

# The Dust Jacket



THE ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY, WHERE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS GATHER

SUMMER 2017

## OIL welcomes new trustee Craig Sipe



**Craig Sipe** recently joined our library's Board of Trustees. He brings valuable experiences and skills to the Board as well as the community. He and his wife, Kristin Fletcher, have been "week-enders" in Harpswell for years.

After 35+ years with Electric Boat Corporation in Connecticut and Rhode Island, Craig and Kristin decided to retire to Orr's Island. Craig will now have more time to pursue his avocation—writing poetry, taking masters workshops at USM, and hosting "The Poetry Corner" on Harpswell Radio, WHPW, 97.3 FM. Craig and Kristin are also active members

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## Pihcintu children's chorus transforms audiences with musical performance

The Orr's Island Library and the PTO of the Harpswell Community School collaborated to sponsor a very special concert featuring the **Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus** on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the school.

Based in Portland, the Pihcintu Chorus includes immigrant children from twenty countries who are restarting their lives in Maine after fleeing devastating conditions in their homelands.

These vulnerable, yet brave, young women have learned to trust, hope and laugh again. They use the healing power of music to transform and touch the hearts of all who hear them. To be in their presence is indeed life-enhancing. The Chorus includes young women who have immigrated from Burundi, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Iraq, Ivory

Coast, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, North Sudan, Republic of the Sudan (South Sudan), Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Uganda, Vietnam, and Yemen, along with children whose families have been in Maine for generations.

**Cristine Bachor**, chair of the school PTO said, "We were delighted to co-sponsor the Pihcintu Chorus with the Orr's Island Library. Our PTO strives to cultivate and support a school community which celebrates diversity, encourages empathy, and brings enrichment opportunities to our families".

The Harpswell Community School students opened the concert with a song they prepared to welcome the Pihcintu Chorus to our community. Bachor noted, "The students were delighted to

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## The Librarian's Desk

A library is a gift – to all who come through the door. It gives you the joy of reading – the newest best seller or an old favorite. The movie you didn't get to see – or an oldie but goodie. A book on CD to listen to on a trip or while you are exercising! Lots of magazines from cooking to world events to read here or to take home. Computers to use – or help with yours if you are having a problem. A copy / fax machine available for public use. A puzzle is always set up and you are welcome to join us at the table. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday programs available September through June and children's programs Wednesdays in July. Sign up to help with our Book Sale in August – you can sort and sell, bake and eat, even find a “white elephant”. And lest I forget – conversation and chocolate are always available.

*Joanne Rogers*

## Library Hours:

Monday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Wednesday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Friday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.



**We have two computers,  
a printer and a copy machine.**

## The President's View

The spring flowers that lined our walkway in April and May were a gift from **Mara Donovan**. She bought, planted and nurtured the splash of color that greets our visitors and provides a refreshing view after an especially long winter. Thank you Mara!

With spring comes a long list of library events. Check our web page for constant updates to our schedule. The **First Thursday** programs continue to draw a respectable crowd. You'll find the list of speakers for the rest of 2017 in this *Dust Jacket*. On May 20<sup>th</sup> we had our fourth successful **FREE Shredding Day and Bake Sale**. May 23<sup>rd</sup> was the fourth **Founders Day Dinner** at the Giant Stairs Seafood Grille. We had a great dinner, lots of fun, and raised money for the library.



In June and July, our Library will participate in the **Curtis Memorial Library Collaboratory**. We have a photograph of Orr's Island Library on display and our two informational brochures. The Collaboratory theme this summer is about local institutions and services. Stop by for a peek at our display and view the other local offerings.

Trustee **Beth Eisman** saw an opportunity this winter and approached the board for collaboration. She co-chaired, with the Harpswell Community School Parent Teachers Organization, a remarkable concert with the **Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus**. A full story about that event appears in this issue.

For the second year, we welcome the **Bowdoin International Music Festival** with a student concert on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Children's programs** on every Wednesday in July, begin July 5<sup>th</sup>. The **Annual Book Sale & Fair** begins on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our **Longest Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Like the Energizer bunny, we keep going and going and going!!

I wish to close with sincere thanks to **Linda Kreamer** who is retiring as our Board Secretary. She has done a remarkable job and will be missed. **Craig Sipe**, our newest trustee, will step into that role. Joanne Caulfield has filled a unique position as the vice president assigned to oversee me, the treasurer. When I was asked to become president, as well as the treasurer, I agreed, but asked for a second vice president to oversee the finances as a check on my performance. I thank Joanne for stepping into that role.

