The "mostly monthly" newsletter by The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library

WHO WE ARE

The Friends of the Blue Hill Library is a volunteer group that raises funds for a variety of library purposes not covered by the library's operating budget.

WHAT WE DO

We fund: New York Times subscriptions, Must See Movie Series, Play Readings, Opera Previews, Great Decisions Series, Children's Programs, Literacy Programs, purchases of digital media, furniture, a/v equipment, staff appreciation gifts, scholarships for staff and volunteer development, and more!

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Letter From the President

Our monthly meeting each November is always a packed agenda for the Friends of the Blue Hill Library as we review our activities over the past year and prepare for the holiday party. Each year we marvel at the figures raised through our used book sales. In the spirit of the season, we also marvel and express great gratitude to the multitudes of community members who both shop for and donate fabulous volumes (and volumes and volumes) of books to make the sales possible. And, of course a big thank you to the many, many volunteers who do all the work to clean, sort, shelve, and sell the books. The funds we raise are invested directly back into the library for events such as lectures and movies, as well as special youth and art programs, an enhanced DVD collection, and daily delivery of the *New York Times*. Please continue to donate books and attend the sales to keep the cycle going.

November is also the middle of the Friends' **annual membership drive**. Annual membership continues at \$10/household. Being a member means you will receive this newsletter and email notices of our events, have opportunities to volunteer and be involved with the library you love, and—most importantly—enjoy the tremendous satisfaction of being part of a terrific organization that encourages on and supports our library and our community. Please use the enclosed form, go to the library's website, or pick up an application at the library to join the Friends. If you can't remember (as I usually can't) whether you've paid that \$10 to renew for 2017, please call or email us to check.

Finally, join us for the capstone of our year on Saturday, December 17 from 2:30-5:30. We will celebrate the library, all of you, and the holidays with the usual fanfare and some new treats. We will have lots of music beginning with our beloved local and national star Noel Paul Stookey, on to the award-winning GSA Varsity Jazz Combo, and finish the festivities with all of our voices singing carols together led by Emmett Scott on the piano. Other fabulous entertainment for all ages includes the annual theatrical reading of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* and a magic show, hilarity, and children's workshop with Peter Boie. This party is always lively and big fun. We look forward to welcoming and thanking all of you for making the library a special place throughout the year. Please note the Library will close at 2pm on December 17 to prepare for the party.

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Book Nook Book Sales

TWO SALES IN DECEMBER!

Saturday, Dec 3rd Saturday, Dec 17th 9:00 – 2:00

In the Book Nook Blue Hill Public Library

Specials: Books for and about the holidays

Books make Great Gifts

Lots of like-new books and old-time treasures in all genera for all ages

Don't forget to check our ongoing paperback book sale on the second floor -Books just 50¢ any time the library is open! The Friends of the Blue Hill Library are proud to offer quality used books at our book sales, and are very thankful to the many donors who provide those books. Proceeds from book sales enable the Friends to provide many programs - ongoing and special - for children and adults, and to assist the library with special projects and purchases.

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As part of the party, we will again collect gifts to donate to the Tree of Life and the Emmaus Shelter. Please put wrapped packages (indicating appropriate age and gender) under the tree during the party or any time during the library's open hours before December 17. And, as always, we welcome donation of treats to serve at the party. Bring cookies, sweets, savories, old recipes and new, or anything in between with you to the party, or drop them off any time on December 17.

Thanks for another wonderful year. I hope to see you at the party!

— Leslie Goode

From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

Generator (finally) running

During the monthly Friends of the Library meeting on Thursday, November 17th the electricity in the library flickered, and it was very good news. The cause of that blip was the electrician manually turning off the library's power to test the now-finally-online-and-fully-operational backup power generator. The process of getting a generator installed took over a year to accomplish, from fundraising, to vendor selection, to installation, and it is very satisfying to know that BHPL will be a reliable port in the storm during future outages.

Spinning records in the Wilder Room

This month we launched a new service, a listening station with an amplifier, headphones, CD player, and a turntable in the Wilder Room. Patrons can spin records from either BHPL's growing collection, or can bring some in from home. We are looking to primarily collect essential classical, jazz and folk and we welcome your donations in that universe.



