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A Fertile World's Many Flowers

About Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom by Pete Majoy



Photograph by Felicity Bloom.

In its first thousand years—from the Revelation to Muhammed in the seventh century to the great Islamic empires of the sixteenth—Islamic civilization flourished. While Europeans suffered through the Dark Ages, Muslims in such cities as Jerusalem, Damascus, Alexandria, Fez, Tunis, Cairo, and Baghdad made remarkable advances in philosophy, science, medicine, literature and art.

(from the back cover of Jonathan Bloom's and Sheila Blair's *Islam: A Thousand Years of Faith and Power*)

The flowering of Islam has been brought to the historical and cultural forefront of the modern world by a team of gifted flowers who bloom in the cultural garden of Richmond, NH. Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom, who have lived on Old Homestead Highway since 1987, and where they raised two children, Felicity and Oliver, have emerged as two of the most well known and respected scholars in the field of Islamic art. Among their many books and writings is *Islam: A Thousand Years of Faith and Power*, the companion reading to the acclaimed PBS documentary, *Islam: Empire of Faith*.

Born in Montreal, Sheila grew up in Connecticut. She attended Tufts, and later majored in Fine Arts and Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard. Jonathan grew up in New York City, went to Harvard College, took an MA at the University of Michigan, and began his PhD at Harvard where he met Sheila. They both graduated with PhDs having traveled and researched throughout the Middle East and Central Asia.

What followed were teaching positions at Harvard, MIT, Boston University, and University of Pennsylvania. Together they have written and edited twenty books which have been translated into eight languages. In 2000, they were the first to be chosen as the Norma Jean Calderwood Professors of Islamic and Asian Art at Boston College. In 2005 they were appointed as the inaugural holders of the Hamad bin Khalifa Endowed Chair of Islamic Art at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. This

July, they appeared in the 90-minute PBS special on Islamic art, which Jonathan described as a “window to Islamic history and culture.”

Jonathan spoke about how they worked to bring awareness of Islam to the general public after 9-11: “Our work seemed prescient, for after 9-11, it seemed that everyone wanted to learn more about Islam. Boston College was poised to seize the opportunity, and there are now more students enrolled there taking Arabic rather than German. We regularly have over 100 students in our class, *Introduction to Islamic Civilization*.”

Muslim societies were fair and tolerant, an historically verifiable fact, and the jaded post 9-11 image of Islam is not accurate. In their book, *Islam: A Thousand Years of Faith and Power*, Sheila and Jonathan state “to stereotype such a multifaceted and vibrant tradition, in a few careless images based on the extreme positions



Jonathan (center) and Sheila (to his left) with admiring Iranian students.

of a few, is foolish indeed. In order to understand Islam, which may well become the world's most popular religion by the end of the next millennium, one must appreciate its glorious history and achievements and not just focus on the misdeeds committed by a few, supposedly in its name.... The first thousand years of Islamic civilization was one of the most glorious in the history of mankind."

Asked about the changes in perception of Islam in the post 9-11 world, they replied: "When we moved here in 1987, we had pulse dialing and could barely have a fax machine. Today, we have high-speed Internet that connects us to libraries and museums, not to mention our colleagues around the world. This global interaction cannot fail to affect people everywhere. Furthermore, during our quarter century living in Richmond, we have invited many of

our colleagues to visit, from Egypt, India, France, Israel, Great Britain, Bangladesh, Denmark, Pakistan, and Germany. Most of them were amazed to discover that this slice of America, with our town beach, recycling center, coyotes and owls hooting at night, and lack of public transportation, is not how life in the US is generally portrayed on TV. Just as foreigners shouldn't judge America only by what they see on TV, we shouldn't judge Islam and Muslims on the basis of what we see in the popular media or on the actions of a few crazy individuals."

When I asked Sheila and Jonathan if they would consider giving a workshop about Islam at the Vets Hall, they responded, "With pleasure. We have often presented to local groups, including the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, the Historical Society in Keene, the Amos Fortune Forum, and the Monadnock Writers Workshop."

I am privileged to live in a town that cultivates such wonderful people like Jonathan and Sheila. Their understanding of Islamic art, culture, philosophy, and theology gives us all pause to help further our journey of truth, compassion, and appreciation of the multi-cultural world in which we live.

Thank you, Sheila and Jonathan.



Calligraphy by Ahmad Karahisari, showing different styles of script.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Avitar Associates has completed the revaluation of the town and reports that our overall valuation has dropped 11.48%, from \$105,226,000 to \$93,145,713, including utilities. They say the rule of thumb for valuation is that 1/3 of values go up, 1/3 go down and 1/3 stay the same. Avitar also says the town is at 100% equalization valuation.

Some of the valuation drop is due to a settlement with PSNH, which lowered the utility valuation to \$1.6 million for three years, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The settlement was entered to remove the doubt from a pending BTLA hearing decision based on contested utility valuations for 2007-2010, which may have meant a significant drop in utility valuation in addition to a large penalty cash payment for prior years of higher valuations, should they have been found excessive by BTLA. In 2014, the utility rate will be released and valuation will reflect actual assessed value.

The 2012 revaluation may mean that the tax rate rises to cover appropriations voted at the last town meeting. Your tax bill may not change however, because if your new valuation dropped, a higher tax rate may mean no change in your tax bill. If your new valuation stayed the same or rose, you may see a higher tax bill. This fall, when DRA sets our tax rate, we may be able to offset some of the appropriations with a combination of increased revenue in some areas, the proposed sale of town-owned properties this year, or budget savings that increase the

general fund.

As always, please know that the Selectmen and Department heads are vigilant about expenditures and their budgets. No funds will be expended just because there is a budget for them. The budget, as appropriated, is a ceiling on spending, not a floor, and any savings can be used to offset the tax rate. The other thing to remember is that the largest appropriation, for the replacement of the Fay Martin Bridge, will have no impact on the tax rate, since the warrant article identified the sources of funding and none of them were by taxes. DRA has ruled that no new taxes can be raised to fund the bridge replacement. You may recall that both the Saint Benedict Center and the Town have already appropriated and reserved the funds necessary to pay the municipality's share (20%) of the NHDOT Bridge Aid.

