



# The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER August 2018

## A “Ha-Ha” on Lorrie Howard Road

Carol Jameson and Jon Hill



Hank Hallas shared information about the photograph of the stone wall on top of the granite cliff that appeared with the article about walking on Lorrie Howard

Road in Richmond in July’s *Rooster*. Hank reports that this kind of wall is called a “ha ha.” It was built to keep cattle or sheep from falling or jumping off the granite height. Thank you, Hank.

## Bennett Town Forest

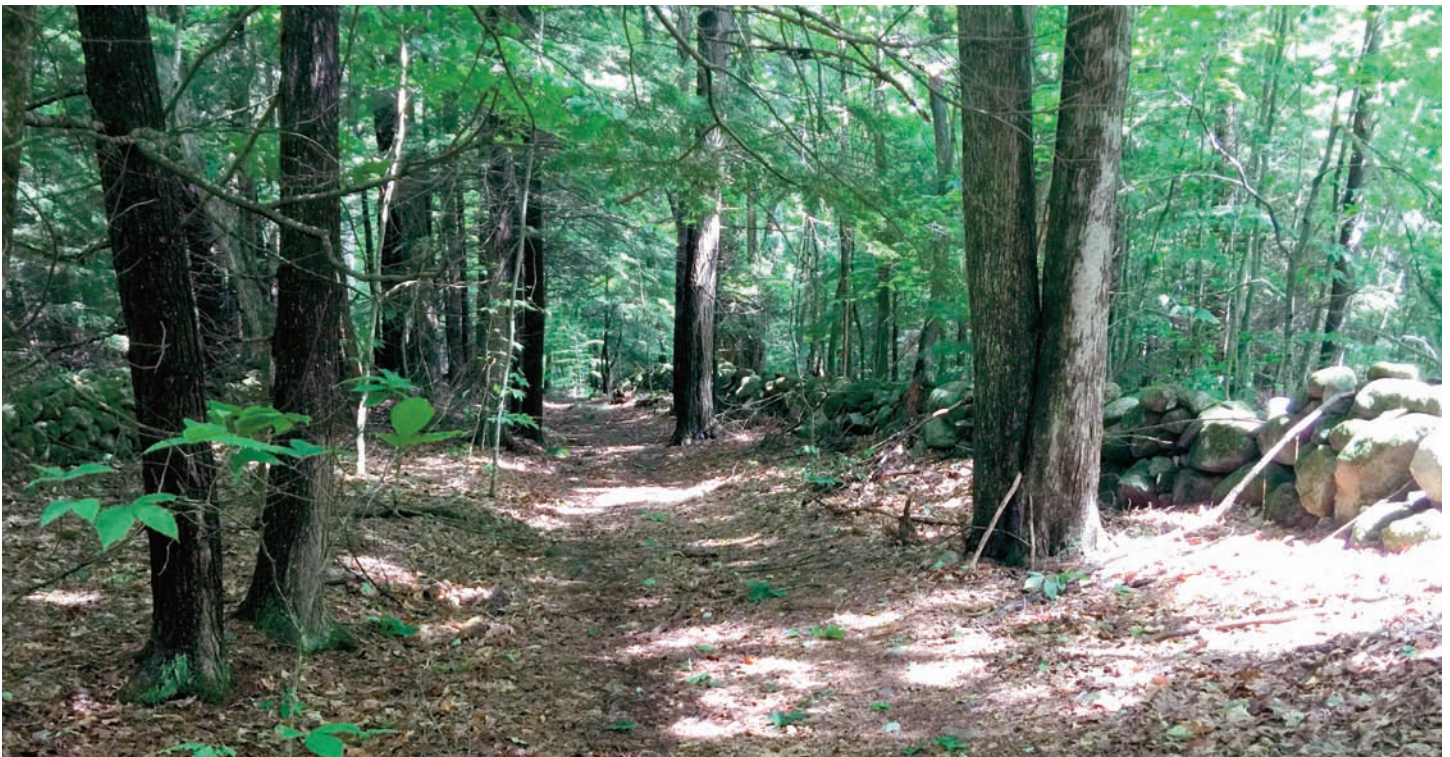
Carol Jameson

This walk is about three miles on wide paths that were once old town roads in mostly level terrain. There is a lot to see – cellar holes; old lanes lined with stone walls meandering through the woods; some roads grown over

with forest; a stone bridge deep in the forested land; wetland and ponds; a heron rookery; signs of beaver; a red pine plantation; and a small cemetery from the early 1800s. Plants in mid-June included mountain laurel, water lilies, sheep laurel, June pinks, partridge berry in flower and in berries, meadow rue, and slippery elm.

