

The Dust Jacket



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

FALL 2016

The Librarian's Desk

When I was a child, I got a wicker rocker for Christmas and my first chapter book, *"The Bobbsey Twins at Snow Lodge"*. I rocked and read!



Each night my mother read a story to my brother and me, most often "Uncle Wiggley".

In the attic of our farm home, stories clipped from books and magazines were pasted on the walls, and my fingers traced the words as I read.

To my delight, a magazine called *Wee Wisdom* came in the mail and I spent time with it in our maple tree. Comic books were a part of our childhood—Superman and Batman...Wonder Woman...Porky Pig and Donald Duck—snuck into our bedrooms at night and read under the covers with flashlights.

My elementary school had formerly been a high school, and next door to my 4th-grade class was a locked room. Persistent questions to my teacher finally resulted in a key, and the discovery of a library

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2016 Annual Appeal

You "light" up our life

Wow! We are now 116 years "young" and still going strong. This issue of *The Dust Jacket* includes our **annual appeal envelope** and I hope you will use it to help us further our mission and once again, "to keep the lights on".

It has been an extraordinary year in the life of the Orr's Island Library. Joanne Rogers just celebrated her 30th anniversary as our librarian and was honored at a reception on August 19th. Joanne's almost single-handed organization of our *Annual Book Sale & Fair* brought in nearly a third of our annual budget! This special island event, with its many components, could not have happened without the incredible participation of numerous local volunteers who just showed up when the time was right and pitched in wherever needed. Special "Thanks" to John Robbins and his crew for organizing the logistics and facilities.

Your generous giving enables the Library to provide both annual and one-time, special events to our community. For example, Five *Children's Programs* in July/August, and our *First Thursdays* evening lectures drew record crowds this year. A successful *Star Gazer* party, using our two night-vision telescopes, brought out the night-owls to Mackerel Cove on Bailey Island, for a family event we hope to repeat in the near future. Also in July, the Library hosted a concert by students from the Bowdoin College International Music Festival. Other offerings which keep us in tune with our community year round include: *The Dust Jacket*, Document Shredding, The Longest Yard Sale, Founders Day Dinner, Health Talks, Bake Sales, Lobster Raffles, and any new ideas that spark interest.

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Did you know?

That Joanne Rogers is an excellent photographer? She certainly has an eye for beauty and can capture those truly "Kodak moments". Check out her work below:



Autumn Colors



Fog on Mackerel Cove



End of day at Mackerel Cove

*"Beauty lies
in the eyes
of the beholder."*
Plato

The President's View

Thirty years ago "a friend" asked Joanne Rogers if she would become the Orr's Island Library librarian. We aren't sure how long it took her to make the decision, but she said, "Yes". When she first came to work she found a well-worn, seasonal building with a shed in the back and, as Joanne described it, "a bucket"!

Here we are 30 years later in this bright and beautiful library building, now in its 111th year, with the library celebrating 116 years of continuous operation. It has taken a steady hand for the past 30 years to steer this entity to where we are today.

How many board members have come and gone, how many presidents and treasurers? Yet only one librarian has maintained continuity and dedication of purpose with a soupçon of innovation. Where might we be today if there had been a succession of librarians, each with a different agenda and work ethic? As I commented to a reporter who asked for information about Joanne, I said, "She does it all".

Joanne's significant effect on our community was proof-positive during our recent capital campaign to stabilize the building and add the wonderful Summer Family Room. Donations poured in from 28 states across the country, from former residents, former library patrons and friends of Joanne's.

We recently received a check from Joanne's cousin in Fairfax, VA. She writes: *"To the Orr's Island Library Support Team.*

Today, a library is not only a store house of knowledge but often the lifeline

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On Friday August 19th the library held a reception for Joanne from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friends, relations, and town officials came to celebrate and congratulate Joanne for her 30 years of service. John Webster, Library Board President, presented Joanne with a framed print of the library with an appropriate inscription from the Trustees. The art work is by Brad McFadden, an Orr's Island artist.

Better weather, better sales!



