

THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

October 1 Saturday

Garlic & Arts Festival in Orange, continues Sunday.

5-7 pm **Zumba Bash**, sponsored by the family of Michael Finocchio Sr. (Becky Divoll's dad) to raise funds to establish a memorial scholarship. Held at the American Legion (295 School St. Winchendon, MA). Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door and can be purchased from Becky Divoll 249-3158. See more info on facebook @ the Michael Finocchio Sr Endowment Fund page.

7 pm **A-REF's Oktoberfest** at the Red Apple Farm. Food, friends and fun to help fund enrichment programs in the local public schools. \$20 ticket includes German buffet and dancing to Melanie and the Blue Shots. See board members for tickets or call Beth 249-0358.

October 3 Monday

10 am **Trout stocking** by Millers River Trout Unlimited group on Blossom St, behind Pete and Henry's

October 4 Tuesday

7 p.m. **Board of Selectmen meets** at Town Hall

October 6 Thursday

3:45 **Friends of the Library meeting**. All welcome.

October 7 Friday

Monty Tech – No classes for teacher in-service training

1 p.m. **Jacobs Hill Overlook Hike** at Village School

7:30 pm **Dr Deane Marchbein**, vice president of the U.S. branch of Doctors Without Borders will speak about her experiences volunteering around the world, including her recent trip to Libya. At the library. Refreshments.

October 8 Saturday

Yom Kippur

October 9 - 16 **National Fire Prevention Week**

October 10 Monday

Columbus Day (observed)

Schools, post office, library, Town offices closed.

9 am **Pleine Aire Painting Instruction on the Royalston Common**, a free drawing and painting session for adults and young adults 12 and older conducted by Tom Kellner, MFA from 9 to noon. Bring all supplies including a stretched canvas for oils or acrylics or mounted paper for pastels or watercolors as well as some sort of easel. Questions and to register, contact Tom Kellner at 978 249-4644 e-mail: Kellner@hughes.net

October 11 Tuesday

10:06 p.m. **Full Hunter Moon**

October 12 Wednesday

10 am - noon **Annual Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic**, sponsored by the Council on Aging, at Royalston Town Hall. Targeted toward Royalston residents 18 years of age or older. Walk-ins are welcome. FREE. Held in conjunction with the weekly Luncheon Club – with \$2 meals for seniors and \$2.50 for seniors-to-be. Call Betty Woodbury before noon on Monday prior at 978-249-9656.

October 16 Sunday

Village School Parent Work Day

2 pm **Installation of granite birdbath** in the Phinehas Newton Library garden in memory of long time friend, **Barbara Willhite**.

October 18 Tuesday

7 p.m. **Board of Selectmen meets** at Town Hall

October 21 Friday

6:30 pm All are invited to attend the **Royalston Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper** at the home of Peter Kraniak. New members sought. Call Peter at 978-249-7625 for directions or information.

early morning **Orionid Meteor Shower** – With a “shooting star” every four or five seconds, the remnants of Halley's Comet can be seen originating in the southern skies today and tomorrow.

11 a.m. **Monty Tech** early dismissal (no lunch) for Tour Day

7 p.m. **Royalston Fish & Game Turkey Raffle**

October 24 Monday

United Nations Day

recognizing dedication to “world peace and the betterment of humanity”

October 26 Wednesday

3:56 p.m. **New Beaver Moon**

7:30 p.m. **LBS meeting with special program on Vintage Christmas Ornaments** presented by Paul Kachinsky; hosted by Barbara Stowell. All welcome. Call 978-249- 5993 for information.

October 28 Thursday

TBA **RCS Halloween Dance**

October 29 Saturday

3 – 5 p.m. **Town-wide Halloween Party** with safety presentation by the Royalston Police

October 31 Monday

Halloween

5 – 8 p.m. **Trick-or-Treating** with extra Royalston police patrols



Board Of Assessors Notes

Stephen Chase, chairperson

The assessors will be conducting visual exterior inspections in the eastern half of town during the first few weeks in October. The vehicle will display a BoA sign on its doors. The Department of Revenue requires all real estate be visited at least once every three years in order to keep records current. The Board of Assessors meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Whitney Hall, 7:00PM. 978-249-0337.

What Probably Happened at the Recent Special Town Meeting?

ed note: In fact, the meeting fell after our deadline, so we can't be sure, but these were the items posted on the warrant, all submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and they were commonly thought to be uncontroversial and likely to pass.

