

# SWAN'S ISLAND LIBRARY NEWS

*Fall 2022*

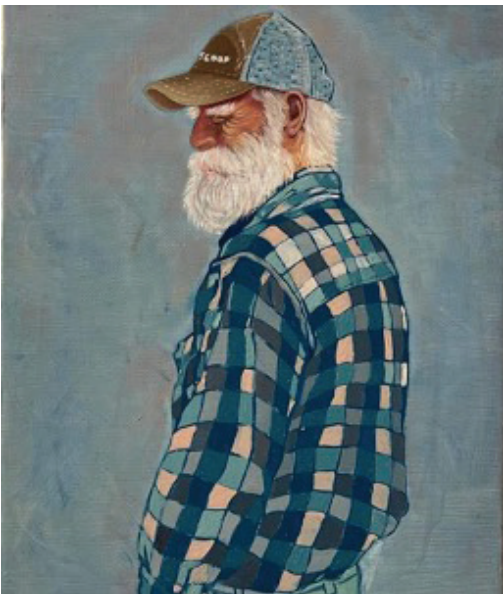
## Announcing the Wayne Lemoine Legacy Fund

The Wayne Lemoine Legacy Fund, will honor the spirit of a son of Swan's Island. Wayne's untimely death at age 63 left a hole in the hearts of many. Wayne was a force of nature and part of the magic that is Swan's Island. He loved life; he lived for this island community. On January 1, 2021, the island woke to the heartbreaking, impossible news of Wayne Lemoine's unexpected passing. He personified the beautiful parts of living in a small community. Every child in the school knew "Uncle Wayne." He was the auctioneer at school events, played Santa Claus, umpired their games, and, according to Brian Krafjack, "he'd chase adoring children around until they'd just about turn to butter."

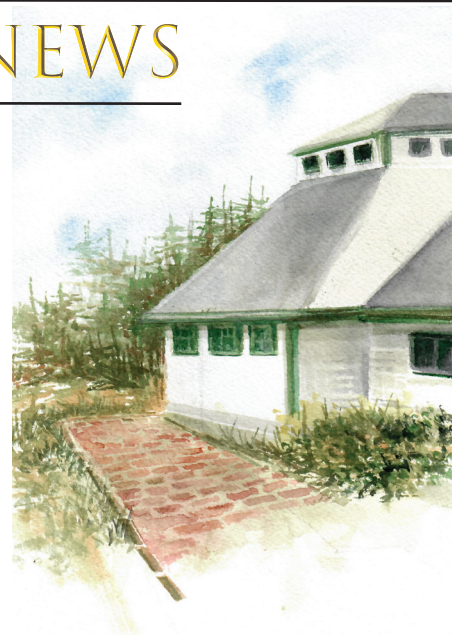
A seventh generation Swan's Islander, Wayne was born on August 23, 1957 to Kenneth Lemoine and Barbara Anne Smith. His large family included two siblings and four half siblings, his wife Laurel Tripler and his three children, Garrett, Shane and Nevora, and innumerable aunts, uncles and cousins.

The fund will be used initially to support everything we offer to children – a brand new afterschool art club, summer programming that combines learning and art, and a wide array of materials for children including books, movies, toys, computer games, and more.

As the fund grows, it will ensure our children's programming continues for generations to come.



Painting by Jessica DeFrenn.  
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the Lemoine family.



## Pave the Way to the Future

To ensure that the library celebrates not only the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Swan's Island Library, but also a 50th and 100th anniversary, the Swan's Island Educational Society (SIES) created a sustainability fund. Dividends from this endowment will be used to offset major building and operations expenses and will provide for generations to come.

We kicked off the campaign, Pave the Way to the Future, by selling engraved bricks and bronze plaques. They are being used to create a handicapped-accessible path leading from the parking lot to the internet porch. The community response was phenomenal.

To date, we have sold over 100 bricks and 5 plaques grossing over \$20,000. Gifts given in memoriam are being added to the fund, as well as \$5,000 that the board contributed from our reserve account. Expenses related to construction of the path, such as bricks, sand,

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and so on, are also being funded out of our operating budget. All labor is being contributed by Dennis Kranyak and Rick Henrich (pictured below). They have installed approximately a quarter of the path. To date we have raised over \$30,000, and if we meet our goal of selling 200 bricks by July 1, 2023, we will be well over \$40,000.



### *The Perfect Holiday Gift*

There is plenty of time to order a brick. They make a meaningful and lasting gift. Visit [www.swansislandeducationociety.org](http://www.swansislandeducationociety.org), scan the QR code, or call the library for an order form. For larger gifts (in the range of (\$1,000 to \$10,000)) we can place a bronze plaque on one of the quarry stones that line the path. These granite stones were part of the original foundation for the Old Atlantic Schoolhouse which dates to the around 1904. Finally, there are interesting opportunities for gifts over \$10,000.



