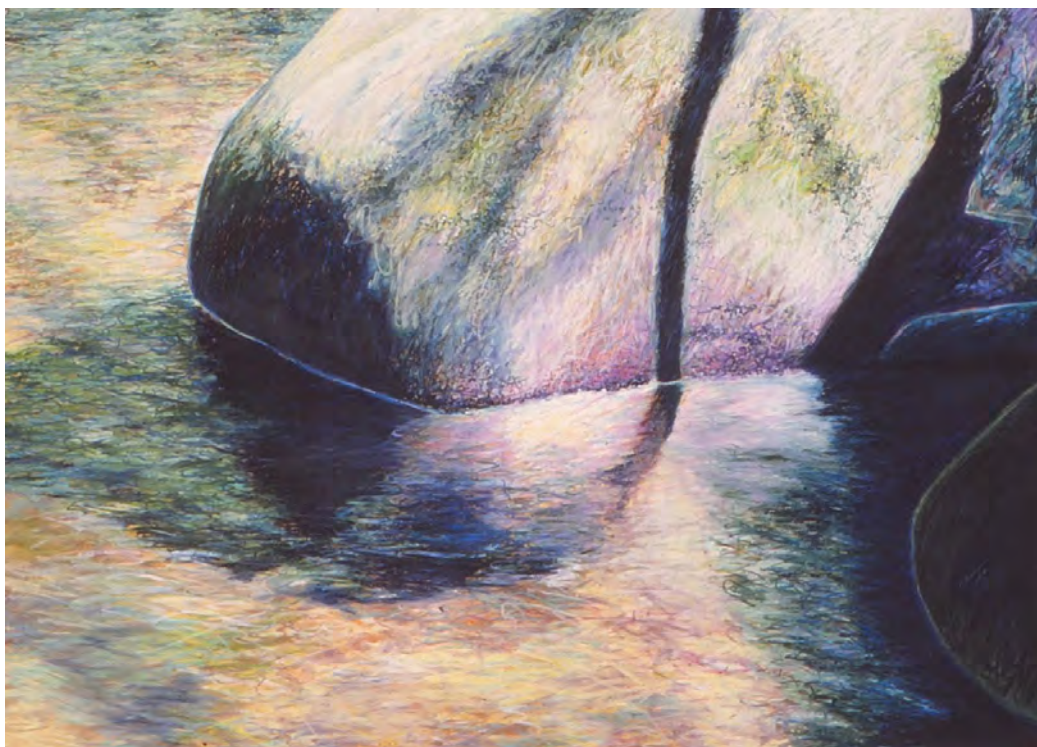


Mountain View

A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation.



Top right: *An Image of Spring* by Sarah Gallop; Middle: *a Floral Inlay* by Sarah Gallop; Bottom left: *"Mossy Glen #2,"* Medium: oil pastel on paper, Steven Teczar. Top left and bottom right: birds from the Farrar Tract (see page 9) courtesy of David Forsyth - from top to bottom: a Northern Waterthrush, a Black-billed Cuckoo, a Cape May Warbler, and a Nashville Warbler. Page 9 pictures a Horned Lark also from the Farrar Tract.

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Randolph Foundation Appoints

New Randolph Weekly Editor

Mark Kelley, President of the Randolph Foundation, is happy to announce the appointment of Linda Dupont, as the Editor of the Randolph Weekly for the Summer of 2022. Linda moved to Gorham with her husband, a Gorham native, and daughter in 1995. Many of you may know her as the Assistant to the Selectman in Randolph, where she has served since 2013, and as Deputy Tax Collector. Linda is also responsible for the monthly publication, The Blizzard, which keeps members of the Randolph Community aware of activities throughout the year.

As Editor of the Randolph Weekly, Linda will keep everyone informed about activities in our community during the busy months of July and August. It's important to get any events to Linda through her email, linda.dupont90@yahoo.com by noon on Wednesdays, for publication on Fridays.

The Randolph Weekly is circulated each Friday during the months of July and August and is disseminated to the various boxes (commonly referred to as birdboxes), dispensed throughout the town.

From the Town Offices

ATTENTION: All Randolph Taxes are to be paid via Mail-In Payments (cash or check) to the Town Hall or in person at the Town Hall.

THERE IS NO RANDOLPH NH SITE ONLINE FOR TAX PAYMENTS.

A fraudulent website has appeared claiming that Randolph Tax Payers can submit payments online. **This is a scam. Do not pay your taxes online. Thank you.**

Tax bills will be sent out during the first week of June and are to be paid by July 6th.

