

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library

Newsletter

Fall 2009

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**Was that a great book sale or what?
We made \$33,000 for the library!**

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What a great town Falmouth is! It really is remarkable! We have a beautiful newly renovated library and people dedicated to working to make it even better. The Friends is just one example of a group wishing to help the library in any way that they can.

Everyone at our August board meeting agreed that this book sale may have been our best one yet. We had more of everything, including books, tents, and volunteers. We turned that into more money. Let's hear it for the Friends.

We discussed giving relief to the small number of Friends who run the sale and who are there every one of the five days. When asked if they would like some time off, the answer was "No no! We want to be there. It is fun."

Even the rain, thunder and lightening on set-up day did not dampen our spirits. The lawn under our feet became a lake and eventually it was just plain mud. Undaunted we continued with our work. We were ready for Opening Day which dawned clear and sunny.

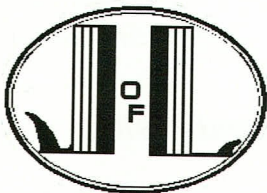
We also discussed at the board meeting ways in which we might change the sale to make it better. There were several suggestions and they will be mulled over and incorporated into our next sale if we feel they will be effective.

The Friends never forget those of you who make our sale possible and we are most grateful for the wonderful donations and the many volunteers who come back every year to help sell the books.

Joy of Learning

Returns with SIX New Courses

DETAIL INSIDE





Joy of Learning



Schedule of Courses for Fall 2009

We will be offering 6 classes in the fall Joy of Learning series. I am delighted to report that popular instructors Fred Gitlitz, Michael McNaught and Bob Szulkin are returning this fall. In addition, Dr. Michael Bihari is offering for the first time a class dealing with staying healthy as we age. Did you know that all of our instructors very generously volunteer their time? The classes have differing start dates this fall in order to meet the schedules of our instructors. Therefore, some of the classes will run into early November. And because the library is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, we have scheduled Mr. Gitlitz's classes at FCTV.

Many thanks to FCTV for donating the use of their studio.

Coordinator, Joy of Learning, Yang Conley

Schedule of Classes for FALL 2009

Mondays: 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am - October 19, 26 and November 2 & 9

• Health Related Issues For Seniors and Their Families

Staying healthy as we age, helping our families stay healthy and understanding and managing the healthcare delivery system are among the issues Dr. Bihari will address during this course, in addition to providing a roadmap to help manage health and well-being. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of concern.

Michael Bihari MD. Board Certified Pediatrician, President of Board of Directors of the Community Health Center of Cape Cod, member Falmouth Public Schools Health Advisory Committee, member Board of Directors Falmouth Education Foundation, member Steering Committee for the Falmouth Prevention Partnership. Dr. Bihari is currently writing a healthy lifestyle cookbook.

Tuesdays: 10:15am ~ 11:15 am at FCTV - October 6, 13, 20 & 27

• Movies Movies Movies II

Part film clips, part discussion about the elements that make a movie memorable. If you missed **Movies II** from the popular four part series, this is your chance to catch up.

Fred Gitlitz, BA Colgate, MA Columbia University, PhD Columbia University

Tuesdays: 11:30 am ~ 12:30 pm at FCTV - October 6, 13, 20 & 27

• Vignettes In American History

Brand New! History comes alive! No dates or names to memorize. Each session highlights one major event or personality; half film, half discussion. Learn what you were never taught in school.

Session 1: Abraham Lincoln Reconsidered - Session 2: Hawaii, Trouble In Paradise

Session 3: White Man's Burden / Taming The Savage - Session 4: Fallen Heroes

Fred Gitlitz, BA Colgate, MA Columbia University, PhD Columbia University

Wednesdays: 1:15 pm ~ 2:30 pm - October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4 & 11

• 19th Century Russian Short Stories

Stories will include Pushkin: "The Queen Of Spades", Gogol: "The Overcoat", Turgenev: "Diary of a Superfluous Man", Dostoevsky: "The Meek One", Tolstoy: "The Devil", Chekov: *Story to be named*

THIS CLASS IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

Robert Szulkin, Professor Emeritus Brandeis University, MA Harvard University, PhD. Harvard University.



