

The Library Lookout

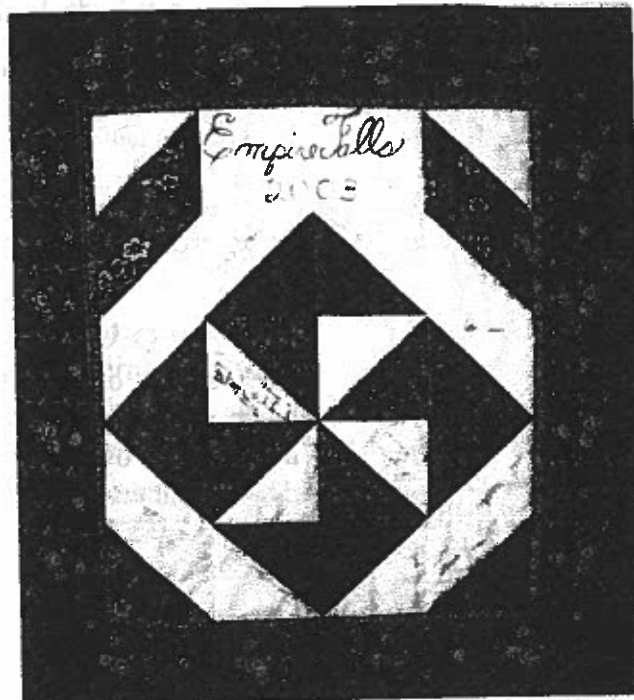
August 2004 474-9072

AUCTION

EMPIRE FALLS SIGNATURE QUILT

Signatures include:

Paul Newman
Richard Russo
Fred Schepsi
Jeffrey DeMunn
Estelle Parsons
Helen Hunt
Lou Taylor Pucci
Robin Penn
Stephen Mendillo



Joanne Woodward
Aidan Quinn
William Fichter
Kate Burton
Ed Harris
Danielle Pannabaker
Dennis Farina
Trevor Morgan
Theresa Russell

- 39" X 34" wall hanging handcrafted by the Somerset Sampler Quilters
- Featuring 18 signatures of cast and crew
- Bids will be accepted from August 5, 2004 to midnight September 7, 2004
- Bidding will begin at \$500.
- Bids will be accepted at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.
- Call 207 474-9072 for more information.
- *All Proceeds will benefit the Skowhegan Free Public Library.*

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

LaNita Earline Atkinson
Davida Barter
Elizabeth Bisson
Jean Butler
Thelma Butler
Ruth Button
Maureen Calder
Elinor Clark
Diane and Tom Crowley
Sr. Claudette Darisse
Neola S. Davis
Robert and Kathleen Dorko
Joan and Robert Farnsworth
Vi Ferland
Lee and Marcia Granville
Corrilla and Jim Hastings
E. R. and G. D. Hearn
Kathy Hughes
Dottie and Gerald LaCasse
Al and Cindy Laiho
Miriam Malloy
Cindy and Chet Manuel
Bruce Moore
Robert and Gloria Nicholzen
Marilyn and Roger Renfrew
David Richards
Mait and Sylvia Richardson
Kristine Rinaldi
Maxine and Phil Russakoff
Semper Fidelis
Mary Stuart
Mary and Alexander Turbyne
Barbara Whitkop
Alton Whittemore

Thank you, everyone, for your support.

NEWS FLASH

Our cookbook featuring recipes from you, our library friends and patrons is now out. Besides the delicious recipes, there are six stories or poems written by some of our local talent. The cookbook will be offered for sale at the library and at the Sunday "Concert in

the Park on August 1st," and you may soon find it in various other places around town. The price of the *Readers' Recipes* is \$8.00.

BOOK SALE

On the 13th and 14th of August, there will be a booksale on the library lawn from 11:00 to 5:00 both days. On those same days, Friday and Saturday, there will be artists painting at designated spots throughout Skowhegan. One of the artists will be stationed at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. You will be welcome to stop and watch them create their masterpieces, and you may even decide to purchase a painting or print that they have for sale.

POSTCARDS and PRINTS

made from Milton Christianson's beautiful painting of the library are on sale at the Library and will also be on sale "under the tent" on August 5th.

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 for Individuals, \$8 for Seniors and Students, and \$15 for families.

