

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library

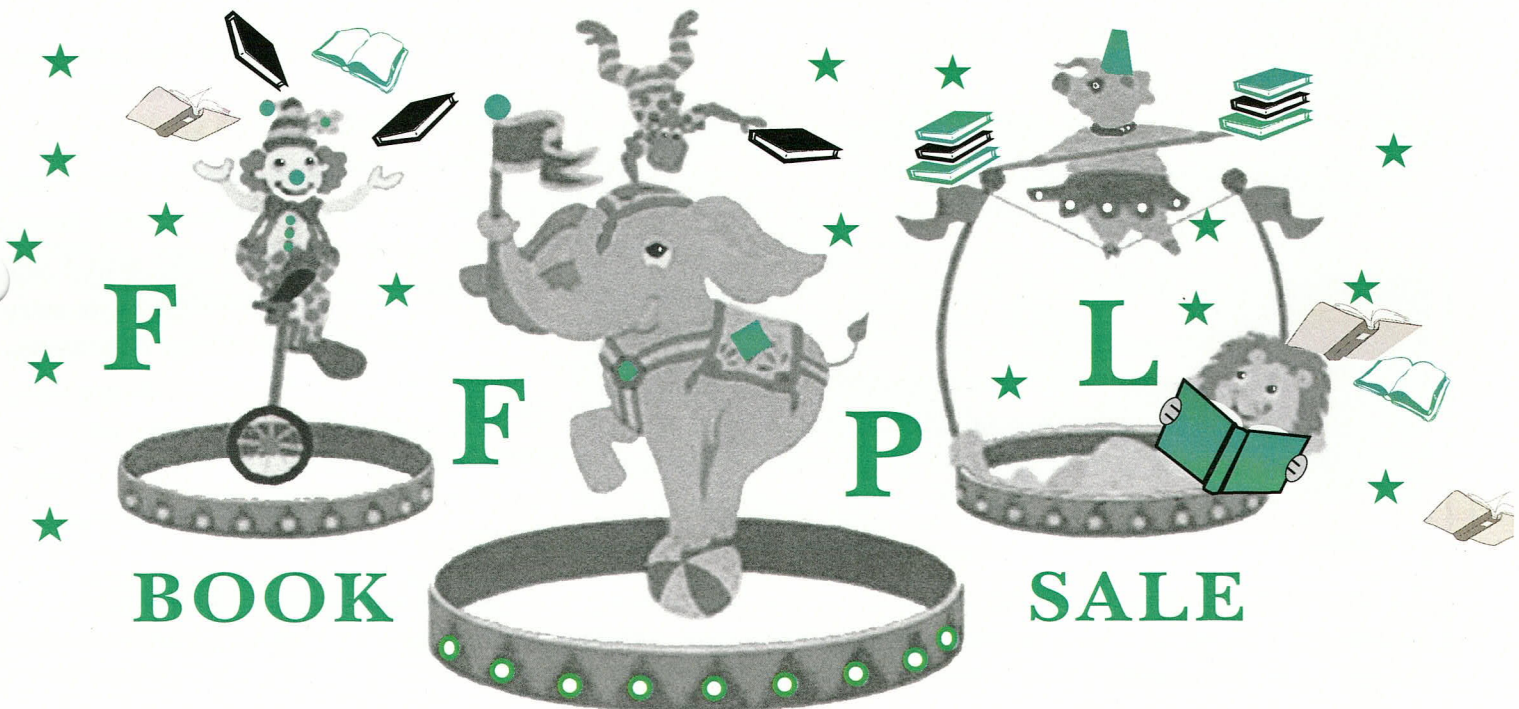
Newsletter

Summer 2009

President: Leonard Miele • Editor: Marilyn Sanborn

**A Three-Ring Circus has nothing on
the Friends' Booksale so . . .
GET READY! IT'S COMING!**

THE ANNUAL BOOKSALE ON THE LIBRARY LAWN



The 2009 Friends of the Library booksale will take place from **Friday, July 3RD** through **Tuesday, July 7TH** and it will be bigger and better than ever! We will have an additional tent this year to house the many books the citizens of Falmouth have so generously contributed for the sale. We have more children's books this year, and whether you are looking for light summer reading or a long sought out-of-print favorite, this is the place to come. One of our tents houses all the books that we price individually; when pricing we check the on-line bookstores such as Amazon, and make sure our prices compare favorably with theirs. As you know, all the proceeds from the booksale go to the Library and books we are unable to sell are offered to non-profits at the close of the sale.