In March 2012 the town made good decisions to fund capital reserves and create new funds aimed at long-range investments in our infrastructure, like roads, buildings, equipment and energy efficiency. In August, bids were requested for repairing the north wall of the town hall, and estimates were solicited for replacing the furnace in the library with an energy efficient system in compliance with recommendations of the grant funded AEA energy study conducted in 2010. The municipal building committee is meeting regularly to develop an overview of the space needs of town departments to accommodate population growth in the next ten to twenty years. The CIP

Committee is meeting regularly to develop a budget plan to meet long-range capital needs (those costing over \$10,000) of town departments. Like you, your municipal boards, departments, and committees are using sound budgeting principles to plan for our future town needs, while meeting current needs. In the past, in an effort to save taxpayer money, infrastructure needs were neglected, to the long-term detriment of the Town. Postponing necessary repair and replacement only costs the town more in the long run. It may ease the pain of higher taxes in the short term but it imposes an even greater pain on future generations. We cannot fairly or ethically do that to our children and their children, or to new neighbors moving into town in the future. It is our responsibility to correct now what we know needs correcting, if we can, not postpone it to some tomorrow when we may no longer be in the picture.

On July 30, 2012, Nicolas Bosonetto served a lawsuit on the Town of Richmond and on Sandra Gillis individually at the Selectmen's meeting. The lawsuit was brought in the US District Court and is based on a constitutional claim of violation of property rights. It reprises claims made and dismissed by the NH Superior Court and Supreme Court. The first Superior Court lawsuit in 2009 appealed the ZBA decision to deny a building permit. An appeal of the Superior Court decision made it to the Supreme Court where it was dismissed (again) this year. Mr. Bosonetto has filed a motion to reconsider with the Supreme Court, which has yet to be decided. Mr. Bosonetto is acting without an attorney but the Town must defend itself using legal counsel, which increases our legal costs each time a lawsuit is filed.

We do not deny anyone the right to file a lawsuit, and we know that anyone can sue the Town at any time for any reason and the Town must defend itself. Once a decision has been made by the highest court in the state, it would seem time to consider ending the assault on the Town. The lawsuit is public information as is the Town's response filing.

In the coming months the town will be posting requests for bids on certain town-owned tax deeded properties. If you are interested in bringing any of these properties back onto the tax rolls, please keep watch for these posts. They will appear in the Keene Sentinel and in all the usual places municipal announcements are posted.

Also, please watch for postings of public information meetings on several topics, including increasing access to high speed

internet service, and information on FEMA, floodplains and flood insurance. Meetings have not been scheduled as of this printing.

Thank you as always for caring about your town and being engaged in the governance process. If you need an appointment to see the Selectmen, please call Roberta or Bev at 239-4232, and you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

(Editor's Note: the current cost of Bosonetto's law suits for the town stand at \$29,957.71)

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

September 3, 2012 CLOSED for Labor Day

September 11, 2012 CLOSED for State Primary Election

See you at the polls!

September 30, 2012 Transfer Station stickers expire

Purchase new ones at the Town Clerk's office
\$20 for the first one, \$1 for additional stickers

Voting at the State Primary

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The State Primary Election will be on September 11, 2012, at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you may do so at the Supervisors of the Checklist session on September 4, 2012, from 7:00 to 7:30 PM at the CD Building or on Election Day.

Voters registered as Undeclared may receive either a Democratic or Republican ballot on Election Day by first stating their party preference to the check-in clerks. Voters wishing to return to Undeclared status should go to the Supervisors of the Checklist table after voting. Voters registered as Republican or Democrat will only be given the ballot of the party to which they are affiliated. The last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary was June 5th.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on September 11th, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and at <http://sos.nh.gov/>, the NH Secretary of State's website. Go to "Elections Division," click on "Election Forms," and on "State Primary Election."

The absentee ballot can be personally returned to the Town Clerk's office, and **only by the voter**, by September 10. If the

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absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 11.

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

As of the writing of this article, I have not received word from the State of NH as to any decision being reached by the US Dept. of Justice on the recent changes to NH's election laws. The NH Secretary of State has provided an "Explanatory Document," which is included in this issue of The Richmond Rooster. It details the changes you can expect for upcoming elections as pertaining to NH's Voter ID Law. Also included in this issue are the Republican and Democratic sample ballots for the State Primary Election. Please call 239-6202 if you have questions.

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 September 15th at 11:00 a.m. 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 pat-no reservations are needed.

Proposed Change in Library Hours

The Library Board of Trustees is considering changing the hours the Library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The hope is to provide more consistency (it's so hard to remember when we are open!) and also be open at a time when the majority of the patrons use it. Currently the Library is open from 4:30-8:00 on Tuesdays and 4:30-7:00 on Thursdays. The Trustees are looking to change the time to 3:00-6:00 on both days. The Wednesday hours (9-12) and Saturday hours (10-2) would remain the same, as well as the total number of hours the Library is open. We would love to hear your thoughts on this proposed change. There is a brief questionnaire at the front desk at the Library, or you can email your preference to www.richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com. Thanks so much for your input!

Summer Reading Program Success!

We are pleased to report that kids throughout Richmond read during the whole summer for our "Dream Big, Read!" program. 40 children registered for the program, and enjoyed free pony rides thanks to Fairfield South Farm, a wrap-up PJ party (with Wendy in her flannel PJ's!) and weekly story-hours with snacks and crafts. We hope that everyone had fun and that we helped to keep reading skills sharp for the start of school this fall.

Used Book Sale and Raffle

At the time of writing, we are hoping that our August 26th Book Sale and Raffle will not be subject to another hurricane like last year! But we did want to take a moment to thank the donors to our raffle: Hannaford Supermarkets, The Works Bakery and Café, The Colonial Theatre, Elaine Moriarty, Evelyn Pogorzelski, Bonnie McCarthy, and Terri O'Rourke. Thank you so very much!

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Senior Class Drop Outs and Corrective Action

There were seven 2012 MRHS seniors that did not graduate. Of the seven, five have a plan to graduate via night school; additionally, one is getting his (or her) GED (General Education Development) in August 2012 (results of the testing are unknown at time of this article). While it would be great if all the kids graduated in the four years expected—getting the diploma after normal graduation is a great stride.

Unemployment Statistics by Education Level – the above diploma greatly improves your chance for a job. No high school Diploma = 12.7% unemployed; high school Diploma = 8.7% unemployed; Some College or Associate's Degree = 7.1% unemployed; Bachelor's degree or higher = 4.1% unemployed. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics nationwide for July 2012.

