



Revived Geranium Festival a Big Success for Library

By Catherine O'Callaghan

I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.

Jorge Luis Borges

Beautiful blue skies and gentle breezes blessed the annual Geranium Festival and Book Sale sponsored by Lydia's Friends. The Festival was held on Saturday, June 19 at the West Dummerston Community Center to support Dummerston's own Lydia Taft Pratt Library and the many services it provides the community. Lydia's Friends would like to extend their sincere thanks to the many people who made our Geranium Festival and Book Sale such a resounding success.

Geraniums for the sale were donated by Walker Farm. Books were donated through the generosity of people from around Windham County. A wide variety of titles for young and old were available. The Festival also had refreshments for sale, with cheese donated by Grafton Village Cheese Company and water from Pepsi of Brattleboro. In addition there was music provided by Dummerstonian's Carol and Paul Adkins, and crafts and games for children.

A silent auction for a variety of items and services was a big success. We are most grateful to the community businesses for their donations to the auction. We received gift certificates to the Marina Restaurant, The Tavern Restaurant, Everyone's Books, Paws and Claws (for a shampoo, cut, and groom for a cat or dog), and Hannaford Grocers. Other donations for the auction were a wide selection of jams from Sidehill Farms, maple syrup from Dwight Miller Orchards, a garden set from the Vermont Country Store, a baby quilt by Faith Evans of Dream Quilts, a tote bag and one half peck of heirloom apples from Scott farm, and a piano tuning by John Dwyer.

We also want to thank everyone who came out in support of the Festival, and a special

thanks to the West Dummerston Community Center.

Thank you to "Lydia's Friends" who revived this tradition: Lori Frechette, Carol Haney, Pam McFadden, Bill Menezes, Jean Mooney, Catherine O'Callaghan, John Pinkney, Melissa Worden, Winnie Vogt, and Lou and Tom Zopf. Also, thanks to young people and spouses who pitched in on June 19th!

If you are interested in joining "Lydia's Friends" as we continue to plan ways to support and raise funds for our library, please call Catherine O'Callaghan at 802-257-4673 or email her at cocallag@marlboro.edu.

Recent Acquisitions:

Adult Fiction—*The Innocent*—David Balducci, *Caleb's Crossing*—Geraldine Brooks, *Room*—Emma Donoghue, *Defending Jacob*—William Landay, *Cedar Cove Series*—Debbie Macomber, *11th Hour*—James Patterson, *The Witness*—Nora Roberts, *Portrait of a Spy*—Daniel Silva, *Maisie Dobbs Series*—Jacqueline Winspear

Adult Nonfiction: *Catherine the Great*—Robert K. Massie, *Lost in Shangri-la*—Mitchell Zuckof; **Audios**: *House of Velvet and Glass*—Katherine Howe, *Mr. Churchill's Secretary*—Susan Macneal, *The Vintage Affair*—Isabel Wolf; **Young Adult Books**: *The Maze Runner Trilogy*—James Dashner, *Revolution*—Jennifer Donnelly, *Ostrich Boys*—Keith Gray; **Juvenile Books**: *The Secret Series*—Pseudonymous Bosch, *Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale*—Carmen Deedy, *Titanic Sinks*—Berry Deneberg, *Waiting for Magic*—Patricia MacLachlan, *When Life Gives You O.J.*—Erica Perl, *A Dog's Way Home*—Bobbie Pyron, *Drawing from Memory*—Allen Say, *Warp Speed*—Lisa Yee, and *Water Balloon*—Audrey Vernick.

Library Hours: Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Story/Craft Hour 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; *Trustees*: David Patriquin, Winnie Vogt, Sherwood Smith, Janet Avery, and Lori Miller; *Librarian*: Melissa Worden; *Phone Number*: 258-9878.

Resource Recapture Means "Trash" No More

By Michelle Cherrier

WSWMD representative supervisor for Dummerston

The State of Vermont is changing the manner in which we dispose of our solid waste, otherwise and formerly known as trash.

A new bill (H.485) has been created, after months of debate in the state senate and house that will change the habit of our disposal behaviors in a phased-in timeline, over the next ten years.

The bill (an act relating to establishing universal recycling of solid waste) is available to read on-line at www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/Acts/ACT148.pdf, or if you use an internet search program, type in "VT ACT 148" and it should turn up this address.

The two articles mentioned below give a very brief overview of the bill (after and before) passage, including quotes from legislators. More educational information will be published or distributed by our waste district (Windham Solid Waste Management District, aka WSWMD). The board of supervisors for the nineteen towns in the district has already taken steps to be prepared, long before the deadlines required by the state. Our district is already set up to handle the majority of recyclables. Additionally, the creation of a composting facility is being debated, to be located at the district property on Old Ferry Road in Brattleboro, to process/compost the

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