

# Mountain View



*A newsletter by and for the Randolph Community, published by the Randolph Foundation*

## USFS Recognizes Randolph Community Forest

By Edith Tucker

The Randolph Community Forest (RCF) was recognized by the Regional Forester of the Eastern Region of the U. S. Forest Service with its award — “Protecting Ecosystems Across Boundaries” — at a ceremony on Thursday, April 21, at its Region 9 headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Three other “Across Boundaries” awards were presented to winners from Wisconsin, Ohio, and Minnesota.

The criteria for the “Protecting Ecosystems Across Boundaries” award include: demonstrating managing ecosystems at a larger landscape scale; utilizing partners to expand the amount of land managed for conservation and public benefits; and restoring forests and waters to healthy and resilient conditions through exemplary resource stewardship.

“It was an obvious choice ... to nominate the RCF,” wrote Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner of the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) to the RCF. “We have long recognized your spirit of stewardship, innovation, collaboration, and community, and very much appreciate how your exemplary leadership in community forest management is an integral part of the much larger landscape that we collectively care for.”

This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year that Region 9 has recognized its employees and partners for the tremendous work they do, as well as their commitment to public service and resource stewardship.

“Like a rich tapestry built over time with love and determination, the townspeople of Randolph have woven a community and a landscape that connects with the WMNF, enlarging the conserved landscape and the collective fabric of our communities,” states Wagner’s two-plus-page award nomination. “Like many landscapes throughout the world, northern New Hampshire is under increasing pressure from unplanned development, fragmentation and unsustainable land management practices.” But the town, in collaboration with public and nonprofit organizations, was able to shape its own future, bucking the trends of increased forest fragmentation, loss of public ac-



WMNF Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner, left, presented the 10,000-acre Randolph Community Forest with a “Protecting Ecosystems across Boundaries” honor award at a ceremony in Milwaukee, Wisc. on April 21. Randolph was represented by town moderator David Willcox, center, and forest commission chairman John Scarinza.

Jenn Barton photo

cess, and reduced opportunities for traditional uses.

“In one special place in the White Mountains, as a large timber investment company (TIMO) began to divest approximately 13,000 acres of land, local determined citizens mobilized with a call to action to begin a unique collaboration to shape their own future,” Wagner wrote. “Their action has become a hallmark for community ownership, and managing ecosystems across boundaries, giving rise to important conversations on conservation and stewardship while developing a new model for conserved lands.”

Wagner called the 10-year-old, 10,000-acre RCF, which lies between the Kilkenny and Northern Presidencies of the WMNF, “a model of citizen ownership and engagement,” and “an exemplary shared resource.”

Meeting notices, inquiries, comments, and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please send materials for the *Mountain View* to Diana Aube, Nekal Lane, Randolph, NH 03593 or daube@ne.rr.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication (publication is quarterly: September, December, April & June). The *Randolph Weekly* is published weekly in July & August. Send notices by Tuesday of each week to Gail Scott at 603-466-5498 (call or FAX); or mscott1@ne.rr.com; or PO Box 160, Gorham, NH 03581. The *Blizzard* is published the first of each month except July and August. Please send all notices for the *Blizzard* to Barbara Arnold, 466-2438; Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com or 403 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. *Blizzard* materials by the 24th of the preceding month. If you are not receiving the *Blizzard* and wish to, please let Barbara know. A grant from the Randolph Foundation makes all these publications possible.

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#### **Town Directory**

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466-3970

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466-5771

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466-5777

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911;** Randolph Chief, Dana Horne

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466-2332

**GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the

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466-3632

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466-5408

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466-5775

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466-5105

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586-7840

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466-9856

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466-2606

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466-5771

**TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.

Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

#### **Community Calendar**

(NOTE: For recurring meeting schedules  
see "Town Directory" on the left)

#### **July**

2 Sat. 7:30 pm **Songs for a Summer Evening; Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander** at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:  
Advance Tickets Only Call Randolph Library for tickets 466-5408 \$6.00/3.00 adults/ children

4 Mon. 3-5pm **RMC Tea** at Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Rd.

7 Th. 4-6 pm **Opening Reception of Town Art Show** at the town hall, with wine and light refreshments. Come and meet the artists!

