# Mountain View



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



Top: Anne Forsyth and Ginny Umiker on the John Scarinza memorial bench on the Farrar Tract by David Forsyth; Top right: Morning, April 10, 2025 by Steve Teczar; Middle right: Dandelion Puff and Iris by Carol Ryder Horton; Bottom left: Tama Falls from Alison Tomlinson; Bottom right: Gordon Falls from Alison Tomlinson

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#### From the Selectmen's Office

Congratulations to all the election winners at Town Meeting 2025. There was no opposition in any races, so Election Day was not very exciting. We voted on a number of Land use Ordinance amendments, mostly to clarify accessory dwelling units. So if you are considering renting a cottage or a space in your home, check the ordinances first. The Selectmen worked hard to keep the 2025 budget flat, so you should not be surprised too much with your tax bills this year. In addition, the school portion which is voted by the local district is also flat, a pleasant surprise.

Town Meeting also voted to designate the Quartz Mine located on Town Forest as a "natural area' under state law which grants it special protection from vandalism. If you have not visited the mine, please do; it is a pleasant less than 2 mile walk from the Farrar Farm trailhead. (See pages 3, 4, and 5 for voting info and election results!)

We have contracted with a new assessing company, Jason Call, out of Jefferson. Our previous company, Avitar is no longer serving Coos County. If you see Jason out on the roads, or on your property, please say hello, he will provide identification if you are concerned.

Credits go to our Selectmen's Assistant, Linda Dupont for creating one of the more entertaining editions of the Town Report we have seen in many years. She focused on the Bicentennial events of 2024 with a multitude of pictures from various events and the color cover photo of the quilt which now hangs in the large meeting room. If you missed your report in the mail, give a call to get a copy.

If you have any questions about the operations of the town, please contact the selectmen or attend one of our regular meetings which are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 pm. Rick at 723-7329, Paul at 717-8573 and Michele at 915-3500.

#### A note from the Town Clerk:

All dogs should have been registered by April 30th with the town clerk!

Tax bills will be due in July, so please be sure the selectmen's office has your current mailing address (address change forms are on the town's website).

#### Town Meeting Results March 11, 2025

Anne Kenison, Town Clerc

Town residents voted on the following Land-Use Ordinance Amendments on March 11th. All amendments passed with the total vote numbers listed below each question:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Zoning Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 1) to clarify what uses of a dwelling are Permitted Uses, including one or two guest rooms or a single Short-Term Rental, and what is considered to be Lodging which would continue to require a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment?

Votes Yes: 63

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Zoning Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 1) to clarify that yurts are to be treated the same as tents, and to add tent platforms to the Definition of "Structure," meaning the 25-foot setbacks would apply?

Votes Yes: 66 Votes No: 7

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Zoning Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 1) to update the Definitions of "Dwelling," "Dwelling Unit," and "Multi-Family Housing," and add Definitions for "Single-Family Dwelling" and "Two-Family Dwelling"?

Votes Yes: 66 Votes No: 5

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Zoning Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 1) to expand the Definition of "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)," limit the size of a detached ADU to two bedrooms and no more than 1,200 sq. ft. of gross floor area, and add a Definition for "Gross Floor Area"?

Votes Yes: 65 Votes No: 8

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Town Forest Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 4) to add a requirement that the chair of the Town Forest Commission shall not be a member of the Planning Board or president (or equivalent) of an organization that serves as an Activity Manager?

Votes Yes: 68 Votes No: 3

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Randolph Town Forest Ordinance (Land Use Ordinance Part 4) to change the dates of when the Town Forest Commission submits a draft budget to the Planning Board and when the Planning Board holds a public hearing on the draft budget to bring the dates in line with the Town budget?

Votes Yes: 69 Votes No: 2

### The following issues were also voted on at the Town Meeting:

Raise and appropriate \$84.100 for EXECUTIVE EXPENSES to include:

Selectmen's Assistant & Office Expenses

\$ 64,100

Town Officers' Stipends \$20,000

Motion to accept: by Paul Cormier; 2nd by Guy Stever Majority: YES

 Raise and appropriate \$90,927 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT to include:

4100 General Government

| 4140 Elections & Registrations | \$ 5,850  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 4150 Financial Administration  | \$ 5,900  |
| 4152 Revaluation of Property   | \$ 18,150 |

4153 Legal Expenses \$8,600 4155 Personnel Administration \$ 13,000 4191 Planning & Zoning \$ 4,175 4194 General Government Building \$ 19,250 4195 Cemeteries \$ 2 4196 Insurance \$ 13,500 4197 Regional Associations & Ads \$ 2,500 Motion to accept: Edith Tucker; 2nd by Kathleen Kelly **Majority: YES** 

Raise and appropriate \$96,667 for PUBLIC SAFETY to include:

4200 Public Safety

| 4210 Police                      | \$ 6,500  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 4215 Ambulance/Dispatch/Repeater | \$ 57,967 |
| 4220 Fire                        | \$ 26,200 |

