



The Village at Stone Ridge

## Quarry Bulletin

September - October 2018

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### YOUR VSR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*From left to right: Frank Bashore, Member At-Large; Bill Townsend, President; Joan Murphy, Secretary; Tom Sangiolo, Treasurer; Carlene Craib, Vice President.*

### THANKS TO MANY VSR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS – IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Cheers to Sandy Kelly, who has agreed to chair the new Outreach Committee and also to be the new Quarry Bulletin editor. Thank you to Joan for her years as QB editor and thank you, Sandy!

Thanks to Ruth Coleman who will transition Election Commissioner duties to volunteer Sarah Crissey.

We thank Gerry Hall for setting up an efficient way to complete the yearly inspections of the sprinkler systems in our larger multi-unit buildings. Frank Minosh has volunteered to take over the job beginning next year.

Judy Culver served many years as chair of the Architectural Standards Committee now passes the baton to Barbara Leary. A great deal of work has been done in these years in setting up specifications and standardizing forms and we thank Judy for her leadership in this process.

We are still in need of a Chair for the new Clubhouse Committee as well as new members for the Water and Sewer Committee since that Committee has a lot of activity scheduled for the coming year.

Many thanks to all of you for your contributions!



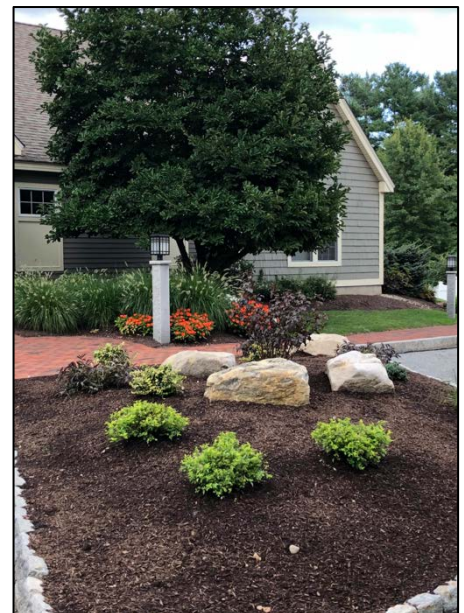


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*Thank you so much to Luisa Sandholm for all her work on the flowers around the clubhouse. The displays have been gorgeous all summer and now the fall mums will be so pretty. She spends hours planting, watering, and maintaining these thoughtful and colorful arrangements and are greatly appreciated!*

*Thanks also go to the Landscape Committee who planted the peninsula area in front of the Clubhouse where the tree was removed (pictured right). This area is artistically designed with plantings of various heights and colors, placed strategically among some sizeable rocks.*





## VSR CLUBHOUSE MOVIE NIGHT

by Gail Sergenian



In August a group of us watched *Taking Chance*, recommended by Judith Culver and Paul Hamel. Starring an excellent Kevin Bacon as an officer who accompanies the remains of a fallen soldier on its journey home, the film is inspiring and patriotic. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Our September viewing was the Coen Brothers' *Fargo*, the film that gave Frances McDormand (*Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*) her first Oscar and William H Macy's only Oscar nomination. The film has become a classic, but it definitely has its mordant and violent moments.

So for October we are all ready for something light. Please join us in the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 16<sup>TH</sup> in the clubhouse for *Singin' in the Rain*, one of the most delightful movie musicals of all time. With knockout numbers by Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and a 19-year-old Debbie Reynolds, it will be hard to keep the smiles from your faces. Released 66 years ago, it is still a joy.

As usual, we will convene at 7 PM for snacks, schmoozing and voting on the next movie. Come with your recommendations and a snack or sweet to share.



## GROOVY MOVIES

by Gail Sergenian

### *MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT*

This is a small gem of a movie. It stars the wonderful Dame Joan Plowright, once known as Mrs. Laurence Olivier. She demonstrates here once again that she has acting "chops" of her own. Plowright plays Mrs. Palfrey, who decides to move from Scotland to what she thinks is an elegant hotel in London after the death of her husband. Alas, the hotel is showing its age, as are its other residents.

A visit from her up-tight grandson never materializes, to Palfrey's disappointment and embarrassment. Out for a stroll, she falls and a young would-be writer named Ludovic (Rupert Friend), comes to her rescue, inviting her to tea in the basement apartment in which he is living. They have a delightful time and Palfrey convinces him to become a stand-in for her grandson for the benefit of the Claremont's denizens. Thus begins a lovely friendship.

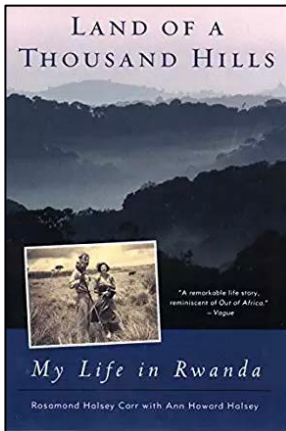
It is a joy to watch Plowright. She makes acting look so easy, and imbues her character with charm, grace, spirit and dignity. Friend is perfect in his role, as are the character actors portraying Palfrey's hotel neighbors. The film won a Movies for Grownups Award from AARP.





## BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston



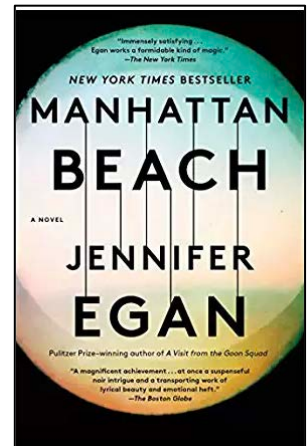
The next VSR Book Club meeting will be on October 4, when we will discuss the memoir, *Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda* by Rosamond Halsey Carr and Ann Howard Halsey.

" In 1949, Rosamond Halsey Carr, a young fashion illustrator living in New York City, accompanied her dashing hunter-explorer husband to what was then the Belgian Congo. When the marriage fell apart, she decided to stay on in neighboring Rwanda, as the manager of a flower plantation. *Land of a Thousand Hills* is Carr's thrilling memoir of her life in Rwanda—a love affair with a country and a people that has spanned half a century. During those years, she has experienced everything from stalking leopards to rampaging elephants, drought, the mysterious murder of her friend Dian Fossey, and near-bankruptcy. She has chugged up the Congo River on a paddle-wheel steamboat, been serenaded by pygmies, and witnessed firsthand the collapse of colonialism. Following 1994's Hutu-Tutsi genocide, Carr turned her plantation into a shelter for the lost and orphaned children..." *[from back cover]*

On November 15 the discussion will center on *Manhattan Beach: A Novel* by Jennifer Egan.

"Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to visit Dexter Styles, a man who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. She is mesmerized by the sea beyond the house and by some charged mystery between the two men.

Years later, her father has disappeared and the country is at war. Anna works at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, where women are allowed to hold jobs that once belonged to men, now soldiers abroad. She becomes the first female diver, the most dangerous and exclusive of occupations, repairing the ships that will help America win the war. One evening at a nightclub, she meets Dexter Styles again, and begins to understand the complexity of her father's life, the reasons he might have vanished.



With the atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan's first historical novel follows Anna and Styles into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men. *Manhattan Beach* is a deft, dazzling, propulsive exploration of a transformative moment in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world." *[from back cover]*

As always, all Villagers are welcome to join us. We enjoy refreshments and socializing at 1:00 in the Clubhouse and begin our discussion at 1:30 in the library.





## Ciao, Fellow Villagers!

Jayne and I just arrived home from a two week "Best of Italy" tour with Trafalgar. We travelled with two close friends and 44 other travelers from around the globe. The weather was sunny with temps between 80 - 90 degrees the entire trip. This was our first trip to Italy, and we hoped to experience as much as possible.

There were many highlights that included: the Vatican & the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, Circus Maxima, the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino, the ruins of Pompeii, the Isle of Capri, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, the Amalfi Coast Road & Positano, the gondola ride thru Venice, St Mark square & the Basilica, Dog's palace & the Bridge of Sighs, the beautiful & colorful Island of Burano, Milan and the Duomo, & La Scala Opera house, a boat ride around lake Como with drinks at George Clooney's villa (yak, yak), Lake Maggiore, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Borromean Islands, the statue of David in Florence, the WWII U.S War Cemetery and the quaint village of San Gimignano.



The food and wine were fabulous, making the 9 pounds I gained well worth the trip. Addio, Jayne & Paul



*Neighborhood Bob Cat  
Sighting on Sandstone  
Photo by  
Dianne Marston*



### Social Events

- Sep 29 6:15/7:00 Las Vegas' Jimmy Mazz Cocktails/Show, Another Skip Giles Production
- Oct 4 1:30 Book Club discusses Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda
- Oct 13 9-2:00 Styrofoam Collection, Westford Highway Department
- Oct 13 Progressive Dinner *Sign up now!*
- Oct 16 7:00pm Movie Night at the Clubhouse *"Singin' in the Rain"*
- Oct 21 2:00 Neighbors Welcoming New Neighbors Gathering *Everyone Welcome*
- Dec 11 Holiday Caroling
- Dec 15 Holiday Party at Parish Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 7:00pm Social Committee Meetings - Please join us!
- Fridays 6:30pm Games & Social
- Mondays 8:30am Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room
- Tuesdays 6:15pm Fusion Exercise Class!
- Wednesdays 9:00am Yoga
- Thursdays 6:00pm Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room

There is a small fee for these classes. For information contact Barbara West.  
 Check the online VSR Calendar for latest schedule updates: [VillageAtStoneRidge.com](http://VillageAtStoneRidge.com)

**STYROFOAM COLLECTION**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018,  
 9 AM TO 2 PM  
 Collection time can end before 2 PM  
 if/when the truck is full.  
 WESTFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
 28 NORTH STREET  
 ACCEPTED: ONLY Styrofoam #6 packing blocks or  
 sheets, including coolers. Must be white, clean, and  
 without stickers. Pack in plastic bags if possible (can be  
 broken up into pieces).  
 NOT ACCEPTED: Styrofoam food containers, includ-  
 ing cups and trays, and packing peanuts.  
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