Come one, come all, it's time once again for the greatest book sale on Cape Cod, brought to you by the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library! **If you would like to volunteer** to help set-up for the sale on Thursday, July 2ND or help in one of the tents during the sale **call Avis Goldstein at 508-540-0882. Or you may contact her via email at avismarv@comcast.net.**

Message from the President

It is an honor to be your new president. For the past five years, I have enjoyed working with our dedicated volunteers sorting and pricing books in the Friends' room and helping to organize our annual book sale every July. It is this team effort that makes the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library such a vital organization. I encourage all of you to participate in the Friends in some way. Through your involvement, we are able to provide our "grand" library with additional funds to purchase such items as Museum passes, rental books, and DVDs and to sponsor special children's programs, the Joy of Learning classes for adults, and the What's Falmouth Reading program. Your time, ideas, and book donations are greatly appreciated.



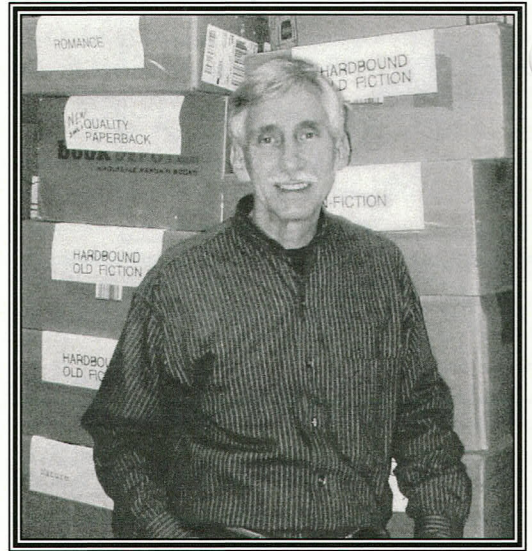
MEET LENNIE MIELE

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library have a new president, Lennie Miele. Like many others, Lennie became aware of the Friends when he attended the summer book sale. But he followed this up by stopping by the Friends room one day and asking how he could help. He has been kept busy ever since sorting books and moving boxes.

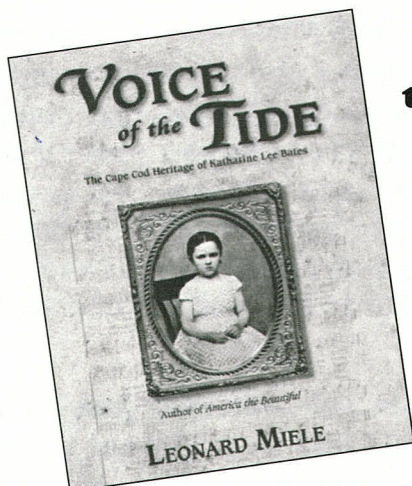
If you ask him why, you receive the simple answer that he loves books and proves this by his difficulty in parting with any book he has purchased. As a retired English teacher from Brockton High School, in addition to volunteering, he now has time to write. **VOICE OF THE TIDE** is his newly published book on the Falmouth years of Katharine Lee Bates.

Lennie's volunteer hours benefit not only the Falmouth Public Library but also the Falmouth Historical Association and the Davisville Civic Association where he is also president. If you have been fortunate, you may have had the opportunity to hear his wife, Stephanie Miele, sing at library programs or elsewhere.

We congratulate Lennie and at the same time give a large thank you to our retiring president, Bob O'Toole. Bob and his wife, Marlene, have assured us they will continue with the many volunteer hours they contribute to the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library.



I wasn't ever that excited by Katharine Lee Bates but Lennie Miele's book really brought her to life. I was impressed with how much she loved her childhood in Falmouth, and I will look at her and her poetry in a very different way after reading The Voice of The Tide. Excellent job by the president of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library. I even bought a copy.
~Marilyn Sanborn



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CONGRATULATIONS

to the Friends for having our very own author,

★ **Our Star!** ★

LEONARD MIELE

His book, just published by the Falmouth Historical Society and Spinner Publications is

Voice of the Tide,

The Cape Cod Heritage of Katharine Lee Bates

Author of "America The Beautiful"

Copies are available at the Falmouth Historical Society
Amazon.com and in bookstores