We started from Town Forest Road (below) off of the Athol Road, Route 32 South. The forest is on the west side of Route 32 – on the right as you head south from Four Corners and marked by a large sign. We parked in the small parking area there and began the walk by following the town forest road heading west. This is a lovely old lane, bordered by stone walls.

It was a beautiful day in June when we hiked – bright sun, cool breezes, and low humidity. We have been in this forest on other days when insects ruled and sweat poured. But today, though in the low 80s, was perfect. Dappled sun and no bugs. I was hiking with Jon Hill, the nephew of Harry Bennett. What better hiking companion could there be to explore the wonders of the town forest named for his uncle.







*James Ellis and Christopher Bullock cemetery.*

Walking down the lane, with stone walls on either side, we took the first path on the left to the rookery. The rookery(below)is a large expanse of pond and marsh with tall dead trees suitable for herons to build their nests. We saw one nest in the middle of the pond high up on a dead tree but did not explore all of the pond to see if there were any more. There was mountain laurel and June pink around the rookery, and water lilies in the pond. Very pretty.

Our Fire Chief Ed Atkins walks to the rookery often, and he has noted the decline in heron nests over the years as the dead trees rot and fall down, leaving less spots for the birds to build nests and taking the old nests down as the trees fall. Ed remembers when the rookery had 15 or more nests, and they have declined over time to just two or three in more recent years.

We backtracked to the town forest road and continued west. We saw a large cellar hole on the right with a








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terraced garden where foliage from day lilies was still in evidence after having been planted there so many years ago. A large old stand of tall red pines was planted on the right.

The lane ends at a T intersection with another old lane that is called the 'wood road' on an old tax map. We went to the right on the wood road, roughly north, and found an old cemetery in the woods on the right, about 10 minutes in. Here lies "Mr. James Ellis who died 19 July, 1813, AE. 28" and "Christopher Bullock who died Jan 24, 1809, in the 89 year of his age." Old tax maps show a lot in this area that is identified as the Bullock farm.

Backtracking back to the T intersection of the wood road with the town forest road, we then took the wood road south. We came to a lesser lane which joined our lane from the left. There is a large cellar hole on the right side of the wood road, just past where these roads join, and an enormous aspen tree next to the cellar hole. Looking on the other side of the wood road, to the left or east, there are several stone walls that indicate that a lane once was here, though it is now forested. We were able to walk for a way on the now-forested lane and we soon came to a brook crossing and an old stone bridge over the brook. There was meadow rue by the brook, the wild version of the *thalictrum* that we grow in our gardens. We saw extensive wetlands and signs of

beaver in this area. These wetlands likely extend to the rookery we saw earlier. We sighted one great blue heron in a pond. Another wonderful walk in Richmond.

## Harry Bennett

Carol Jameson

Harry Bennett was born and lived in Richmond his entire life. He was a forester and a surveyor. Conservation was very important to him. He had a love of the land and knew the forests and hills of Richmond like few others. He drew the town maps, some of which mark cellar holes, cemeteries and the like. He founded the Richmond Conservation Commission in 1971 and made it a robust and active organization that managed the Town forests and was self-funded through various activities. He was active in town government, too.

Harry grew up in a house on Cross Road, the same house that his niece Jennie Lu Hill now lives in. He built a house next door on Cross Road for himself and his wife Jennie. Harry's nephew Jon Hill lives there now. Harry attended one of Richmond's one-room schoolhouses across the street from his house which still stands there today. Harry's wife Jennie was also active in the town and had been a school teacher in Richmond for many years.

