

# THE LIBRARY

November 1996

## 25 things to be thankful for

H. Jackson Brown Jr., author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*, tells why he's grateful every day. We especially like #5.



**1** Brownies, warm from the oven and baked by someone you love

**2** Repairmen who arrive on time

**3** Green thumbs

**4** Rescued dreams

**5** PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**6** Dual-control electric blankets

**7** Good advice



**8** Privacy

**9** Handwritten letters

**10** David Letterman's Top Ten lists

**11** Learning something new

**12** A first kiss

**13** The power of faith

**14** The song "Amazing Grace"

**15** No one sitting in front of you at the movies

**16** A long goodbye

**17** John Philip Sousa marches

**18** Second chances

**19** Indoor plumbing

**20** Your parents' laughter

**21** A hand to hold

**22** Easy-to-follow instruction manuals

**23** Weekends that are completely free



**24** Well-behaved children

**25** The annual Thanksgiving dinner, for which the menu never changes

**Northport Rotary Memorial Jazz Concert  
presents**

**THE RON ODRICH QUINTET**

**Friday, November 15  
8:00 p.m.**

Rx: Jazz. Who better to fill such a prescription than the Ron Odrich Quintet, since two of its five professional jazz artists are also professional surgeons. John S. Wilson of the *New York Times* calls the group "one of the best small jazz groups playing today." Their repertoire features jazz standards from the Swing and Be-Bop eras.

Ron Odrich, the clarinet and alto sax leader of the group, is a widely-respected dental surgeon. He has also been called a "world-class musician" by such jazz luminaries as Buddy DeFranco and Clark Terry.

Don Friedman, the quintet's gifted pianist, has been acclaimed by his many admiring critics as "one of the most creative pianists in jazz today." He has played and recorded with many jazz greats.

Described by jazz critic John Wilson as a "bril-



liantly virtuosic soloist," Garry Mazzaroppi is the group's bassist. He has been a featured musician with Lionel Hampton, Buddy Rich, and many others.

Jack Wilkins, the quintet's guitarist, has been hailed by *Guitar World* magazine as "the epitome of intelligence, imagination and excitement."

Bob Litwak, on drums, is Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Prior to his medical career he studied with Glenn Miller's drummer "Mo" Purtill and played as a full-time musician with several big bands in and around New York City.

Tickets, which go on sale Nov. 2, are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for students, senior citizens, and persons who are disabled.



Sponsored by the Northport-East Northport Public Library and the Northport Rotary Club.

**A RECORDER TAPESTRY**

Friday, November 22, 8:00 p.m.

The refreshing timbres and varied playing styles of historical instruments provide the listener with an opportunity to hear new interpretations of familiar music. The Recorder Orchestra of New York, an ensemble unique in the United States, performs on instruments ranging from the six inch garklein to the six foot contrabass. The evening's program will feature pieces from the Renaissance to the 20th century.

Tickets, which go on sale Nov. 9, are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for students, senior citizens, and persons who are disabled.

**HOW TO SERVE A  
PROPER VICTORIAN TEA**

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Queen Victoria loved her tea! An advertisement from an 1897 *Ladies Home Journal* featured a photograph of the Queen sitting with President McKinley. The caption, "The Regal Beverage," is followed by "Mr. President, may I offer you a cup of pure tea from Ceylon and India?"

Victorian expert Carole Pichney will present slides showing the courses of tea and the linens and china involved. Then you will enjoy an authentic English Cream Tea consisting of tea, scones, clotted cream, and preserves. Please bring your own tea cup and spoon. A \$4.00 fee is payable at registration, which begins Nov. 1.



**Mondays, November 18 & 25  
7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$30**

Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either library beginning Nov. 2.



**BOOK-A-TRIP**

to

**"A Christmas Carol"**

**Wednesday, December 4, 1996**

**Departure:** 8:30 a.m. from the Middleville School Parking Lot.

**Return:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$74.00 per person (checks only; payable to Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

**Itinerary:** See, hear, and feel the excitement of the season on stage at the Paramount in Madison Square Garden. The magical story of Ebenezer Scrooge is brought to life by the composer of "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin." After the theatre, enjoy a full-course lunch at Cafe 44.

Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning Nov. 8.



**VICTORIAN DOILY ANGEL**

Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Create an elegant angel with imported crocheted doilies, a halo of beads, burgundy ribbons, rosebuds, and a bouquet of baby's breath. A \$10.00 materials fee is payable at registration, which begins Nov. 6.