**Continued Town Meeting Results** 

|   |   |            |   | Anne Kenison, T                                  | own Clerc   |
|---|---|------------|---|--|-------------|
|   | 4240 Building Inspections (Elevator       |            |   | 4613 Minute Taker                                | \$ 360      |
|   | /Fire Ext./E-Generator)                   | \$ 1,800   |   | 4614 Meetings/Training                           | \$ 100      |
|   | 4290 Emergency Management                 | \$ 4,000   |   | <b>Motion to accept:</b> by June Hammon          | nd-Row      |
|   | 4290-99 Other Public Safety (Healt)       | h          |   | an; 2nd Tim Sappington Major                     | rity: YES   |
|   | & Safety Supplies)                        | \$ 200     | • | Raise and appropriate \$ 101,104 For DE          | BT SER-     |
|   | Motion to accept: by Kathleen Kel         | ly; 2nd by |   | VICE to include:                                 |             |
|   | Peter Rowan Major                         | ity: YES   |   | 4700 Debt Service                                |             |
| • | Raise and appropriate \$177,200 for HIG   | HWAYS      |   | 4711 - Principal - Long Term Note                | \$ 68,033   |
|   | & STREETS to include:                     |            |   | 4721 - Interest - Long Term Note                 | \$ 33,071   |
|   | 4310 Highway & Streets                    |            |   | Motion to accept: by Kathleen Kell               | ey; 2nd     |
|   | 4311 General Highway                      | \$ 64,700  |   | by John Turner <b>Majori</b>                     | ity: YES    |
|   | 4312 Highways & Streets - Summer          | \$ 43,000  | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        | appropri-   |
|   | 4312 Highways & Streets - Winter          | \$ 37,500  |   | ate \$20,000 and place it in the Highway         | y Heavy     |
|   | 4313 Bridges & Culverts                   | \$ 30,000  |   | Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (The Sele          | ectmen      |
|   | 4316 Street Lighting                      | \$ 2,000   |   | Recommend the Passage of this Article.)          |             |
|   | Motion to accept: by John Turner;         | 2nd by     |   | Motion to accept: by Barbara Turnbill;           | 2nd by      |
|   | Peter Rowan Majori                        | ty: YES    |   | John Turner Majori                               | ty: YES     |
| • | Raise and appropriate \$39,900 for SAN    | ITATION    | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        | appropri-   |
|   | to include:                               |            |   | ate \$57,000 and place it in the Roads ar        | ıd Bridg-   |
|   | 4320 Sanitation                           |            |   | es Expendable Trust. (The Selectmen Reco         | mmend the   |
|   | 4323 Solid Waste Collection               | \$ 17,000  |   | Passage of this Article.)                        |             |
|   | 4324 Solid Waste Disposal                 | \$ 14,600  |   | Motion to accept: Edith Tucker; 2nd by           | y Lauren    |
|   | 4325 Solid Waste Clean-Up (Landfil        | l Testing) |   | Bradley Major                                    | ity: YES    |
|   |   | \$ 7,800   | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        | appropri-   |
|   | 4326 Sewage Collection & Disposal         | \$ 500     |   | ate \$10,000 and place it in the Expenda         | ble Trust   |
|   | Motion to accept: by Edith Tucker;        | 2nd        |   | for Town Buildings. (The Selectmen Recon         | nmend       |
|   | by Kathleen Kelly <b>Major</b>            | ity: YES   |   | Passage of This Article.)                        |             |
| • | Raise and appropriate \$3,300 for HEAL    | TH &       |   | Motion to accept: by Martha Sappingto            | •           |
|   | WELFARE to include:                       |            |   | -  | ity YES     |
|   | 4440 Welfare                              |            | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        |             |
|   | 4445 Life-Line                            | \$ 2,800   |   | ate \$10,000 and place it in the <b>Fire Equ</b> | _           |
|   | 4445 Welfare, vendor payments             | \$ 500     |   | and Protection Expendable Trust Fun              | ıd. (The    |
|   | <b>Motion to accept:</b> by Ted Wier; 2nd |            |   | Selectmen Recommend Passage of This Article.)    |             |
|   | 11 0                                      | ity: YES   |   | Motion to accept: by Peter Rowan; 2nd            | •           |
| • | Raise and appropriate \$38,367 for CULT   | TURE and   |   |  | ity: YES    |
|   | RECREATION to include:                    |            | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        |             |
|   | 4500 Culutre & Recreation                 |            |   | ate \$5,000 and place it in the Expendal         |             |
|   | 4520 Parks & Recreation                   | \$ 5,500   |   | for Town Recreation Facilities. (The Se          | :lectmen    |
|   | 4550 Library                              | \$ 30,717  |   | Recommend Passage of This Article.)              |             |
|   | 4583 Patriotic Purposes                   | \$ 150     |   | Motion to accept: by Lauren Bradley; 2           |             |
|   | 4589 Other Culture & Recreation           | \$ 2,000   |   |  | ity YES     |
|   | Motion to accept: by John Turner;         |            | • | To see if the town will vote to raise and        |             |
|   | -   | ity: YES   |   | ate \$7,500 and place it in the <b>Expendab</b>  |             |
| • | Raise and appropriate \$1,860 for CONS    | LKVA-      |   | for Revaluation of Town Properties.              | 1ne Select- |
|   | TION to include:                          |            |   | men Recommend Passage of This Article.)          | Τ           |
|   | 4610 Conservation                         | ф 1400     |   | Motion to accept: by Bev Jadis; 2nd by           |             |
|   | 4611 General Expense                      | \$ 1400    |   | Bradley <b>Major</b>                             | rity: YES   |

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 and place it in the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen Recommend the Passage of this Article.)
   Motion to accept: by Kathleen Kelley; 2nd by Paul Cormier

  Majority: YES
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 (\$454.55 per enrolled child) for the purpose of supporting the Gorham Community Learning Center in Gorham. (11 Children Enrolled). (Placed on the Warrant by the petition of 14 Randolph residents.)
- Motion to accept: by Guy Stever JR; 2nd by Kathleen Kelley Majority: YES
- To see if the Town will vote to designate the Quartz Mine, managed by the Randolph Community Forest as a "natural area", under RSA 634:2 IV-a, so that anyone vandalizing the mine is guilty of committing the crime of criminal mischief and subject to the penalties laid down by State Law.