Voters were asked to accept land donated by Hulda Ault in lieu of taxes for \$4000. The second article asked for \$5,340 to pay for Workers' Compensation Insurance for the year as the original amount appropriated had been under-estimated. These funds would be transferred from the stabilization account. A 3rd article asked that \$13,500 raised through the sale of surplus equipment from the Highway Department be used towards paying for some of the tree work needed throughout town. The last article requested \$35,000 so that solar panels can be installed on the roofs of the Royalston Community School, Athol-Royalston Middle School and Athol High School. The \$35,000 was expected to come from the mortgage reduction account of the community school.

U.S. Senate Candidates Forum Slated

Allen Young

The Royalston Town Democratic Committee is co-sponsoring a regional United States Senate Candidates Forum, slated to take place at the Ellinwood Country Club, Athol, starting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Allen Young, chair of the Royalston committee reported that "organizers led by the Orange committee have taken the initiative and have confirmed participation from five of the seven declared candidates and expect that all seven will participate. Democratic Town Committees from numerous towns in Franklin and Worcester counties are involved in the planning."

Whoever obtains the Democratic nomination in the September primary will challenge Sen. Scott Brown in November. Before the primary election, however, Democratic delegates to the state convention in June will weigh in, and only candidates who obtain

Representative's Hours

Mary C. Barclay

2nd Worcester District Representative Rich Bastien, who represents Royalston, reports House leadership has asked all Representatives to keep October open to deal with gaming, redistricting, parole and pension reform, and a supplemental budget. He's planning a "town hall style meeting" in Royalston, most likely in November. Watch for the details.

Royalston Fire And EMS News

Fire Chief Keith R. Newton 978-249-5548

It's Fire Prevention Week - Protect Your Family From Fire!

October 9-16 is set aside by the National Fire Protection Association to help educate the public about fire, prevent deaths and unnecessary loss of property. See its website www.nfpa.org for entertaining and educational material for families on fire safety in the home. Separate fact from fiction about the beginnings of Fire Prevention Week, which was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. (Was Mrs. O'Leary's cow the culprit?!) Find out some fast facts about fire prevention (Working smoke

alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half!) and take a brief quiz about fires in the home. (The peak hours for fires in the home are from what time to what time?) Teachers, find some ready-to-use lesson plans (preK/K; grades 1 & 2; grades 3 - 5) to incorporate fire prevention activities into your classroom.



Board of Health News

Phil Leger, chairperson

A reminder, clean or mostly clean containers are acceptable for recycling. Don't include those that still have peanut butter or mayo in the jar in the recycling. There is no magic to recycling. If the material has too much organic material in it, it will just get trashed. You are not recycling if it gets thrown away. Most containers just need a quick rinse with tap water. Others may need a soak or spin in the dishwasher.

Fall is here, so now is the time to put stuff away or get them to the transfer station. If you have large items that need to go into bulky waste, see Tony at the transfer station before dumping into the bulky waste roll off. Thanks.

Flu Clinic at Town Hall October 12

The annual Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall. The clinic, sponsored by the Royalston Council on Aging, is free of charge and for Royalston residents 18 years of age or older. Walk-ins are welcome. The vaccination is free. This year's flu shot contains vaccines for influenza B virus, influenza A (H1N1) virus and influenza A (H3N2) virus.

The flu clinic is held in conjunction with the weekly Luncheon Club – with \$2 meals for seniors and \$2.50 for seniors-to-be. Please give Betty Woodbury a call before noon on Monday at 978-249-9656.

Royalston Police Department News Annual Town-wide Halloween Party



The Royalston Police Association is gearing up for its annual Town-Wide Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29, from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Royalston Town Hall. Members and friends of the police department have an afternoon of mild fright, fun and food planned, as well as a little time to discuss Halloween and trick-or-treating safety with children and their parents. There is no charge for this event and all are encouraged to come in costume. Community donations towards refreshments, goodie bags and of course, volunteers to help with games and a costume parade are welcome. Additional information is available from Royalston's Community Resource Officer Sherry A. Miner at 978-249-4587 or Association volunteer Laurie M. Deveneau at 978-249-5807. contact the Royalston Police Department at the non-emergency number, 978-249-5838.

Royalston Emergency Management Agency

Jim Barclay, EMD 978-249-2904 ema@royalston-ma.gov or at 978-297-2904.

Jim Barclay, EMD ema@royalston-ma.gov or call 978-249-2904 Royalston's Emergency Management Agency will be filing an "After Action Report" with the Mass Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) regarding the Town's general readiness, storm-specific preparation, response and recovery following Hurricane Irene. The report is available for public review and an October date (to be announced) will be set aside for public input. Watch local newspapers and Town bulletin boards for additional information or contact Jim Barclay.

