



## **RMC Caretaker and Trail Crew Oral History Project August 6 & 7, 2010**

The RMC Reunion this summer offers a great opportunity for us to document the many stories of several generations of folks who worked in the camps and on the paths of the RMC.

The RMC Caretaker and Trail Crew Oral History Program will endeavor to collect a wide range of oral histories from this group of RMC people over a two day period. To accomplish this, we have engaged both national historians from the USDA Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assist in conducting formal oral history interviews. After transcription and review by each interviewee, we envision some sort of publication will be prepared that would include the many stories and experiences gained from these conversations.

We anticipate conducting both single and group interviews held at a place to be announced (the Ravine House Pool pavilion is presently what we're thinking). We hope to get as many of you as possible involved in this project. We will keep interviews to an hour or less, and will target local folks on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7 for the many visitors to Randolph for the festivities. We will let you know soon how to sign up for an interview time.

Please consider participating. We can't let the rich history and the grand experiences that we all had while working for the RMC be lost.

Steve Chase

Sally Manikian

### **Craft Display**

The annual book and bake sale that will be held on July 25 will have a new display in the form of a craft table. Anyone wishing to display their crafts may do so by contacting Rita Savage at 466-5565. Crafts may include quilting, knitting, crocheting, basketry, jewelry, pottery, etc. Quilting may be a quilt, wall hanging, table runner or whatever you have created. This is just the planning stage.

There is not much room for hanging items but a wooden collapsible clothes dryer would be an excellent display stand. Please let Rita know if you have one that could be used that day.

Rita Savage and Laura Brocket will be facilitating this event.



Please don't feed the bears. John Lamoreaux photo from his front yard on Bothman Lane.

### **Congratulations 2010 Graduate Nathalie Ouellette**

Nathalie is the daughter of Ron and Tricia Ouellette of Du-rand Road. She will be attending Norwich University this fall.

## The Randolph Church, Summer 2010

*By Heywood Alexander*

Ten morning services, with a variety of preachers and organists, will comprise the 126<sup>th</sup> season for the Randolph Church this summer. There will be an ecumenical communion service on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and the annual meeting is on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be two organ concerts. Benevolence giving has come to play a major part of our outreach as a congregation, supporting a number of important causes in our region. This year again we will underscore our tradition of generosity towards others, much part of our Randolph tradition, as we support important work in our area. Occasional speakers share with us what is needed. Also, there is a booklet in the making in honor of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Copies will be available at the annual meeting.

The ministers and organists this year are:

	<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Organists</i>
July 4	Sister Monique Therrault, Berlin, NH	Susan Ozorak
July 11	Norman A. Hjelm, Philadelphia, PA	David Westfall
July 18	Edgar G. Adams, Richmond, VA	Arthur Wenk
July 25	Paul Bradley, New York NY	Barbara Wysession
	Edgar G. Adams, Richmond, VA	
	Ecumenical Communion Service	
August 1	John D. Eusden, Williamstown, MA	Susan Ferre
	4:00 pm Organ Recital	Peter Sykes
August 8	William F. May, Charlottesville, VA	Heywood Alexander
	11:30 am 126th Annual Meeting	
August 15	Avery D. Post, Hanover, NH	Susan Ferre
August 22	John A. Weatherly, Alexandria, VA	Barbara Bishop
August 29	Richard Doyle, East Hampton, CT	Patti Dunn
September 5	Eleanor McLaughlin, Randolph, NH	Heywood Alexander
	4:00 pm, Organ Recital	Christa Rakich

We are pleased to host organ concerts by two important recitalists this summer. Peter Sykes, who has a long list of distinguished concerts to his credit both on organ and harpsichord, is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Historical Performance Department at Boston University, Director of Music at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, and a member of the faculties of the Longy School of Music and the New England Conservatory. Christa Raklich, who appears as part of the Big Moose Bach Fest (Master Organ Series) organized that weekend by Susan Ferre, is chair of the Organ Department at the New England Conservatory of Music and Artist in Residence at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline, MA. She also directs the music program at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford, CT.



Photo by L. Morneweck, 2009

## Music in the Great North Woods

*by Susan Ferre*

For a third summer, classical concerts will be offered throughout Randolph, Gorham and Berlin. Music in the Great North Woods ([www.MusicGNW.org](http://www.MusicGNW.org)), a newly formed non-profit organization will sponsor a Master Organ recital series, the 2nd annual Big Moose Bach Fest, and various other chamber music programs throughout the region. Most, but not all, take place on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm, with evening concerts offered during the Big Moose Bach Fest on Labor Day Weekend, and for concerts later in the fall. Venues include the Randolph Church, Randolph Town Hall, the Gorham Congregational Church (143 Main), Chapel Arts New England (Rt. 2 and 16S, Gorham), St. Barnabas Episcopal (corner of Main & High Streets, Berlin), St. Kieran's Center (155 Emery St., Berlin), and St. Paul's Lutheran Church (101 Norway, Berlin).

