

ANNUAL REPORT

WAYNE, MAINE



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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Annual Town Report Dedication



**Top Left: Margaret Knight; Top Right: Bea Horne;
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Every year the Wayne Board of Selectmen is given the distinct task of recognizing an individual or organization that has demonstrated true community spirit and contributed much to the shaping of our wonderful community of Wayne. This year's dedication of the Annual Town Report will be awarded to four amazing women. These women, through their unlimited time, energy, and devotion, have given much to the betterment of our community. This honor has been awarded to Margaret Lillian Riggs Knight, Brigette Eberle "Bea" Horne, Betty Beryl Marson Bennett, and Neala Whitney Jennings.

Margaret Knight, the daughter of George Charles Riggs and Lillian Hattie (Goding) Riggs, was born in Livermore Falls in 1931. She graduated from Livermore Falls High School in the class of 1949. She married her beloved Andrew Knight on June 26, 1955 at the North Wayne Church in what was believed to have been the first wedding held in the 104 year-old church. Margaret worked at the Livermore Falls Advertiser as a bookkeeper and linotype operator for eight years and at the Central Maine Power until her retirement in 1990. After moving to Wayne in 1949, she became a member of the Wayne Community Church where she served on various boards and committees including the Board of Trustees. She was a member of the former Minta Class, Women's Auxiliary of the Wayne Fire Department and the Wayne Cemetery Association. She also attended the North Wayne Church where she taught Sunday School and was an organist. Her deep commitment to the townspeople of Wayne has earned her the respect and affection of the community.

Bea Horne was born in Nuremburg, Germany on September 20, 1931. At the young age of 21, Bea immigrated to America. It is here where she met and married Leonard "Laddie" Horne in 1957. Their marriage spanned 51 years until his death in 2008. She eventually became a U.S. citizen in 1968. After moving to Wayne in 1994 to be closer to her grandchildren, she quickly became involved in community events. Bea was a member of the Wayne Garden Club. She tended the many gardens at town memorials, schools and home. Her commitment to the Wayne community didn't end at gardening. She volunteered at Pooh Bear Nursery School, Wayne Elementary School Library, the Wayne Friday Club and Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). It was because of her commitment to help where and whenever she could, Bea was given the KLT Volunteer of the Year Award in 2007. When she took a break from these activities, she could be found at home knitting mittens for mitten drives, making comfort shawls for hospice, and baking goods for countless fundraisers. Bea's boundless energy and love for Wayne has made her a valued member of our community.

Betty Bennett was born on her grandparents' farm in Wayne to George and Vera Marson. This is where she spent most of her childhood. She met and married Army Sgt. Byron Bennett in 1946. They had spent the next fourteen years base hopping throughout the country. In 1958, when Byron was deployed to Germany, Betty decided to take their children and settled back in Wayne. She quickly took an enthusiastic role in community events and could be found volunteering her time and energy in Scouts, Minta Class, Literacy Volunteers, town and church suppers, the United Way, and Meals on Wheels. She was a History Helper at the local elementary school and took an active part in multiple church and town committees, politics, AFS, Senior Luncheons, and adult/student Sunday School. She had a thirst for learning and loved people as well as a good debate. Betty opened her home to help many young lives and continued her volunteer work. Artistically, she enjoyed expressing her creativity through her painting, stained glass, pottery, flower arranging and the beautiful gardens that she tended too. Betty enjoyed experiencing new things. Her deep interest in her faith roots and quest for better understanding of other cultures led to her