



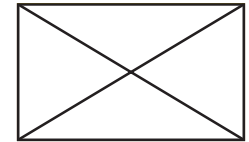
# Library Update

*Brewster Ladies' Library Association*

*September 2006*

## **Brewster Ladies' Library Establishes the *Kristi Aresvik Putnam Hay Fund***

The family of Kristi Hay has been working with Suzanne Teuteberg, Library Director, and Claire Gradone, Youth Services Librarian, to establish a fund in Kristi Hay's name to honor the many accomplishments and contributions that Kristi made to the Brewster public and school libraries. The family has kicked off the fundraising effort by donating over \$6,675 to the **Kristi Aresvik Putnam Hay Fund**.



*Kristi Hay*

Initially, \$1,000.00 from the Fund has been used to purchase outstanding children's books, and an annual children's event will be held in Kristi's name. The **First Annual Kristi Aresvik Putnam Hay Children's Program** was held on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> when renowned children's story teller Len Cabral performed for more than 100 people in the Library Auditorium. His story telling performance appealed to all ages, and utilized mime, poetry, song, humor and vivid characterizations. The Hay family attendees included her daughter, Susan Burroughs, and her daughter-in-law, Joanne Crerand, with her two children, Kristi's grandsons.

Kristi Hay was born in Washington, DC, in 1918. Her mother, Marta Aresvik, was Norwegian; her father, George Putnam, was U.S. Commissioner of Lighthouses. Kristi graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1940, where she majored in English. After college, she worked for the Washington Housing Authority. She met John Hay in Washington; they married in 1942 and moved to Cape Cod in 1945.

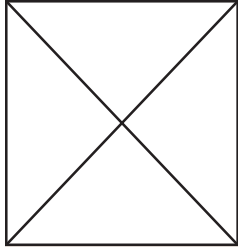
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### **Library Placed on *Cape Cod Magazine* Editor's Choice "HOT LIST"**

The August issue of *Cape Cod Magazine* recognized the Brewster Ladies' Library as one of forty-three places in Brewster and Orleans to visit to fully "enjoy your Cape Cod experience". The editors went on to say "Brewster Ladies' Library – Each week boasts interesting lectures, book discussion groups, talks, art shows. This place has more going on to stimulate your intellect than most metropolitan museums."

## *From the BLL Director*

### **Suzanne Teuteberg** **Technology in our Library**

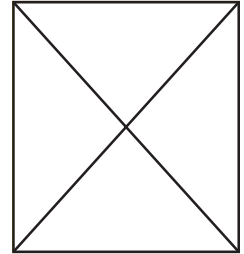


This summer was marked by two important technology milestones within the Library. The first was the addition of a significant number of downloadable audio books to our collection (see below). The second was the tremendous increase in the number of

wireless network users or people who arrived with their laptop computers to access the internet via the Library's wireless network. It is clear that the computer is increasingly the delivery mechanism for more and more content to the user. One patron told me she was able to fully participate in several summer classes thanks to having access to all the course content available on the internet through the wireless network. Others were able to keep up with their job responsibilities while on vacation and many others maintained daily communication with friends and family. These services are now routinely being offered by libraries and it can only be presumed that new technologies will continue to define what will constitute library services of the future...stay tuned!

## *From the BLLA Board President*

### **Chris Kenney** **Funding our Library**



September signals back to school and, regretfully for some of us, thoughts of leaving the Cape for another year. It's also an extremely busy time of year for the Library. We've just wrapped up our annual Book Sale - our single largest

fundraising event. Our gratitude to all the volunteers who worked so hard and a special word of thanks to Linda & Jim Mills whose year round leadership makes this such a vital part of the Library.

In addition, you've just received your annual renewal notice for the membership year beginning July 2006 and ending June 2007. Please return it as soon as possible. Each of our members is essential in helping to defray our annual operating expenses. After several years of static to declining growth, I'm pleased to report that the average donation increased slightly and membership overall increased by some 13% in the past year.

While heartening, obviously we must count on your ongoing support to enhance our collections, expand our programs and continue as an important community resource for all of Brewster.

