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At Home in New Hampshire Even While Away

A conversation with Tim and Barbara Rogers by Pete Majoy



To Barbara, the teacher and best friend who made me into a writer, and to the memory of the Old Man of the Mountain, which inspired my love of my home state.

— Dedication by Stillman Rogers in his book, *It Happened In New Hampshire*.

Tim was born in Nashua, NH, later moving to Rochester, Lee, and Dover. Barbara grew up in Dover. They married in Durham in 1967, and in 1976 the couple moved to Old Homestead Highway in Richmond to build a home and plant a flourishing garden.

They have two daughters, Juliette Rogers, PhD who lives in France, and Laura Seavey who lives in Northfield, NH, and is completing her undergraduate degree at Harvard. There are also two grandchildren, Jordan 8 and Mary 11, who complete their immediate close family circle.

Within this framework of place and family, Barbara and Tim have embraced a successful and challenging life focused on writing, photography, traveling, the practice of law, and politics.

Tim states that, "Writing has been a fascinating process. Creating entirely new books has proved to be an intriguing but tiring process." He contrasts the difference between writing that is encapsulated by publisher control, and writing more freely for a publisher who is not tied to such boundary lines. The Globe Pequot Press is the latter. They will be publishing the second edition of Tim's popular and extremely interesting historical work, *It Happened in New Hampshire* in 2013.

Regular columns written by Tim can be read at www.examiner.com/Boston and www.suite101.com.

Barbara's many works have sailed the sea of travel guides and cultural life around the world as read in her piece about animal

figures used in Guatemalan native weaving that appears in a national wildlife magazine. She has written guide books to Portugal, northern Italy, Stockholm, Helsinki, Turin, Milan, Verona, and the Canary Islands.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

Both Barbara and Tim belong to a political species, "Once Republicans, now Democrats." Among their influential heroes

are Theodore Roosevelt, FDR, Dwight Eisenhower, and Walter Peterson. Both were “Young Republicans” and sat on important county and state administrative chairs as “Walter Peterson Republicans.” They assert that, “We didn’t leave the Republican Party – it left us.” They state that, “We found the Democrats far more interesting, less dogmatic, and always interested in hearing every voice.” This became the much trodden path that most of their friends walked.

What worries former Republicans like the Rogers as Tim states is that, “For the past two years we have been witnessing the intentional dismantling of all measures of social progress made in the United States over the past century and a quarter. While only a quarter, or less, of the working population is covered by a union contract, union wages tend to establish the wage levels. We are witnessing the destruction of the opportunity for all workers to be paid a rational wage, not just union workers. In the 1930s and 1960s, measures were enacted to ensure that the elderly would have at least a minimal income in their old age and that they would have the ability to seek medical help. For the past two years we have seen an unprecedented assault on these basic programs for the elderly and even worse, an attempt is being made to create conflict between the elderly and the young to limit benefits to those under 55. We are seeing an attack on workers retirement

programs and the retirement programs of government workers.”

Tim has been a military officer (1st Lieutenant) and later a lawyer in Keene. In 1978, the Justices of the Superior Court chose him to be the Clerk of the Superior Court, a position he held for twenty-three years until he retired in 2001. In 2006, he was elected County Commissioner and exerted great influence in the decision to install geo-thermal heating in the new jail which saved the taxpayer the cost of 72,000 gallons of fuel annually and which will subsequently save several million dollars over the life of the system.

Barbara and Tim know their decision to move to Richmond thirty-six years ago was “a wise one.” The natural landscape, the non-intrusive friendliness of people, the involvement of folk in town life, and the governance of the community – all make Richmond “a great place to live.”

Barbara tells us that, “I grew up in an atmosphere where ideas were aired, discussed, argued and examined freely and frequently. Both spoken and written words, as well as logical thinking, were very much a part of my upbringing.” It is such a flow of communication that Tim and Barbara have added to our town and our region that makes us understand why they are always at home in New Hampshire even while away.

Vote Your Ballot, The Whole Thing!

A change in state law a few years ago eliminated Party straight ticket balloting. That was theoretically good for democracy because it meant that voters had to select a candidate for each office. The downside of the law is that a large percentage of voters now vote only for the offices at the top of the ballot and leave the offices lower down on the ballot empty.

The boxes at the bottom of the ballot are often overlooked or left blank and represent positions that are important to the operation of the state and county governments. In the upcoming election these include State Senate, State Representative, Governor’s Council and County Commissioner. These positions directly affect your county and your town and the selection of the best people for those positions is vital to the continued health of the overall community.

Please take the time to find out about the candidates for these offices and, on November 6, take the extra few minutes to cast your ballot for all of the offices on the ballot. It will make you feel better.

Notes from the Selectmen’s Office

Appointment. September brought Sean McElhiney back to the Selectmen’s table, appointed to fill the seat first vacated by Lori Scanlan and most recently by Marie Knowlton. The Knowlton’s house sold after more than a year on the market and they moved out of town, forcing Marie to resign. We accepted Marie’s resignation with regrets and thanked her for her interim service. We very much appreciate the financial and administrative perspective she brought to the position – she will be missed!

In 2007, Sean was elected in a contested election and served as selectman until 2010. We thank Sean for accepting this interim appointment and for his willingness to step into this position on short notice. Sean brings his experience and training as a selectman and a great sense of fairness and inclusion. He has agreed to serve until March 2013.

Election. In March 2013 there will be two elections for selectmen; one to fill a one-year term to complete the original Scanlan term, and one to fill a three-year term.

Flood Insurance. On October 18, 2012, Jennifer Gilbert, the National Flood Insurance Program state coordinator, will present information about the flood insurance program, locate Richmond’s flood hazard areas and answer your questions about this program. If you are like me, you probably do not think Richmond has flood hazard areas, but I have seen the maps and encourage you to learn more about this program. Think Vermont and northern NH and the devastating damage sustained recently by streams flooding.

From the NFIP website, <http://www.floodsmart.gov>: “Since standard homeowners insurance doesn’t cover flooding, it’s important to have protection from the floods associated with

hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S.

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to help provide a means for property owners to financially protect themselves. The NFIP offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce the risk of flooding.

Homes and buildings in high-risk flood areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to have flood insurance. These areas have a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, which is equivalent to a 26% chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage.

Residents of Moderate-to-Low Risk Areas. Homes and businesses located in moderate-to-low risk areas that have mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are typically not required to have flood insurance. However, flood insurance is highly recommended because anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods. People outside of high-risk areas file over 20% of NFIP claims and receive one-third of disaster assistance for flooding. When it's available, disaster assistance is typically a loan you must repay with interest. A lender can require flood insurance, even if it is not federally required."

Building Permits. The selectmen added a new category of building permits: carport/lean-to, defined as a roof supported by four poles or attached on one side to another structure, with no walls and no foundation/floor, which is not habitable. The building permit fee is \$50.

Fay Martin Bridge. The Town received the DES Wetlands Permit in late August, clearing the way for construction to proceed on the Fay Martin replacement bridge. The final construction plans for the bridge were approved by NHDOT and the request for bids was published in two papers and online September 9, 2012. Bids are due and will be opened on October 10, 2012 in the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be reviewed by Quantum Construction and NHDOT. A decision will be made and announced on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the regular Selectmen's Meeting. To view the construction plans, bid documents or for more information call Roberta at 239-4232.

Cash Flow. As of August 31, 2012, the total taxes outstanding are \$229,640, which includes tax liens for 2009, 2010 and

2011, and taxes due for 2012. Taxes due for 2012 comprise 36.18% of the total. All municipal employees have been asked to be even more vigilant and frugal in our spending, however, all departments are operating well within their approved budgets.