Like Mara, Linda and Joanne C. the library board is always looking for folks with unique talents and interests. If you have a special interest, I will find a niche for you. Our volunteers come from all walks of life to serve as trustees, desk help, gardeners, painters, bakers, financiers and managers. We'd love to have you join our library family.

*John Webster*

# Here one minute, Gone the next!

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> was a bright and sunny day in the beautiful village of Orr's Island. But, hark, something was amiss! Boxes and boxes of personal documents and private papers were disappearing “without a trace”! Who could perpetrate such evil doings? And what a perfect spot to carry out such a despicable plan—the Orr's Island Library! Who would ever suspect the Library!!

Well, that's not the worst of it. Whatever conniving genius devised this deception, he or she had it down to a science. How better to distract innocent townsfolk from protecting their private property than to ply them with sweet-smelling, irresistible, confectionery temptations. . . .and cajoling them to open their wallets for donations to support the Library. Can you just imagine? Methinks the genius had help. Just look at the suspects below. Shady characters, wouldn't you agree? And then there's that oh so sweet puppy to provide even more distraction!

Anyway, after some detailed investigation, it turns out there was not a “shred” of evidence of some devious plan to scam the good folks of Harpswell. It was the Library's annual **Shredding Day and Bake Sale**. Apparently, the bake sale goodies “disappeared without



**The infamous**, but ever so welcome, shredding truck. No limit to the number of boxes you can bring and it's the safest way to get rid of unwanted personal documents.



**This is Bayley**, distraction extraordinaire! His visit was short-lived but he won the hearts of all, especially Marnie McFarland.



**The usual suspects** (L to R): Sue Rich, Joanne Rogers, Linda Kreamer, Bayley, and Marnie McFarland.

a trace”, but happy customers did open their wallets willingly. Though we made slightly less than last year, it was the second biggest haul. As for the oh so sweet puppy? He was indeed a great distraction. How could you say “no” to that face?

Hugs and Special Thanks to all who baked, worked, sold, and to Thom Colkitt, our bin man on the scene.

## Martha's Window



At my window as April ends I can see that earth has remembered to be green and feel that the sun has remembered to be warm. I consider what is past. A winter that outstayed its welcome, the weight of heavy clothing, the white silence, the early dark, snow whipped into spirals by a feral wind—all past.

Then I consider what is to come. Summer will arrive with her halcyon days, her roses and poppies, her asparagus and berries, her constant choir of birdsong, and her shape-changing clouds that tell their stories in the sky.

But now it is Spring, the season of miraculous beginnings, the season of hope. I see a cardinal flare up in morning mist, my magnolia blooms lushly, a majestic heron stands circled by eight egrets at the cove.

The past is gone. The future is unknown. What we have is now, this singular day. Honor it. Live mindfully.



The Library is selling this beautiful tote, bearing the original calligraphic image of the library name dating back to 1905. The cost is \$10 or \$14 ppd.

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**The Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus**, based in Portland, ME comprises some young women who have escaped devastating living conditions in their respective countries to find a better life here, and share their gifts through the healing power of music. They are also joined by young women whose families have lived in Maine for generations. The Chorus previously performed at many venues including: the Kennedy Center, Bowdoin College, Southern Maine Community College, and a segment of “The Today Show”.

share their talents with the Chorus in this way, and later joined them in the final number.” She added, “Hosting this talented group of young women will be a lasting, treasured experience for our school.”

The concert, and refreshments which followed, would not have been possible without the help of countless library and school volunteers, led by library Trustee Vice President **Beth Eisman** and **Allison Smith** of the Harpswell Community School PTO.

Smith said, “This concert gives our kids an opportunity to show kindness and respect to new, and fellow, Mainers who come from around the world. We are sure that singing together has brought us and our community much joy.” Eisman added, “As a trustee I am always on the lookout for programming that enriches our community. I am thrilled that **Con Fullam**, founder and director of the Chorus, agreed to schedule this concert for the library. Working with the HCS PTO was a wonderful experience. My deepest thanks to the many people who helped bring this remarkable program to our community.”