Seventy-three percent of our 2012 graduating class are going on to some form of higher education this fall. That's a great number. Nor does that mean that 27% did not get accepted – they may not have applied. As a sidelight to that achievement, our new superintendent Leo Corriveau, at his last assignment, had all students apply to a college and all were accepted (application fee was waived for some applicants) – although all did not attend a college. This might be something we might want to look at in the future.



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SPED School At the Richmond / YMCA Delayed. Due to the different physical building requirements, YMCA vs. public school, the program for a school at the Y in Richmond will be delayed. Troy Kennett, MRSD Student Services Director, still wishes to pursue the program and is working on addressing the issues; however, an opening date is not yet available.

Computerized Books Coming to Monadnock – A Pilot Plan Approved for the Current School Year. Your school board has authorized a plan and \$40,000 for a computerized schoolbook pilot evaluation. The proposal was presented by what is now known as the Technology sub-committee of the school board. The pilot will run at both the sixth grade and the junior high. Both Apple and Android environments will be tested and evaluated. Future plans include an expenditure of \$100,000 on electronic books for fiscal year (FY) 2013-2014; the latter would assume that a vendor has been selected. The electronic book program was originally proposed as a cost savings measure – so the cost you are seeing here is more than likely an investment.

If you have comments, please call me at 239-4031, or email me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or call Jim Carnie at 239-4948.

Benefit Concert

John Boccalini

This November, Richmond will be hosting a viewing of ten sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Veterans Hall. The Quilt is composed of 49,000 panels and almost 100,000 names. More about this event will appear in future issues of *The Rooster*. To defray the cost of this event, there will be a benefit concert on October 14, 2012 at 3 PM in the Veterans hall.

The concert will feature the music of internationally renowned Richmond residents Mili Bermejo and Dan Greenspan. "Mili is an extraordinary vocalist and composer

whose power and sensitivity derive from her conviction to the lyric and her devotion to the art of song. Dan Greenspan plays the double-bass with a passion that makes the textures and moods of the music almost palpable – a perfect complement to Mili's voice. In a world where bigger is more often than not perceived as better, this duo confirms that power in music can come in surprisingly small packages."

Tickets for this event are \$10.00 each and are limited to the capacity of the Vets Hall. This pre-release announcement will give Richmond residents first dibs on tickets which are available from Mary Schofield at the Company of Flowers 357-8585, Peter Majoy at 239-6058, John Boccalini at 239-6696 Bonnie McCarthy at 239-4088, and Gail Cushing 239-8006. Once released to the General Public, the tickets will go quickly.

Press Release

Denise Nolan

Meadowood County Area Fire Department is having its annual auction on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Meadowood Pavilion on Bowkerville Rd, Fitzwilliam. The auction begins at 10 AM with previewing at 8:30 AM. Auctioneer will be Bruce Amidon.

Donations are being solicited for good, new or gently used auctionable items. Gift certificates are also gratefully accepted. If you wish to make a donation, please call the following numbers for pickup or delivery of items: Chief Crowell at 352-3853, Martin Nolan at 242-3482, or Win Wright at 585-6808.

All proceeds go to benefit this totally volunteer fire department and training facility. MCAFD is a 501©3 tax-exempt organization. All contributions by individuals and corporations are tax deductible.

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College Award

Neil Moriarty

Jake Peron received the President's/Vice President's award from River Valley Community College.

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

Terri Sillanpaa

During August, September, November and December we are bringing back the popular Twilight Tours; privately reserved and relaxed evening tours by soft, low lighting. If you have not experienced the museum after dark you should reserve your spot now! Hear stories about Fitzwilliam and some of its people. Vintage background music will play as you enjoy light refreshments in the formal dining room. It is requested that no more than six people attend at one time. Contact us for more information.

The FHS took an active role in Fitzwilliam's 250th Celebration in July. In addition to assisting others with their projects, Terri Sillanpaa organized the Memory Book keepsake currently housed at the Amos J. Blake House Museum. In addition she planned the anniversary presentation at the Amos J. Blake House Museum with a special 3-day weekend exhibit displaying images from the Children's Play, parade, and other events held in Fitzwilliam 25 years ago. One hundred fifty guests came through the doors of our beautiful museum during this special occasion!

Plans are now being made for our annual fall and winter events. Our Third Annual Haunted House will take place the two weekends before Halloween. Rick Hoyt and Valerie Coates organize this very popular event. Watch for more details next month. This fantastic team also ran last year's Cookie Tour in December, which brought in over 100 visitors; we expect the same this year!

In addition, a wonderful Christmas party is being planned and will be held at the museum. It promises to be bigger than any we have done in the past. Details will be provided, as the event gets closer.

Contact us if you wish to participate in anything we have planned, or suggest something new! You do not have to be a member to participate nor do you have to participate if you are a member! It's not just about history, it's about fun!

Find us on Facebook. 603-585-7742 or email fhs@myfairpoint.net.

Richmond Fire Department

Sandy Holbrook

Its 10:20 pm on a Friday night when many of us are either waiting for the 11 o'clock news or have already retired for the night. A 911 call received in Concord is being relayed to Mutual Aid in Keene. Two large monitors containing the information provided by the caller show a structural fire at 237 1/2 Athol Road. Mutual Aid relays the call to the Richmond Fire Department #25 (number assigned to Richmond). The sound of the fire station alarm breaks the silence. Pagers go off and within minutes Richmond fire personnel are reporting to the station and are on their way to the fire scene. If the fire is too big, RFD #25 will ask Mutual Aid for additional help.

The above scenario is fictitious for the purpose of this article. These firefighters will respond no matter what time of day or night a call comes in, and I can't stress strongly enough how valuable our volunteer fire department is. Like me, you hope you never have to call upon them, but if the need does arise you will be grateful for such dedicated men and women. Although Richmond Fire Department and Rescue work hand in hand, I am focusing only on the fire department. The Rescue Unit will be highlighted under a separate article.

On July 25th I had the privilege of meeting with Deputy Chief Ed Atkins at the Fire Station during which time he shared with me fascinating information concerning the workings of our volunteer department. Here is some of what I learned during the 2 1/2-hour interviews.

All 9-1-1 calls go first to Concord and then to Keene Mutual Aid. Mutual Aid in Keene determines who should respond to the emergency. All calls within the Richmond area (except for possible criminal) are directed to the Fire Department for response. These calls might be motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, brush fires, electrical or downed wires, etc. All calls of a criminal nature are directed to the Richmond Police Department.