Motion to accept: by Peter Rowan; 2nd by Ted Wier Majority: YES

### **Election Results for Randolph Town Meeting**

In a separate election, for the **GRS Board**:

**Richard Umiker** was elected with 71 votes to serve a 3-year term on the School Board.

Congratulations to all elected officials, and a thank you is extended to all Randolph residents and community members for your continued interest in town goings-on.

Results are attested to by Anne Kenison, Town Clerk.

| Position                   | Elected Official     | Votes |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Selectmen                  | Paul Alred Jadis     | 67    |
| Treasurer                  | Catherine Zirpolo    | 70    |
| Auditor                    | Cecile (SAS) Mather  | 73    |
| Trustee of Trust Fund      | Jonathan Gilson      | 72    |
| Planning Board             | Timothy Mather       | 70    |
| Library Trustee            | Karen Bradley        | 73    |
| Board of Adjustment (3 yr) | Phil Guiser          | 68    |
|                            | H. Guyford Stever JR | 68    |
| Board of Adjustment (1 yr) | Tamil L. Hartley     | 73    |
| Cemetery Trustee           | Raymond Aube         | 72    |
| Town Clerk                 | Anne Kenison         | 73    |

### Coming Soon: Another Season of the Randolph Weekly!

Keith Dempster

The Randolph Weekly will resume publication for the 2025 summer season with the June 27 edition! Please submit events and notices by noon on Wednesday, June 25 to randolphevents.org/submit-an-event. You'll find a handy form to prompt all the information needed. Early submissions for future issues accepted! Brevity is a virtue!

The Randolph Weekly is available on Friday afternoon in boxes located at Lowe's Garage, the Grand View, the Library, Town Hall, the corner of Nekal Lane & Randolph Hill Road (on light pole), at the corner of

Randolph Hill Road & High Acres Road, in Raycrest (on the light pole at the top of the circle), and on the sign post at Valley Road Street/Route2. It may also be accessed online at rfnh.org.

Questions? Contact Editor Keith Dempster at: 401-439-7076

theweekly@rfnh.org

Or if you still have our old Gmail account we'll still be checking that:

randolphweeklyeditor@gmail.com

### You're Invited: Summer Film & Forum August 12-13

Presented by the Randolph Foundation and The Friends of the Randolph Public Library

Redza Dempster

I've been to many a Randolph dinner party where I've heard the terms WAC and WAVES. Although I did pay attention in history class, I'd never before heard of either one. I also came to appreciate two of Randolph's own, Mildred Horton and Elizabeth Walsh, and the pivotal roles they played in these organizations during World War II. The WAC (Women's Army Corps) was a U.S. Army unit established during the war to enable women to serve in non-combat positions. Their counterpart in the US Navy Reserve were known as the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

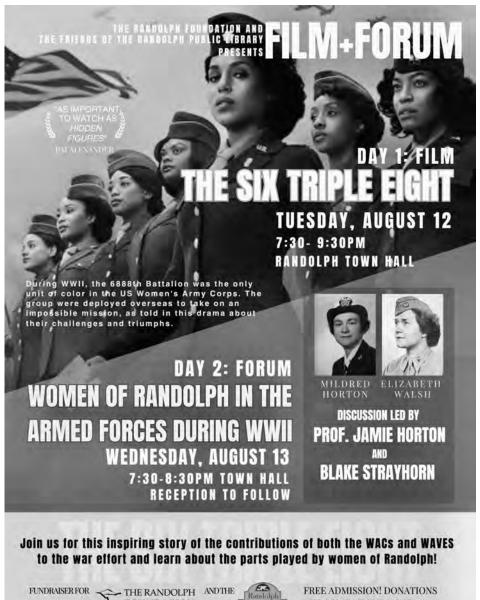
A battalion of the WACs was recently featured in film, entitled The Six Triple Eight. It's about the creation and successes of a predominantly black 6888th Central Postal Directory (you read that right) Battalion. No spoiler alerts here, but Keith and I found the film inspiring and uplifting. You may have noted the April 29 awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to the 6888 in belated recognition of their contributions. My friend and fellow board member Jim Alexander saw the film as well and he remarked on the similarities to Hidden Figures - a picture about female African-American scientists working at NASA during the 1960s space race - whose accomplishments many Americans had no idea about until many decades later.

On Tuesday, August 12 at 7:30pm we hope you'll join us at Town Hall for a screening of The Six Triple Eight. Bring your favorite lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, or whatever to make you feel more comfortable.

Then on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:30pm we will regroup at Town Hall for an informal forum and discussion led by Mildred's great grandson Prof. Jamie Horton and Elizabeth's great grand nephew, Blake Strayhorn as they share some stories about their distinguished relatives' involvement with the WACs and the WAVES. There will be a

short Q&A at the end. Refreshments will be served.