Coming up: Internet improvements

Some of you already know that BHPL offers a fairly fast internet connection, rated at 100Mbps symmetrical upload/download speeds. Service reaches most patrons from various Wi-Fi access points installed in the building. In the near future BHPL's Wi-Fi service will improve, with more access points being installed in the outer wings, the Blue Hill and Wilder Rooms, as well as two new AP's that will be installed outside. This will remove any dead spots in the building.

Also coming up: I'm getting old

January 14th will mark my 15th anniversary as Director of this library. It still feels like yesterday when I was hired, which, while being a cliché thing to say, happens to be true. I'm still having a great time working here and feel grateful to be a part of this community.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Boulet rboulet@bhpl.net

Apps for Nature Lovers"

The Blue Hill Public Library's "App Club" will present "apps for nature lovers" on Saturday, December 10th at 3:00 PM. Do you love the great outdoors? Learn about apps for your phone or tablet that can help you identify flora and fauna, track the sun and moon, and more!

The App Club meets monthly, both for people who want to share their favorite apps and people who want to learn more about apps. Anyone who would like to show and tell an app (Apple or Android) can register on the Library's web calendar at www.bhpl.net or call the Library at 374-5515. Those who only wish to attend and watch and listen do not need to register.

Two December Book Sales Feature Books for the Holidays

The Friends will host two Saturday book sales in December, on the 3rd and the 17th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The sales will feature many new and like-new books, CDs and DVDs for gift giving to children and adults. There are books for everyone: cooks, poets, artisans and readers of all ages. And most items are only a dollar or two!

Hundreds of quality used books fill the shelves in the book nook in all categories for all ages-and most books are just a dollar or two! Proceeds from book sales enable the Friends of the Library to continue providing special events and purchases for the library. To donate books that are in good condition or for more information, contact the Library at 374-5515.

The Friends Of the Library Membership Drive is Happening!

The fall FOL membership campaign is now in full gear. If you haven't yet taken the step to become a Friend or if you haven't had the opportunity to renew your membership during this 2017 drive, we encourage you to take the time now to fill out the membership form included in this newsletter and return it, along with the \$10 membership fee, to the Library Circulation Desk. While you're at it, give yourself a pat on the back! Being a FOL member means you are doing your part to support all the great things the Friends do, including providing popular newspaper and magazine subscriptions, funding various children's programs, operating the "Book Nook" Saturday morning Book Sale throughout the year, assisting in various library events, providing delicious refreshments at those events and so much more. You're part of a great group and we're so glad to have your interest and support! Thanks for being a Friend and for taking the time to renew. Please join us at the library's next big event, the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 17th at 2:30. Guaranteed fun for all!

December 2016

New on the Shelves

Nonfiction

Lankes, R. David, *The New Librarianship Field Guide*

Gutting, Gary, Talking God: Philosophers on Belief

Cappello, Mary, *Life Breaks in: A Mood Almanack*

Grossman, Dave, Assassination Generation: Video Games, Aggression, and the Psychology of Killing

Biello, David, *The Unnatural World: The Race to Remake Civilization in Earth's Newest Age*Anbinder, Tyler, *City of Dreams: The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York*

Lowery, Wesley, They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement

Witt, Emily, Future Sex: A New Kind of Free Love Levinson, Marc, An Extraordinary Time: The End of the Postwar Boom and the Return of the Ordinary Economy

Doskow, Emily, Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce Zemmelman, Mimi Lyster, Building a Parenting Agreement That Works: Child Custody Agreements Step by Step

Reis, Patricia, Motherlines: Love, Longing, and Liberation

Dougherty, Beth, The Independent Farmstead: Growing Soil, Biodiversity, and Nutrient-Dense Food with Grassfed Animals and Intensive Pasture Management

BLUE HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEEDS YOU! REALLY! HOUSEHOLDS DONATING-\$ AMOUNT TO RAISE-\$150,000-4618 HOUSEHOLDS \$130,000 USE THE LIBRARY! \$100.000-\$80,000 -1000-\$60,000 \$40,000 300 -ANNUAL FUND DRIVE WHAT IS YOUR LIBRARY WORTH to YOU?