As of September 10, 2012, with 71% of the year completed, the town has spent 74% of its approved budget. Some departments spend more of their budget earlier in the year and some spend later in the year, but we are close to right on target overall. Between now and the end of the year five large payments are due – four remaining school payments (\$146,707/month) and one county payment (\$334,000) due in mid-December. Outstanding tax dollars will be needed to meet those commitments. For your convenience, you can now pay online with a credit card, or in person or by mail as always.

The lawsuit filed in US District Court by Nicolas and Jill Bosonetto will be defended by the Local Government Center Risk Management Division under the town's liability insurance policies. Dan Mullen is the lead attorney on this case.

Thank you for your support – you are always welcome to observe our meetings and can make an appointment to meet with us by contacting Roberta or Bev at 239-4232.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

October 8, 2012 – CLOSED for Columbus Day

October 25, 2012 – Last day to submit voting registration forms with Town Clerk for the General Election

November 6, 2012 – General Election Day

Polling hours: 8 am – 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall

Invitation To Bid

The Town of Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire is requesting bid proposals for the following project:

Bridge Replacement Project

Fay Martin Road over Tully Brook

NHDOT Bridge No. 160/071

NHDOT Project No. 21190

The Town proposes to replace the existing steel I-beam bridge with a precast concrete rigid frame founded on concrete abutments. The new bridge will have a clear span of 24 feet with an out-to-out width of approximately 28 feet. The project includes approximately 400 feet of roadway realignment and incidental

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work. Contractors must have a current registration with the Office of The Secretary of State to do business in New Hampshire.

Sealed proposals must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. October 10, 2012 at the Richmond Town Hall, 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud at the above address. The exterior of all envelopes containing bid proposals shall be clearly marked

Bid for Bridge Replacement Project, Fay Martin Road over Tully Brook, NHDOT Bridge No. 160/071.

Bid documents will be made available on September 12, 2012 and may be examined at the following locations:

- Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC, 27 Locke Road, Concord, NH 03301
- Richmond Town Hall, 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470
- Construction Summary of NH, 734 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104
- Associated General Contractors of NH, 48 Grandview Road, Bow, NH 03304

Bid documents may be purchased for a non-refundable fee from Spiller's Reprographics, 880 Second Street, Manchester, NH 03102 (800-564-1559). Partial sets will not be distributed. All requests for shipped documents must be accompanied by an additional fee to cover the cost of postage and handling. All bidders must provide their contact information to Spiller's Reprographics to be registered to receive issued Addenda, if any.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required upon award of Contract.

NH's Voter ID Law

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

On September 4, 2012, the US Department of Justice approved NH's Voter ID Law. As with the NH Primary Election on September 11, 2012, all voters will be asked for photo ID at the General Election on November 6, 2012. The difference next month will be that, if the voter does not have an approved photo ID, he/she will be required to complete a Challenged Voter Affidavit in order to receive a ballot. Whether the voter has or does not have an approved photo ID, the voter will be able to vote.

Absentee ballots are available for those of you who will not be able to come to the polls on November 6, 2012 and who meet

the qualifications to vote by absentee ballot. You can view your status as a registered voter in Richmond or the status of your absentee ballot by going to <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" and follow the instructions.

If you have questions, please feel free to call 239-6202. Pam and I are always happy to help!

Triple E Alert

Sandy Holbrook

Due to the fact that **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (Triple E)** has been detected in towns just over the border (Athol, Royalston & Warwick), please use extreme precautions and common sense when venturing outside during early morning and evening hours when mosquito activity is at its highest. Horse owners should take necessary steps to protect your equines. Thank you. Richmond Agriculture Commission.

Right to Know Act, RSA 91-A

Board of Selectmen

To all Municipal Officials and Employees, August 20, 2012: First, we want to thank you for your service in the Town of Richmond. We appreciate your time, effort and skills in the many and varied ways each of you serve your town.

The **Right to Know** law has been around for a long time, and with your continued help and commitment we will get it right! As you know, each of us is accountable for knowing and implementing the conditions of the **Right to Know** law, RSA 91-A, as it applies to our individual positions and responsibilities.

RSA 91-A applies to you in your role as municipal officials, employees or volunteers. Its purpose is to increase public access to governmental proceedings, based on the theory that public knowledge of the considerations upon which governmental action is based and of the decisions taken is essential to the democratic process.

Educate yourself about RSA 91-A: Use the *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* book where you can search for a particular RSA or browse them all. Visit the Local Government Center website and go to the Town and City Article Index under the Publications tab _ type in "91-A" and a host of articles on specific issues, questions and court cases come up. Online at: www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html

Training is another avenue and the Local Government Center does a lot of trainings – their conference this November will



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We acknowledge that this law is very detailed and complex and it takes a while to learn the fine points; however, the most important elements to know as a public official are that you are required to provide timely public notice of meetings, hold meetings in the public view and record minutes of every meeting, making those minutes available within five business days for public review.

We understand that as human beings anyone may unintentionally neglect, forget or omit a step in the process. If this happens, please take immediate action to correct it, learn from it and insure the information is made public as soon as possible.

Know, too, that under RSA 91-A the public has a right to tape the proceedings of any meeting with or without your knowledge. However, taping conversations outside of the meeting without permission may violate NH wiretap laws.

If you have questions or need additional references for training, please do not hesitate to call the office at 239-4232. Thank you for seriously considering this law and its ramifications for your work as a public official.

Flood Plains

Planning Board

It is not a prerequisite that you live near water to live in a flood zone. Floods are caused by snow melt in the spring, storms, hurricanes or water back up due to restricted drainage.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a partnership between communities and the federal government. For a community that would like to participate in the NFIP they are asked to adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance. Currently there are 214 communities (91%) located in NH who have a partnership with NFIP.

The Planning Board has been asked by the Selectmen to put together an ordinance for Richmond voters to decide in March of 2013 if they would like to begin such a partnership. Once voted in, all properties designated in a floodplain can be mandated to purchase flood insurance to satisfy their mortgage lender at a reasonable price. When a mortgage company makes a transaction involving a structure, a lender is obligated to determine the properties location according to the flood hazard area or 100 year floodplain. If a future or present lender determines that the structure is located in a special flood hazard area and the community is participating in the NFIP the borrower is notified that flood insurance will be required as a condition of the loan. This includes new and present mortgages and could or could not increase your monthly mortgage.

Determination is decided by the building's location using current FEMA floodplain maps and other information.

If the town chooses not to participate, all structures that are located within the floodplain will not be eligible to receive flood insurance. Most home insurance carriers do not write flood insurance options.

The Planning Board would like all residents to attend a public information meeting with the National Flood Insurance Program State Coordinator, Jennifer Gilbert, for Thursday Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. The goal of the Planning Board is to figure out how many residents could be affected by this partnership financially and if there is a need for such a partnership in Richmond.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you." –Author unknown

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Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Wednesdays with Wendy continues at 10:00 AM throughout the fall. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

Reading with Kallie

Come join us on October 13, at 11:00 AM for a visit with Kate Simmington and Kallie. Kallie is a certified pet-therapy dog through Monadnock Therapy Pets and offers gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat – no reservations are needed.

Save the Date! Traveling Zoo Coming to Richmond!

We are pleased to present a traveling zoo program on November 17 at 2:00 PM at the Veterans' Hall as a fundraiser for the Library. The W.I.L.D. Center & Zoological Park of New England connects children and adults with animals and nature while demonstrating and inspiring responsible stewardship of our planet's global biodiversity. They were in Richmond in 2008 in conjunction with our Australian-themed summer reading program and everyone had a wonderful time!

Summer Reading Program Success!

Once again, our summer reading program was a great success! We want to congratulate the children who read the most in their age group: Bridget Van Valzah, Noah Raymond, and Daniel Brunk. They were awarded T-shirts at the end of the program. Congratulations to all!

