

Mountain View



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

David and Dodie Wilcox Donate 77 Acres to Randolph Community Forest

By Edith Tucker

Another 80-plus acres were added on Friday, Aug. 2, to the 10,000-acre “working” Randolph Community Forest (RCF).

Randolph residents Dodie and David Willcox donated the 77-acre Farrar farm and woodlot, located on both sides of Route 2 that includes frontage on the Israel’s River.

The couple bought the property on Oct. 26, 2011, with the intention of its being added to the RCF once they learned that its longtime owner, Almon Farrar, had hoped the land that he had worked for many years would not be further developed.

Farrar died on Feb. 18, 2005, one day short of his 89th birthday. “This creates a permanent linkage — a natural wildlife corridor — to a much greater degree than the Forest has had before,” explained Scarinza. The only other link is a narrow 50-foot-wide link exists at Bowman, the height of land between the Connecticut and Androscoggin River watersheds.

In addition, the Willcox’ gift triggered a transfer of an already town-owned 4.5-acre parcel next to the Farrar property on the north side of Route 2, taken years ago for nonpayment of taxes. A warrant article passed at the 2011 Town Meeting stipulates that if the Farrar property were added to the RCF, this parcel would be added also.

The opportunities to create such a link between the White Mountain National Forest’s Kilkenny Unit to the north and the Presidential Unit to the south through the Randolph Community Forest are very, very limited. Houses and camps dot the length of the Route 2 corridor, including Durand Road, the old Route 2 that became a town road in the mid-60s.

Because of the relatively scant development on the Farrar property, deer, moose, and bear regularly cross Route 2 at the location. Although not yet officially incorporated into its stewardship plan, the For-

est Commission’s management plan includes keeping the Farrar Farm’s fields mowed, maintaining its apple trees and stone walls, and preserving the pristine state of the Israel’s River that flows into the Connecticut River at Lancaster.

David Willcox serves as Town Moderator and is also a member of the Randolph Planning Board. He is a lawyer who retired from the development field where he worked extensively in Asia and the Pacific as an international development consultant. For part of his career, he and Dodie lived in Bangladesh.

Three Randolph residents — David Willcox, Walter Graff, then deputy director of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), and John Scarinza, then a sergeant at Troop F of the N. H. State Police —worked together, with the help of the nonprofit Trust for Public Lands and Randolph Foundation, to create the RCF out of former industrial timberlands. Many strategic meetings were held in the Willcox’ house.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, Randolph, a town with less than 300 voters, became the owner of the largest town forest in New Hampshire — roughly one-third of the town’s total land base — as well as a smaller holding in its neighboring town of Jefferson.

The town of Randolph owns the land subject to a conservation easement held by the state.

The acquisition of the forest was the culmination of an effort that started four years earlier when the Planning Board learned that its then-owner, Hancock Timber Resources Group, had submitted an application in 1996 to enroll its local landholdings in the federally funded Forest Legacy Program. The devastating Ice Storm of 1998 changed Hancock’s plans, however, and the Boston, Mass.-based outfit decided to sell their holdings in Randolph and Jefferson following a salvage cut.

