

Mountain View



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

Ravine Pool

By Barbara Arnold, President, Randolph Foundation

Did anyone hear that whoop around 5 pm on July 8th? That was me diving off the raft into the refreshing Ravine House Pool!

Yes, the pool has been dredged, and has been open and ready for swimmers. The water remains refreshing but the bottom is deeper, about eight feet at the raft, and without the muck. Since the deeper part of the pool is out of the main flow of the stream, there is better protection of the stream bed and hopefully the swimming area will be maintained at its current depth. There is no lifeguard on duty and we have to adjust to the new levels and placement of the raft.

New swings are up, including a toddler swing and June Hammond Rowan added a lovely window box on the bathroom building. Please help us keep the area clean and fun by carrying in and carrying out all trash. Should there be an urgent problem call 911; a use concern, call Alan Lowe at 466-3950.

I can't thank everyone enough for the support, both physical and financial, that allowed this to happen. One of the biggest thanks goes out to Jon Sisson of Beaver Tracks, LLC, who leant the town and foundation his expertise. Without him, it would not have been done. Kudos to the Ravine House/Durand Lake Committee of the Foundation – Wendy Walsh, chair; Peter Rowan, and Bruce Kirmmse for their hard work and perseverance and the selectmen – Michele Cormier, John Turner, Lauren Bradley and past selectman, Ted Wier for all their help and input to make this happen.

Although Durand Lake and the Ravine House Pool are co-managed by the town and the foundation, the property is owned by the town of Randolph who makes all final decisions about use. Feel free to offer suggestions to the town or the foundation. Most of all, enjoy the area – the water, the tennis court, the birds, the wildlife, and the blueberries. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible either by helping with the project or contributing financially to the Randolph Foundation. .

We are looking forward to a long partnership between the town and foundation as we continue to make this area the center of activity it is meant to be.

Above: Barbara Arnold Photo



Randolph Foundation president Barbara Arnold, center, thanked outgoing board members for their service at the annual meeting on Friday, Aug. 19: Heather Willey, left, secretary and lifeline chair, and Carol Gagnon who served as treasurer and educational scholarships chair. Angela Brown and Sarah Eusden Gallup have agreed to fill the board positions. Heather, however, has agreed to remain the contact person for the Lifeline Program in order to reduce confusion. Edith Tucker photo

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 Meets 7pm 2nd & 4th Monday at Town Hall *subject to change*
 Email: selectmen@randolph.nh.gov
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 Chair, Bruce Kirmmse 466-5777 Vice Chair, Jim Hunt 723-6653
 Meets 7pm the 2nd Thursday of the month at Town Hall.
DOG LICENSES Obtain or renew by end of April, See Town Clerk
FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - Chief, Dana Horne 911
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 Meets at 6:30 pm 3rd Tuesday of the month. Location varies.
LIBRARY Librarian, Beth Dube 466-5408
 Mon.& Wed. 3-8 pm; Fri.& Sat. 10-noon
LIFELINE Heather Wiley 466-5179

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RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB President, Jamie Maddock,
ROAD AGENT Kevin Rousseau 466-5185
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TOWN CLERK Anne Kenison Mon. 9-11am.; Wed. 7- 9 pm 466-2606
TOWN HALL Monday– Thursday, 9 am to noon 466-5771.
TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 am
 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, 1st Saturday of each month.

FALL CALENDAR 2016

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| September 13 State Primary Elections | 1:00 am-7 pm Randolph Town Hall |
| 21 Mountain Summers with June H Rowan | 4:00 pm Museum of White Mountains |
| 26 Mildred Horton Book Club | 10:00 am Randolph Public Library |
| 28 Mile, Mile and a Half Documentary | 6:00 pm Randolph Public Library |
| October 7 No School at GRS, Teacher In-service | |
| 10 Columbus Day, no school at GRS | |
| 10 Town Clerk Office closed | |
| 28 Fast Ball Documentary | 6:00 pm Randolph Public Library |
| November 8 General Election polls open 11-7 pm | |
| 11 Veteran's Day, no school at GRS | |
| 23-25 Thanksgiving Recess for GRS | |

Information regarding the above listed activities may be found within the pages of this issue of the Mountain View. Check the Blizzard throughout the fall and winter for possible changes of dates or times as well as for additional events.