This Film+Forum is presented by The Randolph Foundation and the Friends of the Randolph Public Library. Both events are free and open to all. The movie is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 7 minutes. You can attend one night without the other, but we hope you can attend both to get the most out of this 2-day event. We kindly suggest a donation at the door to support the Foundation and the Friends so we can continue to offer the community more programs like this in the future.



WELCOME AT THE DOOR

FOUNDATION

#### Randolph Public Library News

Yvonne Jenkens

You never know what you'll find at the Library! A unique donation of an Adult Tricycle has been made to the Library recently, so if you would like to take it for a spin along Durand Road, stop by and check it out! Many new items and books have been added to the children's room including a model castle complete with dragons, knights, and horses.



**Summer programming** for the Library is still in the planning stages, but here are a few activities that are scheduled:

- Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm. The Library is joining up with the Randolph Conservation Commission to sponsor a presentation on Micro Plastics by the Green Mountain Conservation Group based in Effingham, NH.
- Saturday, July 26 from 9:00 -3:00. The annual Book and Bake Sale at the Randolph Town Hall. Please contact the Library if you have books to donate for the sale or would like to donate items for the bake sale.
- Wednesdays from 3:00 4:00 p.m. beginning July 9
   and ending on August 13. The children's summer
   reading program "Color Our World" will focus on
   celebrating the many ways in which art and creativity
   enriches our lives. For children of all ages.

The Library offers so many other opportunities for our community, including a family Museum Pass to the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury, VT, which is truly worth a visit. The calendar of activities, shows, and information about the beautiful butterfly garden are available on their website. The Library also has an online subscription to Consumer Reports which is available with login information at the library, a telescope you can take home and enjoy from your own yard, and I almost forgot to mention BOOKS! You don't have to worry about what to read this summer, because we have been busy finding all the best new books for your reading enjoyment.

Please visit our website at www.randolphnhpubliclibrary.org for current information, and be sure to grab the Randolph Weekly for updated and newly added programs. We look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

On an entirely different note, The President of the United States has cut the budget of the National Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) which will affect all 50 states. The NH State Library receives \$1.3M through the IMLS each year which goes to supporting Libby (digital book lending), interlibrary loan services, and library services for those who are visually impaired or who have dyslexia for all libraries in New Hampshire. It is unknown how these national budget cuts will affect the Randolph Library, but the services mentioned above could be at risk. The NH State Library staff is working diligently to keep us all informed of ongoing developments, and has begun to research/explore what, if any, alternatives might exist for some of the programs and services that are currently run on federal funds. We will remain optimistic, and no matter what happens, we will continue to provide the informational and cultural needs of our community.

Photo above provided by Yvonne Jenkens

### Randolph Art Show 2025 Update

**Steve Teczar** 

The annual Randolph Art Show will be held in the Cross Memorial Meeting Room of the Town Hall from July 6 – September 2, with the Opening Reception scheduled for July 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. The Show is non-juried and open to all current and previous full- and part-time Randolph residents. The prospectus will be sent by email in May to artists who have participated in Shows the previous two years. For questions about the Show or prospectus, please contact Steve Teczar at:

swteczar128@gmail.com or Pauline Galiana at: paulinegaliana@gmail.com.



Floral photo by Carol Ryder Horton

#### Randolph Talks: The Old-Growth Forest Network

Save-the-date Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30pm Town Hall

Redza Dempster

The Randolph Foundation is proud to bring you this presentation with generous assistance from Ben and Barb Phinney.

Old-growth forest expert and author, Dr. Joan Maloof will discuss the national nonprofit organization she founded in 2012: the Old-Growth Forest Network. In this illustrated talk Dr. Maloof will also examine the importance and current status of ancient forests, and detail where they are located in New Hampshire.

#### About Dr. Joan Maloof:

Dr. Joan Maloof is the author of numerous research articles and books, including *Nature's Temples; Treepedia; The Living Forest; Among the Ancients; Teaching the Trees*; and most recently, *Wild Old Woman.* In addition to her research and writing, Maloof founded an organization with the goal of creating a network of protected forests across the US; that organization, the Old-Growth Forest Network, now has hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters. Maloof works to educate others regarding the extent and condition of our forests, and to encourage their protection. Her formal education includes a bachelor's degree in Plant Science, a master's degree in Environmental Science, and a Doctorate in Ecology. She is a professor emeritus at Salisbury University where she taught Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies.





### From the Friends of the Randolph Public Library

Written by the Friends Board

Happy Spring, everyone! We want to share (1) updates on our 2025 membership and (2) events we have planned (so far!) for this summer.

**First: our membership.** Membership fees and volunteer efforts help us to fulfill the mission of the Friends organization through supporting our Library and community. We are thrilled to report that, at the time of writing, we have received more than 50 membership renewals for the 2025 calendar year. We are grateful to our renewed members, and we welcome others to sign-up for (or renew) their tax-deductible membership today! There are three easy ways:

- 1. Fill out this online form (with separate link to PayPal): http://bit.ly/FriendsRPL
- 2. Pick up a printed form at the Library
- 3. Print out the form from the Library website

**Second: our summer events!** Aside from our ongoing support of Library programming, we are pleased to host the following:

- **June 7th at 1 PM:** Our ice cream social and annual Friends gathering at the Library come join us in celebrating our organization and discussing upcoming initiatives! Invite open to <u>all past, current, and</u> future Friends.
- **July:** We will be running the Bake Sale as part of the annual Book and Bake Sale. Stay tuned!
- August 6th at 7 PM: Our Annual Meeting. <u>Invite</u> open to all 2025 Friends members.

