

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Where did the summer go? It's hard to believe that it's already autumn! September was a very busy month; we had our annual Recycle Day and held our Flea Market the following weekend. The events were both a huge success. Thanks to everyone who attended and to all the vendors at the flea market. We have an exciting new event planned for October 17 called Appraisal Day. Also, our semi-annual book sale will be held in November. Check out the details in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Valerie Gage, the winner of the Norton Kayak Company guided tour raffle. Hope you and your group have a wonderful tour of the reservoir. Thanks to Dave Lennon, owner of Norton Kayak, for donating the guided tour to the Friends.

On a different note, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Friends, especially during this difficult economy. Whether it's

volunteering or participating during an event or purchasing a raffle ticket or an item during a sale, we couldn't do it without you! Please keep up the good work. Also, if you haven't renewed your dues, there is a membership form inside. If you have paid your dues, please consider passing the form on to someone else. We are always looking for new members.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Joanne Porter

Fall Book Sale

The Friends book sale will be held Nov. 4th through Nov. 7th.

Friends Only Evening will be held on Wed. Nov. 4th from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

For the best selection please try to come on Friends Night. If you are unable to attend, regular sale hours are:

Thursday, Nov. 5th from
10 A.M.- 8 P.M.

Friday, Nov. 6th from
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Saturday, Nov 7th from
9 A.M. -12:30 P.M.

Saturday is fill a bag for \$2 day.

The Friends will be accepting book donations until Thursday, October 22.

Book Sale Coupon

Good for one
free book

November 4-7, 2009

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Appraisal Day

Conducted by Skinner, Inc.



Skinner, Inc. has galleries in Boston and Marlborough, MA, and is a leading full-service auctioneer and appraiser of antiques and fine art. Skinner is widely regarded as one of the most reputable names in the auction business—a factor that is increasingly important in today's highly competitive art and antiques market.



Learn the value of family heirlooms, antiques, and other personal items of value during **Appraisal Day** at the Norton Public Library!

Appraisal Day is presented by the Friends of the Norton Public Library to support adult and children's programming.

About **Skinner, Inc.:**

- One of the leading auction and appraisal houses in the country
- Skinner's appraisers appear regularly on the popular PBS television series, "Antiques Roadshow."



DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2009

TIME: 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Norton Public Library
Community Room

COST: \$10.00 for One Item
\$25.00 for Three Items

Cost is payable at the door and includes a verbal appraisal from a representative of Skinner, Inc.

Photographs of large items are acceptable. Jewelry, coins, stamps, and musical instruments cannot be appraised at this event.

A Word from the Head Librarian

Be watching your mailbox for a postcard from the library. This town-wide mailing has been funded by a donation from Wheaton College to let townspeople know what the library has to offer, even though we are not fully funded.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have been able to add electronic games to our collection, increase the number of best sellers and books on CD, offer museum passes and many programs for children and adults. Thank you, Friends!

At the spring town meeting, our municipal budget was increased by almost \$12,000, but that was not enough for us to re-gain our certification. As things stand now, we are not eligible to receive state aid or to apply for certification or even a waiver.

We will continue to provide our patrons with the best service we possibly can with the resources that we have.

Adults from Norton and surrounding towns are welcome to attend our third Thursday morning programs beginning at 10:30 AM. These programs have been enriching our lives since 1994. Refreshments are served.

October 15: "That Swell Romance: Astaire and Rogers in the Movie Musical," a multi-media lecture by Ann Sears, Ph.D., Heuser Professor of Music at Wheaton College. This program is presented through the courtesy of Ann Sears.

November 19: Richard Clark performs "And Now...Mark Twain." In the past, our audiences loved him as Andrew Carnegie and were enthralled by his 12 soliloquies from Shakespeare. This program is funded by the Norton Cultural Council.

December 17: J. Slick will treat us to a selection of music both sacred and secular for our holiday enjoyment. Get into the holiday spirit and sing along.

This program is funded by the Friends of the Norton Library.

The Friends have several upcoming fundraisers to benefit the library. Please give them your support! Thank you, Friends, for all you do!

*Elaine Jackson,
Head Librarian*

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The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30P.M.at the Norton Public Library. All Friends are invited to attend.

Annual fundraising events:

Spring and Fall Book Sales

Spring Plant and Bake Sale

Scholastic Book Fair

Norton Public Library staff contributing to this issue:

Head Librarian: Elaine Jackson
Assistant Head Librarian/Youth Services Librarian:
Lee Parker
Reference Librarian: Jane Michelmore

Reference and Adult Collection

Our morning adult book discussion group continues to meet monthly. This morning group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30am. The books for the daytime session through December are "My Life in France" by Julia Child, "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford and "The Girls from Ames" by Jeffrey Zaslow. In addition to this group we are offering an additional meeting time on the first Thursday every month at 4pm. The October meeting is, however, scheduled on October 8. We will be discussing the same book for each program. Check the library web page for the selections and dates of meetings.

Our men's monthly book discussion group is celebrating its first birthday next month. Meeting time generally is at 6:30 pm on the first Monday evening of the month and Jay Boucher continues leading the discussions. The choice for October is "The Outliers: the story of success" by Malcolm Gladwell. Again, check the library web page for details. We have a new group meeting every Thursday from 1 to 2 pm in the Conference Room. Knitters and crocheters are invited to this informal drop-in session facilitated by volunteer Kathy Kearney. Share ideas and problems with fellow crafters

and get those projects done for the holidays.