Contractor, Dennis Thompson, at work dredging the pool. Angela Brown photo
 See page 1 for the story.

Jon Sisson defining the dredging area Barbara Arnold Photo
 See page 1 for the story.



Important Notice Regarding Recycling

Randolph Town Hall has been notified that the following procedure must be followed in order for the recycling pickup company to collect recycle materials:

Numbered 1 and 2 plastic must be placed in separate containers with caps removed. Caps and metal covers should be placed in normal trash.

Cardboard must be separated from newspapers and magazines so that AVRDD can efficiently process for recycle. Office paper is not a road-side service.

Cans and bottles must be rinsed.

For clarification check the AVRDD website at <http://www.avrdd.org>.

Notes from Anne Kenison, Town Clerk

Absentee ballot applications may be requested from the Town Clerk or downloaded from the town website under "general information, Town Clerk". All ballots must be mailed back, returned in person or by a spouse, parent, child or sibling. Any ballot found at the town hall not returned as specified by the law WILL NOT BE COUNTED!! Ballots must be received by 5 pm the day before the election if returned in person. Mailed ballots must arrive by 5 pm the day of the election.

One may register to vote and actually vote on Election Day. Please bring a government issued photo ID and proof of residency with you at that time.

Sept 13, NH State Primary polls open 11 - 7 pm

Nov 8, 2016 General Election polls open 11-7 pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed Monday Oct 10 for Columbus Day



Holly, Steve Teczar, sketch

Property Transactions

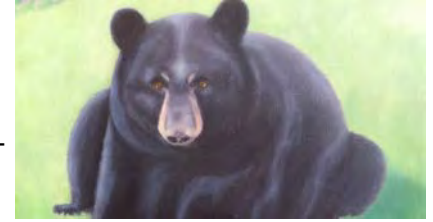
| Date | Location | From | To |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/22/16 | 40 Raycrest Dr. | Legendre, Rodney | Michele & Keith Leblanc |
| 03/10/16 | 95 Raycrest Dr. | Savage, Rita | Carmen Ackerson |
| 04/12/16 | 63 High Acres Rd. | Belida, Ronald | Elizabeth & Steven Teczar |
| 06/23/16 | 1499 Us Route 2 | Jepson, Mark | Sarah & Aaron Safford |
| 07/05/16 | 502 Durand Rd. | Mix, Kristen | Paul Jadis & Beverly Schmal |

Building Permits

| Date | Name | Project | Date | Name | Project |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 3/14/16 | Joan Darlington | Garage | 6/27/16 | Robert & Joyce Leclerc | Extend eaves and gables - reroof |
| 3/14/16 | Wysession/Whitten | Remove deck/replace roof | 7/25/16 | Paul & Michele Cormier | Wood Shed |
| 3/28/16 | Leah Rubenstein | Renovate garages & bath | 7/25/16 | Dwight & Lauren Bradley | Sign Permit |
| 4/25/16 | Roland & Loiusse Cote | Replace decking | 8/22/16 | Keith & Celina Moon | 20x30 addition/deck |
| 5/9/16 | Barry Johnston | Wrap around deck | 8/22/16 | Sandin/Anderson | Re-shingle, insulate, Replace windows, Kitchen remodel |
| 5/23/16 | Jarrard Whitten | Re-roof | | | |
| 5/23/16 | Jamie Maddock | Solar Panels | | | |
| 5/23/16 | William Parlett | Garage/storage | | | |

Roberta Arbree Art Show Held at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital during July and August

Roberta Arbree of Randolph began to study art after her retirement from a profession as a chemist. She selected oils and watercolors for the show at the Rotating Art Program at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin. Her paintings were on display from mid-July to mid-August. More than a dozen Randolph citizens showed up on the opening day of the show.