For more information: [www.musicgnw.org](http://www.musicgnw.org) , 603-326-3242 or 603-466-2865, [info@musicgnw.org](mailto:info@musicgnw.org)

The complete list of concerts follows:

**July 11** Chamber music concert, a Benefit for RESPONSE

*Randolph Town Hall, Randolph, 4 pm*

**July 18** Susan Ferré, Master Organ Series

*St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin, 4:00 pm*

**August 1** Peter Sykes, Master Organ Series

*The Randolph Church, Randolph, 4:00 pm*

**August 8** Benefit Concert for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Charles Lang, viola da gamba, violoncello; and Susan Ferré, keyboards

*St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin, 4 pm*

**August 15** Michie Akin, Erard piano, with Readings from the Letters of Clara Schumann, a Benefit for RESPONSE

*Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4:00 pm*

**August 22** David Westfall, Erard piano

*Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, 4:00 pm*

**September 4 and 5 (Labor Day Weekend)**

**BIG MOOSE BACH FEST**

**September 4** Susan Ferré, Christa Rakich, multiple harpsichords; Charles Lang, viola da gamba, violoncello

*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Berlin, 4:00 pm*

Cantatas and motets with period instruments

*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Berlin, 7:30 pm*

**September 5** Christa Rakich, Master Organ Series, works of Bach

*The Randolph Church, Route 2, Randolph, 4:00 pm*

Cantatas, choral works, Susan Ferré, conducting, period instruments

*St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Main and High Streets, Berlin, 7:30 pm*

**September 16** George Bozeman, Master builder and organist, Master Organ Series

*St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery, Berlin 7:00 pm*

**October 10** David Dahl, Master Organ Series

*St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin, 4:00 pm*

**November 4** USAF Bay State Winds Clarinet Quartet

*Gorham Congregational Church, UCC, 143 Main, Gorham, NH, 7:00 pm*

## **ATTENTION THESPIANS OF ALL AGES: The Randolph Public Library is Pleased to Announce the Hampstead Stage Co. Presentation "Alice in Wonderland" and Theatre Workshop on July 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

*By Yvonne Jenkins*

The Randolph Public Library will kick off the Children's Summer Reading Program "Make a Splash: Read!" with a special performance by the Hampstead Stage Co. of ALICE IN WONDERLAND by Lewis Carroll. This is a wonderful tale about a young girl, whose boredom takes her on a journey of the imagination, creating a wonderland of characters. Through Alice's imagination, ordinary, everyday things become extraordinary. The words on the page come alive as Alice recites The Jabberwocky and learns how to overcome her own fears. This year marks the 27<sup>th</sup> year for the Stage Co., whose mission is to educate audiences by bringing classic literature to life through live theatre, thus sparking an interest in reading the classics, instilling a love and appreciation of the arts, and preserving theatre for future generations.

### **THEATRE WORKSHOP**

As an added bonus, children of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop conducted by the Theatre Company entitled: **Exploring a Character**. In this workshop, students will have the opportunity to take a beginners look into the art of acting. With a proper introduction of theatrical terms as well as exercises to motivate acting technique; students will be able to apply acquired skills in developing a character of their choice. The students will have the opportunity to embody a character using physicality, true emotions and the use of costumes and props. The workshop will run between 45 minutes to an hour. Pre registration is recommended as space is limited.

This special performance and workshop are made possible through a grant from the Kids Books and the Arts, a project of the New Hampshire State Library in cooperation with CHILIS, the Children's Librarians section of the New Hampshire Library Association in conjunction with the Friends of the Randolph Library. The objectives of the project are to help promote the participation of children and their families in the NH Summer Reading Program, encourage arts programming in communities that have limited arts programs, introduce library audiences to a variety of art forms, and strengthen the partnership between the arts community and public libraries.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JULY 5, 2010**

**Theatre Workshop: 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Library.**

**Performance of Alice in Wonderland: 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Memorial Meeting Room at the Randolph Town Hall.**

These programs are free and open to the public. Bring friends and family.

The Summer Reading Program Children's Story Time will begin on the following Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Library and will continue through August 18. Watch for details in the *Randolph Weekly*. Stop by the Library for more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with programs or provide refreshments.

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## **Friends of the Randolph Library**

As in the past the Library "Friends" have been busy providing the community with diverse and interesting opportunities. These events are listed on the calendar insert of this edition of the Mountain View.

On Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Lita Judge, award winning children's author and illustrator spoke at the Randolph Town Hall. She presented the story behind her award winning book, One Thousand

Tracings, which is based on the true story of how her mother and grandparents started a relieve effort after WWII to help Europeans who were in desperate need of food and clothing. Among much recognition, this book was a 2008 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honor Book for Younger Children from the Jane Addams Peace Association. More information and a list of her other books can be found on her web site at Lita-Judge.com.