There are seventeen Emergency Dispatch Towers serving 127 towns in southern NH and VT. Unfortunately, not all areas within Richmond can receive signals.

Mutual Aid is vital to the success of area town responses to emergencies. If for some reason, Richmond does not respond to an area emergency call, Mutual Aid will notify the closest town for response within 2-minute intervals.

Reports are written up on all calls. The retention require-

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ments of reports and personnel records vary and are kept at the Fire Station. Roughly 50% -75% of the emergency calls are for medical issues; 25% are motor vehicle accidents, brush or chimney fires, and fire alarms.

The nature and severity of the call determines if it is classified as a one-alarm, two-alarm or higher. Richmond will ask for backup in situations involving higher than one-alarm calls.

Dispatch and Mutual Aid are used interchangeably. Mutual Aid was formed in the 60s to bring towns together to meet and respond to emergencies regardless of location. For a call outside of Richmond, RFD #25 may be asked to act as a backup for a neighboring community or to assist in a disaster situation. Ed spent several minutes talking about the challenges facing the department and its troops in responding to emergency calls during the ice storms.

While most of us were keeping the home fires warm waiting for power to be restored, as many as five separate groups

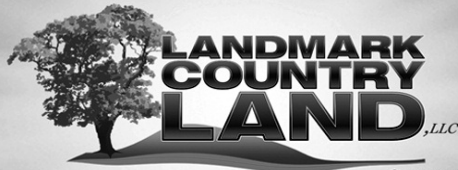
were out dealing with downed trees and power lines in very cold, wet, icy conditions. Eventually, some efforts had to be called off and resumed again in daylight hours leaving family members behind to wonder when they would be home again for dry clothes and a hot meal and maybe some sleep. Most members put in up to 120 hours during the week of the ice storm and the aftermath.

How many are on our local volunteer unit? Currently, there are thirty-one men and women on the roster. Some are rescue responders and some are firefighters. Eighteen members have taken and passed the minimum training required to be a firefighter. Some have furthered their training adding hundreds and hundreds of hours of class time. PPE – Personal Protection Equipment training involves full knowledge of the equipment one must wear when fighting fires and why each piece is vital. SCBA – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus training involves the full knowledge of the equipment and why it is vital for fight-



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ing fires. Advanced training classes are held in the spring and fall at Meadowood Fire Department in Troy. Richmond is fortunate to have this training facility next door, so when voting “yes” on the warrant article in March to support Meadowood, know that your tax dollars are being well spent!

Can you join the Fire Department? Interested candidates can get involved with the Fire Department as early as age 16 and with training can respond to brush fires. At age 18 volunteers who receive the basic training are eligible to respond on all calls. Positions within the department include junior firefighter, firefighter, lieutenant, captain, deputy chief and fire chief. The officers are chosen by the troops. The deputy chief and chief are appointed by the selectmen based on recommendations of the memberships. We currently have three lieutenants who are responsible for equipment maintenance, scheduled maintenance of vehicles, and care of the fire ponds. The first Wednesday of each month is devoted to equipment and truck care and maintenance; second Wednesday – training; third Wednesday – rescue; and fourth Wednesday – officers’ meeting.

Why does one want to be a firefighter? Ed was not hesitant to respond with a broad smile “that certainly the adrenaline rush plays a big factor, but equally as important is the fulfillment one feels in following through on the commitment to serve the town and its people.” The camaraderie within the brotherhood of firefighters is tight. No matter what race, religion, political view or personal differences one has, when that siren sounds the troops function as one. The sole purpose at hand is to act and serve within the capacity of the firefighter and to do so while safeguarding each other no matter what. These firefighters are fathers and sons, husbands and wives, cousins, brothers, and friends, and they are all there to serve and to protect us in any way they can. In some families, several generations have served as volunteer firefighters.

As I mentioned, I hope I never have to call 911, but if that should happen I can’t imagine being in better hands. Let’s give a “thumbs up” to the spouses of firefighters, too! Their full approval and support play an important role in the success of RFD #25. When you see members of RFD #25, let them know you appreciate all that they do. Thank you – all of you – for your dedication and commitment to all of us in Richmond.

If you are interested in joining the fire department, please stop in any Wednesday evening or call either Ed Atkins, Deputy Chief, at 239-6337 or Mike Pearsall, Chief, at 239-4682. Note: Not everyone was available for photos. However, we recognize

with pride each of the following members: Current Roster includes both firefighters & rescue: (FF = firefighter R = Rescue)

Ed Atkins, Deputy Chief

Keith Atkins, FF

Mike Bailey, Capt. FF & R

John Beal, FF

Mark Beal, FF

Arlene Crowell, FF

Bruce Crowell, FF

Dallas Crowell, FF

Shawn Crowell, FF

Kevin Duffy, Lieut.

Mel Ellis, FF

Laureen Haynes, R

Spenser Heise, Jr. FF

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Jim Mountford, Lieut.

Terri O’Rourke, R

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Adam Smith, FF

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Joe Thibodeau, Dick Webber



Richmond Town Beach Vandalism

Elaine Moriarty

AAH! When the phone rings early in the morning on Friday the 13th you can’t help but feel it’s bad news and it was. Sometime during the night someone decided to use the parking lot and the beach as a vehicle playground, totally disrespecting the Town of Richmond, the beach committee and the volunteers, who in May had spent many hours sprucing up the beach for the upcoming season. Patrick Bischof had spent time realigning the cement barriers and we pulled up weeds, smoothed out the sand, installed new signage and even got the boat ramp fixed. I was heartbroken to hear of a problem. I went down to the beach, spoke with Patrick, placed a second call to our police chief and to Sandra Gillis. She, in turn, called Mark Beal. We soon gathered at the beach and Chief Bousquet and Mark our road agent, assessed the damage. Many of the cement barriers were displaced, huge tire tracks defaced the beach and the parking lot was torn up by numerous rounds of fast turns by the vehicle. If you are the responsible party please turn your self in

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Information Forms

State of New Hampshire
Voter ID Law - Laws of 2012, Chapter 289
Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed House Bill 1354, also known as the “Voter ID” Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

This explanatory document is required under the “Voter ID” law as part of the process of educating the public about the law’s requirements and application and outlines the law’s requirements for 2012.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election before Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver’s license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a “challenged voter affidavit.”