Johnson-Bennett, Pam, Catwise: America's Favorite Cat Expert Answers Your Cat Behavior Questions

Fussell, Betty Harper, *Eat Live Love Die: Selected Essays*

Pulde, Alona, Forks Over Knives Family: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy Kids on a Whole-Food, Plant-Based Diet

Casares, Sylvia, The Enchilada Queen Cookbook: Enchiladas, Fajitas, Tamales, and More Classic Recipes from Texas-Mexico Border Kitchens, Duguid, Naomi, Taste of Persia: A Cook's Travels Through Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, and Kurdistan

Iyer, Raghavan, Smashed, Mashed, Boiled, and Baked--And Fried, Too!: A Celebration of Potatoes in 75 Irresistible Recipes

Schlosser, Erin, Sew Home: Learn Design Basics, Techniques, Fabrics & Supplies - 30 + Modern Projects to Turn a House Into Your Home

Scarlett, Shannon Taylor, Simple Rules: What the Oldtime Builders Knew

Various, Wonder Woman: 75th Anniversary Box Set

Yip, Vern, Vern Yip's Design Wise: Your Smart Guide to a Beautiful Home

Chamberlin, Silas, On the Trail: A History of American Hiking

Johnson, Boris, Shakespeare: The Riddle of Genius

Pushcart Press, The Pushcart Prize XLI: Best of the Small Presses 2017 Edition (2017) Le Guin, Ursula K., Words Are My Matter: Writings about Life and Books, 2000-2016, with a Journal of a Writer's Week

Lonely Planet, *The Travel Book: A Journey* Through Every Country in the World Fritzsche, Peter, *An Iron Wind: Europe Under* Hitler

Biography

Baird, Julia, Victoria: The Queen: An Intimate Biography of the Woman Who Ruled an Empire Napoli, Lisa, Ray and Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald's Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It All Away

Stevenson, Bryan, Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

Strauss, Robert, Worst. President. Ever.: James Buchanan, the POTUS Rating Game, and the Legacy of the Least of the Lesser Presidents

Zapruder, Alexandra, Twenty-Six Seconds: A Personal History of the Zapruder Film

Fiction

Backman, Fredrik, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry
Baldacci, David, No Man's Land
Battersby, Eileen, Teethmarks on My Tongue
Chabon, Michael, Moonglow
Chung, Sonya, The Loved Ones
Cornwell, Patricia Daniels, Chaos
Correa, Armando Lucas, The German Girl
Cussler, Clive, Odessa Sea
Griffiths, Elly, The Zig Zag Girl
Holm, Chris, Red Right Hand: A Propulsive
Thriller in Which a Hero with Nothing Left to

Lose Takes on a Vast Criminal Conspiracy Ide, Joe, IQ: A Gritty, Emotional, and Clever Thriller about a Brilliant Young Private Detective Helping Inner-City Los Angeles Residents Kay, Francesca, The Long Room Kennedy, A. L., Serious Sweet Leackberg, Camilla, The Lost Boy McCann, Colum, Thirteen Ways of Looking: Morrell, David, Ruler of the Night Patterson, James, Cross the Line Patterson, James, Missing Phillips, Susan Elizabeth, First Star I See Tonight Price, Steven, By Gaslight Thien, Madeleine, Do Not Sav We Have Nothing Wieringa, Tommy, These Are the Names Woods, Stuart, Sex, Lies & Serious Money

Must See Movies

The Lady Eve (1941)

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 7 pm, Howard Room



Starring: Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda

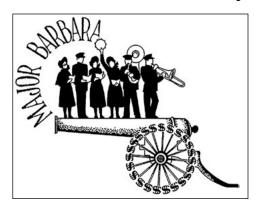
Director: Preston Sturges.

Story Line: As Roger Ebert puts it, "a movie like *The Lady Eve* is so hard to make that you can't make it at all unless you find a way to make it seem effortless. Preston Sturges does a kind of breathless balancing act here, involving romance, deception and physical comedy.... (an ending) masquerade sets up the two final lines of the film, which I will not mention here—except to say that for my money, either one is equal to the classic line "nobody's perfect!" at the end of *Some Like It Hot*."