Royalston Cultural Council Announces Availability Of Funds

The Royalston Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. October 15 is the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

The Royalston Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Last year, the Royalston Cultural Council distributed \$3870 in grants.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp.



October 10th, 2011

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Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

Mondays: 10:00 am- 8:30 pm. Thursdays 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon

978-249-3572 www.royalstonlibrary.org

Thank you

Donations to the Friends in memory of Werner Bundschuh

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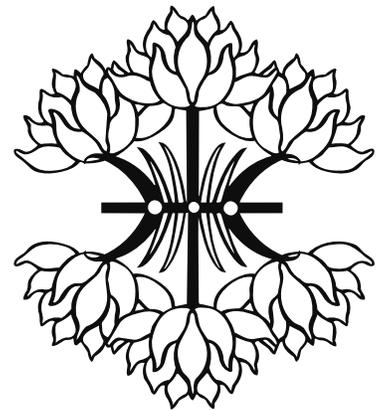
Patricia Waelder

Bill Wheatley

Jessica and Christopher Willhite

Stacey and Carrie Zengle

Thank you. The Friends group is quite humbled by the generosity of the Bundschuh family and all those who loved and admired Werner. It's comforting to have a little of his light shine on through our work.



Some of the New Materials at Your Library

Fiction

Adiga, Aravind *Last Man in Tower*
Archer, Jeffrey *Only Time Will Tell*
Brown, Sandra *Lethal*
Castle, Jayne *Canyons of Night*
Colfer, Eoin *Plugged*
Collins, Jackie *Goddess of Vengeance*
Gleason, Robert *End of Days*
Hannah, Sophie *The Cradle in the Grave*
Harper, Karen *Fall from Pride*
King, Laurie *Pirate King*
Lippman, Laura *The Most Dangerous*
Martin, Steve *Shoppgirl*
Mitchard, Jacquelyn *Second Nature*
Morgenstern, Erin *The Night Circus*
Nesbo, Jo *Headhunters*
Patterson, James *Kill Me if You Can*
Penny, Louise *A Trick of the Light*
Riordan, Rick *The Devil went Down to Austin*
Rendell, Ruth *The Vault*
Robb, J.D. *New York to Dallas*
Stephenson, Neal *Reamde*
Stirling, S.M. *The Tears of the Sun*
Todd, Charles *A Bitter Truth*
Toyne, Simon *Sanctus*
Webb, Katherine *The Legacy*
Woods, Stuart *Son of Stone*

Non-Fiction

Akiyama, Carol *Learn Japanese the Fast and Fun Way*
Hendrickson, Paul *Hemingway's Boat*
Lehrer, Jim *Tension City*
Millard, Candice *Destiny of the Republic*
Sankovitch, Nina *Tolstoy and the Purple Chair*
Vernoff, Krista *The Game on! Diet*

Audiobooks

Evanovich, Janet *Wife for Hire*
Lehrer, Jim *Tension City*
Millard, Candice *Destiny of the Republic*

Young Adult Fiction/Non-Fiction

Avi *City of Orphans*
Coben, Harlan *Shelter*
Downham, Jenny *You Against Me*
Evans, Richard *Michael Vey*
Meloy, Colin *Wildwood*
Murdock, Catherine *Wisdom's Kiss*

Children's Fiction

Kirby, Matthew *The Clockwork Three*
Osborne, Mary Pope *Dogs in the Dead of Night*
Rylant, Cynthia *Brownie & Pearl Grab a Bite*
Selznick, Brian *Wonderstruck*

Children's Non-Fiction

Handford, Martin *Find Waldo Now*

DVDs: *Bridesmaids, The Dog Who Saved Halloween, Glee Season 2, Hanna, Hoodwinked, Hoodwinker Too! Hood vs Evil, Jane Eyre (2011), Limitless, The Phinehas S. Newton Library 100th Anniversary Celebration, Rio, Something Borrowed, Soul Surfer, Source Code, Thor, and Trust*

CDs

Lady Antebellum *Own the Night*
Soundtrack- *The 40 Year Old Virgin*

Read any good books lately? Why not write a review for the newsletter?

Book Review by Isabelle O'Connor

Do you like witches and legends? Then you should read *The Secret Circle* by L. J. Smith.