The selectmen's office reminds you that there is a requirement for a signed change of address request from the property owner before it can be changed – form is on Town's website (Randolph.nh.gov).

Mark your calendars! There is an upcoming State Primary on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022. Polls will be open 11am to 7 pm.

A quick note: Town Hall computers are resolving an issue with responding to emails from gmail addresses.

RMC Summer Social Events Summer 2022

Franklin Stone Wenk and Ginny Folsom Umiker



Thursday, July 4th: Please come kick off the season at Mark and Katie Kelley's wonderful yard at 98 Randolph Hill Road at the annual RMC Fourth of July Tea. Join us from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for punch, iced tea and delicious baked goods. Catch up on the latest RMC news, meet this year's trail crew and caretakers, check out our merchandise, sign up to lead a hike and connect with friends, old and new. Please help us bring together all the RMC's generations at this event.

Friday, July 29: Dinner at Libby's Bistro at 6:00 PM. A wonderful evening of food, fellowship and fundraising for the club; outdoors under the tents. Space is limited! Payment on the RMC website or delivery of checks ahead of time is strongly encouraged and will save you a wait on line at the event. Sponsorships for RMC camp caretakers and trail crew are gratefully accepted! Please email RMC social co-chairs Franklin or Ginny (contact info below) to RSVP and to hold your spot.

TBD Early August: The RMC Gourmet Hike returns to the Pine Mountain ledges. Meet at Randolph East at 10:00 AM; we will carpool to the Pine Mtn. trailhead on the Pinkham B (Dolly Copp) Rd. and ascend via the Ledge Trail. Three miles round trip; a shorter ascent from the Horton Center will be available for those who wish to take it. Bring a lunch for yourself or a favorite dish to share.

TBD Mid-August [how about August 14th?]: A Community Picnic, 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM, at the Ravine House Pool. Bring your blanket and picnic and enjoy the camaraderie of an afternoon with other friends of Randolph.

Saturday, August 20th: The 108th Annual RMC Picnic and Charades, noon to 2:00 PM at the Mossy Glen Amphitheater off of Durand Road. Bring a picnic lunch and your very own cup; punch provided. Rides up to Mossy Glen are available. In the event of rain, the festivities will be moved to the Randolph Town Municipal Bldg., Pinkham "B" Road.

Saturday, August 20th: We are hoping to hold Square Dance in the Beringers' barn at Sugar Plum Farm, 232 Randolph Hill Road, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, BUT will have to assess the Covid conditions nearer the time. Stay tuned for updates in the Randolph Weekly. Many thanks to Marie Beringer and the Beringer family for their ongoing sponsorship; your additional donations are gratefully accepted, to cover the cost of this super fun event.

Spontaneous Cookouts: Meet with fellow Randolphians for cookouts at the Ravine House pool. Grills will be provided; you just bring your own libations and main course to throw on the grill. These events will be weather dependent. Stay tuned!

Watch the Randolph Weekly all summer for more details about each of these events.

Would you like to help out by volunteering to welcome people or serve punch at the Tea, lead your section of the Charades, or donate a Gourmet Dinner raffle item or sponsor a crew member for the dinner at Libby's? Please contact Social Events Co-Chairs:

Franklin Stone Wenk, stonewenk@gmail.com; (917) 597-1848 or
Ginny Folsom Umiker ginnyumiker@gmail.com; (774) 249-9275

See you this summer!



Scenes of Randolph



Spring path by Sarah Gallop



Spring comes to Randolph on April 28th—the maple trees are showing their buds and the daffodils are blooming! From Guy Stever



Town Meeting Day by Anne Kenison

Oh how I love the warmth of May,
when red fox pups come out to play.
Tumbling over one another,
they play fight each other,
Till mother's return at the end of the day!

Carol Ryder Horton



Pond of Safety by Sarah Gallop



Tufted Titmouse waiting for Spring from Anne Kenison



Wilson's Warbler by David Forsyth

Porches of Randolph

Redza Dempster

Porches of Randolph is a new summer season activity for local residents and visitors to safely socialize outside during cocktail hour on Porches and Lawns across Randolph!

Parties will be held in limited numbers between July 5th and September 4th this year. Guests will gather to admire the unique, breathtaking views, and meet friends, old and new.

Guests are encouraged to bring a donation with them in an amount of their choosing. 100% of proceeds will be distributed evenly to the Randolph Foundation, the Randolph Mountain Club, and the Randolph Library.