Bear by Roberta Arbree

Roberta shared the following information about her love of color and art.

Color has always attracted me. During my career as a chemist I worked at Polaroid and learned about the scientific aspects of color. I was also exposed to photography. Art became my calling after retiring early.

At first I chose to work in stained glass, with all its amazing colors. My art has been a journey and I became focused on painting. At first, I chose to work in oils because of their permanence and brilliant color. My style has evolved to capture realism with a delicate softness. I strive to communicate to the viewer my love and appreciation of the colors of nature and that it is all about light.

Living in the beauty of the Presidential Range, surrounded by the continually changing seasons and their colors my visual world amazes me every day. To satisfy my passion for pleasing the beholder, I am constantly looking for scenes when walking or driving that will do just that with vivid color and unique light effects. The eye should travel around the painting, rest there for a while and come back again and again.

One of my favorite places to paint outdoors is in Crawford Notch. Some of the scenes in this show were from that majestic area. The notch has been painted many times over the years. The most famous rendition is probably the work of Thomas Cole done in 1839. The scene has not changed much since then.

To me winter in the North Country presents the most beautiful season with its displays of snow covered mountains in radiant and rich color. Winter brings me indoors to paint still lifes striving to have the viewer feel, sense and smell the subtleties of my subjects. I also surprise family members with portraits.

More recently I have experimented with pastels and watercolor for its spontaneity. But I always return to my oils. I study under the nationally known NH artist Ralph Stone Jacobs of Whitefield. Most of the paintings in this show were for sale framed or unframed.

From the Selectman's office

As summer fades into fall, the temperatures are cooling and soon we will be seeing our trees change color, we find ourselves energizing after the heat. I would like to thank everyone in town for being understanding and patient about the state bridge construction that has been a nuisance all summer. It looks like the job will be completed by the time you read this, and we will all be thankful it is over. In discussion with the road engineer and bridge crew it is our understanding that there are no steel beams under that bridge, which is why the re-build was so time consuming. We are hopeful this bridge will last a good long time.



Just when you thought it was over, we will continue with the culvert replacement job on Durand Road. Kevin hopes to get started in September and will try to keep road closures to a minimum. He is planning to replace about 7 culverts in the area of the Cutter properties. This is a part of the on-going project preparing Durand Road for repaving in future years.

Ravine Pool, Steve Teczar Sketch

Be Bear Aware as You Enjoy the Remaining Summer Season

Even though the summer season is starting to wind down and thoughts of autumn hang in the distance, N.H. Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service is urging homeowners, campers, and the rest of the public to continue to be vigilant and responsible in bear country. The peak period of conflicts between bears and human is June and July, however bear activity in and around human-occupied areas can continue through August and September. This is particularly true during years of low food abundance, which has been the case in New Hampshire this summer.

"Soft mast crops, particularly blueberries and raspberries, have been a letdown this past summer, producing below average crops," said Andrew Timmins, bear biologist with NH Fish and Game. "This lack of natural foods causes bears to search out high-quality, readily available foods provided by humans (bird feeders, garbage, unsecured coolers), and represents the primary reason people have increased conflicts with bears. Additionally, this time period coincides with peak tourist season and a time when a many residents and visitors recreate outside in bear habitat. Campgrounds are full, restaurant dumpsters are overflowing, and human-related food attractants are highly abundant across the landscape." Timmins also notes that complaints are running above average, and are up considerably from 2015. However, it is important to note that complaints during 2015 were at their lowest level in 20 years because of highly abundant natural bear foods that year.

The primary cause of the poor fruit production by several species this summer appears related to the semi-drought conditions across the state, according to Timmins. "These species require adequate water to grow fruit and rain has been limited. Even the blackberry crop, which had an incredible amount of blossoms this spring, is starting to suffer. Although blackberry tends not to ripen until mid-August, the fruit load is tremendous. Unfortunately, dry conditions are starting to cause the berries to become desiccated. Rainfall over the coming weeks is necessary to save this crop. Blackberries are important late summer and early fall food source for bears, and losing this crop would likely cause bear-human conflicts to linger into early fall."