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a “challenged voter affidavit” in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State

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Vote for not more than 1:

Charles Bass ☐Gerard Beloin ☐Will Dean ☐Miroslaw Dziedzic ☐Dennis Lamare ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Executive Councilor**

Vote for not more than 1:

David K. Wheeler ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Senator**

Vote for not more than 1:

Andy Sanborn ☐Ken Hawkins ☐Michael F. Kenney ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Representatives****Cheshire District 12**

Vote for not more than 2:

Jane B. Johnson ☐WRITE-IN ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Representative****Cheshire District 15**

Vote for not more than 1:

Rick Thackston ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Sheriff**

Vote for not more than 1:

Earl D. Nelson ☐Jack Zeller ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For County Attorney**

Vote for not more than 1:

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Vote for not more than 1:

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Evelyn S. Hubal ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Register of Probate**

Vote for not more than 1:

WRITE-IN ☐**For County Commissioner**

Vote for not more than 1:

Aaron Patt ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Delegate to the****State Convention**

Vote for not more than 1:

Douglas Bersaw ☐WRITE-IN ☐

For Governor

Vote for not more than 1:

Maggie Hassan ☐Bill Pearce Kennedy ☐Jackie Cilley ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Representative in Congress**

Vote for not more than 1:

Ann McLane Kuster ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Executive Councilor**

Vote for not more than 1:

Debora B. Pignatelli ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Senator**

Vote for not more than 1:

Lee C. Nyquist ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Representatives
Cheshire District 12**

Vote for not more than 2:

Gus Lerandeau ☐F. Barrett Faulkner ☐WRITE-IN ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For State Representative
Cheshire District 15**

Vote for not more than 1:

Bruce L. Tatro ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Sheriff**

Vote for not more than 1:

Eli Rivera ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For County Attorney**

Vote for not more than 1:

WRITE-IN ☐**For County Treasurer**

Vote for not more than 1:

Bill Lynch ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For Register of Deeds**

Vote for not more than 1:

WRITE-IN ☐**For Register of Probate**

Vote for not more than 1:

Anna Z. Tilton ☐WRITE-IN ☐**For County Commissioner**

Vote for not more than 1:

Stillman D. Rogers ☐WRITE-IN ☐

and be remorseful, because all the beach users love our beach.

Anyone with information about this vandalism, please call the Richmond Police Department at 603-239-6007.

Out and About

John Bocalini

Sat. Sept. 1 – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond

Sat. Sept. 1, 7-11 p.m. Tri-State Dance Club, Live music with Angela West & Showdown, ELM Community Center - Winchester, NH – \$10/nonmembers; \$8/members
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Sat. Sept. 1, 8-10 p.m. Sarah Blacker – Folk Rock The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7. includes finger food to share.

Sat. – Sun, Sept. 1-2, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Keene Music Festival, All day, Keene. See schedule at www.keenemusicfestival.org/

Sat. – Sun, Sept. 1-2, 10 a.m. – Art in the Park, Ashuelot River Park, West St., Keene, NH

Sat. Sept. 1–9, 8 p.m. (Wed.-Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), 7 p.m. (Tues.) – Rounding Third, Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough.

Thurs. Sept. 6, 6 p.m. www.eventful.com/keene/events/2012-brewing-local-beer-workshop-/E0-001-047167353-9. **Brewing a Local Beer Workshop** Hannah Grimes Center, 25 Roxbury St., Keene.

Fri. Sept. 7, 5-9 p.m. First Friday – Downtown Peterborough.

Fri. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Fri Night Acoustic JAM, The Listening Room, 27 Main St, Jaffrey.

Sat. Sept. 8, 2 p.m. Annual Wedding Vow Renewal Service [javascript:eventPopup\('/what-to-do/event-calendar-detail.aspx?ed=66356'\);](http://javascript:eventPopup('/what-to-do/event-calendar-detail.aspx?ed=66356');)

Sat. Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m. Peterborough Folk Music Society Hadley Rd. Peterborough
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Sat. Sept. 8, 8:00 p.m. Peterborough Folk Music Society Hadley Rd. Peterborough
www.eventful.com/peterborough_nh/events/eric-e-mcdonald-/E0-001-049897745-0"Eric E McDonald

Sat. Sept. 8, 8-10 p.m. Dan Blakeslee – Folk, The Listening Room at MindFull Books 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7, includes finger food to share.

Sat./Sun. Sept. 8-9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 2012 Keene Air and Auto Show Keene Airport

Sun. Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m. – Cathedral of the Pines Day of Service. [www.javascript:eventPopup\('/what-to-do/event-calendar-detail.aspx?ed=65565'\);](http://www.javascript:eventPopup('/what-to-do/event-calendar-detail.aspx?ed=65565');)

Sun. Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 6th Annual Walk for the Greys and 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off Alyson's Orchard, 57 Alyson's Lane, Walpole, NH

Tues. Sept. 11, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Democrat and Republican State Primary Elections at the Veteran's Hall, Richmond.

Tues. Sept. 11, 11:45 a.m. Remembrance Day Service, Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd. Rindge.

Fri. Sep 14, 8 p.m. Mary Chapin Carpenter, Colonial Theatre, Keene. www.eventful.com/keene/events/mary-chapin-carpenter-/E0-001-049201602-1

Sat. Sept. 15, 8-10 p.m. Patti DeRosa – Folk, The Listening Room at MindFull Books 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7, includes finger food to share.

Wed.- Sun. Sept. 19-23, 8 p.m. (Sun. 4 p.m.) Janie Condon: Raw & Unchained, Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458

Thurs. Sept. 20, 4 p.m., Peaceful Classroom: Relaxation and rejuvenation. Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd. Rindge.

Sat. Sept. 22, 10 a.m. (with previewing at 8:30 a.m.) Meadowood County Area Fire Department Annual Auction, Meadowood Pavilion on Bowkerville Rd, Fitzwilliam.

Sat. Sept. 22, 8-10 p.m. Rupert Wates – Acoustic Folk Rock, The Listening Room at MindFull Books 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7, includes finger food to share.