**VICTORIAN EUCALYPTUS BALL**

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.

This fragrant eucalyptus ball, adorned with ribbons, rosebuds, pearls, and baby's breath, makes a perfect gift or holiday decoration. A \$10.00 materials fee is payable at registration, which begins Nov. 20.

**THE AGING EYE**

Thursday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.

Barbara Wirostko, M.D., an ophthalmologist with the Huntington Medical Group and Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, will explore the special eye care concerns of seniors. She will discuss the prevention and treatment of glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy. Your questions are welcome.

**HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM For Seniors Only**

(N) Thursday, November 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
(N) Friday, November 22, 9:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.  
Call 261-6930 to make an appointment in Northport.

**55/ALIVE MATURE DRIVER PROGRAM**

Mondays, November 25 & December 2, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
AARP's two-part course is open to anyone 50 years of age or older. Register beginning Nov. 15 at the Northport Library. There is an \$8 fee, payable to AARP by check or money order only. To facilitate registration, please bring your library card. Please bring a pen with black/dark blue ink and your driver's license to class.

**NOVEL IDEAS**

(N) Friday, November 15, 1:00 p.m.  
(N) Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

This month we'll discuss *Lily White* by Long Island author Susan Isaacs. To join this group call Dodie Gillman at 261-6930.



**BOOK & SANDWICH (WRAP)**

(N) Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.  
(N) Thursday, November 7, 1:00 p.m.

November's short stories are from *Asking for Love* by Roxane Robinson. We'll discuss "Asking for Love," "Do Not Stand Here," and "Mr. Sumarsono." Call Michelle Epstein, 261-6930.

**Log On @ the Library — NETWALK@suffolk.lib.ny.us**



Come to the library and apply for your free NETWALK Internet account. The next meeting of the NETWALK Internet User Group is Wednesday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northport Library.

**Northport-East Northport Public Library  
Calendar of Events  
November 1996**



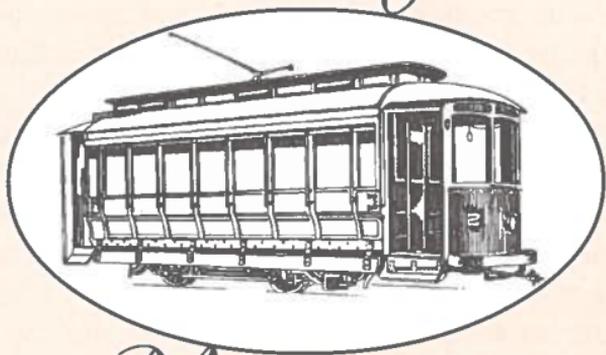
**Exhibits**  
Northport  
Adult — Oil Paintings by Jacqueline Trunkes  
Case — Oil Paintings by Rick Reason  
Commissioned for ASPCA Christmas Cards  
East Northport Floral Decorations — Toni Valentine of the Larkfield Community Garden Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>RECORD &amp; RECOLLECT: AN ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP</b> Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m. Roma Connable of the Columbia University Oral History Office will discuss oral history basics, with a special focus on effective interviewing techniques. The workshop, open to all, is a first step for those who plan to participate as volunteer interviewers in the "Tracks Through Time" oral history project.		<b>1</b> Registration begins for How To Serve a Proper Victorian Tea, on 11/12 *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	<b>2</b> Registration begins for Grand Memories Applications available for Defensive Driving, on 11/18 & 11/25 Tickets available for The Ron Odrich Quintet, on 11/15
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *Tales for Two (EN) 10 am & 11 am *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group (N) 7 pm	<b>5</b> Election Day - Library Open *Tales for Two (N) 10 am & 11 am *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (N) 7 pm	<b>6</b> Registration begins for Victorian Doily Angel, on 11/20 *Tales for Two (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Tales for Two (N) 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm Free Blood Pressure Check (N) 1-3 pm; (EN) 3:15-4 pm Netwalk Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm Great Books (N) 8 pm	<b>7</b> *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Mother/Infant Discussion Group (N) 10 am *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (N) 1 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	<b>8</b> Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to "A Christmas Carol," on 12/4 *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am Young Adult Book Reviewers (N) 4-5 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7:15 pm Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	<b>9</b> Tickets available for A Recorder Tapestry, on 11/22 Grand Memories, Part 1: Preparing for Your Taping (N) 3:30 pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day - Library Open	<b>12</b> *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Tales for Two (N) 10 am & 11 am Record & Recollect: An Oral History Workshop (N) 7:30 pm *How To Serve a Proper Victorian Tea (N) 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> *Tales for Two (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Tales for Two (N) 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm	<b>14</b> *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Laptime (N) 10 am & 11 am The Aging Eye (N) 1 pm *Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program (N) 1-4 pm by appt. *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	<b>15</b> Registration begins for 55/Alive Mature Driver Program, on 11/25 & 12/2 *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Novel Ideas (N) 1 pm Retirement Reception for Mrs. Margaret Webb (N) 3:30-5 pm Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm *The Ron Odrich Quintet (N) 8 pm	<b>16</b> Grand Memories, Part 2: Taping Session (N) by appt.
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> National Children's Book Week, Nov. 18-24 *On My Own (EN) 10 am & 11 am *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Novel Ideas (N) 7 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm	<b>19</b> *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am *On My Own (N) 10 am & 11 am Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Northport Library (north lawn) 3:30 pm	<b>20</b> Registration begins for Victorian Eucalyptus Ball, on 12/3 *On My Own (EN) 10 am & 11 am *On My Own (N) 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm *Victorian Doily Angel (N) 7:30 pm Great Books (N) 8 pm	<b>21</b> *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Laptime (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N)	<b>22</b> *Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program (N) 9:15 am - 12:15 pm by appt. *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm *A Recorder Tapestry (N) 8 pm	<b>23</b> Registration begins for Trim-A-Treat Holiday Workshop and Hansel & Gretel's House Workshop, on 12/7
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> *55/Alive Mature Driver Program (N) 9:00 am *On My Own (EN) 10 am & 11 am *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm	<b>26</b> *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am *On My Own (N) 10 am & 11 am Nursery School Night (N) 7:45 pm	<b>27</b> *On My Own (EN) 10 am & 11 am *On My Own (N) 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm Library Closes at 5 pm	<b>28</b> Library Closed Happy Thanksgiving! 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.  
N = Northport Library  
EN = East Northport Library

Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents.  
The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all residents to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

# Thanks for the



# Memories

Oral history captures and preserves personal accounts of past events and day-to-day life through tape-recorded interviews. It contributes historical information not found in written records. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteer interviewers and the stories shared by our narrators, "Tracks Through Time," the Northport-East Northport Public Library's oral history project, captures memories for future generations.

As we approach the turn of the century, we can glimpse life as it was a century ago through the recollections of long-time community residents.

*Ida Berenbaum, daughter of business owner Abram Patiky, recalls the growth of commerce in East Northport.*



*Long Island Railroad Station in East Northport, circa 1915*

"My father came here in 1908. He was born in Poland. He came here to an uncle to find out how the area was. Then, a year later, my sister came with my mother.

Four years later . . . about 1912 or 1913, my father built a store and rooms for us. Know where the flower shop is [Laurel and Bellerose]? He built that. He was 26 years old when he came here. But in four years time he was able to build a store and rooms for the family. It was a butcher shop and then I think he took in groceries. Then he went into a lot of other things. He sold everything under the sun. In that building we had no running water . . . in the kitchen we had a pump.

We had no bank in East Northport, so when I was about 12 years old my father used to give me the money. I'd go on

the trolley to Northport, deposit the money, and then I'd wait for the trolley. Where the parking lot now is in Northport, that used to be where the trolleys were able to go in and wait for the next time. They used to meet every train. My father sent me to Northport until the bank was built in East Northport in 1925 or 1926 — Citizen's National Bank. My father built that building.

Up 10th Avenue you had a rubber factory, I think. And then it became Superior Surgical Factory. Then, in back of where the hotel was [north of the tracks], that was a canning factory. —Gosman's Canning Factory. That was on the north side of the railroad track.

Everything seemed to be centered around the railroad station. At that time we didn't have cars parking at the railroad station. There was no such thing as parking. The women brought their husbands to the train. They'd shop in our store and then go home and pick them up at 6 o'clock.

Then we had Rothman's Pickle Works along the railroad tracks . . . we also had coal yards. In 1930, the Veterans Hospital came. It brought a lot of people into the area.