13 Wed. 6:30pm **Town Picnic** with Berlin Jazz Band at Ravine House Pool

22 Fri. 10:30 **Summer Reading Book Discussion** – “Angle of Repose” in White Mountain Room of Randolph Public Library

22 Fri. 4pm Set up tables, 5 pm sort books, 6pm set up crafts for Book, Bake, Craft Sale

23 Sat. 9:00 am–noon **Randolph Library Book, Bake & Craft Sale** at Town Hall; Books: Jean Malick 466 2547, Food: Marie Beringer, 466-2424 Crafts: Rita Savage, 466- 5565

30 Sat. 5:00-7:00 **Randolph Foundation Cocktail Party**, all welcome.

30 Sat. 7:00 pm “**Dance around the Pumps**” Lowe’s Garage

#### **August**

4 Th. 7:00pm **Darby Field “The First Ascent of Mt Washington** by Allen Koop Town Hall

8 Mon. 7:00 pm **Hampstead Players to perform Aladdin** at Town Hall.

13 Sat. 7:00 pm **Annual Randolph Mountain Club Meeting** at the Town Hall.

19 Fri. 10:30am **Summer Reading Book Discussion** – “Pearl Buck in China” in White Mountain Room of Randolph Public Library

19 Fri. 4:00pm **Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting & Key Note Speaker** at Town Hall

20 Sat. @ noon **RMC Picnic & Charades** at Mossy Glen

## Randolph Hill Road Reconstruction

No more duct tape – the bolts supplied with your vehicle will again hold it together. No more will the water run both through the culverts and over them. You can now cut your hair shorter as you won't need the extra padding that came in handy as you travelled the Hill road. The bids are in and construction should be under way as you read this.

Many of you have asked what this means for you this summer. I'll be right up front. It means noise, dust and inconvenience from May until October. By no means will this be summer as usual on Randolph Hill.

What is your Town doing to ease the pain? There will be a Project Engineer on site to coordinate with the contractor and the Town. If you have a problem, please contact a Selectman. The contractor will provide traffic control to assure emergency services are available if needed.

What can you do? PLAN AHEAD, combine your trips, leave extra time! If you have any special events planned, let a Selectman know well ahead of time, and we will attempt to work through the problem for you. Above all, remain flexible. We live on a dead-end road with no way to reroute traffic.

We're very positive the end results will be satisfying.

We thank you for your cooperation,

The Randolph Select board

Submitted by Ted Wier

### Important Notice

Weekly updates regarding the status of the road construction will be available at the Town web site - <http://www.randolph.nh.gov/RHRnotices.htm>.

## Randolph Summer Reading.... *Something old and something new*

*By Julie Barrow*

Angle of Repose, by Wallace Stegner, is the title for the July 22 book discussion. A Pulitzer Prize winner for 1971, this book is the portrait of a marriage which combines familiar New England-type characters of the nineteenth century with mountain living in the west ... a winning combination for Randolph readers.

Pearl Buck in China, by Hillary Spurling, is a well-written, new (2010) biography of this famous author which focuses on her life in China but also reveals the important role she played in Chinese-American relations. The discussion will take place on August 19th.

Both meetings will take place in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Public Library, beginning at 10:30 with refreshments, followed by discussions from 11 to 12 noon.

All are welcome to this free event. Copies of both books will be available in the library.



## Hop of the Bus Presents a Reader's Theater of the Odyssey

Kai Parlett, Elizabeth Miccuci, Blake and Austin Scarinza, Yvonne Jenkins, Phoebe Ross

*And for the children .....*

## One World, Many Stories

*Submitted by Yvonne Jenkins*

The Library is excited to announce its 2011 Summer Reading Program, "**One World, Many Stories**". We will experience many different world cultures through books, food, games, and activities. This six-week program will begin on July 13. There will be different ways for children of all ages to participate. Story hour will be held for children age 3 through grade 3 on Wednesday afternoons 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Stop by the library for more information and be sure to watch for announcements in the Weekly.

## Backcountry Skiing in Randolph's Community Forest

By Doug Mayer

Early last winter, I bumped into Randolph Community Forest Forester Walt Winturri in Gorham. "We've been doing some harvesting that has opened up what I bet is some pretty darned good skiing," he mentioned in passing, "You ought to check it out."

Like many in Randolph, I find it hard not to smile when moving over snow on skis, whether in the forests outside our door, at Great Glen or Wildcat, or in King Ravine, "across the street". So, when Walt casually alluded to new ski opportunities, the idea planted itself firmly in my mind, and stayed there throughout a December and January that were, generally speaking, pretty lackluster when it came to deep white drifts.