Sat. Sept. 22, 8 p.m. Girls Guns and Glory – Paranoid Social Club, Old 78 Farm Warwick, MA. www.eventful.com/warwick_ma/events/girls-guns-and-glory-paranoid-social-club-/E0-001-049215718-8

Sat. Sept. 22, 8 p.m., Fen Ibo, Mole Hill Theater, 789 Gilsum Mine Rd. Alstead, NH. eventful.com/alstead/events/fenibo-/E0-001-047790259-4

Sun. Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2012 Summer Farm Olympics, Stonewall Farms Keene. FREE.

Mon. Sept. 24, 7 p.m. Crosscut: A Spoken Documentary by Rebecca Rule, 301 Second New Hampshire Tpk., President

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Thurs. Sept. 27, 7 p.m. In God's Name: Film Documentary, Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Rd. Rindge.

Fri. Sept 28, 8 p.m. Bruce Hornsby, Colonial Theatre, Keene, NH. www.eventful.com/keene/events/bruce-hornsby-/E0-001-040190686-9

Sat. Sept. 29, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Monadnock Wellness Festival, Town House area in historic downtown Peterborough.

Sat. Sept. 29, Noon, Hillsborough Schnitzelfest, Butler Park, West Main & Central Sts. Hillsborough.

Sat. Sept. 29, 3 p.m. Missoula Children's Theatre, Colonial Theatre, Keene. www.eventful.com/keene/events/missoula-childrens-theatre-/E0-001-049201628-9

Sat. Sept. 29, 3 p.m. Beauty Lou & the Country Beast An original adaptation. \$19 adults/\$17 youth.

Sat. Sept. 29, 8-10 p.m. Sweet Wednesday – Acoustic, Folk, Roots, Rock , The Listening Room at MindFull Books, 29 Main St., Jaffrey. \$7, includes finger food to share.

Sun, Sep. 30, 6:30 p.m. The Exchange On The Road, Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$15 (\$10 for NHPR sustaining members) eventful.com/keene/events/nhpr-exchange-road-/E0-001-033133348-9 NHPR:

Ongoing:

Mondays, 8 p.m. Contra Dancing, Nelson Town Hall, Variety of callers and musicians. Donation: \$3.

Tuesdays 8 –11 p.m., CJ the DJ hosts **Tuesday Night Pizza & Karaoke** with Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs, Rtes 12 & 119, Fitzwilliam, NH. www.eventful.com/fitzwilliam/events/tues-karaoke-eds-crossro-/E0-001-045615036-3@2012090420

Wednesday, 9:30 – 11 p.m., Open Mic Night – Acoustic only please. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Thurs 4:30 – 6: 30, Charcoal Charlie Pop up Take out BBQ.

Police Activity

Reported by Chief Bosquet

On the morning of July 27, 2012 Richmond Police officers Brendon Bosquet and Andrew Wood responded to a call from the Royalston (Ma.) police of a sited planting in a swamp area in Richmond. Both the Richmond and Royalston police confiscated 52 marijuana plants from the isolated area on property



located on Prospect Hill Rd. located in Richmond and bordering Fitzwilliam and Royalston. Police have no suspects to date.

In a separate incident on Aug. 13, 2012 Richmond Police received an anonymous tip of activity at the old Baker's residence on the Winchester Rd. Police Chief Bosquet and Lt. Wood found upon arrival a pickup truck with three subjects and a flatbed truck with Mrs. Baker's vehicle. Three adults and two juveniles were involved, but only two arrests were made.

I received a call from a woman who stated she read *The Rooster's* article regarding the "stolen bike." The woman identified the bike as hers. Thanks for allowing me to place the information in to solve a crime.

World Aids Day

Susan MacNeil



The iconic AIDS Memorial Quilt signifies loss and love like no other memorial. As we surpass the tragic 30-year landmark of the AIDS pandemic in 2012, it is more important than ever to use the Quilt as a teaching tool for a generation that cannot comprehend the enormity of AIDS devastation in the world.

AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region has brought ten, 12' x 12' sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to the Monadnock Region to acknowledge World AIDS Day, held annually on December 1 since 1988. The purpose of the day is to engage communities in understanding, compassion and hope throughout the world, using this powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic and the 30 million people who have died from AIDS worldwide.

More than 49,000 individual 3 x 6 ft. memorial panels – each one commemorating the lives of people who have died of AIDS – have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members. The Quilt weighs 56 tons, is the equivalent of 30 football fields when displayed with walkways, measures 56 miles long if all panels were laid end to end, and includes more than 94,000 names.

The Quilt has redefined the tradition of quilting in response to contemporary circumstances. A memorial, a tool for education and a work of art, the Quilt is a unique creation, an uncommon and uplifting response to the tragic loss of human life.



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Global statistics indicate that 40- 44,000,000 persons are living with HIV and 50% of them are women. In the United States, 1.4 million people are living with HIV/AIDS; annually, 63,000 people contract HIV, a 52% increase over 2007 statistics; and young persons ages 14-25 account for 50% of new HIV infections. In New Hampshire, there are over 1700 people living with HIV/AIDS.

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**20 Years Ago
Richmond Recollections**

Chris Dell

They're having hurricanes in Florida again. That happens a lot down there. Well, we only had one here, back in 1938, but it was a lulu, and not only did I almost drown the next day, swimming in Roaring Brook (as previously reported), I almost died again a few days later when my family's barn collapsed.

That hurricane was out to get me one way, or another.

The barn was located across the road from my parents' house (now the Laughner place) and it was the basis for constant adventure for me in the 1930s when I was living here year-round, and for my next-door neighbor, Billy Shinn.

Billy and I were very big on barns. His family had one and we played in it. My family had one and we played in it. Up the road a ways, Dr. Pruett had another one and we played there, too – except there were lots of bats in Dr. Pruett's barn and Billy and I didn't care much for bats. They were always bursting loose from dark corners and squealing and squeaking at you and flying fast across your face, and things like that. So we mostly played in Billy's barn and mine.

Billy's folks had several cows, so theirs was a working barn with a lot of hay in it, and we could cook up games with plots involving drowning at sea, where one of us would drown (in the hay) and sink way down deep, and the other would row over in a life-boat and throw the drowning victim a life-line and pull him back to safety just in time. And we would put on make-believe diving paraphernalia and sink to the bottom of the ocean where we were always getting attacked by sharks and giant squids while villains, up on board the ship, were intentionally

tangling our air-hoses so we'd almost suffocate, and we'd have to perform all kinds of miraculous maneuvers in order to survive. Those were perilous times in the Shinn's barn.

