# \*\*\* Sturgis Library News

Winter 2010

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There are countless ways to say thank you, but never enough opportunities to express our gratitude for the support we receive from library users, community members, businesses, and organizations throughout the year. This is our annual thank-you issue, where we take a few moments to celebrate your generous contributions to the Sturgis Library. In 2009 you gave in so many ways! You donated to the Annual Appeal and the Building Fund; you became members of the Friends of Sturgis Library; you gave gifts in memory and in honor of loved ones; you baked cookies and made appetizers for parties and events; you donated jewelry, gift certificates, artwork and countless other items for our sales and auctions; you volunteered your time to do numerous tasks; you served on Boards and Committees; you donated books for our book sales and material to our archives; you attended programs and events...and so much more!

But best of all, you came and used the library — to take out books and other materials, to read the paper, to do research, to participate in a class or program, to visit with staff and neighbors, to use our computers, to share a story, and to share yourselves with us. YOU are what makes the Sturgis Library successful — by bringing a sense of community and connectedness with you each time you walk through our doors. And for that, more than anything, we are grateful. Thank you so much.

~~Lucy Loomis, Library Director

# How Do You Get Your Sturgis Zibrary News?

We're only publishing a print newsletter once a year now, but there are lots of ways to stay up-to-date with the latest Sturgis Library news. Here's how:

### **Sturgis Library website:**

http://www.sturgislibrary.org

### Sturgis Library weekly blog:

http://sturgislibrary.blogspot.com

### Sturgis Library monthly email newsletter:

http://www.sturgislibrary.org/news/newsletter

### Sturgis Library on facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Barnstable-MA/Sturgis-Library/110620580983

### Sturgis Library events calendar:

http://www.sturgislibrary.org/calendar/



### STURGIS LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

As many of you know, last Spring Sturgis Library received a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund of almost \$250,000 in support of a variety of high priority building projects. These projects are essential to preserve our historic building and repair aging systems. The Cultural Facilities Fund grant requires a one-to-one match to allow us to complete the following projects:

- Building preservation and repairs, including reinforcement of structural framing and the foundation, new roofing in the rear of the building, and replacement of rotting shingles.
- Collections preservation and safety, including renovation of the Archival Vault.
- Public safety improvements and the installation of a fire suppression system.
- Energy efficiency with the replacement of old windows and an aging boiler system.

To date, we have raised almost \$200,000 of the needed matching funds from contributions by individuals, organizations, foundations and a major bequest.

The contributors listed below have made a special gift above and beyond their support of the Annual Appeal and other Library campaigns, and we are truly grateful for their support.

### Contributors to the Sturgis Library Building Fund

Sam Anderson	Michael Downs	Ted Lowrie & Kathy McShane
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Cape Cod 5 Foundation Grant	Marilyn & Chick Fuller	Steve Nill & Marie Woolf
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Sean & Suzy Cummings	Laurel Kornhiser	Ted Theodores
David & Julie Doll	Albert & Nancy Lamb, III	Paul & Susan Ware
Dorothea Dodge Bequest	Lothropp Family Foundation	Whitney & Joan Wright

We still need to raise over \$50,000 toward our matching fund goal. If you would like to make a contribution to the Sturgis Library Building Fund, please use the response form below and mail it to us or drop it off when you visit next. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated and used exclusively for Library building projects. If you would like to learn more specifics about the project initiatives, please give Lucy Loomis (508 362-8448) or Ellie Claus (508-221-0961) a call. They would be happy to provide more details about this essential and beneficial undertaking.

