

Harrison Village Library



Newsletter

Fall 2017

Harrison Village Library

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 1 – 7 PM
Thursday 11 AM – 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

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For more information on all
Library events, please
call or visit.

Board of Trustees

Trustees and Officers of Harrison Village Library are elected for one-year terms, each July, at the Annual Meeting.

Current Officers are:

Jon Whitney, President

Mark Heidmann, Vice President

Caroline Leonard, Secretary

Sarah Bernard, Treasurer

Additional Board Members:

Meg Kirschner

Michael Sink

Karen Toohey

Bill Wood

Growing Vegetables, Growing Community

During last winter's Community Forums, mention was made of the number of local families who struggle with food insecurity. Jane Sarazin and Bob Spencer of Harrison wanted to do something to help, and offered to grow a demonstration vegetable garden right on the library grounds, with plans to share the harvest with the Harrison Food Bank, and with those lucky patrons who stopped by the library on the days the vegetables were picked. Jane and Bob preferred not to have their photo included with this interview, but you can see a glimpse of the garden at the end of this article.

This was a large undertaking. Why did you want to do it? How did you choose what plants to include?

Actually, it was not too large of a job. We wanted to show how much can grow in a small space. I'll bet after we tilled the space, we spent less than an hour each week taking care of the "plot". The original intent had been to test the popularity of organizing a community garden. Gardening is an enjoyable activity, and many of us grew up with family and neighbors growing their own food and flowers. However, some of our neighbors may want to garden but do not have the space to do it, or may need assistance of some kind to prepare the soil or even obtain seedlings.

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Felting

Aiden and Mariah Baker with their creations from this fall's Felting Workshop, given by Bethany and Stella Shaw.

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We did learn that a few people have an interest and a town employee wants to help start a community garden. We also found out that probably most people want to grow vegetables at their own residences. Whether they dig up a small plot or grow vegetables in a few containers, they seemed to appreciate being able to gain access to seedlings and ideas. When I offered my surplus plant seedlings, they also seemed eager to learn more and offer their ideas. As for plant choice that was easy: we just planted our extra plants that we grew from seed.

Do you have a home vegetable garden? What do you grow? How much time do you spend in it?

We have more than an acre size garden. We grow a variety of vegetables. We also grow our own buckwheat grain, corn for corn meal, oats and we had a successful crop of quinoa. We have a variety of fruit and nut trees and plants.

All of that is probably a little more than 20 hours each week of the growing season.

How and when did you learn to garden?

I grew up in a community where nearly everybody including my family grew large gardens. The learning process never stops. I learn about new important methods and resources every year.

What advice would you give to someone who wants a garden but has never grown anything?

Read as much as you can and ask questions to people with experience. Different gardeners prefer different methods and lots of people and businesses try to sell products that they portray as "must-haves". Gardening is full of fad and fashion and some people seem to stake their identity to whatever new fad or fashion comes on the scene. Perhaps the most important skill is learning to evaluate what you hear and see.

Christmas in Harrison Quilt Raffle



Enter to win this beautiful quilt, handmade by Martha Pinkham and long-armed by Paula Allen.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 apiece, or 6/\$5.00, and are available at the library.

If you are away for the winter and would still like a chance, please send a check to the library and we'll enter you into the drawing, which will be held on December 2 during Christmas in Harrison. The winner does not need to be present to win.

Christmas in Harrison Activities

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.:

--Cookie Walk (\$5.00/bag)

--Decorate a Gingerbread Man (free)

(Both activities while supplies last.)

The Christmas Village in our meeting room, a gift of Chet and Mitzi Lob, will be set up for the entire month of December. Looking for a literary gift? In addition to books, holiday-themed crafts and décor will be available for purchase in our meeting room gift shop.

Bakers are needed for the Cookie Walk! If you are willing to bake and donate a batch of Christmas cookies, please contact Kathleen Kramer.

Survey Link

Our Program Committee would like to hear from you! What sorts of programs would you like to see at the library? Follow this link to complete a very brief (5 minutes, max!) survey, or stop by the library to pick up a paper version.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJHMM7L>

2017 HVL Golf Tournament

The 2017 HVL Golf Tournament at Lake Kezar Country Club—our 8th annual-- was a huge success!