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Please complete this form and mail to Skowhegan Free Public Library, 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Tel. # _____

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BOOK REVUE

By Nancy Warren

W. G. Sebald, *AUSTERLITZ*, translated from the German by Althea Bell, Modern Library, New York, 2001. In a chance meeting in a railway station in Antwerp, an unnamed narrator meets Jacques Austerlitz, an architectural historian. Over many years, the two meet, as often by chance as not, and Austerlitz tells his story, gradually divulging the details of a life he himself is only discovering by bits and pieces. Austerlitz's first conscious memories are of a Welsh Methodist minister and his wife whom he assumed were his parents. As the story unfolds, Austerlitz learns, through flashbacks and the painful recollection of memories lost in time and trauma, that he came to England from Prague in 1939, at age 4, via a Kindertransport (child transport) before his real parents were deported to Nazi concentration camps. Austerlitz embarks on the painful journey to discover his identity—to recollect his past and reconnect with his forgotten history. Sebald has Austerlitz tell his story in magical, lyrical prose that weave his tale among digressions on architecture, art, the heavens, and earth. The book is enhanced by black and white photographs (supposedly taken by Austerlitz) of diverse subjects that serve to reinforce the authenticity of the memories. In the words of author W. S. Merwin, Sebald has written a book with "the dimension of dream and a sense of the depth of time.... He evokes at once the minutiae and the vastness of individual existence, the inconsolable sorrow of history and the scintillating beauty of the moment and its ground of memory." *AUSTERLITZ* is one of the most memorable and beautiful books I have ever read. It's not easy—there are no chapters, and few paragraphs—but anyone who makes the effort will be richly rewarded.

BOOK REVIEW

by Kaitlynn McGuire

The Moffat Museum by Eleanor Estes

The Moffat Museum is a book about the Moffat children (Sylvie, Joey, Jane and Rufus) growing up. It is a fantastic book and I recommend it to anyone who likes to read. It's a little long, but every page is worth reading. I really enjoyed the way Eleanor Estes uses her vocabulary. I think that Eleanor Estes, in my opinion, has established a wonderful book. I hope that other people enjoy this book as much as I did.

FUND RAISERS

The Friends have had two successful fund raisers since our last Library Lookout. In spite of cold rainy weather, the Book Sale on May 22 and 23 netted \$710.95 for the Library. A profit of \$356.66 was earned at the June 18th dance for grades 5 - 8.

Two projects are currently in process. "Readers' Recipes" has had its final proofing and will be on sale this month, so dig out that Christmas shopping list! We think you'll like this collection of delicious recipes along with original stories by six members of the Friends.

The second project is the Empire Falls Signature Quilt auction. Handmade by members of the Somerset Sampler Quilters, this 34" by 39" wallhanging features eighteen signatures of cast and crew. Bids will be accepted from August 5 ("Empire Falls Revisited Day" in Skowhegan) until September 7. Look for the quilt on display "under the tent" on August 5th, and later at the Library. Bids, starting at \$500, will be recorded at the library desk.

Editor's Note

Please excuse the appearance of this month's Library Lookout. The computer I normally use is in the hospital and I had to recreate the form without all the tools I needed.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

August 1 "Readers' Recipes will be sold at the "Concert in the Park" 5:00

August 3 Library Trustees Meeting, 4 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

August 5 The Empire Falls Quilt will be displayed "under the tent" and bidding will start.

August 11 **Judy Pancoast** "Kids Pop" A family concert featuring upbeat original music 1:00

August 13-14 Art Show Empire Fall Quilt on display at the "Art Show"

August 13-14 Library Book Sale

August 18 **Northern Stars Planetarium** at the Margaret Chase Smith Library

Please sign up ahead of time. 1:00

August 25 **Annie Wenz** "Music of the World" A demonstration of instruments and songs from around the world Audience participation is requested. 1:00

SEPTEMBER

Every Wednesday Story and Craft Hour, 10 am in the Children's Room

September 5 Final bids for the Empire Falls Quilt will be accepted.

September 7 Library Trustees Meeting, 4 pm at the Library The public is welcome to attend.

September 24 Friends of the Maine Library meeting in Augusta Details available at the Library

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Friends of the Skowhegan

Free Public Library

c/o Marcia B. Granville

P.O. Box 278

Skowhegan, Maine 04976

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Children's Librarian Katherine LeBlanc

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and Carol Jarvais

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