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March 2018

Hark to Woodpeckers, First Sign of March



We welcomed March with a Nor'easter, rain and wind, downed branches, power down, waves up, chill chilled, flooded roads and beach parking lots. Then it was over.

Daffodils stems are peeking through the still-chilled soil, daylilies are trying to emerge. It makes us feel refulgent in the rain.

As we begin a new month, a new season, we at ALL begin our 2nd six-week courses and a continuance of our 12 week courses. We hope you are learning new things at each class. It's what new is about - learning things we did not know.

It's time to offer new courses for the fall semester. Go on our website, capecodall.org, and follow the link to submit a course proposal. Important: Click on the submit button only ONCE. It takes about five seconds to go through.

Please think about what you learned in your ALL courses this year. Send me one or two sentences about something you learned. Name the course and the coordinator. For example: I learned about the politics of Poland that I never knew from Arthur Pontes course "News Outside of the U.S."

Happy Springtime 2018 to all. Happy Learning to all.

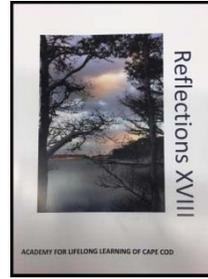
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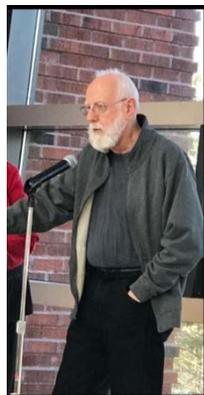
Reflections Launched in All its Elegance



The always elegant June Calendar hosted the launch of the newest edition of *Reflections*, ALL's yearly anthology of prose, poetry and photography on Feb. 14.

A cross-section of stories, essays and reflections, our anthology mirrors the cross-section of our members. People read snippets from their writings which brought smiles from the audience of some 60 people.

Thank you to June and her editorial committee for their efforts in putting together our always elegant anthology. Enjoy reading.



Spring Social...

What: Spring Social

Where: Cape Codder Hotel

When: April 26th 5 - 7 pm

Why: to celebrate another great
ALL year

How: with appetizers, beverages, and good friends



More information TBA in April newsletter.

Let's Go to the Hop



Friday, March 23, 7-9 pm

Barnstable Senior Center

\$10 per person.

Sign up and pay at the ALL desk

Enjoy favorite tunes of the '50s and '60s played by local DJ John Pacitto & light refreshments. Sock Hop dress: optional. Limited space.

A Note from the Board

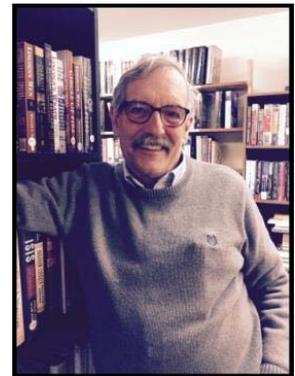
Lew Taylor has resigned from the ALL Board of Directors and the Chair position for the Curriculum Committee. He is looking forward to focusing his time on teaching his three classes and continuing to serve as a member of the Curriculum Committee, as well as managing his bookstore business. We appreciate Lew's many contributions to ALL and his continuing commitment to ALL and its members. Lew has asked that Miriam Kronish be approved by the Board as his replacement, which we plan to do at our next meeting, on Tuesday, March 20.

Jim Lathrop, President

Lew Taylor: *America's Forgotten Patriot*

Lew Taylor will speak this month on *America's Forgotten Patriot: Mercy Otis Warren and the Writings that Fanned the Flames of Revolution* on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall C. Lew has previously taught courses on Mercy Otis Warren here at ALL. Please join us for this presentation in March.

Diane Hoover, Chair, Special Events



ALL Traveler - Carolyn DeBrusk



ALL member Carolyn DeBrusk travels 52 miles from Scituate every Wednesday to attend her *Great Books Class*. After retiring, she researched programs available for seniors. UMASS Boston had some, but was too far, and when she Googled ALL, the course offerings were much more interesting. Being an avid quilter, she knew there was a quilt shop on the Cape, so that was further appealing.

Carolyn has taken a variety of courses. However, her favorite is *Great Books*, which she has taken for six years. Being an avid reader, she wanted a course that would broaden her knowledge, "something to supplement my nursing science background - something to get the rust off the brain and open new avenues of learning." She enjoys the readings, discussions, different points of view, and conversations in and out of class. Her classmates are diverse and interesting, and she has developed friendships that motivate her to return each semester.

Carolyn has been married to the love of her life, Skip, for 53 years. They met when she was a senior nursing student at Faulkner Hospital, and he was an X-ray technician. They have two married children and four grandchildren with whom they have had many fun times, including traveling here and abroad. Carolyn and Skip have traveled all over the world. Seeing the diversity of people, cultures and geography of the world is fascinating to Carolyn. When not traveling, Carolyn may be quilting, walking, singing in her church choir, an activity she has enjoyed since high school, or working on a project for her company, Cliffhangers. She has sold T-shirts with Skip's paintings on them and recently produced a book of her grandson's poetry. Carolyn describes her life as busy, enriching, exciting and full. It truly is.

Dianne Tattersall, Hospitality

Board Moves Ahead to Implement the Strategic Plan

The Long Range Planning Committee presented its three-year Strategic Plan to the Board at its January meeting. The strategic vision statement is to focus on building an organizational structure that offers a diversity of classes and social events that enables recruitment of new members from a diverse population while keeping current members engaged and intellectually stimulated.