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Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
 meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
 Administrative Assistant, Linda Dupont; Treasurer Angela Brown
 Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall 2nd & 4th Monday 466-5771
- BUILDING PERMITS.** See Board of Selectmen
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse) 466-5777
- DOG LICENSES** See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911;**
 Randolph Chief, Dana Horne
- FOREST FIRE WARDEN** (Rebecca Boothman) Call for Burning Permits 466-2332
- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Contact the SAU Office 466-3632
 Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location
 alternates between the 3 towns.
- LIBRARY** Trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month; Chair, Jean Malick, 466-5408
 Librarian, Amy Cyr, Open Mon. 10 – noon; Wed. 3 -8 p.m.,
 Thur. 3-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 –noon
- LIFELINE** (Heather Wiley) 466-5179
- PLANNING BOARD** (Chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
 Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
- POLICE** (Randolph Chief, Alan Lowe) 466-3950
- RANDOLPH CHURCH** (Moderator Edgar Adams)
 Sunday morning services July & August (10:30 a.m.).
- RANDOLPH COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION** (chair, John Scarinza) 466-5775
 Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday
- RANDOLPH FOUNDATION** (President, Keith Dempster)
- RANDOLPH LIFE SQUAD — Call 911 in an emergency**
 Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438
- RANDOLPH MOUNTAIN CLUB** (President, John Scarinza) 466-5775
- ROAD AGENT** (Kevin Rousseau) 466-5185
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**
 Denise Demers, Michael Sewick & Angela Chakalis-Pfeffer
- TAX COLLECTOR** (Anne Kenison) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771
- TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606
 Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** Monday– Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. 466-5771
- TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.
 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.
- TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

Community Calendar

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

- Oct. 11 & 14** No school,
 26 Witches, Pop Culture and the Past.
 Speaker: Robin DeRosa
 Randolph Town Hall - Harvest
 Potluck supper-5:30
 Presentation- 6:30;
 Free program--Donations
 gratefully accepted
- Nov. 11** No School, Veteran's Day
 27 Early dismissal at school
- 28-29 Thanksgiving School Recess
- Dec. 6** School Parent Conferences

Real Estate Transactions

- 6/21/2013 Kenneth & Martha Dooley
 to Ronald Dogopoulos
- 6/25/2013 Mt. Jefferson Motel &
 Cabins to Mount Jefferson
 View LLC / Emmerentia
 Oelofse
- 7/1/2013 Deborah Bartlett
 to Lawrence & Yvonne
 Jenkins
- 7/25/2013 Darrell & Patricia Bernier
 to Timothy & Alison
 Bernier
- 8/2/2013 David & Doris Wilcox
 to Town of Randolph -
 Town Forest

Building Permits

- REMINDER
 Randolph property owners are responsible for ensuring that they or their builders receive any necessary permits before beginning any construction. Building permits must be approved by the Selectmen. The Selectmen need time to review all permits, so please remember to submit them early enough to allow that process.
- 6/10/2013 Paul/Michelle Cormier
 Adding deck to side of
 house
 - 6/10/2013 Paul/Michelle Cormier
 Adding solar panels to
 roof
 - 6/10/2013 Mike/Sally Micucci
 Attach shed to garage
 - 7/22/2013 Beverly/Shawn Fitzpatrick
 Adding In-ground
 swimming pool
 - 7/22/2013 Scott/Elizabeth Robinson
 Expanding existing deck
 - 8/12/2013 Samarjit Shankar
 Adding solar panels to
 roof
 - 8/12/2013 Mount Jefferson View/
 Emmerentia Oelofse
 Adding Fire Pit

A Heartfelt Thank You and a Warning to Beware of Surveys

By Yvonne Jenkins



Back in 1992 I filled out what I thought was an innocent little survey from the Randolph Public Library and created by then Library Trustee Meg Meiklejohn. I never anticipated it would change my life. This is not an exaggeration. Question five asked "Do you have any suggestions for improving the library?" Since I had two young children and there were so many young families

in town, my exact answer was "I think it would be wonderful to have a children's story hour once a week or so." Meg thought it was a great idea and suggested that I start one. Pictures will document that there were sometimes 50 people crammed into the old school house for story hour. That was done strictly on a volunteer basis. I was then elected to the Board of Library Trustees for a while, but found it so much more enjoyable to read books to children than to "create policy" and talk finances. I couldn't get enough of children's literature at that point and made a decision to return to school to get a degree in Library Science. By that time Meg and I were spending so much time together she became like a surrogate mother to me. Once I had a few library classes under my belt, the little Randolph Library became my training ground. Fellow students often didn't take me seriously, because "my library" didn't even have a bathroom and it was only open two months of the year. But I took it very seriously and wanted our little library to be as good as, or better than, any other library. We were like the "Little Engine That Could". In 1996, Jean Malick, librarian at

the time, and I agreed to change jobs. I became the librarian and she became a trustee, which has remained true for the past 16 years.

