



A Cup of Conversation with Allie Stickney

April 17, 2008

From Kit Wilson and Family

“Thank you all, residents and staff, for cards, prayers, and words of encouragement. The outpouring of affection from so many friends was, and still is, a wonderful gift. What a caring community Wake Robin is!”

From Nancy Chiquoine

Open House Tomorrow

We will be hosting an Open House tomorrow. I greatly appreciate that so many of you have volunteered to help with this event. Hopefully you will see a number of visitors around the community.

From Mary Ann Horenstein

Movies

“**Enchanted**” Princess Giselle's (Amy Adams) perfect life in the wonderful cartoon kingdom of Andalasia comes to an abrupt end when the evil Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon) exiles her to the cruel, real world of New York City, where the naive girl will have to quickly learn some street smarts. Fortunately, a Prince Charming in the unlikely form of a divorce lawyer (Patrick Dempsey) offers to lend the bewildered Giselle a hand.

“**Manon of the Spring**” This sequel to 1986’s Jean de Florette stars Emmanuelle Beart as Manon (the daughter of Jean de Florette’s protagonist.) Manon has grown up to be come a beautiful woman, a shy and resourceful shepherdess who lives in relative seclusion from the townspeople of her Provencal village, haunted by the tragic death of her father (played by Gerard Depardieu in part one.) An outsider like her father, Manon stays high up in the rugged hills, preferring the company of her sheep to her nearby neighbors Cesar (Yves Montand) and Ugolin (Daniel Auteuil.) One fateful day, Manon discovers the real reason why her father’s spring ran dry and comes up with a powerful revenge to exact on the men responsible for her father’s downfall. Manon’s action changes her forever and uncovers long-hidden family secrets that powerfully affect the local villagers. This is a richly filmed tale of a small triumph over tragedy.

From the Social Committee

Onion River Jazz Band

Please join us on Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room for an evening of the infectious clamor of traditional New Orleans jazz by the Onion River Jazz Band. Our own Tom Stanziola will be featured on clarinet. There will be wine, beer, punch and light refreshments. Dance if you want or just listen to all that jazz.

From Dick Walters**An Unveiling Party for the Boat**

Many people have asked about the boat since it left the Wood Shop. Please join us in the Meeting Room on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. for an unveiling and christening party. I extend a big thank you to everyone who has helped me construct it.

Where Are They? Everyone is at home!

Staffing Changes

While staffing changes are not regularly mentioned in Cup, recently two well-known staff have left Wake Robin: Travis Bonnett and Susan DuCharme. I thank both of them for their years of service to the Wake Robin community.

Strategic Plan Presentation and Discussion

Thank you to all for the feedback on the draft Strategic Plan presented this morning at Cup. The work on this project is on-going. The plan is expected to be complete by late June. Your participation is important.

From Peter Hausermann**Grounds Greens Day**

On Friday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. representatives from the two vendors (Treeworks and Natural Lawn Care) will tell us how they are being green at Wake Robin. Join us in the Meeting Room and learn how Wake Robin is benefiting from their products and projects.

From Pat Haufler**Some Committee Changes**

There are several committee changes that I am here to share with you:

Marty Tobey and Shirley Brevda are stepping down as Librarian and Assistant Librarian. Taking over their places are Sherry Worrall as Librarian and Nancy Updegraff as Assistant.

Marty has also been serving as Ping Pong chair since that activity was revitalized a little over six years ago. Carrying on in her stead will be Dee Partridge.

The Program Committee is also in the process of some changes. This very contributory committee was for years chaired by Alice Bassett who is continuing to serve in several other arenas. The committee has now been divided into two activity sections: Internal Programs and External Programs. Ray Harwick and Joan Jagielski have agreed to head the Internal Programs as Chair and Vice Chair.

Many thanks and much appreciation to all these residents who help to make Wake Robin a resident-driven community.

From Fred Hiltz and Mike O'Brien Hearing Assistive Devices

The devices for the Meeting Room are now working again. Please give the little “transistor” radio devices a try. Some have ear pieces and others have headphones – which will fit over your hearing aids. All have a simple on/off volume control knob to adjust the sound. They will work for both presentations and movies.

From Ann Smallwood The Meeting Room Lobby

The Decorating Committee would like to announce that the 2007-2008 renovation of the Meeting Room Lobby has been completed. In the interest of better utilization of the space, the idea has been to create an area for reading, games and small meetings by using existing furniture. The addition of three large posters of the work of Emily Mason have been added to brighten the area. Although their abstract nature is a change for most of us, the Committee urges you to think color! Emily is the wife of Wolf Kahn (The Stokes Gentry Lectureship speaker in August, 2003.) There is a brochure in the Meeting Room lobby including information about Emily’s mother and Wolf and Emily’s daughter Cecily Kahn, who is following in the family tradition.

From Fred Hiltz Scrap Electronics

Tomorrow, Friday, April 18, is the last day to get rid of your scrap electronics: TV, radio, computer, printer, fax, telephone, etc. Take it to the loading dock or call Fred Hiltz for pickup at your home. On Saturday we will take our scrap to Small Dog in South Burlington for renovation or recycling.

From Jean Connor National Poetry Month

A reminder Emily Dickinson had it right.

“There is no frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away,
Nor any Courses like a Page
Of prancing Poetry”

Plan to attend Wake Robin’s 5th annual celebration of National Poetry Month, a reading by residents “to take us Lands away,” followed by tea on Friday, April 25, at 3:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Find a favorite poem to share at dinner with friends on Saturday, April 26 during “Poem in Your Pocket Day.” Need help? See the poetry exhibit in the entrance way near the Library. Have fun sharing poetry.

Next Week:

- Board Member Kerin Stackpole will join us.
- Bill Osgood and company will present the new Trail Map.

Some New Books In The Wake Robin Library

Book Notes by Ellen Reid and Sherry Worrall

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|------------------------|--|---|------|
| Fiction | Early, Tony | <u>The Blue Star</u> | 2008 |
| | Jim Glass, the heart of Early's previous novel <i>Jim The Boy</i> , is growing up on the eve of WWII. Early takes a thoughtful look at America at that time, of coming of age and of loss and discovery. | | |
| Fiction | Picoult, Jodi | <u>Change of Heart</u> | 2008 |
| | Another spellbinder for Picoult fans. Love, loss, revenge, and religion are woven into yet another tale. | | |
| Fiction | Black, Benjamin | <u>The Silver Swan</u> | 2008 |
| | Black (aka John Banville, acclaimed Irish author) returns to the irascible Quirke in his second crime novel. His literary talents shine in this story. | | |
| Fiction | Collins, James | <u>Beginner's Greek</u> | 2008 |
| | This is a lemon chiffon pie type of novel and, if you still believe in happy endings, this should be a book for you. | | |
| Non Fiction
700.1 | Lehrer, Jonah | <u>Proust Was a Neuroscientist</u> | 2007 |
| | A slender book focuses on eight artists and explains in digestible prose how each of them had a central insight that anticipated modern neuroscience. Good reviews. | | |
| Fiction | Faulks, Sebastian | <u>Engleby</u> | 2007 |
| | A bestselling British author creates a stony-hearted lover, a confessional liar, all into one character - Mike Engelby. | | |
| Non-Fiction
915.604 | Feiler, Bruce | <u>Walking the Bible</u> | 2001 |
| | Subtitled: <i>A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses</i> . This gift book was recommended for people interested in the Bible and the Middle East. | | |