

## Summer Fun in Randolph



Bruce Kirmse holding wild flowers at the Town Forest Tour



A group of Randolph citizens gather at the Town Forest Day Tour.



Brian Roberts and his wife, Barbara Cutter led RMC round-trip loop hike on July 19 to the open summit of Caribou Mountain in Maine. Hikers included: Michele Cormier, right, front row with dog, Madison; Barbara Wyssession, left, second row, Al Hudson, Renee Dunham, plus Juliane Graf, a visitor from Germany, Kara Ramirez, and daughter Sophia; and George Dunham, standing, left, Bill Rising, and Judy Hudson. Barbara Cutter photo, submitted by Edith Tucker



Bach Festival singers, Zane Brown photo.



Lydia Ogleby (91) and Maggie Hopkins (7) at the Gourmet Hike. Sarah Eusdon Gallop photo



Jim and Bunty White dance to the music of the Berlin Jazz Band at the Randolph Municipal Building in July. Anne Kenison photo

*Charades, 99 years & going strong!*



Alex Dery Snider and daughter Della sitting with Alex's parents Bill & Barbara Arnold cheering on Hill Charade

Jenn Barton photos



Trail Crew & friends after acting out their word "discombobulated"



Valley Charade



Midlands Charade



Alan Horton and Betty Breunig



Bill Minifie leading rounds\*



Singing rounds\*

## Randolph Foundation Convenes 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

by Keith Dempster

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Randolph Foundation was held at Town Hall on Friday, August 17. A capacity crowd was on hand for a brief review of the Foundation's activities during the past year, and to join in thanking outgoing Foundation President Cathy McDowell and Board Member Jeanne Malick for their service. The Foundation welcomed three new board members to five-year terms with the organization: Barbara Arnold, Laura Brockett, and Wendy Walsh. Also assuming responsibility for leadership are incoming President, Keith Dempster, and Vice-President, Dede Aube. Other officers of the Foundation are continuing on in their positions: Treasurer, Carol Gagnon and Secretary, Heather Wiley. More information about the activities of the Foundation may be found in the 2012 Annual Report, available to read on the Foundation's Web site, [www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org). You'll find the annual report under the "About Us" tab on the main page.

Following the business portion of the meeting, we were privileged to welcome John McDowell, MD Director of Care Management at Androscoggin Valley Hospital and Russ Keene, President of AVH, for a presentation on "Health Care in the North Country". A lively discussion and Q&A testified to the currency of the topic in these changing times for health care and medical access. A wine and cheese reception following the talk provided the opportunity for further questions and conversation.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to further the work of the Foundation, it's easy to do so on the Web site; you'll find instructions under the "Donations" tab, and we even accept credit cards!



Lucy, Kayla, Bill and Nathan Demers at Kayla's graduation from Trinity College. Nathan, Kayla's brother, graduated from UNH two years ago and is a civil engineer in the Air Force stationed in San Angelo TX. Photo provided by Bill Demers

## Randolph Foundation Book Scholarships

Kayla Demers, daughter of William and Lucy Demers of Randolph, graduated salutatorian of the Class of 2012 from Trinity College with a B.A. with honors in general scholarship and American Studies. She was also named Optima, meaning she earned an A- or better in all courses required for her degree. (Male students are known as Optimi.). Kayla took the time to attend the August Annual Meeting of the Randolph Foundation and thank the group for book scholarships presented throughout her time at Trinity. "I get to keep my books for my own private library," she smiled. In addition, Kayla won "The American Studies Prize", awarded annually to a graduating senior at Trinity for the best thesis that makes an original contribution to interdisciplinary work in American culture.

Other students who have received scholarships at some point during the past school year include:

Sarah Brocket, Aoibhan Kelly, Eammon Kelly, Danielle Jepson, Nathalie Ouellette, Rachel Ross, Christa Rousseau, Catherine Temme, Katelyn Lowe and Tammi Hartley.

The Randolph Foundation has awarded scholarships to eligible Randolph residents to pursue their studies at the post-secondary level since 1966. The Foundation recognizes any courses at an accredited institution that provide undergraduate and/or graduate work. Undergraduate students who maintain a G.P.A. under 3.5 receive \$600.00 per semester, and undergraduate students who maintain a G.P.A. of 3.5 and above receive \$750.00 per semester.

