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Bands for Books Celebrates its Fifth Year

Bands for Books, the annual fundraising event of the Friends of the Wiscasset Library, will be celebrating its fifth year this fall. The event takes place on Monday, September 3, Labor Day, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The combination cocktail party, dance and silent auction is returning to its original home at the picturesque Marianmade Farm on the Sheepscot River at 155 Federal Street in Wiscasset. The lively and talented band, Salty Dogs, will be performing once again.

Generous local sponsors include, Ames Hardware, First Federal Savings, The First National Bank, and private patron Jenny Spaur. Money raised will be used towards refurbishing the Children's Room at the Library and for children's programming.

So, mark your calendars and plan to have some fun September 3, while helping support the Wiscasset Public Library.

Schedule for 2018 Friends Meetings:

Mondays at the Wiscasset Public Library:

September 10

November 12

All meetings include
refreshments at 9:30 a.m.
and the business meeting at
10:00 a.m.

Meet Nancy Roby

I was born June 1949, in Boston, Massachusetts and have spent the rest of my life insisting that in spite of that fact, I am a true native Mainer.

Due to a medical condition of my mother, she was advised that her children should be delivered in Boston. I was very fortunate to be able to come to Maine quickly. Unfortunately, two years later, my brother only lived a short time, so I was raised as an “only” child.

Wiscasset was a wonderful place to grow up. You could go outside and play, walk around town, across the bridge, ride bikes, play sports...and after my grandfather built me a rowboat for my 12th birthday, rowing on the Sheepscot was a favorite activity. You could be gone all day...be safe...and by the time you got home, your parents knew everything you had done because everyone knew everyone.

I started school at the Red Brick School (now the Maine Art Gallery) and met my life long best friend, Judy Shea Flanagan. How lucky can you get! My first job was as a counselor at Montsweag Day Camp owned by Pat & Don Brackett (now Chewonki Campgrounds) from 1961-64. Then I worked as a waitress at Davis Island Lobster Pound in Edgecomb during summers through 1970.

After graduating from high school in 1967, I headed for college at Sargent College, Boston University and graduated in 1971, with my degree in physical therapy (P.T.). Since 6th grade, I knew I wanted to be a P.T. and I have been so blessed to have always loved my chosen profession. My first job was at Portland City Hospital (now the Barron Center) in Portland. During my 5 years there while working full time, I earned my Masters of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Southern Maine.

I moved to Florida and lived 5 years in St. Petersburg where I worked for Home Health Care of Pinellas County and learned that I loved working with people one on one in their homes. Moving back to Maine, I bought a home in Edgecomb and lived across the river for 25 years before moving back to Wiscasset to the home where I was raised in 2005. I worked for CHANS covering the Bath/Brunswick area, then I worked at the Togus VA hospital for 7 years before returning to home care at Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice where I retired from in 2015, after 26 years of home P.T. to residents in Lincoln, Knox & occasionally Waldo counties. I was privileged to receive recognition for what I was doing along the way. One in particular that I feel honored to receive was the Administrators Hands & Heart Award given annually at Togus “to employee involved in direct patient care who does the most to exercise professional expertise to provide emotional support, help, and guidance to patients” in 1984.

Through the years I have kept busy volunteering...in the early 80s, I was on the charter board of directors for Hospice of Lincoln County helping to start the first volunteer hospice in the area; and then served on the Miles Development Foundation Board when hospices became covered by Medicare and we became part of Miles Hospice program. I have been active in my church, led by the example of my parents, and served in various roles. In 1989, I went with a group from the Maine Conference of UCC to meet with people in Nicaragua and El Salvador; we then came back and spoke in churches around the state about the truth of what was happening there. I volunteered for 25 years for Heifer International speaking in churches and exhibiting at fairs. In 1991, I traveled to Honduras to visit families who had received livestock and training from Heifer to learn how this had improved their lives. Currently, I am volunteering at the Food Pantry, for Feed Our Scholars, in the Library Used Book Room, and at the Chamber Information Booth on the waterfront. I love meeting visitors to the town and telling them all the wonderful things about Wiscasset and the area.