Play Reading

Major Barbara

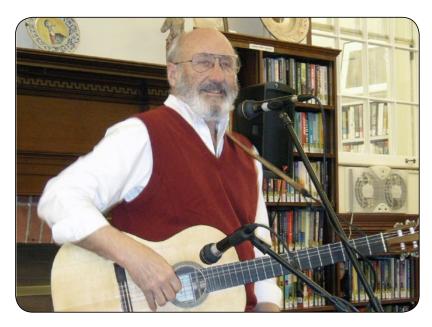
December 21, Oct.19, 2016, 6:30 pm



Playwright: George Bernard Shaw

Story Line: A young and idealistic woman, who has adopted the Salvation Army and whose father is an armament industrialist, discovers that she can save more souls directing her father's business. In Major Barbara, George Bernard Shaw uses humor to cut deep into topics, such as faith, religion, class, and morality. Humor is used to illuminate certain contradictions and hypocrisies in the way people think about such things, which gets the audience thinking harder about those issues as well. Written and performed prior to two World Wars, the message foretells the struggles which lie ahead.

HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 17



The public is invited to the annual Friends of the Library Holiday Party on Saturday, December 17, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. Celebrate the holiday season by gathering with friends and neighbors for music and good cheer. The entertainment will kick off at 2:45! Here's the schedule (times are approximate):

2:45—Songs and stories from Noel Paul Stookey

3:05—The talented jazz stylings of the GSA Jazz Combo.

3:30—The always entertaining dramatic reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

3:30—Magician Peter Boie

4:30—A special magic workshop with Peter Boie

5:00—Carol sing-along with Emmett Scott on piano

Partygoers are asked to consider bringing a wrapped gift for a child, labeled with age and gender appropriateness. Gifts can be dropped off at the library anytime through the day of the party. The gifts will be donated to the Tree of Life and The Emmaus Center where they will be distributed to families in need.

There will be the usual array of refreshments, cookies and more cookies. Refreshment donations are welcome if you have a favorite holiday treat you would like to share. The party is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information call the library on 374-5515.

December Art: Photographs by Juliane Gardner

Castine musician and artist Juliane Gardner will show her photographs in the Blue Hill Public Library's Britton Gallery during the month of December. The show will feature photographs of rocks and cloud formations.

About the rock photographs in the show Juliane says, "My intent behind capturing these beautiful little gems of nature, is to bring a bit of comfort in these troubled times and help us celebrate the intimate beauty of the Maine coastline and beyond. The Maine coastline has been a constant in my life and the source of my roots. So many times spent in rocky coves and inlets, skipping stones, saving them, cherishing some for color, for smoothness, others for their distinctive anomalies."

The exhibit will be available for viewing during library hours starting December 2nd. For more information, call the library at 374-5515.

"52 Weeks of Giving" Holiday "Good Works" for Kids

Blue Hill Public Library's Youth Services Librarian Libby Edwardson will be holding two events for her "52 Weeks of Giving" program where kids can make a positive impact on their community by doing volunteer projects. On Saturday December 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, kids will wrap presents purchased by Friends of Blue Hill Public Library for local children in need. On Friday December 23rd from 10:00 AM to noon, the kids will write and deliver notes of thanks, along with holiday cookies to hospital employees who have to work over the holidays.

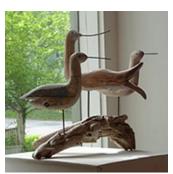
The library is also looking for home-baked cookie donations to be dropped off on Thursday December 22nd at the library, Libby says that the goal of 52 Weeks of Giving is "to instill in the kids a belief that they can make a difference." For more information contact Libby Edwardson at 374-5515.

Exhibit: Wunderkammer (Cabinet of Curiosities)









Top left: painting by Avy Claire. Top right: plate by Bill Mayher. Bottom left: painting by Jerry Rose. Bottom right: sculpture by Lari Washburn.

A new exhibit, "Wunderkammer (Cabinet of Curiosities)" by the Cynthia Winings Gallery will be on display in the Blue Hill Public Library's Howard Room glass cases from December 2nd through 31st. According to Cynthia Winings, "This show is a collection of whimsical, seasonally-inspired, small works, available for purchase as a holiday sale by local artists represented by the Cynthia Winings Gallery." The works will be a variety of media. Artists will include Bill Mayher, Heather Lyon, Buzz Masters, Avy Claire and Winings herself, among others.

The public is invited to the opening reception on Friday December 9th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. The exhibit will be available for viewing during Library hours, subject to the meeting room schedule through December 31st.

For more information call the Library at 374-5515.



HOURS

9am - 2pm First Saturday of the month, Book Nook Book Sales:

Saturday: 9am – 5pm Thursday: 9am - 8pm and Friday: 9am - 6pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

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THE LIBRARY PAGE

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IN THIS EDITION

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