Our materials budget is still limited but we have tried to maintain our popular collections. We still have our rotating plan for Books on CDs and Large Type although the numbers of selections per month is still less than last year.

We do, however, have a new Science Reference database provided by the SEMLS region which is very helpful to higher level students needing information for science reports. With our new web page up and running, we will be able to more effectively point out the availability of all the databases provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to our remote and in-house computer users. We still have our subscription to Novelist, a helpful database for literature searches.

Because of the demand for job and career information we have added a software program to the public Internet computers that provides patrons with resume and cover letter help. The program also has an interview simulator and online job searching capabilities. Resumes and cover letters can be sent directly to apply for job openings.

Thanks again to the Friends for buying best sellers this spring when our budget was running dry; and, of course, thanks for all the other things the Friends provide for the Norton Public Library such as the prizes and programs for our Adult Summer Reading Adventure.

*Jane Michelmore
Reference Librarian*

Morning Adult Program

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

10/15 – Ann Sears – "That Swell Romance: Astaire and Rogers in the Movie Musical"

11/19 – Richard Clark – "And Now...Mark Twain"

12/17 – J.Slick – holiday music

Women's Book Group Led by Jane Michelmore, the Women's Book Group meets the first Wednesday of every month from 10:30 A.M.-12 noon and the first Thursday at 4:00 P.M.

Men's Book Group Led by Jay Boucher, the Men's Book Group meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M

Knitting and Crocheting Drop-in Led by Kathy Kearney, the sessions are held every Thursday at 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Children's Room News

To quote author David McCullough: "We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system." And thanks in large part to the efforts of the Friends, the Norton Public Library continues to be that resource for residents.

The Friends generously sponsored the purchase and/or lease of many of our new children's and teen audiovisual materials (movies, music, videogames, downloadables & audiobooks) and it is gratifying to see that they are very popular and helping us meet the growing demand.

The Friends' Annual Scholastic Book Fair continues to be a big hit. The Jr. Friends and Young Adults love entertaining families, and Clifford is always popular.

The Friends earned dozens of books for the library collection, as well as books for prizes. We were able to give out 125 books and posters to readers this summer. This year's theme was "Find What's Out There." The Friends sponsored two Beyond Books programs with Diana Kane, and space prizes such as mood pencils, yo-yos, Frisbees, and thumb drives. They also co-sponsored two visits with Big

Ryan and one of our summer concerts.

If you weren't able to enjoy any of this year's events, you can see what you missed on our website. Also, please keep us in mind for next year. The 2010 theme is **Go Green at Your Library / tnk grEn** (teens), and we will be collecting materials and ideas all year to prepare for a great summer.

As you know, we continue to deal with a reduced budget, staffing and schedule.

Although we cannot have as many family programs, we do have a number of events scheduled for different ages. We have several free music classes this fall, and hope to have sports classes and theater presentations later in the year. The MOMS Club of Norton is hosting several storytime, as is the Community Partnerships for Children. I will have some family literacy afternoons, meetings with Jr. Friends and Young Adults, and family storytimes. The Friends are also sponsoring a visit with Mrs. Claus this December (Santa might make an appearance as well!) Be sure to check out our calendar of events to see what's happening, and to see photos of

all the wonderful events you enable us to offer.

Thank you, Friends, for your constant support.

*Lee Parker
Asst. Head Librarian/
Youth Services Librarian*

Thanks to all who helped out at the Scholastic Fair in June!

Christmas Gift Idea

It's never too early to start Christmas shopping. Are you looking for a very unique gift? One member of the library's board has a great idea. He would love to paint a picture for you. Ken Perlow will paint a picture of a special place for you. If you would like to give someone a painting of their home, Mr. Perlow would like to paint it for you, simply bring a picture of what you would like painted to the library. For a fee of \$70, Ken will include matting and frame. He is generously donating 20% of the sales to the Friends. Please come to the library and see a sample of his work.

Be a Friend

Want to join the Friends of the Norton Library? Please fill out the membership form and return it to:

Friends of the Norton Library
68 East Main St
Norton, MA 02766

Time to Renew?

Any membership renewal received after November 1st is good through 2010! Take the time to renew your membership now. The date after your name on the mailing label shows your year last paid. Please take the time now to fill out the membership form and return it to the Friends. Please note on the form if you are interested in becoming involved with any activities. Any address changes, corrections, or questions regarding your membership please call Kristen Miller at 508-285-2315 or email ksonnenberg@comcast.net.

Annual Membership Dues

- Individual \$7
- Senior \$3
- Family \$10
- Sponsor \$25
- Life \$100
- Corporate Sponsor \$300

Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends are always in need of volunteers. Here are some of the ways you can help the Friends in addition to paying your membership dues:

- ❖ Chair a committee
- ❖ Be on the board of directors
- ❖ Coordinate a book sale
- ❖ Coordinate a plant sale
- ❖ Bake something for the bake sale
- ❖ Volunteer for a committee
- ❖ Work at a book sale or plant sale

Come to a meeting to find out what you can do to help the Friends. New faces and ideas are always welcomed.

Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Type of Membership: _____

Please check off any events you may be interested in helping with and a member of the Friends will contact you before that event.

- Book Sales
- Plant Sales
- Bake Sale
- Serve on board
- Conduct a program
- Other (explain)

Return form along with your membership dues to:

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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

- **October 17 - Appraisal Day**
- **November 4 - Fall Book Sale Friends Only Night**

Details on all these events inside!