Sign-ups for the inaugural 2022 season of Porch Parties will open in June and can be found at porchesofrandolph.org.



Photo Above: The View from Echobank, courtesy of Emily Douglas

Back Porch Book Club - An Anniversary

Barbara Arnold

This June will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Back Porch Book Group. Over the twenty years we have read and discussed 210 books, by October it will be 214. It started as a discussion during a spring gathering at the Arnolds to celebrate the end of sugaring and the hope of spring. A few of us were bemoaning the fact that we loved to read and talk about the books we read but as we were all working full time could not attend the Randolph Colloquy or the Mildred Horton Book group which both met on Mondays. One thing led to another and in June of 2002, the first meeting took place on the Arnolds' screened in porch. The schedule was arrived at by consensus of those who attended, held on Friday nights so no one had to get up for work the next day. It was decided we would try to read books that were printed in paperback to help those of us who read a little slower and had schedules that precluded being able to sit and read for hours. We have read mostly novels but not always.

Each April we celebrate poetry month by bringing favorite poems, many written by friends, family and even some budding amateur poets. We can always count on Michele Cormier to bring a limerick, John Henne sends some of his poetry, and of course several of us find a poem

from Randolph's own Tasha Graff.

The group is mostly women but not by design. Sometimes the book chosen intrigues some men and it is always a good discussion when we have many different viewpoints. We've had authors come to discuss their book. We are not a strictly literary group although we do talk about writing styles and techniques. Very often the book's subject matter leads us in other directions, how it pertains to today's world, how it affects a certain group, the issues of prejudice, war, history and any other topics that seem connected.

We meet in each other's homes as it was decided long ago it was a more intimate atmosphere. During the pandemic we met via Zoom but it was a poor substitute for being in the same room. Now that we are back to meeting in person, we do ask anyone who wishes to come be vaccinated and boosted to be as safe as possible.

I am very grateful to have these people in my life and look forward to each meeting. The group is diverse and while there are many people on the email there is a core group of about 10 who come routinely. If you are interested in a copy of our book list or being on the email list, please let me know at barbara.arnold51@gmail.com

Randolph Forest Day 2022

Laura Brockett

The annual Randolph Forest Day will be celebrated this year on Saturday, August 6th. The theme of this year's event will be presented by Richard Boisvert and will discuss the east-west movement of native Americans between the areas defined by what are now Burlington, VT and Portland, ME.

The day will begin, as usual, in the Randolph

Town Hall at 9 am. Members of the Forest Commission and the Forestry team will report on new activities which have been carried out on the Forest during the last year. These include a summary of recent harvesting activity, summary of acquisition of new parcels to the Randolph Town Forest and an overview of the new Bridges to be installed near the Pond of Safety. These bridges will replace

Randolph Forest Day continued...

conventional culverts to allow native fish species to again migrate up the water courses.

Our guest speaker, Richard Boisvert, spent summers in Randolph between 2004 and 2009 on land owned by Robert Potter and Roberta Arbree. This land was recently gifted to the Town and is now part of the Randolph Town Forest. He and his students discovered artifacts that indicate seasonal use by native Americans over 12,000 years ago as a hunting site for caribou that traveled through the Randolph valley.

Celebration Quilt Update, June 2022

Barbara Arnold

Over the winter, I compiled all the comments received to answer the question, "What makes Randolph special to you?" or "What makes you think of Randolph?". Thank you all for your thoughts. We received 44 submissions roughly broken down into 11 categories. We will now start fleshing out the final quilt plan as a committee.

At this point we are looking at asking the various organizations/groups/civic bodies, any group past or current, that make Randolph the community we love, create the various squares. The squares will then be put together as a community quilt, a painting of sorts, to reflect the town and area. If you are a member of a Randolph group, please talk to your members to see if they would be interested in participating. Once the final size and number of squares are determined, subjects will be assigned as groups commit to making a square. The timeline is roughly to have the subjects assigned by this fall, squares would be expected to be finished and sent to me no later than fall of 2023. The quilt will then be assembled by volunteers starting in spring of 2024, finished by mid-July of that year for display. All these timelines are subject to change as the ultimate goal is to have it on display as soon as possible in the summer of 2024.

The categories are birds, sports, land/scenery (large number), hotels, hiking (large number), flowers,

After Richard's presentation, the commission hopes to include a field-day to view the bridge project near the Pond of Safety. Details to be determined.