In my family's barn, where there were no cows and no hay, the games usually involved imaginary airplanes and dogfights and climbing the frozen Alps, high in the rafters, miles above the earth (for real) and if you let go and fell off you'd die (for real). We never fell, but we almost did, around a hundred times.

Then came the hurricane of 1938.

Trees on my family's property went down, right and left. The house felt as though it were going to pitch from the impact of the wind and the rain. The front yard flooded. The back yard flooded. Two windows caved in and two of the back rooms flooded.

When the storm ended the barn appeared to be standing firm on resolute, as always. But looks can be deceiving. The hurricane had knocked the building loose from its foundation and three days later, while I was off with the family on a buying expedition and Billy Shinn was safe in his front room, the Dell family barn collapsed like a house of cards. Billy's grandfather, Dad Shinn (who, by his own account had fought in a whole bunch of wars as a soldier and a Texas Ranger) said the noise of that barn going down rivaled any explosion he'd ever heard in battle. He also said he was scared to death that Billy and I had been in the barn when the collapse took place. But we weren't.

As my sainted mother observed when she got back from Keene and saw what had happened: "You've been in the rafters of that barn practically everyday this month. It's a good thing the Devil looks out for his own!"

The Garden Tour

Theresa Majoy

*"Come. Walk with me. And from my mouth will come a tale
that's old and wise and lovely."*

This ancient prologue to oral storytelling masterfully describes the experiences of the more than thirty-five Richmond residents who ventured into the gardens and stories of their neighbors during the Garden Tour of August 9, 2012. Each host shared his or her personal tale as they escorted tourists through their grounds and gardens.

One story told of the transition from sandy ground to rich composted soil bursting forth with fresh vegetables, larger and healthier than could be imagined. The savory flavors sampled

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Gardens: Jean Tandy, Sandy Holbrook, Bob and Jan Weeks, Susan Marsden with her daughter Kelly, and Tim and Barbara Rogers.

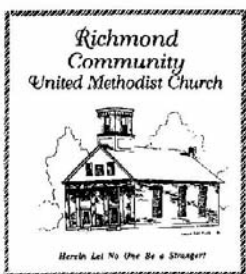
brought praise and appreciation.

At the second garden, the story was about coaxing life and beauty from a base of ledge where sculptures and containers complement the surrounding beauty of a hilltop garden seemingly in the clouds.

A third host told of gathering perennials from friends and keeping family heirlooms alive to create her beautiful garden.

At a fourth garden, tourists saw rare carnivorous plants and beautiful sun catching orbs floating in antique containers. The tale of how these and more came together to form a serene

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nature walk was shared over a cup of lemonade by the lily pond.

Reclaiming space from the forest to create a wonderland for fairies, gnomes and other magical creatures was part of the story told by the

fifth host gardener along with the tale of a hundreds of years old hearthstone repurposed to a magnificent garden bench. And, of course, there's Pooh whose story will remain untold so that subsequent visitors may share the delight of discovery.

Each garden offered baked or fresh delights, lemonade, or ice tea, minted ginger ale, or lavender frosted cookies from the garden's bounty. It was a delightful and rewarding experience for all. Thanks to the tourists who came with praise and appreciation. And the Richmond Agricultural Commission wishes to thank the hosts: Sandy Holbrook, Sue Marsden, Jean Tandy, Tim and Barbara Rogers, and Bob and Jan Weeks. Their monumental efforts reflect how each cherishes the land they cultivate.

Gifts From The Kitchen

Judith M. Graves

A gift from the kitchen is a gift from the heart. Whether it is aromatic spice mix for mulled cider or hearty herb vinegar to liven up your salads, soups and stews. Gifts from the kitchen are always personal, practical, delicious and so welcomed. Easy shopping that is homemade.

Here are some easy recipes along with tips on packaging, ideas for creating and making great gifts.

Try a gift basket with some dried pasta, soup, and bread. Add a package of your garden herbs, and a recipe. Add some teas, napkins, sparkling cider, and some home baked cookies. Personalize all your gift baskets to fit the person it is meant for. Let your knowledge of the special likes and personalities of your friends and family guide your choices. As you present a custom made gift like this, they will no doubt be touched by your thoughtfulness and that you remembered their favorites. Above all be creative and have fun yourself putting it together so that the enjoyment is two-fold.

- Make up some blends with your own garden herbs. Dry oregano, basil, thyme, parsley and put together with a recipe using it as a blend to rub onto meats, like poultry and fish.
- Make up a dip using dried parsley, thyme, minced chopped onion, and garlic. Add to sour cream and a little mayonnaise.
- Venison blend put together ½ cup ground cinnamon, ¼ cup ground nutmeg, and two tablespoons allspice. Use one part salt to three parts Venison blend and rub well into roast or steaks.
- Try your own blends for marinades, rubs, seasonings, dips and come up with your own personal favorites.

Here is a gift idea. Make up pouches in cheesecloth and tie with a white string of cinnamon chips, dried orange peel, whole allspice and a few cloves. Tie a tag on it saying "Mulling Spices." Add pouch to ½ gallons of apple cider or apple juice, and simmer twenty minutes. Mull with the bag of spices and serve. Keep the pouch to reuse over and over till it is dust. Make up several of these little spice cheesecloth balls and place in a glass-footed mug tied with a big floppy red ribbon. Nice gift at the office or as a gift for each guest to take home with them. Makes you a favorite hostess too!!! Simple but Elegant!!

Make some herb vinegars from your garden. These make great splashes for hot veggies, marinade for meats on the grill, and herb vinegars help deepen and sharpen flavors and allow for healthier cooking by decreasing the need for salt and oils.

Use glass bottles with lids of ceramic, cork or plastic. DO NOT use metal. Date and label, store in dark place and at room temperature to cure. Add several sprigs (about 1 cup loosely packed herbs) to two cups cider vinegar or white vinegar. Dried herbs ½ c. per two cups vinegar. DO NOT heat vinegar, let herbs steep in vinegar shaking the jar every couple of days. Then taste vinegar in a week. If it needs to be stronger repeat until desired flavor is achieved. Then strain the vinegar, fill clean sterilized bottle and place clove of garlic, and some fresh herbs, peppers, or peppercorns to your liking for visual appeal, and cap tightly. Label and put a tag saying what kind of vinegar it is and ideas on using it. I particularly like Tarragon vinegar. In the finished bottle put a sprig of tarragon and two-three cloves of garlic, and a chili pepper for visual. It is delicious splashed over a bowl of hot buttered string beans or carrots.

