

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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IT WAS A FUN FEBRUARY!!

- We certainly had our share of cold days in the month of February, but we still managed to have some fun at the library, and at the Town Hall too! Carrie Cruz, The Planetarium Lady, had to postpone because of a below-zero Saturday, but she appeared at the Town Hall later in the month and set up her portable planetarium. Once again, it was a chilly day, but some brave souls showed up and enjoyed a virtual tour around our solar system! One participant emailed the library afterwards, saying “We loved it!” We will definitely be inviting Carrie back to do another program in the summer!
- On Saturday, February 11th, friend of the library Miss Michelle did another well-attended story time, with a Valentine’s Day theme. The kids made Valentine’s Day headbands, and they also enjoyed a story, read by Director Worman. (Director Worman was wearing a headband, too, but nobody needs to see a photo of that!)



- And on Thursday, February 23rd, we had the opening reception for local photographer David Pratt's show at the library. In spite of the lousy weather, we had a good turnout and enjoyed some tasty nibbles while listening to tales of David's photographic adventures! The show will be on display until April 6th, so stop by and take a look at David's beautiful work!



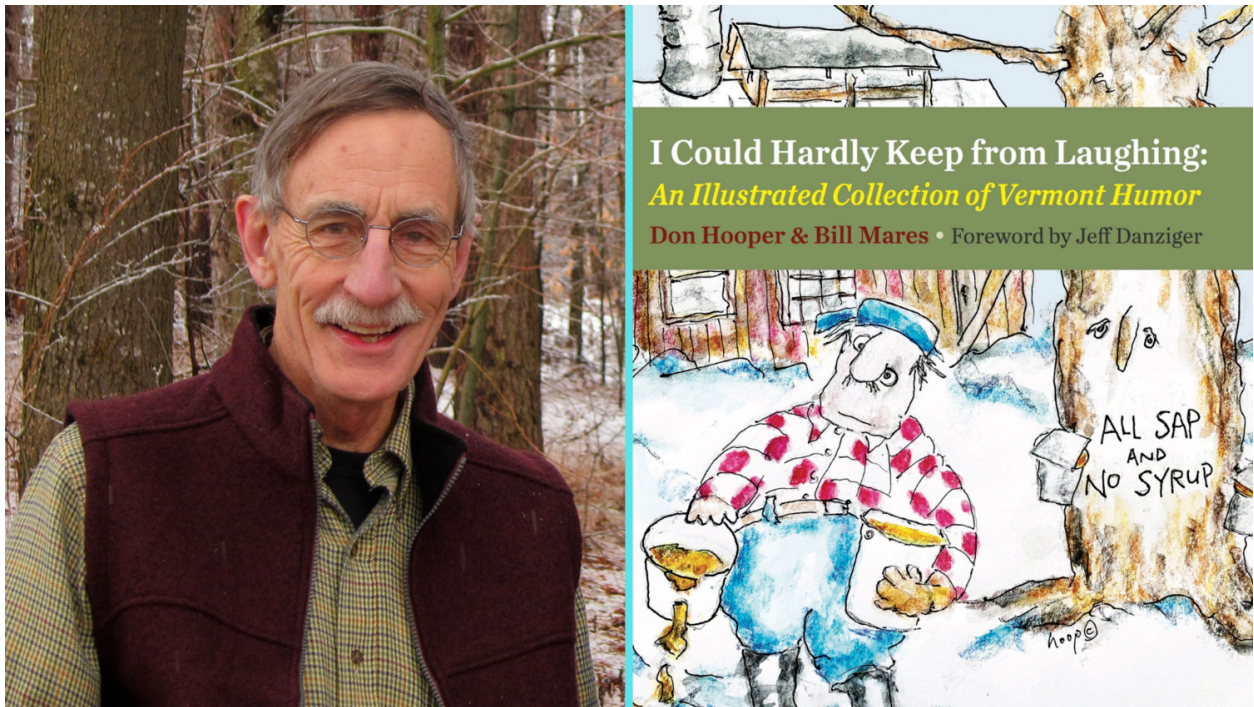
IN-PERSON TOWN MEETING RETURNS!



After a few years of pandemic-induced “virtual” meetings, once again Town Meeting will be held in-person at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7th, starting at 10 AM. The library will also be reviving the tradition of providing

a hot lunch, at the church basement next door, with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. All proceeds will go to benefit the Haston Library. Many thanks in advance to everyone who is providing food and helping out!

DON'T LAUGH--WE'RE HAVING A PROGRAM ON VERMONT HUMOR!



On Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 AM, Vermont writer, humorist, beer maker, and bee expert Bill Mares will be appearing at the Town Hall to give a talk about Vermont humor and his latest book, I Could Hardly Keep From Laughing. The book is a collaboration with cartoonist Don Hooper, and it's a wonderful collection of Vermont anecdotes, jokes, and humorous stories. (And it can be checked out at the Haston Library!) Bill will have books available for sale, so come on down and have a Green Mountain-inspired laugh!

SPRING FORWARD STORY TIME!



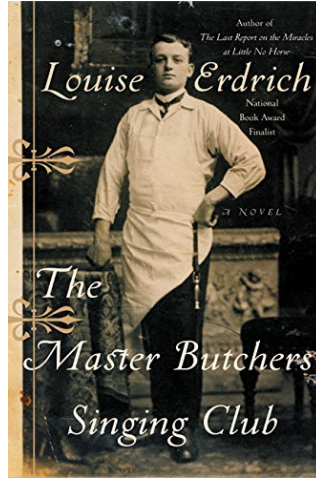
Bring the kiddos down to the library for another fun story time with friend of the library Miss Michelle!! She'll be showing the little ones how to make a simple bird feeder for our hungry feathered friends, and we'll read some spring-inspired stories as well! Our Spring Forward Story Time will be getting underway at around 11 AM on Saturday, March 18th.

SPOTLIGHT ON: OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS



We have some exciting new additions to our Library of Things! Along with a telescope, snow shoes, and other fun stuff, we now have novelty cake pans, a portable DVD player, a handheld digital microscope, a ukulele, and a guitar. All of these items can be checked out, just like you'd check out a book. All you need is a library card!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing The Master Butchers Singing Club, by Louise Erdrich. They'll be meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 2:00 PM at the library and on Facebook Messenger. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

DID YOU KNOW...?

- March is Women's History Month, which had its origins in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.
- March is also National Reading Month, which is very popular with librarians! In addition, it's Disability Awareness Month and National Celery Month. (Just add wings, carrots, and dip!)
- St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in Ireland for over 1,000 years, but the first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in St. Augustine,

Florida on March 17th, 1601. St. Patrick was born in Britain (which was under Roman control at the time) and was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. It's said that he used the shamrock to represent the Holy Trinity.

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