All are welcome. People can come to the presentation at the Town Hall and skip the tour. People can come to the Town Hall late and join the tour. Dogs and young children should be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them. If attending the Field Trip, please bring a trail lunch and water, wear shoes appropriate for light hiking and remember to bring your bug repellent.

cottages, people, weather, celebrations and other (includes horseback riding, snow caves with candles, memories, swimming, dancing). The size of the square will be set, but the media, design, etc. will be up the group doing the square. The quilt committee will explore funding sources for the supplies.

We will be looking for people to help with the actual assembling of squares in 2024. Several people have already contacted me, thank you. Please contact me or any of the committee members with questions or suggestions.

Barbara Arnold, (barbara.arnold51@gmail.com; (603)466-2438)

Celebration Quilt Committee chair

Committee members:

Carol Doyle
Betsy Rising Kinsey
Laura Brockett

Helpers (thus far, more welcome):

Anne Post Poole
Carol Doyle
Laura Brockett
Sally Micucci
Katy Kelley
Lauren Bradley

Misguided III

Bob Kruszyna

Continued from the December 2021 issue...

Then there's the Aiguille de Bionnassay. Bionnassay? Well, it is one of the 60-odd 4000 meter peaks in the Alps (the Alps' peak-bagging counterpart to the Colorado "fourteeners" or the 4000-Footer Club but much more technically demanding.) Unfortunately, it is one of the immediate satellites of Mont-Blanc and therefore overlooked. More importantly, it is also one of the more remote summits in the Chamonix-Mont Blanc massif, where most peaks are easily accessible from huts and cable cars.

On our initial attempt, Harriet and I chose the longest, most devious approach because the route on the



Misguided continued...

mountain itself, once we got to it, was the easiest. That route started from the Durier Hut, located between the Bionnassay and the highest summit of the Domes de Miage. From the latter, a descent of 1000 feet followed by an ascent of 2000 feet was necessary just to reach the hut. Moreover, the Durier was a bivouac hut, meaning that one had to bring his own supplies: sleeping bag, stove, fuel, pots, food. The very backpacking we had come to the Alps to avoid! From the low-lying Trélatête Hut, we postholed forever up the glacier to the highest of the Domes, gaining about 5000 feet in elevation. By this time, carrying all that stuff, we had simply exhausted our will. Waving goodbye to the still distant Durier, we retreated back over the other Domes to the hut, meeting along the way several parties surprised by all our stuff.

The normal route on Mont-Blanc from the Italian side (which we had earlier followed to that summit) offered another approach to the Bionnassay. Mont-Blanc and its forepeak, the Dome de Gouter, are connected by one of the most aerial snow ridges in the Alps to the Aiguille de Bionnassay. So, once again, the 4000-foot grind up to the Rifugio Gonella, the chewy, undercooked pasta, the gritty, unfiltered vino rosso, the 3 AM start, long after the media notte departure of the Italian peak-baggers. Dawn was breaking as we crested the frontier ridge, Mont-Blanc to the right and the Bionnassay to the left. I felt poorly, which Harriet attributed to altitude, so we rested briefly. I looked across that sinuous, incredibly exposed ridge leading to the Bionnassay, and I chickened out.

After that we decided to take the bull by the horns and try the hardest but most accessible route, the North Face – the NORTH FACE! North faces, north ridges are the ultimate alpine objectives, and more often than not, they offer the most serious routes on a mountain. We felt we needed another person or a guide because we did not think the two of us were a strong enough party for such a major undertaking.

Another year, we were back at the Trélatête hut in training mode. Our first objective was a modest peak, Mont Tondou. Usually, it is necessary to skirt the horrendous icefall in the glacier to the left and then come back right above it to reach the peak. But I espied a direct route through the icefall, which brought us to the climb itself, a rocky ridge scramble. A guided party of five or six people followed us. The ridge was easy, so we took off the rope, partly because it was unnecessary and partly to avoid knocking rocks down on the group following.

Their guide, Jean-Louis Arnaud, was an immediately likable, personable fellow, who spoke better English than I spoke French because he had ski-guided several seasons in western Canada. He exhibited none of the arrogant airs so rife amongst his European colleagues. I have

often wondered whether his experience in Canada had taught him that North American clients would not put up with the superior, condescending attitude of European guides. We conversed briefly about Canadian mountain people who were acquaintances in common. He thanked us for taking the rope off and thus not endangering his party and remarked on my clever route-finding. Presciently, in view of our ongoing Bionnassay project, I took his telephone number.