Jon Hill has many fond memories of being in the woods with his Uncle Harry. Much of what Jon knows



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about the woods and Richmond came from his uncle. Jon shares his knowledge with me when we hike together. Jeff Taylor, Chair of the Conservation Commission today, has fond memories of Harry and all he did for Richmond, as well as the many kindnesses he did for neighbors and friends. Harry died in 1987. Jennie died in 1991.



The picture on the cover of the 1984 Richmond Town Report is a photograph of Harry Bennett and his wife Jennie. The text reads:

“Harry and Jennie Bennett are shown standing beside the new sign at the Town Forest which was dedicated to Harry in a ceremony on September 13, 1984 for his lifelong contribution to forest manage-

ment and conservation of our natural resources.

Not only had Harry been Chairman of the Conservation Commission since its founding in 1971, but he also served on the Planning Board, Cemetery Committee, School Board, Board of Adjustment, and Board of Selectmen. In 1983, he was presented with the Cheshire County Conservation Award and the Goodyear Conser-

vation award for outstanding leadership in resource conservation.

Harry’s wife Jennie was very active in town and state government affairs. A former Richmond school teacher, she was also School District Treasurer, Town Treasurer, Supervisor of the Checklist, and a member of the Bicentennial Commission. In 1965, Jennie was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and a Representative to the State Legislature from 1965 to 1972.

Thank you, Harry and Jennie, for all you’ve done.”

## From the Supervisors of the Checklist

The supervisors of the checklist will be in session for Richmond residents at the Veterans Hall on the following dates for voter registration, changes one may want to make to an existing registration, and/or certification of nomination papers. Please bring photo identification including date of birth, proof of domicile, and proof of citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization paperwork). In addition to the following dates, residents may register with the Town Clerk during her normal office hours. For information call: Pam Bielunis 239-6498

Wed Aug 8, 2018 4-5 pm

Thur Aug 30, 2018 7-7:30 pm

Sat Oct 27, 2018 11-11:30 am

Tues Jan 22, 2019 7-7:30 pm

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## Meet Richmond's Newest Selectman

### Selectmen

Kathryn McWhirk has been selected to replace Chris Daugherty who recently resigned his position as selectmen. Her term will run until the March election in 2019.

### Responding to Kim Mattson's questions about our search for a Police Chief:

In last month's issue of *The Rooster*, Kim Mattson asked the Selectmen to answer several questions about their search for a part-time Police Chief. Kathy was not on the Board when the Selectmen decided to conduct this search, so this response is written by the two Selectmen who took part in that decision, Carol Jameson and Bill Daniels.

As Ms. Mattson points out, Lieutenant Andy Wood was previously our part-time Police Chief until he stepped-down to become a full-time Police Chief for Hancock. He then served as Lieutenant under Richmond Police Chief Brendan Bosquet, and he has served as Lieutenant and Richmond's Officer-in-Charge since Chief Bosquet resigned.

Ms. Mattson states that our conducting a search for a Police Chief suggests that we do not have a person qualified to fill this position. This is not the case. We decided to conduct a search to find the most qualified individual, which meant opening it to other applicants. In our judgment, this is the prudent thing to do. This does not diminish Lieutenant Wood's qualifications, and for this reason, yes, in answer to the first question, we hoped Lt. Wood would apply for the job.

With respect to qualifications, there are drawbacks to having a part-time Chief that has obligations and responsibilities in another town as its full-time Chief. There are times he will be unavailable to Richmond, and instances in which his responsibility to look-out for the best interests of the other town may preclude his acting in the best interests of Richmond. An example

of this drawback has just occurred with respect to the hiring of Officer Prior as a full-time Police Officer in Hancock. Hancock Police Chief/Richmond Officer-in-Charge Andy Wood hired Richmond's first full-time Police Officer Cameron Prior to work full-time in Hancock. This is clearly in the best interests of Officer Prior (higher salary, job closer to home) and of Hancock. It is not in the best interests of Richmond. We are not suggesting that this drawback (having a part-time Chief here who is a full-time Chief in another town) is an insurmountable problem, but it does illustrate an instance when new applicants can present other qualifications. And we can't know what they are until we search.