There are many variations for uses of herbal vinegars, and so many different ingredients to make really tasty vinegars. There are books on making herbal vinegars, so enjoy the fun and make some great gifts.

Make pickles, jams, and jellies in your kitchen. Ketchup,



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Quoteable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws."

—Plato 427 - 347 BC, Student of Socrates

Ineffective Communication has a cost!

Michelle Connor

The **5 Core Business Dangers** that keep businesses from meeting their goals can all be avoided through awareness and by implementing the right plan.

- **Lack of a Business and Strategic Plan**
- **Inferior Sales and Marketing**
- **Cash Flow problems**
- **Human Capital Mismanagement**
- **Ineffective Communication**

Certainly ineffective communication is a danger that every organization will face. Does your team really know where your business is going? Establishing healthy communication is the cornerstone to building a culture of teamwork. It's teamwork that remains the ultimate competitive advantage for any business. Creating a culture of open communication and actually communicating with each associate in their individual communication style is critical. It's not what you say but how you say it.

Research has shown that 70% of small to mid-size businesses claim that ineffective communication is their primary problem. This research found that a business with 100 employees spends an average downtime of 17 hours a week clarifying communication. Its estimated companies of this size will lose more than \$525,000 annually due to poor communication. What would 17 hours a week cost you? Recognize the high cost of ineffective communication before the damage is done.

Two Book Reviews from Local Authors

John Bocalini

If That Car Could Talk by Richmond resident, Joe Boulay, is a "must have" for most everybody who is looking to buy a used car. Actually it is a "must have" book for anyone who owns a

car. The information and observations of the author come from his twenty-five+ years as a mechanic. His experiences have taught him much about what a car can tell you and he in turn teaches the reader what he has learned. The read is direct, quite thorough, well organized, and truly informative.

By following his recommendations, you will get a used car that is the best for the buck. His suggestions are easy to follow and you may find it amazing what you can learn about a car with just a flashlight, magnet and your senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch.

Joe goes beyond the information of what to look for in choosing a vehicle, and gives you the "know-how" of dealing with and evaluating the seller (salesperson), what to consider in financing, the importance of maintenance and the "know-all" of evaluating your mechanic.

In the end Joe shows you, that a car can talk and tune up your capabilities so you can hear what it is saying. Bravo.

Versions are available at Toadstool Book Store. Barnes and Noble online and Amazon in hardcopy or digital version (Kindle). It is money well spent.

Organizing Everything written by Judith M. Graves. If you like to live in an organized space, have a clutter free environment, and love nature, this book is for you. Is your home and life out of control? Would you like more space and less clutter? It's nice to know that you are not alone. This book is full of hints, ideas, and many ways to help you organize even the tiniest things in your life the easy way. Includes some great parties to organize as well as recipes that are generation proven.

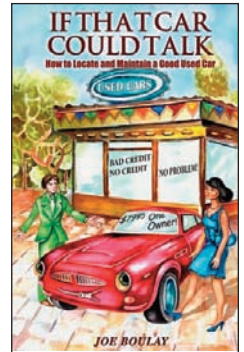
Available at Toadstool Bookstore, Hannah Grimes or pick one up from Judith herself for \$14.95. Available for your Kindle through Amazon. The Richmond Library has a copy to borrow.

Colonial Tunes/Gothic Horror: A Nice Mix

Frank Behrens

World Turned Upside Down. The old story goes that the defeated British troops at Yorktown sardonically played "The world turned upside down" as they laid down their arms. True or not, Gourd Music decided to name their CD collection of music from Colonial America "The World Turned Upside Down" and a nice little disc it is.

The 12 tunes are played by Barry Phillips and Friends (their



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names are on the packaging) playing guitar, fiddle, mountain and hammered dulcimers, wooden flute, whistle, mandolin, bouzouki, English horn, oboe, recorder, harp, and several other instruments that help impart an authentic sound to the material.

Among the selections are “The Rights of Man,” “Billings suite,” “Pretty little horses,” and “Sweet Richard,” as well as the title song. My only complaint is the short playing time of 42 minutes. But delicious imported chocolates (shall we say?) do come fewer to the box than do more common brands.

By the way, I have most of these selections with the lyrics on other recordings; but I do prefer the relaxing sound of the music only as played by Barry Phillips and Friends.

Casting The Runes. Author M. R. James specialized in ghost stories, many of which were telecast in Great Britain. Many of these telecasts are lost but “Casting the Runes” (written in 1911) survived after being shown in 1979. Now available on a DVD from Acorn Media.

Some of my readers might recall a superior 1957 horror film titled “Night of the Demon” (American title, “Curse of the Demon”) in which people are being slipped a thin band of paper with ancient runes written on it. They will die horribly unless the paper is slipped back to the giver.

In the 1979 version, the main role is given to actress Jan Francis, while Iain Cuthbertson plays the evil Karswell, who wants revenge on those who turned down his book. It is 1979 made-for-TV acting and the ending is somewhat abrupt. But it is a lot of supernatural fun.



As a bonus, a short version of another James tale, “Mr. Humphries and his Inheritance,” is presented as part of a featurette about composing music for television dramas. Another bonus is a 51-minute study of James himself, done up as a docudrama and of some interest to those who like to see how an author’s past demons show up in his works.

Save The Date!

Saturday Oct 6, 2012 – 5:00 PM

Harvest Potluck Supper Veterans Hall

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

6:00 PM Rebecca Rule

That Reminds Me of a Story: Yankee Humor and the New England Storytelling Tradition made possible by a New Hampshire Humanities Council grant.

New Hampshire humorist and author Rebecca Rule tells and gathers stories in New England, especially New Hamp-

shire. Her books include *The Best Revenge: Short Stories* and *Could Have Been Worse: True Stories, Embellishments, and Outright Lies*. She hosts the New Hampshire Authors Series on NH Public Television. Our “discussion” will be the stories that listeners offer up and as one story leads to another – humorous, serious, thought-provoking, or just plain entertaining – we practice and preserve our stories and traditions. And laugh, a lot. For information call: Nancy Lescynski 239-6277.

Quote to Consider

by Peter Majoy

“TO BE HOPEFUL in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.”

— Howard Zinn, Howard Zinn (1922-2010), author of *A People's History of the United States*

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