We look forward to engaging with you at these events and at all Library programs this summer!

For any questions or more information, please send us an email: friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org

#### Save the date: Community Market and Yard Sale!



#### From Redza Dempster

Don't forget about The BIG Randolph Community Market and Yard Sale, Saturday, August 9! When you do your Spring cleaning put unwanted items aside for this multi-household yard sale that will be a fundraiser for The Randolph Foundation, the Randolph Fire Dept., and NH State Police Troop F.

#### **Funds Raised Will Benefit**



Town of Randolph Fire Dept.







**CORRECTION**: The 2024 Foundation Annual Report listed an incorrect grant award amount. The Bicentennial Committee awarded \$1,500 for the Guitar Workshop and the Foundation approved an additional grant of \$3,500 for a total of \$5,000.

Mystery Painting From the April issue: Congratulations to Angela Brown who correctly guessed that the location of Uma Shankar's (our new youth editor) mystery painting! The painting is of a tree in Marie Beringer's yard at Sugar Plum Farm!

### Don't forget! Randolph Mountain Club Summer Events Schedule

The RMC

| Sunday, 22 June     | Beers, Bites and Bids: 20 Glen Rd, Gorham  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 6 - 9 PM            | Join us for a twist on the RMC annual dinner, at Big Day Brewing in Gorham.          |  |  |  |
| Friday, 4 July      | The Tea: 98 Randolph Hill Rd   |  |  |  |
| 3 - 5 PM            | Join the tradition in the Kelley's serene barn and gardens. Catch up with the latest |  |  |  |
|                     | club news, meet the trail crew, and connect!   |  |  |  |
| Saturday, 26 July   | The Rendezvous/Gourmet Hike: Castleview Ledge, Mt. Crescent                          |  |  |  |
| Noon                | Come and take in the splendid views with us at Castleview Ledge, Mt. Crescent. A     |  |  |  |
|                     | potluck lunch will be shared near the ledge, beginning at noon.                      |  |  |  |
| Saturday, 2 August  | Ravine Mixer: Ravine House Pool Pavilion   |  |  |  |
| 2 - 5 PM            | Join us for a picnic, refreshments, music and games at the Ravine House Pavil-       |  |  |  |
|                     | lion. Please bring a dish to share.  |  |  |  |
| Saturday, 9 August  | The Annual Meeting: Town Hall  |  |  |  |
| 7 PM                | Brief committee reports followed by a speaker. Refreshments will be served.          |  |  |  |
| Sunday, 10 August   | Softball Game: 11 Coldbrook Road   |  |  |  |
| 12 - 3 PM           | Have fun at this Softball game at the Bradley's Orchard!                             |  |  |  |
| Thursday, 14 August | Songs for a Summer Evening: Town Hall  |  |  |  |
| 7 PM                | RMC benefit concert with Randolph musicians, refreshments served!                    |  |  |  |
| Friday, 15 August   | Randolph Boogie: Randolph Town Hall  |  |  |  |
| 8 PM                | Boogie with DJs Willie Wysession and Eliza Horton. Refreshments provided.            |  |  |  |
| Saturday, 16 August | ay, 16 August Annual Picnic and Charades: Mossy Glen                                 |  |  |  |
| 12 PM               | Join us for the annual picnic and charades w/ traditional singing! Rides available   |  |  |  |
| Saturday, 16 August | The Barn Dance: 232 Randolph Hill  |  |  |  |
| 7:30 PM             | Annual RMC square dance, generously hosted by the Beringers! Join for dancing!       |  |  |  |

### **April**

April's water tumbles downhill In a hurry, cold and clear

Rushing to its appointment with the Atlantic;

Even the smallest brooks make themselves heard

Burbling cheerfully through woods not yet leafed-out;

Sounds travel.

The woods will be quieter in August

And that little channel will be a murmur

One soft quiet voice of slower water.

In this new season, each April trickle

Has gathered up some noisy friends for the journey

Down through the glens

To the valley below.

Five months ago, this bend in the trail was ankle-deep

In a colorful rustle

Red gold orange collector's items

The shapes and hues of each leaf

Each astonishing October.

Now those leaves emerge

From under snow that covered them just yesterday

Right there.

Flattened together, from the weight of winter

A still-damp quilt of pale brown hues

Sprinkled with green bits of hemlock and fir

Like confetti from some treetop celebration.

The wind is always rearranging something

In these hills.

April's ferns

As vibrant as when they tipped over

And went to sleep

Under snow and ice.

Slumbering in starfish patterns

Palm fronds on the northern forest floor

Flat against the carpet of earth-tones.

After months of cold

Are they even greener than in July?

Now waiting and wanting just a bit more

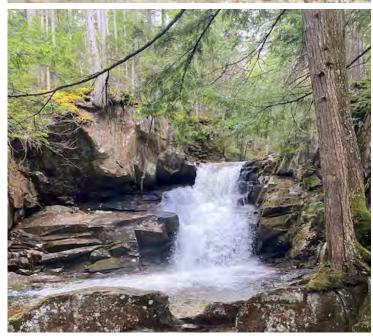
Sun and warmth before standing up

To greet the new season on these slopes,

In this time of light and change.