The weather eventually changed, however, and Walt's hunch proved to be a good one. This past January, February and March a band of Randolph and Gorham backcountry skiers—myself, along with Ben Schott, Anthony Brezzo and Steph Kelliher, shared the lowdown on their explorations, and pieced together maps of new skidder roads, open hardwoods, wildlife clearings, old woods roads and other useful bits of ski "beta".

What we found was that recent harvesting on the Community Forest has created an impressive collection of remarkably user-friendly, low-key backcountry skiing routes. We have, on the Crescent Range, a unique combination of RMC trails, snowmobile routes, logging roads and recent harvesting. Connecting the dots can yield tours with views from the Mahoosucs to Owls Head, telemark turns through scenic openings down the slopes of Mount Crescent, glades high on Crescent Ridge between Mount Randolph and Mount Crescent, and even an all-day tour around the Crescent Range that incorporates Pond of Safety.

A few of our favorite ski routes from this past winter included:

Heading up RMC's Carlton Notch Trail, crossing Carlton Brook, turning west off the trail and skiing through beautiful, open hardwoods. After fifteen minutes, one reaches a dramatic new wildlife open with beautiful views of the Northern Peaks. Above the clearing, hardwood glades lead all the way to the Crescent Ridge Trail, just below Lafayette viewpoint. From

here, skiers can ski the glades and the wildlife opening, then head down any one of three skid roads to the Jimtown snowmobile trail (shown on the RMC hiking map), and back to Randolph Hill Road.

Skiing RMC's Mount Crescent Trail to its junction with Boothman Spring Cutoff. At the junction, turn into the woods and head roughly east, through young hardwoods. In 10 minutes, skiers reach a series of connected wildlife openings near Cook Path. These clearings climb steadily but gently, and have a great angle for relaxed telemark turns.

Start with the ski route just mentioned, but at the very top of the connected wildlife openings, at about 2500 feet on Mount Crescent and only about 200 yards east of the Mount Crescent Trail, follow an old logging road as it twists and turns up high, with great views towards Maine. After perhaps twenty minutes, this leads to a smile-filled, two-mile, effortless, downhill coast on logging roads, eventually ending at the Jimtown snowmobile trail just above its crossing with the Ice Gulch Path.

Other possibilities abound. Several of these routes can be easily connected with an old logging road south of the Jimtown snowmobile trail, which in turn leads to the ski trails on Hersh Cross' property and then down to Durand Road. Together with some of the above options, one can ski from Crescent Ridge all the way to Durand Road!

We hope to explore with the Forest Commission the possibility of tidying up several of these routes this coming summer and fall, and writing up descriptions in enough detail so they can be shared among town residents interested in such adventures on skis. The routes are truly backcountry in nature: there are no signs, climbing skins are very helpful if not quite necessary, rocks and stumps abound during low snow, and sensible woods judgment is a prerequisite for a happy few hours out.

This past winter's experience of uncovering such great, new skiing opportunities is a good reminder of what a remarkable asset we share in the Randolph Community Forest, and how lucky we are to have it in our town.

See "skiing", next page ....

"Skiing", continued .....

Our winter of explorations on the Community Forest yielded many good times—evening skis up high with headlamps glowing, spring days of corn snow, and lots of laughs and good conversations. During one such conversation, we also created Randolph's newest organization: the Randolph Society for the Advancement of Backcountry Skiing. The new organization has no membership, no dues, will never apply for a grant, and has no charter or mission. It may however, hold a Tea—exactly six months after the July 4 Tea at the Kenyon's Barn on Randolph Hill Road. Far up on the slopes of the Community Forest, perhaps next winter we'll serve hot tea among friends, and ask each other a question that's reminiscent of the warmer-weather tea, save with a new twist: "Great to see you! And how was your summer?"



Woods road. Doug Mayer photo

### Fourth of July Tea

The RMC Fourth of July Tea will take place on Monday, July 4th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Road.

*Please note that we may have additional instructions about parking because the road will be under construction at that time.*

Sarah Gallop & Barb Phinney, RMC Social Event Co-Chairs

### Randolph Students Graduate from Gorham High School's Class of 2011

Nathan Currier, son of Kathy Currier of Randolph and Doug Currier of Vermont will continue his education.