Upcoming Events:

Installation of Garden Sculpture at Library to Remember Barbara Willhite, Long-time Treasurer of the Friends Group

On Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm, all are welcome for an informal afternoon gathering of memories, music and refreshments

Dr. Deane Marchbein will speak of her volunteer experiences with Doctors Without Borders, including a very recent trip to Libya

On Friday October 7, at 7:30 pm at the library, Deane Marchbein, an anesthesiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Cambridge Health Alliance, will discuss her work for MSF (Medicins Sans Frontieres) or Doctor's Without Borders for whom she has taken an annual leave of absence since 2006 to do humanitarian work. She is the vice president of the US branch of the organization.

Doctors Without Borders is an international medical humanitarian organization, founded in 1971 by French doctors who broke with the ICRC (International Red Cross) because of a commitment to speak out during the Nigerian civil war. MSF seeks to address the medical needs of people who have little access to medical care or who are deliberately excluded such as migrants, refugees, or minority populations; and when appropriate, to speak out about the conditions of those populations. Often they work in areas where medical care is unavailable because of natural disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti or the tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan, or because of war. Marchbein's missions have taken her to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, South Sudan and Haiti. She has just returned from Misratah in Libya and will be showing pictures from the various places her work has taken her and discussing MSF and her recent trip. Refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library.



Dr. Deane Marchbein will speak at the library on October 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm. about her experiences volunteering around the world with Doctors Without Borders

Tai Chi continues this fall Tuesdays from 6-7 pm. Everyone is welcome. at this free program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more info, contact Becky at 978-575-1454.

Zumba with Kristin Killay will resume November 7 at 6 pm and continue on Mondays throughout the winter at Town Hall.

Basket Making Class

On Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m., Sandy Hopkins and Janice Anton will be teaching a beginning basket making class. Sandy has been doing crafts all her life and creates original basket designs with different materials when not working in the corporate world. Janice also has been crafting all her life and has been collecting and re-creating baskets of the Northeast Indians. They will be teaching techniques that will provide participants with a basic knowledge of basket making, helpful hints to overcome some of the problems that one can encounter, and ideas for types of materials and styles of baskets. The class is limited to 10 people and there is a \$25 material fee. The class is starting before lunch so that there will be adequate time to complete the entire project. Bring a snack. For more information contact the library or check out the library website.



You can also see Sandy and Janice's work at <http://www.basketswheatandmore.com/about-us.html>. Funding for this workshop is provided by a grant from the Royalston Cultural Council.

Holiday Craft Workshops

The Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library are sponsoring several holiday programs coming up on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in November and December including: Holiday Gift Bags Decorating with Rubber Stamps with Janet Bettey on December 4 and Wheat Stars with Kathy Morris on December 11. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and on the library website.

Art Exhibit at the Library

Caleb Chase, a Royalston native and high school junior at Cushing Academy, will have paintings and perhaps fused glass pieces on display at the library in October and November.

R.C.S News

Bella O'Connor, a local 6th grader fresh from a stint as a finalist (beating out 1000s of entrants) in an essay contest sponsored by Time for Kids, which is Time Magazine's young reader edition, has agreed to undertake the position of cub reporter on the RCS beat for the newsletter. The newsletter is happy to have her aboard.

The apples are out, fall is here, and everybody is busy at Royalston Community School. The year is off to a great start and the new principal, Angelo Garofalo, is a hit with his favorite word, "proactive", which he has taught the people of R.C.S. to be. In addition, R.C.S welcomes a new 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Kenechtl. Since school began, there has already been a successful mum fundraiser for Nature's Classroom. The students sold half a truck-full!! The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are campaigning for student council and the halls are filled with election posters. There was a PTG meeting and the parents got to meet Mr. Garofalo and their child's teacher at the open house last September 29th. Let's hope for a great rest of the year and that the students get smarter during the up-coming school season!

RCS dates to remember:
School portraits on October 18
Halloween party on October 28

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS



Got something to crow about? Send the news along to the RCN. Zap to chasegos@gis.net or drop at the library

Mark Shoul and Phil Rabinowitz have just had an article published in the *National Civic Review*, the oldest and one of the most respected journals in the field of civic engagement. Entitled "Building Hope in a De-Industrialized Community," it's about their work with Hands Across North Quabbin, a local organization that's working to nurture the factors that make for a civic climate of collaboration and effective problem-solving among North Quabbin residents of all backgrounds, philosophies, and walks of life. The article appears in the Summer 2011 issue of the quarterly journal, which happens to be its 100th anniversary.

Monty Tech

Monty Tech senior Victoria Holbert, a 17-year-old senior in dental assisting, has made history – she is serving this year as the 46th National President of Skills USA, the first ever president from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts! She will spend much of her school year traveling and speaking on behalf of Skills USA, which promotes excellence in professions and trades through school-based workshops and competitions. She is tenth in her class and has already made arrangements for completing work while she travels – and this month travel includes a trip to London, England to attend the "skilled trade version of the Olympics."

