

ride his bicycle into his 91st year, enjoyed hill climbs and competed in the Mt. Washington bike race 16 times, in addition to participating in races up Mt. Greylock in Williamstown, MA, and Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, NY. He also raced in dozens of cross-country ski marathons — including the Vasaloppet in Sweden — often winning his age group. His love of mountains and hiking led him to build a family home in Randolph, NH, at the base of the northern Presidential Range in the White Mountains, where he spent summers for forty-five years.

As an ordained United Church of Christ minister, Rev. Eusden was called to interim ministerial positions at the First Congregational Churches of Williamstown and North Adams, MA, in addition to his decade of service in Bennington, VT. And every summer, he led a Sunday service at his beloved summer community church of Randolph, NH.

Rev. Eusden had a great love for music. His mother, a concert pianist, taught him to appreciate classical music, and he later developed a particular fondness for jazz, big band and swing. Eusden played the recorder, clarinet, piano, washtub base, and ocarina.

Active in the civic life of his many communities, Rev. Eusden was a devoted and longtime volunteer, particularly on behalf of the China Lingnan Foundation where he served as a trustee, the Randolph NH Mountain Club where he served as a trip leader, board member, and president, and Chewonki of Wiscasset, ME, where he had been a camper, counselor, waterfront director, advisory board member, and honorary trustee.

Harvard College alumni activities were vitally important to Rev. Eusden. Nominated by his Harvard peers as Class Marshall in 1944, Eusden had served for 69 years in the role, regularly attending reunions and staying in close contact with his classmates who had become lifelong friends.

Throughout his life, Eusden treasured his activities with extended family, and friends who were considered family, including travel, sporting events, holidays, and the simple joy of interacting around the dinner table. Rev. Eusden is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joanne Reiman Eusden, his four children Andrea Eusden and her husband Charles Armstrong of Auburn, ME, Alan Eusden and his wife Lynn Eusden of Corning, NY, Dykstra Eusden and his wife Lydia Eusden of South Paris, ME, and Sarah Eusden Gallop and her husband Andrew Gallop of Winchester, MA, nine grandchildren including Samuel Armstrong, Benjamin Armstrong, William Eusden,

Caitlin Eusden, Greg Eusden, Spencer Eusden, Riley Eusden, Nicholas Gallop, and Julia Gallop, his brother David Eusden of Bloomfield, CT, his sister-in-law Priscilla Eusden of Etna, NH, and several nieces and nephews. Eusden was predeceased by his brother Ray Anderson Eusden, Jr. of Etna, NH.

A memorial service took place at First Parish Church in Brunswick, ME on, May 7, 2013. Online remembrances may be posted at <http://www.brackettfuneralhome.com/>.

A celebration of John Eusden's life will be planned for the summer in Randolph, NH. Donations in Reverend Eusden's memory may be made to the Randolph Mountain Club, P.O. Box 279, Gorham, NH 03581 or The Chewonki Foundation, 485 Chewonki Neck Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

Plants for Cemetery Beautification Projects Needed

It's time to wake up our gardens and thin out last season's overgrowth. Don't toss those extra day lilies, rhododendron and daisy shoots away! We can use them! "Low maintenance" is the key word here. Some good topsoil is also needed to use for the garden beds. The flag pole area of the Hill Cemetery will be the first garden to be planted. Extra hands will also be welcomed! Please call Karen Eitel at 466-5074 for more information.



Garden

Photo by Karen Eitel

Randolph Remembers

Elisabeth Burns



Elisabeth T. (Simonds) Burns 88, died peacefully on September 10, 2012 at St. Elizabeth Home. She was the wife of the late Rev. Alfred W. Burns, former rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Bruce T. and Rosalind B. Simonds, and sister of the late Roger T. Simonds. Her parents were concert

Courtesy photo by family
pianists; her father was dean of the Yale School of Music from 1941 to 1954.

Mrs. Burns earned a BA degree in history from Vassar College in 1944, and later, a master's degree in library science from U.R.I. She worked as a reference librarian in the former Roger Williams College in Bristol from 1971 to 1989.

Her favorite interests were traveling, playing golf, reading, and doing puzzles. An avid hiker, she loved her time in Randolph during the summers. When she could no longer hike, she joined the Androscoggin Valley Golf Club and enjoyed playing rounds of golf well into her seventies.