Used Book Sale and Raffle

We are so pleased to announce that over \$400 was raised at this year's book sale and raffle! I would like to thank the following volunteers and businesses which made this program so successful: Bagel Works, The Colonial Theatre, Hannaford Supermarkets, The Herb Barn, Susan Marsden, Theresa and Butch Morin, Bonnie McCarthy, Elaine Moriarty, Terri O'Rourke, Janel Breanne, and Delaney Swanson, Jan and Bob Weekes, Evelyn Winter-Pogorzelski, and Steve and Susan Wyatt.

Creative Donations

Thanks to a very generous and creative donor, we have several new magazines here at the RPL. This donor used their frequent flyer miles to give us free magazine subscriptions. We are now pleased to offer: *Diabetes Forecast*, *All You*, and *Prevention*. Another donor graciously donates their copies of *The New Yorker* after reading them. All of our magazine circulate for four weeks, and include such popular titles as: *Oprah*, *Cook's Illus-*

trated, *Birds and Blooms*, and *This Old House*. If you have a current magazine subscription that you would like to donate monthly (or weekly!) when you are finished, please contact us!

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

SOCIAL PROMOTION is on the AGENDA. For those not familiar with the term, Social Promotion is moving students along, from grade to grade, even if the student is not academically ready – and currently Monadnock practices this philosophy! We are not talking about special needs children here. On September 4, 2012, Dr Leo C, our superintendent, asked the school board to look into stopping social promotion. This has been a pet peeve of mine at the district. How can we expect a child to do his homework in middle/high school if he or she cannot read? Dr. Leo's example was "(paraphrased) you can't leave 3rd grade if you can't read." In the long run, we will have better graduation rates of better educated children without social promotion!

A sixth year of the State Aide for Building has been granted for Monadnock. The state has accepted our petition to have an additional year (currently 5-year plan) in our building program – as long as the MRSD voters approve it (just like any other warrant article). Our thanks go to our Business Manager, Jane Fortson, with technical assistance of Dave LaPointe, Facilities Director, for getting the state to agree to our revised plan. We will continue to receive state reimbursement of 57% of the money we spend (upon completion of the work). The sixth-year portion of the plan is not yet complete; but, one area that is likely is the modernization and expansion of several middle/high school science labs to accommodate more students within a given class period.

A tour of our middle/high school shows how your tax dollars provided a great deal of improvement in the facility – as well as a sparkling building provided by our custodial staff. Both schools sparkle inside and I hope the district decides to run public tours of the middle/high school in the near future.

The Sullivan Withdrawal Process is ready for the voters of the district – which includes the vote (Yes or No) of all towns. Although there is one more state hurdle to overcome, the State Dept. of Education has ruled that the information provided by both the Town of Sullivan and Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) is adequate for the next step of the withdrawal process; i.e., the vote of the taxpayers. Additionally,

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the state has also ruled that Sullivan can leave SAU 93 (Monadnock Regional School District) at the same time as their children leave the schools of MRSD. Sullivan leaving the SAU at the same time saves a great deal of effort on the part of our SAU staff. Additionally, Sullivan can run their own school affairs.

Tentatively voting on Sullivan's Withdrawal will take place in November 17, 2012; Richmond will vote at the Veteran's Hall (there will be a deliberative session on the withdrawal at the high school some time before 11/17/12). Given acceptance by the voters, Sullivan would be on their own on July 1, 2013. Additionally, Sullivan students who want to graduate with their current class may continue to attend MRHS up to 2015 (and attend Gilsum Elementary also to 2015) – the latter activities would be funded by Sullivan.

Given you have suggestions and/or comments, my e-mail is cmoriarty@ne.rr.com, or call 239 4031. Jim Carnie will be glad to assist you on school matters at 239 4948.

The "Cabin in the Woods"

Bob Weekes

About 20 years ago, when I spent more time hiking the old trails of Richmond than I do today, I stumbled upon a tiny but tidy cabin deep in the woods. Situated off an old dirt road, populated then as today only by a few ancient cellar holes, the cabin was as adorable as it was incongruous with its surroundings. In its remote location, miles from Richmond's 4 Corners and almost concealed by trees and undergrowth, it stood in dramatic contrast to the wilderness that surrounded it. It was painted light gray; its windows were clean and the interior was neat. It even had a perky little window box "planted" with red plastic flowers that prompted a visitor to ask: "where in the world did you come from and what are you doing here?" It also wore a decorative sign on its front door as if to answer that question. It said simply: "Mary's Garden in the Woods."

Flash forward 20 years and Jan and I found ourselves hiking the same trail, not with any idea of revisiting the little cabin as two decades of living had completely obliterated any memory of its existence and location. Instead I was walking Jan through some of Richmond's history, and much of it took place in the hills along the old roads and trails such as the one we were traveling. We had walked a good distance, chatting idly, and suddenly there it was. What caught our eyes was a window box peeking through the trees, still with its red plastic flowers, framed by the gray of a small 8 x 12 cabin, both splashes of

well-weathered color barely visible through the afternoon shadows. Now both of us asked out loud: "what are you doing here?"

It stood amidst saplings and overgrown brush that included neglected daylilies and an old Rhododendron bush. Closer inspection revealed the faded but happy sign on the door: "Mary's Garden in the Woods."

But a later sign on the door carried a more serious notice: "Please do not break in again – everything has already been stolen, even the toilet!" Inside we spotted still another, its message more resigned to the inevitability that trespassers will help themselves to another's remote property: "Dear Visitor, Please close up my Garden Shed as much as possible when you leave. Thanks, Mary." The silence surrounding this little cabin now seemed even more intense because one sensed that this little building was saying, "I have a story to tell." Wishing to know that story, I located the owner who lives in another state. Mary, I discovered, is a most engaging woman who agreed to share with Rooster read-



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ers and me the story about her “Garden in the Woods.”

Although born in Indianapolis and living at that time in South Boston, Mary regarded herself as a “country person,” one who longed for a secret retreat in the woods where she could relax, recharge her batteries and...what else...plant a garden. Strapped for funds 20-plus years ago, she shopped for inexpensive land in Maine and New Hampshire and ultimately found land in Richmond. Knowing nothing about the town, she began her own search into the history of the area embracing the acreage she had bought. That love of history was consistent with her passion for genealogical research which she continues today as a volunteer for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

Knowing that gardens require tools, and tools require a proper shed, Mary acquired carpentry skills via a cabinet-making course and went to work immediately on a design that allowed her to build an 8 x 12 foot, 2 x 4-framed cabin/shed. Because construction had to be done many miles away, she designed and built her cabin in sections that could be moved to Richmond one-by-one and assembled on the property. After a proper foundation was poured, sections and materials were driven as close to the site as the rutted road would allow, and then packed in. Then a “Southie,” she scrounged discarded windows from buildings undergoing renovation in Boston and integrated them into her design. A portable toilet and woodstove were installed. Finally the loft, roof and porch were added, completing the “cabin” after more than two years. In the meantime Mary had cleared the land and planted many flowers and shrubs. Mary’s dream of a secret “Garden in the Woods” had finally become a reality.

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And then, time passed and new pursuits intervened, lessening Mary’s attention. Visits to her cabin became fewer. Over the years the portable toilet and a wood stove have both been stolen, the latter only during this past year. Despite break-ins and vandalism, Mary still kept tabs on her cabin, now visiting with grandchildren in tow and still carrying the thought that if time and energy could only be found, she might restore the shed and the gardens to their former glory. Although the cabin was designed with a small sleeping loft, Mary and her husband have never actually spent the night there. There is clear evidence, however, via written messages and a small outside fire pit left behind, that some hunters have done exactly that for a number of years. Also spending the nights in the little cabin, have been untold generations of mice who’ve left their own “messages.” But Mary’s enthusiasm is not diminished by these intrusions. She prefers to dwell on the fun she had creating her secret garden.