Self Check-Out

Ugh! Look at the line at the checkout desk

***Hey, over here, I'm the new Self Check scanner,
I'm good looking, efficient with an easy-going manner. I'll be downstairs
with the kids And up here with the adults***

***Just scan, and receive a receipt for the best results... Whether AV
materials or your favorite book, with your CLAMS card, you will say,
"That's all the time it took?" So thanks Library Foundation, and please may
I shout to all of our patrons, "Come, check me out!"***

The Falmouth Public Library is pleased to announce a new service for checking out books, a state-of-the-art, scanning system, made possible through the generosity of the Foundation of the Falmouth Public Library. The Library has installed two "self check" machines manufactured by 3M. One station is located in the Children's Department and the other located near the Adult Circulation Desk. Now library users may simply check materials out without having to wait in line at the circulation desk. Just scan your CLAMS card and check out your books or AV materials. This self-check service is only for checking out items. If you need to pick up reserved books, or pay overdue charges the library staff is available for assistance.

Falmouth Public Library patrons are enjoying checking out library materials themselves as new self-check equipment became functional in early May. The first users were able to operate the equipment and successfully checkout library materials with minimal assistance. Staff are still available at the checkout desk to check out materials manually, collect fines and assist patrons as needed.

Pictorial instructions are displayed on a computer screen above the counter. There is a receipt printer attached that prints out due date information in seconds.

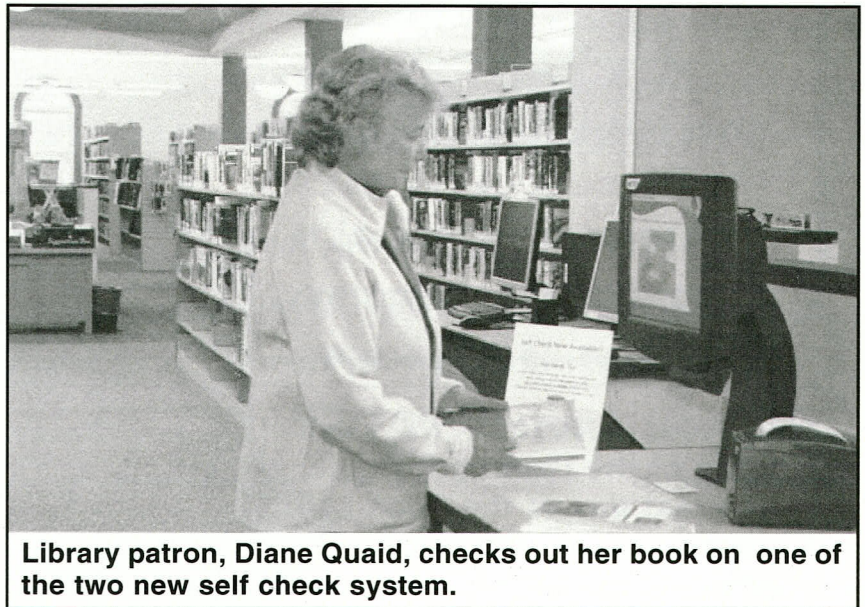
The goal of this project is to minimize long lines at the checkout desk and free up library staff members to do other valuable tasks as well as be more accessible to patrons in the collection areas. Another nice feature of the 3M self-check system will allow staff to maintain the shelf order of the collection as well as locate lost books or AV materials.

It is hoped that patrons and staff eventually will see other fringe benefits from a more efficient check out experience. Streamlining the checkout process will allow staff to spend more time with patrons at the help desks as well as be able to perform tasks behind the scenes such as processing materials coming to patrons from other libraries.

There may be opportunities to give direct service, which is important when there has been more demand for library services this year.

With the tightening of the library's budget and staff hours, it is also hoped that the self-checkout stations will ease long lines that may occur at the circulation desks.

During the last couple of years, a number of our patrons returning from winter stays in Florida have asked us if the library might consider setting up self-checkout machines. It has been fun to watch a number of our snow-birds helping others learn the new system. And of course, "the kids have taken to it very quickly," comments Karen Arnold, head librarian in the Children's Department. "Children easily adapt to new technology. Also, by using the self check out machine, the children are actually playing the role of the librarian by emulating our movements and hearing the beep. The children are really enjoying this new technology."



Library patron, Diane Quaid, checks out her book on one of the two new self check system.

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library Board

- Lenny Miele, President ~ 17 Green Meadow Lane East Falmouth ~ 548-1759
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- Yang Conley, Joy of Learning ~ 3 Oyster Pond Rd. ~ Falmouth ~ 540-1825
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Did you know that . . .