Ready to return to the workforce once my daughters were in school, I finished my degree, became certified as a School Library Media Specialist and got a full time job at the Berlin Junior High School; a perfect combination of school-year employment and a small part-time summer job at the Randolph Library. As time went by, it became apparent that the library should be available year-round and not closed up for the winter. The story of the fundraising/building effort is a book in itself, so I will fast forward several years and bring us to the present. Although the new year-round library is open only a few hours per week, it requires much more time than I am able to provide with my other full-time job, and I realized that it wasn't fair to that amazing library not to be able to give it my undivided energy and attention, and it was time to step aside and watch it continue to flourish with a new librarian. It wasn't a difficult decision, because I knew it was the right one, but I would be lying if I said that I have not shed any tears over this. It really has been a part of me and my family for a very long time.

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel towards this town for supporting our library, the amazing trustees who dedicate so much time and energy to making sure that it will be there in the future, the Friends of the Library group who help to support it through fundraising and programs, and mostly to all the children and families I have had the privilege to read to over the years. It was a group effort and will continue to be so in the future, and I am looking forward to remaining a part of the library as a patron and friend. You have all changed my life...

And a special note to Meg. I am so happy you wrote that survey and I cannot thank you enough.

Note from Randolph Library Trustees:

On behalf of the patrons of the Randolph Library, we would like to express our immeasurable gratitude to Yvonne Jenkins for the countless hours she has given to the library. In almost every way possible the library reflects Yvonne. Without a doubt her presence will be missed. Her personality and talent are visible in each charming area of the library including the lovely flower garden. We wish her every happiness.

Randolph, John Eusden and Nobel Laureates

By Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

Randolph Library has been a kind of intellectual 'nest' for me, with an erudite old friend John Eusden, living nearby on the same Durand Road.

True, at a ripe age of 93, he left us, but not before he and I had spent time talking philosophy, economics, physics and more, reminiscing the greats of Randolph, especially Nobel laureates. Though John was 19 years my senior, we shared similar backgrounds, ambience and interests, stationed at Harvard, Williams College, Cambridge and of course, the White Mountains.

John, who was so well read and a great author, and I would typically discuss as penned in the paragraphs below.

The Nobel Prize in Physics, 1946, was awarded to Percy W. Bridgman. Born in Cambridge in 1882, he spent his entire life at Harvard University as Hollis Professor of Math and Natural Philosophy. Bridgman died in Randolph at the age of 80. His book; "The Logic of Modern Physics" (McMillan, New York, 1949) is my prize possession (not pinched from the Widener or Lamont Libraries--but, secured at a library sale). Bridgman, an experimental physicist and a contemporary of Einstein, was apprehensive of the latter's relativity and quantum theory, calling for a new examination of the foundations of our physical thought. His keynote thinking emphasizes that physics shall not be sublimated into math. The concepts of physics are not logical or mathematical abstractions, but simply names for unique groups of experimental operations.

In hindsight, one might imagine that when Bridgman uttered these words for a new examination of the foundations of our physical thought, perhaps a 'whisper' thereof entered the grey cells of a brilliant Nobel laureate (2004), Frank Wilczek born in 1951, when both Bridgman and Einstein were alive. Wilczek, penned the outstanding book, "The Lightness of Being: Mass, Ether, and the Unification of Forces (Basic Books, New York, 2008). Transcending older ideas about matter & space, he explained a remarkable new discovery: Matter is built from almost weightless units, and pure energy is the ulti-

mate source of mass, He calls this discovery the "Lightness of Being".

One day, John Eusden was in an expansive mood sitting in our home on Randolph Hill Road, where my wife Rajni, son Samarjit Shankar and daughter-in-law Tara were in rapt attention, discussing Wilczek's famous sentences on Chinese philosophy especially, the Yin & Yang.

