



## NES PRESENTS ITS 2013 BOOK AWARDS



On Thursday, April 25, the Society feted the winners of its 2013 *New England Society Book Awards* at the historic Grolier Club in midtown. The awards, which honor books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture, are presented annually to the authors of

books published in the previous 12 months, in any of four major categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Art & Photography and Specialty Title. Specialty Title is a new award for books that fall outside the parameters of the first three categories, and may include science & nature, travel, cookbooks, and other lifestyle titles.

The winning authors were in attendance to accept their respective awards in front of NES members, guests, and publishing insiders. Authors travelled from as far away as New Orleans (John Barry) and Maine (Libby Bischof) to be present at the festive lunch.

The 2013 *NES Book Award* winners, selected from 22 short-listed titles, are as follows:

- **Fiction:** *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro (Algonquin Books): This absorbing thriller, centered on the real-life heist at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, spans three centuries of forgers, thieves and obsessive collectors.
- **Nonfiction:** *Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul* by John M. Barry (Viking). The *New York Times* best-selling author examines two fault lines that have defined and divided America since Williams' arrival in Boston in the 17<sup>th</sup> century: the relationship between church and state, and individual freedom versus state power.
- **Art & Photography:** *Maine Moderns: Art in Seguinland, 1900-1940* by Susan Danly and Libby Bischof (Yale University Press). In this beautifully illustrated book, Bischof and Danly explore Maine's important place in the history of modern art.
- **Specialty Title, Science & Nature:** *A Field Guide to the Ants of New England* by Aaron M. Ellison, Nicholas J. Gotelli, Elizabeth J. Farnsworth and Gary D. Alpert (Yale University Press). This user-friendly regional guide is lavishly illustrated and will introduce amateur and professional naturalists and biologists to the more than 140 ant species in the region.

If you have not yet read the 2013 winning titles, there are copies, including a limited number of signed books, available for purchase through the NES office. Proceeds from purchases will help support the 2014 *New England Society Book Awards*.

Select photos, courtesy of Annie Watt, are below and continue on page three. Visit the NES website for a link to view the complete set of luncheon photos.

The Book Awards Committee will begin meeting to plan the 2014 Book Awards Program later this year. If you are interested in getting involved as a reader, please contact the NES office.



From top: NES President Anne Hall Elser (far left) and Book Awards Committee Chair Caroline Camougis (far right) with the winning authors; the 2013 New England Society Book Award winning titles; Sam Hill, Frances Gaston and Gail Gaston participate in a book signing with the winning authors.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

☞ **Frank H. Arlinghaus, Jr.** ☞

Ancestry, Education

Proposed: Tony Tichenor; Seconded: Anna Bulkot

☞ **W. Alexander Budney** ☞

Legacy Member

Son of Virginia Budney

☞ **Renate von Maustein Florescue** ☞

Associate Member

Proposed: Rick Perkins; Seconded: Roseanne O'Brien Vogel

☞ **S. Eliot Golding** ☞

Legacy Member

Son of Laurence Golding

☞ **Jacqueline Jean Haggerty** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: John Farrell; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Henry Hall** ☞

Legacy Member

Grandson of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Katherine Kraig** ☞

Education, Residence

Proposed: Judy Bliss; Seconded: Anne Hall Elser

☞ **Peter LeBeau** ☞

Residence

Proposed: Judy Bliss; Seconded: Lucy Puig

☞ **Valerie Levine** ☞

Ancestry

Proposed: Rick Perkins; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Laura McCormick** ☞

Residence

Proposed: Joanna Stohn; Seconded: Anna Bulkot

☞ **David J.P. Meachin** ☞

Education, Residence

Proposed: Jan Whitman Ogden; Seconded: Sunny Hayward

☞ **Roland Foster Miller** ☞

Ancestry

Proposed: Anna Bulkot; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Louis K. Milgram** ☞

Residence

Proposed: Polly Lyman; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Merri C. Moken** ☞

Education

Proposed: Anne Teasdale; Seconded: Kerry Robinson

☞ **Caroline Mullen** ☞

Legacy Member

Granddaughter of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Lindsey Rose Mullholand** ☞

Ancestry

Proposed: Melissa Zack; Seconded: David N. Sanchez

☞ **Robert Nevin** ☞

Legacy Member

Son of Elizabeth Standish Sackson

☞ **Brian Ross Owens** ☞

Ancestry

Proposed: John Mauk Hilliard; Seconded: Anna Bulkot

☞ **Susan Carr Pickett & C. Stephen Hedberg** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: Paul Cardile; Seconded: Judy Bliss

☞ **Emily Ann Powell** ☞

Legacy Member

Daughter of David Powell

☞ **Marigold Randall** ☞

Residence

Proposed: Polly Lyman; Seconded: Jay Sherwood

☞ **Charles Richards** ☞

Legacy Member

Son of Cynthia Richards

☞ **Scott C. Sambade** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: Stanley D. Heisler; Seconded: Sara S. Champion

☞ **David R. Shapiro** ☞

Associate Member

Proposed: Judy Bliss; Seconded: Anne Hall Elser

☞ **Charles Sullivan** ☞

Legacy Member

Grandson of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Christopher Sullivan** ☞

Legacy Member

Grandson of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Madeleine Sullivan** ☞

Legacy Member

Granddaughter of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Seth Tringale** ☞

Ancestry, Education, Residence

Proposed: Benedict Gedaminski; Seconded: John Farrell

☞ **Charlotte Wilbur** ☞

Legacy Member

Granddaughter of Lucy Mullen

☞ **Pauline A. Witker** ☞

Education, Residence

Proposed: Connie Greenspan; Seconded: Doran Mullen

**208TH FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION  
MONDAY, MAY 13 @ RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB**



Ron Gold, Sara Hudson, NES President Anne Hall Elser, Judy Bliss & Stephen Storen; Robert Chan, Harry Chung, Leonora Ballinger, Jay Sherwood, & Mary Latimer-Chung; Stephen Petrillo, Susan Petrillo, & John Kilbourne.



Paul Cardile, Baroness Gabriele von Langendorff, Shiek Abdula Thuraya & Nisreen Thuraya; Lindsey Mullholand, Melissa Zack & Susan Coxe; Margaret Ellis & Walter Bottger. *Founders' Day photos courtesy of Annie Watt.*

**2013 BOOK AWARDS LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 @ THE GROLIER CLUB**



Clockwise from top left: Book Awards Committee Chair Caroline A. Camougis, Ellen Scordato & Judy Linden; Scott Glascock & Marc Nied; NES President Anne Hall Elser & winning author John Barry.

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Society gratefully acknowledges those who have made memorial contributions to NES this year.

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∞ Save the Date ∞

*208th Annual Dinner Dance*

Friday, November 8, 2013

∞ Metropolitan Club ∞