### **Downloadable Audio Books**

On July 1, 2006, the Library began offering "eAudiobooks" through the CLAMS network. Patrons now have access to a growing list of approximately 1500 audio books provided by NetLibrary. The loan period is three weeks and each title can be renewed once. You can download up to ten titles during any three week loan period.

To take advantage of this free service you will need the barcode number from the back of your CLAMS card and the appropriate software (Windows Media Player version 9 and up) loaded on your computer. You may either listen to the audio book from your computer or you can transfer the file to a compatible MP3 player. (Lists of compatible players can be found at [www.recordedbooks.com](http://www.recordedbooks.com) or [www.playsforsure.com](http://www.playsforsure.com)). Apple devices such as "Ibods" are not currently compatible.

Registration is quick and easy. Either log on to the Library home page at [www.brewsterladieslibrary.org](http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org), click on Downloadable audio books and follow the directions, or start from the CLAMS catalog at [www.clamsnet.org](http://www.clamsnet.org). Once you have created a NetLibrary account, you can access audio books at any time through the library's homepage, CLAMS Catalog or via NetLibrary directly at [www.netlibrary.com/recordedbooks](http://www.netlibrary.com/recordedbooks). For more information, stop by the Library or go to [www.netlibrary.com/RecordedBooks/Help/](http://www.netlibrary.com/RecordedBooks/Help/).

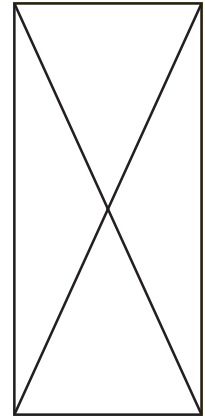
***Kristi Hay*** (continued from page 1)

Kristi was a columnist for the *Oracle* - the predecessor to the *Cape Codder*. She served as a volunteer at the Brewster Ladies' Library during the 1950's and 1960's and was involved with many aspects of the Children's Room including children's book selection. She also served on the Library's Board of Directors. During the 1970's and into the 1980's, Kristi was the elementary school librarian in Brewster – first at the old school on Rt. 6A (now the Town Hall) - and then at the Stony Brook School. She was instrumental in helping to design the library as a central and essential space in the school, in planning the new school library for children kindergarten through the fifth grade, and in ordering all the library materials. After her retirement as librarian from Stony Brook in 1981, she worked in the Brewster Bookstore for a number of years.

*Story Teller Len Cabral*

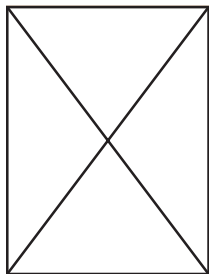
During her 60 years in Brewster, Kristi was an active, independent person who loved to walk the beaches and harvest bayberries, beach plums, crabs and quahogs. She is an accomplished greenhouse gardener and knitter and has enjoyed pottery and taxidermy. She has always been a strong and enthusiastic advocate for children's books.

Kristi now lives with her husband in a house by the sea in Bremen, Maine, where she continues to read children's literature.



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## **Nauset High School Senior Nominates Brewster Ladies' Library to Receive \$200.00 Donation**



Kim Probolus, a Nauset Regional High School senior, was selected as the Keyspan Most Valuable Player award winner from the Town of Brewster. This program identifies high school students who serve as role models within the community in which they live and work. Each selected student is asked to designate a local, non-profit organization to receive a donation in their name. Kim selected the Brewster Ladies' Library to receive a gift of \$200.00 from this Keyspan program. Kim was selected for this award due to her high academic ranking; her work as a mentor with the youth in Brewster; and her extensive volunteer work at the field hockey recreational program, the Nauset Ambassador program, Nauset Cares Day, and Our Lady of the Cape Hope Day.

Kim has had a long and wonderful association with the Brewster Ladies' Library. She first came here as a toddler who routinely attended the Library's Story Hour. As she grew older, she attended craft programs and other children's programs. Kim is an avid reader who participated in the Summer Reading Program through middle school. Also, for the last several years Kim has been volunteering in the Children's Room, assisting with craft programs, the summer Story Hour, and she has even served as a waitress at the annual Dr. Seuss breakfast!