She is survived by two daughters, Rosalind B. Waterman (Harry) of East Greenwich, and Alison B. Katz (Steven) of Seneca, SC; a son, Christopher D. Burns of Quincy, Mass.; and a grandson, Jason M. Katz of Raleigh, NC.

Her Requiem Eucharist was held on October 12th in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich. A memorial service and burial will take place in Randolph, New Hampshire sometime during the middle of July.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Luke's Church, Pierce and Church Streets, East Greenwich, RI, 02919, or to St. Elizabeth Home, One St. Elizabeth Way, East Greenwich, RI, 02818.

Magnolia in Randolph

If you had the opportunity to drive up Randolph Hill Road during the first week of May, you may have seen a small tree covered with white flowers - the only blooms anywhere in sight. This is a magnolia tree, belonging to Ingrid and Walter Graff. It is enjoying its third year in Randolph, blooming one flower the first year, two flowers last year and 50 flowers this year! "Walter counted them," said Ingrid. The tree received no special treatment, it is a zone four magnolia and Ingrid believes the long snow cover helped bring about the fragrant blooms.



Photo by Walter Graff

Friends of the Randolph Public Library Summer Programs

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Ingrid Graff (ingridpgraff@gmail.com)

Wednesday, July 3rd - 7.00 pm at the Town Hall - "Songs For a Summer Evening" - Bill Minifie and friends accompanied by Heather Pearson. Tickets \$10 adults \$5 children. If you would like to purchase tickets they will be available at the Randolph Library or you can contact Ingrid Graff or Lynn Hunt (see e-mail addresses above).

Saturday, July 20th - 9.00 am - 12.00 noon at the Randolph Town Hall - Library Book Bake and Craft Sale. Any donations to the Friends Bake Sale table will be gratefully accepted.

Tuesday, July 23rd - 6.30 pm at the Randolph Town Hall - "Family Folk Music - Music In My Pockets" with Jeff Warner. Free program ... donations gratefully accepted.

Wednesday, July 31st - 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Randolph Municipal Building on Pinkham B Road. Berlin Jazz Band Picnic and Dance. Please bring your own food and beverage to enjoy and share. Donations gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the band.

Friday, August 2nd - 7.00 pm at the Randolph Town Hall. "An Elevated Kind of Madness: an overview of the sport of mountaineering." Presented by Robert Kruszyna. Free program.

We will be sending out reminders about these events through our "Friends of the Randolph Library" e-mail list. If you are not on this list and would like to be - please send your e-mail information to Lynn or Ingrid (see e-mail addresses above).



Bruce and Faith Kimball of the Berlin Jazz Band. Photo by Dede Aube

Roland Garros, Randolph and Red Clay

By Alison Tomlinson

Randolph tennis is played on a surface covered with crushed red slate and brick similar to the surface of the Roland Garros stadium clay court in Paris France. Every May and June a grand slam tennis event is held at Roland Garros where the world's top tennis players compete. Preparing the surface for play requires water, surface material, brushing and rolling the court. Additionally, the fencing and tapes require periodic maintenance and repair.

The Randolph court is maintained by volunteers who love the sport and want to play on a clay surface. We rely on players from Randolph and the greater Berlin-Gorham area to help when there are big projects to do. Without the help of many local passionate players the court would fall apart.

We want to thank the Bunty and Jim White family and the Carol and Dick Doyle family for providing the court with a special clay rake, a broom and tennis net; we needed the rake this spring after a deer left signature hoof prints deep in the surface of the court. The net and broom are being stored for future use. We appreciate the additional resources provided by these families.

Dave and Alison Tomlinson, installed a new fence post at the entry to the court and reset a small area of tapes that the wind had picked up out of the clay over the winter. The irrigation pump casing was destroyed by the heavy rain that washed out the dam again this past winter. It will be repaired soon and we look forward to a permanent repair of the dam so this problem will not be an annual requirement.

By the time you read this article, we hope many others will have rolled the surface and played for about a month.

Retired Troop F Commander John Scarinza Rescues Former State Rep

By Edith Tucker

Sometimes former state Representative Paula Bradley described being stuck overnight in her unheated sun porch as a “near disaster” and other times as an “adventure.” But Paula Bradley, who is in her mid-80s, was absolutely consistent about one thing: the key role played by former Lt. John Scarinza of Troop F, her neighbor on Randolph Hill Road, in rescuing her from a situation in which she potentially could have frozen to death.

