



Spring 2009
Newsletter

FRIENDS of LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

President's Note

HELLO FRIENDS! I HOPE YOU'VE HAD a safe and healthy winter. We're happy to see daffodils in place of snow. We've had a busy winter at the library, and we have lots to share in this newsletter.

The Friends was honored to accept a **\$500 donation** from **Rotary of Hampton** in memory of past director **Catherine Redden**. The money will go toward redecorating the Dearborn room in Catherine's honor.

We've just completed a **bulk mailing** to all **Hampton businesses**, informing them of the services our library has available to them and their employees.

We have a **General Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lane Room. I hope you'll join us to find out more about what Friends has been doing, and what we'll be focusing on this Spring.

—Susan Hughes

Please join us May 6

No stranger to difficult times, our country has an enduring ability to persevere through even the most intimidating economic downturns. However, the current economy has teamed with technology to create a perfect storm for the publishing industry. Book publishers and owners of newspapers, magazines and other print media are shuttering their doors at unprecedented rates as potential advertisers scale back operations and Web publications thrive.

This age of nearly unlimited information delivers a positive, educational atmosphere for minds both young and old, but it's crucial that we preserve the printed word. Visit any coffee shop—or any crowded street corner—and you'll witness habitants of our cyber culture communicating on devices using a laughably (though effective) stunted form of the English language. Writers of blogs and other online content are trained to write quickly to keep pace with the blindingly quick, “need-it-now” nature of the Internet. Unfortunately, these examples of immediacy eventually reflect poorly in our grammar, our overall knowledge, and our appreciation of the printed word.

As holders of the many forms of the printed word, libraries are naturally feeling the crunch of the economy and technology. But step back and imagine life without your library. Life without free, easy access to books, magazines, DVDs, computer workstations (yes, technology), audio books, music, book clubs, reference services, local history and genealogy, and much more. Life without a thriving, central station for the community. That's not a pretty picture, but that grim day could become reality for many libraries across the nation without regular support.

Support comes in all forms, particularly during difficult economic times. **Your support for Lane Memorial Library can start with your valuable presence at the upcoming General Meeting of the Friends of the Lane Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us and help preserve one of Hampton's true landmarks of both the community and mind.

—Christian Perry, Friend of Lane

RUTH STIMSON
Hampton Artist, Renaissance Woman

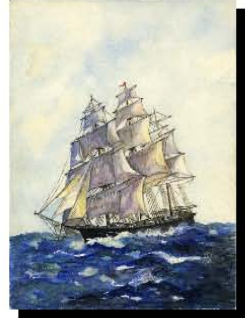
Ruth Stimson
Note Cards

Ruth G. Stimson is remembered by many in Hampton as a talented artist, passionate environmentalist, beloved teacher and expert gardener.

All proceeds benefit the

**Friends of the
Lane Memorial Library**

\$10 / set of 5



Great Mother's Day gifts! Available at the circulation desk.

Ruth Stimson is **fondly remembered** by many in Hampton as a true “Renaissance Woman.” As a Hampton resident, she served in several capacities for the **Lane Memorial Library**. She was also a member of several organizations, including the **Hampton Garden Club** and **Historical Society**. After her death, her art was given to Lane Memorial Library and sold at silent auction.

It is very fitting that several fine reproductions of her art serve as a **fundraiser for the Friends of Lane Memorial Library**. They can be purchased at the circulation desk for **\$10 per set of 5 note cards**. There are two beautiful sets of cards with different themes. (Pictured above is one set.)



SPRING TRIMMING

—Ruth Stimson prunes a Japanese Quince on the grounds of the Lane Memorial Library. “The leaves need removing and the bushes need pruning,” said the longtime member of the club. (The Hampton Union photo by Jay Reiter; photo courtesy of Karen Ryan.)

Centre School Books Sale & Annual Book Sale

This year, we've decided not to open our Spring Children's Book Sale to the public, but instead hold it privately for our Centre School First Graders only.

The **Centre School Field trip will be held on Wednesday, May 6th**. If you have any gently used children's books that you can donate, it is always appreciated.

We'll hold our Annual Book Sale Thursday, June 18th through Saturday, June 20th. Please stay tuned for times.

If you can volunteer at either book sale, please contact Lynn Blume at lynn.blume@comcast.net.

We accept book donations throughout the year, so please think of us when you are doing your spring cleaning!

NEW COFFEE STATION

Friends has purchased a Keurig coffee machine, located at the water station in the lobby. Patrons can buy a cup of coffee (mild, dark, or decaf), tea, or hot chocolate for \$1.00.

Now you can relax and enjoy a hot cup of coffee while you lounge in our comfortable chairs, reading a great book or magazine at our fabulous library.



Other recent purchases include an audio receiver for the lane Room and a reusable book sale banner for the outside wall of the library.

Sweetheart Tea

We held our fifth annual Valentine Tea this past February 14th. Once again, both sessions were filled to capacity.

The children enjoyed a valentine-themed story time with Paulina, had tea and snacks, got their faces painted, and decorated a valentine ladybug bucket. They each got a gift bag and balloon on their way home. A big thank you goes to Gigi Dawson and Kara Colarusso, two Winnacunnet high school seniors who chaired the event as part of their senior seminar project.

