

# Andover Libraries New London Barn Playhouse

Summer is here, at least on the calendar, and so many of us have the wonderful luxury of more leisure time to fill with fun, games, and a good book to enjoy. We of the Andover Libraries, Trustees and Directors, would like to suggest a few books for your summer reading pleasure. They are in no order, but pick and choose and enjoy.

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

*The Pyramid and Four Other Kurt Wallender Mysteries* by Henning Mankell, currently featured on the PBS *Masterpiece Mystery Theatre*

*Summer on Blossom Street*, the new Debbie Macomber book

*The Little Giant of Aberdeen County* by Tiffany Baker

*The Language of Bees* and almost

anything by Laurie R. King

*Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones

*Among the Mad*, another Maisie Dobbs novel by Jacqueline Winspear.

For the younger readers, brand new on our shelves is a newly released version of *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. For the teenage set, look into *The Dead and the Gone* and *Life As We Knew It*, both by Susan Beth Pfeffer.

Please remember, too, to discover all the new titles at our libraries by going to the new Andover Town Web site. Just go to [AndoverNH.us.com](http://AndoverNH.us.com) and click on Town Info. Scroll down under Services to Town Libraries, click on Town Libraries, then scroll down and click on Visit the Library Weblog. There you will be able to find a listing of all new books at each of our libraries. Happy reading!

## Andover Democrats

By Robin Boynton

### Andover Democratic Committee

The Andover Democratic Committee at its June meeting nominated Janet Moore and Dean Barker as co-chairs and Bill Bardsley as treasurer.

The vote on these nominations will be held at the Democrats' next meeting on July 16 at 5 PM at the Lake Farm Realty office, 164 Main Street (in front of the Andover Post Office). All registered Democrats are invited to participate.

Bill has been chairman of the com-

mittee about 30 years. He said it was gratifying to see Andover returning in recent elections to its 19th-century Democratic roots but that now it clearly was time to pass the torch to an enthusiastic new generation.

At the June meeting, the committee also approved a resolution opposing the introduction of any kind of slot machines into New Hampshire, this to be forwarded to State Senator Matthew Houde and the six Merrimack County District 6 state representatives.

The New London Barn Playhouse, under the leadership of Artistic Director Carol Dunne, announces the theater's 77th season. Opening the season was the 52nd annual *Straw Hat Revue*, the theater's beloved introduction to the Acting Intern Company. The mainstage season began with Ken Ludwig's comic farce *Leading Ladies* directed by veteran director Malcolm Morrison.

The Barn presents the musical jewel, *She Loves Me*, the story told again in Tom Hanks' *You've Got Mail*, from June 23 through July 5. *She Loves Me* is considered by many to be the most perfect musical ever written. It is the story of Georg and Amalia, two bickering shop clerks in a European parfumerie in the 1930s who turn out to be lonely-hearts pen pals.

The much-loved Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *South Pacific* follows in celebration of the recently lauded Broadway revival. It is the story of the "cock-eyed optimist" Nellie Forbush and features some of the most beautiful music ever written for the theater. Favorites include *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Wonderful Guy*, and *Younger Than Springtime*. Based on the novel *Tales of the South Pacific* by James A. Michener, the play broke many taboos by addressing issues of racial prejudice during the mid-20th century. *South Pacific* runs from July 7 until July 19.

The hit Tony Award-winning comedy *Art* will be presented for one week

only from July 21 to 26. This uproarious comedy stars Gordon Clapp, Emmy Award-winning actor from *NYPD Blue* and local favorite David Shaw. When an art lover buys what is in essence a plain white painting for an exorbitant sum, his best friend is appalled. *The London Times* wrote: "... a classic comedy. Period."

Mel Brooks' *The Producers* runs from July 28 until August 2, an hysterical valentine to the theater world. The musical won a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards. The plot concerns two theatrical producers who try to get rich by overselling interests in a Broadway flop. Their plans are stymied when the show ends up a success.

The Cole Porter classic *Anything Goes* follows from August 11 to 23. *Anything Goes* concerns the fate of a group of mad-cap travelers aboard a ship bound for England. The musical introduced such songs as *Anything Goes*, *You're the Top*, and *I Get a Kick Out of You*. Courtney Davis, a Barn favorite from last season, stars as the nightclub singer, Reno Sweeney.

The final show of the 2009 Mainstage season is *The Fantasticks*, the world's longest running musical. This magical telling of young love draws on elements from *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The bucolic score features *Try to Remember* and *Soon It's Gonna Rain*. The show runs from August 25 through September 30.

### Monday Night Series

The Barn Playhouse has traditionally presented a musical revue on select Monday nights throughout the summer. This summer's offering is *Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera*. In the tradition of *Forever Plaid* and *Beehive*, this show features some of the greatest music from the 1950s and '60s "girl groups." *Suds* is presented on Mondays, June 29, July 13, August 3, and August 17.

The New London Barn Junior Intern Company will present *Really Rosie* on July 2, *Pocahontas* on July 16, *Captain Bree and Her Lady Pirates* on August 6, and Disney's *High School Musical* on August 20 and 22.

Tickets for this season's performances are at [NLBarn.org](http://NLBarn.org) or at 526-6710.



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