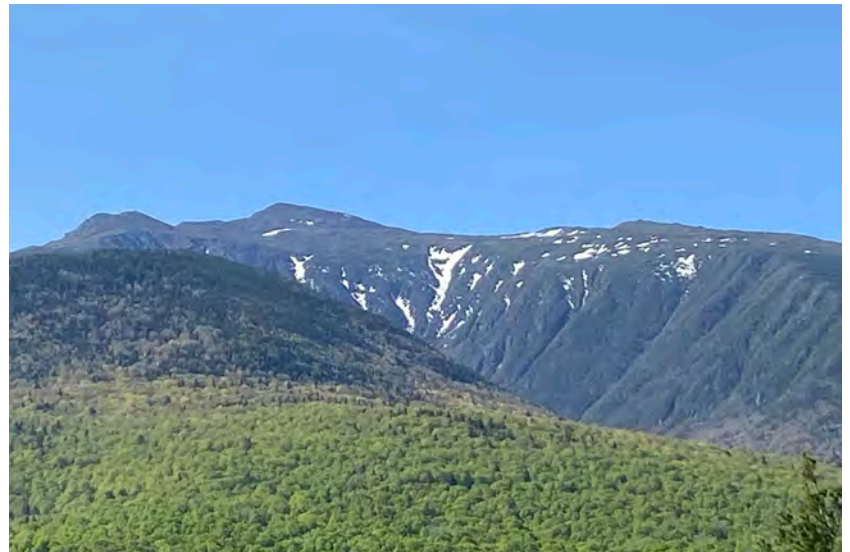


# Mountain View



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*Top left: Never too Early to Think of Summer by Martha Sappington; Top right: From Nepali Bridge by Alison Tomlinson; Middle left: Fan Rock by Dave Tomlinson; Middle right: Waiting for the Seven to Break by Sarah Gallop. Bottom left: Spring Blooms Through the Years by Carol Ryder Horton*

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## June Bicentennial Quilt Report

Barbara Arnold

A quick update about the Bicentennial Quilt for the June Mountain View: People who have volunteered to make squares for the quilt are hard at work. Unless you have made other arrangements, squares are due in Randolph by the end of June. The backing material is ready for signatures. Please check the Randolph Weekly for where they will be located for you to add your signature. Our goal is to have as many people as possible sign them, full time residents, seasonal residents, families, young people, visitors, anyone who is or has been connected to Randolph in any way. The signatures must be written in permanent marker and there will be one with each piece of backing.

If you are having a gathering and would like a backing piece available, please feel free to contact me

(Barbara Arnold, 403 Randolph Hill Road; Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com, 603-466-2438/603-723-3830). If you take a piece, please treat it gently and respectfully. There will be other people's signatures on it. The piece will be in a folder to protect it and keep it flat; a marker will be with it. Return both to me as soon as you are finished.

We hope for and anticipate many people will want to sign the back of the quilt. When you sign it, please respect the need to write legibly, large enough to read your name but not so large it takes too much room; we know children will write larger, that's OK. We are discouraging notes of more than 4 or 5 words or drawings that take up too much room. Look in the Weekly for a call for helpers to start putting it all together in August/September.

## RMC Summer Events

Redza Dempster

**Tuesday, July 4**  
**3 - 5 PM**  
 98 Randolph Hill Rd

### The Tea

Please come kick off the season at Mark and Kathleen Kelley's great lawn. Join us for punch, iced tea, and delicious baked goods. Catch up on the latest Club news; meet this year's trail crew and caretakers; stock up on new merchandise; sign up to lead a hike; and connect with friends, new and old. Help us bring together all the Club's generations at this event.

**Friday, July 28**  
**6:30 PM**  
 115 Main St. Gorham

### The Annual Dinner

A wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fundraising for the club. There will be both a live and silent auction. Always a sell out. Reserve seats early at [rmcevents.org/event-details/annual-dinner-rmc](http://rmcevents.org/event-details/annual-dinner-rmc)

**TBD Early August**  
**10:30 AM**  
 Meet at Randolph East

### The Gourmet Hike

Returns to Pine Mountain Ledge; we will carpool to the Pine Mtn. trailhead on Pinkham B (Dolly Copp Rd) and ascend via the Ledge Trail. Three miles round trip; a shorter ascent from Horton Center will be available for those who wish to take it. Bring a favorite dish to share.

**Saturday, August 5**  
**Time TBD**

### The Geology Hike

Dyk Eusden will lead a group to Star Lake between Mt. Madison and Mt. Adams. More information will follow.

**Saturday, August 12**  
**7 PM**  
 Town Hall

### The Annual Meeting

Following the RMC board meeting there will be a presentation on the El Camino de Costa Rica. Open to all.

**Thursday, August 17**  
**7 PM**  
 Town Hall

### Songs for a Summer Evening

Join us for an evening of music with Bill Minifie, Heywood Alexander, Keith Dempster, Thomas Strayhorn, and friends. Concert to benefit the RMC with refreshments served following the performance.

**Saturday, August 19**  
**12 - 2 PM**  
 Mossy Glen Amphitheater off Durand Road

### The 110th Annual Picnic and Charades

Bring a picnic lunch and your own mug (punch provided). Rides up to Mossy Glen are available. Sign up now to lead your part of town.

**3 - 6 PM**  
 Durand Lake  
**7:30 - 9:30 PM**  
 232 Randolph Hill Rd

### Food, Drinks and Swimming

Join us for some fun after Charades on the shores of Durand Lake!