Having decided it is in Richmond's best interests to look at multiple applicants, we then decided to hire Municipal Resources Inc. to conduct the search. MRI has resources, experience, access to information, and contacts in the field that we could not begin to access without them.

In response to Ms. Mattson's other questions – MRI is charging \$5,000 to conduct the search. It was not in the proposed budget because the decision to conduct a search had not been made at that time. The money will likely come out of the police budget since annual police expenses are expected to come in under budget this year due to savings in personnel costs during the period in which Richmond does not have a full-time officer. Officer Prior has indicated that he will continue part-time in Richmond.

## Library News

Wendy Obrien

**Every Saturday, 10:30, Knitting Circle**

**Every Wednesday, 10:00, Summer Reading Program**

**Every Wednesday, August 22-29, 10:00, Story Hour**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sat. August 4, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour**


**Tues. August 14, 5:00-8:00, CPR Heart Saver Course**  
(pre-registration required)

**Sat. August 18, 11:00, Summer Reading Wrap-up with Parks and Rec. (Library and Pavilion)**

**Sun. August 26, 10:00-2:00, Richmond Day Used Book Sale and Raffle**

### Summer Reading: Libraries Rock!

We have been having so much fun on Wednesdays making music! So far, we have listened to classic



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rock'n'roll and reggae, and explored various types of instruments including woodwinds and brass. A big thanks to Greg Butko and Sandy Laughner for bringing in and playing instruments for the kids in July.

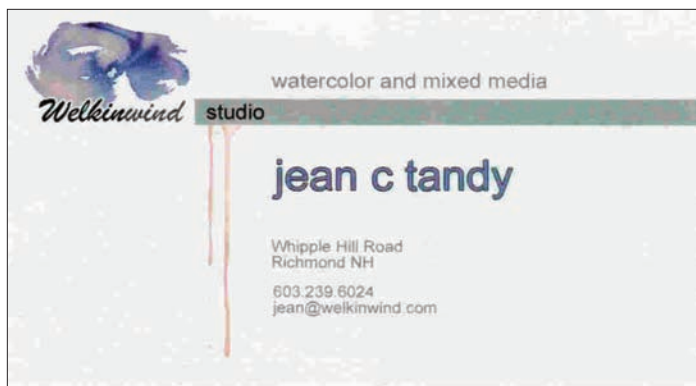
In August we will explore jazz and blues, get our rhythm going (did you know you can use pool noodles as great rhythm sticks?) and explore stringed instruments. On Saturday, August 18 at 11 am, come by the Library and Pavilion for our karaoke and air guitar contests, pick up your reading certificates, and enjoy a picnic outside. Pick up free school supplies with the Parks and Recreation Committee. We have the required summer reading books for Monadnock Regional!

### Volunteers of the Year Award

We are pleased to announce that Robert and Janice Weekes have both been selected for the 2018 "Elaine Moriarty Volunteer Award of the Year." Their dedication and service to the RPL has spanned many years, and their contributions are innumerable. The RPL and Town Archives have truly been modernized due to their untiring work, assistance, and advice. The award will be presented at the Town's Employee and Volunteer Recognition Dinner in August. We look forward to honoring both of these incredible volunteers at that time in the presence of our other much appreciated volunteers and staff members.

### CPR Class at the Library

Sandee Auvil will be teaching a Heart-Saver CPR class at the RPL on Tues. August 14 from 5-8 pm. The cost is \$17.00 for your certification card and an additional \$2.50 if you would like the book. Pre-registration is necessary for this program so we can have the correct number of instructors. Call 239-6164 or email the Library at [library@richmondnh.us](mailto:library@richmondnh.us) to register if you would like to attend. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn this life saving skill!



### Used Book Sale and Raffle

We are continuing to take donations of gently used FICTION books and DVDs for our annual Richmond Day book sale and raffle. Donations for the sale can be dropped off during library hours or contact us and we will come to you for pick-up. On Sun. August 26 the sale will run from 10-2. After you have finished eating yummy barbeque at the Fire Station, drop by and peruse our sale! Beginning at 1:00 we will reduce prices to \$2 per bag of books.