Miss Holbert was not the only National winner – Monty Tech's building trades team took silver, besting 30 other teams from around the nation. Athol's Sara Marshall earned a bronze in Dental Assisting, and Athol's Darren Muzzy placed in the top 20 in Computer Maintenance Technology. As a matter of fact, all of Monty Tech's participants placed in the top 20 - particularly impressive when considering the fact Skills USA involved 5,000 student competitors competing in 87 trade, technical and leadership events!

What's Happening at the Village School?

Thanks to Elizabeth Farnsworth, who brought her enthusiasm, humor, knowledge and fascination with ferns to the 4th-6th students. The students were able to look at ferns through her eyes, and whole new world opened up for them.

All the children are joining in harvesting the garden, including digging the potatoes they planted last spring. They'll be enjoying roast potatoes soon.

It's still field trip time: Classes are visiting local gardens, visiting Sweetwater Farm in Petersham, hiking to Lawrence Brook and climbing Jacobs Hill.

All School Poetry Project

In the first weeks of October, the whole school is involved in a single poetry project. Every child will write a poem based on his or her observations of a 'magical place', which includes taking the time to find it, in the area of the Island of Trees. Naturally, the youngest children will not do the actual writing, but reading buddies will accompany the younger child outside and scribe his or her observations. The older children, from 2nd to 6th grade, will write their own poems based on their observations of a magical place. This experience will in turn help the older children guide and support their younger buddies. The project will culminate in a combined reading of the final poems. Everyone loves poetry, and everyone is a poet.

November 4 5:00 pm Autumn Lantern Walk Celebration for Families : storytelling, procession with homemade lanterns, Italian potluck, and contra-dance. Public invited. Donations are suggested of \$5 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$10 per family.

Saturday and Sunday October 1st and 2nd: Visit the Village School tent at the Garlic Fest. For up to date Village School information, go to www.villageschoolma.org

Ladies B.

LBS October Program - Paul Kachinsky will present a program on Antique and Collectible Holiday Decorations on Wednesday, October 26th at 8 pm at Barbara Stowell's home following the regular meeting of the LBS. Paul will have several tables of interesting and beautiful items on display and will share historical and collectible information.

At all LBS events, refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Contact LBS President Laurie M. Deveneau at lmdeveneau@msn.com or 978-249-5807 for more information.

Congregational Churches News

Pastor Jeffrey L. Francis

We are proud to announce our 3rd Annual Mission's Conference on October 14th and 16th. We will be hosting the conference at FCCR Friday night with our guest minister from Columbia, South America, Rev. Lenny Hernandez. We will begin the service at 7:00 pm. Sunday morning service is at FCCR with our special guests from Faith School of Theology and Zion Bible College. The students from these schools will be presenting an international flag ceremony and speaking about different parts of the world. The service time is 10:30 am. Following the service we will be hosting our international dinner. These are dynamic services and open to the public.

As we adjust to the fall season we are planning another great climb of Mt. Monadnock on October 8th. Anyone interested in joining may do so at 9:30 am at FCCR. Bring cameras as we should have opportunity for some beautiful shots of the fall foliage. We have several aerial shots of the Royalston Common for sale to anyone interested. Please contact the church office with inquiries.

FCCR will be launching a new website with all kinds of great information and daily inspiration on the weekend of October 16th. You can access our new website at fccrlive.com. Check it out and let us know what you think! For anyone in need of food we have supplies for families and individuals. Please contact FCCR at 978.249.9155. For service times of our two community churches and events on the calendar and other important information please access our webpage.

Calling All Kids

Susan Veilleux

Bible Club is now in its seventeenth year. It is an after school program that meets every Wed. from 3 to 4 at RCS. Parents must arrange to pick up their children. The club is taught by David Williams from the First Congregational Church. The security of the children is most important and the attendance of parents is always encouraged. We sometimes arrange field trips when half-school days fall on a Wed. We teach traditional biblical values and instruct about the love and grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And we HAVE FUN!!!! Age appropriate and non-denominational.

For an application/permission slip or to know more....please call Susan Veilleux @ 978-249-5004

Historical Society Pot Luck

New Members Sought

Peter Kraniak, president

We, the Royalston Historical Society, would like to invite you to our annual meeting and Pot Luck Supper on October 21, 2011 at the home of Peter Kraniak. The Society was founded in 1946 to help preserve the history of Royalston and hopefully you are interested in the same objective. We do not require a lot of our members. New ideas and new members would help to keep this organization going. Our meetings are held four times a year and the winter meeting, because of the weather is not usually held.