### The Barn Dance

After a 4 year hiatus, the RMC benefit square dance returns to the Beringers' Barn at Sugar Plum Farm! Join us for an evening full of fun and dancing. Thanks to Elizabeth and Ginger Beringer and family for their ongoing sponsorship. All ages and experience levels are welcome!

**Saturday, August 26**  
**Time TBD**

### The Ornithology Hike

Join Anne and David Forysth. More details to follow

*Check the RMC website and Randolph Weekly for up-to-date information.*

### We Need Volunteers!

Help is needed for all of the above events. Would you like to help out at the Tea to welcome people, bake or serve punch, leading your section of the Charades, or donate a raffle item? Please sign up at [rmcevents.org/rmc-volunteer](http://rmcevents.org/rmc-volunteer)

### Questions?

Ginny Folsom Umiker and Redza Dempster, RMC Events, Co-Chairs [events@randolphmountainclub.org](mailto:events@randolphmountainclub.org)



## Celebration 2024 – Time to Get Involved

Sarah Gallop and Guy Stever



Randolph's bicentennial anniversary is nearly upon us! Activities will take place throughout 2024 – with a celebratory weekend planned for August 2nd through 4th (mark your calendars!) We'd like to

give you an update on the plans and ask that you let us know what you'd like to work on.

### Projects that Need Volunteers 2024 Celebration Weekend

The bicentennial weekend will include events for everyone. Ideas include a parade, hymn sing, square dance, BBQ dinner, softball game, trail race, water-based competitions, fireworks, a community breakfast – really, the possibilities are endless! Would you be willing to organize one of these? Charlotte Winchell, and Ryan and Emily Bauer (May family), have volunteered to lead kids' games. Maybe some former Mossbacks would organize a softball game? Importantly, celebration weekend co-lead Anne Post Poole needs another co-lead. What can you help with? Please contact Anne at [annedpost@gmail.com](mailto:annedpost@gmail.com) to let her know what interests you!

### **Bicentennial Float**

Tim Sappington has agreed to work on a Town of Randolph bicentennial float for the Gorham Fourth of July parade and the 2024 Celebration Weekend. He needs some assistance though! If you would like to help out, please be in touch with Tim at [sappingtondesign@gmail.com](mailto:sappingtondesign@gmail.com).



### **Other Good Ideas**

During the course of 2024, we could do all kinds of things, but the only activities that will actually happen are those that people volunteer to organize! So, which of these fun things might you like to plan? Let us know at [seg@mit.edu](mailto:seg@mit.edu) or [guy.stever@gmail.com](mailto:guy.stever@gmail.com).

### Projects that are Done or Moving Along Nicely **The Bicentennial Logo**

Thank you, Steve Teczar! (See above.)

### **Re-Enactment of the Rendezvous**

Sally Micucci and Heather Wiley are organizing an old fashioned "Rendezvous" for July 2024. If that's not familiar to you, it was an annual event where a location was chosen for a community picnic lunch and people hiked to the destination by many different approaches. They have already been scoping out possible venues!

### **Bicentennial Postcard/Photo Calendar**

Guy Stever, Scott Meiklejohn, Bill Minifie, and Peter Rowan are working together to create a calendar of historic Randolph-related postcards and images that will be for sale.

### **Randolph NH Celebrates 200 Years**

Judy Hudson is updating the Randolph, N.H. 150 Years book which was published for the town's sesquicentennial in 1974. The bicentennial book includes 11 articles written by various authors on a variety of topics primarily covering the last 50 years of town history. The finished product will be distributed free of charge to every Randolph household and additional copies will be available for purchase.

### **Bicentennial Quilt**

Barbara Arnold and the quilt committee (Anne Post Poole, Carol Doyle, Betsy Rising Segura, Katie Kelley, Laura Brockett, Lauren Bradley, and Sally Micucci) are organizing the creation of a town quilt that will reflect the Randolph community at large. The 48x60" quilt will feature a combination of squares and panels representing seasons, animals, birds, old hotels, landscapes, celebrations, flowers, cottages, people, weather, landmarks, sports, and other activities and scenery.

### **Placing Randolph on the State Historical Register**

Tim Sappington is working with others (Tad Pfeffer and Judy Hudson) on an application to the State Council on Historic Resources for the placement of the Town of Randolph on the State Historical Register. The submission will cover the town's early settlers and history, significant historical figures and events, homes and farms, hotels and taverns, and other notable elements.

### **Bicentennial Medal**

Sculptor Michael Evert (husband of Elizabeth Cutter Evert) is designing a bicentennial medal for the 2024 celebration. Some may remember that there was a medal for Randolph's sesquicentennial, so we are very excited to have one for the town's 200th year. Michael is working on a hiker design for the front and a landscape

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drawing for the back. The medals will be for sale during the bicentennial year.

### **LIDAR Project**

Tad Pfeffer is gathering data about early Randolph settlers from county and state archives and will integrate that information with his LIDAR imagery showing the locations of old stone walls in town. How cool is that?

### **Bicentennial Film**

Stone and Adrian Johnson (sons of Julianne and Barry Johnson) are creating a short film about Randolph. Their objective is to capture the essence of the town by documenting community life, events, organizations, people, values, nature, and landscapes. The film will be premiered at a community reception during the bicentennial. Afterwards, it will be posted to the Randolph Foundation YouTube channel.

### **Polo/Tee Shirts**

Guy Stever has been working with a designer on a smaller secondary logo that depicts a female hiker to print on shirts and other merchandise. The design is a combination of the Randolph Foundation's mountain logo and the Town of Randolph's hiker logo.