Photos top to bottom: Green Comma Butterfly by David Forsyth; Mourning Cloak Butterfly by David Forsyth; Coldbrook Falls from Lauren Bradley

#### Summer Music at the Randolph Church

The Benevolence concert this year welcomes Hentus van Rooyen on August 3rd in his second concert in New Hampshire. A few years ago, as he was finishing his Doctorate at the University of North Texas, he offered a delightful romp through the music of his dissertation, The Keyboard Toccatas of Michelangelo Rossi, to an enthusiastic audience at St. Barnabas in Berlin. Since completing his degree, he held the position of Assistant Professor at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, while serving Christ Episcopal Cathedral in Salina as Director of Music and Organist.

Fortune has brought him back to the Northeast, as he is now Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Hentus van Rooyen is a native of South Africa, now teaching at Bowdoin College and the University of Southern Maine. Serving the faculty of the Young Organists Collaborative, Hentus was also chorus master for the Portland Symphony's Christmas program last year, and in April, 2024, directed the St. Mary Schola, Maine's Premier Early Music Ensemble.

Dr. Van Rooyen holds the Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from the University of North Texas in addition to degrees from the University of Pretoria and the University of South Africa. He has performed in Moscow and Saint Petersburg, and participated in the 12th Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition in Kaliningrad, Russia.

Needless to say, we are excited to welcome him back to New Hampshire!

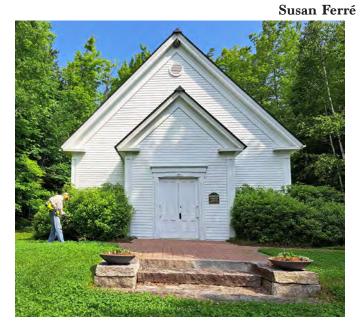


Photo provided by Susan Ferré

#### Summer services at the church:

Services at the church will be played by Angela Brown, Susan Ferré, Meghan Carlin and Suzanne Ozorak. We are fortunate to have skilled musicians who enhance worship services at the Randolph Church, each with her own musical language.

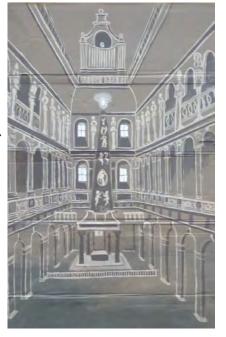
### The Big Moose Bach Fest Presents in 2025

Susan Ferré

On Labor Day Weekend, the Big Moose Bach Fest returns with its annual presentation of Bach Cantatas, Chamber music, solo works and a film. The film centers on organs Bach played and music he created. Much of his music began as improvisations and this film demonstrates how that was done, where, and how, in a magnificent display of sonic beauty. The film, co-sponsored by the Randolph Library and Music in the Great North Woods will be shown on Saturday, August 30th at 11 am in Randolph Town Hall. There is not charge for the event.

Photos: Creation by Tim Sappington: the Big Moose (below) and the Chapel backdrop (right).





### Orgelkids Kit, A STEAM Project, Arrives in July!

Susan Ferré

That's correct! An organ building kit for young and old alike, arrives on July 9th and 10th at Randolph Town Hall. In two days, groups of children will assemble to build a pipe organ.

The organ kit is compact, travels for easy assembly, with instructions, and was begun in the Netherlands. This particular kit, was built in Oregon, with NH AGO funds\* aided by generous gifts from the North Country. The kit has been traveling the state to the delight of everyone involved. There is no charge to join the STEAM team. It is exciting to be able to sponsor this special event which includes science and music alike.

\*Sponsored by the Randolph Library, Music in the Great North Woods and the NH Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



Photo below right: Orgelkids kit Photo below left: Orgelkids work in Progress B Both from Susan Ferré



#### Randolph Remembers

#### Remembering Sharon G. Lowe



Sharon G. Lowe, 78, of Randolph, passed away on April 1, 2025, at the Country Village Center in Lancaster. She was born in Lancaster on September 17, 1946, the daughter of the late George and Katherine (Andrews) Drown. She had resided in Randolph before moving to Concord as a teenager. Sharon was a graduate of Concord High School,

Class of 1965, and returned to the North Country after marrying her husband. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Weeks Medical Center as a nurse's aide. She enjoyed sewing and quilting in her spare time, and loved spending time with her family and friends.

Family includes her children Tammy Towle of Randolph, and Charles "Chuck" Lowe and his wife Sylvia of Randolph; grandchildren Dillon Lowe and wife Morgan of Berlin, Katlyn Godin and husband Curtis of Berlin, and Tyler and David Towle, both of Whitefield; great-granddaughters Mabel Lowe and Charley Godin; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Charles "Charlie" Lowe, Sr. and a brother Parker Drown

A memorial service was held on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 2 PM at the Bryant Funeral Home, 1 Promenade Street, Gorham. Interment will place in the spring in the Randolph Cemetery.

Those who wish may make donations in Sharon's memory to a humane society of their choice. Memories and condolences may be shared online at

www.bryantfuneralhome.net

Randolph Remembers continued...