MAKE A BUILDING FUND DONATION

	MAKE A BUILDING	FUND DONATION	
Name	Add1	ess	
I (we) would like to contribute to	o the Sturgis Library Build	ing Preservation Fund.	
Check enclosed: \$	I prefer to pledge \$	to be paid in	_ installments
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# A Warm Welcome to Our New Library Trustees

### Betsy Newell and Ted Lowrie

#### The Board of Library Trustees are:

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#### Committee members:

Sean Cummings Marilyn Fuller Sherry Greene-Starr



# Barnstable Spring Antiques Show

Saturday, April 17th, 2010 10 AM to 4 PM



Sturgis Library & Whelden Memorial Library

### To be held at

Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary School Route 6A West Barnstable

Over 30 quality dealers are expected for this 3rd annual show

Luncheon and Bake Sale items available

### Thank You to Our Volunteers

Six days a week, 52 weeks a year, you'll find volunteers helping out here at the Sturgis Library. Our volunteers shelve library materials, prepare materials for circulation, gather items requested from other libraries, process archival materials, mend books, assist with programs and events, and even teach knitting classes! We thank these volunteers who have given their time and enthusiatic support this past year:

Anne Hazard Bev & Rob Parke Brianna Silverman Carol Scheid Carrie Bearse Christian Carbonaro Dallas Vaughn Dave Moore Didi McKimmey Ed Brink Esther Camelio Iean Hall Jean Kelly Joan Zhang Kyla Allen Lilla Robinson Maeve Field Marie Ann LaBrie Marilyn Fuller Marilyn Kelley Michael Donovan Nicole Swanson Phyllis Willman Sam Noland Sherry Greene-Starr

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## **Coming in April: A Different Kind of Raffle**

The Sturgis Library has held dozens of fundraising auctions and raffles over the years to help fund library programs and services. We've auctioned and raffled off art, trips, jewelry, wine, mulch, rugs, books, sailing trips, rounds of golf, and hundreds of other items.

This spring we'll be raffling off what everyone needs most ... cash. We will sell only 200 tickets at \$50 each. Raffle tickets will go on sale in April. In this \$2010 raffle, the winners will receive:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$2,010 cash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,010 cash
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$510 cash

The winning ticket will be pulled at a **Open House** lawn party to be held on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 PM. There will be great food & drink, fun activities for kids, music, Cape Cod Beer, and more! And best of all, admission is free! Mark your calendars now to join us for this fun family event.

### Take a Self-Guided Walking Tour of the Sturgis Library

Have you ever wondered about the history or provenance of some of the artwork and artifacts here at the library? Have you ever thought "Who is that grumpy man in the white wig?," or "What is the significance of that red leather chair?," or "Who is the Lowell Room named for?"

We have developed a written guide to library history, artwork, and artifacts that you can pick up at the main desk of the library. Ask for one, and take the tour today!



### Wii Want You To Have More Fun

The Library now carries a collection of popular games for the Wii gaming console. You can dance, do yoga, play sports, learn new things, and have lots of energetic fun. Ask for the games at the desk, or search the CLAMS catalog for new titles.

### **READ with Us!**

For National Library Week 2010, which is held in April, we're creating a series of READ photos fashioned after the National Library Week



posters that feature celebrities reading their favorite books. We'd like everyone -- staff, Trustees, volunteers, Friends, library patrons, and community members -- to participate by submitting photos of themselves or family members reading. We will edit the photos to include the word "READ," and display them during the month of April. Photos can be recent, or from the past. You can bring in the actual photo and we'll scan it for you, or you can send a .jpg electronic version to sturgislib@comcast.net -- just send us an email with the photo in an attachment. If you don't already have a photo of yourself reading, why not have a friend or family member take one of you? Or stop in to the library and we'll take one for you. Get in on the fun! Show your love of reading and libraries! For more information, contact Library Director Lucy Loomis at the email above or by calling 508-362-8448.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

#### Reduce, Reuse....Rain Gardens!

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Learn about rain gardens ~nature's water treatment plants~ which are designed to reduce the amount of pollutants that wash into our waters. Cape Cod Commission hydrologist Gabrielle Belfit will explain how to design, build, and plant a rain garden.



#### Hit & Run History: The Columbia Expedition

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Join Hit and Run History's crew of Gumshoe Historians for a screening of the second episode of their documentary on the Columbia Expedition and its commander, John Kendrick. Built on the North River, Columbia was the first American ship to circle the globe. It left Boston in 1787, just weeks after the Constitution was signed. Its story, and those of its people, begins in New England. The hour and fifteen minute film will be followed by Q&A from the audience, and a description of how Hit and Run practices history.