Joy of Learning



THE FALL COURSES CONTINUED

Thursdays: 10:00 am ~ 11:15 am - October 15, 22, 29 and November 5

• *Antietam: The Union's Lost Opportunity*

This class will examine the September 1862 Antietam campaign, which culminated in the bloodiest single day of the Civil War (September 17, 1862) contrasting the dashing leadership of General Robert E. Lee with the timidity and caution of Union commander George B. McClellan. Though the Battle of Antietam resulted in a tactical stalemate, it stopped Lee's invasion of the North dead in its tracks and was claimed as a strategic victory by the Union, allowing President Lincoln to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation and thus changing the very nature of the war.

Michael McNaught

Thursdays: 11:45 am ~ 1:00 pm - October 15, 22, 29 and November 5

• *Grant's Overland Campaign 1864-1865*

This course will examine the final campaign of the Union Army of the Potomac And the generalship of Ulysses S. Grant, who took the brunt of criticism for the Union Army's appalling casualty figures. Encompassing some of the most violent clashes of the war - Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor - the campaign culminated in the siege of Petersburg, the fall of Richmond, and Lee's final surrender at Appomatox Court House.

Michael McNaught earned BA and MA degrees in history at Oxford University (where he specialized in Military History and the Theory of war) and an MA in history from Columbia. An independent school administrator and teacher for 45 years he has led innumerable students on field trips to eastern Civil War battlefields and has visited most of the major battlefields of the South and West.



Registration forms are available to the public at the circulation desk at the Main Library and at the branches as well.

CUT OUT HERE

TO REGISTER: Send your selections with your name, address and phone number to:

Joy of Learning, Post Office Box 480, Falmouth, Massachusetts 02541

Please keep course descriptions as your record.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____



I wish to enroll in the following course (or courses):

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🐍 Book Reviews 🐍

WOODS HOLE COOKS SOMETHING UP (Recipes from a Cape Cod Village)

Winner of Community Cookbook Award ~ 2002

Many of the recipes from this cookbook are but slight variations on old favorite recipes, of which I have my own version, and you probably do as well. But I have added a number of recipes to my repertoire from this cookbook.

I was attracted by the title of the recipe **Rattlesnake Mountain Stir Fry**. This is Dave Shepard's recipe which he has prepared on a one burner back-packing stove as well as on the kitchen range. This stir-fry is easy, adaptable and very tasty.

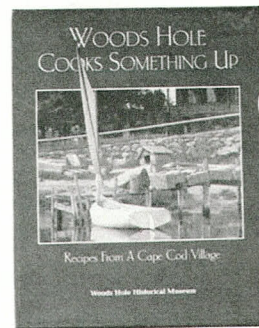
Vegetable Strata, **Vegetable Curry** and **Jade Velvet Soup** are now favorites I serve when vegetarian family and friends are visiting. Meat eaters enjoy them as well. The **Vegetable Strata** is a nice egg, cheese, and vegetable dish for Sunday breakfast or brunch when I have guests.

The **Vegetable Curry** is a simple curry with peppers, tomatoes and tofu. I use olive oil, not margarine, and cherry tomatoes quartered rather than a large tomato chopped as directed in the recipe. The **Jade Velvet Soup** with spinach, broccoli and dried peas is a pleasing first course for a veggie dinner.

Jansson's Temptation, a traditional Swedish potato, onion and anchovy casserole, appeals to a select audience and is a special treat for anchovy fans. As Rachel Rae would say, "delish."

Ricotta Condita is an appetizer which is a welcome contrast to the usual crostinis and cheese and crackers. The recipe recommends serving it on small slices of french or italian bread but I like it best served on crisp thin ginger cookies. These are a sampling of recipes that I have enjoyed preparing. I like the names of the following recipes and look forward to trying them: **Lamb Marrakech**, **Hobnails** and **Lemon Balls** in the near future.

