Judy Bascom and her family and friends, a wonderful rendition of the world of Harry Potter could be seen driving down Madison Avenue. The painted backdrop was a true work of art! Riders in costume included

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# FRIENDS OF MAINE LIBRARIES

## 9th Annual Conference

"Treasure the Old . . . Embrace the New"

Friday, September 29, 2000 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM

The Senator Inn & Conference Center

Augusta, Maine

COST:

Early registration: received by SEPTEMBER 15: \$30.00/person  
(3 or more people from one library, one check: \$25.00/person).

Registration received after SEPTEMBER 15: \$35.00/person. Fee covers registration, information packet, lunch and breaks. Lunch is a choice of Country Chicken Pie or Spinach Quiche.

### DIRECTIONS:

The Senator Inn is located on Western Avenue in Augusta.

From the South, take I-95 north to Exit 30, bear right at exit.

From the North, take I-95 south to Exit 30A, bear right at exit.

The Senator is on your immediate right.

Call 1-877-772-2224 for information.

### OVERNIGHT ARRANGEMENTS:

Attendees wishing to stay overnight at the Senator may request the special discount Corporate Rate.

Reservations: 1-877-772-2224

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Accommodations can be made for most dietary requirements. Also, facilities at the Senator are handicapped accessible. Please be sure to note specific requirements on your registration form.

### DISPLAYS & SALES:

Feel free to bring samples (multiples if possible) of Friends membership brochures, newsletters, etc. If you have specialty items to sell, bring those, too. Please note on registration form.

### QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Contact Stevie Kumble: 184 Mt. Pleasant St. Rockport, Maine, 04856, (207-236-2352), (E-MAIL: [skumble@midcoast.com](mailto:skumble@midcoast.com))

### CONFIRMATIONS:

To receive confirmation, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your registration.

FRIENDS OF MAINE LIBRARIES Incorporated 1992

- ¥ to increase awareness of Maine libraries and their resources
- ¥ to support and help organize local Friends groups
- ¥ to share information and ideas among Friends groups with quarterly newsletters and the new FOML website
- ¥ to be an advocate for good library services and library use throughout the State of Maine

FOML's Annual Conference provides an opportunity to meet other library Friends & Trustees and Library Directors & Staff who share your love and passion for libraries.

### Special 2000 Conference Highlights:

¥ KIRK MOHNEY: An architectural historian and author of *Beautiful in All Its Details: The Architecture of Maine's Public Library Buildings, 1878-1942*, Kirk will present a fascinating slide show and talk about Maine's library buildings with updates on the recent spate of additions/remodeling.

¥ THE STORY SPINNERS: A drama group from Deering Oaks H.S. led by faculty advisor Kathleen Harris will provide a delightful close to our conference with a glimpse of the library world we love through

"rehearsed Improvs"

¥ BOOKS! Various book and book related organizations and companies will be on hand with exhibits and materials and opportunities for you to purchase their materials.

¥ ANNUAL RAFFLE: Funds raised from on site raffle which includes get-away week-ends, will be used for 2001 FOML Grant Program.

¥ DOOR PRIZES: A plethora of prizes await all - everyone guaranteed at least one prize!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Library Name, Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Director/Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to exhibit/sell materials (brief description):

meal choice, check one: \_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

Please indicate special lunch or other special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Number 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices for both morning/afternoon workshops:

morning: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C

afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F

Workshop/Meal choices not guaranteed for registrations received after September 22. Sorry, no refunds after September 22.

Return checks, made payable to FOML, with registration form (photocopy original for each additional registrant) to:

STEPHANIE KUMBLE, 184 MT PLEASANT ST.

ROCKPORT, MAINE 04856

### AGENDA

8:30 Registration & Coffee, Exhibits & Sales

9:00 Welcome, Business Meeting, State Library Report

9:45 Keynote Address

KIRK MOHNEY, Maine Historic Preservation Commission

THE ARCHITECTURE OF MAINE'S HISTORIC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

10:30 Exhibits & Sales & Break

11:00 Morning Workshops

12:00 Luncheon, 2000 FOML Grants Awarded

1:30 Afternoon Workshops

2:30 Raffle, Door Prizes

2:45 IMPROV THEATER performance

3:30 Adjourn

### WORKSHOPS

MORNING: 11:00 - 12:00

A. FOML EMBRACES THE WEB: Learn about FOML's web site designed to improve FOML services by speeding up the flow of information and provide input about what you want from the site.

