



SPOTLIGHT ON THE RAS BOARD: WAYNE TAYLOR



We continue our seasonal board member spotlight with our Treasurer, Wayne Taylor. Wayne was kind enough to answer my questions about his role on the board and his life as a Rehoboth resident.

How long have you been a RAS board member and what drew you to become one?

[Wayne] The previous treasurer, Tom Charnecki, heard from someone that I'd worked in the banking and investment management industries before retiring. Not inaccurate, but a bit misleading, as I was a strictly corporate ghostwriter in that milieu, nowhere near the books, other than writing the chairman's letter for the annual report. Whether Tom picked up on my fatal flaw of rarely being able to say "no," I can't be sure. But moments later, I'd agreed to succeeding him as RAS Treasurer. That was probably four years ago, though it seems like at least five. I met Tom and Rebecca Smith, our president, during the short period of time I worked as a library assistant at the Blanding. I'd see them when they'd stop in to sign checks or confer with library staff. I'd also run into Tom while attending Hank Coleman's history discussion groups at Goff Hall. It was after one such session that I was conscripted, albeit willingly... 'always up for a challenge' was my reasoning.

How long have you lived in Rehoboth?

[Wayne] I grew up in a bedroom community north of Boston and lived in Brookline for much of my early professional life. I'd started out after college

UPCOMING CARPENTER MUSEUM EVENTS

45th Annual Crafters' Marketplace
Saturday October 19th 9AM-4PM
Join us for our annual fundraiser craft fair! Dozens of high quality hand-craft vendors will be selling their wares in the Historic Rehoboth Village. Goff Hall, Rehoboth Congregational Church AND the Carpenter Museum will have indoor and outdoor vendors. Make sure to stop at the bake sale at the museum and the raffle table at Goff Hall. All proceeds go towards the Carpenter Museum's programs and events.
FREE TO ENTER / FREE TO PARK

First Saturday of the Month
Carpenter Museum and
Dyer Research Center Open 1-4PM
November 2nd
December 7th
January 4th

A Day in the Life
of a Whaling Voyage
at Goff Hall
Saturday November 23rd 2PM
Join the Carpenter Museum and Blanding Library in a joint program about crews, vessels, the business of whaling, and geography. Baleen and harpoon demonstrations included!
FREE / Registration Recommended



UPCOMING BLANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Now - October 18th

Come register & pick a pumpkin from our patch! Have fun decorating your pumpkin as your favorite story character & return it to the library for display. Judging starts October 19th. Winners announced Saturday October 26th. All ages welcome!

Baby / Toddler Storytimes Tuesdays 10:30AM

Children & caregivers are invited to join us in our hall for a fun interactive program of movement, books, music, games & more.

Geared for ages 0-4 (siblings welcome)
No Registration Required

Story and Craft Time Thursdays 10:30AM

Join us for a story or two! A simple craft will be available to make or take home.

Geared for ages 3+ (siblings welcome)
No Registration Required

Come Ghost Hunting...

**Tuesday Oct. 15th - Thursday Oct. 31st
During Library Hours**

How many can you scare up throughout the library?

Alpacas from Kave Rock Farm Visiting the Library

Tuesday November 5th, 10:30AM

Karen & Dave Medeiros will tell us all about these soft and fluffy animals. Held outdoors. Bring chairs/blankets if you wish. All ages welcome.

LEGOS at the Library!

Saturday November 9th, 11AM-2PM

We supply the LEGOs.... You supply the imagination! What will you make? The possibilities are endless. Drop in any time between 11AM and 2PM.



and a stint in the military, as a newspaper journalist, but eventually went to 'the dark side' and worked in media relations for a couple of large well-known financial services institutions in Boston. I also was the principal speechwriter for these organizations and others that followed. I met my wife Gayle Goddard in 1984 through friends. She, too, was a journalist – at the then-thriving Attleboro Sun Chronicle – and I soon found myself relocating from the Boston area, buying a house here in Rehoboth in 1987 and getting married a few days later. We've lived on the east slope of Great Meadow Hill ever since.

What do you like most about living in this community?