The root cause of most (approximately 60%) annual bear-human conflicts is birdfeeders, garbage and inadequately secured chickens. Despite ongoing educational efforts, these attractants remain numerous on the landscape perpetuating conflicts. In addition to household attractants, there has been recent activity at some campgrounds, particularly those on the White Mountain National Forest. When camping, it is critical that foods be stored so bears cannot gain access.

Foods left on picnic tables and in coolers at the campsite are easy targets. Bears quickly learn that their mere presence causes campers to move away, making these attractants easily attainable.



Campers and hikers can avoid conflicts with bears by maintaining a clean campsite and storing food, garbage and aromatic items, like toothpaste and other toiletries, out of reach of bears (not in your tent!) If car camping, keep all food and coolers in a building or vehicle with the windows rolled up. If camping at a remote site, bring rope to properly hang these items, or bear resistant canisters available for rent at no charge at White Mountain National Forest Ranger Districts offices. www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain <<http://www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain>>

"Be considerate of future campers and wildlife, since it only takes one food reward to encourage bears to return to the source," said Marianne Leberman, White Mountain National Forest Recreation Program Leader.

You can help by following the guidelines at www.wildnh.com/wildlife/somethings-bruin.html <<http://www.wildnh.com/wildlife/somethings-bruin.html>>. Talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to help prevent conflicts with bears.

Fish and Game recommends the following actions to reduce chances of bear visiting homes or campsites:

Stop bird feeding by April 1 or as soon as snow melts.

Clean up spilled birdseed and dispose of it in the trash.

Secure garbage in airtight containers inside garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.

Avoid putting meat or food scraps in your compost pile.

Don't leave pet food dishes outside overnight.

Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.

Do not leave food, grease or garbage unsecured around campsites.

Store food and coolers in a closed vehicle or secured area while camping.

Finally, never intentionally feed bears!

If you have questions about bear-related problems, you may get advice by calling a toll-free number coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department: 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR).

A Brief history of the Mildred Horton Book Group

This venerable Book Group was started by Mildred Horton in the fall of 1978 (we think). There were never any fixed rules, dues, officers or membership, or indeed any notes to enable the writing of this history. It was Mildred who set the format, followed ever since, of meeting the fourth Monday of each month September through May except December to hear a book review given by one of the group. Reviews have varied widely: fiction and non-fiction, poetry and unpublished works. Travel books and biography have always been favorites. We've heard of new releases and old but perhaps forgotten titles; books that we wanted to read after hearing about them, and some that we were persuaded we didn't want to read. There have been many books of local interest and over the years, we have had several local authors and illustrators speak about their own works.

As long as Mildred was able to have us, we met at her house and she presided as only Mildred could. For a few years in the early 1990's, meetings were held at Betsy Baird's house in Shelburne. When she moved to Maine, the meetings took a wandering course in the homes of members, quite often at Marie Beringer's home on Randolph Hill. Now that the new Randolph Library is built we have settled down again to meet there at 10 am on those fourth Mondays. Someone brings refreshments and the Randolph Library supplies coffee.

As the years have moved on we've adopted a schedule of a "Round Robin" in Sept where everyone speaks briefly about "What I Read Over the Summer". We celebrate Nat'l Poetry month in April by each bringing a poem to share. And, for many years now, we have picked a book to all read and discuss at our May meeting – in the manner more typical of book clubs.

That leaves only five meetings at which a review is needed but it has become hard to find five reviewers. Many of the long time attendees have moved on, go south for the winter, etc. and new members have not made up the difference. For each of the meetings last winter there were only four or five attendees. So we are looking for ideas. Those of us who have been attending meetings for many years would miss the book club if it ceased to be but it is not sustainable in the format we've been using.