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library donate books to non-profit organizations on the last day of the book sale? Non-profits may choose books at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 7. We ask that they bring their own book containers and notify us in advance by calling Kathleen Murray at 508-548-0364.



LIBRARY HOURS



As of Monday, June 29th, 2009

Main Library

Monday, Thursday & Friday

9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday

1:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

East Branch

Monday

Noon to 5:00 pm

Tuesday

9:00 am to Noon &
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday

9:00 am to Noon, 3 to 5 pm

North Branch

Monday

2:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday

10:00 am to Noon

Friday

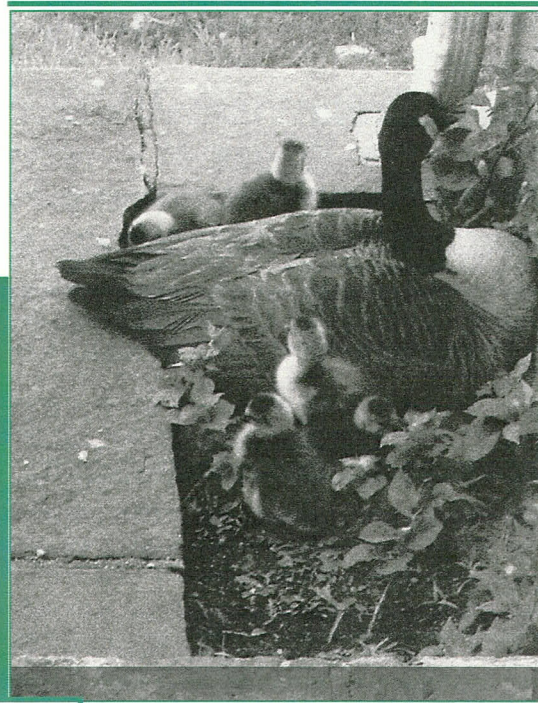
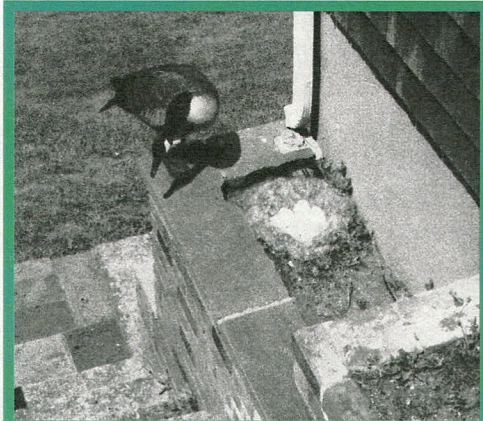
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The Main Library is closed on Sunday during the summer months. The last Sunday that the library will be open is June 28. The Main Library will reopen on Sundays on September 13th at 1 pm.

Spring Renewal at the East Branch

A couple of Canada Geese gave new meaning to the phrase, "Snow birds returning".



It is always a treat to welcome our seasonal patrons back to our library.

Meg L. Borden
Branch Librarian

An Evening of Poetry and Music Honoring Katharine Lee Bates

You all know Katharine Lee Bates; her statue stands on the Library lawn, she wrote *America The Beautiful* and she was born in Falmouth. But did you know that Katharine was a most interesting and accomplished woman, an educator, poetess, author of many books for both children and adults, at one time a foreign correspondent for the New York Times and a champion of equal rights for women?

On the evening of April 15th the Friends, along with the Falmouth Historical Society, sponsored an evening of Miss Bates' poetry and songs popular at the time she was writing. FCTV filmed the evening's performance and it can be seen on Channel 13.



Joy of Learning



The Spring **Joy of Learning** classes were a great success.

The classes were:

- **Abraham Lincoln** ~ Instructor Michael McNaught
- **Movies Movies Movies #1** ~ Instructor Fred Gitlitz
- **The Mideast Sixty Year Inferno** ~ Instructor Fred Gitlitz
- **A Life In Literature Seven short stories** ~ Instructor Bob Szulkin.

The classes were well attended and enthusiastically received by the participants.

Joy of Learning courses take place in the Spring and Fall and are usually four week courses that meet once a week for an hour.

