

Randolph Foundation Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Randolph Foundation annual meeting took place at the Randolph Town Hall on Friday, August 16th. The meeting commenced with President Keith Dempster welcoming the group, then introducing current board members: Dede Aube, Heather Wiley, Laurie Archambault, Wendy Walsh and Laura Brockett. Barbara Arnold, Jamie Horton and Carol Gagnon were absent.

Keith thanked outgoing board members Jamie Horton and Dede Aube for their five years of service and dedication noting that the board was grateful for their willingness to continue on with finances (Jamie) and editor of the Mountain View (Dede). He introduced new board members Bruce Kirmmse and Peter Rowan, both of whom will serve on the Durand/Ravine committee. Keith also thanked Jean Malick and Marcia Lee for all their work on the Ravine House gardens this year.

One of two keynote speakers was Matt Saladino, guidance counselor from Gorham Middle High School, who accompanied by students Taylor Dupont, Taylor Fortin, Phil Rousseau and Tanner Grone gave a presentation about the Leadership in Prevention program of which the Foundation helps sponsor.

Keith then highlighted the board's decision to increase spending on student scholarships and the proposed plan for the Ravine House/Durand site over the next two fiscal years, as outlined in the annual report. Some ideas being considered are a renovation of the bathhouse, an update of the playground equipment, removal of brush and a revamp of the Beeline Trail.

Finally, Selectman Chair, Ted Wier, gave a presentation regarding the proposed work on the dam at Durand Lake. The meeting was adjourned at 5pm and the traditional wine and cheese reception ended the afternoon.

Respectfully Submitted: Heather Wiley



Drawing by Chên Sun



Peter Rowan new member of the Board of Directors of the Randolph Foundation and Alan Horton discuss the fine art assembled at the annual Art Show at the Randolph Town Hall.

Photo: Dede Aube



Lily May Jenkins displays her art at the annual Randolph Art Show on July 5.

Photo: Dede Aube

Notice

With the recommendation of the Randolph Hill Road committee, selectmen chose the engineering firm of Provan & Lorber, LLC, to review the design, installation, and construction of the Randolph Hill Road.

Within the near future caution should be used when traveling the Randolph Hill Road, as workers from Provan & Lorber will be evaluating the road.

Upon completion, a public informational meeting will be held at the town hall. Attending will be the Selectmen, members of the Randolph Hill Road Committee and the engineering firm of Provan & Lorber LLC.



Using the anonymous hiker's feet on the left, this photo shows the quartz-encrusted ground that is now exposed at the mine.

The Presidential Gem & Mineral Society led a trip to the Crystal Mine on the Randolph Community Forest on July 27. The Town of Randolph has declared this mine to be a natural area and resource, so that it is now protected by state law.

Photos by Sue Ellis

Selectmen's Column

This column is meant to inform Randolphians of happenings within the town which have direct impact on community living.

- Systematic replacement of culverts has begun on Durand Road. **Watch for Road Closures.**
- The "Farrar Farm" is now officially a part of the town forest.
- **NEW POLICY** --- A user fee of \$25.00 will be charged when reserving the town hall for private functions. The fee will be refunded after use if the hall is left as clean as it was when rented, all trash is removed and the key returned.
- Dam renovation is underway. Please watch construction from roadway only. **Do not** enter "hard hat" area.
- Farewell and thank you to Yvonne Jenkins for her years of service as Randolph town librarian. You will be missed.

John Turner, Correspondent



The light coming through the trees makes for an interesting effect in this photo of quartz exposed on the ground .

Randolph Remembers



John R. "Bob" Savage, 91, passed away July 26, 2013, at the Coös County Nursing Home in Berlin. He was born in Manchester, NH on Dec. 1, 1921.

Bob Savage grew into a fine athlete and baseball player, who excelled in pitching. In September 1939, he attended Staunton Military Academy in Virginia, and soon became the school's number one pitcher compiling a 22-1-2 record, during his time there. Savage soon began receiving offers from professional scouts including the Tigers and Philadelphia Athletics, but he chose instead to remain at Staunton.

Bob finally chose to sign with the Philadelphia Athletics and reported straight to the major league club for the 1942 season. However, in 1943 His baseball career was put on hold for three years while he served in the US Army, Company D, 15th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Infantry Division. Eventually Bob was shipped to a replacement center in Naples, Italy. "My new home was in the town of Conserta, which faced Monte Casino," he recalls.

"My outfit left Naples and traveled by trucks a few miles short of our destination. The rest of the journey was on foot. Sometime during this walk, the enemy sent a barrage of mortar fire into our line of troops. Several of our boys were killed. I got hit in the back. Luckily, I had put everything but the kitchen sink in my knapsack. It got torn to pieces, but just a small amount of shrapnel lodged in my back. It seemed that it wasn't very long before medics got to us and moved the wounded to a safe area. There was an aid station very close to the front. We were all examined and then sent to a MASH-type hospital where the shrapnel was re-

moved from my body. From there, we were sent to a hospital near Naples." Bob was awarded three Purple Hearts during his military career.