[Wayne] Since living as a child in Hanover, NH, I've spent most of my leisure time outdoors – hiking, skiing, keeping up an island property on Lake Winnepesaukee – so even though I lived and worked in suburban and urban locations, I'd flee to the country whenever I had free time. The transition to Rehoboth's rural environment was easily affected, especially since Gayle was also a country girl at heart, growing up in Vermont and devoted to her passion as an equestrian and horse owner. Living just downwind of Otis Dyer's homestead, we felt at home smelling the farm's 'dairy air.' The town was a little sleepier back then; it's gotten a bit more citified since. But I know we'll miss it after we're gone.

What is something you wish more people knew about living in Rehoboth and being involved in the RAS?

[Wayne] In truth, I'd just as soon fewer people knew more about Rehoboth. But I guess that's just the wishful thinking of someone who'd like to see change happening at a slower pace. Some reading this will understand what I mean. That said, the RAS does a wonderful job of reminding us of how our older selves—and our forebears—made their way in life. We are a historical and cultural treasure that not enough people know about here in Rehoboth.

What is a wish you have for the future of Rehoboth?

[Wayne] I'm hoping our community – even as it inevitably grows larger and more suburban – will continue to remember and celebrate our historical and cultural roots. Rehoboth has a wonderful story to tell. More of its residents would be charmed to know it better.



*250th Anniversary of the
American Revolution*

The Rehoboth American Revolution Anniversary Committee is still looking for members!

Are you interested in early American History? Are you looking for a temporary yet exciting volunteer opportunity? Join the RARAC and keep the memory of our Nation's beginning alive!

Email Paula Muggleton: RASAMREV250@gmail.com

SUMMER AT THE CARPENTER MUSEUM EVENT RECAP

PASSPORT TO HISTORY

This summer the museum had 70 participants in the 2024 passport to history program! Most visitors picked up their passport at our annual Strawberry Festival the first Sunday in June, a wise decision as they then had the entire



summer to visit all 16 participating sites for free! Each summer museums and historic sites in the Old Plymouth Colony Historic Area come together to offer this fun and educational program. Often visitors learn about places close to home they never knew existed. Families bond as they try to hit all the sites and tourists save a few dollars when they visit a few. We will participate once again next year so if you missed out you'll have your chance summer 2025.

MEDICINAL HERBS WITH KRISTINE SKY WIND THOMAS-JONES

In July we welcomed Thomas-Jones and guests for a tea making and tasting workshop. Our presenter talked about the medicinal properties and historical uses of the dried herbs that went into the teas we made. Every guest took home a bag of morning and night time tea.



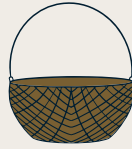
VOX HUNTERS HISTORIC MUSIC



In September we had the pleasure of hosting Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi of the Vox Hunters, self proclaimed seekers and singers of old songs and cultivators of local music. Attendees heard examples of traditional songs and poetry and learned about the Vox Hunters quest to hunt down and revive “old music”, which includes broadside ballads, historical songs, lyrical poetry, and local ditties and tunes in songbooks, tune collections, old manuscripts, library databases, and any other musical reference they can get their hands on. We held the event in our exhibit barn for a magical evening of music and stories.

45TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

CRAFTERS,



MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY OCT 19



Free to Enter! / Free to Park!

9AM-4PM

Dozens of vendors with
high quality handcrafted wares!

Three Walkable Locations!
Carpenter Museum / Goff Hall at Blanding Library
Rehoboth Congregational Church

Arts in the Village Presents

Ko-eun Yi (solo pianist)

Sunday November 10th, 2:30PM

Door Admissions: Adult \$25 / Child \$10

Ko-Eun Yi, from Seoul, South Korea, holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School and earned a Doctor of Musical Arts from Stony Brook University. Her performances span globally, collaborating with orchestras like the Boston, Barcelona, and Jerusalem Symphonies. Her accolades include top prizes from prestigious competitions, and she has graced renowned venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Chicago Cultural Center, and Phillips Gallery in Washington, D.C.



Learn more at: koeunyi.com



THE FRIENDS OF THE BLANDING LIBRARY

-----Annual Used-----

Book Sale

October 11 -13

FRIENDS' PREVIEW SALE

Friday, 5-7 p.m.

New members can join at the door.

PUBLIC BOOK SALE

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, 12-3 p.m.



All funds raised go to support
the activities at the Blanding
Library for both children and
adults!

Amazing offerings from local
businesses that you could win!