

TEACHING VOLUMES | CAROL WYNNE '74

A 20-year career involving literature and literacy education has let Carol Wynne '74 put words to work.

After earning her Colby degree in psychology, the Minnesota native stayed in Maine to work in mental health, serving as administrator at a regional health agency and director of the first rape crisis center in Augusta.

But it was during a 1987 trip to San Diego that a search for her favorite childhood books with her young son led her to a children's bookstore. "I said, 'Oh, my God. I would love to do this,'" Wynne said. She went on to open the Children's Book Cellar in downtown Waterville, where highlights included meeting renowned Maine author/illustrators Barbara Cooney and Robert McCloskey.

After selling the store in 1994, Wynne worked at Waterville Adult Education as an adult basic education coordinator, placing students in literacy classes. As Wynne discovered, and other educators believe, many adult-education students' learning disabilities weren't diagnosed. "They just kind of got the social promotion from one grade to the next," she said, "and then they either dropped out or they graduated with low literacy skills."

Wynne now works as a consultant for the Maine Department of Education, helping revamp the Maine adult education professional development system to improve



educators' services to students.

She points to the first Educare Center in New England, a facility for children from birth to age 5 from low-income families—set to open in Waterville in fall 2010. The emphasis is on teaching young minds in a healthy social and emotional environment with support from their parents and educators. "The Educare program ... is taking all of what's currently known about best practices for young children and creating a model program," Wynne said. —Michelle Troutman

his son, Joe, who, while in law school, is working with homeless veterans in Boston. ■ I'm welcoming the quiet and calm that comes with the winter months. This last six months were absolutely crazy for me and it took its toll on Clementine, my dog, and me. We are enjoying the cool days, cozy fires, and peace of mind and body.

1972

Nancy Round Haley
classnews1972@alum.colby.edu

Pat Thomas is currently associate dean for curriculum at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where they launched a new four-year curriculum last fall, which sparked a lot of energy as well as the trials of organizational change for Pat. She and husband Chris celebrated 31 years of marriage and expected their first grandchild in November. Their second child, Ted, was married in Baltimore in October. Katie, their youngest, is a medical student. Chris and Pat completed their dream retirement home in Mt. Desert, Maine, and enjoyed several short trips there throughout the seasons, kayaking, hiking, and snowshoeing. "Can't wait to spend more time in Maine," Pat writes. ■ **Bob and Christine Hanley Pike** still live in Haverhill, Mass., with Bob teaching history at Haverhill High School and coaching football at Amesbury High School (winners of the High School Super Bowl in 2008!). Chris retired last year (after 35 years) from

the Manchester-Essex school district and is currently teaching at Northern Essex Community College. Their son Rob, 29, is also a teacher and coach at Haverhill High. Their daughter, Monica, 32, is married and lives in Weimar, Germany, with her 3-year-old daughter, Fiona. Chris and Bob have enjoyed several trips to Weimar, a small city in what was formerly in East Germany. They would love to hear from old friends! ■ **Kathy O'Dell** is working on a book titled *World Art Since 1945* with coauthor Kristine Stiles (Duke University), forthcoming in 2014. Kathy enjoys having "crossed over to the dark side," as her professorial friends call it, serving as associate dean of arts, humanities, and social sciences at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She, her husband, John Merritt, and middle school daughter, Lucy, have had fun reconnecting with **Jamie Aronow** and **Doug O'Heir**. ■ **Janet Holm Gerber's** family traveled to Alaska last summer to celebrate her youngest son's college graduation. Until this trip she had thought that Maine had the most beautiful and vast wilderness! "Not so—Alaska's wilderness expanse, wildlife, and pristine beauty is breathtaking and indescribable." They took a coastal cruise and then traveled inland to stay in a little cabin near Denali. Her oldest son, Justin (in Palm Desert, Calif.), is back in college to make a career change from the golf industry to engineering. Her youngest son, Taylor (in Nashville), graduated from Vanderbilt in