He had not climbed the peak but he took us on because he was aware of our competence. We hiked up to the Tête Rouse hut on the normal route to Mont-Blanc, where we were to meet him as he brought down a party from that peak. I scouted out the route: descend some 600 feet down a couloir and cross the Bionnassay Glacier to the foot of the face – in the dark! Then go diagonally up the snow/ice face, 3500 feet high with an angle between 40° and 55°, through innumerable bergschrunds, crevasses and teetering ice blocks, turning difficulties to the right. To the right!! As evening came on we became anxious because Jean-Louis had not yet arrived, and he was to provide the rope! I was about to negotiate with the hutmaster the possible rental of a rope when he showed up.

The first mistake was mine rather than his. I let him arrange the rope with Harriet in the middle between himself and me, the arrangement guides invariably employ with a couple. Had I been in the middle instead, I would have been able to keep him on the most reasonable line. As it turned out, he soon lost the route by going too far left and got us into unforeseen and unnecessary difficulties. Misguided.

We stood at the base of an ice wall some 100 feet

high, with an overhanging cornice at the top. To give him credit, Jean-Louis was a superb athlete, surmounting the obstacle with relative ease, using just one ice screw for protection under the overhang. By this time another party had caught up with us, following in our misguided steps. As I essayed the pitch, the leader of the other party muttered to Harriet, “That old guy won’t be able to do it.” Although I was indeed 60 at the time, I did do it. The only problem was in extracting the ice screw, because



Misguided continued...

the tension on the rope kept pulling me into the wall as I was working. Harriet followed, with only a little help from a tight rope.

The cocky leader of the other party soon met his comeuppance and called to Jean-Louis for a rope. The two of us hauled him bodily up and over the overhang, where he lay gasping like a beached whale. We don't know what happened to them thereafter, but we never saw them again. I suspect his second was unable to climb the pitch even with a tight top rope and they backed off.

Meanwhile, we three front-pointed up the face, utilizing the scantiest of belays, in a direct line toward the distant summit, rather than to the right where the easiest route lay. Jean-Louis had transformed the *assez difficile* (grade III) route we had expected into a *difficile* (grade IV), a level at which we rarely climbed. I suppose we should have been proud of ourselves for surpassing our usual prudent standard. And a NORTH FACE to boot!

Hardened by our experience on the face, that thin, exposed ridge connecting to Mont-Blanc, which had on an earlier occasion caused me so much trepidation, we now treated as just a "piece of cake". We traversed over the Dome du Gouter to the saddle where the tourist route via the Tête Rousse joins the more sporting route descending

to the Grands Mulets hut. Jean-Louis was returning to the Tête Rousse to meet tomorrow's Mont-Blanc clients while we opted for the latter. Our misbegotten, misguided, but marvelous adventure ended with our counting out and signing traveler's checks in the wind at 14,000 feet!



All Misguided photos courtesy of Bob Kruszyna

Tennis Court Rejuvenation

The Randolph Tennis court turned 50 years old last year. As a birthday present the Randolph Foundation generously paid for an \$18,000 rebuild. We contracted with Mike Kenny of Tennis Courts of New England to do a complete resurface of the clay court. Mike had a vested interest in the job as he had helped his dad build the court 50 years ago.

The job entailed removing the surface material, changing the grade slope from north to south, to east to west for better drainage. Tons of new clay were added as wind erosion had removed much of the old clay. The surface was laser leveled and compacted. The final fine and then coarse red surface material were added and compacted. New net posts were installed.

Due to the late completion of the work last summer we elected to not put the tapes down and let the surface settle through the winter. This spring the local volunteer work is in progress repairing the irrigation system, adjusting the fence elevations to accommodate the new slope, rolling the surface each day—in both directions—after it is wetted each night and reinstalling the tapes with the thousands of nails that hold them in place. We also planted 10 arborvitae trees along the North end and East corner to act as a wind break when they mature.

By the time you read this, the court should be up

Dave and Alison Tomlinson

and running for another 50 years scenic play on a beautiful, like-new tennis court.

An Important Note: On May 5th a person with a large dog and boots with cleats walked around the new tennis court and pushed the roller in circles. It had rained the previous night and the court was soft. The result was deep prints from both the dog and the boots that took 10 days of rolling every day to remove.

Please remember that Durand Lake, the Ravine House Pool, and the tennis court are self-supervised areas. If you see someone abusing them, please ask them to stop.



Photo above: 500 nails to set the tapes and 3,000 to go! Courtesy of Dave and Alison Tomlinson

Join the Parade!

Judy Hudson

Do you have a story about something important that has happened in Randolph since 1974?