Meanwhile the little cabin stands all-alone in its remote surroundings. Anyone stumbling upon it will feel its soul because it is a sentinel...a sentinel that is silently watching and waiting. For what, you ask? For Mary to return, we’re sure. *[Note: In writing this article I deliberately have not revealed the location of Mary’s cabin. While it’s likely some Richmond hikers and hunters know where it is located, I hope they will also respect its privacy.]*

Reflections on the Summer at Cass Pond

Elaine Moriarty

As Mother Nature prepares to use her vivid autumn palette, I find myself reflecting on this passing summer at Cass Pond. It began with the cleanup by the Beach Committee and Friends and is ending with plans for next summer’s improvements.

Many sunny days brought children’s laughter, leisure time book reading, swimming, boating and relaxing renewal time, providing a season mostly of enjoyment at the peaceful retreat on Pond Woods Road.

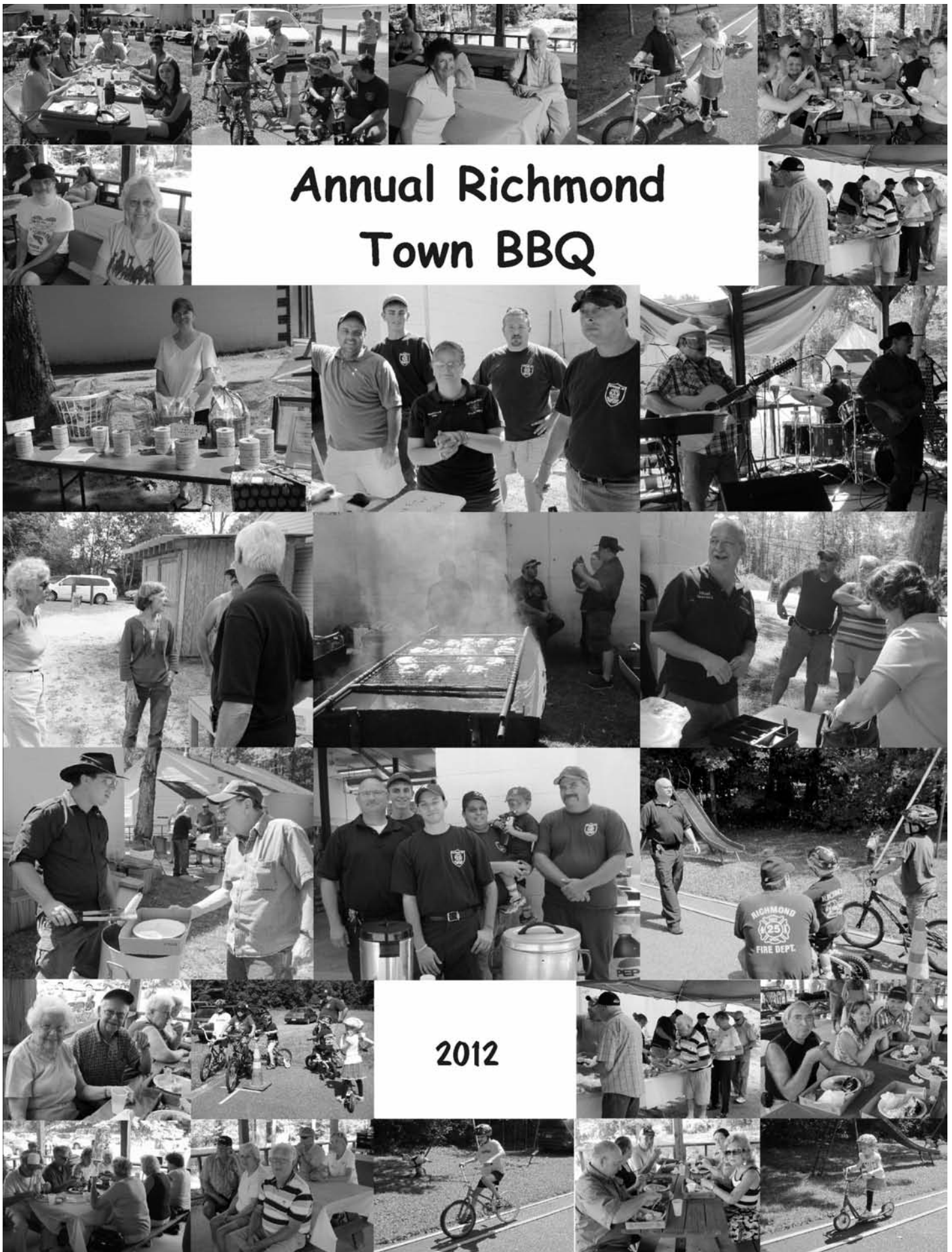
We have one of the nicest beaches in the area and we strive daily to maintain it; trash is picked up, the buoys straightened, holes are filled and issues solved that may arise.

I regret that my plans to teach the children about the creatures that we share the pond with, fell through. Teaching children respect for the environment is very important, as it is a part of my protectiveness of the beach, of keeping it maintained as a clean, beautiful place for Richmond residents.

Missing was the abundance of normal wildlife. There were fewer frogs, the loons didn’t stay, there were rare sightings of the blue herons, and the daily mallard population was mostly non-existent. We hope this is not a sign of trends to come.

Also, all was not perfect, (i.e., the beach vandalism, as previously reported). The Y conducted a major logging operation, which caused the majority of drivers to become road experts on the obstacle course known as Pond Woods Rd. It was finally repaired at the end of the season, truly a ritual of patience.

A picnic table, custom made and donated by a dear friend of mine, turned into a place for piles of towels, clearly not its intended purpose – a place for *all* residents to eat on.



I thank the Beach Committee and Friends for all they do and look forward to the summer of 2013.

Geese

Pete Tandy

It is, I know, their voices that strike so surely home, awakening an atavistic lightness in my heart, putting a surprise of tears into my eyes.

Each autumn as the geese stream south I believe again that, if only I could hear more clearly or try harder to understand, I could hear them speaking, each to the other. And, sometimes, as I watch their shifting lines etched high against October's sky, I think I can. They do not have the complexity of human thought or speech, yet their fierce little sparks of intelligence speak out, their yelping tongues articulate at least within my mind, putting lyrics to their ageless song.

"I tire...! I tire..." calls the great gray goose at the point of their spear. "I tire... I tire... I fail... I fail!"

"We hear! We're here! We hear! We're here!" cry the following strong voices. And one of them slips into the point where she must force a break into the air, laboring to split the wind for all the rest while the exhausted leader slides into the smooth and slippery stream just to one side of the flyer before him, able now to rest. And on they go, calling, calling.

"I lead... I know the way... I lead..."

"We're here. We know. We hear. We go..." And on they sweep southward, always calling encouragement, always sharing the labor of leading, always steadfast, supporting one another with their great strength. And, yes, with what I'm sure must be a kind of love.

Running through the deep, intoxicating autumn woods, lost in the floating dreamtime of the fourteenth mile; wrenched to a stop with my head thrown back before the understanding. There they are: so high against the clouds, almost invisible, and yet their high sweet piping caught my heart

I'm thankful no one saw me there, stopped in my tracks, transfixed within the wilderness; to see me raise by hand and whisper "GO!," willing by energy into the sky to buoy them up and help them on their way...as they have done for me.

Thank You

Theresa Majoy

On Friday, August 24, 2012, I took my granddaughter to the "End of Summer Beach Party for the Children of Richmond." If this event had been planned and orchestrated by a half dozen people, it could not have been better. There were well planned and executed relay and skill games for children of all ages. Considering the span of ages present, this was quite an achievement.

All the necessary toys, directions and score cards were available. There was a great selection of prizes from which the winners were able to choose and there was food and beverages available. And not just "food" either, there were three large trays of homemade pizza and another three trays of homemade cookies shaped and frosted like dragonflies, beach sandals and frog cupcakes.