A few days before the end of the war Bob's division liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp. This was Bob's worst memory. He spoke only a few times about the experience. The unit ended the war in Salzburg, Austria.

Pitching with Nazi shrapnel still in his back, Bob returned to Philadelphia Athletics in 1946 and pitched in 44 ballgames, more than any other hurler in the American League. He picked up his first big league victory that season, four long years after his debut. A complete game, 4-1 triumph over New York at Yankee Stadium on July 7, 1946. Bob remained with the Athletics through the 1948 season, then pitched briefly with the St. Louis Browns in 1949, before finishing out with the San Diego Padres and San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast League in 1953.

Starting his second career at age 48, he finally used his teaching degree and settled down to teach physical education and coach baseball, basketball and golf at Gorham High School in Gorham, NH from 1969 to 1983. He then went on to run for political office. He became Clerk of the Probate Court (Registrar of Probate) and remained until 1986. Bob was also a selectman for the town of Randolph from 1992 to 1996.

He is survived by his wife Rita A. (King) Savage of Randolph, NH, his children Bobbie and Jon Savage, his stepchildren, John Lyons and wife Rachelle of Saco, ME and Kathy Lyons and husband David of Orono, ME, and his grandchildren Ben and Sam Lyons.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 31, 2013 at Holy Family Church in Gorham. Interment is in the Randolph Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, PO Box 731, Hatboro, PA 19040 or Greyhound Rescue of New England, PO Box 507, Mendon, MA 01756.

Family Permission



“Chên Sun” Mary Letitia Fishler Campbell (91) passed away peacefully on July 30, 2013 in Rockland, Maine. She was born on November 24, 1921 in Montclair, New Jersey. On July 18, 1942, she married Ashley Sawyer Campbell, with whom she raised six children.

Art was a life-long passion. She attended the National Academy of Design in New York City after high school and graduated from the School of Fine Arts at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 1968. She painted in oil, water, and acrylic and had a solo show in Rockland in 2004. She worked with stained glass and created a memorial at the Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Camp in New Hampshire for her son Benjamin, who died while hiking in Scotland. Her large, bronze, outdoor sculptures created at the Shidoni Foundry in Tesuque, New Mexico, were exhibited in Arizona and are now displayed in New Hampshire and New Mexico. Her illustrations of woody plants for *Winter Keys to Woody Plants of Maine* (coauthored by son Chris and Fay Hyland; 1975, University of Maine Press) were praised by reviewers as “superb”, “remarkably clear and lifelike”, and “alive and certainly among the best available for this purpose.” For *Open Mandala Journey* (1979, Charles F. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vermont), which was inspired by the writings of Carl Jung, she wrote verse and made ink drawings and watercolor illustrations for 52 images in the mandala form. She earned a Masters in Art Therapy from Vermont College and worked as an art therapist in Berlin, New Hampshire.

Personal growth was a long-term commitment. She studied psychosynthesis at the Synthesis Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, and proprioceptive writing at the Proprioceptive Writing Center in Portland, Maine.

Many enduring friendships, music, T'ai chi ch'uan, family history, and anything related to the ocean enriched her life. She loved to read to her children and grandchildren, story after story, and she was a great storyteller herself. Randolph was home, in the summer or year-round, for most of her life. Here she

made many friends, painted RMC trail signs, edited the *Mountain View*, and was proud that she hiked across the Presidentials well into her 60s. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She went by the name “Polly” into adulthood and later took the name “Chên Sun” (from the I Ching and signifying endurance), the name by which friends and family knew her. She will long be remembered for her engagement and enthusiasm for life.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bennett Hill Fishler and Mary Cheney Laroche, her older brothers, Franklin and Bennett, and her son Benjamin Hill Campbell. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Ashley; brother, Stuart; her children (spouses), Ashley (Martha) Campbell, Christopher (Margaret) Campbell, Martha (Sam) Gellens, Gordon (Nedine) Campbell, and Philip (Mary) Campbell; her grandchildren (spouses) Camilla (Timothy) Shannon, Toby (Anthon) Campbell, Katharine (Brandt) Lewis, Chandra (Ezekiel) Maloney, Benjamin (Marae) Campbell, Rosalie (Ryan) Westenskow, Saadya Gellens, Peter Campbell, and Julia Campbell; and her great grandchildren Bernadette, Clementine, and Heathcliff Lewis; Miriam and Griffin Westenskow; Emma and Henry Shannon; and Nora Campbell.

Her family encourages anyone who wishes to remember her to do so with a gift to a charity of their choice.

Provided by family



Drawing by Chên Sun

From the Porch

from screened-in porch
car sounds in the distance
deter not the peace
of lazy summer sighs

pointed ferns wave high
while I take in
white puffs over peaks
still as yesterday's toad

this moment a butterfly visits
ferns who rise and fall
look Adams and Madison
truly have no cares

buddha says that
everything is changing
and teresa reminds me
to have no fear

so easy to forget you both
yet I will not
for here and now
we are all good enough

touched by pure beauty
or by an angel
peace and grace stir here
beyond what is known

we can practice forgiveness
know gratitude
move with the simple
honor slow as beauty

come again to the porch
where hummingbirds flutter
with breezes that comfort
because life is so good

keep the porch with you
'tis your birthright
trust that center
this is our prayer

*~Dana Snyder-Grant
August 2013*



Chên Sun drawings



Terry, Wendy and Abby Ladau from Monument, Colorado and family of Ted and Sandy Weir along with Isobel Miccuci enjoy "Family Folk Music - with Jeff Warner at the Randolph Town Hall on July 23.

