Friends of the Moultonborough Library

SPRING 2014

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THE “FRIENDS” PRESENT

THE 2014 HOUSE TOUR

THURSDAY, June 26th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This year’s offerings include
- Charming B & B
- Four Lovely Homes
- Beautiful Gardens
- Raffle

TICKETS $35
Tickets available May 15th At Library
Limited Number of Tickets Available
On behalf of the Friends of the Moultonborough Public Library, let us wish you all a happy and hopefully a sunny spring after such an arduous, snowy and icy cold winter. Now is time to set aside those hibernating habits and find your way to the library for fun activities and fellowship along with books, DVDs and computer help.

We urge you to mark “save the date” on your calendars for the Library's Bi-Annual House Tour which this year will be held on Thursday June 26th. Be sure to spread the word to your friends, relatives and neighbors as well. Plans are well underway and we have some lovely homes as well as 2 beautiful gardens to view this year. As this event is our major fund raiser for the Friends it needs many helping hands to continue making it the success that it always is. We are therefore, looking for more volunteers to help in the planning and on the actual day of the tour itself. Please feel free to let the library staff at the front desk know if you care to assist in any way. The House Tour is such a highlight for everyone in the community that being part of it is really a wonderful experience. FYI....Workers also get discounted tickets.

Perhaps you would like to take advantage of an opportunity to share what you have spent the winter months reading at our informal “Book Talks” held on the 2nd Thursday of the month 10:30 to 11:30. Or maybe you would enjoy a more structured setting? Try attending our” Book Discussions with Scholar” which will be starting up again in April. They always seem to stimulate some lively but friendly discussions. Please look for specific details in this edition and plan on joining us.

The next main event after the House Tour in June is our ever popular July Book Sale. to be held this year on the 4th of July weekend. Jane Rice and her cadre of helpers do a fabulous job but more helpers are always welcome. We do appreciate your involvement and look forward to getting to know you better.

Sincerely, Jane Harrington & Kathy Seder
Upcoming Events at Your library

Regularly Scheduled Events:

**Pajama Story Time:** Tuesdays

**Regular Story Time:** Wednesdays 10:30

**Evening of Poetry:** First Tuesday of the month 7:30pm

**Lego Lovers:** Third Wednesday of the month 3:15-4 pm

**“Open” Book Talk:** Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 to 11:30 am

**Computer Help:** Wednesdays 11:00 am 1:00 pm

**Friends of MPL meeting:** First Thursday of Month (except Jan, Feb and Mar) 10:00 am

**Moultonborough Library Trustees Meeting:** First Thursday of Month 1:00 pm

**“Stitch and Chat”-Craft morning** Fridays 10:30 a.m. until noon

Specially Scheduled Events

March 21, Fri. 10:30am Wednesdays  “Sap’s Running” program with Dr. Martha Carlson, a Sandwich sugar maker. Join us for some sweet talk!

Mar 26, Apr 2,9,16 10:30am Book Discussion of “Killing Jesus” by Bill O’Reilly. Rev. Paul O’Neil will lead the discussion. All are welcome! This is a four week discussion.

March 28, Fri. 5:30-8:00pm  “Read-a-Thon” for 7th graders and up. Lots of pizza, lots of ice cream, and lots of reading! Please sign up in advance.

April 14, Mon. 7:15pm “All Aboard the Titanic” with historian Ted Zalewski.

April 19, Sat. 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt

April 23 Wed 7pm Allagash Tails and Tales with Tim Caverly

April 30, Wed. Kids Craft making May Baskets
Programs 2014
By Nancy McCue

We have many interesting programs already planned for 2014. We are again collaborating with the Moultonborough Historical Society for three evening programs sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

- “All Aboard the Titanic” will be on Monday, April 14th.
- “The Other Side of the Midnight Ride: A Visit with Rachel Revere” will be on Monday, May 12th.
- “Spies in Time: George Washington Spied Here” will be on Tuesday, Oct. 14th.

We have also booked two other NH Humanities Council programs:

- “The Connecticut: New England’s Great River” will be on June 16th and
- “A Visit with Abraham Lincoln” with special living history/ Chautauqua presenter Steve Wood will be on July 7th.

Other programs include

- “Sapping” on Friday, March 21st,
- “Allagash Tails and Tales” Wednesday, April 23
- “Native Plants” on Tuesday, May 6th
- “A Garden for Wildlife” on Wednesday, May, 14th.
- “Mount Washington Observatory Life and Work” will be on Monday, July 14th
- Liz Barbour from The Creative Feast will return on July 17th.