#### Preserving Family Photographs—1839 to the Present

Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 1:00 PM

Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*, will present this seminar on everything a family photographer needs to know about caring for photographs – from daguerreotypes to digital imaging dilemmas. Topics include printing and sharing digital images, and how to safely label grandparents' pictures.

#### **History Along 6A**

June 1 through 13, 2010

This will be a series of programs held at libraries, historical societies, and other places along Route 6A. The series schedule is not yet complete, but here's a sneak peek:

#### Monuments Along 6A with Historian Dave Crocker

Sturgis Library June 1 at 7:00 PM

#### Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, Walking Tour

June 12 — time to be announced



For more information on any of our programs for adults, or to share a programming idea, contact Marcella Curry, Assistant Director/Adult Services Librarian at 508-362-6636 or email her at mcurry@clamsnet.org.

### NOW SELLING AT THE FRIENDS BOOK AND GIFT SHOP



New Sturgis Library **mugs** with a red border (\$5.00)

Sturdy and attractive "Whale of a Library" totebags (\$20.00)

Matted **art prints** by Kathy Kleekamp in a variety of sizes and prices depicting scenes of Barnstable Village & Cape Cod

Original **notecards** by local photographer Joyce Kevorkian (\$3.00)

Wooden **bird ornaments** by Gary Starr (\$15.00)

# Kids Corner!

### By Karen Campbell Murdoch, Youth Services Librarian

### **Drop in Storytime**

Join Miss Karen for stories, songs, laughs, and crafts every Thursday morning at 10:30. This program is open to children ages 2 through 5, with their parents and grandparents. Siblings are welcome, too!

No registration necessary.



### Creative Card Making For Ages 8 to 80+ with Holly Heaslip!

Use your imagination while creating cards to send to friends, to attach to a special gift, or to keep for yourself! All materials will be included but we encourage you to bring in anything special that you may like to add to your card - a memorable stamp from far away, stickers that warm your heart, an old postcard with special meaning - the options are endless!

The program will be held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 from 3:00pm - 3:45pm.

All ages welcome — kids, parents, & grandparents too! Kids - we ask that you please bring an adult with you to enjoy creating together! There is limited space for this class **so sign-ups are required**. Please sign up with Miss Karen by calling the library 508-362-6636 or by emailing her at sturgiskids@comcast.net. A \$5 materials donation is requested.



### Reading with Dogs

Thursday, February 18th, 2010 (time to be announced)
Encourage your child's reading with this heartwarming
program! Children can curl up with one of these trained,
loving dogs for a 10 minute one-on-one reading time! This is a
wonderful program for encouraging "hesitant" readers, too!
Call the library for time and registration information info.

# Tea with Grandma, Mommy & Me!

Join us on Saturday, March 13th, 2010 at 2:00 pm Celebrate the start of spring and the joy that can be found through all generations! We will enjoy the book *Tea Time with Mermaids* by local authors Theresa LaBrecque and Lee Nemmers as we "dive" into our underwater imaginations with mermaid crafts, games, tea sandwiches and more! Space is limited so we ask that you please sign up for this event at the library. We encourage you to join us in your "Sunday Best" or your very favorite Mermaid accessory!

Please note! Limit is 50 people but there will be a wait list. **Ages 5 years and up – no younger siblings, please** 



This event is sponsored by the Friends of Shurgis Library

# Recent Sturgis Library Publications



### John Lothrop in Barnstable : A 370th Anniversary Tribute

Published in September 2009, this book features biographical and historical information on the Rev. John Lothrop, his congregation, his historic Bible, his meetinghouse, and the Sturgis Library. It also includes a full transcript of Lothrop's diary, and photographs of the Library, Village, and the Lothrop Bible. It concludes with a list of resources and websites. This is an important resource for genealogical researchers, historians, and members of the Lothrop, Lothropp, Lathropp, Lathropp, Lowthorpe, and allied families.

Copies are available at the library for \$15 each or can be ordered online. See our website for details.