Photo Dede Aube

A Welcome Reception

Please join the trustees, volunteers and patrons in welcoming **Amy Cyr**, new Director of Library Services at the Randolph Public Library on September 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

A New Garden for Randolph

By Karen Eitel

It has always been my conviction that gardening is a way of showing belief in tomorrow. This garden began as a thought during the dreariest time of winter, when I looked out at the snow and imagined gardens in full bloom. As a new cemetery trustee, my garden thoughts were in our new Randolph Hill Cemetery. I began thinking of how this space, cleared of all its natural beauty, could be transformed, somehow, into something other than a place where only our sorrow is stored.

With this thought in mind, I began thinking of where a garden could be built within the barren L shaped space known simply as the "Hill Cemetery". After taking several walks into the area, via Church Path, it seemed that a display of color and life up around the flagpole could be the perfect spot. Devoid of any trees or shrubs, a garden would add a focal point to all who came to visit a loved one or simply walk through on their way to church via Church Path.

With the help of Renee Dunham, who most generously donated plants and her time, the concept of a flag pole garden began to take shape. Top loam was brought in for the bed and plants that were either donated or purchased. Hosta plants, daylilies and Shasta daisies were planted at the cemetery entrance down at the bottom on the hill, then we began with the main addition around the flagpole.

Meg Meiklejohn pointed her young garden helper, Elissa Gramling, in our direction. Elissa's suggestions of hearty plants that would survive occasional neglect was helpful! Auvie Kenison effortlessly placed two large rocks in the garden to add the final touch and a focal point. Granite cobblestones now border the garden.

I hope this new cemetery garden will also be considered a new "community garden". Help will be welcomed come next spring when the usual clearing and cleaning will be needed. As summer progresses into fall, watering and weeding will be needed. Please contact me if you would like to help from time to time in the next year's upkeep. No specific schedule will be required - all hands will be welcomed.

It is my hope that in generations to come, the Hill Road Cemetery will convey to future generations the story of families that chose to make Randolph a part of their own history, just as Durand Road Cemetery does for us today.

Happy end of summer, everyone! I look forward to hearing from you next spring.

" Gardening is an exercise in optimism. Sometimes, it is a triumph of hope over experience." Marina Schinz



Renee Dunham and Karen Eitel at the new garden. Photo: Woody Eitel



Margaret Hellman and Bruce Kirmsee are delighted to report that on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, they were married in a private ceremony in Randolph. Their friend, Henry ("Hank") T. Folsom, performed the ceremony, and the witnesses were Hank's wife Clare and friends Bob Potter and Roberta Arbree, all of Randolph. Photo: by Clare Folsom

Summer Activities



Sally Boothman Glines flipped blueberry pancakes at the annual Randolph Firefighters' Breakfast on August 17. Photo by Edith Tucker



Robert Kruszyna "Mountaineer," presented "An Elevated Kind of Madness: an Overview of Mountaineering on August 2. Photo: Gail Scott



Barbara Fenn Wyssession pays Library Trustee **Nancy Penney** for the boxes of books she purchased at the Randolph Library Book & Bake Sale. Photo by Edith Tucker



Vera and Tara Shankar enjoyed the delicious pizzelles and freshly whipped cream sold at the Friends of the Randolph Library Bake Sale on July 20. Photo: Dede Aube



Todd and Ellen Ross of Randolph opened up Mountain Fire Pizza June 10 in the Gorham building that formerly housed the Icy Gulch restaurant. Fire master Todd Ross designed and built the wood-fired brick oven in which the temperatures range from 750 to 1,000 degrees. The couple cheerfully honed their pizza-making skills for two years in a mobile pizza trailer, outfitted with a wood-fired oven, at venues like the Berlin Farmers' Market, the Lancaster Fair and the Gorham Common. Photo by Edith Tucker



Alivia Kenison enjoys the music of the Berlin Jazz Band at the Town Picnic on July 31, 2013 Photo: Anne Kenison

Out and About Around Randolph



The **RMC Gourmet Hike** took place on the Pine Mountain ledges on Aug. 1. Photo: Bea Alexander



Bea Alexander and Marie Beringer have been friends most of their lives. Bea was a bridesmaid in Marie and Bruce's wedding, where she met Heywood, who was an usher. Bea and Heywood were married a year later. Marie and Bea along with the other ladies in this photograph graduated from Greenwich Academy in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1949. They come together each year. This year's reunion was held at Sugar Plum Farm and at the Alexanders. As usual, a good time was had by all! Photo: Gail Scott

Children's Library Program

Photos by Yvonne Jenkins



Many great items can be built with a few cardboard tubes, some tape and a little ribbon, as demonstrated by these children from the Children's Library Program.



Reading is what it is all about at the Randolph Public Library.

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