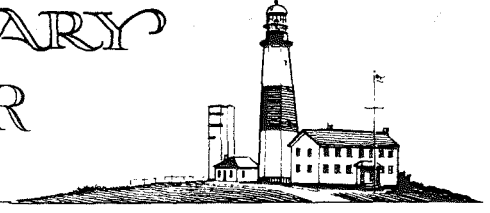


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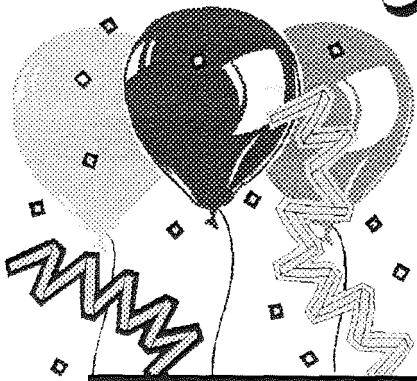


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THE MONTAUK LIBRARY'S 15TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrate...

*Friends of the Montauk Library
invites you to attend
A Birthday Reception
at the Library
on Sunday,
November 19, 1995 from 2-5 pm
Birthday cake and cider will be
served*



Celebrate.....

*the 15th Anniversary of the Montauk Library
at a Supper Club Evening*

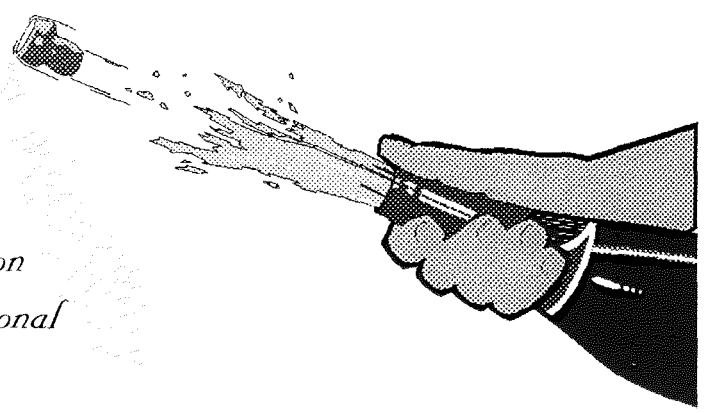
in the Great Hall of the Montauk Manor

*Fireside Jazz featuring
Norman Simmons, Julie Sheldon
and Friends*

December 9, 1995 7 pm

Cocktails and Dinner - \$100 per person

limited tickets black tie optional



William H. DePouli, Trustee, Retires

The first trustee of the the Montauk Library, Bill DePouli, has announced his retirement from the Board of Trustees. See page 4 in the newsletter for an article about Mr. DePouli.

The unexpired term of Mr. DePouli will be filled by Marshal Leber. Mr. Leber and his wife, Patty, have had a house on Soundview Drive for 10 years. Mr. Leber recently retired to Montauk from New Jersey where he was a Vice-President, Senior Financial Consultant of Merrill Lynch. He also serves as a trustee for a university scholarship fund. The Lebers have two children: Brett, 12 and Chelsea, 6, who attend the Montauk School.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The contract for the installation of the elevator in the library has been awarded to Lipsky Enterprises Inc. of Bayport. Installation will begin this winter, and be finished by Spring.

Drawings for Phase I of the Lower Level have been submitted to the State Education Department Bureau of Facilities Planning in Albany for approval. The fundraising campaign has been so successful that we can begin work on the restrooms, the archival room and the expanded Friends rooms as soon as our documents are approved, and in fact must begin in order to retain the grant for \$48,000 which was awarded us for construction.

We are also in the process of preparing a grant application for Phase II which will finish the meeting room and lobby. We hope that Congress does not cut funding for education, which includes libraries.

BACK AT THE RANCH CONCERT

GREAT NEWS JUST IN.... The Building Fund has been awarded \$20,000 from this year's Concert. This makes the total contribution from the concerts in 1993 and 1995 total \$48,000!

Many thanks to Paul Simon and Rusty Leaver for considering the Library worthy again this year.

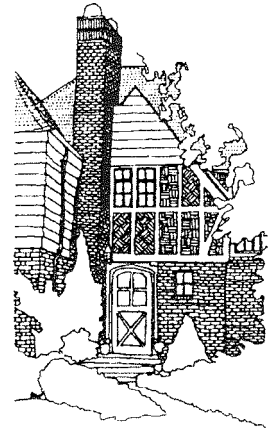


CARL FISHER ERA FESTIVITES WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

September 16 was a very successful House Tour and a wonderful Gala Bash at Montauk House. Thank you to chairs, Elaine Peterson Kahn and Bernadette Costanzo, volunteers and homeowners who so generously gave of their time. Special thanks to Bob and Ellen Akin for hosting the party at their beautiful home. We also thank the Yacht Club for hosting the Classic Boat Show, an event we'd like to see expanded next year.