We will be meeting as usual in September. (Monday, September 26) for our usual Round Robin. That will be the final meeting unless someone has a viable plan to offer. Hilda Danforth, Facilitator



Marie Beringer, Daniele Cotnoir Photo

Randolph Women

By Marcia Schmidt Blaine, PSU Professor of History and Interim Museum Director



Randolph is a focus in the exhibit "Taking the Lead: Women and the White Mountains" at Plymouth State University's Museum of the White Mountains open through October 7. The exhibit looks at the role our forested landscapes have played in granting women the space to take on leadership roles over time, guiding visitors from the early 1800s through to the present. Women familiar to Randolph residents, such as Lucia and Mariam Pychowska, Mary Perkins Osgood, and Miriam O'Brien Underhill, will now gain an even wider audience. June Hammond Rowan was instrumental in the entire exhibit process; Judy Hudson was interviewed, helped with materials, and served as an editor. Randolph residents the Cutter family, the Rowans, Gordon Alan Lowe, and Ginny Folsom Umiker all contributed materials to the exhibit.

Randolph residents will be particularly interested in one of our fall events. On Sept 21 at 4pm, Randolph resident June Hammond Rowan, Associate Director of the Center for the Environment, will present "Mountain Summers." What was it like to visit the White Mountains in the late 1800s, and what did the women visitors do when they came here? Mountain Summers, a collection of letters and diaries from 1878-1886, reveals the personal and adventurous experiences of four fascinating women visiting and exploring the region. They worked on developing new trails, collecting plant specimens, and discovering new places. Their endeavors took them deep into the woods, through the krummholz, and up onto the summits where they would often spend hours recording details about their climbs and the resultant views. Come hear their adventures from the firsthand accounts preserved in this rare collection. Please come visit! 34 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH; 603 535 3210. Photo provided by PSU

Randolph Remembers...

Margaret "Peggy" Grant

On Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016, Margaret (Peggy) Grant passed away at the age of 98. Her affiliation with the Chicago neighborhood of Hyde Park was a central part of her life. She had been a resident as a teenager attending the University of Chicago High School, and moved back for the rest of her life in 1952 when her husband joined the University of Chicago Divinity School Faculty. Peggy was born Margaret Huntington Horton in Middletown, Connecticut on December 3, 1917. Her father, Douglas Horton, became Pastor of the United Church of Hyde Park. He subsequently became the General Secretary of the Congregational Church and later Dean of the Harvard Divinity School.



Peggy graduated from Wellesley College in the class of 1939, and then obtained an MA in Philosophy from Columbia University. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert McQueen Grant, Carl Darling Buck Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Humanities at the University of Chicago, whom she married in 1940. Peggy was a thirty-year volunteer at the Oriental Institute including Volunteer Director for a number of years. She was the third honoree of their James Breasted Award since its inception.

Peggy had a long term relationship with Chicago's St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church where she had been director of the Sunday school. Some of her other interests included writing, acting and directing in University of Chicago Service League and Hyde Park Neighborhood plays, and attending the opera and symphony. She was outgoing and enjoyed a wide circle of friends. At Montgomery Place, the retirement home she moved to in her nineties, she was active in the poetry club and painting, and participated in the French Table and the German Table.

Randolph, New Hampshire was the other important location in her life. She summered in her family compound there for more than 70 years. She always welcomed anyone of any age who came to her door. In the Randolph community she was active in the Randolph Mountain Club, where she was Camps Supervisor, Board Member and Vice-President. She was a lifelong believer in exercise and swam laps every morning until her mid-nineties. She was an active hiker and almost every hiker in Randolph has hiked with her. She is survived by four children, Douglas Grant, Peter Grant, Susan Slattery, and James Snyder-Grant, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include her three siblings, Alan Horton, Alice Tibbetts, and Elizabeth Breunig, 14 nieces and nephews, and 24 grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at Chicago's Montgomery Place in the East Room at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2016. A memorial event will also be held in Randolph in August 2017.

Hill Cemetary

May we suggest an early morning walk to the Randolph Hill Cemetery where the flowers around the flagpole



Karen Eitel Photo

have never been more beautiful? The Ledge garden, the little one near the middle of the upper area, has also bloomed itself absolutely handsome this year. Anyone who wants to take a look, may park at the very back of the Randolph Church parking area or go through the Rte. 2 entrance to cemetery. The gate is always left open. The Hill Cemetery is the gateway to the Church Path Trail, a friendly short trail managed by RMC.