The 4th Annual Library **Longest Yard Sale** was a huge success! After the bitter cold weather experienced at the October 2015 Yard Sale, we unanimously decided to move it to Labor Day weekend (September 3) this year. And a right decision that was! The day dawned bright and beautiful, perfect Yard Sale weather. The crowds came, they saw, they bought, to the absolute delight of the sellers. Buyers perused 16 tables of treasures looking for that perfect "just what I need" item. In keeping with the old adage, "Never shop on an empty stomach", we offered homebaked goodies and a chili lunch. Mark your calendars for **next year's Yard Sale: September 2, 2017.**

SAVE ^{THE} DATE! MAY 20, 2017

Without a Trace
Confidential Shredding Service
will return to
Orr's Island Library
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free document shredding
for Harpswell residents and businesses.
There will also be a **Bake Sale.**

Starting collecting your personal papers and outdated documents that require safe and confidential disposal. This event is FREE, courtesy of a grant from a local library supporter.

From the Shelves



New Books

- "Smooth Operator" – Stuart Woods
- "End Game" – David Hagberg
- "When the Music's Over" – Peter Robinson
- "Lilac Girls" – Martha Hall Kelly
- "Revenge in a Cold River" – Ann Perry
- "Guilty Minds" – Joseph Finder
- "Commonwealth" – Ann Patchett
- "Falling" – Jane Green
- "The Underground Railroad" – Colon Whitehead
- "Razor Girl" – Carl Hiassen
- "The Jealous Kind" – James Lee Burke
- "Pushing Up Daisies" – M.C. Beaton

New CD's

- "Boar Island" – Nevada Barr
- "The 14th Colony" – Steve Berry
- "A Great Reckoning" – Louise Penny
- "My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You" – Frederick Backman
- "The Road to Little Dribbling" – Bill Bryson

NEW DVD's

- The Ice House
- Broadchurch, Season 1 & 2
- Grantchester, Season 1 & 2
- Eye in the Sky
- Allegiant
- Hard Core Henry
- The Boss
- Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Library Hours:

- Monday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Friday – 3 to 6 P.M.
- Wednesday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Martha's Window



Very early on a high-summer morning, perfect in its green silence before the calls of gull and crow, my window frames the bloom of tansy, Queen Anne's lace, and tiger lily. Too soon the treetops will gleam with autumn's metallic patina. What I long to keep slips away. And I am not ready.

So I celebrate the dragonfly and the small rain that whispers in the night. I witness the gradual lessening of daylight and loss of greenness with a reluctant heart. I listen for the hoarse cry of geese. I await the seasonal blaze that will consume all that grows, leaving its ashes to gray November.

Despite not being ready to let go of what the heart holds dear, we can welcome the minor miracles of each day—angel clouds, sea-song, the hawk's flight, sunrise and sunset, night's starry dome, a child's embrace. Be ready to pay attention. Be ready to be astonished. Be ready to be thankful.

Sometimes
you will never
know the value
of a moment,
until it becomes
a memory.

Dr. Seuss

Welcome new trustees!



In August and September three new trustees were elected to the Orr's Island Board of Trustees to fill vacancies. *From left to right*, **Pamela White**, a retired U.S. Ambassador; **Hugh Hardcastle**, a retired actuary; and returning to the board is **Roberta Floccher**, an attorney with BIW and former library board president. All three new trustees are residents of Orr's Island. The library now has a full roster of trustees.

Other happenings out and about

Calling all bicyclists

If really nice weather tugs at your motivation to get out and enjoy it, the Library has added a new convenience to encourage you to do so. Thanks to **Steve Black**, an Orr's Island resident, former Board trustee, and continuing library supporter, we now provide a few "parking spaces" for bicycles.



Mark your calendars

Friday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Harpwell Town Office

"*HAH Harpswell Senior Health Fair*". CHANS provide free flu shots; EMTs offer blood pressure & blood sugar screening; an adaptive equipment "Tool Table"; health presentations and more.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

"*Life Choices*". Amy Berube reviews healthcare-related choices & tools

to support your wishes.

Wed., Nov. 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Elijah Kellogg Church, Harpswell
"*HAH Cooking with Friends*".