Think about helping us to continue to be a viable organization that will promote the beauty and history of our town. So if you feel that you would like to be a member come on October 21st, at 6:30PM and bring a dish that we can enjoy and offer whatever you can in the way of preserving our history.

Royalston Fish and Game

Hosts Turkey Raffle and Roast Beef Supper



It's time for the Royalston F&G's annual Turkey Raffle, slated for the third Friday of the month, October 21, it begins promptly at 7 p.m.

It's also time to stake your claim for one of the 80 or so seats at the F&G's first Roast Beef Supper of the season! Tickets for these monthly feasts sell out fast, so if you're interested in a ticket for the Saturday, November 5 dinner, you'd best call now! Tickets are \$12 Each and buy a family-style dinner of tossed salad, bread and real butter, mashed potatoes with perfectly cooked roast beef, savory brown gravy, green beans, coffee and a light dessert.

Just a quick reminder: The Royalston F&G is open every Tuesday and Friday night. Memberships are available at the bar or at the Royalston General Store. If you are interested in more information, contact Marie at 978-249-2836 or the Clubhouse at 978-249-3004.

Obituaries

Nancy (Shaw) Bolton, 85, of Bolton Road, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011.

Nancy was born in Cambridge, Feb. 21, 1926 the daughter of Frederick D. and Lucille (Kimball) Shaw. She grew up in Weston, graduating from Weston High School in 1944 and from Boston University in 1948 with a degree in English. She later moved to West Medway where she lived for 17 years and since 1973 has resided in Royalston.

Nancy was very active in her community, was a member of the First Congregational Church of Royalston where she sang in the church choir, was a soloist and served as a deaconess. She was a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society from 1973 to the present where she served as chair of the scholarship committee. She worked at the Royalston polls for many years, and was member of the Royalston Historical Society, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board serving as recording secretary. She served on the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee from 1986 to 1999, the Athol Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the Athol Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she was as president from 1982 to 1984, and the Athol Women's Club. She volunteered for the Athol Area United Way for many years. She was also a member of Pi-Beta-Phi Fraternity while at Boston University.

Nancy loved serving her community, spending summer vacations as a child in Harpswell, Maine. As an adult she enjoyed spending time in Cape Elizabeth, Maine with her sister and family. Nancy loved having a good time, but most especially enjoyed spending time with her many friends and family.

She leaves a son, Llewellyn S. Bolton IV of Royalston; a daughter, Holly H. Burnett and her husband, Jason of Erving; three grandsons, Daniel Lee Bolton of Athol, whom she helped raise, Douglas J. Dupell Jr. and his wife Trista of Erving and Phillip Dupell and his wife Amber of Orange. She also leaves a sister, Betsy Hewes and her husband Richard of Cape Elizabeth; two nephews, three nieces and many grand-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to: the Salvation Army-Athol Corps, 107 Ridge Ave., Athol or



Jane L. Manning, Village School math teacher and kind friend to many in town, passed away on Sept. 5, 2011 succumbing to pancreatic cancer.

She was born in 1932 in Philadelphia to Lester and Virginia Hipple Lines and attended Friends Central School, a Quaker school in Media, Penn., from fourth grade through graduation. She studied two years at Sarah Lawrence before marrying Charles David Manning, an Annapolis graduate, on June 21, 1953. Over the next seven years, two daughters and two sons were born while the Navy moved the family around the country. Through these years of her husband being as much at sea as at home, Jane not only managed house and children but also completed credits for her undergraduate and master's degrees.

Jane secured her first teaching job as science coordinator for Langley Cooperative School in northern Virginia. Other assignments included both public and private schools, teaching elementary school children. Her involvement with the Creative Conflict Resolution Program led to an invitation to be founding head of a new Quaker school, Friends Community School, which is still thriving over 20 years hence. Jane was widowed during this time.

At a 1994 contra dance, Jane met her life partner, Dick Hyland. They moved to Athol in June of 1998, and the community became home. Jane served as president of the board of Quabbin Mediation, was a part-time math teacher and served on the board at the Village School in Royalston, was member of Women in Black, and joined the Mt. Toby Quaker Meeting. She also participated in the planning of Martin Luther King Day celebrations, helped organize the Athol Historical Society's annual Children's Day, and participated in the North Quabbin Energy Committee.

She is survived by her children Lynne Manning of Warwick, Laura Samardick and her husband Bob of Princeton, N.J., Doug Manning of Fredericksburg, Va., and Michael Manning and his wife Kelli of Oakland, Calif. There are four grandchildren, Tyler and Katherine Samardick, and Eleanor and Rianna Manning.