Jessie Daniels and Evie Kelley—An August Wedding

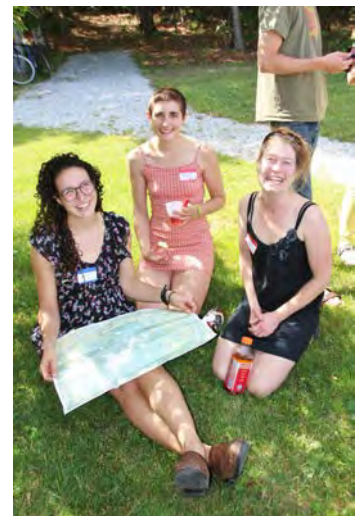
Jesse Daniels and Aoibhinn “Evie” Kelley were married on August 20, 2016 in Randolph, NH. Evie is the daughter of Marc and Kathleen Kelley of Randolph and Jesse the son of Kevin and Lena Daniels of Shelburne. The well attended wedding and the reception were held at the Kelley residence on Randolph Hill.



Guy and Barbara Stever

Surrounded by family and close friends, Guy Stever and Barbara Demers were married on May 29th.

The wedding was held in the garden at Libby's Bistro. Months of praying for a nice day (and living in fear of a late winter blast that never appeared during the winter) came to fruition and the wedding guests were well feted with Liz Jackson's wonderful cooking.



The RMC Tea at Kelley's Barn on Randolph Hill. Photos by Jenn Scarinza

Far right: Heidi and Ann Wells with Ted Britton, Middle: Barb Phinney and Campi Minifiee, Above: Trail Crew, Sara, MaryKa and Cheryl

Stephen Collins presented "An Evening with Walt Whitman" in July at the Randolph Town Hall



Photos by Edith Tucker

Preface to Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman

This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul; and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.



The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Randolph Library.



Due to inclement weather, Wood Spring Stock was held at the Randolph Maintenance Building in July. Below, Bea and Heywood Alexander hit the dance floor at the Friends of the Library sponsored Jazz Band Picnic.. Jenn Scarinza Photos



Puddles with Gwen Parker
Jenn Scarinza Photo

Dance Around the Pumps at
Lowe's Garage in July, Edith
Tucker Photo



Above: Library Trustee Chairperson, Nancy Penney, recognizes Lynn Hunt and Ingrid Graff for their years of service as chairs of the Friends of the Randolph Library.

Right: Isobel Micucci brings cupcakes to sell at the library book and bake sale.

Right: Uma Shankar braids Yvonne Jenkins hair as Yvonne prices specialty books.

Below: Copious numbers of books for sale

Daniele Cotnoir Photos



Below: Wendy McDonald read John O'Donohue's poem, "For Marriage", to the "4 Shillings Short" duo who performed folk and world music at the town hall on their 20th wedding anniversary. Edith Tucker Photo

Lower left: Tommy Bowers enjoys the lively music of "4 Shillings Short". D. Aube Photo



Randolph Public Library News

Autumn is the mellow time –

William. Allingham

We are welcoming the “mellow time” at the Library, after enjoying a summer season packed with events, visits, beginnings and endings. The Library hosted speakers, book discussions, concerts, children’s events, and a Book Sale – all with the help of our Friends of the Library, led by Lynn Hunt and Ingrid Graff. We’d again like to thank these dedicated leaders for their years of service, as we look ahead to the future with anticipation – stay tuned!

Our documentary series, “What’s Up Doc” continues through October, with Mile, Mile and a Half, on September 28, and wrapping up baseball season with Fastball, on October 26..., at 6:00pm in the White Mountain Reading Room. And remember, all of the documentaries featured in the series thus far are available for checkout as part of RPL’s fantastic DVD collection!

We’ll be bringing back the popular and relaxing Adult Coloring afternoons, from 3:00-4:30 on Mondays: Sept. 19 and Oct. 17.

Remember to check our webpage for news and upcoming events!

