



The Library Lookout

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Library Director's Corner

We are about to embark on a busy and hopefully fruitful, 2003 summer season. The winter vacationers are returning and we are still reorganizing.

To begin with, I would like to thank Kathy Hughes and Marcia Granville for their dedicated service as secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Friends of the Library. I am sure we will continue to see them volunteering. What wonderful ladies.

With the weeding of the book collection for the first time, we will be having book sales this summer. Françoise has chosen July 9th for the next sale. Weather permitting, we'll have it for one day outside.

The Children's Room is being repainted by the Semper Fidelis as we assemble new shelving. This completely changes the look of the area.

Special thanks must be given to Ed Mathieus and his crew of 17. The SRVC (Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center) electrical program is rewiring for electricity and computer technology. This will be done Spring and Fall of 2003. We are very grateful for their professional help.

The busy children's program for the summer will be done by Katherine Connell, Children's Librarian. (See Calendar page 4 for events and dates.)

June 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Skowhegan Area Middle School Jim Ramsey and his students will be presenting a movie about Post World War II America. Admission will be \$2.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for children. All proceeds will be donated to the library. The students worked very hard, and they would enjoy a large audience. Please mark your calendars.

The Lawn Sale

It was a cold, misty morning when Friends of the Library began arriving at the Hastings's farm for the annual Lawn Sale. Corrilla thoughtfully provided coffee for the sales people, Mary Stuart, Dottie LaCasse, Marilyn Renfrew, Marcia Granville and, of course, Corrilla Hastings. Most of the really hard work was done on the Thursday and Friday afternoons before the sale when Dottie, Kathy Hughes and Corrilla sorted, organized the merchandise and put prices on most of the larger items

Several articles of furniture as well as three bicycles were displayed outside along with a table of children's toys. One room in the barn was stuffed with articles of clothing, one held books, puzzles and baskets and another yet held many tables full of assorted dishes, small appliances, knick knacks and even a computer. Most of the furniture went fairly quickly. Then, as the day warmed up, people piled in to see what was available.

We mustn't forget the hard work of teen-agers Matthew Moore and his friend Tim Clement. They were entirely responsible for cooking and selling more than 200 of the best hotdogs found the whole length of the six (or 16 – perhaps 60) mile lawn sale. They also sold cold drinks, small bags of chips and home-made goodies. They worked hard and did a great job. One gentleman commented that their set-up was the cleanest he'd seen all day.

At the end of the day, Bill Laney, Lee Granville and Gerald LaCasse came to clear up the left-over merchandise and general mess. Thanks, guys. We appreciate your help.

Thanks to the generous donations of items for the sale, and our wonderful customers, we made a profit of \$ 781 to benefit the library.

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The Garden Tour

It's time to buy tickets for the Skowhegan Area Garden Tour and Art Show on June 28th. There are ten beautiful gardens to explore, ranging from a commercial nursery to demonstration garden, historical gardens and smaller back yard affairs. The gardeners include at least one Master Gardener as well as many dedicated and enthusiastic amateurs. What a wonderful way to spend a day, viewing the results of other people's efforts, getting ideas for our own gardens. But that isn't all!

There will also be an art show. Talented painters, photographers and perhaps sculptors will display their art for your enjoyment. They may even consent to sell some of their work if you ask them nicely. A few may even set up an easel in one or two of the gardens to work on their next masterpieces.

For those of you who enjoy other people's cooking much better than your own, there is a gourmet lunch. Better get your tickets early. The luncheon is restricted to 75 prepaid reservations.

The Garden Tour is \$10.00 paid in advance or \$12.00 on the day of the Tour. The Lunch is \$6.00. Tickets are available at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, Boynton's Greenhouse, The Blueberry Cupboard, The Chamber of Commerce Information Booth and the Skowhegan Town Office. On Saturday, the day of the Tour, tickets will be sold at the starting place, the Tewksbury Building which is behind the Federated Church.

Holocaust Survivor Display

The Skowhegan Free Public Library is hosting a traveling exhibit of the Holocaust Survivors. The exhibit consists of seven panels depicting personal experiences of this tragic affair in our history.

The exhibit in Skowhegan will be on display from May 26th through June 14th. We hope you can take part.

Gigantic Book Sale

The Skowhegan Free Public Library will be having another book sale:

**July 9th
10:00 to 6:00**

There will be children's books as well.

Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library

Meeting of May 14, 2003

President Corrilla Hastings opened the meeting and presented outgoing Secretary Marcia Granville with a bud vase and a card. Outgoing Treasurer Kathy Hughes was not present to accept her gifts.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Phil Rusakoff, Neola Davis and Shirley Bastien, presented their report, recommending Maureen Calder for the position of Secretary. They had no candidate for Treasurer at this time. Maureen was duly elected for her new position. Corrilla will act as Treasurer until a suitable candidate is found.

