# Northeast Harbor Library

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## Granite sculpture finds a home on library's front lawn

Thanks to one anonymous donor, and the personal contributions of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Harbor Library, a granite sculpture by Cherryfield artist Hugh Lassen now has a permanent home on the Library's lawn.

In spring 2013, Art in Public Spaces (AiPS), an MDI organization, approached the Library with an offer to find a suitable sculpture for temporary exhibit on the Library lawn at the intersection of Joy and Summit Roads. AiPS principals -Annette Carvajal, Charlotte Singleton and Ben Lincoln - recommended Lassen's "Shelter Form," carved of Sullivan granite and weighing about three tons. They felt it had the right proportions and complemented the Library's exterior angles and color.

The original plan was for the sculpture to stay in place through September 2013, but this changed when it became apparent how much a part of Library life the sculpture was becoming. Within days, local children had made it a rendezvous point ("I'll meet you at the sculpture!") and a reading perch. Children were seen practicing their musical instruments atop the work. People of all ages responded to its presence.

Art in Public Spaces works to promote the appreciation of art as part of everyday life and to create opportunities for Maine artists to show their work throughout the community.



Artist, Hugh Lassen



Olive Mitchell and Scarlet Squires

## **Beverly Coleman Award Winner**



The Scholarship Committee has selected Haley Heist as this year's Beverly Coleman Award. Haley is studying Social Work at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She also works at the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter in downtown Halifax as well as the Registrar's Office at Dalhousie University. She and her partner, Sam and I live in a beautiful area called Prospect Village, about 45 minutes away from Halifax. When she's not working or studying, she likes to walk her dog around Prospect and enjoy the beautiful Nova Scotia scenery.

The Beverly Coleman Award was established in 2010 by Dr. Douglas Coleman and his son Thomas in memory of Doug's late wife, who was Tom's mother. Beverly volunteered at the Library for more than twenty years and was involved with many other community organizations. Eligible candidates must be recipients of Northeast Harbor Library scholarships and must have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Coleman Award recipients exemplify Beverly Coleman's lifetime commitment to community service, conservation, horticulture, and history.



## **Scholarship Committee Summer Tea**

Tuesday, August 11th 4pm-6pm

In honor of past and present award recipients and the generous donors

#### **Library Events**

#### February 2015

2/6 First Friday Coffee House 7pm-9pm

2/7 Workshop: Zentangle with Jenny Perruzzi 9am-12pm

2/10 Book discussion group: A Notion of Evil 5pm-6:30pm

2/11 Exhibit Opening: Resist Dye Textiles: old and new 4pm-6pm

2/17 MDI Photo Club 6:30pm

2/21 Workshop: Embellished Felt Bowl with Liz Cutler 9am-12pm

2/24 Book discussion group: A Notion of Evil 5:30pm-6:30pm

2/28 Workshop: Altered Book with Amy Philbrook 9am-12pm

#### March 2015

3/6 First Friday Coffeehouse with MDIHS Jazz Combos 7pm-9pm 3/7 Workshop: Bread making with Stephen Anastasia 9am-12pm 3/10 Book discussion group: A Notion of Evil 5:30pm-6:30pm 3/17 MDI Photo Club 6:30pm

3/24 Book discussion group: A Notion of Evil 5:30pm-6:30pm

#### April 2015

4/3 Coffeehouse 7pm-9pm 4/8 Lecture with Alison Dibble 5:30pm-6:30pm 4/21 MDI Photo Club 6:30pm 4/21 Women's Book Group

#### May 2015

5/1 Annual children's tea party 3pm-5pm 5/8 Acadia Senior College exhibit reception 5pm-7pm 5/19 MDI Photo Club 6:30pm 5/19 Women's Book Group

### **Ongoing Events**

#### Tuesdays

Preschool Storytime 10:30am-11:30am
Bridge 101 9am-10:30am (through March 31, 2015)
Bridge 102 10:30am-12pm (through March 31, 2015)
Lego Club 3pm-4pm (for schoolyear)
Kid's Knitting 3:15pm-3:45pm (through March 31, 2015)

#### Wednesdays

Knitting and Handcrafts Group 5pm-7pm (year round)

#### Thursdays

1st and 2nd Grade Book Group 3pm-4pm (for schoolyear)

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#### December 10, 2004 - October 16, 2014

Cirra, the beloved reader dog, passed away last fall. Cirra and her owner, Robyn Douglas, came to the library twice a week to help children learn to read in a safe and supportive environment. Cirra was a dedicated and tireless library volunteer, logging over 450 visits at the library in the past five years. Cirra and Robyn also donated many books to the library through the Downeast Dog Scouts of Hancock County. Just before she passed, Cirra was one of five dogs in the nation to receive the 2014 Therapy Dog Honorable Mention Award for Canine Excellence from the American Kennel Club Humane Fund. She is greatly missed by children and adults alike, who always smiled when they saw a big and beautiful dog walking through the library, and by her owners, Robyn and Denise.

#### Tyson Prints Preservation a Success

Thanks to many generous donors, the library has preserved its collection of Carroll Tyson prints entitled 20 Birds of Mount Desert Island. This unique collection of prints were donated to the library by Mr. and Mrs. T. Garrison Morfit and was in dire need of perservation efforts to keep them from fading and warping. They've been reframed with acid-free materials and UV protecting glass. All 20 prints are hanging in the cozy reading room.



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Library Hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



#### From the President of the Board...

We've all heard that libraries have become community centers, and that's certainly true at the Northeast Harbor Library, where we keep busy year-round with school-related activities, reading groups, speakers, art-projects, and Judith's First Friday Coffeehouse. But you can still just go in and read a book, and I especially like these peaceful winter afternoons before the after-school rush, when people are working at their laptops in quiet corners and the library's a hushed, reflective place.

Soon people will be coming in to find a book, a movie, or a friend. Eilleen will be making popcorn for the children, Hannah & Caroline greeting someone at the desk, and Elly planning Wednesday night's event, but right now, it's tranquil here. Someone has settled in by the fire in the Reading Room with a book they claim they always meant to read. Someone is tapping away at one of the computers. Outside it's cold, and predicted to get colder. But we have everything we need to get through these darker, colder, shorter days.

You can do a different kind of thinking in the winter, when the hubbub of the busy summer's done. You can do a different kind of reading, and more of it.

Our thanks to all of you who use and love the Northeast Harbor Library. Whether you see us as a community center, or a guiet place to burrow in and read, we're here for you this winter, and at every time of year.



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