The Children of Richmond were treated to a wonderful experience provided by Elaine Moriarty who led the activities and prepared and served the food. All the children were lucky to share this time with Elaine and each other. THANK YOU, Elaine "Cookie Lady" Moriarty for making it all happen.

Aldrich Patriot Grave Marking

Hank Hallas

Karen Lampus, 9th generation descendent of Richmond settler Levi Aldrich, Jr. and her son Donald, lead a DAR Patriot grave marking ceremony in the old Aldrich Cemetery off Route 32 in Richmond on August 9, 2012. Karen and Wendy Kelly traveled from Boulder City and Las Vegas, Nevada to lead this ceremony. A small group of interested Richmond citizens attended; Joe and Norma Thibodeau, DeVeta Prochilo, Hank Hallas.

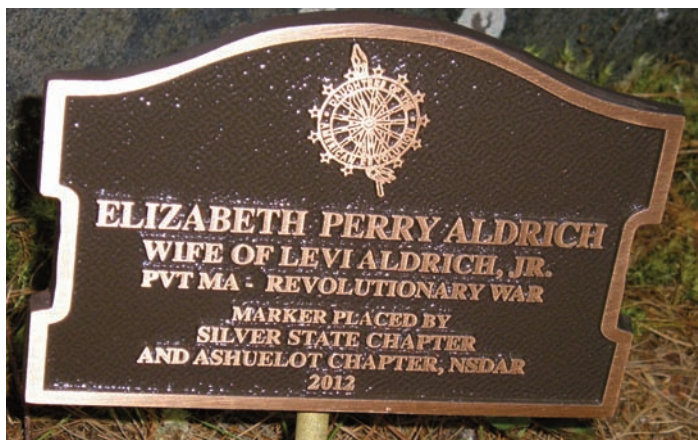
Karen Lampus read the following biography of the Revolutionary War Patriot: "Levi Aldrich, Jr., born in 1753, in Men-



don, Ma, was the third child of Levi Aldrich, Sr. and his wife, Abigail Hunt. Like his father, Levi was a blacksmith, ran a trip hammer shop with an iron furnace, and supplied castings to the local residents of Richmond. On the 5th of December 1774, at the age of 21 years, he married Elizabeth Perry, the daughter of Oliver Perry and Elizabeth Streeter. Elizabeth was born the 27th of December 1754 in Bellingham, MA. Levi and Elizabeth were the parents of 10 children. Their first child Olney was actually named for Elizabeth's father, Oliver Perry.

Levi Jr. first served in the war for 8 days between the 8th of December 1776 and the 21st of January 1777. He was a private in Captain Peter Penniman's company with Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Tyler's regiment on an alarm at Providence, RI.

He again enlisted on the 28th of July to August 1st 1780, serving for 5 days with Captain B. Read's company under the command of Lieutenant John Benson, Colonel Nathan Tyler's regiment on another alarm at Rhode Island. Levi's father, Levi



Aldrich, Sr. also served in the revolutionary war at the age of 46, on an alarm, April 19th 1775, in Roxbury, MA.”

Karen read the following dedication of the markers:

“Nothing is really ended until it is forgotten. Whatever is kept in memory still endures forever. It is our honor and privilege, as 9th and 10th generations of direct descendants of Levi Aldrich, Jr. and Elizabeth Perry Aldrich, to dedicate these mark-



ers in grateful recognition of the service and sacrifice of our ancestors. It is important to keep alive an appreciation of our country’s sacred heritage.”

At the end of the ceremony a light-caressing breeze came to the gravesite. Attendees were graciously invited to the home of Hank and Louise Hallas for a reception and refreshments. Ernest Perry and family, descendants of Oliver Perry, arrived in a 1914 Model T Ford that has been in their family since 1914.

The following DAR, SAR and DAR State officials participated: Phyllis Gagnon, New Hampshire State Vice Regent;

Marilyn Pratt-Holmquist, New Hampshire State Chaplain; Cyndee Anderson, New Hampshire State Historian and a descendent of Cleopatra Ramsdell and her husband, Nathaniel Aldrich, who was a brother of Levi Aldrich, Jr.; Marilyn Huston the Ashuelot chapter Vice Regent; Nancy Howard, a member of the Ashuelot chapter; Wendy Kelly, the Nevada State Historian; Don Lampus, Jr., a member of the Pittsburgh chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania; and Karen Lampus, Honorary State Regent of Nevada, past silver State chapter Regent.

Richmond Rescue Squad

Sandy Holbrook

In August, I had the privilege of meeting with Ed Atkins, Deputy Fire Chief concerning RFD #25, and in September I was privileged to meet with Buzz Shaw, Captain of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad. Both the Fire and Rescue companies work hand in hand to ensure the safety of all involved in an emergency call. Each unit has its own set of responsibilities and accountabilities. I want to share with you what I learned that makes the Rescue Squad special.

Under the leadership of Captain Buzz Shaw, the Richmond Rescue Team consists of seven dedicated men and women. Some members are both a firefighter and an EMT. To receive an EMT designation, one must successfully pass a nationally registered EMT course. The course includes participating in ambulance calls and ten hours of hands-on training under the direction of medical professionals (doctors and nurses). Then one must pass the national EMT written examination, a State of NH Practical Skills exam and a NH Protocol exam to receive a State of New Hampshire license. This license allows you to practice as a pre-hospital care provider. To keep the EMT designation active, each EMT must complete 72 hours of continuing education every two years and pass an on-line Protocol test, which ensures you are current with all the latest procedures. Yearly CPR recertification is also required. In Richmond, CPR certification is done every June. Ongoing training is done every third Wednesday of the month at the Richmond Fire Station. The Captain may receive notification from the State of New Hampshire regarding protocol changes and new methods or procedures to be adopted by EMTs. This information is included in the Wednesday training sessions. The requirement to become a NH certified EMT is at a much higher level than those requirements of neighboring states and even higher than

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Left to right: EMTs Terri O'Rourke, Maureen Blackledge, and Buzz Shaw

the national level. An EMT coming from outside of NH must complete a Scope of Practice Training Course before becoming a licensed NH EMT. All of the above training is vital when responding to an emergency call. First responders have very little or no information concerning what they will face at the scene. In the case of fire, assuming no one is in a burning building, EMTs must be prepared to treat firefighters for possible burns, smoke inhalation, or overexertion, etc. Motor vehicle accidents require assessing the scope of injuries and stabilizing accident victims prior to ambulance arrival for transport to the hospital. In cases of home medical emergency calls, patient assessments must be done and treatments administered to minimize further serious medical consequences. This might include starting IVs; administering epinephrine injections for allergic reactions to insect stings, food, and other allergens; stabilizing the blood sugar in a diabetic; or determining the extent of possible narcotic psychosis, etc. In cases of possible spinal or neck injuries, immobilizing the accident victim to prevent further injury is accomplished using a cervical collar and long spine board. Knowing what to do and when to do it is why EMTs undergo such vigorous training.

In MCIs (mass casualty incidents) such as bus accidents, or situations where there are more patients than can be cared for by arriving personnel, EMTs radio dispatch for additional help. If helicopter service is required, victims will be flown to

one of three trauma centers (Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Lebanon, Bay State Medical in Springfield, MA or U. Mass Medical Center Worcester). From Richmond by helicopter, it is 16 minutes to Worcester and 22 minutes to Lebanon. All three trauma centers are fully equipped to handle any medical or trauma emergency necessitating helicopter transport.

Our EMTs, just like the firefighters, respond as soon as their pagers go off, no matter what time of day or night, weekday or holiday. As mentioned in the earlier article, all 911 calls are received in Concord, routed to Keene Mutual Aid for Dispatch and transmitted by radio to the appropriate town in a matter of minutes. Once on scene and assessments made, EMTs may suggest that the person be transported to the hospital by ambulance. Persons who are mentally competent may refuse to go to the hospital, even when it is against medical advice. If ambulance service is refused, the patient is required to sign a waiver, refusing the treatment and transport.

