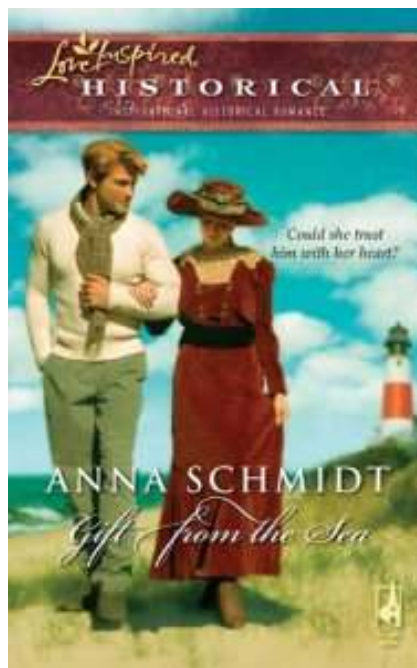


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SEQUEL TO SEASIDE CINDERELLA AVAILABLE NOW

GIFT FROM THE SEA, the sequel to SEASIDE CINDERELLA, is now available. Set in WWI, it tells the story of Maggie - daughter of Gabe and Lucie - and the German seaman she nurses back to health and into her heart!

In August watch for HOME AT LAST, a heartwarming multigenerational love story set on a cranberry farm on Nantucket Island. [To learn more about this beautiful island, check the links on my home page - Nantucket is indeed an island filled with history - and romance.]

And coming in October is another Nantucket historical entitled AN UNEXPECTED SUITOR. This one has a theatrical setting (and Anna was a theater major in her college days, spent a summer in New

York as part of an off-Broadway workshop troupe, and designed costumes for productions in Chicago, Milwaukee and Virginia. "The devastating effects that stereotyping can have has always interested me," Anna reports. "Certainly theater folks have gotten a bad rap for decades (if not centuries). I do hope readers will enjoy reading about Miss Nola Burns and the unlikely suitor she meets in Harrison Starbuck."

One last note: in addition to finagling for the Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Awards (for the fourth time), Anna's novel *Seaside Cinderella* is also a finalist for the Reader's Choice Awards given annually by the Wisconsin Romance Writers of America.

NEW CONTEST COMING IN JULY!



In the meantime, click <http://www.brendanovak.com/auction.shtml> to go to author Brenda Novak's website to bid on a special basket from ANNA donated to Brenda's popular silent auction to raise \$\$\$ for Juvenile Diabetes Research!



BEHIND ANNA'S GARDEN GATE...

Dear Readers and Guests,
I must say that while my garden is not quite this size, in spring (and fall) it does begin to feel as if I could use the help of some major equipment!! Still it's always a delight to watch the garden in spring. Every day brings new surprises. After two days of April downpour my iris plants had shot up a good

six inches. And the variety of greens and yellow-greens and russet buds tightly clinging to the last vestiges of winter. It's magical! And speaking of magical, I have a favorite local garden center where I like to shop. The owners call me by name, know my yard and generally are more like neighbors than merchants. Today I needed to take some photos of my garden but things are not quite as in bloom as I would like. Emily offered me several pots of hyacinths, daffodils and tulips reaching the end of their bloom but still pretty to fill in the gaps. Isn't it special when people treat one another with such unsolicited generosity and kindness? What a world we could make if everyone were a little more like Emily. Pay such kindnesses forward, I always say.

DON'T FORGET! Love hearing from you online or via snail mail!!
Stay well and stay in touch! *Anna*