## Makers' Space for Children: Summer

This summer's workshops for children, Makers' Space, was a huge success. Jessica DeFrenn again coordinated the program. Children met weekly on Saturday mornings and concluded with an impressive art show. We relied on the creativity of the Swan's Island community to lead workshops in woodworking, landscape painting, print-making, environmental sculpture, collage and photography. Thank you to John Follis, Willa Vennema, Viqui Maggio/White, Iver Lofving, Chan Tha Chao, Barbara Andrus, and teaching assistant Chi Chi Chao.





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## Makers' Space for Children: Fall, Winter & Spring

We are excited to announce a Wednesday afterschool program for children. Art teacher Jessica DeFrenn will work on projects with children, and long-time volunteer Micah May will staff the building so that children (and adults) can use the full array of library services. Older children and younger children will meet on alternate weeks. Children received permission slips at school, and the school bus will drop kids off directly after school. The program began November 2nd and will continue into Spring 2023.

## Programs for Adults

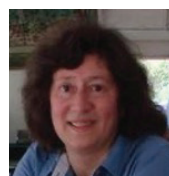
With COVID on the wane, we were able bring back summer programming for adults. We were treated to remarkable talks from authors: Gary Rainford, Gary Hoyle, Nancy Davis, and Julie Metz. Great American Loopers, Tasha Doremus & Sebastien LeClercq closed out the season. We were treated again to a Friday night movie series curated by Mai-li Bailey and Iver Lofving. Thank you to all of these extraordinary volunteers!

## Board Welcomes New Members

At the October 2022 annual meeting, SIES welcomed new board members, elected officers, and announced a temporary substitution. We also said goodbye to Kathleen Lemoine, who served on the board for 16 years.

### *Stephanie Williams*

Stephanie, her husband, Matt, and their two sons moved from Kansas City, Missouri to be full time residents on Swan's Island in June of 2021 after being summer renters since 2014. Matt works as a contractor and fisherman on the island, and their sons are enrolled in the Swan's Island School. Stephanie started an LLC and works remotely as a strategic operations consultant for Kansas City University. She has experience in accounting, financial planning, business analytics, project management, and consulting and is serving as our treasurer.



### *Karin Hagopian Draper*

Karin first came to the island in 1961 with her parents Ralph and Liedeke Hagopian. She spent all her childhood summers here in the home her parents built on the Back Cove. Until she retired as an occupational therapist in 2021, Karin worked in a variety of settings throughout Maine. She now makes her home on the Island. She will alternate as board secretary with Wesley Staples.



### *Pamela Macfie*

Pamela and her husband Tom were long-time renters in Southwest Harbor. Looking for a "home" in Maine, they stumbled upon Swan's Island and purchased their first home here in 2017. Pamela spent 38 years at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She was a professor in the English Department and served as its first female chair. She is soon to retire from the board of the American Shakespeare Center. A childhood goal was to become a librarian.

### *Iliza Butera*

While long-time board member Jill Trask is on medical leave, Iliza Butera has stepped in as a temporary substitute. Iliza and her husband Mike moved to the island full time two years ago, though Mike's family has been coming to North Point for several generations. Iliza has a PhD in neuroscience, a love of books, and a varied background in both scientific writing and more recently, science fiction.

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## Goodbye to Kathleen

The Board of Trustees was sad to say farewell to Kathleen Lemoine at the annual meeting. For at least 16 years, Kathleen served on the SIES board, for many of those years as its secretary. Kathleen moved with her family to the Island as a 6th grader attending the Swan's Island School and MDI high school. She remained on the island, married David Lemoine and has been raising her family here. Her two children are now MDIHS students themselves. Kathleen was heavily involved with re-building of the library after the fire. While she is leaving the board, Kathleen will remain a critical part of the building committee.

### *Closing Thoughts*

Our library brings a remarkable resource to the island community. Through the efforts of many, our doors remain open, our programs vibrant, and the building and grounds in prime condition. Thank you for the outpouring of your support! You aided our efforts by: purchasing bricks and plaques; conducting workshops for children; giving talks about your books; and electing remarkable new board members. We are grateful to those who voted for funds for us at Town Meeting, contributing one-fifth of our budget. Our volunteers provide a warm welcome to all, reshelve books, and answer your questions. Our grounds and building continue to look beautiful through the hard work of Micah May, Gary Hoyle, Rick Henrich, and Kathleen Lemoine. And let's not forget Jeanne Hoyle who does a masterful job as executive director. She handles the multi-faceted aspects of running a non-profit, including managing staff and volunteers, with wisdom and grace. As you consider year-end contributions, we hope you will recognize our impact on the Swan's Island community with your gift.

Carol Petraitis, President  
Swan's Island Educational Society

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During the holidays, support our vision for the future

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