FREE EVENT with Chef Alicia Snow. Registration is limited to 15 seniors, first come basis. Register early, call Linda Strickland at the Harpswell Town Office, 833-5771. The "Cooking with Friends" event in September got rave reviews!

Library? Art Haven?

How fortunate we are to have the Orr's Island Library in our community! But, when you enter this unique building, LOOK UP. Over the shelves of books, DVDs, and CDs you will find a treasure trove of art in various forms, *donated* by residents or patrons who wanted to share a little piece of their personal lives with those who wander inside. Many of these artifacts have a history, or most certainly a special story to tell.

For example, in the Sumner Family Room, there is an antique display of Noah's Ark, complete with animal passengers. This set was donated by **Judith and Bruce Robinson**, library supporters. Judith says, "The ark was my father's, Samuel C. Schiek. [He was] born in 1918 in Green Bay,



WI and [grew] up in Meridian, MS. It was given to him as a young boy. All I know about its provenance is that it was made in Germany. There are Mr. & Mrs. Noah [figures], a dove, and pairs of animals that include elephants, donkeys, wolves, sheep, a giraffe, one bear, ducks, horses, elk, camels, pigs, monkeys and one 'tree'. When males and females look different, as with the elk and ducks, they have been crafted to show this." She added, "There are a few 'injuries', but most of the creatures are incredibly intact."

As you look around the walls and ceiling's perimeter there are paintings and other handcrafted art works that speak of life on our islands in such personal ways. So take a moment to enjoy this special part of being in our library, your library. Try to imagine the stories behind the artworks you see, and the persons who created them. You'll be delighted you did.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW, from page 2 of a community. It can be a place of information and refuge from the storm not only in a disaster, but the storms in our personal lives. It is a place of peace and quiet and rest from the noise of the world. It is also a place for the generosity of sharing especially for those who cannot obtain what they need anywhere else. And most important for our future generations, a library is the place to awaken and discover the joy of learning. The founders of our country knew this. They understood

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Judith (Elderkin) Mega

that ignorance is the true enemy of democracy. That is why it is our responsibility to support our community libraries and carry on the joy of sharing knowledge with others regardless of any standing in life.”

“I am very happy to make this donation to the Orr's Island Library and more than proud to present it in honor of Joanne Rogers and her thirty years of service to your library. Joanne (Doyle) Rogers is “Jody” to me and will always hold a special place in my heart.” Very Sincerely, Judith (Elderkin) Mega.

Joanne has enjoyed a remarkable career here and we, the Board of Trustees, the residents of Orr's Island and greater Harpswell, are truly grateful to her for making our library a special place where friends and neighbors gather.

John Webster

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Memorial gifts allowed for new and improved landscaping this year. We have a new bicycle rack for cycling commuters, thanks to a gift from Steve Black, a local resident. Bowdoin College students painted our storage shed as part of their *Bowdoin Common Good Day* in September. We often receive donations of local history, archives, and artifacts to enhance our library shelves and walls.

You are welcome to join us at the puzzle table, enjoy a candy from Joanne's basket, and become part of our unique Orr's Island Legacy.

John Webster

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with shelves filled with books! I was allowed to go in and choose anything I wanted to read!

I remember my grandmother telling my future husband, "She will read at the table!" (only at breakfast, when he had already left to haul traps!). And finally, a used book store at my home at the cove that led to my being asked to be the librarian at a very special place called the Orr's Island Library. To be able to share my love of books, and reading with you all is a joy I thank you for every day. "*A library is true fairyland, a very palace of delight, a haven of repose from the storms and troubles of the world. Rich and poor can enjoy it alike, for here, at least, wealth gives no advantage.*"

Joanne Rogers

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In Memoriam**Helene Katz Mandelbaum**

The Orr's Island Library lost one of its precious supporters on Monday, October 10. Helene Mandelbaum passed away in Freeport, Maine. She was a long time Board trustee (the last Emeritus) and a devoted volunteer. She was responsible for modernizing our library newsletter (now *The Dust Jacket*) and worked the circulation desk for many years. Helene will be missed by her Orr's Island Library family and friends.

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