*Helen Smith Ingerman, granddaughter of "oyster baron" Stanley Lowndes, talks about oystering in Northport.*



*The Lowndes house and oyster dock, circa 1900  
(courtesy of the Northport Historical Society)*

"My great-great-grandfather was here in the 1850s. He was a Lowndes. They were living on Woodbine . . . and they were in the oyster business. They were doing the seeding, which was the big thing. It replenishes the beds instead of just taking the oysters out and then having to wait for nature to bring them back. At that time they were also shipping oysters to other parts of the world.

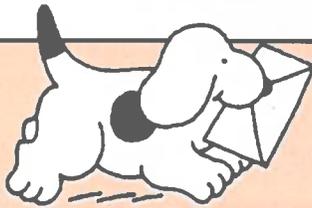
My grandfather was like the baymen around here. He never left the water. He never did anything else but oysters. It was a very rough life — in all kinds of weather — and it was very, very hard.

Part of what he did was to go to meet the boats at Ellis Island . . . to talk to the immigrants to come out here and work, because most of them had water experience."

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If you enjoyed the above memories excerpted from oral history interviews, ask at the reference desk for these and other audio-cassettes in our "Tracks Through Time" collection. If you would like to be interviewed or recommend another member of the community for an interview, or if you would like to volunteer your time as an interviewer, please call Barbara Johnson, local history librarian, at 261-6930.

— For Children —



# You're Invited!

Friday, November 15  
3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Children's Room  
of the Northport Library

To a Retirement Reception for Mrs. Margaret Webb  
Head, Children's Services Department

Join us as we bid farewell and fond wishes to Mrs. Margaret Webb, who is retiring this month after 20 years of service to the library and community.



## ★ Attention Parents ★ NEIGHBORHOOD NURSERY SCHOOL NIGHT

Please join us on Tuesday, November 26, 7:45 p.m., at the Northport Library, when representatives of area nursery schools will be available to discuss their schools' philosophy, goals, and objectives. After the formal presentations, parents will have time to speak with the representatives for further information regarding school programs and registration.

## Grand Memories WORKSHOP

Create a new video favorite! Your grandchildren will enjoy seeing and hearing you read to them on videotape, again and again. In this special two-part program, a limited number of grandparents will be able to tape their favorite stories for their grandchildren ages 12 and under. Registration begins on Saturday, Nov. 2. Materials fee: \$4.00

### Part 1: Preparing For Your Taping Saturday, November 9, 3:30 p.m.

- Work with a children's librarian to select your favorite stories.
- Receive tips on appearing in front of a camera.
- Practice reading aloud and preview the results.
- Select your taping time.

### Part 2: Taping Session Saturday, November 16, by appointment only

The library will provide the video equipment and personnel, as well as the blank tape and a special video case which can be personalized. What better present could you give to your grandchildren!



## TRIM-A-TREAT HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

(N) Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. Ages 4-6  
Fee: \$1.00

Decorate holiday cookies with a grandparent or friend. Registration begins Saturday, November 23.

## HANSEL & GRETEL'S HOUSE WORKSHOP

(N) Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.  
Ages 7-up Fee: \$1.00

Join us and create your own Hansel and Gretel's House for the holidays. Registration begins Saturday, November 23.



## National Children's Book Week. November 18-24

*Celebrate National Children's Book Week, dedicated to encouraging the enjoyment of reading for children.*

— For Young Adults —

## THE YA HOMEWORK CENTER... CHECK IT OUT!

Getting ready for the math fair?  
Working on an astronomy project?  
Researching endangered species?  
Check out the ASSIGNMENT ALERT at the Homework center. Your assignment may be featured with special materials at the center for your use in the library. The Homework Center is for you... check it out!



## YA BOOK REVIEWERS

Friday, November 8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

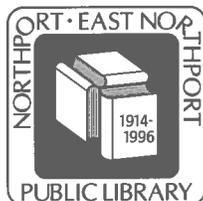
There's still time to become a book reviewer for the library. Be the first to read the newest YA books. If you like to read, come to the Community Room at the Northport building and join us for soda, cookies and books, books, books.

*The Board of Trustees  
of the  
Northport-East Northport Public Library  
invites you to break ground  
for the renovation and new addition  
to the Northport Public Library  
Tuesday, November 19, 1996  
3:30 p.m.*

*The ceremony will be held on the north lawn  
of the Northport building, 151 Laurel Avenue.*

*Please dress appropriately for an outdoor ceremony. Refreshments will be served.*

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THE LIBRARY IS A GOOD PLACE TO START.**



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