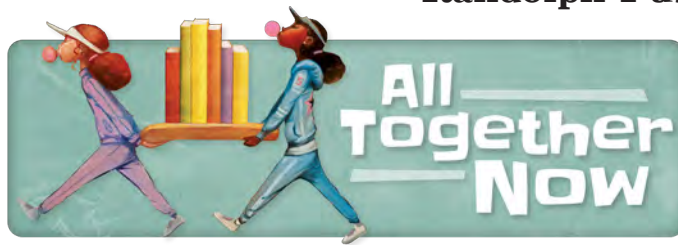
### **Randolph Public Library**

The library will also be planning community events which you know will be awesome!

### **None of this Would Happen**

Without the support of the Randolph Foundation and the Town of Randolph — and YOU!

## **Randolph Public Library News**



### **All Together Now!**

With the pandemic officially behind us, Library programming will focus around the appropriate summer reading theme "ALL TOGETHER NOW". Let's all keep that mantra in mind when joining in activities and programs here at the Library, and also with other groups and organizations offering wonderful opportunities for fun and growth this summer.

**Seven Contest.** By now, someone is the lucky winner of the "When Will the Seven Break" contest. We had 63 participants this year, with guesses ranging from April 16th through June 16th. Since beginning the contest in 2018, the earliest winning date was May 14th in 2022 and the latest June 5th in 2020. Thank you to everyone who entered.

**Sustainable Libraries Initiative.** The Library's involvement with the Randolph Energy Efficiency Project has prompted the Library to join the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and develop a Sustainability Policy. This includes striving towards the "triple bottom line" of sustainability; embodying practices that are environmentally sound and economically feasible and socially equitable. We hope to collaborate with other Town organizations to make this a community wide effort. One of our current goals is to reduce energy costs and our carbon footprint with the installation of solar panels. Several grant applications are in progress.

**Yvonne Jenkins**

**Winter/Spring Wrap-up.** The Mildred Horton Book Group has had a successful comeback and will resume again in September. Our collaboration with other North Country libraries, known as the Great North Woods Libraries (GNWL), offered four winter/spring presentations with attendees joining in from across the country.

**Community Read.** The GNWL's will once again host a community read at each individual library this summer. The title chosen is *A Deep Presence - 13,000 Years of Native American History* by Robert Goodby, culminating with a live Zoom presentation with the author on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023. Watch for the specific details in the Weekly. Copies of the book will be available at the Library.

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Electric Vehicle Showcase.** The Library is very excited to be holding an Electric Vehicle Showcase on Saturday, July 8th from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. A variety of electric vehicles will be on display along with other information. Test drive an EV, learn about new vehicles, and connect with fellow EV enthusiasts. This program is in partnership with Clean Energy NH.

**Book & Bake Sale.** By popular request, the annual Book & Bake Sale will take place on July 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Book donations can be left at the Library during regular operating hours. Please do not bring encyclopedias, textbooks, or mass market paperbacks. Setup for the book sale will take place on Friday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help move and sort books. The Friends of the Library will be accepting donations of baked goods beginning at 8:00 a.m. the day of the sale.

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**Summer Reading Program “All Together Now”.** Children’s Story Time will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m. beginning July 12th and running through August 16th. Details will be on the website and in the Randolph Weekly.

Be sure to put **August 2nd** on your calendar as the Library will be welcoming some very special guests from the Squam Lake Science Center’s program “**All Together Now: Be an Earth Hero**”. We can all be Earth Heroes, people caring for and working to protect our planet. During this program, a naturalist from the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will introduce you to three live animals native to NH and share the inspiring stories of three Earth Heroes whose work has helped to ensure their survival. Leave with some ideas of things you can do in your community to be an Earth Hero! This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Randolph Public Library.

**Library After Hours.** We hope to continue what began as an impromptu event in the new shaded garden of the library. Last summer’s inaugural performance was an appearance of the Randolph Mountain Club band featuring Reuben and his harp. Watch for specific dates and performances in the Randolph Weekly. These events will take place on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. A few other programs are in the planning stages, so please

visit our website often and join our email list if you haven’t already.

**In Memoriam.** I cannot end without acknowledging the loss of one of the Randolph Public Library’s greatest champions, Nancy Penney, who passed away on April 26th. Nancy served on the Board of Library Trustees, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Building Committee. She will always be remembered for establishing and hosting, along with her husband Jim, the “Ducks on the Moose” duck race which helped raise money for the building of the new library. She loved reading, discussing books, meeting authors, and especially loved collecting children’s pop-up books, many of which will be on display at the Library this summer. She was an amazing Randolph woman who will be greatly missed but forever remembered at the Randolph Library.

*Photo above: Duck Race 2006 courtesy of Yvonne Jenkins*



## Angela Brown Presented with Silvia Evans Citizenship Award

**Edith Tucker**



Angela Brown was recognized on May 5 as one of the women in northern New Hampshire who makes significant contributions to the area’s families, communities and civic institutions. A Certified Music Practitioner, Angela plays her

portable electronic keyboard both on site and remotely for all ages, from pres-school toddlers to hospitalized patients and nursing home residents. She also plays a number of other roles in the region’s arts community.

Ken Gordon, CEO of the Coos County Family Health Services which organizes the annual Evans Award program, warmly welcomed the audience at the White Mountains Community College in Berlin. He noted that this was the 40th year the award has recognized deserving recipients. Angela Brown is one of 40 women’s names that are engraved on an impressive silver platter.