*Note: “Pihcintu” is a Passamaquoddy word meaning, “When she sings, her voice carries far”.*

“**I’ve got a vendetta to destroy the Net, to make everyone go to the library. I love the organic thing of pen and paper, ink on canvas. I love going down to the library, the feel and smell of books.**”

**Joseph Fiennes**

## Explore the Stacks



### NEW BOOKS – FICTION

- “The Way Life Should Be” –  
*Cristina Baker Kline*
- “The Fix” – *David Baldacci*
- “Truth and Beauty” – *Ann Patchett*
- “Mississippi Blood” – *Greg Iles*
- “Earthy Remains” – *Donna Leon*
- “One Perfect Lie” – *Lisa Scottoline*
- “A Gentleman in Moscow” –  
*Amor Towles*
- “The Woman in the Castle” –  
*Jessica Shattuck*
- “Fast and Loose” – *Stuart Woods*
- “The Prisoner” – *Alex Berenson*
- “Bone Box” – *Fay Kellerman*
- “Little White Lies” – *Robert Parker*
- “The Fifth Element” – *Jargen Brekke*
- “The Last Order” – *Stone Berry*
- “The Stars Are Fire” – *Anita Shreve*

### NEW DVD'S

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| Moonlight         | The Accountant    |
| To Walk Invisible | Lion              |
| Founder           | Passengers        |
| Fences            | Collateral Beauty |
| La La Land        | Jackie            |
| Snowden           | Denial            |
| Hidden Figures    | A Man Called Abe  |

### NEW NON-FICTION

- “Unfinished Journey” –  
*Kerry P. Redmann*
- “A Widows Story” – *Joyce Carol Oates*
- “Prince Charles” – *Sally Bedell Smith*
- “The Circus Fire” – *Stewart O’Nan*
- “Catching Fire Flies” – *Tony Rocca*
- “In Beauty May She Walk” –  
*Leslie Mass*
- “White Trash” – *Nancy Isenberg*
- “Unholy Ghost” – *Nell Casey*
- “Ugly As Sin” – *Michael Rose*
- “Killer of the Flower Moon” –  
*David Grann*

### NEW CD'S

- “Killing the Rising Sun” – *Bill O’Reilly*
- “Blood and Smoke” – *Stephen King*
- “Storm of Swords” – *George Martin*
- “The Road to Dribbling” – *Bill Bryson*
- “A Low Country Heart” – *Pat Conroy*
- “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell  
You” – *Frederick Baskman*

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of the Orr's Bailey Yacht Club. Kristin's family has long historical ties to Orr's Island, and to the Yacht Club's Sailing School named after her father, Abbot Fletcher. We look forward to working with Craig. Welcome aboard!

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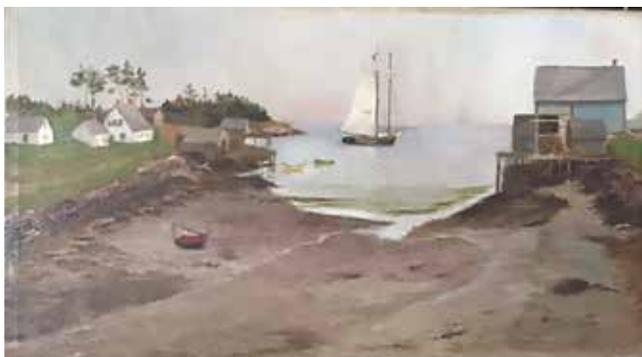
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Orr's Island brothers Ralph and Steve Black and family have donated an extraordinary historical painting to the Orr's Island Library. “View of Lowell Cove, Orr's Island” (artist unknown) depicts the fishing schooner *Albert W. Black*, built by the Hodgdon Brothers Boat Yard of East Boothbay in 1892. Capt. Harvey Cushman Black and a crew of local fisherman fished actively for several decades on the Georges Bank and the Gulf of Maine. This gift is in memory of Capt. “Harv”, his wife Hattie Woodward Black and their son, Albert Woodward Black by their descendants.



### Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Bowdoin International Music Festival Student Concert

Ahhh, sweet music! From 2 – 4 p.m. students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival will give a free concert, open to the public, at the Orr's Island Union Church. Our library will host this special event. Watch for more details on our website and in the press.

### August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Annual Book Sale & Fair

The library's Annual Book Sale & Fair will be underway from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> until Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. For those in the know, a treasure trove awaits you! For newcomers, a veritable buffet of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, "white elephants", lunch offerings, and a bake sale will be displayed for your perusal and purchase. All proceeds go to support our beloved library.

### Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Star Gazer Party

It was a dark and stormy night. . . . Okay, hopefully not stormy, just dark, clear skies awaiting your observations through our **Orion Night Telescopes**. Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> will be the night. For more details, or a schedule change, please call the library (833-7811) or check our web site.

### Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Looongest Yard Sale

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the library will host a community yard sale across the front lawn of the library. Mark your calendars for Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the rain date Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dealers can rent a 6' table to sell their wares (*set-up fee is \$10 by reservation—no deposits necessary*). Folks can bring more tables if needed. Just come by and browse. Maybe you'll find things you need and things you didn't know you need. Betcha can't pass by the Bake Sale tables either! FMI contact John Webster at 833-5430 or jwebster85@comcast.net to reserve your table.