Yang Conley coordinator of the **Joy of Learning** Programs is planning now for the Fall classes which will take place in October. Fred Gitlitz will return with **Movies Movies #2** and is also planning a course with the working title of **Vignettes in American History**. Bob Szulkin is also expected to return. Two other classes are in the planning stage and waiting to be finalized.

Yang is very interested in offering a class on the operettas of Gilbert & Sullivan but so far has not found an instructor for the course. If you know of anyone interested and qualified to teach this course please contact Yang Conley at the Friends of the Library, 508-457-2555 ext 2918. Yang is usually in the Friends room at the Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12:30.

UNTIL JUNE 30TH, THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL BE IN THE FRIENDS ROOM ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30 - 12:30 SORTING AND PRICING BOOKS. IF YOU HAVE BOOKS TO CONTRIBUTE AND NEED TO HAVE THEM PICKED UP PLEASE CALL AT ONE OF THESE TIMES TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICK-UP. 508-457-2555 EXT 2918 - THANK YOU.

I attended only one of the Joy of Learning courses but if that one was any indication, I can recommend them all highly. A Life in Literature: Seven Short Stories was excellent, and the instructor, Bob Szulkin, was superior. He chose seven short stories by women writers and we read one for each class. The discussion was different in that he did not concentrate on plot, characters, etc. in the traditional way. He chose provocative questions that started the class thinking, and everyone not only participated but fought to get recognized at times.

He is expected to be back in the fall with another stimulating course, and hopefully, I will be there.

~ Marilyn Sanborn

Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends' Annual meeting was held on Saturday, April 25th. The annual meeting always features entertainment as well as a brief business meeting. This year Ted Zalewski entertained and educated the audience with his performance as President Theodore Roosevelt. "President Roosevelt" entered the hall to the strains of "Hail To The Chief" and regaled an appreciative audience with his performance which brought to life one of America's great presidents. Mr. Zalewski's performance combined history, drama and fun. The entertainment was followed by a buffet lunch provided by the Friends. The brief business meeting introduced the Friends Board for the coming year and a report on the Friends' finances. The Friends welcomed Julie Moran to the Board as Treasurer, replacing Jane Hewitt who is taking on the task of Program Committee Chairman. The Friends always welcome ideas for new and interesting programs. Do you have a good idea? If so contact the Friends. Someone is available in the Friends' room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 12:30.

The Library After Hours...

*Even when the library is closed, it's still available via
www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org!*

How to use the library at midnight, let me count the ways

1. Wondering what the talk of the library is today? Check out our web page blog for newsy notes, insights, and ruminations. Blog back and let us know what's on your mind.
2. Enjoy the "Happenings" column every Friday in the Enterprise? Our e-newsletter delivers our calendar of special events right to your inbox. Unlike the newspaper, it also delivers what is not scheduled, such as last minute postponements and cancellations. See the Happenings column before Friday's paper arrives. Sign up on our web page.
3. Chat with a librarian online, any time of day or night. Librarians across the country are standing by to answer your questions or browse websites with you. See how the pros search online. You might even get a Falmouth reference librarian! Click on the "Talk to a Reference Librarian" link on our web page to connect.
4. You can see photos of library exhibits and events on our flickr page at: www.flickr.com/photos/falmouthpubliclibrary. Check out photos from last summer's library lawn play, the Mullen Hall School 4th graders gingerbread village, dresses made by junior high students, art work inspired by poetry, or even the Friends book sale.
5. Short library films are posted on our youtube page at [www.youtube.com/user/Falmouth Public Library](http://www.youtube.com/user/FalmouthPublicLibrary) where you can see a mini film about last summer's Friends book sale as well as a mini film of all the shapes and colors in the new library.
6. Wondering why you want to follow anyone on twitter? Well now you can follow the library at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com/falpublib)! Follow us at falpublib. We twitter about the books we or people who stop by our desk are reading, new books that have arrived, special events, the arrival of the beach basket, or the answer to a reference question. Give it a try!
7. And don't forget all of our electronic databases, most of which are available from home with your library card and a pin number. You can read the New York Times from 1851 - present, the Boston Globe Historical (1872-1924), find a repair & wiring diagram at Auto Repair, or find a great book to read with Book Letters or Novelist.