<https://sites.google.com/site/randolphpubliclibrary130/>

As always, we have new items arriving regularly, including Louise Penny’s newest: A Great Reckoning, in hardcover and audio.

We look forward to seeing you!

Beth Dube, Librarian



Lynn Hunt and Ingrid Graff are stepping down as Chairpersons of Friends of the Randolph Library. Many thanks to both of you for the many years of dedication. Danielle Cotnoir Photo



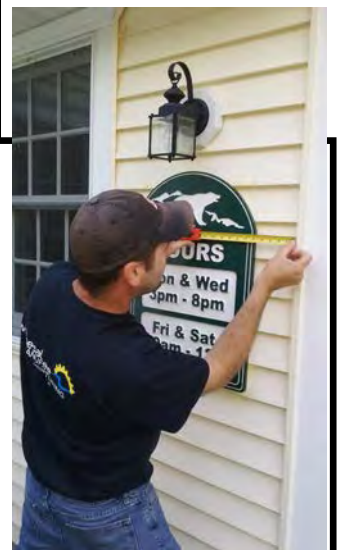
The family of Stephen and Dayle Round, along with Jim Hunt, watched Olympic rowing. All hoped the United States would do better but it was exciting nonetheless.

Randolph Public Library has new Sign donated by Geoff Smithson

Geoff Smithson designed, fabricated and installed the new hours sign for the Randolph Public Library. The ingenious design features removable panels so any future changes may be made without the need for an entire new sign.

Geoff works full time as a CAD designer in Laconia, NH but also owns and operates his own business, Winnepesaukee Manufacturing, which creates, among other things, signs for area businesses. (Examples can be seen on the Winnepesaukee Manufacturing face book page.) Geoff, son of Greta and John Smithson and a former Randolph resident, donated the sign and his labor to the library.

Thank You Geoff!





Charades 2016

Photos by Ted Pfeffer



It Started When....

By Chris Harris

Hersh and Daphne Cross surely did not realize how something they did in 1951 would affect the RMC today.

In the spring of 1951, my stepmother (née Caroline Cutter) somehow convinced Jack Boothman that I, about to start Yale that fall, should be hired to clear trails, all by myself, for the RMC. I'd spent some summer weeks in Randolph in prior years and was only a modest climber but could passably manage an axe and bucksaw. Despite these meager qualifications, I was hired.

The Cross family arrived a week or so after I started on the job. With them they brought a 15-year-old girl, named Linda Robinson, to help look after their young daughters. Because she was too young to drive a car and because I was working trails each day, our paths rarely crossed all summer. I heard she was being called "Robbie" to differentiate her from young Linda Cross.

The next summer, 1952, I was back doing trails and Robbie was back with the Cross family and becoming more involved in local activities, such as square dances and Sunday afternoon softball games, and we got to know each other. This progressed so successfully that we married in 1955 and honeymooned in Randolph. We had three children. In 1967, Robbie died suddenly and inexplicably, and Randolph was not somewhere I wanted to be.

Our three kids grew up, got married and I had grandchildren. In a rare trip to Randolph, visiting my sister, Edie Tucker, we attended the 2007 dedication of the Stearns Lodge. One grandson who came along with us, a sturdy young man and impressed with some of my RMC trail memories, said suddenly that he might be interested in doing that sometime. I mentioned this to my sister, and she sent me over to Doug Mayer who agreed to talk to my grandson, which he did and he later offered him a spot on the next summer's trail crew. Three summers of that strenuous experience made my grandson a devoted addict to the Randolph Mountains. So much so that last year Robbie's grandson, Ben "Benzo" Harris was elected an RMC Director. It all started when Hersh and Daphne Cross brought a 15-year-old girl up to Randolph in 1951 to help out with their kids.