In addition to ensuring ongoing education and training, the captain is also responsible for making sure all supplies are in stock and up-to-date, that equipment is maintained properly, and oxygen tanks replenished.

No doubt we all know who these incredible volunteers are...they are our friends, neighbors, relatives. We see them driving by or at social events, and we find them very warm and compassionate people who care about their community. We are



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Left to right: EMTs Heather Remmick and Lauren Haynes

fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, dedicated and capable team ready to help if anyone of us should have to call 911. Thank you, Mike Bailey, Maureen Blackledge (Secretary), Lauren Haynes, Terri O'Rourke, Cookie Remick, Heather Remick, Buzz Shaw, and Lolita Shaw for your service and dedication to the citizens of Richmond.

The Rescue Squad is always in need of help! If you can help, contact them to see how you can begin training to become a licensed NH EMT.

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church is certainly a part of a great community! We have been blessed by the support of those within and without the community by great participation in our Auction and Salad Supper July 21 at the Veteran's Hall, our Homecoming Sunday Service with the Middle River Gospel Band, August 26, at the Richmond Pavilion, and most recently on September 1, our Church Yard and Bake Sale!

An eight-week Bible Study Series will be starting on "Gifts of the Spirit," Tuesday, September 25 at 7 PM. If you have not previously signed up and would like to participate, please call Pastor Arnie at 357-2409 so we can order the book for you. It's not restricted to members of RCUMC; anyone may participate. Come join us, even if you have not attended earlier meetings.

For those less fortunate, don't forget that the Church supports the Food Pantry at the Town Hall. Donations are welcome. Drop-off is at the Town Hall or at the Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., just east of the 4-Corners Store.

Sunday School has returned after a summer break. Parents be sure to bring your children with you when you come to worship. Our service still starts at 9 AM Sunday morning with the children staying with the congregation until after the Children's Message in the regular service. We have a great children's program taught by dedicated Christians!

Upcoming events include our Holiday Fair at the Veteran's Hall, Saturday, November 10, 2012, which is always a great event, and our always-well-attended Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7 PM.

Join us on Facebook by searching for Richmond Community United Methodist Church! It is very active with all sorts of input from our members and friends throughout the United States. You will be blessed, as well as being kept up-to-date with on-going and future events. We are a very active church in the community

Feel free to correspond with us at 603-239-7369 and/or richmondcommunityumc@gmail.com, or better yet, in person. Come, join us, be blessed by God's greatness, Sundays, 9 AM at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Route 119), Richmond, NH 03470. Pastor Arnie Johnson, 357-2409, arniej.nh@gmail.com

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Gearing Up For The Holidays

Judith M. Graves

Already September, the house starts filling up with the scents of the holidays ahead as the pomanders dry on racks, potpourri mellows in containers to be put into vessels, artemisia and mint wreaths hang to dry, and periwinkle is twisted in many ways. Queen Anne's lace lies between newspapers under the rugs and several dried bouquets are put together and are ready to add to the décor.

Not only am I looking ahead to the decorating of my home and tree this year, but I'll also be in charge of setting up one of the most exciting events to be held December 1 at the Amos J. Blake Museum in Fitzwilliam from 9 to 3. The first annual Cottage Crafters Productions will be 'Reviving The Past' in crafts. Admission is a can of non-perishable food for the food pantry. Set this date on your calendar as something that you will want to attend. Plan all your holiday shopping, feast your eyes on the demonstrations, as you wander through this awesome museum and enjoy the best crafters. Call me with any questions.

There are many things to collect each month to be sure you will have the necessary inventory when it is needed. My studio smells awesome as things dry on racks, hang on pegs, and are in all sorts of stages of completion. I open the French door on these glorious fallish days to invite the outdoors inside.

Hydrangeas are nearly ready to pick and the studio will be full of bunches drying to fill baskets and set on the branches of our tree. I love natural ornaments. Not only are they so pretty, but they need no storage after. My kind of ornaments.

This year our tree will be filled with hydrangeas, Queen Anne's lace snowflakes, cones tipped with gold, family favorites and lots of white lights. We cut a tree from our own lot

which is usually the top of an over-grown spruce. Never a perfect tree, actually far from it, but aglow, large holes are filled with large bouquets of hydrangeas making it 'our perfect tree.' I don't ever remember having a tree that was truly well-shaped in my lifetime except when the children were very young and we had a 6-foot fake tree. I'd rather have a Charlie Brown tree than an artificial one but that's just me. We have had some really strange looking trees over the years, but I always thought our trees felt very happy that they were chosen to be our tree.

With 12-foot ceilings, we're able to put in a 10-foot tree and those of you who have seen our comical trees know what I am talking about. The delicious scent of blue spruce or balsam fills the house as the tree comes to life bearing the decorations. It is like the ugly duckling emerging from the forest into its own beauty. I always say it is the most beautiful tree we ever had.

Along with getting ready for the holidays we can enjoy the fall here in New England. Gather leaves and press in books between wax paper to have them ready to scatter over the table or to use as coasters. Branches of leaves fill in the tin bucket on the porch, cornstalks are tied to front posts (leave some ears of corn and open them up for the birds), sunflowers are now like huge dinner plates as the birds come to enjoy the banquet. I bring in some of the sunflowers to enjoy, as they are among my favorite flowers. Drying heads are kept for later. I place one at a time in the birdbath for the birds' enjoyment in the winter.

A ride in the '55 Chevy on back roads to see the colors is truly wonderful. We pack a picnic lunch, pick up friends, head for an ice cream and sometimes the dogs come along. You might see us puttering around your road someday. We love driving the back roads slowly and stopping to gather cones on the road's edge or just park to admire a view. Ahhhh Fall!!! Next

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month we will be Closing Up A Season to enter into November. Have a wonderful fall, and enjoy each day as our seasons here in New England go so quickly.

Richmond Children's Beach Party

Elaine Moriarty

On a beautiful, sunny Friday, Aug 24th, approximately sixteen children attended a party at Cass Pond, sponsored by the beach committee. It turned out to be a successful event and was the first of, hopefully more, each summer.

Games were played and prizes won. It was a good chance for children to meet other children and learn how to play group games. Lunch consisted of creature pizza, bug juice, dragonfly and sandy feet cookies and frog cupcakes. Laughter and fun was the order of the day and a pleasant memory for children as they return to school within the next week.

The beach committee hopes the party will grow in size in the future. Let the planning begin. We are open to suggestions, Contact: Elaine Moriarty 603-239-4031 or Sally Morton 603-239-6209. We apologize for any mix up in the posted date of the party.

Remembrance

Russell Provost

This past Saturday I climbed to the top of Mt Willey in the White Mountains. I heard noises in the distance. When I arrived at the summit, a group of people had erected a flag. Each September, hikers from all over the country climb to the top of each of the forty-eight 4000+ foot mountains in NH. There, they raise the American flag from noon til 2 PM to honor those who died on 9/11. For information or to sign up for next September, go to www.flagsonthe48.org.



SOUL

Victoria Provost

In many African cultures there is the belief that a community has a soul. The villagers nurture the soul through music, dance and food, which reflect their gratitude and respect.



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Not unlike these cultures of a continent so far from ours, there were some villagers who wanted to nurture the soul of our community. So, on Monday, August 20th brownies were baking on Whipple Hill. At the same time on the other side of town, wildflowers and greens were collected and placed in a glass vase. Then at 7 PM, some folks arrived on the doorstep of the office of the Board of Selectmen. The bouquet was placed



on the round table and the brownies were passed around the room. Words of appreciation followed.