### Community Bulletin Board

Many of you have noticed the two posts in the garden in the front of the Library. By the time you read this, we will have a new community bulletin board to replace the one that was at the 4 Corners Store. Hayden Budzik saw a need in our community for a way to publicize local information and he chose the Library as the location for his Eagle Scout project. The bulletin board will be monitored by the Library staff to keep everything up to date and current. Thanks to Hayden for his commitment and dedication to both the RPL and the Town. And a warm congratulations to Hayden on becoming an Eagle Scout!

### New Adult Fiction

*Grey Ghost*, Clive Cussler  
*Secrets Between Us*, Thrity Umrigar  
*All We Ever Wanted*, Emily Giffin  
*Between You & Me*, Susan Wiggs  
*Perfect Couple*, Elin Hillenbrand

### State Primary Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH State Primary Election will be held on September 11, 2018 at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. People who are not yet registered to vote may:

- complete voter registration forms at the Town



Clerk's office up until August 30,

- register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on August 30 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall,
- or register to vote on the day of the election during polling hours at the Veteran's Hall.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on September 11, 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, on the Town's website and at the NH Secretary of State's website: <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Go to "Elections Division," click on "Election Forms," and click on "Absentee Ballot Applications – State Elections 2018."

The absentee ballot can be personally returned by the voter to the Town Clerk's office no later than September 10. If the absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 11. The absentee ballot may also be delivered by one of the following individuals: spouse; parent; child; sibling. If one of these qualifying individuals delivers the ballot, he/she must hand it directly to the town clerk or deputy town clerk. This person may not leave the ballot on a counter or in any mail receptacle. In addition, this person should bring his/her government-issued photo ID. If you would like to know your status as a registered voter in Richmond, your party affiliation, or the status of your absentee ballot, you can view this information at <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" located in the upper right hand corner of the screen and follow the instructions. Please call 239-6202 if you have questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot.

## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Correction: **Ms. Lizzie Morton's** name was misspelled in the July issue – Sorry Lizzie!

i. If you have a problem that you can't seem to solve – try calling 211, which will put you in touch with a host of resources that provide assistance.

ii. This document represents the opinion of Neil Moriarty, and may not represent the opinions of the Monadnock Regional School District school board.

iii. **Please don't feed the creatures at Our Cass Pond** – they can find their own food and don't need help from us. Furthermore, bread is not good for ducks!

**1. We lost some good people from Monadnock.** June 30th brought the end to Monadnock careers for: **Jane "Jennie" Calnan**, a Reading Specialist at several of our schools, has obtained her doctorate and moved on to a higher position; **Neal Richardson** our IT\* Director, has accepted another position out side of SAU 93; **Katherine "Kathy" Schnyer**, who held several administrative positions at the SAU building, has decided to study to become an RN; and June 30th is the official end date for our **Jane Fortson**. I will miss them all.


**2. I made a suggestion to have the Supervisors of the Check List from each town, swear in the 18-year-old as voters right at the high school.** The idea was enthusiastically accepted; however, it may be too early to do it in time for the 2018 elections – there may not be enough eligible students to make it worthwhile. We could hold off to spring of 2019

**3. The graduations for 2018 finally arrived** and is included in another area..

Thanks for reading my article. If you have suggestions, comments, or news you wish me to include, contact me at: [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), 603-239-4031, or 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470.

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## 2018 Monadnock Graduation

Neil Moriarty

**Daniel Carlin**

**Daniel Heise**

**Antonio Mastrogiovanni**

**Gerald Miller**

**Alicia Thayer**

### 2018 Graduation Awards

**Dan Heise** – Diploma of Distinction, NH STEM Scholar, Interact Member Recognition, Student Government Member Recognition, National Spanish Honor Society Recognition

**Antonio Mastrogiovanni** – Eleanor Greatbatch Scholarship

**Gerald Miller** – GSA Club

**Alicia Thayer** – Interact Member Recognition,

### Some tips from a previous high school graduate, and a person who has been there.

(Thanks to my wife and daughter Holly on word engineering this so you would not be offended):

1. Timeliness is important: Employees who come to work on time and work hard while they are there, are the ones who get raises and promotions.
2. Learn how to shake hands well: Look the person in the eyes (if looking in their eyes makes you uncomfortable,

able, look at their forehead). This will help you on the job interview.