Paula, who now spends part of her year living in a Concord retirement community, thought she had left some papers she needed to fill out her income tax forms at her Randolph cottage. She had recently been at her house when her son had come to New Hampshire from Alaska and wanted to stay with her in Randolph for a few days while he attended a geology conference in Bretton Woods. When she realized that she needed these missing papers, Paula drove alone to her Randolph house to look for them and to spend the night.

“When I couldn't find the papers, I went out on the porch, for some reason, while eating a piece of pizza, my supper, and closed the door to keep the cold out of the living room — and was locked out,” she explained. “I didn't know there was such a lock on that door. It is always open in the summer, so I'd never discovered it. When we lived there all year round, I don't think it ever was locked.”

“I yelled and yelled, first on one side of the porch (that is located at the back of house 10 feet or more above ground), then on the other, but — up hill or down hill — no one heard me,” Bradley recalled. “When I realized I was trapped, I wrapped myself up in an acrylic blanket which was out there and then lay down, pulled the big old wool rug from the floor over me and bundled myself up as best I could in that and slept a bit.

“In the morning I started yelling again,” Bradley said. “I had called John (Scarinza) and a couple of others in town when I got there on Saturday to let them know I was in town. I knew John must be sugaring, so I left a message on his phone tape. “On Sunday morning John tried to call me. No answer, so he came down to see if something was wrong. “There was!”

“Never was a face at the window — a porch door window — so beautiful. Dear John. Now I know what Randolph friends are. I'm fine. I was fine, thirsty and hungry, but just plain grateful to that wonderful guy.”

John is still surprised that Paula was able to survive some 14 hours in the bitter cold. “I'm just amazed at how well Paula was after spending that night outside on the porch,”

John said, with wonder in his voice. “Saturday was just a miserable cold, snowy and blowing day. I remember being cold at the sugarhouse in the afternoon, and I was fully dressed to be outside. How she was able to keep her body temperature up during the night when the temperatures were in the low 20s or below is beyond me. She's tough! We were lucky this time.”

Scarinza emphasized the “this time” for a reason. This town of less than 350 residents has had adults, who have been locked out of their houses, die of exposure. One of these was Katherine Wood, the town's beloved former postmistress, who died of exposure in the late 1980s when she could not get into her house after coming home from a meeting. In her memory, the nonprofit Randolph Foundation established and maintains a matching program to help both year-round and summer residents pay to rent a lifeline device. Wood was one of the Foundation's five original incorporators.

Paula Bradley and John Scarinza believe that this latest incident should serve as a wakeup call — especially for those living alone — to be extremely careful about automatic “snap” locks and to take the time to plan other ways to ensure their safety.

Editors Note: Edith noted that this article was written and published at *Paula's request*.



John Scarinza
Edith Tucker Photo

The Many Facets of Forestry: A Description of this Year's Annual Forest Day Event

by David Willcox

The annual Randolph Forest Day falls on Saturday, August 3rd this year. The theme of the discussion and forest tour will be "the past and the future of timber and wildlife management". The year marks the completion of the first Stewardship Plan which was finished on November 17, 2003. It is also the year in which the second Stewardship Plan will go into effect. This makes it an appropriate time to look at both what has been accomplished over the last decade and what is being proposed for the next one.

We will begin with a presentation at 9:00 am in the Randolph Town Hall. Members of the Forest Commission and the Forestry Team will review the activities carried out in the Randolph Forest during the last year. They will also look back over the life of the first plan to explain its original goals and the extent to which those goals have been realized.

They will then describe the broad outlines of the second plan, now in preparation, presenting its goals, specific proposals for timber harvesting, recreational and wildlife habitat activities. The public will be encouraged to participate with questions, suggestions and comments.

The new Randolph Forest website will be formally unveiled with a description and explanation of the information posted on it.

The Forest Tour will begin at 10:00 am or shortly thereafter. It will pick up the theme, traveling along the Pond of Safety Road with stops to look at activities carried out under the first plan: the trail-head parking lot established to promote traditional outdoor recreation, areas harvested to further the goal of encouraging the growth of high quality saw timber, softwood regeneration sites created to improve animal habitat and the health of the forest, permanent wildlife openings put in place to encourage the proliferation of variously species of wildlife and transects laid out to make possible future educational and research

A stop will also take place at a site chosen for a future timber harvest. The considerations which determine the choice of a location, the means of measuring the probable output, the cutting options available and the ways in which the forester interacts with the loggers will be discussed and illustrated.