September 23 was a great day to celebrate Carl Fisher's Montauk Manor, and 200 people turned out. We thank Janice Nessel, the board and staff of the Manor and the Laurentide at the Manor for hosting a wonderful day. Many people watched the video which was prepared by Jo Verne on memories of the Montauk of the 20's. This video will be on display at the Library during the birthday party on November 19, for those who missed it. Thanks also to Dick Verne for chairing the Car Show, and the car owners for participating!

A booklet written for the occasion is on sale at the library for \$5.00. Thank you to Richard Sheckman, architect, for the elegant drawings he did of our Montauk buildings.



SECOND HOUSE MUSEUM GIFT

The Board of Directors of Second House Museum has very generously donated \$2000 to the Library Building Fund. The gift will be used toward the construction of the archival room for storage of historical documents. We are delighted to work together with the Historical Society to preserve Montauk's History.

Thanks -

Terrence McNally came to Montauk on Saturday, July 22 to read from his work, at the Montauk Firehouse. This was the fifth in the Playwright Series, which is chaired by the multi-talented Joanna Steichen.

Mr. McNally, whose play *Master Class*, starring Zoe Caldwell as Maria Callas, is currently on Broadway, entranced a full house.

Many thanks to the Montauk Board of Fire Commissioners for the use of the staff and meeting room.

Pictured left to right: Suzanne Gosman, Joanna Steichen, Terrence McNally, Elaine Steinbeck, and Joe Pintauro.

Friends of the



Montauk Library

NEWS from the Friends...

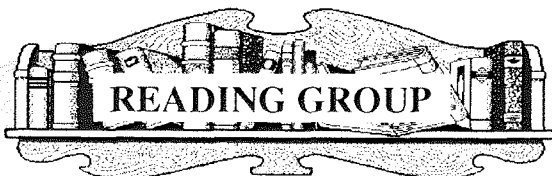
A CULTURAL SEASON

The Friends focused on the arts this summer and fall with a series of free lectures and events.

In August Barbara Ferrante was invited to present a lecture and slide show on artist **William Merritt Chase at his Shinnecock studio.**

In October, a large audience enjoyed a film presentation titled "**Paul Bowles: the Complete Outsider.**" Regina Weinreich, producer and director of the award-winning documentary, was on hand to introduce the film and answer questions after the viewing.

The Serenity Garden behind the library was the backdrop for another special treat in October. Members of **Montauk Theatre Productions** offered a **Shakespearean Program**, which included readings and acted scenes from his plays, as well as vignettes about the Bard's works.



The Reading Group meets monthly on Sundays at noon to discuss books selected at the previous meeting. Participants bring a brown bag lunch to the informal and unstructured discussions, which are open to all who enjoy reading and talking about books. Copies of the books to be discussed are available at the Circulation Desk of the Library.

The next meeting will be November 12 at noon. The book to be discussed is The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields, winner of the 1995 Pulitzer Prize.

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Once again the Friends will offer a chance to shop early for Christmas. A wide selection of new books, recently donated by a Manhattan book store, will be on sale at the Library.

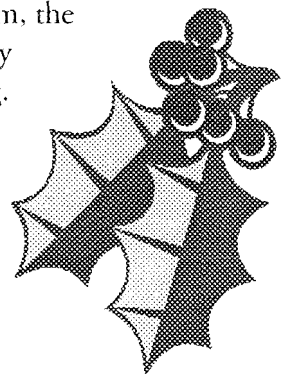
There will be coffee table display books, and an assortment of new high quality paper-backs, including fiction and non-fiction. All will be reasonably priced for gift giving.

The sale will be on Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2-5 pm.

On Sunday, November 26, from 2-4 pm, Barbara Metzger will sign copies of her new book, Father Christmas.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIE PARTY

On December 4, at 7:30 pm, the Friends will host the annual holiday cookie party at the general meeting. Traditional holiday stories will be read by Joanna Steichen, Robert Molnar, and Frank Borth. Everyone is invited. Please bring a small wrapped gift and a dozen of your favorite Holiday cookies.