Then, the following words by Sobonfu Same from the book *Origins, African Wisdom for Every Day* were read: "With one person, it is hard to see very far. With two people you can see a little more. But if you have a whole group of people around you really caring about you and telling you 'you are doing the right thing! We want you to be around! Give us your gifts!' it helps you fulfill your purpose."

At that moment in the Town Hall in Richmond, NH that room was full of soul and everyone was smiling!

Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison Van Brocklin

We are pleased to announce that the annual Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond, NH. Shopping hours are from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, with luncheon served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Many area residents start their holiday season with a trip to the Holiday Fair. We have returning artisans presenting a variety of wares including stained glass creations, pen & ink drawings, country collectables, scented soaps and candles, hand-knit and crocheted treasures, caned chairs, hand-spun

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yarn, maple syrup, and quilted wall hangings and gifts. Friends of the Richmond Library will sponsor a bake sale of homemade delectables.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. The luncheon menu includes corn chowder, chili, and freshly made sandwiches. Church members offer a table of seasonal crafts, plants and homemade candies for sale. We hope you will join us for this unique shopping experience! For further information, please call Alison at 239-4494. (At the time of this writing there are still a few spaces available to rent, please call if you are interested.)

Benefit Concert

Susan MacNeil

A benefit performance by Richmond's vocalist, Mili Bermejo and bassist, Dan Greenspan will be featured on Sunday, October 14 at 3 PM, Veterans Hall, 150 Old Homestead Hwy (Rte. 32) in Richmond, NH. A private group of Richmond residents organized the event, which will raise funds to bring ten sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, each 12 x 12 feet, to Veterans Hall

on November 3 and 4 in recognition of the 30-year landmark of the AIDS pandemic.



Mili is the daughter of the Mexican composer Guillermo Bermejo and his wife Luz, an Argentinean tango singer. The Boston-based vocalist/composer is a Professor at Berkley College of Music since 1984. As a vocalist, composer, educator, Jazz and Latin music

specialist, Bermejo has transcended the borders between culture and musical genres. Performing in the US since 1980, critics have called her "the Latin equivalent of Abbey Lincoln...a singer/composer who challenges us with her musical honesty" –*Cadence*; and described her inclusive sound as "part poetry-folk, part Sarah Vaughn sophistication" –*Boston Magazine*; and the place "where jazz meets Latin with elegance and soul" –*Boston Globe*.

Dan's early years in music were devoted to classical music and the cello until discovering jazz at the Monterey Jazz Festival in 1970. He plays the double-bass with a passion that makes the textures and moods of the music palpable, providing both root and melody of the music.

In the mid '80s, Greenspan joined musical efforts with Mili Bermejo (later wife and partner) developing their unique bass and voice duo. Antonio Malacara of *La Jornada* had this to say about the Duo. "The double bass expands to touch every last corner of the music, to cover and uncover, to improvise over the luminous voice of his compañera, with her in a act of faith and eroticism that doesn't pretend to be a metaphor... The once called 'canto nuevo' has been fused in the codices of Jazz."

Bermejo and Greenspan employ a unique approach to double bass and voice duet, a multidimensional sound that blends

the two musicians experience on Jazz, Latin American and classical music. Their repertoire combines contemporary musicians as well as Jazz and Latin traditions, developing Mili's compositions and finding creative ways to blend the aesthetic of Jazz with the colors, textures, rhythms and poetic content of the music from Latin America. They have toured extensively and produced a dozen recordings together. (www.lovesongsoft-heamericas.com and www.milibermejo.com)

Tickets to the event are \$10/person and can be purchased with VISA/MC by calling AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region at 603-357-6855 or visiting In the Company of Flowers, Main Street, downtown Keene. Tickets may also be purchased and information obtained from the Richmond organizing committee, Peter Majoy at 239-6058, John Bocalini at 239-6696, Bonnie McCarthy at 239-4088, and Gail Cushing at 239-8006.

Out and About

John Bocalini

Fri. Oct 5, 5 – 9 p.m. First Friday, Downtown Peterborough

Fri. Oct 5, 8 p.m. Steven Wright, Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat. Oct 6, 7 a.m. Richmond Roadside Cleanup All over Town. See article in this issue for details.

Sat. Oct 6, 10 a.m. Scarecrows on the Common. Downtown, Jaffrey.

Sat.– Sun. Oct 6 – 7, 10 a.m. Cheshire Craftsmen 38th Annual Craft Fair, 312 Washington St. (Rec Center) Keene.

Sat. Oct 6, 5 p.m. Harvest Potluck Supper, Veterans Hall, Rte. 32, Richmond, NH.

Sat. Oct 6, 6 p.m. Rebecca Rule: *That Reminds Me of a Story*, Veterans Hall, Rte. 32, Richmond, NH.

Fri. Oct 5, 8 p.m. Get the Led Out, Colonial Theater, Keene.

Sat. Oct. 6, 8 – 10 p.m. Michael Troy: Folk Music, The Listening Room, 29 Main St. Jaffrey.

Sun, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 45 Annual Keene Bottle Show and Sale. Keene High School, Arch St., Keene.

Thurs. Oct. 11, 4 p.m. Peaceful Classroom: Circle of Calm, Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge.

Sat. Oct. 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 9th Annual Peak Into Peterborough Festival, downtown Peterborough, New Hampshire and on **Saturday, October 13th, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Sat. Oct. 13, 7 p.m. The Park Theatre Presents: HALLOWEEN HORROR! The Woman's Club 33 Main Street Jaffrey.

Sat. Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. Karen Ritchie, Vocalist, 1002 Fort Bridgeman Hwy. Vernon Vt. No admission, Refreshments.

Sat. Oct. 13, 8 – 10 p.m. Melody Walker & Jacob Groopman Americana/Indie Pop, The Listening Room, 29 Main St. Jaffrey.

Sun, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. Animal Day/Blessing of the Animals, Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd., Rindge.

Sun. Oct. 14, 3 p.m. AIDS Quilt Benefit Concert, Mili Bermejo and Dan Greenspan, Richmond Veterans' Hall, 159 Old Homestead Hwy. (Rte. 32), Richmond, NH. Advance tickets: \$10.00 Call 357-6855, 239-6058, 239-6696.

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Thurs. Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. – public informational meeting with the National Flood Insurance Program State Coordina-

tor, Jennifer Gilbert at the Veterans Hall, Richmond.

Fri-Sun. Oct. 19 – 20, 8 p.m., 21, 2 p.m. Actors' Circle Theatre Presents: The Creature Creeps, \$12 General Admission \$10 – Students & Seniors. The Peterborough Armory, Elm St., Peterborough.

Sat. Oct. 20, 8 – 10 p.m. Christopher Worth, International Street & Subway Warbler, The Listening Room, 29 Main St. Jaffrey.

Sun. Oct. 21, 5 – 7:30 7th Annual Oktoberfest, The Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy. Reservations required 242-6495.

Fri. Oct. 26, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Auction of Historic Proportions, 246 Main St., Keene.

Fri. Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Dar Williams, Peterborough Players Theater, Hadley Rd., Peterborough.

Fri.-Sat. 10-26-27-21/2012 – 8 p.m. Actors' Circle Theatre Presents: The Creature Creeps \$12-General admission/\$10 – Students & Seniors. The Peterborough Armory, Elm St., Peterborough.

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A Problem Occurs...Now What Do You Do?

Michelle Connor

Do you find yourself always putting out fires? When something doesn't go right, business owners need to make a choice as to how to respond to problems. Yes, a choice. The options are:

- Do nothing. – After all, every business has problems right? This is called apathy.
- Blame someone. – But don't wonder why good people leave your business and problems reoccur if this is what you choose.
- Put out the fire yourself and go home. – Some of us enjoy fire fighting because it's hard work and heroic.