The book includes artwork by Joan Kanwisher and Julia Child and is liberally sprinkled with vignettes about Woods Hole and its inhabitants. If you are partial to community cookbooks, as I am, you will enjoy **Woods Hole Cooks Something Up**. This book is also a very nice bread-and-butter gift when visiting off Cape or as a tasteful souvenir of a visit to Falmouth.
~ Yang Conley



SEARCHING THE SHELVES: FRANNY AND ZOOEY BY J.D. SALINGER

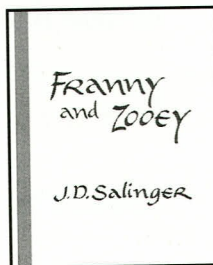
I started collecting what is called Modern Firsts quite some time ago but I soon stopped as it was pretty clear that there were just too many people collecting and the quantity worked against the books ever being rare. That doesn't mean that there aren't plenty out there. In Tampa, Florida, I saw a first edition of Cormac McCarthy's novel **Blood Meridian** priced at \$495.

Looking through one of my shelves the other day, I took out two small slim books, J. D. Salinger's **Franny and Zooey** and **Raise High the Roofbeams Carpenters**. The latter had been purchased in 1978 and is a first edition. What that means I have no idea, but I took both books back to my room and began reading **Franny and Zooey**. I could not stop. I had never read anything remotely like it. I had read it many years ago, and I clearly had missed a great deal of it. No wonder Salinger is such a legend. No wonder film makers would sell their souls to get his permission to make a movie from any one of his books or stories. No wonder John Cheever and John Updike and Philip Roth knew or know when they go to bed at night, that, as good as they may be, there is a writer somewhere off in the woods of Connecticut who is probably better, a writer who, in the midst of great success, simply quit, and has not only refused to publish anything more, but seldom comes out of his lair to speak with anyone, let alone exchange ideas with them.

It is **Catcher in the Rye** that comes immediately to mind when Salinger's name is mentioned and many kids have read it by 9th grade if not long before, but I am presently dazzled by **Franny and Zooey**. Frankly, at my advanced age, I cannot get through **Catcher in the Rye**. It really belongs to the young.

Franny and Zooey are the two youngest members of the Glass family. There are seven in all, five boys and two girls, and each one has appeared at one time or another on a kid's quiz show called The Wise Child. From that we are safe in considering them prodigies of some sort. They are all odd, or at least I find them to be. Seymour, the oldest, is the leader of the clan which sometimes appears to be a cult as the six siblings come close to worshipping their older brother. The reader is drawn to them and turned off at the same time. Pay close attention to Zooey's long soliloquy in the last half of **Franny and Zooey**, and then ask yourself if you can figure out why it is that Salinger has remained a hermit all these years.
~ M. Sanborn

Blood Meridian can be found in CLAMS as can Salinger's novels. Some libraries have the latter in Young Adult, some in Adult and some in both. Falmouth appears to have them only in Young Adult.





Mass. Memories Road Show

Your family's place in Massachusetts History



The Mass. Memories Road Show is coming to the Falmouth Public Library! In partnership with the Falmouth Historical Society, the MBWHOI Library, and FCTV, the library is hosting a Mass. Memories Road Show on Saturday, September 26th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Local residents can be a part of Massachusetts history by contributing family photos to a statewide digital archive documenting local history. The Mass. Memories Road Show at UMass Boston is creating a digital portrait of the Commonwealth that tells the story of cities and towns through family photographs and stories.

On September 26th, current and former residents of Falmouth are invited to bring to the Road Show two or three photos that represent themselves, their families and/or the community, whether taken recently or



generations ago. Any photos are welcome: family reunions, special occasions, snapshots, candid, weddings, military service, etc. Old or new - originals are preferred. The photos will be scanned onsite, and the originals immediately returned to their owners. There will also be a video area where individuals can tell a brief story about their photos on camera. All photos will become part of a state-wide digital archive at: www.MassMemories.net



The Mass. Memories Road Show is a state-wide digital history project that documents Massachusetts

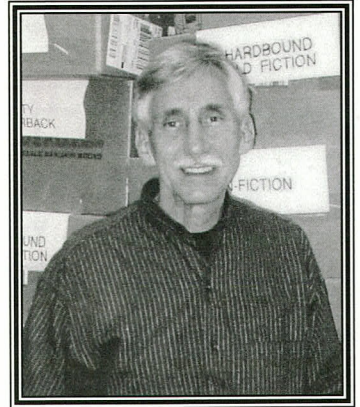
history through family photographs and stories. Since its launch, the project has gathered more than 1,200 photographs and stories from across the state. The Mass. Memories Road Show is an initiative of the Massachusetts Studies Project at UMass Boston, a joint project of the Joseph P. Healey Library and the Graduate College at UMass Boston, and is cosponsored by Mass Humanities. Over the next few years the Road Show will visit all of the 351 communities in the Commonwealth, compiling a digital portrait of family and local history in Massachusetts.