3. Write a thank you note after the interview: Remember the name of the person in the actual work area. This can sometimes make the difference in getting the job.

4. If you want to be promoted, dress for work as if you already work in that position.

5. For future tattoos and piercings – think about placement and future employment.

6. If you are going straight to the workforce (or just out of college), look for a job that offers tuition reimbursement. That way, if you decide to take college courses, the workplace will pay for them.

7. Think twice before taking home those post-it notes – is your job really worth it?

8. You may get into the work force and realize you want more from life. Never give up your dreams. Keep pursuing them while you work and raise your family.

9. For those headed to college, think about a career in the STEM fields. Technology is growing rapidly. These fields will make it easier to find a good paying job.

9a. Be flexible. With the ever changing field of technology, flexible people are the ones who will be working in fields that don't exist today.

10. Statistics is one of the few math areas that are used in every day life. If you didn't take this class, think about taking it at some point.

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13. Those postings on the internet are permanent – think twice about those special postings.

### Editor's Correction

In July's issue of *The Richmond Rooster* on page 5 in the article of College Activity for Richmond Students – Mackenzie Rokes name was misspelled. She made Deans List at Colby Sawyer College. Congrulations

## Richmond's Greatest Generation

Bonnie McCarthy

On Sunday, July 8, the Richmond Heritage Commission and the Richmond Historical Society jointly sponsored an eminently successful kickoff to their Civil War Memorial project. Carol Jameson introduced Hank Hallas who presented the broad picture of the 76 men who were born in Richmond and served in the Civil War. Of the 76 men, 42 had grandfathers who served in the Revolutionary War. One out of every three of the men were casualties, which made Richmond's casualty rate 36.8 percent, and was a large contributing factor in Richmond's steady decline in population after the war. Hank then narrowed his focus by telling stories of those combatants who lived close to his home in North Richmond. In his closing remarks, Hank presented Select-woman Carol Jameson with a binder detailing research on each of the 76 men, which was largely culled by Nancy Judd of the Historical Society of Cheshire County using over 30 sources. Carol stated that the town will place the binder in the custody of the Town Archives to make it accessible for future research. Hank has graciously prepared a second copy of the binder,



Rob Tarbox and Hank Hallasy.

which he will present to the Historical Society of Cheshire County at a later date.

To welcome the more than 60 attendees representing all ages groups, Rob Tarbox and his son Travis formed an Honor Guard dressed in full, authentic Civil War uniform. Hank Hallas, Jerry Mills, and Rob Tarbox provided books, photographs, music, and two tables of authentic Civil War artifacts. Sandy Laughner was on hand to share his historic knowledge of Richmond and Carol Jameson, Susie Roney, and Bonnie McCarthy hosted the refreshment table. Many of the attendees stayed to peruse the artifacts, ask questions, and learn

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## Compliments of Bob and Jan Weekes

more about Richmond's commitment to the Civil War. The photo accompanying this article, taken by Jerry Mills, is of Rob Tarbox and Hank Hallas, AKA "History Buffs Extraordinaire."

This event marked the kickoff of plans to erect a stone memorial to the 76 brave Richmond souls who served in the Civil War. The Richmond Heritage Commission and the Richmond Historical Society are currently seeking bids for an engraved plaque to commemorate the 76 soldiers. We are also viewing various granite stone markers on which to place the plaque and seeking ways to transport and secure the chosen stone. Placement will accompany the Revolutionary War Monument erected in the Veterans' Memorial Park in 2002, posthumously uniting 42 grandfathers and grandsons. We welcome any ideas from fellow Richmond residents and greatly appreciate any financial support in our not inexpensive endeavors. All donations are welcome and are tax deductible under IRC170 (c) (1). Please make donations payable to the Richmond Heritage Commission and mail them to the commission at 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470. Only through YOUR support can history be kept alive in our historic woodland community.

### Richmond Yard and Bake Sale

Alison VanBrocklin

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard and Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, August 25. The sale starts at 8:00 am and runs until 2:00 pm. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds to benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Donations to the sale are welcomed, and pick-up can be arranged. Please call Alison at 239-4494 for more information.