#### Remembering Warreneen "Nena" Onacki

Warreneen "Nena" Onacki, a loving wife, caring mother, and generous friend to many passed away on April 14th, 2025.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1947; but having lived over 35 years in the North Country, Nena is most remembered for her kindness.

She found enjoyment in all the experiences life offered her, even the unexpected challenges life sometimes brings; and she did so with humor, grace, and unmatched courage.

Her husband of over 58 years, Robert, and her son, Jason; share their gratitude and thanks to the community their family has called home since 1989 and

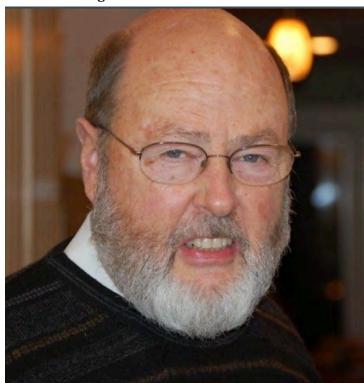
which has provided them with countless adventures and cherished memories.

The family will have a private service.

Thank you for your condolences.



#### Remembering Reed Henderson



Reed Russell Henderson, Jr., born March 5, 1940, in Pittsburgh PA, and died October 7, 2024, in Richmond, VA. He was preceded in death by his spouse of 55 years, Carol Ann "Micki" Henderson. He is survived by three children, Rachel Henderson, Gretchen Henderson (James Engelhard) and Benjamin Henderson; a sister, Norma Sword (Charles); and four grandchildren. Reed received a B.A. in Social Work from Westminster College and a Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.

Reed was a devoted advocate for families and communities. He spent the first decade of his career in social work in Pittsburgh, where he held roles at a number of community agencies. In 1974 the Henderson family moved to New Jersey, where Reed spent 15 years in leadership positions at schools and agencies serving at-risk youth. In 1988 he and Micki moved to Wisconsin, where he served as Senior Vice President for Programs and Services at The Alliance for Children and Families in Milwaukee. In 1997, Reed and Micki moved to Richmond, where as President and CEO of Family Lifeline, Reed led efforts to provide vital support to vulnerable populations. After retiring in 2008, he found fulfillment in his work as a consultant. Reed's dedication and compassion will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. He leaves behind a legacy of service and a profound commitment to making the world a better place.

Reed was known for his sharp mind and his quick wit. He was devoted to working the New York Times crossword puzzle each day, and he delighted in sharing puns and "dad jokes" with friends and family. He also loved music, he took great joy in playing the piano and the organ, and he was a regular attendee at the Richmond Symphony. Reed was a vibrant and engaging person, who will be dearly missed by the many friends he made and kept over the course of his life. He maintained relationships from as far back as his days in Pittsburgh, he had standing dates with his longtime Richmond friends, and he cultivated new connections in his residential community, where he enjoyed playing bridge and canasta several times a week. Above all, he was a proud father and grandfather who shared countless private jokes with his grandchildren, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

#### Remembering Bob Potter



Robert C. Potter (Bob) passed away at 91 years of age on October 13, 2024 in Durham NH. Bob was born in Acworth, NH to Dean and Verna Coolidge Potter. He lived his entire life, except for a 2-year stint in the US Army, within the state of NH. He grew up in the "North Country", the White Mountains region, in the town of Gorham,

and attended the University of NH (class of 1955). There he met Jane Seymour; they married in 1955, had 5 children, and settled in Milford, NH. Bob moved to Nashua in 1983, and married Roberta Rio Arbree in 1990. The White Mountains North Country had a forever pull on Bob. He and Roberta purchased mountain view property there, next to the White Mountain National Forest, eventually remodeling a rough house into a beautiful, welcoming home. Bob and Roberta retired there, surrounded by birds and bears, flower and vegetable gardens, and granite steps and patios he built.

Bob worked for Nashua Corporation, beginning as an engineer and working his way to plant manager then vice president. Later, he worked as a consultant with Conway Quality Consulting. He grew up in a hard- working family and lived his entire life in this manner. His children recall a typical day consisting of Dad coming home after a long day at work, then heading out to tend the 1–2-acre vegetable garden or cut firewood. Bob was a man of physical strength and endurance, with strong and certain opinions. Also a man of action, he volunteered in local, regional, and statewide positions, such as the School Board, NH Water Pollution Control Board, and conservation and planning bodies. Together, he and Roberta worked in concert with local land trusts to conserve land for wildlife and recreation in their beloved North Country.

To his children and grandchildren, Bob was a living bridge to a bygone time and place of farming with horses, working in a north Maine woods lumber camp, and gardening, hunting, and fishing for subsistence. Some of his favorite memories were time spent with his children when they were young, deer hunting on Pine Mountain, Army Airborne Ranger training in Fort Benning, GA, and sitting around an outdoor fire at night with family. For those that knew and loved Bob, think of him the next time you walk in the woods, and marvel at the beauty and wonder of nature.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife Roberta Arbree, parents Verna and Dean Potter, his sisters Betty Drew (Ed) and Linda Gordon (Jack), his brother Tony, and his sons Nathaniel and Seth. He is survived by his daughter Ann, sons Jim and Bob (Laurie), 9 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

To learn more about Bob's wife, Roberta, please read the remembrance of Roberta Arbree in the June 2024 issue of the Randolph Mountain View on the Randolph Foundation website.