Thank you Kim and congratulations on a well-deserved award.

## Musical Performances

The **Brewster Ladies' Library Sunday Concert Series** begins its 8th season this fall. Thanks go to the Music Committee members who select a variety of music performed by local musicians: Sarah Kemp – Chairperson, Bruce Abbott, Linda Delorey, Anne Paus and Claire Gradone – Library representative.

### Fall Sunday Concerts

September 10<sup>th</sup>: **Oyez** presents English pastoral music through lute and madrigal performances.

October 8<sup>th</sup>: **The Judy Wallace Group** includes fiddlers and guitar players who perform both traditional bluegrass and original musical compositions.

November 12<sup>th</sup>: **The Noteables** perform contemporary vocal pieces.

*All performances will take place in the Library Auditorium at 2pm: admission is free.*



## Book Discussion Groups

Please consider coming to our book discussions. All you need to do is read the featured book and be willing to share your thoughts with others! The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Upcoming titles are:

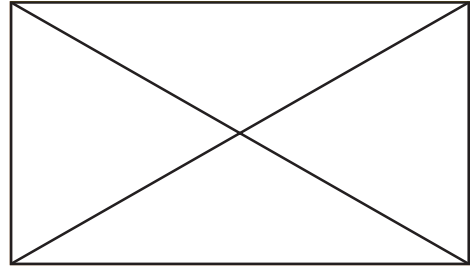
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| September 12 <sup>th</sup> | <i>The Widow's War</i><br>by Sally Gunning                        |
| October 10 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Intuition</i><br>by Allegra Goodman                            |
| November 14 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>Blindness</i><br>by Jose Saramago                              |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>A Long Way Down</i><br>by Nick Hornby                          |
| January 9 <sup>th</sup>    | <i>Balzac &amp; the Little Chinese Seamstress</i><br>by Dai Sijie |

## A Tribute to Bob Amerson

Anyone who had the good fortune to know Bob Amerson was greatly saddened by the news of his passing on February 24, 2006. As former Library Director Sue Carr stated, "We've lost a wonderful man and a loyal Library supporter. We will miss him terribly." Indeed, Bob was an avid supporter of the Library as evidenced by the numerous occasions he offered his time and his expertise for library programs. In 1995, he encouraged his friend Richard Eder, a reviewer from *The New York Times*, to donate review copy books to the Brewster Ladies' Library. Several times a year Bob, his wife Nancy, and Dick Lockyer drove to Boston, picked up the books and delivered them to the library. In 2000, he organized Mr. Eder's well attended talk about reviewing books. In 1998, he agreed to chair the new Music Committee which led to the very popular "Second Sunday Concert Series." Bob and Nancy attended almost every musical event held in the Library for the last several years. They also gave a talk at the Library about their experience in the Foreign Service, and after the events of 9/11/01 Bob served on a panel discussion about Afghanistan. Both talks were most educational and thoughtful. He was a great source of information about diplomatic questions and people. Bob was also a writer and gave a talk at a BLLA 1996 Annual Meeting about his book *From the Hidewood*, a beautifully written memoir of farm and community life in eastern South Dakota 1934-1942. He was a charter member of Sally Gunning's Writer's Workshop at the Brewster Ladies' Library. Sally describes his "beautifully crafted essays" on farm life in South Dakota as "delightful, insightful, honest, thought- and discussion- provoking." He also contributed "perspective, experience, humor, and professionalism." His criticism was incisive, but as one group member said, "Bob was always a gentleman."

## **Barbara O'Neill Receives the Augusta Mayo Award For Her Outstanding Contributions to the Library**

Barbara O'Neill began volunteering at the Brewster Ladies' Library when she moved and retired to Brewster from North Carolina. Calling on her experience as a docent and an archivist at the Beaufort, North Carolina Historical Society she volunteered to help in the reference area assisting with the Cape Cod files and the Library's collection of historic books. Barbara served for three years as the Library representative on the Brewster Bicentennial Committee. She also worked with Ellen St. Sure, noted Brewster historian, on the Ballou Project which culminated in the 2003 Library exhibition of "A Rare Collection of Cape Cod Portraits Circa 1841-61" by Giddings H. Ballou.