Any Randolph resident pursuing a 2-year, 4-year, graduate or post-graduate degree may apply for a scholarship through the Randolph Foundation by submitting an application and required documents. The application, guidelines and deadlines can be found at [www.randolphfoundationnh.org](http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org) or by clicking on the Scholarship/Grants icon.

## **Ravine House Site/Durand Lake Area**

*By Jean Malick outgoing chair person*

There is now a sign to welcome everyone to the Durand Lake Area! And as with everything that happens here, it was truly a community project. Thanks to Howie Wemyss and the Mt Washington Auto Road for the sign, Sue Thomas for routing the sign, White Mt. Lumber for bolts, the RF for the posts, Dede and Ray Aube for painting and sealing, Ray Cotnoir for helping Ray Aube with assembling, Ray Aube for putting the sign in place and a special thanks to Dede Aube for overseeing this project from start to finish.

The Foundation continues to oversee and pay for the yearly mowing around the lake with the blueberry areas receiving an every other year brushing. Auvie Kenison does most of the work for us. The major brushing at the east end of Durand Lake did not get done last year and definitely needs to be done this fall. The beaver living in the lake has been very active around dusk, but has not been able to stop the flow of water into the lake thanks to Phil Guiser and other volunteers on water control.

Thanks to Dave and Alison Tomlinson the tennis courts were ready to be played on. The sprinkler system was connected and set and the daily watering has kept the court in great condition.

The Ravine House Site gardens continue to be attended to by Marcia Lee and Jean Malick. Thank you ALL for your continued hard work.

*Editor's note: The Randolph Foundation is grateful to Jean for the work she has accomplished, particularly for her dedication to the Ravine House Site and Durand Lake Area. Newly elected Wendy Walsh is now the chair of this committee.*



Cathy McDowell, Keith Dempster & Ray Aube with new sign at the Ravine House Pool. Gail Scott photo.

## **A Change in Staff at the Town Hall**

The Selectmen and the entire Town of Randolph bid a fond farewell to Rodney Hayes, who has been our administrative assistant for six years. His friendly face was always the first thing you saw as you entered town hall, whether in the selectmen's office or the library, where he also worked for several years. I think all the selectmen agree that Rodney was the glue that held us all together. His prodigious brain always had the answers and we're sure many of us asked the same stupid questions over and over. What patience! It is with regret that we say farewell, but I think all of us recognized that Rodney's health no longer permitted him to continue working for us. Goodbye, good friend!

At the same time, we welcome a new smiling face to the Town Hall. Carol Gagnon has become our new administrative assistant and has spent the last month learning the ropes. We have already found her to be a very welcome addition to the staff; she is willing to learn new things and as a town resident has an interest in decisions made at the town level. We feel confident that Carol's attention to detail and friendly demeanor will make her a positive asset in the selectmen's office. Stop by and say hello and join us in saying "Welcome, Carol."

## Another Red Thread

By Karen Eitel

...written in response to The Red Thread by Beth Dube, published in the June, 2012 issue of the Mountain View.

I must admit the "Red Thread" has paid a visit to us as well. I had never heard the Chinese Proverb before, but it explained something similar that happened to us. Our story:

Woody's mom grew up in the little seacoast town of Cherryfield, Maine. When Woody's maternal grandmother died, his own mom, still single at age 40, moved to live with a brother in Hartford, Conn. The little house in Cherryfield was sold to another couple. His mother eventually met and married Woody's dad, 20 years her senior and they had Woody their only child. According to Woody, she never really talked too much about her growing up years in Cherryfield and Woody only visited there with his mom on a few occasions to see old friends. End of this side of the thread.....

I lived in Kennebunkport, Maine for almost 20 years before I was divorced and eventually met Woody through a mutual friend. During our 2 year courtship - in and around 1993-95, I invited two close friends of mine to come to Randolph to meet Woody. There was a Cherryfield connection in that both of my friends had grown up there, but long after Woody's mom's moved away. Linda and Joe, both school teachers in the Kennebunk school system at the time, enjoyed comparing notes with Woody over lunch, about the little town. Woody talked about the little house where his mom lived from birth until she began a new life in West Hart-

ford. Joe talked about the house his parents had when he was born, going to school at Cherryfield Academy, and moving away to attend college. When his parents died Joe had to sell the house. When Joe said it was located on "New Street", Woody asked him to wait while he got an old photo of his mom's birth home. I'm sure you have guessed that it was the same home. Followed by that confirmation, Joe exclaimed with a bang on the table "By God! Then I have your family bible! I found it when I was going through the house after my parents died. It was up in an old wooden box in a small corner closet in the attic. My mom and dad might not have even known it was there...nothing else was in the attic."