The Board members responded by immediately considering how to implement the plan. There was agreement that it would take the recommended three years. The plan focuses on four areas: recruit a skilled Board with specific and needed knowledge, recruit, support, and retain coordinators and volunteers, and work to add and retain a diversity of members. These are not brand new topics of focus for the organization; rather they are ones that always need attention.

Committee chairs met and carried out a SWOT analysis - a technique for examining the strengths and weaknesses, as well as the opportunities and threats for their committee at this time on Cape Cod. This provides a starting point for each of the committees to move forward. Chairpersons considered how each of their roles impacts other committees.

Jim Lathrop, Board President, also attended the meeting to hear committee chairs' thoughts and to consider how those might impact the Board and its organizational structure.

Marilyn Nouri, Strategic Planning

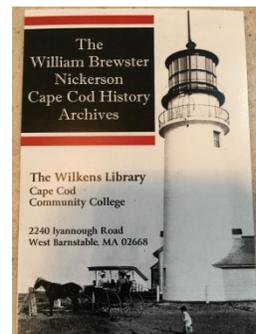
Open to ALL - William Brewster Nickerson Cape Cod History Archives

A treasure is located across the college campus on the lower level of the library. The William Brewster Nickerson Cape Cod History Archives holds a collection of more than 10,000 items from the 17th century to the present that "reflects the history and development of Cape Cod."*

There are periodicals, newspapers, books, photos, ship logs, maps, family papers, diaries, town reports, oral histories, and records of organizations such as the Cape Cod Association which was founded in 1851. You can spend an afternoon with the personal papers of a local cartoonist and travel editors or examine materials that document the evolution of tourism on the Cape. You can see examples of decorative and purposeful

scrimshaw created by whalers in the 19th century.

The Archives is visited by students, authors, historians and researchers and is open to the public. Archivist Rebekah Ambrose-Dalton describes "making materials accessible as a big part of our mission." She has worked with a 4Cs English professor and her students. They looked at past issues of the college newspapers from the 1960s to get a sense of student life at that time.



Greg Masterson, former 4Cs library director, is preparing and editing oral histories of long-time Cape Cod residents that were recorded during the 1970s. These histories have been recently digitized. Some will be uploaded to the Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>) so they can be accessed online. A former intern describes thinking one of the diaries she discovered as part of her internship as something that could be the basis of a wonderful historical novel. Anyone researching Cape family genealogy will find a wealth of helpful resources.

ALL members are encouraged to explore these materials either digitally <http://www.nickersonarchives.org/> or in person. The Archives is open daily from 1-5 pm or by appointment. Contact Rebekah Ambrose-Dalton at 774-330-4445 or rambrosealdalton@capecod.edu for more information.



*From Archives materials

Editor's note: In the April issue, we will hear from Anne Croak again about her success in archiving ALL materials so we have a history of our organization and its members throughout the years

Remembering Susie O'Brien

Teaching an opera class
Assisting at registration
Participating at a board meeting
Attending a class
Working at a committee session
Greeting members at a party
Passing out name tags
Serving refreshments
Rushing on the stairs
with a smile and a quick,
"meeting to go to"
Always that smile
and the earnest,
"how can I help?,"
You were always everywhere at ALL
a friend to so many
We find ourselves looking for you,
still ...
We miss you, Susie

Mary D. Joyce



Display Your Artwork at ALL



Ann Corbett

We are always looking for ALL member artists who want to show their work and talent in our ALL Art Gallery in the lounge area. We generally feature 2 artists, both painters and photographers in each show for six week periods during the school year. Thirty percent of the sales proceeds are donated to ALL. We know there are many of you out there with artistic talent and we would love the opportunity to show your work so don't be shy.

Please stay tuned for new creative works to be shown.

Ann Corbett, ALL Art Gallery

Please contact Ann Corbett at

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call **508-428-4171**

www.anncorbettart.smugmug.com

Now showing in the ALL office are watercolor paintings by **Bett McCarthy** -"I continue to develop my own personal style inspired by my garden and the incredible vistas on the Cape"- and Needlepoint works by **Carolyn Bell**-"*This is Not Your Grandmother's Needlepoint*".



Carolyn Bell



Bett McCarthy

Calendar of Events

Check our website at www.capecodall.org for changes, updates and a monthly calendar.

March 2018

Daylight Savings Time	Sunday, March 11
Spring Recess NO CLASSES	Tuesday-Friday March 13-16
Second six-week classes begin	Monday, March 19
<i>America's Forgotten Patriot: Mercy Otis Warren and the Writings that Fanned the Flames of Revolution</i> by Lew Taylor	Wednesday, March 28 2:30 pm Lecture Hall C
Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 20 1:00 pm The Club Room, Grossman Commons Bldg.

April 2018

Patriots' Day NO CLASSES	Monday, April 16
Spring Social	Thursday, April 26 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Annual Meeting	TBA
Board Meeting	TBA



ALLways welcomes comments and suggestions about the newsletter addressed to bleedom@gmail.com. We only accept signed material. Please remember to check the bulletin board in the ALL office for additional news and events, as well as a listing of Board members and the current board meeting minutes. We appreciate all our readers, with special thanks to ALL members who contribute their articles, blurbs and photographs to our newsletters.

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