The year 2005 was celebrated by UNESCO, as 'International Year of Physics'. Being the centenary year of the Annus Mirabilis or the Miracle Year, 1905 of Albert Einstein. On Nov. 11, 2005 we were at Princeton Institute of Advanced Studies and thrilled to be photographed in front of # 15, the famous room of Albert Einstein---both Rajni & Tara were thrilled while I climbed to the first floor to the office of Ed. Witten, the famous String Theorist

One day, John and I were discussing the connections, if any, between economics and physics. We chatted about the concept of "opportunity cost" in economics namely, alternatives foregone, amounting to a kind of loss, in some sense. Drawing an analogy in quantum mechanics, we noted how, Nobel Louis de Broglie's interpretation of quantum mechanics was ignored and eventually Niel's Bohrs 'Copen Hagen interpretation' came to stay.

John and I amused ourselves, one day with the famous quote: "God created space (distance) so that everything superb does not eventuate at Princeton." But Nobel Frank Wilczek has two feathers in his cap, both Princeton and Cambridge. In fact his earlier book, co-authored with wife Betsy Devine was such a masterpiece--an outstanding YIN Yang Product, book captioned; "Longing for Harmonies--Themes and Variations from Modern Physics" (Norton, 1987) that John came out with a lovely remark: "Sada, I think, one day, you ought to meet the female author of this great book as she is, in terms of Eastern philosophy a divine person --(Bet-she-Divine) = Betsy Devine, and this Nobel couple is an outstanding combination of Western Science and, may I say, Oriental philosophy. Amen

(Alas--both John & Rajni breathed their last in the same New England area---Rajni at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston)



Paul Cormier and Jenn Barton



A beautiful day



Bruce Kimball and Jack Alexander finished the day in style.

B. Arnold photos

A Woodspring-Stock Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Randolph Foundation and everyone who attended Woodspring-Stock 2013. What a wonderful day. I know a lot of you were able to attend and you can attest that the entire day was just great.

The special appearance of local talent provided by Peter and Dorothy Bowers with surprise guest Bill Arnold was a highlight. We never knew we had such a comedian in our midst.

We live in such a terrific community that it is a true pleasure to be able to sponsor an event like this. Thanks to the many who freely donated "at the gate" and to the Randolph Foundation for their sponsorship, we came very close to breaking even.

Special thanks must go to Ray & Dede Aube for loaning us their canopy tent. With such perfect weather, the direct sun was very hot and having the shade made it comfortable for many to be able to spend the entire day enjoying the music. And thanks also to those thoughtful folks who brought extra umbrellas to share!

Thank you so much and see you next year!

Paul & Michele Cormier



Woodspring-Stock 2013 Crooner

R. Dunham photos



Dogs loved the music, too!



Friends Dorothy Bowers, Bill Arnold, & Pete Bowers united to sing an old favorite.

B. Arnold photo

Randolph Mountain Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Charades

Story and photos by Edith Tucker



Randolph Mountain Club historian Judy Maddock Hudson, author of "Peaks and Paths," headed up a cadre of bakers in the extended Maddock-Hudson family who along with illustrator Tim Sappington created this extraordinary carrot cake for the Charades' Centennial.

The Randolph Mountain Club (RMC) marked the 100th anniversary of Charades, a signature community event, on Saturday, Aug. 17, at Mossy Glen on the north side of Durand Road.

Charades, a favorite evening parlor game during the Victorian era, were once played in the town's three simple hotels during the early days of hiking and train travel.

The three sections of town — the Valley, the Midlands, and the Hill — plus the Mountain, (RMC's seasonal trail crew) act out individual or combined syllables ending with the word as a whole. Audience members call out their guesses, and, sometimes, as was the case this year, broad hints must be given before someone is able to come up with the right answer. At the end of the tradition-laden event, community members are led in musical rounds. Bill Minifie directed the singing for the second year in a row, concluding, as always, by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Club historian, Judy Hudson captured the moment in her 2010 book, "Peaks & Paths".