#### August 3: Annual Book Sale & Fair

On Day 2 of the Library's Book Sale & Fair, we look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island beginning at 10 a.m.

#### September 7: Edward Phinney—Tourism Comes to Harpswell

Harpswell Historian Edward Phinney will talk about the emerging tourist trade in Maine, and Harpswell in particular, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### October 5: Pamela White—Leadership and 2017 Perspective

Maine native and Orr's Island resident, Pamela White is the former U.S. Ambassador to Gambia and Haiti. Pam will speak to the need for effective leadership in the world. She will also offer her updated perspective on the U.S. political scene under the new administration.

#### November 2: Joe Montisano—Coastal Humane Society

Executive Director of CHS, and Orr's Island resident, Joe Montisano will review the successes of CHS and its 65-year history of service to numerous midcoast communities.

#### December 7: Melinda Richter—Let's Talk and Taste Chocolate

Melinda will review the origins of her candy company, *The Island Candy Company*. Her family inspiration and legacy led her to bring an island tradition back for a new generation. She will treat us with holiday samples.



MSMT's artistic director, Curt Dale Clark, accompanied by summer interns performed excerpts from this summer's MSMT season at the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday program on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

And the winner is. . .



**John Civello** of Orr's Island won the new OIL tote bag at the 4<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Dinner held at the Giant Stairs Seafood Grille on May 23. The tote bears the calligraphic image of the library name from the envelope that contains the original 1905 deed for the library property.

### Our Wish List

If you or your business can help defray the costs of operating the Orr's Island Library this fiscal year or next, we want to hear from you. (Our fiscal year ends on July 31).

1. Our children's programs cost \$250 each.
2. We would love an awning over our "front door": about \$1,000.
3. The cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday programs: \$150 per year.
4. Our magazine subscriptions: \$100 a year.
5. We would like to install window blinds in the Sue Fisher Memorial Reading Room: about \$2,500.

If there is some other element of the annual budget you would like to support publicly or privately, contact John Webster, or Joanne Rogers for more information.

# Children's Summer Programs

Suitable for children kindergarten age and up.

**Wednesdays** ✦ **Orr's Island Library** ✦ **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Programs are **FREE** and last about 1 hour

**July 5: Owls of Maine.** Folks from Chewonki will be sharing information about owls' habits and adaptations. Learn to identify their characteristics and calls. Three live owls will be on hand for inspection.

**July 12: Fur, Feathers & Feet—Birds & Mammals.** Have you ever met a Mallard up close and personal? Well, Chewonki staff will gladly show you, using costumes and specimens, various creatures' special adaptations. You might also get a chance to meet a surprise mammal in this really neat Chewonki presentation. Will delight young and old alike!

**July 19: Scales & Tails: Amazing Reptiles.** Let the Chewonki staff allay your fear of slithery, crawly creatures with their live non-releasable reptiles, and an introduction to major groups of reptiles for hands-on fun!

**July 26: Conjuring Carroll.** Returning by popular demand, Carroll Chapman returns to amaze and delight with his blend of magic and instructional lessons to explore the fascinating world of reading and its importance to young minds and imaginations.

**Aug. 2: Hula Hoop Mania at the Annual Book Sale & Fair.** 10 A.M. at Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island. Amanda Walden supplies the hula hoops and music for Hula Hoop Mania! Bring your own hoop if you have one. See you at the Children's Tent. Other games & events until 2 P.M.

**For more information about these programs, please call 207.833.7811.**



Hey kids! Build a better world, one book at a time. If you like baseball and you like to read, here's a fabulous opportunity to enjoy both this summer! The Orr's Island Library, partnering with the Portland Sea Dogs, is offering free, general-admission game vouchers to all

children who register for our *Summer Reading Program*. All children can participate—independent readers and those who are read to. Vouchers available while supplies last. Sign up TODAY!



Get In The Game, READ!

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# Book Sale & Fair

*(RAIN OR SHINE!)*

**August 2** 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
at Sylvester Field, Lowell's Cove on Orr's Island

BOOKS ♦ CDS ♦ DVDS ♦ PUZZLES ♦ "WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS"  
♦ HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES ♦ YUMMY LUNCH STUFF ♦  
KIDS' GAMES ♦ HULA-HOOP MANIA ♦ AND OTHER ASSORTED  
ENTERTAINMENT.

**THE BOOK SALE CONTINUES THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
UNTIL ALL THE BOOKS ARE SOLD!**

Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to have  
lots of fun and part with your \$\$\$ for a great cause!