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The Library Lookout

SEPTEMBER 2009

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Melissa Gaspar

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Art and Heritage Festival and Somerset County Bicentennial Celebration on August 15th**. It was a lot of fun for those who could venture out in 94 degree heat and Larry Grand from the Morning Sentinel commented it was "a very classy event." Many people raved about the Garden Walk and the fairy garden event. Congratulations to the members of the Bloomfield Garden Club who organized such a delightful and beautiful outing.

The big shoe was literally a hot item. Sitting in the sun, the aluminum shoe was almost too hot to handle but still attracted quite a few people who took a picture of the shoe and admired Milton Christianson's art work. The Dove Society, Semper Fidelis and the GFWC/Skowhegan had a very busy and successful yard sale. Together with the Garden Walk proceeds and Library Renovation Committee's hot dog sales about \$1100 was raised for the Library Renovation Project 2012. Many thanks to all the artists who participated in the Plein Air event and others who displayed their arts at the library. And a giant thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the festival such a great success.

I would also like to thank Lew Ouilette for the historical shoe display he compiled to display at the History House and thanks to Katie Ouilette who promoted the Self guided heritage walk. The Heritage Council also had a display of the Dudley Corner Schoolhouse. And many thanks to Diane Godin for demonstrating how to

research deeds and for the Somerset County Bicentennial display. Thank you to the The Margaret Chase Smith Library who created an interesting exhibit of Margaret Chase Smith's shoes.

The next program on the library calendar is the Socrates Café on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 am at the Blueberry Cupboard. The topic this month is "humor" and Judy Gamage will be the facilitator. All are welcome to attend.

And good news - Inter library loan requests will be possible again as of Sept 1st.

The library will continue on its Summer Hours schedule through Columbus Day Weekend. The first Saturday we will be open will be Saturday, October 17th from 10 am-2 pm.



Forest Meader's musical entertainment was an added delight at the Art and Heritage Festival.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Katherine LeBlanc

Well, summer came to a close in the Children's Room with the most wonderful program conducted by the LC Bates Museum. Their Old Time Toys and Games was the final program of the 2009 Summer Reading Program "Ice Cream for Books." Special thanks goes out to the Museum for not only presenting this wonderful program, but also our Forest Walk. Both programs were not only entertaining but very fun.

We were very fortunate again this year to have a large group of dedicated readers and event participants. Although my regulars are growing up they have been a great source of encouragement for new comers and younger children.

We have some wonderful new books ready for the school year. With the fabulous donation from Kristine Rinaldi and others who dropped by after cleaning off their home bookshelves, we have been able to add plenty of new titles to the collection that will interest our young readers.

We will once again be spreading the word to local teachers about the benefits of visiting the Skowhegan Free Public Library. As always field trips are welcome to visit us and we try very hard to accommodate their schedules. Brownie troops, Cub Scouts, 4-H groups etc are also welcome to come and see everything that the Library, and specifically the Children's Room has to offer. Please feel free to call for more information or to schedule a time to visit with your organization.

Although there has been quite a bit of discussion this year about the Fall Festival, we have decided to cancel that event this year. With the planning and organizing of the Art and Heritage Festival we felt that our time was stretched too thin to plan and execute two events so close together. Thank you to everyone who has inquired, and we welcome your thoughts and ideas in regards to this event.

PROJECT 2012

The Library Renovation Committee continues to report that donations and pledges are coming in for Project 2012. In addition, please keep in mind the following fundraisers and projects:

Returnable bottles and cans at C & M Redemption Center - just ask the clerk to put the money aside for Project 2012.

Raffle tickets for the beautiful Victorian quilt made by the Somerset Samplers - come to the Quilt Show on Oct. 2 and 3 at the Federated Church when the name of the lucky winner will be drawn.

Library night at Heritage House on October 23 - a percentage of the cost of your meal will be donated to Project 2012.

Evening With the Stars American Style on November 14 at the Opera House - that wonderful evening of entertainment!

Library Auction scheduled for September 2010 - our list of auction items and services is growing. Please contact us with your donation.

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

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Please check the activities you are willing to help with.

- Refreshments for library activities.
- Making phone calls.
- Helping with fundraising activities

BOOK REVIEW

By Melissa Gaspar

The 5,000 Year Leap: A Miracle that Changed the World by W. Cleon Skousen

The 5,000 Year Leap is a concise, easy to understand overview of the 28 ideas which the founding fathers believed were the secret to success for America. It is inspirational, practical and as relevant to our country today as when these ideas were used as the basis for the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. The book is organized so that a person could get the main ideas by a quick perusal of the chapter headings or read the chapters in depth. The Founding Fathers debated at length universal truths that they believed needed to be the foundation for a sound and moral government. They did this, volunteering their time and at their own expense, to distill the deepest understanding of human nature and the role of government. Men like John Adams, James Madison, and George Washington believed these 28 ideas needed to be understood and practiced in order to ensure peace, prosperity and freedom for America. W. Cleon Skousen captures the essence and spirit of the Founding Fathers foresight and intentions for the future of America.

Although I have taken many history classes, I found this book to be more valuable and interesting than anything I read in school. I highly recommend it as an informative and inspirational good read.

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

Jan and Gust Stringos
Mary Hill

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

- Brown, Sandra/ *Smash Cut*
- Coben, Harlan/ *The Final Detail*
- Conroy, Pat/ *South of Broad*
- Cook, Robin/ *Intervention*
- Dunant, Sarah/ *Sacred Hearts*
- Finder, Joseph/ *Vanished*
- Francis, Dick/ *Even Money*
- Haig, Brian/ *The Hunted*
- Hilderbrand, Elin/ *The Castaways*
- Howe, Katherine/ *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*
- Jance, J.A. / *Fire and Ice*
- Johansen, Iris/ *Storm Cycle*
- Kellerman, Fayel/ *Blindman's Bluff*
- Lewis, Pam/ *Speak Softly, She Can Hear*
- McMurtry, Larry/ *Rhino Ranch*
- Monroe, Mary Alice/ *Last Light Over Carolina*
- Neggers, Carla/ *The Mist*
- Patterson, James/ *Alex Cross's Trial*
- Reich, Christopher/ *Rules of Vengeance*
- Reichs, Kathy/ *206 Bones*
- Rice, Luann/ *The Deep Blue Sea for Beginners*
- Russo, Richard/ *That Old Cape Magic*
- Silva, Daniel/ *The Defector*
- Thor, Brad/ *The Apostle*
- White, Stephen/ *The Siege*

NON-FICTION

- Taraborrelli, J. Randy/ *The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe*

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

September 1 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

September 3 FOL Executive Board meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

September 9 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

September 12 Socrates Café at the Blueberry Cupboard, 11 AM. "Humor"

Sept. 14 & 28 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

OCTOBER

Every Wednesday: Story & Craft Hour, 10 AM

October 6 Library Trustees meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

October 10 Socrates Café at the Blueberry Cupboard, 11 AM.

October 14 Library Renovation Committee meeting, 6 PM. Public is welcome.

October 12 & 26 Toddlertime, 10:30 AM

October 17 Library Saturday opening hours begin

October 23 Library Night at the Heritage House (Percentage goes to Project 2012)

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, November 14: "Evening With the Stars American Style"

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Skowhegan, ME 04976

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