Mystery Pumpkins



On Saturday morning the 24th, a smile cracked the countenances of many patrons and passerby finding fallish pumpkins strewn sweetly on the steps the library's brick building. They had been left under cover of darkness the night prior. Who is that mystery pumpkin placer?

250th Anniversary Celebration Committee

With simple, tasty food grown and prepared by neighbors, a packed town hall charmingly decorated with lanterns and yard flowers, a few raffles, a few libations and a lot of good cheer and good will, the recent local foods supper was a huge success.

Major thank yous go to:

Maureen Blasco and Patti Stanko, who not only grew and prepared a lot of the food, but also dished it out and then washed those dishes.

Marie-Claire Humblet, who researched and printed a handout, soon to be available on the library web-site, detailing how, when and where to shop for food in Royalston; she also created beautiful flower arrangements of simple local greenery for the tables and made a pretty potato salad of multi-colored mini-potatoes as well as a peach compote.

Barbara Stowell who created lovely note cards identifying the provenance of each dish, thought through the details of serving 100 plus diners buffet style, and put her exceptional culinary skills to work creating a butternut bisque and heirloom tomato salad.

Mariah Mallet, who knew the secrets of exceptional shepard's pie and moist zucchini bread and did a lot of leg work prior to the event.

Geoff Newton, tolerated the 250th committee veering from the tried and true path for this event and helped start to finish.

The Fire Dept. for schlepping tables and chairs up and down the stairs.

Teenagers Bryce, Hannah Bartkus, Bella O'Connor, Grady MacPhee, Elizabeth and Ben West, and Tobey and Caleb Chase, who served and bussed tables.

The donors to the raffle tables: Geoff and Diana Newton for a wine basket, the Richardsons for syrup, Big Mama Tully for Pumpkin and Maureen Blasco for rosemary and braids of home-grown onions and shallots.

And to all who ate, grew and prepared these delicious dishes:

Thai Cabbage Salad

Maureen Blasco's cabbage, peppers, onions and carrots; prepared by Carla Rabinowitz

Green bean and cherry tomato salad with Jim Bennett's beans and Larry Siegel's and Ted Neale's tomatoes

Curried Zucchini Soup: Grown and prepared by Emma O'Connor

Butternut Bisque: Squash grown by Randy Divoll; souped up by Barbara Stowell

Wild Mushroom soup with veggies grown by Larry Siegel and mushrooms foraged and cooked by Erin Page Blanchard

Heirloom Tomato Salad with love apples from Amelia's Tomatoes and chopping and tossing by Barbara Stowell

Steelhead Trout smoked by Teddy Bear Laakonen

Zucchini Bread with zukes grown by Buddy Dyer and baking by Mariah Mallet

Shepards' Pie with Lamb from Aurora Ranch (Kate Colins and George Northrop), Divoll potatoes and corn, Maureen's onions, Neale carrots, Siegel garlic and preparations by Mariah Mallet

Patti's Meatloaf made from Kathy Morris' grass fed beef with veggies grown by Patti Stanko

Recipe of the Month

In honor of National Cookie Month, how about a delicious cookie that Pauline (Crumb) Smith (late, of Prospect Hill and Northeast Fitzwilliam Road) used to make every fall for ladies' society meetings, bake sales, or just for the kids in the neighborhood. One batch will feed quite a crowd – yields about 5 dozen large cookies. Submitted by Mary Barclay.

Pauline's Mincemeat Filled Cookies

2 eggs

2 cups sugar

1 cup shortening

1 cup milk

2 tsp. vanilla

1 tblsp. baking powder

2 tsp. baking soda

7 cups flour

+/- quart of Prepared mincemeat

Cream shortening and sugar. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix. Turn onto floured board (dough will be very soft) and roll thin. Cut rounds with a cutter dipped in flour. Place a tblsp. full of prepared mincemeat on one round, top with a second round, then crimp edges with a fork. Bake in a 350 degree F. oven for about 12-15 minutes, or until the edges just begin to brown.



Local Music Scene

CD Release Party

Join **Linq** on Friday, October 7th at 7PM as she celebrates the release of Caught in the Act Acoustic in "the back corner" at Bruce's Browser, 1497 Main St, Athol www.brucesbrowser.com This up-close-and-live CD features only her warm alto, a clear expressive guitar and light percussion. She's stripped away the production, boiling it down to the essential elements of melody and lyrics. Most of the songs have been previously released with her studio band, and she's thrown in a couple of new ones that you'll recognize from her more recent live performances. So come on over and hang out. She'll be playing a few of the tunes and autographing CDs. You can also enjoy the refreshments, chat with friends (and meet new ones!), browse the store... you get the picture.