Rachel Ross graduated with honors. She will attend White Mountains Community College in the General Studies program. Rachel is the daughter of Robert and Robin Ross of Durand Rd.

Christa Rousseau will attend White Mountains Community College in the Teacher Preparatory program. She is the daughter of Kevin and Patricia Rouseau of Durand Rd.

Catherine Temme, graduated with honors. She will be attending Emmanuel College in the Neuroscience program. She is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Suzanne Temme of Wood Spring Rd.

## The Randolph Forest Day and Annual Tour

By David Willcox with the Randolph Forest Commission

Ten years ago next December, the Town of Randolph received from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) the title to 10,198 acres of land once owned by the Hancock Timber Resources Group: The Randolph Community Forest was born.

This year the annual Forest Day will be a celebration of the anniversary. It will be held, as usual, on the first Saturday in August, which this year is August 6<sup>th</sup>. In looking back over the ten year management history of the Community Forest, there are many specific achievements and accomplishments which might be recognized. But one element stands out above all others. It is therefore wholly appropriate that the theme of this year's anniversary forest tour will focus on the close working relationship which has grown up between the Town and the United States Forest Service (FS).

The celebration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the new parking lot at the western end of the Pond of Safety Road. The parking lot can be easily reached by car by turning off U.S. Route 2 in the Town of Jefferson onto Ingerson Road almost immediately opposite the Six Gun City amusement park. Drive in about one mile to reach the intersection with the Pond of Safety Road where Ingerson Road veers left. Drive straight for a couple of hundred feet on the Pond of Safety Road. Then, just past an open gate, turn left into the parking lot.

Participants will be welcomed by the Randolph Forest Commission which will begin the event with the installation of a new sign, commemorating the Community Forest and all of the financial and technical assistance the Town received to make it possible. A brief description of the relationship between the Town and the Forest Service and how it came about will be followed by comments from members of the

Forest Service and from some of the other people and organizations that played key roles in the establishment of the Community Forest.

The field trip will begin around 10:30. It will move up the Pond of Safety Road led by the professional Forestry Team, which has provided excellent programs in previous years. Members of the Forest Commission and of the Forest Service will be on hand for questions and discussions. The stops will be used to describe aspects of recent management activities which have been, or are being, carried out. A recently created permanent opening will provide the backdrop for a discussion of the need to increase softwoods for animal habitat and a description of the permanent transects being established in the Forest, and how they will work.

A second stop at a recent timber harvest site will offer an opportunity to discuss the role in the forest ecosystem of wetlands and beaver ponds and how water quality is maintained. A third stop on a recently installed road bridge will be used to illustrate the extensive road network in the Forest and highlight the cooperation between the Town and Forest Service in maintaining it. The final stop will be at the Pond of Safety, where the Forest Service is expected to make an important presentation.

All are welcome to participate. Feel free to come to the parking lot but not go on the field trip or to join the field trip at 10:30 after the initial celebration. The field trip will not involve any long hikes, but those who go on it are reminded to wear shoes appropriate for moderately rough terrain and to bring a lunch and mosquito repellent. Children as young as 6 years of age should enjoy the experience. For more information or directions contact David Willcox at (603) 466-5104 or by e-mail to [dlw@ncia.net](mailto:dlw@ncia.net).

## Randolph Art Show

Attention all artists and photographers! It's time to register for the 14th Annual Randolph Art Show. Please contact Betsy Hess at [mchess@ncia.net](mailto:mchess@ncia.net) or at (603) 466-5718 for more information. We would love to have new contributors.



Angela Brown photo

## What's Cooking in Randolph?

By Dede Aube

A sure sign of spring in Northern New Hampshire is rhubarb. Vibrant shoots nudge their heads out of the ground and wait for the sun to burnish them. The rays paint the stalks speckled pink or ruby red making them ready for a home-made rhubarb pie. As a child I remember dipping tender shoots into a dish of sugar and eating it like candy. My grandmother taught me to use the thick woody stalks for rhubarb compote. We would cut the stalks into 1" pieces, add sugar and a little water and cook them over a low heat for about 5 minutes and then serve on toast (sometimes we added strawberries). I now make this with my own granddaughter, Emily, who originally was sure she didn't like the bitter taste of rhubarb and now can't wait for a spring treat of rhubarb and strawberries on toast.