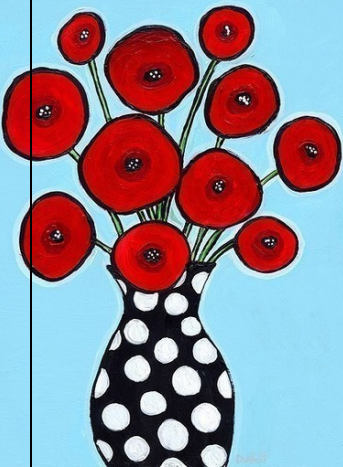
They coordinated our teenage volunteer servers, planned the details of the events, and decorated and hosted the event on valentine's Day. Thank you, Gigi and Kara!

Congratulations Debra Perry

Friends would like to congratulate our Vice President Debra Perry on her recent elections to the Lane Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

We will miss working with her as part of the Friends Board of Directors, but we are excited to work with her as a Trustee.

Best Wishes, Debra



Let's Spruce Up for Spring at Lane!

The **Hampton Garden Club** will have its annual **Spruce Up and Clean Up** of Lane Library flower beds on **May 13** (rain date: May 14) at 6 p.m.



Please come with your rakes, clippers and gloves for our annual work party. Refreshments afterward at the First Congregational Church on Winnacunnet Road.

Thanks so much in advance.

For more info on the Hampton Garden Club, contact Karen Little klittle@ed.state.nh.us.

Take me out to the ball game ...

Wonderful news for all you Red Sox fans!

The Friends' annual Red Sox raffle will not only offer you a choice of **two** great games to attend, but **two** chances to win. We have **two** sets of tickets this year.

The first **two** tickets are for Friday night, July 3rd against the Seattle Mariners.

The second **two** tickets are for Sunday afternoon, July 26th against the Baltimore Orioles.

The seats are along the third base line, **two** in a Field Box, and **two** in a Loge Box.

The Raffle Tickets will go on sale at the Library on May 16th for only \$2.00 per ticket. You will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for one game or for both. As in the past, they will also be sold at other places in the area. The winner for the July 3rd game will be drawn at the Library on June 20th. If you are not the lucky winner, you can try again for tickets to the July 26th game.

The Friends are so pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to Red Sox fans to watch a game at Fenway Park while, at the same time, supporting the Lane Library. Please join in the fun and share the good news with your family and friends. ~Diane Keyes

***SO GOOD!
SO GOOD!***

Spring Programs at Lane

Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. — Marilyn Rishkofski, president of Art Experience in Hampton, will conduct a matting and framing class, explaining how professionals choose an appropriate mat and frame based on the print qualities and the décor of the intended exhibit space. She will also demonstrate the best techniques to frame and seal a print, and provide a "makeover" based on one of the photographs currently on exhibit in the Lane Room.

A series of three lectures titled "The Path to Publication" will be presented on consecutive Saturdays beginning May 9th at 1 p.m. in the Lane Room. The first will feature Peggy Hodges (M. F. Bloxam) of Portsmouth, author of the acclaimed new mystery "Night Battles." She will discuss the writing process and her ultimately successful search for a publisher.

On May 16th at 3 p.m. we will host an editor and publicist from PublishingWorks in Exeter, who will discuss how to best submit a work for publication, what an author might expect in terms of editing assistance, and how to promote a book once it's published.

We will finish on May 23rd at 2 p.m. with a talk by Sally Stoklosa from Barnes and Noble, about her work with local independent publishers as well as how large chain stores make purchasing and stocking decisions.



Saturday, June 27th at 2 p.m. — Kevin Flynn, author of "Wicked Intentions" will come to sign books, give an author reading, and answer questions from the audience.

His recently published book details the arrest and murder trial of Shelia LeBarre of Epping.

Twilight Book Club

The Twilight Book Club meets the **first Tuesday of each month** from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Little Room at Lane Library.



All are welcome. Ask the circulation desk for reserved copies of each month's book.

For May 5 we will discuss "**A Thread of Grace,**" by Mary Doria Russell.

Our June 2 selection is "**The Good Thief,**" by Hannah Tinti.

Our July 7 selection is "**Mudbound,**" by Hillary Jordan.

No need to sign up in advance, but if you need more information, please contact Darrell Eifert at deifert@hampton.lib.nh.us.



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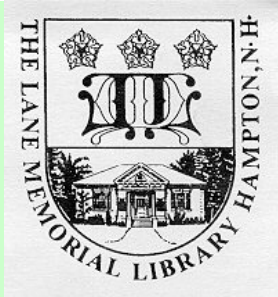


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Lane Friends
on Facebook & Twitter!**

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become a "fan" of the library!
To find us, just type Lane Memorial Library
into the Facebook search box.

We're also Twittering!
From the Twitter.com home page, type
LaneLibHampton in the search box.

See you there!



2008-09 Friends Officers:

- President: Sue Hughes
- Treasurer: Connie George
- Recording Secretary: Lynn Goodman
- Membership: Pat Trionfo-Spitz
- Publicity: Kacey Morris
- Newsletter: Debra Perry
- Corresponding Secretary: Sandra Kent
- Past President: Gloria Goudreau

Established in 1958, the Friends is a multiage
volunteer organization whose mission is
to preserve and strengthen Hampton's library
as a community resource.

Thank You for Being a Friend ...

You can help us be green and cut costs by receiving
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shared or sold.) Thanks!

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or pass this on!***

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