Yes, put out the fire, but also see the problem as an opportunity for improvement. With this mind-set, you are ready to solve the problem with the goal of preventing reoccurrences, finding the root cause of the problem and implementing corrective action.

You want to solve the problem in such a way that it's not repeated again. The first step is to answer 3 simple questions:

- Is there a process/system in place which is adequate to prevent the problem from happening again?
- If the answer to #1 is 'no,' then you should set up a system or change the existing system so that, when followed correctly, it will prevent the problem from recurring.
- If the answer to #1 is 'yes' then determine if the system was followed correctly. If the system is good, but not being followed, then the people with the responsibility of following that system need to be retrained as to how the system works

as well as why it is in place. This is a critical job of business owners; make sure there is first-rate training of your team.

So, now you know what some experts take hundreds of pages to explain and many failed business owners never knew. Remember that it is your job as a successful business owner to insist on a culture of solving problems. Fires are expensive and wasteful. When you implement actions to prevent recurrence you will have less fires, higher profits, a winning team, and more time to work ON your business not just IN your business.

Groucho Plays Ko-Ko

Frank Behrens

What to say about a telecast of "The Mikado" from 1960 that is now available on a DVD from VAI? It is part of the old Bell Telephone Hour series and crammed into 50 minutes, once commercials are taken out, and two of the lead singers cannot sing Sullivan's music. Why bother, since it amounts to a series of selections, only five of which are complete?

Groucho Marx as Ko-Ko is the reason for why this disc will be immensely popular – and indeed why I purchased it for my collection. Fulfilling a lifelong ambition, Groucho put his heart, soul, and what little represented his singing voice into the role – and the results are strange.

His "singing" pays little heed to pitch, rhythm, or what the orchestra is playing; and when push comes to shove, he hits a low note of indeterminate value. But of course, that is the point of giving him the role. As with Hyacinth Bucket, a bad voice can be endearing (in Groucho's case) or very funny (in Patricia Routledge's case). The strange thing is that his dialogue scenes are simply not funny. Now and then, he breaks into a Charleston or plays with a fan. But for the most part, he seems not sure what to do and gives a straight performance where one expects hilarity.

The other non-singer is English Music Hall veteran Stanley Holloway, who finds his basso role of Pooh-Bah beyond his vocal abilities. Tenor Robert Rounseville (Nanki-Poo) and soprano Barbara Meister (Yum-Yum) make a good pair of lovers, while veteran operetta star Dennis King makes a colorful and full-voiced Mikado.

Another reason to buy this disc is Helen Traubel as the ugly Katisha. Her contralto is a wonder to be heard and she is given her full solo in Act II. Her great scene in Act I is cut entirely, so her "Alone and yet alive" is doubly welcome. The character of Pish-Tush is omitted entirely and his explanatory song "Our Great Mikado" is spoke-sung by Pooh-Bah.

This production was originally telecast in color; but that kinescope has been lost and a black and white one is substi-



tuted. But a bonus on this disc is a 12-minute sequence from another Bell Telephone Hour in which Martyn Green appears in highlights from "HMS Pinafore" – and that is in color. Why Green is costumed as a visitor to the Ascot races rather than the "Ruler of the Queen's Nahvee" is beyond me.

Richmond vs Bosonetto

John Boccalini

In the August issue we reported the Mr. Bosonetto had appealed a case to the Supreme Court, which was dismissed on January 24, 2012, by a Superior Court, which stated in its summary that "he lacks standing to bring the present action." A subsequent order by the same court on March 20, 2012 found "the facts alleged in the amended petition do not support the allegations and inferences that Bosonetto claims of religious discrimination." And that his "assertion of discrimination based on political affiliation also lacks sufficient support."

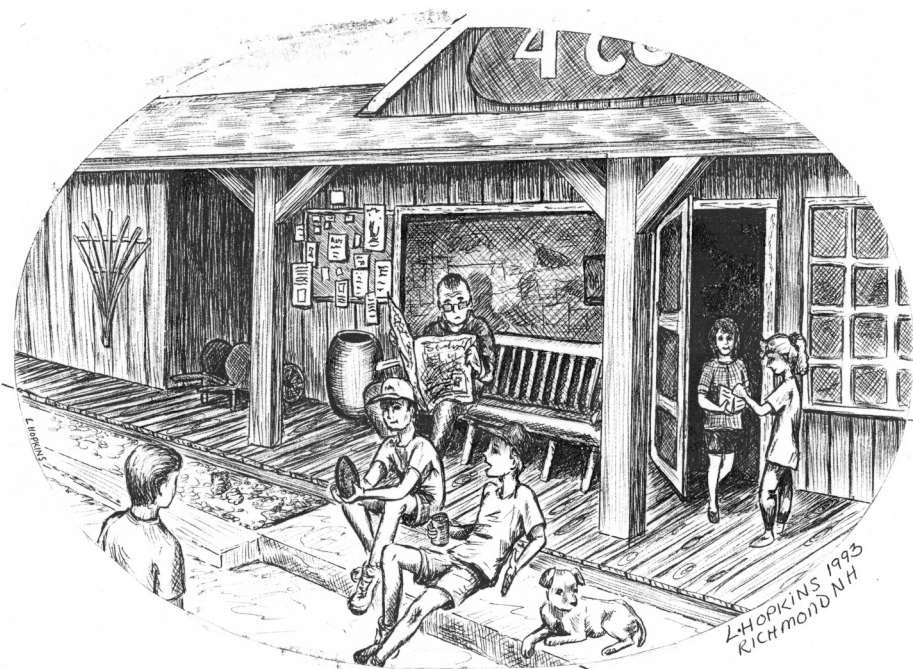
On September 12, 2012 the N.H. Supreme Court concluded

that oral argument was unnecessary in this appeal case and the Justices upheld the lower court's ruling that he lacked standing and was not a person aggrieved. In their summary they stated "we note that the trial court, in denying the petitioner's motion to amend his petition, concluded that with respect to the equal protection claims the petitioner raised in his motion to amend, he had failed to allege sufficient facts to support the claims. In his brief, the petitioner does not challenge the trial court's determination that the factual allegations were insufficient to state a claim for discrimination."

Richmond Roadside Cleanup

Russell Provost

The Fall Richmond Roadside Cleanup will be held Saturday, October 6. I will be handing out bags at pavilion from 7–8 AM that day. If you want to get a jump-start give me a call at 239-7058. We especially need volunteers to cleanup the section of Rte. 119 from 4 Corners to Winchester line.



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Terri O'Rorke

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The Richmond Historical Society and The Richmond Agriculture Commission invite you to share an evening of good food and good humor.

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Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share made with produce from their own gardens or local farm stand.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

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New Hampshire humorist and author Rebecca Rule tells and gathers stories in New England, especially New Hampshire. Her books include *The Best Revenge: Short Stories* and *Could Have Been Worse: True Stories, Embellishments, and Outright Lies*.

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For more information contact:

Nancy Lescynski 239-6277

Carol Oxx

Maybe it was their dream
when they were young
that brought them to this forest
this ledge these stones
Carol's and Gordon's dream –

I know they labored
to bring their old house alive
so the wide floor boards
would bear again the weight
of feet walking, chairs scraping –
hear voices of humans once more
laughing sighing asking
what should be done –
like voices here so long ago
before the town became "Town."

At any rate –
we knew they were part of us
when neighbors would ask
for advice or a job to be done
they gave everything they had
with those great generous spirits
that each of them were –
at any rate these were things
on her mind when Carol called
and we'd chatter –
chatter and laugh on the telephone
her new ideas, to help kids learn,
NH's first green burial ground
in this town, after Gordon was gone.

Well they're both gone now
the floor boards miss the rhythms
of feet walking chairs scraping
but they'll recall as old houses do
and at any rate –
neighbors will remember their lives
of courage and Carol's slow laughter.

— jctandy



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