RMC Gourmet Hike Jenn Scarinza Photo



Hike along the Rail Trail .Sarah Eusden
Gallup Photo

Non-fiction in the Randolph Summer Reading Group

by Renee Dunham

The brain's neuroplastic nature was the focus of a stimulating discussion at the Randolph Summer Reading Group last August. The book: *The Brain's Way of Healing - Remarkable Discoveries and Recoveries from the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity*, by Norman Doidge, M.D. The news: brain research reveals a brain that is self-healing in the proper environment. Given the nourishments of nutrition (proper food and elimination of toxins), stimulation of our senses (including our thoughts), retraining for injured (noisy or arrhythmic) neural circuits, much can be done to improve disabled function. The book tracks recent experimentation and individual case studies - up close and personal. The traditional mechanistic view of our physical selves is gradually supplanted by a fluid, malleable sense of our possibilities (neuroplasticity). This captured our group in many different, personal ways, and the excitement was apparent by the noise we

made in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library.

And why am I writing about this for the Mountain View? In Randolph, this place of active brain stimulation on and off the trail, there are a few who have been engaged in the Feldenkrais practice, which is given some considerable attention in Doidge's book. Marie Beringer has two daughters teaching in this field. She has donated instructional CDs to the Randolph Library for all to explore. The CDs recorded by her daughter Elizabeth are guides through patterns of movements, awakening connections in our neural networks to improve the ways we coordinate movement, think about what we do and how we do it. Let's go neuroplastic!

Stay tuned for next year's book selections for the Randolph Summer Reading Group. One fiction, one non-fiction is the template. If you have suggestions, contact Susan Kern (603-466-5255 or sakk123@gmail.com) or Heidi Wells (603-586-4587 or heidiwells48@gmail.com)



Dear Randolph Community:

It is with many fond memories that I write this note to say that I will not be coming to Randolph again. As I age, I have less stamina for journeys, and my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are my first priority for visits now.

I first came to Randolph in the late 1990's to visit my dear dancing friend Jack Shimer. In 1996 we married and I came to live there. Mountains were new to me. I loved the fresh cool air. I learned to hike (not climb!) and swim in the cold waters, play charades and walk up the road with friends. For a time I taught singing games at the Learning Center in

Gorham, and led a class of "Body Recall Fitness for Seniors", to many Randolph friends. We had birthday gatherings in Gorham restaurants, and poetry evenings at our house, and Jack and I led a series of county dances one year.

In 2002 we moved to the Hanover area to be near the hospital where Jack died in 2004. Since then I have visited almost annually, around July 4th, enjoying Bill Minifie's concert and the Tea, staying first with Marian Woodruff, and more recently with Renee and George Dunham.

What a rich time it has been. I am so grateful for all your kindnesses and support through the years:

Avery and Peg Post, who welcomed me to sit with them at my first Charades. Martha and all the Phineys, Paula and Bill Bradley, Marie and Bruce Beringer, Bill and Angela Pfeffer, Ann and Roger Wilson, Chen Sun and Ash Campbell, Fred Hubbard, Deb and Jack Stewart, Gail Scott, Jackie and Hirsch Cross, Ben and Arlene Eisenberg, Barbara and Ian Turnbull, all the Hortons, Joan Darlington, the Graffs, Bea and Heywood Alexander, John and Kathy Tremblay, Karen and Woody Eitel, the Hunts, Tara and Samarjit who bought our country house and have transformed it into a beautiful large home. Yvonne Jenkins, the episcopal Bishop whose name escapes me but who came faithfully to my movement classes, all those who hold Randolph together - Anne Kennison, Bill and Barbara Arnold, Lowes Service Station, the RMC, the newsletter editors, and the many others whose names escape me. And of course Renee and George, who have graciously shared their home with me these past several years. Randolph will always be in my heart.

Joan Shimer

Along the Presidential Rail Trail...

With beauty before me, may I walk
 With beauty behind me, may I walk
 With beauty above me, may I walk
 With beauty below me, may I walk
 With beauty all around me, may I walk
 Wandering on the trail of beauty, may I walk"
 Navajo: Walking Meditation



"Beautiful day along the Presidential Rail Trail", Sarah Eusden
 Gallop photo July 30, 2016



"Wild Life Along the Rail Trail", Yvonne Jenkins
 photos above, below and right