Nancy Penny found a compote recipe in the book Earth to Table by Jeff Crump and Bettina Schormann. Here, the chef adds  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup brown sugar to 1 lb. of cut rhubarb stalks (leaves removed, of course) and 2 tbs. of water. He cooks the mixture over low heat, stirring occasionally until rhubarb is tender, about 5 minutes. He drains the rhubarb, and discards the juices, and then creates a **rhubarb fool** gently folding three cups of whipping cream (in two batches) into the rhubarb compote.

Marie Beringer and Yvonne Jenkins submitted comparable recipes for:

### Rhubarb Tea.

In a saucepan, place 4 cups of diced rhubarb with 4 cups of water. Simmer until rhubarb is very tender, about 20-25 minutes. Strain and discard the pulp.

Add grated rind from 1 lemon or orange and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved.

Serve hot or chill and serve over ice with a sprig of mint. Marie, who found this as an old Shaker recipe says to triple it for 8 people. Yvonne found the recipe from the Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Marie also submitted a recipe for:

### Rhubarb Pudding Cake.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes

Cut 4-5 rhubarb stalks in 1 inch pieces and place them in an 8 inch pan

Combine and pour over the rhubarb:

1 cup of flour	1 tsp. baking powder
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt

1 Tb. of melted butter	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup milk (add more if the batter becomes too thick)	

Create a topping with:

1/2 cup of sugar	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 Tb. Cornstarch	

Sprinkle topping over the batter. Pour 1 cup of boiling water over the top. Do not stir. Good luck, Marie

Here is one more fabulous sounding recipe submitted by Lynn Hunt for:

### Rhubarb Cheesecake Squares

Bake 350 degrees for 35-40 min. Cool for 1 hour--refrigerate for 2 hrs.

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour	
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. old-fashioned oats	
$\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown sugar	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cold butter (or substitute)	
8 oz. cream cheese softened	
$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar	
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt	
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla	
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon	
1/8 tsp gr. nutmeg	
1 egg, lightly beaten	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb	
1. Combine flour, oats, and brown sugar.	
2. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set 1 c. of crumb mixture aside.	
3. Press remaining crumb mixture onto the bottom of a greased 9 in. square baking pan.	
4. For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in salt, vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add egg until combined. Stir in rhubarb. Pour #4 over crust. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture over top.	



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page 19 ....

Luscious rhubarb  
at the Grand  
View. B. Arnold  
photo.

## Big Moose Bach Fest Receives a Grant

*By Susan Ferré*

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded a grant of \$4,500 to Music in the Great North Woods in order to help "create a third national level Bach Fest, making the North Country a destination." The funds are made available from the Art Ventures Fund for NNHF.

The Big Moose Bach Fest takes place on Labor Weekend with concerts in Randolph, Berlin and Gorham. This year's Bach Fest, now in its third season, will begin with a lecture Saturday morning, September 3rd, on Bach and Math at Randolph Town Hall. From there it moves to St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts with two of this country's top Bach performers, Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes, playing both the organ and harpsichord in a complete presentation of the monumental Clavierübung III.

In the evening on Saturday a concert at the newly restored Gorham Town Hall will feature guest baritone, David Grogan, from Fort Worth, TX, and tenor, Christian Labnon, from Berlin, NH, singing solo cantatas accompanied by musicians playing instruments of the period.

On Sunday afternoon the festival will finish at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Berlin with choral works sung by a select group of singers under the direction of Susan Ferré, once again accompanied by musicians playing instruments original to the period. In addition to the nationally known guest artists and scholars who will participate, local musicians are introduced to singing and playing styles



Big Moose Board Members l to r: Katherine Baublis, Betsy Hess, Susan Ferré, Fran Gardner-Smith, Angela Brown, Gail Scott; and not shown: Michie Akin  
Angela Brown photo.

appropriate to the music and time period in which it was written.

"This show of support for the Bach Fest comes at a critical time," says Board President, Betsy Hess, "as we expand our offerings, while making the festival open to the public without charge. Donations are accepted, but no tickets will be required." The previous festivals have attracted listeners from as far away as Boston and California. "If we put it together at the level we've achieved in the past, this event will continue to draw fans. The grant helps us attain that goal," she adds, "and we are grateful."