May and started work in the health-care business after a tough, summer-long job search. Janet continues to work at a local Episcopal independent school close to home, which she loves! She sends "best wishes" to all ■ **Shel Bai** is grateful for good health and family. She described herself as, "This Luddite grandma who might be seen grinning about town with a grandboy on a trail-a-bike, or running five or six miles with her sister with dreams of a half marathon next June." She summers as a camp counselor, and then cooks at Eaglebrook School part-time, substitutes in the public schools, tutors Latin at the community college, and feeds hungry neighbors once a month with a crew of volunteer friends. ■ **Donna Power Stone** went to Ireland in May, visiting Dublin, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and Doolin. She swam with Fungi the Dolphin in the Bay of Dingle and rode horseback on the beaches. Most recently she has been in San Francisco and Seattle visiting children and family, which was a "great and balancing break from life in D.C." Donna has travel plans in the works and is deciding how best to mark this next "milestone" birthday. "It's got to be a grand gesture as I can't believe it has come so quickly!" ■ Thanks for the news, especially those who haven't communicated in many years. May 2010 be a wonderful and monumental year for all. Mark your calendars for our **40th reunion in 2012!** ■ Live well, laugh often, love much!

1973

Carol Chalker
classnews1973@alum.colby.edu

John Hornstein has been named visiting professor of education in the College of Professional Studies at Milliken University. John earned an M.Ed. from Tufts and an Ed.D. from Harvard. ■ **Susie Yovic Hoeller**, living in Bentonville, Ark., made two trips to Maine in 2009. In April, at the kind invitation of Professor Sandy Maisel, Susie spoke to students at the Goldfarb Center about her career in international law and her *pro bono* work with refugees. In June Susie joined **Barb Powers**, Debbie Wathen Finn '74, Cathy Morris Killoran '74, Debbie Marden '74, Martha Hamilton Benson '74, Jill Gilpatrick Richard '74, Vicki Parker Kozak '74, Sonja Powers Schmanksa '74, and Jane Dutton '74 at Windfall near Port Clyde, Maine, for sea kayaking and a ferry ride to Isleboro. Susie and her husband Ted (who flew up later) then visited Lubeck, Maine, and Campobello Island, N.B. ■ **Vicki and Bob O'Neill** met Carol and **Jim Daly** in Denver in October for a Patriots-Broncos football game. Then they drove to Bob's new log cabin near Sundance, Wyo., for two days of food, wine, and R&R. Jim and Bob toasted the memory of their friend and classmate **Al Linsky**. ■ **Sue Schink** continues as an interim rector at a small Episcopal church in Little Falls—she looks forward to a new church in 2010. Her goldenoodle, Rosie, comes to church and makes home visits to the elderly. She is almost a certified therapy dog and suffers from uncontrolled wagging! Sue visited with **Anne Huff Jordan** on Cape Cod. ■ **Ed and Anne Douglas Stanek** spent last year all over the world, taking advantage of Ed's sabbatical. Five months were in Hawaii, where Anne's brother and family live, two months in Kolkata, India, where Ed was a visitor at the Institute of Statistics, and time in Sydney, Australia, where Ed did research. Anne enjoyed all this on a leave from her music teaching job in South Hadley, Mass. Their daughter Kari was married in August 2009 and son Kyle was engaged shortly thereafter. Their youngest boys are pursuing graduate and college studies. ■ After 23 years **Doug Gorman** sold the services piece of Information Mapping, Inc. to a group of Europeans. He retains a technology company (Simply XML) and is considering launching a new venture that he describes as "totally unrelated to anything I've done in my life." Wife Cheryl (Booker '74) enjoys her work at Harvard University. Son Bobby '08 has a job at Accenture in N.Y.C., while daughter Katie is a member of the Colby Class of 2012 and "is having a ball in Maine." ■ **Henry Sockesson III** retired