Our subcommittee has been working steadily on preparations for Randolph's 2024 celebration. We intend to give each Randolph household a booklet describing what's changed over the last 50 years, updating Mary Edgerly's *Randolph, N.H. — 150 Years* that was produced for the 1972 Sesquicentennial.

The project is well underway, with 11 contributors of individual articles at work.

We'd like to be sure we're covering all the bases, and that the information we're gathering is a true account. We could use your help in several ways: checking chapters for omissions or inaccuracies; proofreading drafts; supplying new details or stories; and submitting photographs.

If you fit into any of these categories, or would like to participate, please contact Judy Hudson at abhudson@umass.edu, be in touch this summer, or call or text me at (413)320-0496.



Photos above from Left to Right: Decorated car from 1924 Centennial; The personnel on the RMC float from 1974 Sesquicentennial were all ex-presidents, l. to r.: Hank Folsom-1960s, Barbara Wilson-1940s, and John Eusden-1920s. Al and I (1890s) were on the other end of the float! (We were all costumed to represent different eras.); 2024 celebration to come! 1924 photo (left) from the Lowe Archive, (Shorey Photo?); 1974 photo (middle) from the Hudson Archive.

Bird Species Count on Farrar Tract Tops 100

David Forsyth

Last August at the 2021 Forest Day meeting for the Randolph Community Forest, I gave a talk on the birds that had been observed on the Farrar tract. This tract is a section of the Community Forest that intersects with the Presidential Rail Trail. At that time, the count of bird species was just over 90 in reports to eBird, the citizen science project of the Cornell School of Ornithology.

At the time the eBird Hotspot was initially established, the list consisted of only 54 species, but in a 2019 posting on the Community Forest website I indicated that the count could easily double because there were at least that many species seen in the general vicinity of Randolph. At the 2021 Forest Day meeting, I suggested that it would be nice to get the count up to 100 on the Tract because on maps of eBird Hotspots the color indicator would change to a hotter color that would indicate more value as a Hotspot. That milestone has been reached!

The 100th species was Horned Lark that Ginny Umiker, Anne and I saw during fall migration in early October 2021. It was exciting not only to hit 100 but to do so with an uncommon species. A small flock of larks flew over our car, landed and started feeding in the parking area. Uncommon residents in Coos County, Horned Larks

can more frequently be spotted during spring or fall migration when they are moving to/from Canada.

Initially I was doing all the reporting on the Farrar Tract for the first ~90 birds but the designation as a Hotspot has led to additional birders visiting and reporting to eBird. The total count for the Farrar Tract is now 104 species. The most recent additions are more common birds: American Kestrel, Field Sparrow, Herring Gull, and American Woodcock. The additional observers include Pam Hunt, a New Hampshire Audubon ornithologist, and Drew Vitz, the State Ornithologist for Massachusetts, as well as others. We hope other nature-lovers will be inspired to explore the Farrar Tract and rail trail in Randolph as the combination provides an interesting and convenient place to encounter wildlife!



Things are Happenin' Inside and Out at the Randolph Public Library This Summer

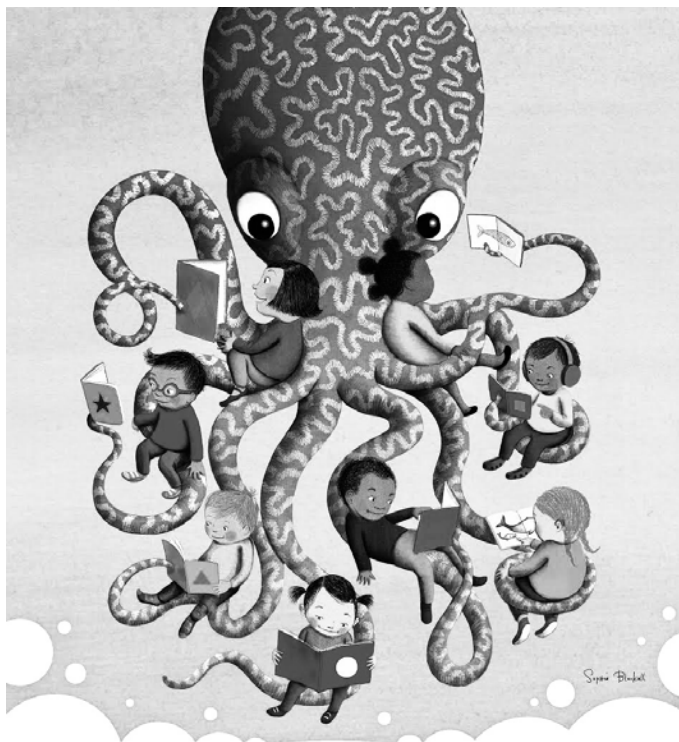
Yvonne Jenkins, Librarian

The Randolph Public Library is excited at the opportunity to offer in-person programs this summer both indoors and out. In anticipation, the picnic table on the west lawn is being replaced, and a sun shade sail is being installed over the patio garden area which will provide relief from the hot sun.