Angela’s mother, Pamela Hall of Gorham, introduced her daughter, describing her as someone who “reaches beyond herself to uplift and strengthen our community and elsewhere.

Following her mother to the podium, Angela outlined the four attributes she actively seeks as she makes her life choices. “Be something: be patient, kind, authentic and hopeful,” she said. “Make something: make music, art, poetry and friends. Do something: don’t live with regret, but take that first step. Believe in something: in God or a Supreme Being or in someone.” “I am grateful to be, to do, to make and to believe,” she said, adding that she’s thankful for having had so many ways to expand her horizons.

Other family members also enjoyed seeing Angela’s contributions recognized: her husband Dr. Charles Brown, a pathologist who serves at several area hospitals; two daughters – one on hand and the other remotely on Zoom; and her father Corky Hall. 2017 Silvia Evans Award winner Kathleen Kelley of Randolph was also on hand.

Three girls, all public high school seniors in Coös, were also honored with 2023 Young Leadership Awards: Aimee Bousquet of Gorham High School; Erin McCormick of Berlin High School; and Ariana Lord of Colebrook Academy.

*Photo of Angela Brown by Edith Tucker*

## Summer at the Randolph Church!

Susan Ferré and Sarah Gallop

Date	Event
7/2	Worship led by Bill Minifie; Angela Brown, organist
7/9	Worship led by Rev. Betsy Hess & Rev. Ellie McLaughlin; Sandy Patrick, organist
7/16	Worship led by Keith Dempster; Susan Ferré, organist
7/23	Worship led by Rev. Beth Hilgartner; Ernie Drown, organist
7/29	Readings and Reflections for the World at 4 PM
7/30	Worship led by TBD; Winthrop Smith, organist
8/5	Story Slam at 4 PM
8/6	Worship led by Rev. Dick Doyle; Susan Ferré, organist
8/6	Benevolences Concert at 4 PM
8/13	Worship led by Rev. John Weatherly; Heywood Alexander, organist
8/13	Annual Meeting at 11:30 AM led by Rev. John Weatherly
8/20	Worship led by Rev. Jim Edwards; Heywood Alexander, organist
8/27	Worship led by Guy Tombs; Suzanne Ozorak, organist
9/3	Worship led by Sarah Gallop; Susan Ferré, organist

A fabulous lineup of community-based activities will take place this summer at our beloved church. Here is the 2023 schedule. Summer worship is at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Other event times are listed below. Check the Weekly for more details each week!

### Concert for Benevolences

Susan Ferré

In addition to the varied, inspiring morning worship services, the weekend of August 5th and 6th will hold the Story Slam and Concert for Benevolences, always a highlight.

The Sunday afternoon concert will be played this year by the Ferré-Lang Trio: a family affair of hit tunes from the 18th c. played by Carl Ferré-Lang, bassist, with Charles Lang, playing viola da gamba and Susan Ferré, various keyboards. The music will feature works for bowed bass instruments, some with keyboard, of French, Italian and German composers.



### Story Slam 2023

Sarah Gallop and Bill Minifie

The 7th annual Randolph Story Slam will take place on Saturday August 5, 2023 at 4 PM at the Randolph Church, with a reception to follow. Hosted jointly by the Church and the Randolph Foundation, the Story Slam is an opportunity for people to tell 5-minute stories about Randolph-related experiences.

Since 2017, more than 90 people have shared

stories which can be found on the Foundation's YouTube Channel. Attendees are invited to contribute to the Church's benevolences fund which supports the needs of families and individuals in the broader local community. If you would like to tell a story, please be in touch with Sarah at [seg@mit.edu](mailto:seg@mit.edu) or Bill at [whminifie@gmail.com](mailto:whminifie@gmail.com)!

## Readings and Reflections for the World

Sarah Gallop and Mary Minifie

All are invited to gather again this summer for “Readings and Reflections for the World.” This community event will take place on Saturday July 29, 4 PM at the Randolph Church.

Last year, attendees were invited to share secular or spiritual offerings that might provide comfort or empowerment during the challenging times that we’re facing in our nation and beyond. The shared materials were gathered into one community-sourced collection for the participants.

This year, we’d like to focus on the writings of John Philip Newell, a Celtic teacher and author of spirituality who calls the modern world to “reawaken to the

sacredness of Earth and every human being.” We invite you to read (or at least peruse) one or two of his writings in advance, and then we will come together to share our reflections. We are also working on lining up a knowledgeable speaker.

Never read any John Philip Newell? These might be some good options: *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* (2021), *A New Harmony: the Spirt, the Earth, & the Human Soul* (2011), *Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace* (2010), *Celtic Treasures: Daily Scripture and Prayer* (2005) — and there are many others! Check out: <https://www.earthandsoul.org/john-philip-newell>.

## Randolph Remembers

*Remembering Lt. John K. Scarinza (Ret.)*



John Scarinza packed a lot of life, laughter, love and service into his far-too-short 63 years on Earth. John passed away peacefully on Earth Day, April 22, 2023, from a very aggressive form of multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer. He received visits from family and close friends in

his last days and was in his wife Jenn’s arms when he left this world. They were in Boston at Brigham and Women’s Hospital for a treatment that they were very hopeful would slow or stop the cancer. Most people didn’t even know John was sick and that was how he wanted it. He faced this the same way he lived life—head on and never letting up on what was important to him.

