

ENDOWMENT TRUST

a report and appeal to the community ♦ November 2003

Dear Neighbor,

We, the Trustees of the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust, present this, our sixth annual newsletter and report on the Trust's operations. The report shows you the many benefits from the Trust and includes our annual appeal to citizens to support this vital Trust with your contributions.

The Audited Financial Statement is on file at the Library for interested citizens to peruse at their convenience. It shows that, in spite of the unfavorable economic climate in 2002, the Trust was able to fund \$14,460 of programs and new assets for the Library. In addition, we have so far funded almost \$11,000 of additional programs in 2003.

Once again, the Trustees wish to thank each person, family, and business who has contributed to the Endowment Trust in the past and to invite additional donations, particularly from those of you who missed out on the original campaign.

For your convenience, we have included a return envelope, and thank you. Please make your check payable to the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust.

Your gifts will be invested to provide endowment income which is needed to continue making the Groton Public Library the best that it can be.

Sincerely,
the Groton Public Library
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Ed Emberley Visits Library Jack Vatcher, center, tries to decide what to have author-illustrator Ed Emberley sign in his book as his mother Ginny and friend Orin Karp, of Pepperell, look on. This event was part of the 2002–2003 season at the OSS gallery.

GALLERY ENRICHES COMMUNITY

Dianne Bunis, curator of The Owen Smith Shuman Gallery, offered a wide range of visual arts that included textile art, black and white fine photography, children's book illustrations, and oil paintings from local and regional artists during the 2002–03 season.

January started with three emerging artists who each received their Masters of Fine Arts from Boston University. In April, award-winning children's author Ed Emberley gave a "chalk talk" that was attended by 90 people. At the event, he signed books that were made available for purchase through the Friends of the Library. First grade classes from the Florence Roche School who visited the exhibit in May were greeted by the gregarious author. Linda Puiatti's oil paintings splashed color across the walls during the summer months. Throughout the past season, evening lectures by the exhibiting artists were offered to the community and funded by the Groton Commissioners of Trusts Lecture Fund. The gallery received notable press from the *Boston Globe*, *The Sun*, *Middlesex Beat*, and local newspapers highlighting the exhibits and lectures.

The generous contributions to the Endowment Trust have made the art exhibits possible. Exhibits planned for the 2003–04 season will include *Quilts, Collages and Combines* exhibited by local artist Diana Hughes and DeCordova faculty member Joan Loewenberg. Join the artists on November 15, 1–2:30 p.m. for an informal gallery talk and reception. Local photographer Joseph G. Schatz will exhibit his color