Join the "Friends" on July 3 at 7:30 pm for a return engagement of the inimitable Bill Minifie and the

talented Heywood Alexander. The evening will include choices from Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, and Kurt Weil. Tickets are available by advance sale only and will not be available at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Randolph Public Library. The cost of the tickets is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. For more information call Angela Brown at 466- 2578.

"From the Archives: A Century of the Randolph Mountain Club," is the title of the Friends of the Library calendar for 2011. Consisting of both collages and individual photographs, the calendar illustrates the RMC's involvement in camps, trails and other activities from the turn of the 20th century through the present day. Designed by Judy and Al Hudson, it presents many photos from the archives that have not been previously published. The calendar will be unveiled at the 4th of July Tea, and will be on sale for \$15.00 each throughout the summer at the Library and Lowe's Store as well as the White Mountain Café in Gorham.

The "Friends" are partially sponsoring a children's theater workshop, as well as an evening performance of Alice in Wonderland put on by Hampstead Stage Co. Both events will be held at the town hall on July 5. More information can be found in the article written by Yvonne Jenkins in this edition of the Mountain View.

The Library Book, Bake & Craft sale is a joint effort of the Library Trustees and the "Friends". It will be held in the Randolph Town Hall on Saturday July 24th from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. Any questions go to Jean Malick, head trustee, at 466- 2547. Contributions of books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs are being accepted at the library. (No textbooks, condensed books or magazines, please) The craft section is being chaired by Rita Savage and Marie Beringer is in charge of the food corner.

On Monday, July 26 is "Life in Randolph in 1916" - A slide lecture on the Watson family and their associations with the townspeople and their daily activities, as penned in Eleanor Foss Watson's diary, will be presented by Marcia Watson Gulesian, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. Period photographs will be featured throughout. Marcia and her sister Wendy

Watson are great-granddaughters of Laban and Anna Watson, long-time proprietors of the former Ravine House. Their collection of photographs and family memorabilia, which dates largely from the early 20th century, was passed down to them through their grandparents, Arthur Watson and Eleanor Foss Watson.

A Jazz Picnic at Ravine house pool will be held on Wednesday, August 11. The Berlin Jazz band will be playing from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The public is invited to bring their picnic, beverages and a blanket or chairs for a casual enjoyable evening. In the event of rain, this occasion will be held in the Randolph Fire House. Donations to help defray the cost of the band will be accepted.

Continued programs include Yoga at 5:15 and Bridge for all levels at 6:30, both activities are held on Tuesdays at the Randolph Town Hall.

With the exception of "Songs for a Summer Evening," all events are free to the public. Donations to help defray costs are always happily accepted.

Read the Randolph Weekly to confirm dates and to find dates and times for movie nights and children's programs.



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## RMC CENTENNIAL 2010



Look for this symbol to find updated information about Randolph Mountain Club centennial events:

- On the website <[www.randolphmountainclub.org](http://www.randolphmountainclub.org)>
- In the Randolph Weekly in July and August
- Posted at the library and other locations in town
- And with RMC articles in this issue of the Mountain View.

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## 2010 Summer Events for the Town of Randolph



Includes RMC Centennial Celebration

*Italics designate non-RMC sponsored events*

**July 3 Sat. 7:30 pm** Songs for a Summer Evening; Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Advanced tickets only. Friends of Randolph Library No tickets at door  
Call Randolph Library for tickets 466-5408 \$6.00/3.00 adults/ children

**July 4 Sun. 3-5 pm** RMC Tea, with release and book signing of Club centennial history, Peaks & Paths, at Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Rd. Keith Dempster, 466-3996; ksdempster@earthlink.net

*Also: Friends of Randolph Library Calendar unveiled with sales.*

**July 5 Mon., 3:00 pm** Hampstead Stage Company presents a Children's Theatre Workshop "Exploring Character", Randolph Library; Yvonne Jenkins

**July 5 Mon. 7:00 pm** "Alice in Wonderland" presentation by Hampstead Stage Company at Randolph Town Hall; Yvonne Jenkins

**July 6 Tues.** Hike on RMC paths to introduce 100 Miles/100 Years challenge; Michele Cormier, 466-5841; pcormier@ne.rr.com

**July 8 Th. 4-7pm** Opening of Town Art Exhibit, with a selection drawn from the RMC Archive collection at the Town Hall; Betsy Hess, 466-5718; mchess@ncia.net

**July 11 Sun. 4:00 pm** Chamber music: *Music in the Great North Woods* Randolph Town Hall; 466-2865; [www.musicGNW.org](http://www.musicGNW.org)

**July 15 Th. 7:00 pm** "Early Camps" slide lecture: Judy Hudson at Weeks State Park; 466-5509; abhudson@anthro.umass.edu