John was born on September 25, 1959, in Summit, New Jersey to Vivian Elizabeth (Holmes) Bean and the late John Alfred Scarinza. As a child, John played the accordion at events in the Swedish community. The family often vacationed in Maine, staying in Shelburne along the way, and became fond of the area. They moved to New Hampshire in 1970 and remodeled and opened the Grand View Lodge at the top of Gorham Hill on Route 2. The entire family, including young Johnny, and siblings Susan, Kathryn and Jeffrey, worked at the lodge, restaurant, and gift shop, which today is still operated by his mother Vivian. John was a devoted son, and enjoyed so many traditions with his mom, like cutting her Christmas tree, helping to plant her garden, and cooking Swedish dishes.

Beginning as a young boy, John embraced everything in the outdoors. The family had farm animals and John loved to garden. He spent long hours in the woods—fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, sugaring, hiking and observing—laying the foundation for becoming the woodsman and steward of the land that he became. He started tapping trees for making syrup very early on, under the tutelage of several old-timers, and soon took over one of the Grand View cabins as his sugarhouse. He boiled sap there until he and Jenn built their new timberframe sugarhouse on the north side of Route 2 in 2010.

John graduated from Gorham High School in 1977 and was hired by the Gorham Police Department in 1979. He liked to tell that the PD told him they could “keep chasing him or he could join them.” This was the beginning of a distinguished career that spanned more than 30 years. He was hired by the NH State Police in 1982, and rose through the ranks to become Lieutenant Commander of Troop F based in Twin Mountain, before retiring in 2009. He continued to work in an auxiliary role for State Police and Coos County Sheriff’s Department. He was twice appointed Interim Police Chief for the town of Gorham. He served as a Randolph Police Deputy and Gorham Code Enforcement Officer. He was the lead detective for the “Jefferson Fires” investigation in 1988, and he was sergeant of the shift involved with the Colebrook shootings in 1997. Most of all, John was known as an officer with heart; he was dedicated to his law enforcement role, and did it with fairness and compassion.

John wasn’t one to be idle. In addition to his police work, he operated his John K. Scarinza Builder business, doing everything from new construction, remodeling, septic systems, plowing, and field mowing. In recent years, this included opening and closing cottages for Randolph summer residents, and taking care of any issues



*Remembering John Scarinza continued...*

that arose for them. He was a true craftsman and seemed to be able to solve or fix anything. In 1988, he and a crew built the house at 375 Randolph Hill that he called home ever since.

John was a dedicated community leader, particularly in Randolph. Beginning in 1997 and culminating in 2001, John, along with Walter Graff and David Willcox, spearheaded the creation of the Randolph Community Forest (RCF), which now encompasses over 12,000 acres of land, and is a model for community forests around the world. As Chairman of the Forest Commission, John very much enjoyed helping to sustainably manage the land for multiple purposes of timber harvest, wildlife habitat and a maple sugaring lease, as well as being involved with planning the annual Forest Day. He was very proud that the RCF will be part of his legacy.

He chaired the Randolph Planning Board and the Coos County Planning Board, and was a board member of



the Coos County Conservation Commission. He previously served on the Randolph Foundation and was on the RMC Board from 2008 to 2014, including as president for four years. John was pleased to have helped with projects such as the new trailhead at the end of Randolph

Hill Road, Pond of Safety access, and the trail to Rollo Fall. He was a founding member of the North Country Public Safety Council Foundation, which recognizes excellence in police, fire and EMS professionals while raising funds to help families in need. In 2003, he received the Steward of the North Country Working Landscape Award. Recently, between cancer treatments, John found energy to help coordinate the collection of ballistic vests from retired New Hampshire police officers to send to Ukraine and help protect military and first responders in the rescue of civilians in the war zone. John was always willing to help; he made good things happen, and did them well. His wide variety of talents and interests included flower and vegetable gardening, woodworking, photography, matting and framing, beekeeping, paddling, fishing, keeping chickens, growing and foraging for mushrooms, and apparently, practicing the accordion. On one special occasion — the annual RMC square dance at Beringer's

Barn — John surprised Jenn by joining the fiddle band with his accordion to play their wedding song. He had secretly gotten a new accordion and practiced late at night, for months. When the Zimand Cottage next door became available, he added it to the “homestead” so he could put in apple trees and blueberry and raspberry bushes for Jenn, as well as expand their already oversized garden. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, John just loved being in the woods and never missed a deer season. He spoke with great fondness of going to “Marcou’s Camp” and hunting with friends and brother Jeff. John could be relied on to bring home a deer, and he loved to make venison meals for family and friends, as he was a wonderful cook.

John was content doing projects at home, and was happy on days when he “never left the hill,” but also loved to travel. As a young man, he enjoyed going with Freeman Holden and stepfather Tommy Bean to fish in Miramichi, New Brunswick. He looked forward to summer visits to family places in Boothbay and Lake Umbagog. In 1987, he accompanied his grandmother (Mormor) to Sweden to visit her sisters, and returned there with his mother and Jenn in 2011. John and Jenn traveled to Alaska on a belated honeymoon trip, to Cape Breton to stay with the Arnolds, to Newfoundland with the Bradleys, and went hiking out west.

John loved being “Uncle Johnny” and watching his nieces and nephews in their sports and other adventures. He was especially happy about introducing nephews Austin and Blake to backpacking in the mountains close to home. Starting with day hikes when they were very young, extending to overnights at the huts, and culminating with a trip up Mt. Katahdin in 2019, he and Jenn loved taking trips with them. He feigned disappointment but was so very proud when the boys announced one summer that they were going to spend the night at Crag Camp and come down for the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast and RMC Charades, and no, in fact, they did not need Uncle Johnny to chaperone; he had taught them well and they were prepared!