*Barbara O'Neill (c) with Board Member Arleen Ellis (l) and Board President Chris Kenney (r).*

Barbara has been a member of the Library's Board of Directors since 2003 and has served as Board Secretary. She worked on the "Christmas in August" committee contributing many hand crafted items. Last holiday season she created needlework decorations for both the *Heartfelt Tree* and the *Needle Crafters Tree*. Barbara has also worked tirelessly on the Library Yard Sale fundraising events. Barbara can be seen hosting the Second Sunday Concerts and always provides delicious baked goods for any Library occasion. Recently, she created two beautiful "bug themed" quilts to decorate the Children's Room to complement the "What's Buzzin' at Your Library?" summer reading theme. She continues to serve as the Mailing Committee chairperson.

Barbara is a creative and talented individual who is always willing to take on any task or project which will benefit the Library. She is a joy to work with and we could not find a more worthy individual to receive the prestigious Augusta Mayo Award.

**Thank you Barbara and congratulations!**

### **Mobile Health Van Visits**

The Visiting Nurses Association of Cape Cod mobile health van is scheduled to come to the Brewster Ladies' Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month ( September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 28<sup>th</sup>) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services are specialized in meeting the needs of the underserved and include: initial assessment and referrals to local doctors, community clinics and other affordable community resources, including mental health/substance abuse and domestic violence services, screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose, health education and prevention services for illnesses such as diabetes, cancer, and heart disease, assistance with enrollment in low cost or no cost health insurance coverage.

#### **Library Exterior to be Painted**

You may have noticed some peeling paint on the Library's exterior clapboards. It will be nine years ago on September 27<sup>th</sup> that the "new addition" was dedicated in 1997. Scraping and painting will begin at the end of August and will extend into September. The historic colors will remain the same and there should be little or no disruption to Library services.

## Library Fundraising Events

The Library Association will contribute more than 27 % of the Library's operating budget this fiscal year. Fundraising events are projected to fund nearly one third of this essential contribution.

The **Marathon Bridge** group plays once a month September through May with a June Finale event. Year-rounders and snowbirds equally welcome. Interested players can sign up at the Library Information Desk. A donation of \$20.00 per person benefits the Library.

The **Bake Sale** was held August 7<sup>th</sup> on the first day of the Annual Book Sale. All baked goods were donated by many talented volunteer bakers and all cookies, brownies, cakes, and other baked goods were sold by noon. More than \$500.00 was raised in just three hours.

The **Giant Indoor Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donations of: furniture, household goods, bric-a-brac, gardening items, sports equipment, toys, linens, etc. are needed! Begin the fall season by clearing out all of your unused "stuff" ... go through your attic, your basement, your garage ... if you haven't used it in two years ... you don't need it! Please donate items which are in good condition. [Sorry, we can not accept: computers, monitors, printers, clothes, mattresses, or any broken or worn-out items] All donated items can be left on the basement level of the Library from Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

*For more information, please call Janet Bantly 508-896-9753*

The **Annual Book Sale** running from the first Monday of August through to September 2<sup>nd</sup> included an estimated, record breaking number of 44,000 books! As a result of the heroic efforts of Linda and Jim Mills and 75 or so other volunteers - expertly coordinated by Daryl Bladen - the fundraising goal for the Annual Book Sale appears to have exceeded all previous years and all expectations!

Stop by the Book Sale Room in the Library basement, to shop throughout the year for slightly used books, videos, and CD's.

*Thank you to all who support the Library through these various fundraising events!*

## Original Karen North Wells Painting Raises Money for the Library Endowment Fund

An original, framed, watercolor painting entitled *Solitude on Paine's Creek* was donated by the award-winning, local artist Karen North Wells for a summer raffle event. Library patrons and supporters - gently encouraged by the many volunteers who staffed the raffle desk - have purchased nearly \$3,500.00 in raffle tickets to directly benefit the Library's Endowment Fund.