All are welcome to participate, children included. Feel free to come to the town hall but not go on the field trip or to join the field trip at 10:00 am. On the road, we will travel by car but the side trips could involve wet or uneven terrain so those planning to go on the field trip are reminded to wear shoes appropriate for moderately rough terrain and to bring a lunch and insect repellants. For more information or directions contact David Willcox at (603) 466-5104 or by e-mail to dlw@ncia.net.



Randolphforest.org: Randolph's Newest Web Site

by Doug Mayer

Randolph's Community Forest is now on the internet! The new site, at www.randolphforest.org, includes a variety of information on the forest: latest news, ongoing forest activities such as harvests, upcoming events and more. Visitors can read about the history of the forest, get minutes from the recent meetings of the Community Forest Commission, and much more.

Like so many projects on the Community Forest, this was a team effort. The site includes photos from Randolph residents Lydia Goetze, Doug Mayer, John Scarinza, Gail Scott, and Edith Tucker. John Severance and Elise Lawson of Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. provided photos and other support.

In the coming months, we'll add more features to the site, including a slide show tour of a timber harvest, photos from the forest's digital wildlife cameras, and much more.

The Forest Commission hopes to be as inclusive as possible, with the content we share on the web site. If you have great photos to share, or a story about your trip into the forest, please email it to us via the "Contact" page on the web site. We hope to include brief posts from visitors to the Community Forest, on a regular basis.

Add the site to your list of bookmarks, and we hope you'll visit often to find out what's happening on your community forest. And, now, if you have a suggestion or question about the Randolph Community Forest, you know where to reach us!

High School Graduates 2013

Eileen Kelley, daughter of Mark and Kathleen Kelley of Randolph Hill, graduated from Concord High School on June 15. Eileen will be attending the Jesuit Fordham University as a part of the Fordham College at Lincoln Center Class of 2017. She will be majoring in Economics with an interest in International Relations. Fordham is her university of choice and New York City is her campus. Eileen hopes to take advantage of the many internships and interact with cultures and culture only available in the world's capital. She is looking forward to continuing her passion for musical theater. "Hopefully the Minifie's will have room for an extra rider on their way north from the city, because Eileen says she will miss being in the mountains of New Hampshire the most" says her mother, Kathleen.

Dillon Lowe, June 7 graduate of Gorham High School, will be attending White Mountain Community College this fall. Dillon, who is the son of Chuck and Sylvia Lowe of Durand Road will participate in the Welding Technology Program.

Dillon and Eileen are recipients of Randolph Foundation Scholarships. For more information about these scholarships go to the foundation web site at:

<http://www.randolphfoundationnh.org/>

A New Face at the Randolph Town Hall

There is a new face at the Randolph Town Hall. Selectmen's Assistant, Linda Dupont, will be available Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, to help answer any concerns or questions you might have.

Please stop in and introduce yourself. Linda is a longtime resident of Gorham and brings a wealth of business and computer knowledge to the town of Randolph. Her desire to work as a team player will benefit one and all.

Barton-Scarinza Plan to Wed

Jennifer Barton and John Scarinza, both of Randolph, are delighted to announce they are getting married! The engagement took place in the sugarhouse that the couple built together, on "Maple Sunday" in March of 2012.



Jenn proposed with rings that were cut from the plastic mainline tubing that they use in their sugarbush. It was later confirmed when John presented Jenn with a beautiful diamond ring in front of a roomful of family and friends, at Jenn's father's 70th birthday party.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Allan and Letty Barton of Loudon. She graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 1988. Jenn earned her A.A. from Sterling College in Craftsbury Common, VT, and her BS and teacher certification from UNH in Durham, NH. She is employed as the Natural Resources teacher at White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield.

The groom-to-be is the son of Vivian Bean of Randolph, and Mr. and Mrs. John Scarinza of Cape Coral, FL. John graduated from Gorham High School in 1977. After a 30 year career in law enforcement, he retired in 2009 as Commander of State Police Troop F. He serves as the chairman of the Randolph Forest Commission and president of the Randolph Mountain Club. Beyond that, he currently works very hard at doing whatever he wants, and even harder trying to remember what it was he did.

