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*Notes from the meeting of the Lyceum Committee, August 7, 4 p.m.*

Present were Carol Ackerman, Saira Austin, Barbara Braver, Susan Oleksiw, Christy Park, Beth Pocock, Mary Weissblum – chairing.

**Minutes** of the July meeting were approved.

The **Forgiveness Project** exhibit was well attended.

Mary proposed the idea of a program from author **Hannah Kimberley**. As a first step, Beth (who knows her) will contact her concerning this possibility.

**Thoreau Weekend** in September is all going forward as planned. Flyers describing the various events are ready and publicity is well taken care of.

Carol read the book **Thoreau and Trees** and sees it as meditative reading that does not lend itself to explanation in a program.

**Laura Harrington** will do a program on October 19 from 7 – 8:30 about her new book.

**Saira Austin** will give a talk on her explorations of cave paintings in France on November 2 from 7 – 8:30. Beth will help Saira get images to use for the program. Saira will send Beth a blurb about the trip by the end of September.

**Cara Pekarcik**, a biology teacher who got a grant to go to Antarctica, will do a program on November 9 recounting her experiences and how they have become part of her class curriculum at North Quincy High School.

**Ron Gilson** will show the second part of his film on the history of sailing ships on Saturday November 18 at 2 p.m. The first half was incredibly well received by a capacity audience.

In the exploration stage is a program by Joann Baker, an architect who built a small house in Rockport, to do a program on Tiny Houses. We agreed that a program on **Tiny Houses** would be good. Susan will do some research on tiny houses and program possibilities and report back next month.

**Tess Gerritsen** will speak from 1 – 2:30 on Saturday, October 7 on her new mystery, called *I Know A Secret*.

We responded enthusiastically to an idea Mary put forth of a **program on theater** – given the resources of Gloucester Stage, now managed with great results by Jeff Zinn, and Lindsay Crouse. Mary heard a talk Lindsay gave on theater. As a first step, Mary will follow up with Mary John Boylan on a possible program.

We will talk about the possible addition of **new members** at the September meeting. At the next meeting we will also review the roles and responsibilities of the **Lyceum Committee and the staff adult programing function** with an eye to how we can best collaborate.

We learned that Monday is not a good meeting day for Diana Cummings' schedule and in future will have our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 4 p.m.

*Notes by Barbara Braver*