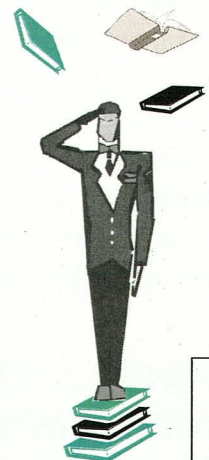
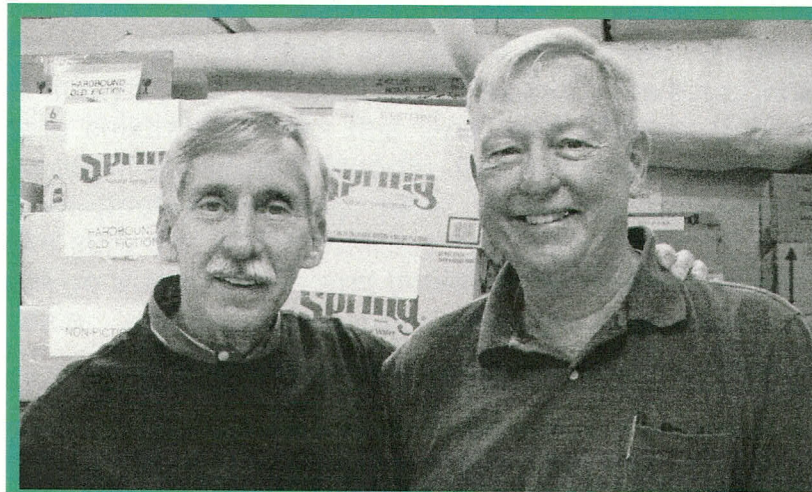
Need help with any of the above? Stop by the Reference Desk and we'd be happy to give you a hand!

~ Jill Erickson, Head of Reference & Adult Services

The Changing of the Guard

**President
Lennie Miele
takes over
from
Immediate
Past President,
Bob O'Toole**

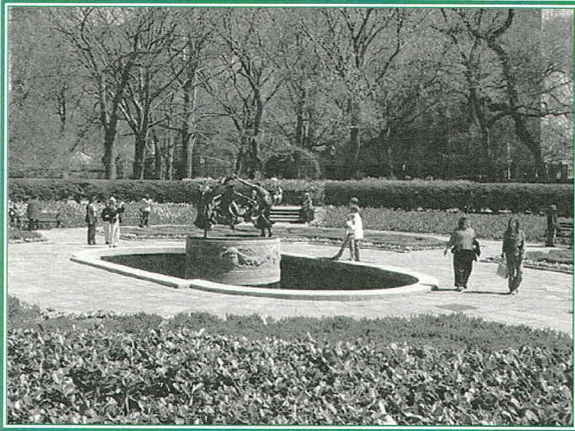
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Conservancy Gardens in Central Park



Thinking, dreaming, planning, hoping, got-to-go, got-to-see - N-E-W Y-0-R-K (not C-O-M-C-A-S-T). Finally I made it to the Big Apple after years of waiting. Lived in that city, loved that city, still the greatest city, always will be. Highlight of my stay? That's easy. The Conservancy Gardens in Central Park. Can you believe I had never been there? I have walked in the Park, eaten there, skated there, but I had never seen the fabulous gardens.

You enter at 104th Street and Fifth Avenue through the Vandenburg Gate (huge controversy about gates so just go by address) and there you are. First is the Italian garden, very formal, lots of lawn and a large fountain. Then comes the French garden, also formal, with a statue of dancing maidens. And then the beautiful, perfect English garden, as lovely as

anything I have seen in England. Enchanting. We missed the thousands of tulips which had been in bloom a week or two earlier but there was plenty left - foxglove, peonies, nepata, clematis, lilacs, lady's mantle, salvia, all the early perennials and the beginning of the annuals. And of course the shrubs and the hedges and allees, so beautifully planned to match the seasons.

Remember the final scene in *You've Got Mail*? Meg Ryan is waiting for Tom Hanks, her unknown computer pal, in the Conservancy Garden, and he comes down the path calling to his dog. That's when I said I must go there and you must too. Don't miss the Secret Garden with the characters from Frances Burnett's book.

To find out more about the Gardens, try Google at Central Park Conservancy Gardens, and you'll find information on programs, times, etc. They are open until dusk. Bless them.

Bonus: Lots of ideas for your own garden. Books about Central Park: Many available in CLAMS at the Falmouth Public Library including the five star,

Central Park, An American Masterpiece:

A Comprehensive History of the Nation's First Urban Park

by Sara Cedar Miller

~ Marilyn Sanborn



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★ BOOKSALE ★

Friday, July 3rd

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Tuesday, July 7th