The Reference Desk will be taking advance sign-ups if you would like to reserve a particular time. Walk-ins will also be welcome. So look through those attics, and stop by on September 26th to help preserve the history of Falmouth for future generations. **Call or e-mail the Reference Desk if you are interested in participating!** 508-457-2555, ext. 6 or info@falmouthpubliclibrary.org.

Message From The President:

I am proud to be part of one of Falmouth's most popular community events, the annual Friends of the Falmouth Public Library book sale. Although "it takes a village" may be a trite political phrase, it certainly describes the success of the book sale and the many volunteers who made it happen. Through the tireless efforts of the book sale chairman, Robert O'Toole, and the scheduling coordinator, Avis Grosslein, nearly 100 volunteers spent six days over the Fourth of July weekend transporting, selling, and recycling close to 25,000 books that were generously donated throughout the year.



I want to thank everyone who worked so hard at the book sale this year. I am grateful to all those volunteers who carried books through the rain and mud on set-up day, arranged and sold books under the hot tents during the week, and cleared away books, tables, and tents on the final day of the sale. Your community spirit as a volunteer working with the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library helped us to raise \$33,000 for our wonderful town libraries.

~ **Lenny Miele**

To the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library:

The Children's Room would like to THANK YOU for the following programs you sponsored this past year:

- *The Trick or Treat Magic Show held after the Halloween Parade.*
- *Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs held in November.*
- *Dragons and Dreams Magic Show held in February.*
- *Seven different art programs with local artist Tobai Leighton.*

We would also like to THANK YOU for sponsoring the Summer Reading Prizes. We had 643 children sign up this year and your wonderful donation encouraged children to keep reading during the summer months. We gave out such wonderful prizes as mood pencils, a space theme holographic ruler (could also be used as a bookmark) and a flying disk or frisbee.

From the Editor: Two Things

#1 - *The Book Nook*

We apologize for the condition of the Book Nook in the lobby of the library during most of the summer. Because we sent all available books out to the sale on the lawn, there were very slim pickings to put in the Nook. However, now that donations have begun again as of August 1st, we are able to vastly improve the selection and it should get better as the summer draws to a close. Thank you very much for your support of one of our most profitable fund raisers.

#2 - *Embarrassing Errors*

In case there are any good proof readers out there in our readership, you may have picked up errors in our spring issue of the Newsletter. There were two in the article on the Conservancy Gardens in Central Park. The entrance to the Gardens is not 104th Street. It is 105th. The name of the gate is not Vandenburg Gate. It is Vanderbilt Gate. My daughter read the article and told me to get a good proof reader. She is right. I now have two!

What to See in New York City

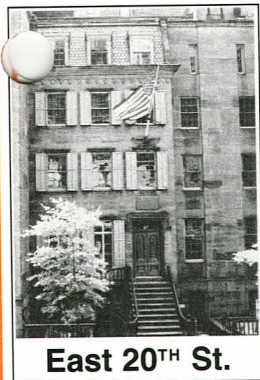
In the last issue of the Newsletter I described my visit to the Conservancy Gardens in Central Park but that was only one part of my weekend in the city.

It began on a Thursday in Boston actually when a friend drove me in from Falmouth to the Hilton Hotel where a very special express bus called the Limoliner was waiting to take us on the four and a half hour drive (we left at 9:30 am) to the Hilton Hotel in Manhattan. The bus had just 16 very comfortable seats. There was an attendant to take care of our needs which included headphones for the television, bottles of water as we boarded and several snacks during the trip. It was very pleasant and such an improvement over the train or the plane.

My daughter was waiting at the Hilton in New York, and we took a cab to the Benjamin Hotel at 59th and Lexington, just three blocks from Fifth Avenue and all the stores. The Benjamin is not the St. Regis, but it is comfortable with a very pleasant staff eager to serve you, perhaps somewhere in the middle range price wise. We had a suite with living room, bedroom and bath, all good sized and very reasonably priced for what we got.



