

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

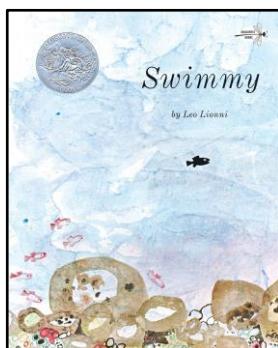
THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

JULY 11, 2022

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND

- Parlor Talks: July 14, July 21, July 28
- Core Sound Entrepreneurship Camp: July 18-22

Sound Reading Material For You & Your Child



Swimmy
By Leo Lionni

Deep in the sea lives a happy school of fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding . . . until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and teamwork—they can overcome any danger.

Winner of the 1964 Caldecott Honor, this beloved tale of a brave little fish has been a favorite to generations of readers.

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A Summer Day of Thanks

If you didn't make it to Shell Point this past Saturday, you missed one fine day, even the weather cooperated to give us a perfect July afternoon. It really was amazing.

Core Sound is committed to recognize our "community heroes" and this summer event gives all of us a chance to say thank you to all who serve--firemen, law enforcement, health care workers, first responders, powerline crews, teachers and school personnel, and especially our active military and Veterans. We are thankful to all for generations of service!

To the event hosts and plate sponsors, you made it possible for us to say thank you to 350+ community heroes, the people who keep our community strong.

A special thank you to Brian North for your kind words, your love and respect for Down East, and your understanding that we have come through a lot in the past several years. It seems like since the day(s) Florence pounded our shores, it has been a struggle with storm recovery, pandemics, tragedies ... so many losses, but we are still #downeaststrong.

If you missed the 2MAW Band, you missed the very best part. They are amazing and give everyone hope and security in these troubled times. Those young women and men's talents and commitment to serve comes through in their discipline and precision. My friend from the United Kingdom who was helping at the event told me after, "I feel like I have experienced America today." Yes!

Days like this one remind us what this Museum is all about. It's more than a building, more than an organization, more than a place to visit. Core Sound is about the people . . . always has been, always will be! See ya' next year -- July 8, 2023.



The Pizer

It doesn't take long to notice the prevalence of pizers along Core Sound, especially when it comes to original houses. The term "pizer" is a colloquialized derivation of the Italian word "piazza" meaning "porch." It isn't uncommon in our area for a letter to drop from a word over time or for word endings to become "er" as in *winder* (window) , *piller* (pillow), or *nor'easter* (northeastern). It's just the way things are.

Pizers were the heart of the home when my parents and grandparents were young. Certainly, the lack of air conditioning played a role in their importance, but it went well beyond the need to cool off. Pizers were many things to many people.

The Meeting Place: After long workdays and especially on Sunday afternoons, gathering on a large front porch was the most natural thing for families to do. Houses couldn't hold everyone, children, in-laws, friends, and neighbors, so outside they went to catch up on what was happening and how everyone was doing. Children played in the yard while adults talked 'til dark. Passersby would often join in before continuing on their way.

The Information Hub: There was no better place to learn what was going on in the community than from a pizer. Not only did it allow you to see who was coming and going, but it also allowed for impromptu conversations to spark as folks walked. Talking in questions gathered much intel while harmlessly rocking and being neighborly.

The Weather Station: Changes in humidity, wind shifts, and even the smell of the air were easily noticed on porches. Some of the best entertainment was predicting the weather and then seeing predictions come to fruition. Watching rain fall around you while being protected from it on the porch was a peaceful feeling like no other.

The Resting Spot: The best pizers were equipped with rocking chairs and swings. Counting folks passing by, singing familiar songs, or daydreaming were all made better during quiet times swaying in the salty air.

My mom always smiles when she recounts being small enough to lay on her belly in her family's front porch swing. She was about four-years-old and would dangle one leg that could barely touch the porch to push herself back and forth. When her eyes became heavy, she would give one last push and pull her leg onto the swing and drift away into quiet slumber.

I think Mrs. Trudy Rose said it best when she shared with me, "The porches we have today are used mostly for ornamentation but then we used them for conversation, and they enriched our lives. Oh, how I wish we could go back, and our children and grandchildren could experience the porches of our youth!" If only we could.



Above, Margarete Hancock stands on her beloved pizer where many visits were enjoyed. Below, is one of those visits.
(photos from Joel Hancock's collection)



July's Yellow Flies

The heat of summer brings with it many unpleasant yellow flies that won't leave until August rains wash them away. Like mosquitoes, the females will inflict painful bites and leave welts in some cases. Yellow flies are most active during the day. If bitten, apply ice and elevate the bitten area. Cortisone cream will also help with the stinging itch.

The use of insect repellents can be helpful but not overly effective for they will be sweated off quickly in the summer heat. A better prevention is to wear long clothing to reduce skin exposure. Also, remove standing water to slow the yellow flies' reproduction from occurring around your home.



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