

EDGARTOWN

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Spring has definitely come to the Island — at least our version of the season, anyway. The warmer temperatures are more frequent, as are the wind and the rain. Only on Martha's Vineyard is it possible to be against the wind no matter what direction you are walking, running, or riding! But, even with the wind and rain, it is nice to have daylight last a little longer in the evening and wonderful to be outside again. The other day I sat in my rocking chair in the front yard drinking a cup of tea and reading a magazine while Riley played in the sandbox. It was quite lovely and I feel like I can actually say "I made it through another one!" I hope you all feel the same.

Condolences go out to Garrett,

Lucy, and Tim Orazem this week for the loss of Nancy Orazem, following a long and valiant battle with cancer. She was such a great lady and always had a smile to share, no matter what was going on. Her charm and her grace will be missed around town.

The Island Community Chorus held its spring concerts this weekend on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. The chorus performed selections from various operas this year and the concert was magnificent. At Sunday's performance, the appreciative audience gave the performers a standing ovation at the end of the concert. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful organization and such fabulous talent on our small island.

Franklin, a turtle well known to many youngsters from books and cartoons, made an appearance at the Edgartown Library on Saturday afternoon. Franklin visited with about 10 youngsters in the children's room of the library while

Debbie MacInnis read Franklin stories to the kids. Donna Blackburn also joined the fun and shared an art project with the kids as well, helping them make turtles out of felt, rocks and stickers. Everyone had a great afternoon. Check the Directory of Information in today's paper for Franklin's other appearances on the Island for you to catch.

Island resident and 2002 Winter Olympic artist Susan Swartz will present a series of six paintings at the Braun Room of Harvard Divinity School, Andover Hall, 45 Francis Street in Cambridge, April 12-20. Check the Harvard Divinity School web site at www.hds.harvard.edu/artexhibit for exhibit hours. Susan is trained in watercolors, oils, and acrylics and primarily paints impressionistic landscapes and nature scenes. She was also an artist for the 2002 winter Olympic games in Utah. Congratulations, Susan.

Have a great week everyone. Enjoy the longer days! ♦

Art and spirituality

Vineyard artist Susan Swartz will present six paintings at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge April 12 to 20. Included in the exhibit are

"Morning Calm," a dramatic four-by-four-foot painting, and a large iridescent abstract entitled "Heaven." The show takes place in the Braun Room, Andover Hall, 45 Francis Street, Cambridge. For hours visit <http://www.hds.harvard.edu/artexhibit>.

Ms. Swartz was selected to participate in this relationship with the school in recognition of her expression of her spiritual life in her



"Morning Calm" by Susan Swartz

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