As promised, he mailed the old bible to Woody and inside the pages were old photos and other memorabilia from earlier times in his grandparents' life - grandparents who Woody had never met because of the time frame in which his mother lived there into her forty's, caring for her own mother until her death.

So, we always called it serendipitous - Woody and I also think we were destined to meet and this whole coincidence of my friend, Joe, and the connection to the same house in Cherryfield, just brought it full-circle. Red Thread...well, what connects us one to the other is and always will be part of the "Great Mystery" of life.



Guy Stevers, Jr. of Randolph Hill, retired in June after 42 years of teaching. Edith Tucker photo

## Guy Stever, Jr. Retires from Berlin High School

Guy Stever, Jr. of Randolph Hill, retired in June, after 42 years of teaching English at Berlin High School. He was the recipient of the 2012 yearbook dedication and when he spoke at graduation, he advised the graduates to become involved in the community they settle in. He stated that it was that involvement and the people one surrounded oneself with that provide the richness and meaning to one's life. When asked about why he was retiring, he replied that a nap after lunch is no longer optional.

## A Visit from Author Jay Leutze

By Yvonne Jenkins

On August 4 a small group of Randolph residents and visitors gathered in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library for an evening of what turned out to be pure "Southern Comfort". Before us stood author Jay Leutze, who in smoother-than-silk southern drawl introduced us to the larger-than-life characters from his newly published book Stand Up That Mountain. The Battle to Save One Small Community in the Wilderness along the Appalachian Trail.

Summer resident Blake Strayhorn informed the Library staff that Jay was spending two nights in Randolph, and stressed that we should not let Jay get away without doing a reading from his new book. Unfortunately, timing was short and scheduling interfered with other local events, but Jay was thrilled to be in Randolph and share his new book with those in attendance.

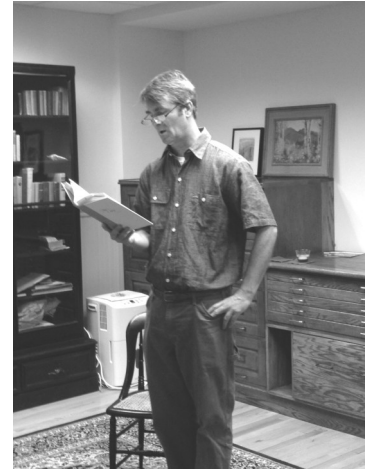
Jay began by reading a vivid description of the area of focus in his book, told the story of receiving a phone call from a 14-year-old girl stating that the Mining Act was being violated behind her house on a project that was approved "under darkness", and how a great effort to work together to plan a plaintiff group to save homes and water quality began.

An editorial description from Simon and Schuster describes the book as "Much more than the record of a legal battle, *Stand Up That Mountain* takes the reader to a remote corner of Appalachia, a region often stereotyped and little understood, even now in the twenty-first century. A naturally elegant writer, Jay Leutze delivers a powerful, beautifully written story full of remarkable characters, such as "Wingfoot," an elusive protector of the Appalachian Trail; a stubborn mining company engineer intent on pulling down the mountain in the face of intense opposition; and Ron Howell, a retired and legendary North Carolina Superior Court judge known as the "Heel Hound" for his relentless pursuit of legal victory. Jay's plaintiff group is eventually joined by several national conservation groups who see that Belview Mountain and the Appalachian Trail must be protected for future generations of Americans."

A great contemporary story that demonstrates what is possible when local people set their minds to righting a local wrong, *Stand Up That Mountain* will appeal to conservationists, hikers, attorneys, and readers fascinated by Appalachia and rural life, and anyone interested in a compelling story both well told and true.

Jay Leutze was born in Virginia in 1964. He now lives in the Southern Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Trained as an attorney, he has become a leading voice for state and federal conservation funding for investment in public lands. He is a Trustee for Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, one of the nation's most established land trusts. He focuses on permanent protection of lands buffering the Appalachian Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Stand Up That Mountain is his first book.

Needless to say, Jay was invited back to Randolph. He was very interested in the Randolph Town Forest and the great conservation work being done in our Town. Let's hope he takes us up on our invitation and that we have plenty of advance notice to get the word out. You won't want to miss him the second time around. A copy of his book is available at the Randolph Public Library.