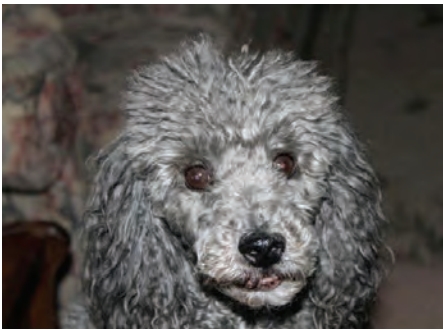
The couple particularly enjoys making maple syrup and gardening together. The wedding is being planned for September 28th, 2013.

Hikers Find and Rescue Lost Miniature Poodle on Mt. Madison

By Edith Tucker

"... Kevin Mutch and Kevin Giacomello, of Tewksbury, Mass., unselfishly hiked a mile or more back out of the woods on Saturday carrying our little dog," wrote Mary Jane Seese of Akron, Ohio, in a brief e-mail account of how two strangers made her and her husband Stan relieved and happy. "They fed her and gave her a drink of water after they called us to give us the wonderful news that they had found her!" she wrote.

Megan, a seven-year-old female, miniature silver poodle jumped out the shattered window of the vehicle in which she was riding on April 12, when the 2003 Ford pickup she was in flipped over and slid off Route 2, just east of the Ap-



Megan, photo by Mary Jane Seese

palachia trails parking. The truck was hauling a brand-new 31-foot-long RV that was being delivered to Canada.

"I was traveling east when I hit severe black ice and high winds that combined to push me off the north side of the two-lane highway," Stan Seese explained in an interview at Lowe's Store where both totaled vehicles were in the parking lot.

April 12th's wintery storm packed sleet, snow, freezing rain and high winds. "I believe in seat belts; I had one on," Stan said, noting that his only injury was a slightly sore right wrist. "A Fed-Ex driver, I didn't get his name, pulled me out of the pickup," he explained. A sheriff's deputy — Mitch Doolan of the Coös County Sheriff's Department was the first law enforcement officer at the scene. He called the state police, and Trooper Jonathan Stevens responded from Troop F in Twin Mountain.

Kevin Rousseau of Lowe's Garage, located some two miles west of the accident site, came to assess what would be involved in removing both the

wrecked pickup and the RV from the scene. He telephoned Taillon Crane Service in Gorham and then went back to the garage to get Lowe's large wrecker. His father-in-law, Alan Lowe, who usually operates the big rig was on vacation in Florida. The Taillon team brought their boom truck crane to flip the pickup back onto its wheels. Rousseau hauled both vehicles back to Lowe's Garage.

Trooper Stevens drove Stan Reese to spend the night in a motel in Gorham, and when he and his wife were reunited they focused on trying to find their poodle, hoping against hope that she was still alive.

Several Randolph volunteers searched for Megan on the rail-trail after the accident and the following morning, but none found any trace of her. Mary Jane and Stan sent word and a photograph to WMUR-TV. On Saturday morning, Stan noticed a pair of hikers putting on their socks and hiking boots in the Appalachia parking lot. He stopped and talked with them, gave each his business card, and asked them to telephone if they found what he called "my baby."

The two men —who are in their early 30s and work with masonry and mortar — intended to hike to a developed tent site on the slopes of Mt. Madison. It was their first hike in 2013, however, and neither one was outfitted with snowshoes or crampons. "As we hiked up the Valley Way, slipping and sliding along, we found the dog's footprints," Giacomello reported. "A mile or more in, we found her. We called her name; she wasn't afraid." "We carried her in our arms like a baby," Mutch said. "We couldn't believe she'd survived the night, that she hadn't been eaten by a wild animal. She didn't even feel wet!" The men agreed that finding the dog and restoring her to her ecstatically happy owners was the highlight of their overnight trip to the White Mountains. Giacomello recalled, "It was a great feeling!"

Stan said that in addition to thanking these two men, he wanted to thank all the local people, including the FedEx driver, plus the rescue workers and law enforcement who helped after the accident.



In the Presidential Mountains, as long as you are able to see the figure 7 on Mt. Adams, it's too early to go for a swim. *Photo by Clover Koopman*

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