



The Library Lookout

May 1999

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FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Second Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at the Library on May 12 at 7 p.m. All Friends are encouraged to attend. We will discuss the progress of the past year, and propose plans for the coming year. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are up for election at this meeting. Our current Secretary, Marcia Granville, and Treasurer, Hilma Millett, have been nominated for re-election, as they have only served for one year. (The standard term for officers is two years.)

LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Mary Davies and Jim Foster

National Library Week was well celebrated from the Open House on April 11, and on through the week with story hours every afternoon and a video Sat. a.m. for youngsters.

The Open House was well attended and our thanks to The Candlelight Restaurant, Skowhegan Fleuriste and Hart's Fine Chocolate for their generous donations. The flowers were lovely and we gobbled up the delicious fudge and desserts. Friends also supplied punch and desserts. Over 50 residents signed in on the new pc's and Jim Foster guided guests through the Wilds of the Mouse. Librarian Helen Shaw, recently returned from a post-op time off, joined us and was warmly greeted.

Benjamin Jean, age 3 won the jellybean contest and the jellybeans plus a book from the Friends and a gift certificate from Mr. Paperback.

Ben Doty took the prize for the 4th & 5th grade poster contest. He received a book and a gift certificate.

Caitlyn Lancaster took the poster prize for the 2nd & 3rd grade contest, winning a book and a gift certificate. Congratulations on their great work. Their art work proved they recognize books as pathways to adventure and opportunity.

Thanks to Cathy Hughes, Corrilla and Jim Hastings, and Chief Asselin for reading. Thanks to Marcia Granville and Thelma Butler for cookies galore.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to use the chamber building as a drop off point for donations for the lawn sale on May 22. Janiece will accept your lightweight goodies and deliver them for you. No pianos please. Her car isn't big enough. If you have heavier items, please call Jim Hastings at 474-3949 or Marcia Granville at 474-7202 to arrange a drop off. If you need help with delivery, they will arrange for that too.

Marcia and Corrilla are working hard on this project and they need your help. We'll also be selling snacks too; hot dogs, sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and coffee. Corrilla says the field across from the house is dandy for parking. We expect to do very well for the library renovation fund with a little help from our Friends (you).

MOTHER

Families mean a lot of things
but Mothers gave us all our wings.
the up, downs, the ins and out
Mother's what it's all about.
She gave us love through thick and thin,
gave us strength to do it all, and then,
if there was a problem, Mother would share.
She'd help us all with her care.
The love and strength that children find
comes from the thread of Mother's twine,
stronger, that our love can grow
because Mother gave her seeds to sow.

Tina Spearrin



Fine Words

chosen by
Mary Davies

WAITING

Winter was long
Snow on the ground
Things gray and dark
And then I heard a sound

My spirits soared
I looked about
I didn't see him
But I wanted to shout

What lifted my spirits
That gloomy day?
The song of a robin
Warm as the sun's rays.

Don't be discouraged
Spring's almost here
Listen for the robin
Summertime is near.

Dorothy Addickes

VALENTINE TREASURE

In my treasure chest of memories
From days of long ago.
There is a yellowed Valentine.
These words in faded gold.
Color in a Valentine,
As red as it can be.
Forget about the candy.
And just remember me.
Color me a Valentine,
As plain as it can be.
Forget about the flowers,
And say that you love me.
Color me a Valentine,
As red as red can be.
Add a heartfelt message.
"For all eternity."

Marjorie Fletcher-Quirion

MY MOTHER

My Mother's not too technical, she doesn't drive a car,
She won't use the computer, or touch the VCR,
She doesn't like to cook too much, she leaves that up to Gramps,
She doesn't care for dogs or cows, or—Elvis Presley stamps.
My Mother goes to church so much, she ought to be a saint,
But when they pass the grape juice out, she always starts to faint.
She still thinks that the Red Sox will lead the league some day—
But even so, we must admit, we love her anyway.

Jim Foster

I AM GOD'S CHILD

I cannot speak with words you'd understand,
But somehow I know that God holds my hand.
I cannot make you know my needs, my wants, my fears
But He knows my purpose here, so brush away your tears.
I cannot hold a conversation with real words as such,
But I hope you know I love you by every word and touch.
I cannot tell you why I have tantrums and act so wild
But I wish I could tell you that I, too, am God's child.

Ginny Foster

Happy Mother's Day to all. Necessity is the Mother of invention. Let's all try to invent new ways to help our library.

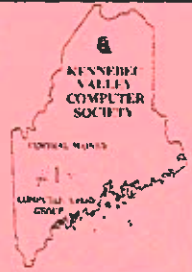


LIGHT HOUSE

Standing tall upon the cliff
Waves crashing at your feet.
Standing point against the
darkness,
A sentinel's guiding light.
Like an angel ever watching,
Strong against the wind.
She beckons with her beacon,
A warning to passing ships.
The land is fast approaching
Better haul those sails in quick.
For the journey it has ended
And the land, it be in sight.
The captain, he is thankful
For the lighthouse and its light.

Kathy Quirion

**The Friends of the Skowhegan Public Library
&
The Kennebec Valley Computer Society**



are planning to hold a series of FREE classes at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the following topics:

- Computer Basics
- The Windows 95/98 Operating System
- Using Your Computer
- The Internet
- Resources Available Online
- File Formats & the Programs that Love Them

The classes will be held the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning on May 6. They will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Library. Additional classes, or day classes, can be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

For more information call Jim Foster at 474-2589, or send e-mail to jfoster@somtel.com

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**BECOME A FRIEND OF
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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 Corrilla Hastings (474-3949) or Mary Davies (474-7446).

Please complete this form and mail to Hilma Millett, P.O. Box 215, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

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LIBRARY HOURS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADULTS	1-8:30	10-6	10-6	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

Now Playing

National Connections project with David Richards, Bill Laney, Mary Turbyne, and Julia Walking leading adult literacy students in a reading and discussion series. We were one of 40 libraries chosen for this fine program.



Story and Craft hour every Wednesday at 10 a.m. through the school year.

Coming attractions



Sign up for free **computer lessons** on Windows, beginning **May 6**. See ad in this issue. One group (5) is ready. We'll have as many groups as necessary.



Annual Meeting May 12, 7 p.m. A series of book reviews will follow, something for all ages. See page 1 for details.

Dues are not attractions but they are due at the annual meeting, or if you prefer, a year from when you first paid. Many thanks for your support. We've done a lot with a little.

SPARKS meeting for children's librarians to be held at our library on **May 20**.



The Friends will join in the **Cornville 7 Mile Long Yard Sale**. We'll be at Jim and Corrilla Hasting's Red Brick Farm. Start saving your treasures for us. Old tables and chairs sell well as does the stuff you're tired of polishing. Start a box. Brass candlesticks were the first to go at my house. We need volunteers on **May 22 and 23**. If you need stuff picked up, call Jim Hastings. Money raised will benefit the Renovation Fund.

Children's summer programs commence on **July 7**. (We'll list them in the June issue.)

To comment on or submit articles for this newsletter, e-mail Mary Davies at davies@wworx.net. And remember to check out the Friends' website at <http://mainetoday.koz.com/maine/friends>.



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Free Public Library**
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