# Simply Sturgis ~ Local and Fresh

Our bestselling cookbook features recipes for fresh, locally grown or harvested foods, all submitted by local chefs and cooks. It

also features artwork and photographs by local artists. This popular cookbook is now in its third printing.

Copies are still available at \$15.00 each. Get yours today!











# Join us for the 5th Annual Sturgis Library Dinner

Celebrate Spring with the Library trustees, staff, neighbors, & fellow library supporters.

Enjoy a fun night and great food!

# On the menu:

**CHOICE OF ENTREES** 

- Boneless short ribs of beef
- Parmesan Encrusted Chicken Breast
  - Sole Picatta
  - Vegetarian Entree
- Appetizers, luscious desserts, coffee, and tea
  - Cash Bar

Date: Sunday, March 21, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm

Place: OLD YARMOUTH INN

223 Route 6A Yarmouth Port, MA

#### TICKETS ARE \$50.00 PER PERSON

Meal, tax, and gratuity all included A portion of the cost of the meal benefits the Sturgis Library

TO PURCHASE TICKETS stop by the library 3090 Main Street Barnstable Village or call us at (508) 362-6636 PURCHASE BY MARCH 12TH



# Happy New Year from the Friends of Sturgis Library!

Happy New Year from the Friends of Sturgis Library! The Friends have been very active this winter. In December the library was beautifully decorated for the holidays by a group of Friends, a successful holiday Book and Bake Sale was held, and the "Mostly Dickens Carolers" spread goodwill and cheer at their Sunday afternoon performance at the library. On January 24th we held an Open House for members, their guests, and anyone interested in finding out more about the Friends. The Friends work year-round to support and enhance the valuable service that Sturgis Library provides and to this end we rely on volunteers. A special thank you to those who:

- donated treats and goodies for our bake sales, programs and May luncheon
- volunteered in the Friends Book and Gift Store
- worked at the Book and Plant Sales and the August Antique Show at BWB
- decorated the library for the holiday season
- served on the Board of the Friends of Sturgis Library

Most importantly, thank you to the almost 200 member households who have joined the Friends. We appreciate your support and invite new members to join at any time. Annual dues are only \$15 per household. With funds generated by our membership dues, special events and sales, the Friends have been able to support the work of Sturgis Library as well as donate to the Annual Appeal and the Library Building Fund. Our gifts to the library in 2009 totaled \$10,750.

On behalf of the Friends Board, I would like to extend our warm wishes for a New Year of peace, joy and good health. We look forward to seeing you at our programs, in our Book and Gift Shop and at the many library events planned for 2010.

Margaret A. Housman, President of the Friends

# Recent Friends' Contributions to Sturgis Library

- ⇒ \$5,000 to the Library's Annual Appeal
- ⇒ \$5,500 for the purchase of large print books, audio books, and rental books
- ⇒ Help with the funding of our email newsletter
- $\Rightarrow$  \$3,000 toward the Building Fund
- ⇒ Purchase of all museum passes
- ⇒ Subscription to monthly "Book Pages," a book review periodical

# Upcoming Friends Programs

Saturday, March 13 @ 2:00 p.m. **Tea with Grandma, Mommy and Me** 

Wednesday, May 5 @ 12 noon **Annual Meeting & Luncheon** 

Friday & Saturday June 4-5 Annual Book, Plant & Bake Sale

# Help Wanted!

Are you interested in working with the Friends? We have many opportunities available and would welcome your input. Please contact Elizabeth at (508) 362-6636 or eap2001@comcast.net.

### Consider a Charitable Gift That Provides You Income

In the Summer 2008 edition of the *Sturgis Library News* the Board of Trustees announced the establishment of a formal planned giving program. In response to questions about this program we would like to share with you how a Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity works.

In exchange for a charitable gift of \$10,000 or more in cash, saving bonds, or stock, a Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity is established for you. The annuity contract specifies the income you will receive annually or quarterly for the rest of your life, no matter what happens to interest rates or other financial markets. The annuity generates a charitable income tax deduction, part of the income received is tax free, and the rate of return is often higher than what is available from many conservative or fixed income investments.