A REMINISCENCE AND A TRIBUTE

No dreams deferred for William H. DePouli, a founding father of the Library

For William H. DePouli, who is retiring this year from the Board of Trustees, the 15th anniversary of the Montauk Library marks a milestone in his dream. In a recent interview he recounted his role in the founding of the library. Dreams for DePouli are challenges to be met and brought to fruition.

A large and imposing man, DePouli has deep religious beliefs which permeate much of what he says and does. He recognizes that he has "slowed down" in recent months, the result in large part of the severe arthritis which has affected both hips. About whether he will have the hips replaced, he said "I will pray long and hard on that one."



In discussing the evolution of the library, he stated that for years the hamlet had been served by a bookmobile dispatched from Bellport, headquarters for the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, and one of New York State's regional libraries. But as Montauk's population began soaring

in recent years, he said "people began to squawk that there wasn't enough of a selection. After all, the bookmobile could only carry about 2,000 books and today we have 20,000 books in this building."

And so he began exploring possibilities. He remembers talking with John Ecker who recommended that he speak with State Senator Kenneth LaValle, Chairman of the State Education Committee which oversees the State's library system. "He guided us to those in state government who could best help us." In these years of exploration and research, he says he made "umpteen trips to Albany," in search of the necessary approvals.

The approvals secured, the next basic question was where to locate the library. As an Elder of the Community Church, DePouli was able to mount a persuasive argument to rent the small building adjacent to its property to the library committee for a dollar a year.

He recalls the arduous work of rehabilitating the structure - knocking down walls, strengthening the columns in the basement so they would hold the enormous weight of the books and installing new wiring and electrical outlets. The job was finished in four months. With a loan from the Suffolk System and with the books from five bookmobiles which the system was decommissioning and the help of many cheerful volunteers, Montauk's first library opened on November 25, 1980.

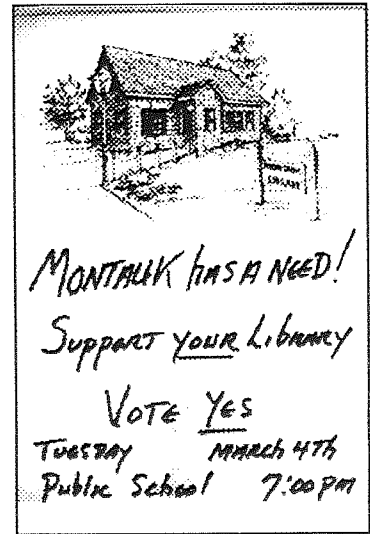
"It took off like a rocket," DePouli said with obvious pride.

Ever restless to build a new modern home for the library, DePouli and the Board of Trustees (Barbara Borth, John Keeshan, Audrey Grimes, Lynn Holmes, Richard Webb and Minnie Proctor), with the help of Frank Tuma, purchased land across the road. They would endure many difficulties and cope with the complicated approval process and financial constraints before actual construction began. The new Montauk Library was opened on November 24, 1991.

Shortly the library will be the scene of new construction activity. Funds are now being raised to incorporate additional amenities and features that were eliminated from the original design because of lack of funds.

"I give the Lord Jesus all the credit for what I've done," says DePouli. "The Library has been a way to reach out to the children of the community, but also to the child in each and every one of us. I've been blessed and I feel if I hadn't been, what we have here today wouldn't have come into existence."

Louis A. Collins



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FRIENDS



The Montauk Library formally opened its doors to the public in November 1980, but some six months earlier the Friends of the Montauk Library was providing a framework for a permanent and ongoing volunteer effort on its behalf.

The Friends' first official meeting was led by co-founders Stephanie Krusa and Suzanne Koch Gosman on May 22, 1980. They served as president and vice president respectively for two years; Ms. Koch Gosman served as president for three years; Jane Liebell and Donna Etzel served as co-presidents for two years; Eileen Bock was president for five years; and Robert Silverstone is currently serving his third year as president. During the first year the Friends' volunteers held bake sales to raise seed money to provide community activities related to the Library. They also held two successful book fairs to raise money for its operation. Before the Library was open the Friends held meetings, programs, and children's story hours wherever they could find space, which included the Montauk Community and St. Therese's Churches, and the Montauk School.

The Friends cooperates with the Library Trustees, but is a completely independent organization with a constitution and by-laws. It was formally incorporated on April 22, 1983 by the Board of Regents of the State University on behalf of the New York State Education Department. The primary purpose of the organization is to meet community, educational and cultural needs above and beyond the physical and budgetary limitations of the Library. Friends reaches out to the community with a variety of activities and services, inviting participation and involvement from children and adults.