John’s lifelong passion for making maple syrup led to meeting his future wife, Jenn. Mutual friend and Randolph sugarmaker Bob Ross had shared information about each of them to the other; later they met by chance at a sugarhouse on Maple Sunday 2004. Each spring, they have tapped 600 trees and loved having people visit the sugarhouse while they were boiling. In 2020, Scarinza’s Sugarhouse won the Carlisle Award for the best syrup in NH. John said that of his many awards and commendations, this was one he was most pleased with.

Jenn and John got engaged in their sugarhouse on Maple Sunday 2012, and were married in September 2013 in “the wedding field” at Sky Meadow/Kenyon Farm, where several other Randolph couples have been mar-

Remembering John Scarinza continued...



ried over the years. True to his habit of doing things in grand style, John built an elaborate timber frame arbor for the ceremony, and presented Jenn with a fiddle as a wedding present. In their vows to each other, Jenn and John serendipitously made promises about sharing their secret fiddlehead locations, and each spring, John would gather them into his hat to bring home. They spent their honeymoon at RMC Crag Camp. In 2020, when the Kenyon Farm and field came up for sale, John could not bear the uncertainty of what might happen to what he called "Jenn's field." He bought it so it will remain open and protected forever. One of John's last big projects was to replace the foundation under the Sky Meadow barn so that will also be solid for generations to come.

Of all his roles, being a wonderful husband and father was his greatest source of pride and happiness.



Jenn and John had son Ethan in May of 2021 and he was the absolute light of John's life. John embraced every part of being Ethan's daddy and delighted in each new word and development. He would go to buy supplies for work and come home with a stuffed animal. He laughed about how someday Ethan

would probably "hide all his tools." John loved the simple things with Ethan, like playing in the snow, watching wildlife, reading stories, and showing him how to make a pumpkin pie and "drive" the excavator. He was so proud of the happy, kind little person that Ethan is becoming. John was looking forward to teaching Ethan about all

the fun activities that he and Jenn shared. Their story is one of true love, and this will be carried on in Ethan and the beautiful life that John built for his family. He was always doing things, big and little, to take care of them, right up to his final weeks. A genuinely generous and thoughtful man, John's biggest concern was constantly for the wellbeing of his family.

John was a masterful, animated storyteller! Everyone who knew him has a memory of John telling a story, be it on the porch, in the sugarhouse, at the Story Slam, or stopped on the side of the road. Without much prompting, he'd launch into a wonderful story about policework, town events, or a joke on himself that had everyone laughing.

In honor of this, Jenn would like to collect YOUR memories of John to be printed in a keepsake book for Ethan. She invites you to send stories directly to her by mail, by email at [jbarton@ttlc.net](mailto:jbarton@ttlc.net), or go to <https://fondfol.io/3LrWDzR> (or scan the QR code)

This could be a treasured memory, a story about John, or one of your favorite stories that he told.



The family encourages those who knew and loved John to honor his memory by donating blood and/or platelets, of which he received numerous pints during treatment. Contributions may be made to an organization of your choice or the new John Scarinza Memorial Scholarship, (checks made out to The Randolph Foundation, and mailed to PO Box 283, Gorham, NH 03581) which will provide scholarships for people who wish to pursue a career in law enforcement, forestry or wildlife science. John's obituary and a slide show is available at [www.bryantfuneralhome.net](http://www.bryantfuneralhome.net) A celebration of John's life will be held in Randolph this summer, with details to be decided and published in the Weekly.

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*Remembering Norris Tibbetts*

Norris Tibbetts passed away on October 22, 2022, at the age of 101, at his home in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born on August 12, 1921, in Boston, MA, and lived two years in Greenwich, NY. His father was a Baptist minister; his mother was active in social and church affairs. The family moved to Chicago in 1923. Norris went to the University Elementary School and High School (class of '38). Norris went to college at Harvard, class of '42. He had a brief connection with Camp William James and the CCC.

After graduating from Harvard, Norris worked on a farm in Vermont. He was a pacifist but felt he should join the fight against fascism. He enlisted and served for two years in the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion and two years in the 34th Infantry Regimental Combat team. He saw action in the Aleutian Islands, the South Pacific and eventual occupation of Japan. He received the following campaign ribbons: Asiatic Pacific Theater: three battle stars; Philippine Liberation: two battle stars; Presidential Unit Citation; Combat Infantry Badge; American Defense Victory Medal; Bronze Star; Silver Star and Good Conduct Medal.

After the war he took a job as a mill worker in Allentown PA before becoming a union organizer there and a union representative in Danville, VA. He married Alice May Horton in 1947. Norris, Alice and their two daughters, Mary and Ellen, moved to Madison, WI in 1954. They had two more children, Steve and Dorothy, and a foster daughter, Prudence.

From 1954 to 1983, Norris was an instructor with the University of Wisconsin School for Workers. He volunteered as a church youth group advisor for 12 years.

The family vacationed back east each summer, visiting the Tibbetts family in Arlington, Vermont and the Horton family in Randolph. The Tibbetts and Horton family friendship started years earlier in Chicago, where their fathers, both ministers, were colleagues and the children went to the same schools. Norris met Alan Horton (Alice's brother) in the sixth grade and they became lifelong friends.

Norris enjoyed downhill skiing, fishing, gardening and mountain climbing. He played the guitar, the bass fiddle and the piano and he and Alice enjoyed getting together with friends and family for informal sing-alongs. After retirement, Norris volunteered coaching for Special Olympics, tutoring in Madison schools, and teaching English to spouses of foreign students. He delivered Meals on Wheels, receiving an award for 10,000 meals delivered. He volunteered for VA home-based hospital care and the UW Pediatric Ward.

