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Dear Steve Somerdin,

Your email campaign, named September09, was sent on 09/26/2009 around 12:03 PM EDT.

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*Please Note! - The Library is open on Saturdays from 12-5 PM.*

**Upcoming Events**

**Baking Bread with Chef Jeanne Curtis**  
Wed. Oct. 7th, 7:00 PM  
Location: Queset House 51 Main Street

**Save the Date...**

**David LaFleur's Acoustic Roots Music - Folk, Appalachian and More**

Sat. Oct. 17th, 1:30 PM

Location: Queset House 51 Main Street

**Trick or Treat Magic Show**

Tues. Oct. 27th, 6:00 PM

Location: Oakes Ames Hall

**Cathie's Corner**

*In the Children's Room...*



**Story Times**

Click [HERE](#) for the Fall Story Time Schedule - September 16th through November 20th.

**Book Clubs**

Click [HERE](#) for the Book Club for Readers in Grades 1, 2, and 3

Click [HERE](#) for the Book Club for Readers in Grades 4, 5, and 6

**Ames Free Library Needs Your...**



**The Walt Disney Company** periodically locks its DVDS into a vault and makes them unavailable for purchase for a time.

Our library DVDS get worn out and we are unable to buy new copies of favorite Disney movies. If your family has outgrown any Disney DVDs the library would love to have you donate them to our collection.

At this time we are seeking **Beauty and the Beast**, **Cinderella**, **The Lion King** and **Snow White**, but we will gladly accept any other titles. Please drop off any donations in the Children's Room. Thank-you!

**In the Display Case**



As always, we urge Easton residents to attend all town meetings. The Special Town Meeting on October 5th includes articles of importance to the library.

These are **Article 1. Local Options Meal Tax** and **Article 8. Appropriation of CPA funds to restore the Queset Garden**, as described [HERE](#).

For more information on the meals tax which is .75% of restaurant meals, or 7 1/2 cents on \$10.00, click [HERE](#). Learn about the issues and let your voice be heard!

**Restoration of the Queset Garden**

*With Clickable Images...*



At a special town meeting on Monday, October 5, the Easton community will be asked to approve Article 8: Appropriation of CPA Funds for the Restoration of Queset Garden. The



**Library Staff and Quilter  
Kathy Korona**

The Library's own Kathy Korona has enjoyed quilting for over twenty years, and we are pleased to exhibit some of her handiwork in the display case.

You will find Kathy starting and ending her day with at least twenty minutes of quilting. As an instructor of quilting, Kathy recalls one of her students stating "quilting grounded her through the good times and the bad."

If you are interested in this hobby, ask Kathy for her advice on how to start, and what local groups might be available for you to join.

### **Verizon Helps Support Libraries**

*Donation to the AFL*



Verizon celebrated the 100th franchise agreement by donating \$1,000 to the Ames Free Library to purchase 100 new books.

Click [HERE](#) to read the complete article.

amount, \$69,400, was recommended by both the Community Preservation Committee and the Historical Commission to help complete the first phase of the restoration.

Until recently the garden lay hidden behind decades of overgrowth right behind the library. As bulldozers prepared the area for the new library parking lot, what appeared almost overnight was the ghost of an elaborate Italianate style park, replete with reflecting pool, a pergola-topped stage, statue remnants, stone walls, and terraced lands.

**\*Please Click [HERE](#) for a thumbnail gallery of photos of the Garden .**

Despite the fallen trees, poison ivy, and weeds running rampant, the allure of the spot was unmistakable. Right in the heart of Easton's historic district lay a potential oasis of beauty and tranquility. Back in 1911, it was a lush, beautifully manicured, Italianate style garden created by Broadway producer and playwright, Winthrop Ames.

Guests invited to Queset House weekends included actors and actresses well-known at the time such as Katherine Cornell and Leslie Howard, who used the garden's stage to put on impromptu performances. All this changed with the death of Ames in 1937 although the area was maintained for awhile and used for Oliver Ames High School graduation ceremonies.

Eventually, however, the grass grew unchecked, trees fell, and invasive creepers entangled everything. And much like Sleeping Beauty's castle, the once-beautiful garden went into a slumber, broken only by visits from vandals, as indicated by broken beer bottles and unfathomable attempts to burn the pergola.

Avid Easton historians and

## Congratulations

Summer Reading Prize Winners



Drawings were held for the 2009 Summer Reading Children, Teen, and Adult Book Clubs. All grand prizes were donated by North Easton Savings Bank. Below is a list of some of the winners:

### KIDS

Emma Papargiris -- \$200 Savings Bond  
Jack Butler -- \$50 Savings Bond  
Jeffrey Li -- \$50 Savings Bond

### TEEN

Meaghan Morris -- \$100 Target Gift Card  
Patria Ferragamo -- \$25 Target Gift Card  
Jessica Ploof -- \$25 Target Gift Card

### ADULT

Anthea Sumner -- \$100 Shaws Gift Card

A big thank you to all participants for helping to make this year's summer reading program one of the most successful ever.

preservationists kept the dream alive by including the garden restoration as specific goals of both Town of Easton Historic Preservation Plan and the Community Preservation Act. The Ames Free Library is now responsible for the property as part of its lease with the Town for the parking lot land and aims to stabilize the area quickly and to restore the garden.

Local resident and landscape designer Kath Holland has pro bono provided a restoration plan that is both low-maintenance and true to the original design. With her input, the generosity of private donors, and the efforts of a group of talented volunteers, including Jim Carlino and Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, library director Madeline Miele Holt is forging ahead to restore the garden for public recreational and open space.

Once funded and complete, phase one will make the garden ready for use on a daily basis by library visitors and others. Future phases include the restoration of the stage for outdoor performances. The library's restoration committee will continue to make every effort to translate the dignity and weightiness provided by town appropriation of CPA funds to attract wider state, federal, and other grants.

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*Useful Tips for Your PC*

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