Come back with me to the Mossy Glen hill-

side, and let's close with some rounds. 'Scotland's Burning,' 'Chairs to Mend,' and 'Little Jack Horner' give way to 'Dona Nobis Pacem.' We stand, clasp hands, and sing 'Should auld acquaintance be forgot.'..." A sense of timelessness surrounds us. The chain we make with our grasped hands stretches back to the days of Louis F. Cutter and Guy Shorey, and forward — we hope — into the lives of our descendants.

As usual, the play-acting cleverly referenced many local landmarks, events, and history: the long-ago days of the Paleo-Indians, when caribou likely migrated across the Israel's and Moose River valleys, the Crystal Mine, the Dance around the Pumps at the Lowe's Gas Station, Alan and Lucille Lowe's wedding 50 years ago, the erosion at the Ravine House Pool dam by recent tropical storms and hurricanes, cairn building and the rivalry of pioneer pathmakers E. B. Cook and J. R. Edmands.

The Hill's word, "aggrandizement," featured several scenes: the discovery of the silver ("Ag") figure of the Virgin Mary buried by hungry Rogers Rangers during the French & Indian War; a visit by Queen Elizabeth II ("gran") and Prince Philip, plus their infant great-grandson Prince George Alexander Louis; and an "Our Town" scene with those in the Randolph graveyard ("dies") recalling earlier Charades; and an officious waiter serving crème de menthe ("ment") at the Café de Mont Blanc (The White Mountain Café) in Gorham.

The Midlands' word, "locomotion," included the Lowe's Gas Station and a great commotion at Memorial Bridge over Cold Brook, dedicated to the early pathmakers.

The Mountain's word was "inuksuk," a stone cairn in the shape of a human figure built by North American native peoples in the Arctic. The first syllable ("inn") featured a confused but pushy tourist trying to book a room at the RMC Stearns Lodge that is only open to members of the RMC trail crew and caretakers.

The Valley's word, "sequestration," featured melting glaciers, geologists realizing that their research in the recently published paperback, "The Geology of New Hampshire's White Mountains," is already out of date, and a caribou hunt, designed to create a

winter “ration,” and a shortfall in FEMA funds to fix the pool dam.

“It was a grand day,” said RMC president John Scarinza. “I wish there was a way I could thank everyone who made it happen. The cake, the charades, the punch, the advance brush-clearing and trail work, as well as Alan Lowe’s service in driving the infirm to the picnic site, plus the hard work of social event co-chairs Barbara Phinney and Sarah Eusden Gallop, involved every part of town and all ages. With some 325 people in Mossy Glen, it was truly a community celebration, and I very much hope that the annual picnic and charades will last at least another 100 years.”

The RMC maintains four camps on the north side of Mt. Adams and over 100 miles of footpaths on the northern slopes of the Presidential Range and north of Route 2, and its stewardship mission has helped its members retain its long-standing sense of place and community.

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Hill Charade: Queen Elizabeth II (Ingrid Graff) and Prince Philip (Walter Graff) acted out the second syllable (“gran”) of the Hill’s word “aggrandizement”.



Valley Charade: The first syllable (“sea”) of the Valley’s word, “sequestration,” was acted by more than a dozen people scattering ice cubes and wearing white sheets to mimic the appearance of a glacier in Randolph’s Mossy Glen.



Mountain Charade: RMC Trail Crew perform their word “inuksuk”.



The first syllable (“lo”) of the **Midlands’** word, “locomotion,” was acted out with a festive dance around the pumps at Lowe’s Gas Station.



Scores of Randolphians sang “Happy Anniversary” to Lucille and Alan Lowe who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 17, which also marked the 100th anniversary of the RMC annual picnic and charades, held in in Mossy Glen. Lucille was presented with a bouquet of flowers, and Alan, a bottle of champagne.