Remembrance and photo provided by Laurie Potter

#### Remembering Win Smith

Winthrop Ware Smith (Aug. 8, 1936 – Apr. 7, 2025) was born in New York City, son of G. Milton Smith, Jr. and Frances B. Smith. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Anne, and a younger brother, David.

Known as an active, friendly and respected figure in the University of Connecticut / Storrs-Mansfield community, Win was a talented research scientist, dedicated musician and music lover, and joyful hiker and skier who in later years enjoyed pickleball and riding his bike around town.

Win grew up in Radburn, NJ, the son of a music teacher and a City College psychology professor, and showed an interest in physics from a young age.

A graduate of Amherst College and MIT, he began his post-doctorate physics career in Boulder, Colorado (where he met his wife, Anne Keller Smith) at the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA), then becoming an assistant professor at Columbia University during the turbulent years of the late 1960s. He came to the University of Connecticut at Storrs in 1969, where he had a long and illustrious career teaching and performing research as a professor in the Department of Physics and the Institute of Materials Science.

Win was active in several research areas within his field of atomic, molecular, and optical (AMO) physics, publishing over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and enjoying strong collaborations with scientists all over the world. He participated in research at several national laboratories, and took research sabbaticals at: JILA (University of Colorado); Stanford University and the Stanford Research Institute in California; the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany; the University of Aarhus, Denmark; MIT; and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophys-

Remembering Win Smith continued...



ics.

He was a frequent attendee, contributor and organizer of conferences in various specialties within the AMO field, and spent a year as a Program Officer for the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC.

Over the

years, Win taught and trained many students and researchers at every level, many of whom went on to academic careers of their own. He taught a wide variety of subjects, from classical mechanics to quantum mechanics and beyond, and took great pleasure in motivating his students and seeing them learn. He remained active long past his official retirement in 2009, mentoring graduate students as a research professor and Professor Emeritus, and going into the office almost daily until halted by the Covid pandemic ten years later.

Win was an honored member of the American Physical Society (where he served as an officer in several divisions), the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, Phi Beta Kappa, and the scientific research honor society Sigma Xi, and he received the prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Senior Scientist Research Award for research in Germany.

A lifelong musician, Win enjoyed taking organ lessons as a graduate student in Boston, building his own harpsichord during his post-doc years, and more recently singing with the Hartford Chorale and then the UConn Festival Chorus. Until recently, he still occasionally played the organ in the town church in Randolph, NH, where he and his family were longtime summer residents.

Win had a strong commitment to his community, serving on the Mansfield Town Ethics Board and Democratic Town Committee, as well as on the UConn Faculty Senate and a term as AAUP (union) President.

Win will be remembered for his kindness, community involvement, and academic excellence. He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Sarah Smith of Gloucester, MA, beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends and colleagues.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the von der Mehden Recital Hall on the University of Connecticut Storrs campus.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Win's memory to the Anne and Win Smith Fellowship Fund for graduate students in physics (by check to: The UConn Foundation, Inc. at this address: 2390 Alumni Drive Unit 3206, Storrs, Connecticut 06269), or to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU: (https://action.aclu.org/give/make-gift-aclu-someones-memory).

Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 61 Middle Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

### **Annual Forest Day**

Mark Kelley

The Annual Forest Day will be held Saturday August 2, 2025, beginning at 9 AM. As in past years, we will begin with a presentation in the Randolph Town Hall and then go for a tour.

This year, David DeGruttola, our LandVest Forester, and Elise Lawson, our Wildlife Biologist, will discuss the subject of climate change and the associated dangers posed by a number of invasive insects and plants. These dangers affect the Community Forest and private back yards equally.

Following the discussion in the Town Hall, we will proceed to the Farrar Farm for a field trip to discuss the numerous benefits of this property. This will be a chance to see knotweed encroachment and how it's being treated. In addition, we will walk to the banks of the Israel River to see how the river has been altered over the years and is claiming more of the field. Efforts are underway to develop methods of holding this encroachment from further destroying this area. This will be a

wonderful place to break for lunch and enjoy the beauty and solitude of this special place.

While we are walking back, it will be a perfect time to explore iNaturalist, the phone app that was discussed at last year's Forest Day. We encourage everyone who plans to attend, to visit the iNaturalist.org website to get some background and explore how it can be used. In addition, you can download the program to your phone though the Apple AppStore or Google Play Store, which will allow you to explore the project, Randolph Community Forest.

On the way back to the parking lot, those who wish to can participate in the formal opening of the Community Forest Memorial Grove, with the dedication of a tree to the memory of Roberta Arbree and Bob Potter. The Potters made significant donations of land during their life in Randolph and the Rollo Falls area is one of those beautiful contributions. We hope you can join us!

(See accompanying photo on the cover of this issue!)

## The Trad Dance Band: And Event Announcement!

#### Written by Angela Brown

The Trad Dance Band, which has been—and is currently—meeting twice a month at the Randolph Town Hall to practice traditional dance tunes.

The Randolph Foundation received a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to sponsor the tune sessions and a dance!

The dance will take place on  $June\ 20$  at  $8\ PM$  at the  $Randolph\ Town\ Hall$ .

Musicians from Randolph and surrounding communities in Maine and New Hampshire are taking part in this musical experience.

All are welcome to attend the dance on June 20, no dance experience necessary! We hope to see you there!

Photo right by Angela Brown



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