Melanie and the Blue Shots Fall Tour: A-REF fundraiser Red Apple Farm Oct. 1st and at Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn Oct. 8th. Come celebrate Phil's 60th and Jim "the hat's" 63rd birthdays.

Happy Hen Quiche

Eggs raised and quiche combined by Deb Nunes

Eggplant Parmesan: start to finish a Maureen Blasco production

Sauteed hen of the woods, foraged by Noah Siegel

Roasted fall vegetables grown by Kathy and John Chencharik, Randy Divoll, Larry Siegel, Celt Grant and Allen Young

Apple sauce from trees planted by Smoky Smith, the Bowers family, Ted Neale's dad and others.

Roasted Divoll rosemary potatoes

Peach Pie with fruit grown by Aaron Ellison and Elizabeth Farnsworth baked by Maureen and Beth

Pear Tart grown and prepared by Carla Rabinowitz

Pumpkin Pie with Maureen's pumpkin; Beth's baking and Teddy Bear's whipped cream

Apple Crisp by Patti Stanko and more!!!

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Village After-school Program for Royalston children from 3:15 to 5:30 on school days. Children can take the RCS school bus and stay for any portion of the time. Cost: \$6/hour. There is homework help, supervised outdoor play, and lots of arts and crafts, (children learn knitting); run by Royalston resident, Lynn Anair. Call the school at 249-3505.

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Garden Notes

September 20, 2011

No wandering of the mind this time; *Garden Notes* will devote itself to garden notes. As well it should, the current season far from expired, the 2012 season already begun. As to the former, the clutch of frost-sensitive crops (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beans, and squash) continues to produce at the same time that the fall garden has come into its own (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, leeks, and an assortment of root crops). The principal challenge, aside from keeping up with the harvest, is to find a way to consume them all.

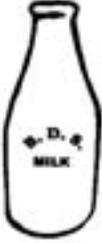
And, yes, the 2012 season has begun. Before anything, I pencil in my garden plan, a necessary step since each bed is treated a bit differently (depending upon what will be growing within it.) Corn is a heavy feeder and must be provided with an extra boost of fertility. Beans, quite cleverly, can extract nitrogen from the air (which, after all, is three-quarters nitrogen) and are less needful of enrichment. (Actually, it is bacteria growing on the roots which fix the nitrogen but it is the plant that is the beneficiary.) And those beds to be cover-cropped by buckwheat will probably be enriched not at all, partly a function of a lesser need and partly a function of a limiting amount of compost, but mostly a function of the declining energy of the applicator. The garden plan is also necessary to ensure crop rotation. Ideally, I would practice a four-year rotation, practically it is three. Different plant families extract different nutrients from the soil. To keep them in the same place year after year would exhaust these nutrients. Also (theoretically), plant pests would not find their favorite food stuffs in the same place. (Practically, though, they will find them anyway.) Finally, I need to determine which beds will be planted to potatoes, peas, spinach, and lettuce. They will remain uncovered giving me a jump-start next spring. Sixteen beds are completed. Lest I become too smug about my accomplishments (me, smug?), I need only remind myself there are sixty-one beds to go.

Dire predictions of wide-scale frost a couple of days ago proved to be unfounded. (We bottomed out at 40°.) Just as well, I did nothing in preparation. Driving by the Putney’s, I noticed squash/pumpkin plants continuing to thrive, so even Royalston’s notorious cold sink was unfrosted. It was the second dire prediction in recent weeks that did not come to pass, since Hurricane what’s-her-name turned into just another windy, rainy day. Just as well again, since our preparation for that one was limited to filling a couple of five gallon pails with water and moving the vehicles from under the trees. We did lose the top of a black walnut tree and the late corn was blown over. On the other hand, I’ve seen porcupines do more damage in a night than that inflicted by the hurricane.

On to fruit. August provided a plethora of peaches, as anyone in Royalston with a peach tree will attest. Remember my concern about successful pollination during the rainy stretch at apple blossom time? I need not have fretted. All of the trees have some fruit and some have a lot of fruit. We will be dusting off the cider press. No pears here, but within ten miles I have several trees available for picking. And then there are the raspberries. We are awash in them. There is a short shelf-life, two days maximum, perfect timing since we need to pick every two days. No meal is complete without a serving of raspberries. I bring these notes to a close; there is a bowl of raspberries and cream awaiting.

Larry Siegel

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