Friday morning we went to Central Park which you have already heard about, but when my daughter finally dragged me away from the gardens, we went to the Guggenheim Museum where they had a special show about Frank Lloyd Wright. I managed to get a peek into the Kandinsky room, but there were only a few paintings of his. Perhaps they were preparing for a large Kandinsky show coming this fall. I wonder who I can get to take me?

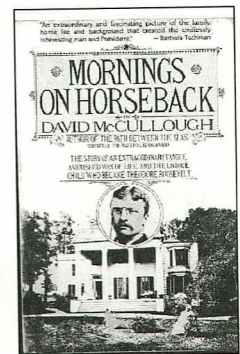


The last event on Friday was tea at the Hotel Carlyle, part of my almost life-long search for the perfect tea. This was not it, even with the added champagne. It was ornate, sedate and quiet with perfect service, but the sandwiches, pastries and scones were once again mediocre in my opinion. If the food had only matched the price, my search would be over. So, another possibility shot down.

Saturday morning we went downtown to East 20th street to see Teddy Roosevelt's reconstructed boyhood home. I had given my daughter David McCullough's book Mornings on Horseback to read beforehand to prepare her. It's the story of a remarkable little boy seriously



handicapped by almost fatal asthma attacks struggling to grow up with the love and help of his energetic father Theodore, his greatly loved Southern mother Mittie, his sisters, Anna and Corrine, his brother Elliot (Eleanor's father) and the lovely tragic Alice (Teddy's first wife).

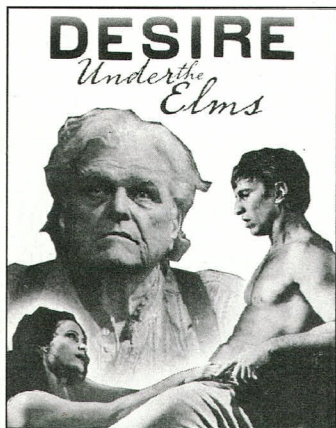


We enjoyed the tour very much. If you go, be prepared to climb lots of stairs. There are three or four floors.

We picked up a sandwich on our way to the theater that afternoon, and again I wanted my daughter to see a play by one of our greatest playwrights. The play was the steamy Desire Under the Elms by Eugene O'Neill with Brian Dennehy in the lead. We had great seats and it was certainly good, but for me it did not compare with

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What to See in New York City (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)



A Long Day's Journey Into Night which was O'Neill's masterpiece. Which actress do I like best in the lead? Katherine Hepburn! Male? Lawrence Olivier. It took me many years to appreciate what a great play it is.

Saturday night we had our one fancy dinner and my daughter chose a new restaurant, **Jean-Georges**, in the Trump International Hotel and Tower at One Central Park West on Columbus Circle. The restaurant is supposed to be a less expensive version of the original and renowned **Jean-Georges**. You couldn't prove it by the bill. It was, however, delicious and we decided to walk off the dinner. Columbus Circle has had a lot of additions since I last saw it, one being the Time Warner Center where CNN has its offices. Whole Foods is on the ground floor and we took a look around, very large and beautifully arranged, more like a specialty shop than a supermarket. From there we walked crosstown to Fifth and strolled down the Avenue. We stopped to look in Bergdorf's windows and I was reminded of the time many years before when I had won \$525 on a quiz show, The Match Game. I left Rockefeller Plaza, walked over to Bergdorf's and blew every cent of my winnings on a suit. About ten years later, I reluctantly parted with it at a thrift shop. It showed little signs of wear and was still in style.

We continued on down to Saks which was still open at 9:00 pm (the city that never sleeps. I love it!). We went in to get one of their great shopping bags I had seen advertised in a promotion. It just says in big letters **WANT IT!** I thought it described the society we live in so well.

I wouldn't want to live in New York City anymore, but I can't help envying people who do. Remember the Peter Sellers' movie **The World of Henry Orient?** I always wished I could have grown up on the Upper East Side as those two girls did.

~ M. Sanborn

Both McCullough's book, Mornings On Horseback, and O'Neill's plays are available in CLAMS. The Lawrence Olivier version on DVD of **Long Day's Journey Into Night** is available in CLAMS, as is the Katherine Hepburn version. Both West Falmouth and Oak Bluffs have **The World of Henry Orient**. That's nice to know when I want to watch it again.



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