

# MADA SAMPLER

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Some time has gone by since the publication of the last Sampler in September 2006.

We are very grateful to Neville Lewis for putting us back in touch with each other by taking on editorial responsibilities. Former editor Bev Reynolds, who has been busy with membership and website details, recently passed the hat on to Neville, who I know will wear it well! Neville had good news last week. His year long mission to allow the continued sale in Maine of antique barometers over 100 years old has been approved by the House and Senate. This is vitally important for those dealers who buy and sell this material and who found their business threatened by the newly passed state law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of products containing mercury. Congratulations!

Wiscasset dealer Deb Schaffer joined the Board in March and brings with her a wealth of experience in the antiques world. We thank her for volunteering to help at a time when our 2 important MADA shows, Coastal and Annual, are coming up and much needs to be done to keep MADA on the move. As you all know by now, Coastal Manager Nancy Prince negotiated tirelessly with the Damariscotta River Association to keep the show on the site that has proven

so successful for us all. There is something magical about that little spot in Maine that draws a loyal and devoted following, year after year. Wednesday, August 29th will find us once again in Damariscotta, under the summer sun, selling wonderful objects.

Kudos to Colleen Donovan, Annual Show Manager. The classical music radio station WBACH approached Colleen with a proposal to collaborate on advertising and publicity for the show. WBACH is very impressed with the quality of our dealers and their presentation and deems it important to shine a spotlight on the Show. This is a prestigious honor for MADA and will hopefully draw in the stations myriad listeners. The 2007 show will be dedicated to the memory of Wiscasset dealer Margaret Ofslager, who passed away on Sunday, April 22nd after a long illness. Peg was featured in the Newtown Bee in the 2006 Show section as an indefatigable dealer and a great spirit. At the family's request, a donation was sent to the Connecticut Historical Society in her memory. She will be missed.

A special thanks to Pete Pardoe for once again handling distribution of the 2007 Directories.

And to all of you who stopped by Pete's shop to help with this huge but necessary task. I hope that this summer brings lots of

buyers to your shops, directories in hand, pulling out those checkbooks and pens to do the kind of "paperwork" we all like best! Anticipation is an aphrodisiac. Enjoy the Spring!

Nancy Glazer

## Coastal Maine Show

The Coastal Maine Antiques Show will be held again this year at the same location which is now called River Arts at Round Top Farm on August 29 from 9:30 to 4:00 in Damariscotta ME. You should have received an invitation to exhibit but if not call Nancy Prince at 207-879-9253 to get an application. Contracts should be returned by June first. Admission to the show is \$10.00 with a \$2 discount from ads and cards..

## Annual Show News

Here we go again for the 78<sup>th</sup> time...MADA's Annual Show will be held September 15 & 16. The Show is looking really great again this year. We will see many returning dealers as well as some new faces. WBACH is collaborating with us on advertising and publicizing the Show. We are trying to get as much air time as possible! If you have any friends at local stations, let them know about the Show.

Show cards are being designed and printed and will be in your shops ASAP. Please bring them along if you do a Show or attend an auction. Any added publicity would be great!

We can always use more quality applicants for the Show. We do have a waiting list, but circumstances may occur where dealers need to take a leave of you haven't been yet, The Tate House is the only remaining pre-Revolutionary house museum in Portland. Its collection of early objects is impressive and its knowledgeable volunteer staff are dedicated to its preservation. It is really worth a visit, and right down the road from the Show!

Volunteers are needed from the membership for the Decorating Committee. Grab some dealer buddies and be creative! For more information please feel free to call anytime at 207-781-5367 or email me at [ckd900@verizon.net](mailto:ckd900@verizon.net).

We are working on recruiting the "Brass Sisters", authors of a cookbook that contains reworked and original "antique recipes". It is a national best seller-I will be in line for my copy! More surprises in store - stay tuned!absence, and we like to have new dealers participate.

The Tate House has agreed to attend again this year and we are grateful for their loyalty! If

The show will be dedicated in memory of Margaret Ofslager this year.

And remember, if you are a MADA member, your attendance at the show is FREE. See you there!

## Margaret Ofslager

Margaret "Peg" Ofslager of Wiscasset and Hartford, CT died on April 22 after a career of more than 50 years in the antiques business. She was well known for her country painted furniture, folk art and paintings and lovely smalls. A long time member of MADA she will be sorely missed. Memorials may be sent to the CT Historical Society.

## New Members

A warm welcome to  
Our new members

### **Muriel Lewis** **The Ditty Box**

Address: 10510 Lakeview Drive  
New Port Richey, FL 34564  
(Nice to have you back.)  
Samplers, Staffordshire figures,  
Currier & Ives lithographs.

### **Anita & Ed Holden** **Holden Antiques**

24 Farm Road  
Sherman, CT 06784 (summer)  
1249 Grand Isle Court,  
Naples, FL 34108 (winter)  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century furniture,  
weather vanes & paintings.

### **Judy Pascal** **Judy Pascal Antiques**

6 Free Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
Architectural and country, vintage  
textiles and quilts.

**Jerry Miller and Company**  
Box 600, 1132 Main Street  
Mount Desert, ME 04660

Appraisal service and auctioneer.

**Laura McCarthy  
Bayberry Antiques**

925 Liberty Street  
Rockland, MA 02370  
Sale and restoration of hand  
hooked rugs, country furniture and  
accessories.

**John Sidelli  
John Sidelli Art & Antiques**

52 Water Street  
Wiscasset, ME 04578  
Americana

Allen and Walker Antiques  
Robert Walker and Chris Allen  
600 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
Orientalia, pottery & silver

**Website**

MADA has a great website,  
[www.maineantiques.org](http://www.maineantiques.org) that  
will be even more exciting and  
user friendly in the future. Kim  
Washam is working on making  
revisions and will be including  
a gallery of pictures of Maine  
antiques, shops, shows and  
places in Maine. If you have an  
item that should be included  
please send a picture (jpeg) to  
Kim at [k.washam@verizon.net](mailto:k.washam@verizon.net) .  
If you need help in taking a  
picture call Neville Lewis at  
354-8055

**Sampler Editorial**

The annual meeting of  
MADA will be held in October  
at the Maine Maritime Museum  
in Bath. The exact date and  
details have yet to be decided  
and will be announced soon.  
Plan to attend. It is always a  
great time for everyone.

I have undertaken the  
job of publishing the  
SAMPLER with the help of  
several other members. If you  
have news of interest to MADA  
members and would like it  
included in the next issue which  
we plan for August please be in  
touch with me at 207-354-8055.  
If you would like to receive  
your copy of THE SAMPLER  
by e-mail, please let me know.  
This will help with our costs as  
postage and production costs  
have risen.

Colleen Donovan has  
been working with Gloucester  
Publishers (Old-House  
Interiors, Arts and Crafts  
Homes, Early homes) on  
publicity for the Annual Show.  
They have offered our members  
discounted subscription rates. If  
you are interested contact  
Colleen at 207-450-4018.

Thanks,

Neville Lewis

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