Retirement enabled Norris and Alice to spend more time in Randolph, which they had always wanted to do. They would stay three to four months in Randolph each summer visiting relatives and enjoying the outdoors. Norris revived Douglas Horton's (Alice's father) "Victory Garden" on the south side of Durand Road. He grew corn, beans, squash and tomatoes. It was not unusual for relatives or neighbors to discover an extra-large zucchini left on their porch or in the back seat of their car. He was especially proud of the raspberries he grew for Alice.

Randolph meant a great deal to Norris. He admired the local residents that he got to know and appreciated their kindness and generosity. In the 1990s John Scarinza built them a beautiful home. Norris and Alice enjoyed taking their grandchildren to Lowe's Service Station for the annual "Dance around the Pumps" event. He loved the mountains, the streams and rivers. Both he and Alice knew the Randolph area trails well. When Norris was 80 years old he and Alice hiked up King Ravine to tree line and beyond.

Norris is survived by his sisters Louise Smith and Eleanor Hanrahan, his four children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Alice; sister, Priscilla; brother, Joel; and granddaughter, Alice.

A memorial service will be held at the Randolph Town Hall at 1:00pm on August 5, 2023. A light lunch will be served.

*Remembrance and photo courtesy of Dorothy Tibbetts*

## Durand Road Reconstruction Project – May 2023

From the Randolph Select Board

The Town of Randolph is moving ahead with improvements to Durand Road in 2023. The Durand Road Reconstruction Project involves rebuilding two sections of the road, including replacing three culverts, and constructing proper vehicle turn around areas at both the eastern and western ends.

Over time, the base of the road has deteriorated causing ruts, bumps, and severe cracks in the pavement. Originally, Durand Road was US Route 2 so it has seen heavy traffic over many years. The Town repaved the road in the 1990s which provided a good surface for decades. However, the road now needs “reclamation” which means grinding the existing pavement into the base gravels, adding additional stone, as needed, and repaving, to properly address the issues we see as we travel Durand Road.

For several years, the Select Board has been planning for this major infrastructure project. Each year at Town Meeting, the budget has included funding a capital reserve account for road improvements. The Road Agent has worked on annually replacing several culverts to help prepare the road’s drainage system. In 2020, the Select Board advertised for civil engineering services and selected CMA Engineers from Portsmouth and Manchester, NH to design plans for Durand Road and develop bid documents for the reconstruction project. After having wetlands identified and borings of the road completed to determine conditions underground, CMA Engineers presented preliminary design plans at a public meeting in June 2022. Comments from the hearing were incorporated into the project design plans. A second public meeting was held in September 2022 and cost estimates prepared to help the Town with budgeting for the project. At the March 14, 2023 Town Meeting, voters approved a \$1.9 million bond which will provide more than enough funding to address the worst sections of Durand Road.

This spring, with assistance from CMA’s project engineer, Randolph advertised for bids for the road construction. We were fortunate to receive competition from general contractors with prices lower than anticipated. As of April, the Town of Randolph has awarded the construction contract to G.W. Brooks & Sons, Inc. from Freedom, NH for a cost of \$1,066,679. The Town will use funds in the road construction reserve account plus approximately \$600,000 of the bond to pay for the construction. Although the Town has the authority to use up to \$1.9 million from a bond, it is anticipated that we will use far less than this for this phase of the work on Durand Road.

The project is expected to begin in mid to late June when spring runoff has subsided. The project area focuses on four sections of Durand Road, 1) a new vehicle turn around at the eastern end of the road, 2) rebuilding

the road between the Ravine House Lawn area and Cold Brook Road, 3) rebuilding the road between 467 Durand Road and the western entrance to Durand Road, and 4) a new vehicle turn around at the

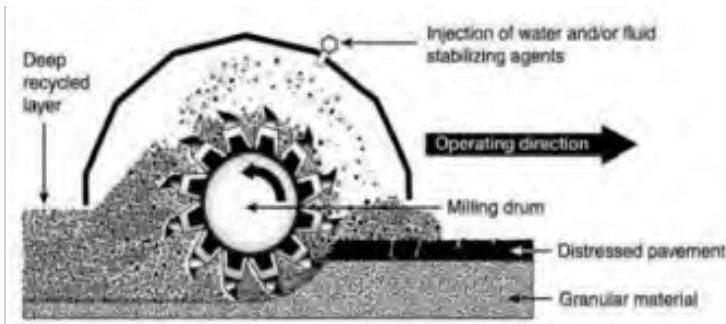
western end of the road. The project will start with erosion control measures (silt fencing)



being installed to help protect surface water runoff. Then, three large culverts will be replaced. After that, sections of the road will be reclaimed down approximately 10” to mix the pavement with the underlying gravel. The depth of the existing pavement varies so the depth of reclamation below the pavement will also be variable. Any large boulders within the depth of the reclamation process will be removed to help improve the base. To rebuild the roadway, reclaimed material will be tested to determine if it meets NHDOT specifications. If it does not meet specifications, additional stone will be added to the reclaimed material in order to meet specifications. A process called “emulsified injection” will be used which means that a stabilizing agent will be added to the road material (see diagram). This is a now common and efficient practice for rebuilding old roadways as it allows for the reuse of existing materials combined with modern systems that provide a long-lasting road. With the new road base in place and compacted, pavement will be added in two layers – first 2.75” of base pavement and then a 1.25” wearing course of pavement on top. Ditches will also be cleaned out and re-graded to ensure proper function.