In the fifteen years of its existence, the Friends has contributed approximately \$128,000 to the Library for equipment as well as for its development. Over the past three years the Friends has been instrumental in raising funds toward the \$300,000 goal of the Library's Building Fund.

Eileen Bock

BOOK FAIR

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's annual Book Fair a large success. The event enabled us to donate \$10,000 to the library's building fund from the over \$13,000 that was raised. A special thanks to members of Montauk Theatre Productions who livened up the day with dance and music performances.

QUILT RAFFLE

This year's quilt raffle netted \$2,071. Angela Lambriola and Dorothy Sinclair did a good job of organizing volunteers to sell raffle tickets all summer. The winning ticket was held by Bernard and Sheila Small of Montauk.

YARD SALE

A special yard sale was held at the Library October 28, thanks to a very generous donation of many interesting items by a local business and other donors. Although it rained on the event we raised nearly \$900.

CALENDAR

Nov.12 - Reading Group

Nov.19 - Library 15th Birthday Celebration. A continuous showing of the Carl Fisher Documentary and refreshments. 2-5 p.m. in Library.

Nov.19 - Children's Craft Workshop in the Community Church (Date Tentative)

Nov.25 and 26 - Book Sale in Library 10 am-5 p.m.

Dec.2 - Bus Trip to NYC to see "The Nutcracker Ballet" - SOLD OUT

Dec.4 - Friends General meeting. Holiday cookie party and traditional holiday stories read by Joanna Steichen, Robert Molnar, and Frank Borth. 7:30 pm in Library.

Jan. Annual Membership Pot Luck Supper - Date to be announced.

That's Italian Club meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Library.

Children's Story Hour every Tuesday at 10am in Library. For pre-schoolers age 3 and over.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Friends participated in the Fall Festival with a special story hour held on the Green. Angela Lambriola and Anne Glasser read and used puppets to interpret stories. We also held a book sale on the Green that featured a collection of nearly new and fancy paperback books, along with sweatshirts and tote bags. The sale raised \$1,000.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Which help your library.....

Book Bags, \$6.50

Mugs, \$4.00

Carl Fisher Era Booklets, \$5.00

Association House Booklets, \$4.00

T-Shirts, \$8.00

....ask at the front desk

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The activities and events described in this Newsletter are made possible by the Friends of the Library volunteers. The purpose of the Friends organization is twofold: to support the Library by sponsoring various programs and activities for the community; and to raise funds to pay for these activities and to provide financial assistance to the Library for special purposes.

You can join these dedicated workers who give time and energy to events ranging from selling quilt raffle tickets to serving as a House and Garden tour guide. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you wish. The important thing is to get involved. Fill out the tear-off membership form and drop it off at the Library or mail it to the address given. We hope that those of you who are already members (and there are about 300 of you) will consider working on some of the Friends' activities. If you want to participate, call 668-9577.

WE NEED ALL THE FRIENDS WE CAN GET DEPARTMENT

To become a member, complete the information below and mail to:

Friends Membership Chairman, P. O. Box 700, Montauk, New York 11954, or leave at the Library.

Annual Dues:

_____ Regular Member	\$7.00
_____ Senior Citizen	3.00
_____ Family	10.00
_____ Sponsor	25.00
_____ Friend for Life	100.00

New Member Renewal

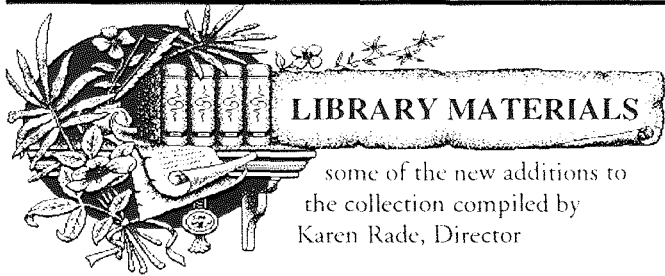
_____ Yes, I'd like to help. My special interests are _____

_____ No, I can't be active, but I'd like to be a supportive member.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Winter Address _____



some of the new additions to the collection compiled by Karen Rade, Director

NEW TITLES:

- The Hundred Secret Senses by Amy Tan
- Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark
- The Island of the Day Before by Umberto Eco
- The Greatest Adventure: Apollo 13 & Other Space Adventures Edward Gibson, ed.
- Pavarotti: My World by Luciano Pavarotti
- First Ladies by Margaret Truman
- Spontaneous Healing by Andrew Weil
- East Hampton: A Town and Its People, 1648-1992 by Nancy Hyden Woodward

As we are approaching the Holiday Season, look for our special displays of Handicrafts (745 -746) and Cookbooks (641.5-642) New cookbooks in the collection: Secrets of Fat-free Baking by Sandra Woodruff 99% Fat-free Cookbook by Barry Bluestein

When the bustle of the busy holiday season has you spinning, take advantage of the beauty of music filling the air, by browsing in our Compact Disc catalog and borrowing CD's to play at home. Our collection of classical music and Broadway show albums will "take you away" from your lists of things to do. Select from Beethoven, Mozart, Vivaldi; hear Pavarotti, Sutherland, Sills. Relax and enjoy!