### Animaterra Women's Chorus

Vicki Provost

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Rehearsals start on September 11. For information, call 603-757-2395 or email [kthorn123@outlook.com](mailto:kthorn123@outlook.com). To learn more about Animaterra please visit our website at website [www.animaterrasings.org](http://www.animaterrasings.org). Thank you.

### Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

By the time you're reading this, we will have had our town beach party at Cass Pond. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves! The weather has been beautiful, and I've seen many town folk out and about enjoying the outdoors. This is the last month for our kids to enjoy a little change in pace from the school year schedule. Please take time to enjoy Cass Pond and Amidon Park with family, friends, and neighbors before summer is gone.

The Summer Reading Wrap-up will be on August 18 at 11am. Join us at the library for an Air Guitar Competition, snacks, and back-to-school supplies. Sponsored by the Richmond Public Library and Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Harvest Festival at Amidon Park (behind the fire station) will be held on September 29, from 12-

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3pm. We'll have lawn games, stew, rolls, and warm drinks! Bring a dish to share if you'd like.

December 15th is Movie Time at Camp Takodah.

### Young Artist Contest

John Bocalini



Clay Frog family with baked goods by Cameron Austin Age 7 of 38 Fish Hatchery Rd. Richmond NH, is the winner of the Rooster Contest for Young Artist for \$25. Thanks Christa Austin!

### A Scottish Toast

May the best ye've ever seen  
Be the worst ye'll ever see,  
May a moose ne'er leave yer gimal  
Wi' a teardrop in his e'e,  
May ye aye be hale and he'rty  
Till ye're auld enough tae dee,  
May ye aye be just as happy  
As I wish ye aye to be.

Anon

### Four Great American Comedies

At times like these, we all need a laugh! And The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company is ready to give you one – a lot actually – with staged readings of Four Great American Comedies on August 3, 4, 10, and 11.

Four Great American Comedies will feature some favorite local actors like Mary Armstrong, Jonathan Ray, Greg Pratt, Jenny Holan, Ray Mahoney, Paige

Lussier-Johnson, and others, and accomplished directors like Kim Dupuis, Dan Patterson, Damien Licata, and Catherine Behrens. In the lineup are *The Seven-Year Itch* by George Axelrod (August 3), *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring (August 4), *Harvey* by Mary Chase (August 10), and *Once in a Lifetime* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman (August 11).

Performances will be in Delegation Hall on the second floor of the former Cheshire County Courthouse at 12 Court Street, Winter Street entrance. An elevator is available. Performances are at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10.

This production is the third in our series of rehearsed readings. The first two were done in our Edge Café format: Four Original Plays by four local playwrights; and Four Great American Plays by well-known American playwrights.

The Edge is deeply grateful for the grants supporting their 2017-18 season from the Eppes Jefferson Foundation, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the Putnam Foundation! For information, or to reserve seats, call 603-352-5657.




Mark DiPietro (center; head down), Catherine Behrens, Jenny Holan, Damien Licata, and Dan Patterson in *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring.



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*A main concern is one we call abstraction  
Where all fingers have hands  
Usually taken to mean analysis  
While tulips surge in common resurrection  
Then simplify observed reality*

*A painting avoids stretched white linen  
While it literally means  
A hermit thrush flutes in silvery glissandos  
To draw away to separate from place  
A copperhead snakes beyond the moon*

*Meantime we have 10 apples while  
Death chooses victims by tossing bones  
If we separate the 10 as  
A disemboweled cormorant decays on sand  
We get an abstract number*

*X is not marked on every door  
No longer refers to apples or to numbers  
All life is infinite  
All numbers are not apples  
Now the sun paints corn in minute gold lights*

*As an artist paints 10 apples  
Why now the smoke of children leaving  
so Place the apples in one class . . .  
while Old neighbors becoming disappeared  
Then disregard individuality*

*Still we know there is a place  
Where all hearts hoard fire  
Where a thousand honeybees  
Pollinate fields of lavender desire.*

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## Forty Years Ago from the Richmond Community Newsletter

Edith Atkins, Librarian

Summer is here again bringing all of the usuals, nice warm weather, and friendly black flies, and mosquitoes. Now that your garden is all in and growing "a la Crockett," you can sit on your newly screened porch and read some of those books which you have been putting aside all spring. If these were your favorite gothics, detectives, and westerns, then you might like an informational book for a change. We have a few new ones in this category.