The next meeting of the Friends will take place on September 10th. The group was reminded that May is dues month.

The speaker for the evening was poet, Lee Sharkey. Because of recent events, she had decided to read poetry written in times of war. She stated that during intense periods in the country, as during a war, people turn to poetry. She said, "A poet's task is to sustain the imagination." She told her audience that without imagination there is no love of life, no spirit, and no gifts to other people. War tends to kill the imagination. Poetry can remind us that there is beauty in the world. It can bear witness, be the record of what went on, tell the stories that are not in history books, shape the pain. Poetry can also prophesy, envision the transformation. Ms. Sharkey then read a selection of poems illustrating her points.

Book Review

by *Thelma Butler*

Anne Perry is the noted author of a number of books which bring to life the lost world of England's Victorian Age. For a few hours, you are transported back in time and see what life was like during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Some of Miss Perry's books feature private investigator William Monk and his wife Hester Latterly, one of Florence Nightingale's nurses in the Crimea. The *Twisted Root* is a story that features the Monks. It is a chilling tale of love, betrayal, and great evil. A young man seeks Monk's help in finding his fiancée, who disappeared suddenly from a croquet party held at the mansion of her in-laws-to-be and has not been seen since. There are many twists and turns before the mystery is solved, all in all an excellent story.

The mystery in each one of Miss Perry's books is always fascinating, but what you learn about how people lived, what they ate, the methods of transportation they used, the work they did, what they earned, and how they dressed is equally as interesting as the story itself. All in all, Anne Perry's books make for great reading. Once started, they are hard to put down.

LIBRARY HOURS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10-6	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-2

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MEET A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

It would be impossible to measure the time, talent and enthusiasm which Marcia Granville has contributed to the Skowhegan Library. She has served as secretary of the Friends from its beginnings until this May, and has chaired almost every fund raiser. Currently, she has finished writing descriptions of all the large print books, and is about to start a similar project with the audio books and videos.

A lifelong resident of Skowhegan, Marcia worked for fourteen years as bookkeeper at Boynton's Greenhouse. She is a writer and excellent photographer, and wrote for the *Gazette* for several years. Now she's working on stories of her own. An avid reader, she especially enjoys mysteries and science fiction. Computer games, movies and puzzles are also on her list of hobbies. Marcia and her husband, Lee, are parents of four daughters and grandparents of six (two girls and four boys). Marcia regularly picks up a grandchild or two from school and brings them home for "Granny time." The Library is very fortunate to have Marcia as a Friend and Volunteer!

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).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, 175 James Road, Cornville, Maine 04976.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2 to 23 Sign up for Summer Reading Program
June 3 Trustees Meeting. Open to Public. 4:00 p.m. at the Library.
June 9 SAMS Students Movie about Post World War II America 7:00 p.m.. \$2 adm.
June 14 End of the Holocaust Survivors Display. Last chance to see this!
June 28 Garden Tour (see article on page 2)
July 1 Trustees Meeting. Open to Public. 4:00 p.m. at the Library.
July 9 **BOOK SALE 9-6**
July 9 Children's Summer Program: Kristine Rinaldi Ocean Program 1:00
June 12 Mom & Me Father's Day Gifts 5:30 to 7:00
June 14 Mom & Me Father's Day Gifts 11:00 to 1:00
July 16 Children's Summer Program: A Little Touch of Will 1:00 (as in Shakespeare)
July 16 Children's Summer Program: "Standup Shakespeare" in Coburn Park 6:30
July 23 Children's Summer Program: Somerset Sports and Fitness Program 1:00
July 30 Children's Summer Program: ~~Margaret Chase Smith Library tour~~ 1:00 TBA
August 6 Children's Summer Program: Magician Wes Booth 1:00
August 13 Children's Summer Program: Northern Stars Planetarium 1:00 and 3:30 (@ Margaret Chase Smith Library)
August 20 Summer Reading Program Year End Party

Story Hour will continue on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 with a nutrition theme including healthy snacks!



The Library Lookout

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

Your Librarians Are:

Library Director Blynn Currier,
Assistant Librarian Françoise Labonte,
Children's Librarian Katherine Connell,
and Thelma Butler

Your Library Trustees Are:

Bill Lancy, Warren Shay,
Mary Davies, Lee Granville,
Toni Jo Blaisdell and
Carol Jarvais

Friends Officers Are:

Corilla Hastings, Pres.;
Jim Foster, V.P.,
Marcia Granville, Sec.
and Kathy Hughes, Treas.