**More information:** **603-326-3242 or 466-2865,** [www.musicgnw.org](http://www.musicgnw.org), [info@earthlink.net](mailto:info@earthlink.net)

## Big Moose Bach Fest

Labor Day Weekend

### September 3, Saturday

- 10:00 am Victor Hill, Lecture on Bach and Math, Randolph Town Hall, Randolph
- 2:30 pm Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes, Clavierübung III, Master Organ Series, organ and harpsichord, St. Kieran Community Center or the Arts, Berlin
- 7:30 pm Concert of chamber music, solo cantatas, Gorham Town Hall, Gorham

### September 4, Sunday

- 4:30 pm Choral works, original instruments, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin

## Music in the Great North Woods - 2011 Summer Concerts

July 7, Thurs, 7:00 pm

Susan Ferré, Master Organ Series, *The Walled City of Gold*, Organ recital with narrative, St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin

July 14, Thurs, 7:30 pm

Ann Labounsky, Master Organ Series, Bastille Day program of French music and Improvisation, Gorham Congregational UCC Church, Gorham

July 16, Saturday, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Improvisation Workshop with Ann Labounsky, at private residence in Jackson, co-sponsored by the NH Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Mountain Top Music Center

July 31, Sun, 4:00 pm

*A Bach Family Affair* with Heywood Alexander, Ernie Drown, harpsichords, Beth Hilgartner, recorder, Linda Alexander, flute, The Randolph Church, Randolph

August 12, Fri, 7:30 pm

David Westfall, Erard piano, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin

August 14, Sun, 4:00 pm

Michie Akin, piano, organ, singers, Liszt *Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)*, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin.

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Sunday's at 8:00 pm

Compline, a sung service of chant, candlelight and incense, for the blessing of a quiet night, St. Barnabas Episcopal, Berlin

## WEEKS ACT CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE



Join in this family-friendly day celebrating our forests and all they offer. Activities include forest explorations and field trips, woodland demonstrations, conservation displays, storytelling, music, and much more.

**WHEN: JULY 29TH, 2011. 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: THE MOUNT WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD IN PINKHAM NOTCH, NH**

**WHY: TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE WEEKS ACT**



This free, public event is part of a coordinated New Hampshire effort celebrating the Weeks Act Centennial and honoring the tradition of conservation and partnerships exemplified by the Act. For more information go to [www.WeeksLegacy.org](http://www.WeeksLegacy.org) or call 603.536.6100.

## Randolph Remembers

### Guy Mermier

By Martha Mermier

Guy Mermier, Professor Emeritus of French, died unexpectedly on March 23, 2011. He was a teacher and scholar of medieval French literature in the department of Romance Languages and Literature at the University of Michigan.

Guy was born in 1931 in Grenoble, France where he received his License and his Diplome D'Etudes Supérieures degrees from the University of Grenoble. He came to the United States on a Fulbright grant to Amherst College. On his return trip to France by ship, he met Martha Brinton. After a year of additional studies in Grenoble, he came back to the United States and obtained his doctorate in Romance Languages and Literature at the University of Pennsylvania. Guy and Martha were married during this period and had two daughters, Catherine and Christine. After receiving his Ph.D., Guy came to the University of Michigan where he remained as professor until his retirement in 1997.

Guy was recognized as a dedicated teacher and colleague. He received many awards including recognition as an academic advisor and excellence in education award. He directed the Medieval and Renaissance Collegium, an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in Medieval and Renaissance studies. The French government honored him by admitting him to the "ordre des Palme Académiques", first at the rank of "chevalier" and subsequently as "officier". Guy directed the Michigan-Wisconsin academic year in Aix-en-Provence three times. In addition to his many activities as a teacher, his publications include many scholarly books, articles, editions and translations of major old French text. Just before his death he was translating a 15<sup>th</sup> century manuscript in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. This past summer he was honored as a fellow by the Mediterranean Studies Association.

Colleagues say that Guy will be remembered by generations of Michigan students as a learned, warm and dynamic teacher, as a promoter of medieval studies and a kind academic advisor and mentor. His family will remember him for his generosity of spirit, his fine sense of humor and his kindness and love.

Guy and Martha travelled widely during their 57 years of marriage but they always came to Randolph for the month of August. Their love of the White Mountains resulted in their hiking extensively in the French and Swiss Alps and the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Guy is survived by his wife Martha, his two daughters Catherine and Christine, son-in-law, Jeff and granddaughters, Alexandra and Elizabeth, his sister, Yvette and his brother, Paul as well as many nieces and nephews both in France and the United States.



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