If you have a dog and want to learn about illness symptoms, the *Well Dog Book* by Terri McGinnis, D.V.M., is for you. It is a quick reference to information and will help you to decide whether the dog needs professional care.

If that garden of yours is not "a la Crockett," and you wish it were, then charge out *Jimmy's* book and study all of the tips and shortcuts he suggests. *How to Cut Your Energy Bills* by Ronald Derven and Carol Nichols is a timely treatise on ways to ventilate, insulate, types of lights to purchase to save money, how to use appliances economically, etc. There is a chapter on using solar energy and wood for auxiliary systems. It is well illustrated with clearly written instructions in each chapter. A list of manufacturers is included in the appendix.

If you are animal lovers, we have two titles in the Color Nature Library – *Dogs* and *Cats*. There are perfectly adorable colored illustrations of each. You will surely find resemblances to your canine and feline friends.

Perhaps you are one who, on your travels, likes to visit historic houses which are open to the public. *A Literary Tour Guide to the United States: Northeast* by Emilie Harting is a must to consult before you make out your itinerary. In addition to the New England states



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it covers New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. It is a guide to visiting places associated with authors. It gives the address, time of visiting hours, and admission charged. A little history of the author and the house is included.

For New Hampshire it includes the Robert Frost Farm in Derry, the Frost Place in Franconia, Daniel Webster birthplace in Franklin, the Webster Cottage in Hanover, the Schoolhouse in Newport where the original "Mary had a little lamb" incident took place 135 years ago. Sara Josepha Hale, author of the poem and a pupil of the school, became the first American woman to make her living by writing. It would not be complete without including the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough and the Thomas Bailey Aldrich House in Portsmouth. It also mentions Strawberry Banke and the Isles of Shoals. If you like a short trip on the water, the Isles of Shoals trip is an excellent one. Pick a good clear day, pack your lunch, board a boat at Portsmouth, get a comfortable chair on deck, and get set for an invigorating ten-mile trip to a group of islands packed with history and charming folklore. You have two choices: dock at Appledore with your lunch, and take a guided tour of the island and take the afternoon boat back; or stay on the boat and tour the other islands. I did the latter and would love to return for a tour of Appledore.

Another book in similar category is *Abandoned*

*New England: Its Ruins and Where to Find Them* by William Robinson. It is packed with history and information about the past of New England. There is much on early industries and manufacturing, abandoned farms and roads. The sites are listed by state in the back of the book along with an excellent bibliography.

We have started a shelf of "sight saver books." These are large-print books for those who have trouble reading regular print. One of our patrons is donating the large print "Reader's Digest," and several large print novels have also been donated.

Three hard to find histories of New Hampshire have been given by our faithful friends in Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Been Hutton, in memory of "Chuck" Galbraith. Thanks from all of us; they will certainly prove useful.

I cannot begin to thank the Friends group enough for the added shelves in the new addition. They are filling up fast and add greatly to the "finished" look of the room. The Friends also purchased a much needed 30-drawer card file from Conant Library in Winchester.

The Summer Reading Club for the children starts June 20. I am looking forward to helping the children find new horizons and some new friends between the covers of books. I hope that many will participate. There will also be films occasionally.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for the gifts of books which are coming in



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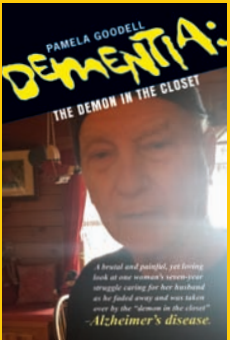
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be on hand to sell their books related to the region.

The Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey, NH. Next to Library. Park in the rear. Hours: Tues: 10-6, Wed-Fri 1-5, Sat 10-2. Admission is always free.



Chris Reid's Monadnock

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