### Ten Advantages of a Sturgis Charitable Gift Annuity:

- Easy to establish
- Guaranteed income for life
- High rates of return
- Partially tax free income
- Charitable income tax deduction in the year that gift is made
- Income directed to yourself, your spouse or another loved one
- Capital gains tax reduction when appreciated assets are gifted
- Remaining funds can be directed by the donor to a specific library program
- Membership in Sturgis Legacy Society
- Comfort knowing that your Sturgis
   Charitable Gift Annuity is backed by a
   140 year old organization that is "dedicated

American Council on Gift Annuities
ONE-LIFE GIFT ANNUITY RATES
Current Through June 30, 2010

Age	Rate
60	5.0%
65	5.3%
70	5.7%
75	6.3%
80	7.1%
85	8.1%
90+	9.0%

Rates based on two lives are available upon request.

to providing services and resources to meet the needs of a contemporary community while preserving and promoting Cape Cod history."

For more information on this program and other ways to give, please contact: Ellie Claus, President, Board of Trustees, 508-221-0961.

Did you know that the Sturgis Library receives only 44% of its annual operating income from the Town of Barnstable? We must raise the majority of our funds from donations, grants, and interest on our endowment. Your donations, big and small, are vital to our success. We thank you for recognizing the benefits of donating to the Sturgis Library.

# Ways to Give to the Sturgis Library

Here is a chart which outlines the ways you can support the Sturgis Library that you may not have considered. Of course, expert advice is critical to a successful giving plan.

Please consult with your lawyer or financial advisor before donating.

What type of gift are you giving?	What's your giving goal?	How do you make the gift?	What are the benefits to you?
Gift of cash	Make a quick/easy gift	Write a check or make a cash donation now	<ul> <li>Immediate income tax deduction</li> </ul>
Gift of securities	Avoid tax on capital gains	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	<ul> <li>Immediate charitable deduction</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Avoidance of capital gains tax</li> </ul>
Bequest in a will	Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Name the Sturgis Library in your will	<ul> <li>Your deduction is exempt from federal estate tax</li> </ul>
Charitable Gift Annuity	Supplement your income with steady payments that are	Enter into a charitable gift annuity contract with us that pays a	<ul> <li>Current and future savings on income tax</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Stable payments for life</li> </ul>
Retirement Plan Assets	Avoid twofold taxation on IRAS or other employee benefit plans	Name the Sturgis Library as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	<ul> <li>Make the gift from the most highly taxed assets</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>May avoid income and estate tax</li> </ul>
Gift of Life Insurance	Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need and name us as a	<ul> <li>Current income tax deduction</li> </ul>
		beneficiary	<ul> <li>Possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums</li> </ul>
Gift of Real Estate	Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real	Donate the property to the Sturgis Library	<ul> <li>Immediate income tax deduction</li> </ul>
	estate property		<ul> <li>Reduction or elimination of capital gains tax</li> </ul>

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The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following foundations, local businesses, community organizations, individuals and families who contributed to the Sturgis Library during the last year.

#### Special Gifts and Bequests

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# Calendar of Selected Events and Programs

February 15th

CLOSED for President's Day

February 17th @ 3 PM Creative Card Making—registration required

February 18th Time TBA Reading with Dogs—registration required

March 13th @ 2 PM

Tea with Grandma, Mommy & Me! - reservations required

March 23rd @ 7 PM

Reduce, Reuse...Rain Gardens, - Gabrielle Belfit, Hydrologist

March 24th @ 6PM

Library Dinner at the Old Yarmouth Inn

April 10th @ 1 PM

Preserving Family Photographs- Maureen Taylor

April 17th 10-4

Antiques Show at BWB

April 19th

CLOSED for Patriot's Day

May 5th @ 12 NOON

Friends Annual Meeting & Luncheon

June 5th 10 AM—3 PM

Friends Book, Plant & Bake Sale

June 1st—13th

History Along 6A, a series of events and lectures

For more events, visit our online calendar @ http://www.sturgislibrary.org/calendar/

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