Speakers: JANET HARMON, Trainer, Maine School and Library Network and BILL SULLIVAN, FOML Executive Board and Bangor Public Library

## Convention

**B. FAMILY LITERACY & FRIENDS:** What is Family Literacy? What's happening in the state of Maine? What role can Friends and libraries play in family literacy efforts in local communities?

Speakers: BECKY DYER, Maine Department of Education and CAROL WYNNE, Center for Adult Learning and Literacy

### C. 1999 FOML GRANT RECIPIENTS:

✦ **YOUTH LIBRARY BOARD:** Discover how middle school students & staff and a public library created an exciting, cooperative venture.

Speakers: ELISE ADAMS & FRIENDS, Brewer Public Library

✦ **GIRLSTALK, PLUS:** Learn more about this literature based, self-esteem building program for youth and what happens next.

Speaker: VALERIE OSBORNE, Old Town Public Library

AFTERNOON: 1:30-2:30

**D. FREE AND PAINLESS WEB SITES:** Hands-on activities to show you how to use FOML's web site to set up a free web site for your Friends group or library.

Speakers: ALINA BLAKESLEY, Maine Communities Online and JIM FOSTER, FOML Executive Board and Skowhegan Public Library

**E. CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & FRIENDS:** Learn how Friends can help libraries use special book-based programs for kids, such as the Maine Student Book Award, for public library family programs.

Speaker: LAUREL PARKER, Maine Student Book Award Committee and Winthrop Public Library staff member

**F. FRIENDS NUTS & BOLTS ROUND TABLES** Table hop and learn from experts & share your stories & expertise about Friends:

✦ Getting Started ✦ Keeping Going ✦ Fund-Raising ✦ Newsletters ✦ Programs ✦ Book Sales ✦ E-Marketing & Public Relations

Speakers: MARNIE GARDNER, Bates College; JANE GILLIS, Scarborough; LYNNE GOBEIL, Kennebunk; SHIRLEY HELFRICH, SMLD; NANCY MCGINNIS, Hallowell; JEAN NICKEL, Rockland

## Latest News

Wally and Stephen Powell, Billie Jeanne Pomeroy, Megan Perkins, Timothy Gastonguay, and Judy, Elsbeth, Gabriel and Stephen Jr. Bascom. Thank you all for your time and enthusiasm!

## Back to Tranquillity Falls

On Friday, October 27, the friends will present another play about the worthy people of Tranquillity Falls. Most of the original characters will appear, with the exception of Dolly Merryweather, who has a previous commitment. Come to see the fun and shenanigans as the talented cast portray Laura Bean, Larry Wright, Sam Young, Jr. and the Bickersons. Tansy Green, Ichabod Crane, Sherlock Jones and Stella MacIntosh will all be on the stage at the Centenary United Methodist Church. If you haven't marked your calendars yet, now is the time to do it.

## FOML Conference

The Friends of Maine Libraries Annual Conference is coming up on September 29 at the Senator Inn & Conference Center in Augusta. (See agenda on previous page.) If you are interested in going, contact Jim Foster (474-2589) or Marcia Granville.

## BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library, a not for profit group dedicated to supporting and improving the library for all members of the community, invite you to join us. Dues are \$10. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	1-5	10-5:30	10-5:30	1-5:30	1-5:30	10-2

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Each Tuesday night in August and September, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Library)  
Free Basic Computer Class**

**Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM (Library)**

**Friends Meeting; program: panel discussion on "The Role of Small Town Libraries Today"**

**Saturday, September 29 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Senator Inn, Augusta)**

**Friends of Maine Libraries Convention**

**Friday, October 27 (Centenary United Methodist Church)**

**Return to Tranquillity Falls (see page 3)**



## **The Library Lookout**

**Friends of the Skowhegan  
Free Public Library**

c/o Skowhegan Free Public Library  
Elm Street  
Skowhegan, ME 04876

Your Librarians Are:

Helen Shaw,  
Francoise Labonte,  
Lois Moody  
and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees Are:

Bill Laney, Warren Shay,  
Mary Davies, Betsey Hall,  
Kathy Dorko,  
Toni Jo Blaisdell and  
Rick Anzelc

Friends Officers Are:

Corilla Hastings, Pres.;  
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Marcia Granville, Sec.  
and Kathy Hughes, Treas.