**July 16 Fr. 10:30 am** Summer Reading Group, Eiffel's Tower: And the World's Fair Where Buffalo Bill Beguiled Paris, the Artists Quarreled and Thomas Edison Became a Count, Jonnes; Randolph Library; Julie Barrow

**July 17 Sat. Noon** Rendezvous: an historical reconstruction with costumes & inventive routes. At Mossy Glen: Katy Wolff; 466-2827; katharinewolff100@comcast.net & Judy Hudson, 466-5509; abhudson@anthro.umass.edu

**July 21 Wed. 7:30 pm** "Early Camps" slide lecture: Judy Hudson at Town Hall; Al Hudson, 466-5509; abhudson@anthro.umass.edu

**July 24 Sat. 9:00 am-noon** Randolph Library Book, Bake & Craft Sale at Town Hall; Books: Jean Malick 466 2547, Food: Marie Beringer, 466-2424 Crafts: Rita Savage, 466- 5565

**July 24 Sat. TBA** Mt. Crescent House Bar-B-Q, organized by Becky Boothman, Sally Glines & John Scarinza to benefit the Trailhead Project Location and time TBA.

**July 26 Mon. 7:30pm** *Life in Randolph 1916*; Slide lecture on the Watson Family by great-granddaughter Marcia Watson Gulesian, Marie Beringer 466-2424; <http://north-country-chronicles.blogspot.com>

**July 31 Sat.** RMC Work Trip, destination:TBA Mike Micucci, 466-2824; mjmicucci@gmail.com

**July 31 Sat. 7:00 pm** "Dance around the Pumps" Lowe's Garage; Alan & Lucille Lowe, 466-3950

**Aug. 1 Sun. 4:00 pm** Peter Sykes, Master Organ Series: *Music in the Great North Woods*, Randolph Church 466-2865 or [www.musicGNW.org](http://www.musicGNW.org)

**Aug. 5 Th.** RMC Gourmet Hike

**Aug. 5 Th.** 6:00 pm RMC Gourmet Dinner at Libby's Bistro; Sarah Gallop, 466-9810; seg@mit.edu

**Aug. 6 & 7** throughout day RMC Trail Crew and Caretaker Oral Histories,

**Aug. 7 Sat** Reunion of crew & caretakers at Jones Cottage, next to Coldbrook lodge:  
Doug Mayer, 466-5395; dmayer@cartalk.com

2:00 pm RMC Trail Crew Alums vs. Caretaker Alums softball, Coldbrook Field

5:00- 8:00 pm Crew & caretakers' reunion, main dish catered in part by Libby's Bistro. Bring side dish to share. \$25 for dinner and defray of costs, advance registration requested. Dinner and all weekend events are open to everyone whether RMC alum or not.

7:00 pm RMC trail crew and caretaker jeopardy game Al Sochard

8:00-11:00 pm Bluegrass under the tent with "Burlington's Hot Flannel".

FMI info on all weekend activities, see the RMC web site or the Reunion Google Group, <http://groups.google.com/group/rmctccaretakerreunion>

**Aug. 11 Wed.** 6:30-8:00 Picnic at Ravine House Pool, entertainment by the Berlin Jazz Band. (In case of rain, picnic and jazz at the Randolph Fire House) Ann Kellner 466-5890

**Aug. 13 Fri.** 4:00 pm Annual Randolph Foundation Meeting & Key Note Speaker at Town Hall  
Cathy McDowell 466-5105

**Aug. 14 Sat.** 7:30 pm RMC Annual Meeting with birthday celebration and reminiscences program at Town Hall: Michele Cormier, 466-5841; pcormier@ne.rr.com

**Aug. 19 Th.** RMC paths hike (RMC 100): Randy Meiklejohn, 617-739-0206;  
rmeiklejohn@verizon.net

**Aug. 20 Fr.** 10:30 am Summer Reading Group, The Reluctant Fundamentalist, Hamid, Randolph Library; Julie Barrow

**Aug. 21 Sat.** 7:30-10:00 am Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Randolph Fire House

**Aug. 21 Sat.** noon RMC Picnic & Charades: Sarah Gallop, 466-9810; seg@mit.edu

**Aug. 21 Sat.** 7:00 pm RMC Square dance at Beringer's barn, music by National Heritage Fellows, Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman Marie Beringer, 466-2424; mberinger@ne.rr.com

**Sept. 5 Sun.** 4:00 pm Christa Rakich, Master Organ Series: Music in the Great North Woods, Randolph Church; 466-2865 or [www.musicGNW.org](http://www.musicGNW.org)

Ongoing centennial projects: Trail Crew on Howker Ridge; Repair of Perch



2009

Left: Firemen's Pancake  
breakfast

Right: Library Book, Bake,  
and Craft Sale