Overall, the width and elevation of the road will be generally the same. The cross slope of the road will be improved to sheet stormwater directly off of the roadway. This will help preserve access to driveways. At each driveway, a new paved 3’ long entrance (also called aprons) will be added to tie the new road pavement to the existing driveways. However, driveway culverts will not be replaced as they are the responsibility of the property owner. On Monday, May 1, 2023, a letter was either delivered in person or placed in the landowner’s mailbox to property owners on the north side of Durand Road with an invitation to replace their existing culvert using the onsite contractor G.W. Brooks. Also included in this letter was a paragraph noting that any failed or failing culverts must be replaced to ensure proper water flow via the ditching on the north

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side of Durand Road through the homeowner's driveway culvert and, just as important, to ensure integrity of the new road structure being replaced and reconstructed. Either way, any driveway culvert that is replaced and the cost associated with the work is the sole responsibility of the land/homeowner.

The project is scheduled to be completed by October 2023. During construction, there will be noise, dust, vibration, and lots of heavy equipment on Durand Road. Traffic will be impacted, but the contractor is required to keep one lane of traffic flowing. However, there will be a few days during the installation of the three new culverts when through traffic will not be allowed. The Town will post more detailed project schedules at Town

Hall throughout the summer. G.W. Brooks will also be contacting individual property owners to inform them when work will be happening in front of their house and coordinating access to properties.

CMA Engineers have been contracted to work on behalf of the Town of Randolph to inspect the contractor's work every day. For infrastructure projects, this is standard practice to ensure that the construction follows the design. As the project progresses, there will likely be some changes to the construction plans which will be reviewed by CMA's engineers and the contractor then presented to the Select Board for approval. This is known as a "change order" process in construction project and could impact the price, but are appropriate to ensure that the Town of Randolph has a well-built road at the end of the project.

The Select Board is confident that CMA's work in creating a good road design, specifying up-to-date road reconstruction methods in the construction contract, and providing inspection services during construction will give the Town of Randolph a significantly improved Durand Road for years to come. The Town will continue to work on a cost-effective approach for additional improvements on the remaining road sections.

## Porches of Randolph Gearing Up for Summer 2023

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It's almost summer, and you know what that means! Porches of Randolph is back for its second season. For those who don't know, Porches of Randolph is a summer season activity for local residents and visitors to enjoy a marvelous early evening with old friends and new acquaintances. Parties will be held in limited numbers on porches (and lawns) where guests can admire the unique perspective on our beautiful hills that different parts of our town afford. Guests are encouraged to bring a donation with them in the amount of their choosing. 100% of proceeds will be distributed evenly to Randolph institutions. Last year, we raised \$3,455 split between the RMC, the Randolph Foundation, and the Randolph Library.

**"After each party, I felt more and more drawn back into community with neighbors."**

We already have 3 parties confirmed with more in the works, but we are open to a few more. We know it's still relatively early and not everyone has their summer plans solidified yet, but if you're up for welcoming neighbors and friends onto your porch we'd be delighted to have you.

### New This Year

We've added the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund as an additional beneficiary. The Benevolence Fund assists agencies in the Randolph-Gorham-Berlin area that

minister effectively to human needs. The Benevolence Committee and the Benevolence Fund enable the Randolph Church to be an active participant in the Androscoggin Valley and Coos County communities, supporting social services agencies

that maintain a track record of improving the physical and mental health, nutrition, and stability of local families.

For guests, we are making it even easier for you to donate as we are now accepting electronic payments at porch parties.

**"This was a great idea and we are so happy these wonderful Randolph institutions will benefit!"**

Guests will be able to start signing up in late June. For more information and if you're interested in hosting, please visit <https://porchesofrandolph.org/>



# The 20th Anniversary of the Randolph Community Forest

Laura Brockett

The theme of this year’s Forest Day will be two-fold. We celebrate and recognize the existential contributions made by the late Forest Commission chairman, John Scarinza, while at the same time we observe the milestone signified by the start of our Third Stewardship Plan and reflect upon the meaning of the Forest to the Town and the larger community.

2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the Randolph Community Forest and, with it, the need for a new Stewardship Plan. Sadly, John Scarinza, the chairman of the Forest Commission since its inception, did not live to participate in the preparation of the new Plan, but it will be built around many of the policies and practices he pioneered or helped to introduce.

The day will begin, as usual, with a discussion in the Town Hall starting at 9:00 am. The Randolph Forest Commission and its LandVest partners will present a report to the community of the activities carried out on the Forest during the past year and of the major events proposed for 2023-2024. Then discussion will turn to the Initiation of the Third Stewardship Plan. We will take stock of how well the Community Forest has met the aspirations for it at outset. We will also share a brief review

of the history of the Pond of Safety (early Community Forest) project.

Following, will be an open discussion to share our reflections on what our Community Forest means to us. We will invite community members to briefly comment on what the Community Forest has meant to them over the last 20 years and what they look forward to in the future.

Finally, we will briefly discuss what is involved in preparing our third Stewardship Plan.

After our discussion at the Town Hall, the commission hopes to include a field day to view the bridge project up near the Pond of Safety and some sites which might illustrate proposed activities for the 3rd Stewardship Plan. Details will be determined at a later date.

All are welcome. People can come to the presentation at the Town Hall and skip the tour. People can come to the Town Hall late and join the tour. Dogs and young children should be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them. If attending the Field Trip, please bring a trail lunch and water, wear shoes appropriate for light hiking and remember to bring your bug repellent.



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