The Reverend Paul O’Neil will be leading a discussion of the book “Killing Jesus” on Wednesdays from March 26th to April 16th.

Don Mitchell will be teaching a 3 week course on the U.S. Constitution in June. Don Campbell of PC Handyman will again teach computer classes all summer.

We will be adding more programs so check out the library website, digital signs and calendars.

DID YOU KNOW?

MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY/ALTRUSA DELIVERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Moultonborough Public Library and the Altrusa Club are pleased to offer a book delivery service to the homebound of Moultonborough. The Library offers an extensive book selection, books on CD, books on tape, LARGE PRINT BOOKS, and many magazines and videos. The staff at the Library will be happy to assist you with selections and answer your questions. Altrusa volunteers will deliver and pick-up books on approximately a two-week cycle. If you are not a member of the library, arrangements for a card may easily be made. Please call the Library for further information.
From the Trustees

I write this as I complete fifteen years as a Library Trustee and for the eight years chairman. The Moultonborough Public Library is a wonderful library and a huge addition to the community. The Board of Trustees is a "working board" with talented and committed members all using their individual skills. The staff, all of whom have been with us since the 2006 addition and some for many more years present the smiling and helpful "face of the library. "The "Friends" whose energy and enthusiasm abound, provide wonderful additions the library budget cannot manage. It is a combined effort with everyone giving their very best.

The community’s support and appreciation is the "topping on the cake". I have loved being a part of the happy endeavor and I thank you for all your support over the years. The two new trustees are a wonderful addition to the board. The future looks strong, secure and exciting.

Sincerely,

Phyllis D. Prouty
Spring/ Summer 2014 MPL Book Discussion Series
Susan R. Merrifield
10:30 on Thursday April 24, May 22 and July 24

We often speak of social change; but, of course, it’s people who cause society to change. Whether it is forward or backward, human beings move the course of history. Unlike time, change does not occur in a linear direction. One generation may reject what another generation once saw as progress, as each individual discovers his or her values and identity.

This spring and summer, we will continue our exploration of the lives of real and fictional children, women and men as they live with and create change. The book discussions will take place at 10:30am on Thursday April 24, May 22 and July 24.

In our first book, The Things They Carried, National Book Award winner Tim O’Brien shares his experiences as a draftee during the War in Vietnam. Much of his adult identity is formed by both his decision to comply with his draft notice and his time in Southeast Asia. Reoccurring images of this experience are the things he carries in Vietnam and afterwards. Susan Merrifield of The Friends of the Library and Lesley University will lead this discussion.

In our second book, Crucial Conversations, set in the 1970’s, May Sarton takes us into Reed and Poppy Whitelaw’s marriage. Like countless other women living through this era, Poppy feels that marriage is smothering her essential self. The reader experiences the causes and effects of this divorce on the Whitelaw family. Like Emily Bean in One Minus One (October 2013 book), Poppy comes to understand both the freedom and loneliness of independence. This book is unique in that Sarton not only explores a woman’s need for liberation, but also a man’s need for connection and marriage. The scholar for this discussion is Professor Candice Stover of the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine.

In our third book, Lovingkindness, Anne Roiphe presents us with a contemporary perspective on the “generation gap.” Annie Johnson’s fulfilling and modern life as a political scientist and academic is turned upside down when her rebellious young adult daughter joins a fundamentalist religious community. Annie is forced to accept that her child has not chosen to replicate the independent life she fought so hard to create. In this unusual story of a mother/daughter bond, Roiphe pushes both her characters and her readers beyond stereotypes and easy answers, toward genuine comprehension of love and the pursuit of happiness. The scholar facilitating this discussion is Professor Jennifer Lee of the University of New Hampshire.

SEE YOU AT THE BOOK DISCUSSIONS—YOU WON’T BE SORRY YOU ATTENDED!
CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Judi Knowles, Children’s Librarian

This winter we’ve held story times and RATS (Read-a-Thons), jingled bells with Santa, hunted for the groundhog at the Loon Center and had tea and treats to celebrate Valentine’s Day. When the snow melts we’ll be hunting for Easter Eggs and dancing around the May Pole.

2014 Summer Reading theme is “FIZZ, BOOM, READ!” It will run July 2-August 13 and will feature storytellers, singers, a magician, wild animals and all sorts of fun.