Thanks to everyone who supported our second-biggest fundraiser by sponsoring holes, donating prizes, and playing in the tournament.



Pictured with trustee Bill Wood (left) are Ed Juhl (c.) and Ken Banks (r.).

Meet the Trustees

Michael Sink, Trustee



Hi, my name is Michael Sink and I am a recent transplant from West Michigan. The Lakes and Hills region of Maine drew me in with the scenic hiking, kayaking, and swimming, and I soon became acquainted with the library board while volunteering at Old Home Days this summer.

Reading has always played an important role in my life and I am pleased to join the Harrison Library.

With an extensive background in hospitality and event coordination, I look forward to bringing these skills to my role as the newest member of your board.

The Hoopoe Show 2017

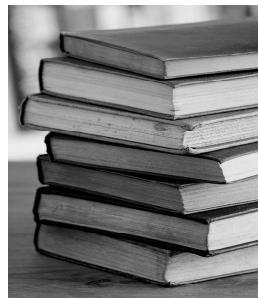


Mime Chris Yerlig (left), pictured here with Ben Barker of Harrison, delighted the audience this summer with The Hoopoe Show, a blend of clowning, magic, mime, and vaudevillian artistry.

We also welcomed Mad Science of Maine and Chewonki Traveling Natural History as part of our Summer Reading Program for kids.

Feed Your Brain with Books Project

The Oxford Hills Community Literacy Team is pleased to announce a new initiative, "Feed Your Brain with Books", which will bring books to the food pantries of the area, including the Harrison Food Bank.



Members of the team are local educators, community leaders and librarians, including HVL's director, Kathleen Kramer; its purpose is to support literacy development from birth to adulthood in our community.

To contribute to the project, please bring new or gently used books to our collection box at the library. We are accepting books for all ages, but are particularly targeting books for children and young adults.

Friends of the Library

Library Lovers! Harrison Village Library has an active Friends group, and we are always delighted to welcome new members. We support the library by volunteering at the Board's fundraising events, and raising money on our own for "extras" such as the library's annual movie licensing fee and pass to the Children's Museum of Maine. We are also pleased to sponsor the Adult Summer Reading Program.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Friends of the Library is held in April or May each year. Additional meetings are held on an as-needed basis; much of our communication is carried out by e-mail or telephone.

Would you like to learn more? E-mail Dianne Jackson at dijack815@myfairpoint.net or speak with Library Director Kathleen Kramer the next time you're in the library.

Our Library Elf

Our Library Elf will return with more hijinks in the month of December!

Follow along on Facebook and Instagram from December 1-25—look for the hashtag #libraryelf



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Did You Know? Ongoing Programs and Services, and Other News

--You can **borrow ebooks and audiobooks** for your tablet, smartphone or electronic reading device through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, aka the "Cloud Library." All library patrons may use this service, which may be accessed by the link on our website. Please call or stop by for your card number. If you need help, we'll be happy to walk you through the process of borrowing electronically.

--In addition to the weekly **Storytime** (Thursdays at 10:00), we also offer a monthly Traveling Storytime for preschools and daycares. Please contact the library if you would like to arrange a visit to your daycare. We also have monthly visits from Bear the Reading Dog, a great way for young children to practice their read-aloud skills. Check the library calendar for the

date of Bear's next visit.

--**Large Print Titles** are available both from our own collection and from a rotating collection from the Maine State Library.

--You can **donate** to the library online! Just follow the link on our website.

--**Free and discounted passes** to the Portland Museum of Art and The Children's Museum and Theater of Maine are available for library members. Call or stop by to check availability.

--Free access to the **Ancestry.com** database (for genealogy) is available on all library computers.

--You can **renew and reserve books online!** Stop by or call to get your user name and password. Lists of recent acquisitions are also available online. Click the bookshelf icon on

the library's website that says "search the catalog"; when you are brought to the catalog, click "lists" to see what's new. (You don't need to be logged in to view the lists or search the catalog, but you do in order to renew or reserve.)

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