The name of the person who will win the painting will be drawn on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. during the Library's Second Sunday Concert.

Thank you to Karen North Wells, Jeanne Dubé, all the volunteers, and everyone who bought tickets for this most successful fundraiser!

## Children's Services

### Programs and Events

**Story Hour** for ages 2-5 every **Wednesday** at 10:00 a.m. beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

**Toddler Time** for ages birth -3 every **Friday** at 10:00 a.m. beginning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stories, free play, and snacks.

**Saturday, September, 30<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 a.m.  
*Four Eyes*: An introduction to musical instruments and rhythm and movement for little ones

**Saturday, October, 14<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 a.m.  
*Not So Scary Stories* - Vicki Summers Christopher

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 p.m.  
*Halloween Craft program* ages 5 and up, Pre-registration requested

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** 10:00 a.m.  
*Annual Halloween Parade*. Meet at the Library for stories and then parade to the Brewster Store for songs and treats

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 p.m. (at Cape Cod Community College)  
*Toe Jam Puppet Band* Pick up **FREE** tickets in the Children's Room for this Annual Family at Literacy Event sponsored by the Children's Librarians of Cape Cod

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** 4:00 pm  
*Thanksgiving Craft program* ages 5 and up, Pre-registration requested

### *What's Buzzin' at Your Library?* **Summer Reading Program**

Six elementary schools in the Nauset district (Brewster, Eastham, Orleans, and Wellfleet) partnered with their respective local public libraries in a reading program designed to motivate and to encourage children to read at least five books during their summer vacation.

Claire Gradone, Youth Services Librarian, coordinated with the principals and the school librarian at the Stony Brook and Eddy Schools. The program involved: developing age appropriate reading lists around the theme of bugs, purchasing these books, awarding prizes to children who read five, ten, or more books, and sponsoring many "bug related" programs and activities - all of which were filled to capacity.

Also, when children return to school their completed book logs will be submitted and they will again be recognized for their summer reading accomplishments. Throughout the summer some three hundred children participated in this highly successful program.

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### **VOLUNTEER CORNER: Thank You Volunteers!**

This past summer the Library Volunteers helped with several special projects in addition to their ongoing work at this *already* busy time of year. Volunteers worked at the Book Sale throughout August, baked for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale, and sold raffle tickets during July and August for the Karen North Wells painting raffle – all important fundraisers for the Library. Once again, we thank you, one and all.

**Please save the date** for the **Volunteer Appreciation Party** which will be held Thursday afternoon, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Invitations will be sent to all volunteers in October.

*Daryl Bladen, Volunteer Coordinator*

## Dates to Remember

September 10	2:00 pm	<b>Second Sunday Concert:</b> OYEZ - Renaissance Music
September 12	6:30 pm	<b>Health Education Series:</b> “Feeling Good – Looking Good, Inside & Out”
September 26	6:30 pm	<b>Health Education Series:</b> “How to Remember not to Forget”
October 7	8:00 am-2:00 pm	<b>Library Yard Sale!</b>
October 8	2:00 pm	<b>Second Sunday Concert:</b> The Judy Wallace Group
October 10	7:00 pm	<b>HERvoices – From Sindh:</b> A slide show presentation featuring nine Sindh women and girls who share their ideas about education, motherhood and being a woman in the Sindhi community of Pakistan, global relations, and war.
October 17	7:00 pm	<b>The Candidates Debate:</b> Local candidates for MA State House of Representatives and the State Senate
October 21	10:30 am	<b>Mid-Morning Musicales:</b> Gordon Brooks and Susan Godoy
October 24	7:00 pm	<b>“Brewster Cemeteries”:</b> Joan Carstanjen, a member of the Cemetery Commission, will present a brief history of the town’s cemeteries and the how these cemeteries are being preserved.
October 31	10:00am	<b>Annual Halloween Parade</b>
November 12	2:00 pm	<b>Second Sunday Concert:</b> The Noteables
November 14	9:00 am	<b>Pottery Sale Begins</b> runs through November 25 <sup>th</sup>
November 1 - December 1		<b>Holiday Tree Auction:</b> Trees will be on display at the Library

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