We’ll be building spaceships, doing science experiments and exploring nature around the Hobbit House. The Friends help finance most of our events and many of the novelty reading prizes as well. We’ll be counting on our Jr. Friends for lots of help and truly appreciate the Sr. Friends’ generosity and good cooking. (PS: We’ll need help stuffing eggs on Wednesday April 9th!)
“Soup & Sweets” Another Super Success

Our 2nd Annual Winter “Soup” event was scheduled to have been held on Valentine’s Day but inclement weather caused a postponement; and so, it was held on Thursday the 20th of February. A great big THANK YOU as well as KUDOS goes to Linda Ridenour and Marianne Rapp who co-chaired this outstanding afternoon at the Library. It was a combined effort between the Library Staff and our board members who cooked up an amazing variety of delicious soups and baked a fantastic selection of sweets. Approximately 120 very satisfied library patrons attended this “Soup & Sweets” gathering representing quite a cross section of Moultonborough residents as well as those from neighboring towns. The atmosphere was alive with the energy of good fellowship and good food proving what a terrific success this event was and just how much the community appreciated our efforts. The comments of "when is the next one" and "please do this again "lingered long after the crowd had gone. Well Done Ladies!

THE FRIENDS of MPL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR:

- Children's Summer Reading and School Vacation Programs
- Children's Holiday activities such as: the Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, Easter & Maypole Celebrations
- Free passes to the Libby Museum, Remick Farm & Country Doctor Museum, the Currier Museum, the Wright Museum, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, the Holderness Science Center and reduced price tickets to The Shaker Village.
- Free weekly computer help with tech specialist, Don Campbell every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm
- 2 new digital signs displaying library information and other needed library furniture and supplies
- Expanded Community Outreach Program: One Book/One Child with the Moultonborough Central School

Where Does All the Money Go?????????????

Do you ask yourself that every year? Well, this past year the Friends have spent lots of money on great things for the library.

- Scholars for Book Discussions: $1,336.00
- Children’s Holiday Programs: $711.00
- Children’s Summer Reading program: $1,644.00
- PC Handyman’s Weekly Help for Patrons with Computer Problems: $4,950.00
- Magazines and DVDs added to the Collection and Purchase and installation of two Digital monitors to publicize upcoming events: $2,950.00

These contributions allow the library to provide so many wonderful “extras” for our patrons.

Thank you to the Friends!
FRIENDS OF THE MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFICERS

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Food Donation Box Needs Your Help
Hunger of the less fortunate is a worthy cause. Please help to fill the food donation box which sits prominently in the vestibule of the MPL. Replenish the box often with canned goods and non-perishable items. Please no outdated items. All donated foods will be brought to the Center Harbor Food Bank. Thank you for all efforts to help eradicate hunger in Moultonborough.

Friends Bag!
White with green trim, has side pocket and snap closure between the handles. 16x14 inches with flat bottom. Suitable for books, DVDs, etc. $15.00

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP for 2014
Friendly Reminder
Membership runs from January through December of each year. Membership dues are an important part of the fundraising which allows the Friends to sponsor many programs and activities. Check your mailing label. If it does not read 2014, please fill out the membership form on the back page and mail or bring to library for your 2014 donation. We sincerely appreciate your yearly support.

MEMORIAL BOOK DONATIONS
Have you considered giving a gift of books or a donation to the Library Memorial Fund as a way to mark a significant occasion? What a wonderful method for a community member to honor that special someone as well as to reaffirm the excellent quality of the work done by the library staff and trustees. A donation to the Library, whether due to the sadness of a bereavement or to commemorate a happier occasion such as a birthday or anniversary serves a dual purpose. It acknowledges that special person or occasion and, of course, enhances the library's ability to provide additional material to our patrons who will appreciate these gifts for years to come. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

The Friends of the Moultonborough Public Library is an open organization—open to all who love our library, and open to new ideas and suggestions for programs, activities and fund raising. While not every suggestion will be implemented, all will be seriously discussed and voted upon. Friends board meetings are open for all to attend. Meetings usually will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 (except Jan, Feb and Mar).
Also, please remember that if you would like email from the Friends regarding upcoming activities, etc., you must check the “opt in” box on the back of this page and get it (and your email address) to us. We appreciate your help and support! Thank you!
Membership: The Friends membership year runs January to December. Check your mailing label for your membership status.

To join the Friends of the Moultonborough Public Library

Please cut out this section and send with your check (made payable to the Friends of the Moultonborough Public Library). Our address is shown on the left of this page.

Name:__________________________________________________
Mailing Address:__________________________________________
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Phone (local)______________________(cell)_________________
E-Mail: _________________________________________________

☐ Check this box to “opt in” to receive emails from the Friends.

For 2014, Please circle: $15 Dr. Seuss, $25 Robert Frost, $50 Charles Dickens, $100 William Shakespeare
ADDITIONAL DONATION $ ________