Children and families are invited to participate in the Collaborative Children's Summer Reading Program entitled "Oceans of Possibilities". Seven weekly programs will be held on Wednesdays at 4:00pm beginning July 6 and running through August 17. While visiting the Library this summer, children will be able to explore an octopus' garden, walk the plank on a pirate ship, read about sea creatures, and more. For those unable to attend on Wednesdays, participation will be through take home activities and at-home reading logs, with weekly prizes.

Other confirmed programs as of this writing:

- July 23 from 9-4 pm - Library Book & Bake Sale at the Randolph Town Hall. Book donations can be left at the Randolph Library during regular operating hours (no textbooks, VHS tapes, or encyclopedias please). Donations for the Friends of the Library baked goods table can be brought to the Town Hall the day of the sale.



Oceans of Possibilities

2022/147 Artwork by Sophie Blackall



collaborative
summer library program

- August 3 at 4:00 p.m. Marine Docents from the University of New Hampshire's Marine Education Program will be coming to present a special program Rivers to the Ocean - Watersheds Geared for school age children and their families. We will explore the following questions: Have you followed a river? Where does it lead? Why is it important to keep our town water clean? and more. There will be hands-on activities
- August 24 (Time to be determined) at the Randolph Town Hall. Artist Erik Koeppel, one of America's foremost plein air artists, and Randall H. Bennett, White Mountain historian and art collector, will present "Picturing an American Tragedy - Recreating Thomas Cole's lost 1828 Painting: Distant View of the Slides that Destroyed the Willey Family. Koeppel was commissioned by Bennett to re-create Thomas Cole's lost 1828 painting using a lithography and Koeppel's own in-depth research about, and knowledge of, the once-lost methods of the great Hudson River School painters.

Other programs in the planning stages:

- Community Read Book Discussion of Chris Bohjalian's book *Hour of the Witch*. This will be followed up by a virtual live event with the author on October 5, 2022 via Zoom - sign up will be necessary. More information to come.

Outdoor spaces will be used whenever possible, and Covid protocols will be in place for any in-person events. Please

check the Randolph Weekly and the Library's website at randolphnhpubliclibrary.org for updated information each week. We look forward to seeing you at the Randolph Library this summer.

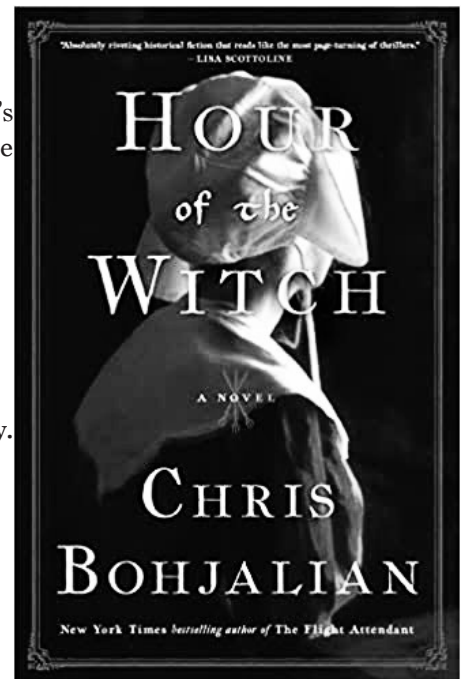


Photo left: Collaborative Summer Library program; Photo above: the Cover of Chris Bohjalian's *Hour of the Witch*. Both photos courtesy of Yvonne Jenkins.

Randolph Remembers

Celebrating Beverly May...

Beverly May, Broadway actress, devoted wife, and mother of four, passed away at the age of 94 in Bethesda, Maryland in the company of family and friends.

Born in the small mining community of East Wellington in British Columbia, Canada to immigrant working-class parents from the north of England, Beverly Wilson grew up in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. At a very early age she received elocution lessons in the classic British style and toured Canada with her school team. Set on that path, she earned an undergraduate degree in theatre from the University of British Columbia and a master's degree from the Yale Drama School.