It was through Heifer that I was blessed to meet my husband Wally as he was volunteering in Connecticut at the same time. We will be celebrating our 25th anniversary this month. I have a son Dan and 2 grandchildren, Ashley & PJ; Wally has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grands! So much fun!!

I love to travel. I have been cross country several times; the first in the early 70s, I traveled alone on Amtrak from Boston to Seattle to San Francisco and back; the 2nd time was in 1980 with my college roommate camping our way from Maine to California and back in a VW bug. The most recent times were in 2006 & 2016 when Wally and I drove to Alaska and back through many of the National Parks in the western states. I am so lucky to have visited all 50 states. We have a beautiful country with each region having its own unique beauty.

In preparing to write this, I found something I wrote in grade school. It starts with the lines, “To me, the prettiest place I have ever seen is in my own backyard. This is the Sheepscot River.” I still feel this same love for the Sheepscot and for Wiscasset. I am happy to be back here and I am excited about Wiscasset’s future.



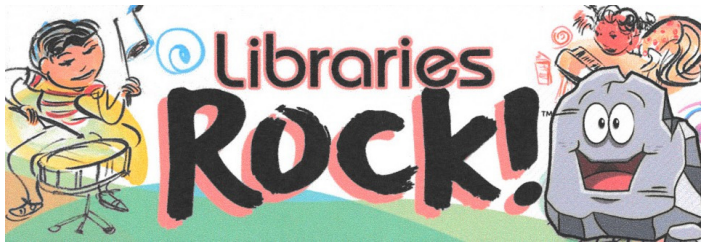


Special Sale of Virginia Forrest Prints

Virginia Forrest has generously offered a collection of her prints to be sold as a Friends fundraiser. This will benefit work to be done in the Children's Room. Her works will hang on walls at the Circulation Desk during the months of July and August for anyone interested in getting a start on their holiday shopping. The prints are more than reasonably priced.

Water's Edge Friends Luncheon on May 14, with 24 attending. Fun was had by all.





Join the fun this summer in the Children's Room!

Children's Librarian Laurie Ridgway has a full schedule of Friends of the Library events this summer: Friday story times; cloud making; books & bingo; Lego Club; try out an instrument, decorate a flag & march; make a shelter to keep out of the sun for glow-in-the-dark beaded caterpillars and more.

Drop-in crafts include patriotic sand art, rock painting, wearable rock art, glitter microphones and wind chimes.

Special programs:

July 12, at 10:30 see amazing fossils, minerals & gems with Rock Shop proprietor David Hasenfuss.

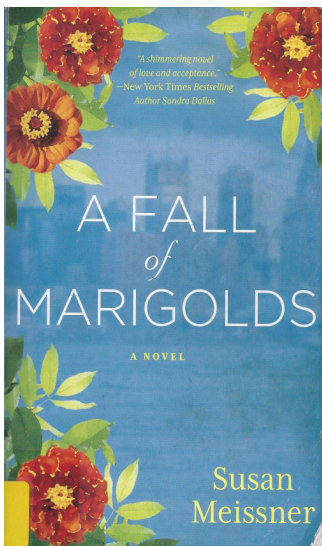
July 23, begins at 10:30 with a walk to Castle Tucker for stories; Family Fun Day follows from 12:00 to 2:00.

August 2, at 4:00 Earth Jams Music with Matt Loosigian rocks the Library with a concert.

August 9, at 3:00 Chewonki's *Fur, Feathers & Feet* will be at the Library.

Look online for the full schedule.

It is proven that children who do not read during vacation will slide behind their reading peers, so do not miss this valuable opportunity for your children to shine at the Library.



July Friends Book Discussion

**On July 20 at 10:15 in the Fiction Room we will
discuss Susan Meissner's novel,**

A Fall of Marigolds

August 17 and September 21 will be book shares.

All discussions are free and open to the public