Jay Lete, Photo provided by  
Kathy Kiernan

### 2013 Randolph Calendar

This year's calendar is a stand up 6"x6 1/2" desk calendar. The cost is \$12.98 and features 13 Wildflower watercolors painted by Mary Perkins Osgood from 1895-1900. It will look great on a shelf, your desk or anywhere in your home or office. This would also make a great Christmas gift and purchase of a calendar supports the Friends of the Randolph Public Library. Calendars are available at the Library, at The Moose's Antler in Gorham, or we will be happy to ship them to you with an additional shipping cost of \$1.90. Please email the library at [rpl@ne.rr.com](mailto:rpl@ne.rr.com) or call the library 603- 466-5408 to place an order. Make checks payable to the "Friends of the RPL" and mail to the library.

## Gail Scott Exhibited Photography at AVH

Gail Scott, of Randolph Hill, displayed her photographs at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital during the month of August and during the first week of September.

A graduate of Brown University, Gail has been a photographer for more than 35 years. She is a freelance writer/photographer, works often for the Berlin Daily Sun, and is a frequent contributor of articles to the Mountain View.

Many of the photos represented in the display were taken on walks in Randolph, including a series of Randolph waterfall photographs. These were "all taken on reasonably high water days when the fresh clear water of the mountain streams pours down the mountainside," said Gail.

Another section featured a variety of nature scenes in the area including a calm early morning on the Ravine House Pool in Randolph, Jericho Lake at sundown, M. Gail Scott photo wild lilies, a wake robin, and water lilies at Pondicherry.

In all of the images from nature that were presented in the art show, the riveting concept for Gail was the play of light and shadow and an effort to capture the color and details that sunlight brings in the cool, dark forests.

Information for this article was taken directly from an article titled [Must see Photography by Mary Gail Scott on Display at AVH](#) printed in the Daily Sun August 8, 2012, written by AVH volunteer Ron Fini and AVH Public Relations Officer James Patry.



**Richard Egarr**, world renowned harpsichordist, from Amsterdam, teaches scholarship recipient, Keenan Wood, from Berlin, during the Harpsichord Workshop at Gorham Town Hall, which was attended by many from Randolph citizens

## A Thank You Note from Music in the Great North Woods

Our 5 concerts, and 2 classes, have been attended by around 350 listeners so far with the largest events yet to happen on Labor Day Weekend when we present 5 events under the banner of the Big Moose Bach Fest. Again a large proportion of attendees and supporters have come from Randolph. We offer our thanks!

This summer we have extended our reach toward Conway and Jackson, partnered with other non-profits, and raised more than \$1,000 during one event for RESPONSE (Response to Domestic Violence, a program of Coös County Family Health). Three of our performers came from Europe and each event received a standing ovation. The Board of Music GNW has made a decision not to charge for any concert, but to operate with donations given spontaneously. It is a win-win-win for all concerned!

In the past we have enjoyed support from the NH Charitable Organization, but this year, due to timing of the grant process, we launch the Big Moose Bach Fest without any other support than that of those who attend the concerts. Music GNW is being supported in such a way that we can look forward to extending our reach, and continue to present concerts in which we present local talent along with seasoned professionals with big reputations. Our Scholarship program has hit a high mark, too, already producing results with our first scholarship winner, Keenan Wood, playing the big organ at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Berlin. We are most grateful!

Board of Directors: Michie Akin, Betsy Hess, Kathy Baublis, Angela Brown, Susan Ferre, Fran Gardner-Smith, Gail Scott

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."* — Plato

**Woodspringstock**  
Barbara Arnold photos



Final Jam



Hosts Paul & Michelle Cormier & son Joe



Lila Neil and Susan Harvey



Dorothy & Peter Bowers



Jenn Barton & John Scarinza



Dancers: Barbara Wyssession,  
Renee Dunham & Babz Schilke



With Mary Sheehan, Dede Aube &  
Doreen Roy





*Learning to walk sets you free. Learning to dance gives you the greatest freedom of all: to express with your whole self the person you are. Melissa Hay*

Kai Parlett, Isobel Micucci, and 3 grand children of Bob and Jane Gilligan, Sophia, Bianca & Elias Ramires of California and Alivia Kenison. Photo taken at the Jazz Picnic by Anne Kenison

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