While at Yale, she met Bill May, a student at the Yale Divinity School. After graduation, Beverly returned to Canada to join the theater faculty at the University of Alberta. Bill hitchhiked across the US and Canada to propose marriage. With her acceptance, they launched their shared love and commitment of over 70 years. Following Bill's graduation and their marriage, they relocated to Northampton, Massachusetts where Bill had accepted a position at Smith College.

In addition to raising four children in Northampton, Beverly taught, directed, and acted in productions of classic plays at Smith, Amherst and UMass, and later Indiana University, with roles including Lady MacBeth in the Scottish play, the title role in Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage and her Children* and Mary Tyrone in Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

Beverly made her professional debut at the Actors Theater of Louisville as the understudy for Jean Innes as Mary Tyrone. Her New York City debut came in 1976 in an off-off-Broadway production of *Female Transport*, and her Broadway debut in *Equus*, in the role of Dora Strang.

Beverly would go on to originate featured roles in more than a dozen Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, as well as stints with regional theaters across the

Remembering Curtis Chaffee...

Curtis S. Chaffee, 64, of Valley Road, died Friday morning, April 15, 2022, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon.

Mr. Chaffee was born in Warren, Ohio, on July 15, 1957, the son of Thomas M. and Joyce (Lowe) Chaffee. He was raised in Southington, Ohio and was a graduate of Southington High School. He worked at his father's gas station until 1978,

then moving to New Hampshire. He attended the NH Community Technical College in Berlin, NH. For many

country including the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. She received an Obie Award for ensemble acting in an Off-Broadway revival of *My Sister in the House*. She appeared in several movies including *Witness* and made a guest appearance as Big Bird's nurse on *Sesame Street*. She retired from the stage as a regular at the Dallas Theater Center. In all, she achieved the improbable feat of having a stable marriage, a family and a successful career as an actress, all shaped by her talent, hard work, and devotion to Bill and their family.

In Northampton, Randolph, Berlin, Bloomington, New York, Dallas, Charlottesville and Bethesda, Beverly found and enjoyed communities of talented, interesting friends. With them she traveled the world, visiting 6 continents and dozens of countries. However, she was never happier than when sitting on the deck of the summer house she and Bill built in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, watching the sun trace the northern peaks, "her" trees, and ripening blueberries around Durand lake.

She is survived by her devoted husband, William F. May of Bethesda, Maryland and Randolph, New Hampshire; her loving children, Catherine (Jeffrey Maletta) May M.D. of Washington, DC, Theodore (Laura) May of Oakton VA, David (Maura) May of Hastings on Hudson, NY and Elisabeth (William J.) Kelley M.D. of Batesville, IN; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and extended family back home in Canada.

Rather than flowers or donations in celebration of Beverly's life, the family asks that you please buy a ticket and go to the theater.

Courtesy of the May family.

Photo by Carol Ryder Horton



years he worked as an autobody repairman for Curriers in Berlin, and later was a cabinet maker at Northwoods Manufacturing in Lancaster.

Curtis was a member of the Odd Fellows. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, especially with his grandchildren.

Surviving family members include his wife Connie A. (Smith) Chaffee of Randolph; a son Curt Chaffee and wife Annie of Lunenburg; grandchildren Kylie, Thomas, Travis, Dylan, Jasmin; and great-grandchildren Levi and Mathieu. He was predeceased by a sister Louis Chaffee.

At Curtis' request there are no services.

Photo and obituary courtesy of Bailey Funeral Home.



Big Moose Bach Fest is Back!



After a two year hiatus, forces will assemble this Labor Day Weekend to present J. S. Bach's monumental Mass in B minor at the Big Moose Bach Fest, with performances in Gorham and Conway, September 3rd & 4th. The opening reception will take place on Friday, September 2nd, with a lecture by Christopher Anderson, PhD, who is Associate Professor of Sacred Music, Perkins School of Theology - Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. A published author and renowned Bach Scholar, Chris Anderson has lectured and performed in years past at the Randolph Church.

He will be delivering a 45-minute lecture on the Mass in B minor, Bach's last major work, a work being presented in Gorham on Saturday afternoon and in Conway on Sunday afternoon, with soloists and chorus accompanied by original instruments, directed by Susan Ferré. The Friday night event in Randolph will open the Big Moose Bach Fest, sponsored by Music in the Great North Woods, and will include light refreshments prior to the lecture at 7:30 pm.

Many Randolphians who attend the Big Moose Bach Fest, also host the musicians and visitors who come from around the country, Europe and Canada.

Photo above: the Moose Head who graces our presentations, created by Tim Sappington.

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