

## Annual Report Friends of Scarborough Library 2014 – 2015

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The Friends of Scarborough Library presented a series of three adult programs and one children’s program during the 2014-2015 program year. The theme of the adult programs was from Farm to Table and addressed organic gardening, getting fresh produce from garden to table; and how to’s from a local family who manage a full working farm. Audiences learned how to support the gardening process; how to grow their own small gardens for personal use and healthy nutrition. All programs were free and open to the public. Refreshments were served at all adult programs.

**October 5, 2014:** An audience of approximately 26 people participated in a presentation by David Colson, Director of Agricultural Services of MOFGA – Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. He spoke about organic farming, apprenticeship programs at Maine farms, how to develop a garden that is free from harmful herbicides and pesticides, and help preserve the environment while providing one’s family with healthy foods.

**November 16, 2014:** Roger Doiron, award winning founder and director of Kitchen Gardens International presented a program on specialty gardens and sustainable food systems.. Twenty people attended the program and viewed a film about a Canadian couple who overcame many obstacles to grow a small garden.

**January 18, 2015:** A standing room only audience participated in a presentation by Stacy Brenner and John Bliss. The couple became tenants of 434 acres of land owned by the Scarborough Land Trust. Renamed Broadturn Farm in 2010, the family developed a Community Centered Organic Farm that offers internships, summer camp programs, hosts weddings, community gardens, and supplies local restaurants and businesses.

**April 11, 2015: Children’s Program:** Wildlife Encounters put on a live animal show in the Scarborough Middle School Gymnasium. More than 300 children and parents interacted with director Derek Small and learned about domestic and wild animals including a Bennett’s Wallaby.

Expenses for 2014-2015 included the following:

Gas and Mileage for October Program	\$ 36.00
Refreshments for January Program	\$ 33.22
Posters-January program	\$ 22.25
Poster Copies for Wildlife Encounters	\$ 6.50
Scarborough Community Services –Animal Program	\$231.25
Wildlife Encounters	\$337.00
Total	\$666.22

Anne Janak, Program Chairman 2014-2015