Please note our changing displays in both the Juvenile and Adult areas.

¿Habla Vd. Español - quiere aprender Ingles?

To help with learning the English language, the library has audio language tapes which circulate for three weeks. These tapes include study guides and, in some, dictionaries.

Para ayudarle a aprender la lengua Ingles, la biblioteca tiene para prestar o usar:

- Fast and Easy Ingles**
- English for Spanish Speakers**
- El Ingles Practico**
- Practical English for Spanish Speakers**

2 Courses: Ingles Curso Basico

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Literacy Volunteers of America and the Library would like to offer an opportunity for our community members to become **Tutors of English as a Second Language**. The overwhelming need in Montauk to help our hispanic population better integrate into our community highlights this very worthwhile and needed undertaking. Inquire at the library for the tutor training workshops Spring calendar. Training is by a coordinator from the LVA satellite at the Riverhead Free Library. You do not need to be knowledgeable in a foreign language to become a Tutor! The workshops will be held on the East End, to accomodate potential Tutors from Montauk, East Hampton and Shelter Island. For more information call 286-1649.

THE BUILDING FUND

We need the help of all Montauk residents to fulfill the dream of a place for library programs to be held. By raising the money without a bond issue, we hope to save our taxpayers the long-term interest they would otherwise pay. When the Lower Level is completed, it will be of benefit to every age group in Montauk for a variety of activities such as readings, recitals, art shows, children's workshops, etc. Please consider making a generous, tax-deductible donation to your library at this time. Checks should be made payable to the Montauk Library Building Fund, P.O.Box 700, Montauk, N.Y. 11954.

THE SPECIAL FUND

The Building Fund and the Special Fund are different entities. The Building Fund is for donations toward finishing the building. The Special Fund is for special gifts, memorials and endowments - for example, scholarships, special book collections, etc. If you would like more information about the Special Fund talk to Joan Lycke, the trustee in charge of gifts and donations.

Gifts to the Montauk Library are tax deductible. Gifts willed to the Library in the form of a bequest are favorable in light of today's tax laws. Many corporations offer matching gift programs for their employees. Please check with your employer if you are thinking of making a donation.

All gifts to the Library are recognized either in the Donor Book or on the plaques at the entrance to the William DePouli Reading Room.

Donor categories for plaques are as follows:

\$10,000 and up	Benefactor
5,000 - 9,999	Patron
2,500 - 4,999	Sponsor
1,000 - 2,499	Donor
500 - 999	Contributor

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY?

General Circulation:

Non-Fiction and Fiction Collection
Adult and Juvenile - 21 day circulation
Shakespeare Collection
Paperback Exchange

Periodicals:

Local and National Newspapers
Magazines - 1 week circulation

Reference Collection:

Dictionaries, Atlases, Encyclopedia
Government Documents
Indexes
Directories
Long Island and Montauk History
Vertical Files of Information
East Hampton Star on Microfilm

Media Collection:

Audio language tapes - 3 week circulation
Audio Books on Tape - 1 week circulation
Videos - two tape limit - 2 night circulation
Classic Compact Discs - 1 week circulation

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Montauk Library is free to all residents of the Montauk Union Free School District. To obtain a library card proof of residency is required: a deed, tax bill, tax receipt, year round lease, driver's license or registration with a Montauk address, a voter's registration card or a student identification card. Non-residents can obtain library privileges for a \$15 annual fee plus a \$15 refundable deposit.

Technical Equipment-for Public Use

IBM PC XT Computer
Dell Computer (IBM Compatible)
Macintosh LC 520 CD
Typewriter - for use in library
Photocopy Machine -.10 per copy
Compact Disc Player-use in library
Compact Disc Player - for loan
Micro Film/Fiche Reader/Printer

Programs and Services:

Inter-Library Loan Service—Lists of all materials available from Suffolk County and New York State Library Systems
Story Hour—Offered by Friends of the Library for preschool children
Summer Reading Program for children through the sixth grade

HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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