

# Mountain View



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

## Glade Skiing on the Randolph Community Forest

by John Scarinza

In the 1989 film "Field of Dreams," an Iowa corn farmer's vision for a baseball diamond in the middle of his corn field is memorialized with the now famous quote "If you build it, they will come." So too, with the creation of "The Glades" on the Randolph Community Forest.

One of the goals of the Randolph Forest Commission has been to encourage outdoor recreational opportunities on the RCF, not only in the summer, but also during the shoulder seasons of spring and fall and certainly the 6 long months of winter we experience here in Randolph on a yearly basis.

For the past couple of years, a local group nicknamed the Randolph Society for the Advancement of Backcountry Skiing, has been maintaining a network of miles of lightly-marked routes on the Randolph Community Forest which tie together skid roads, designated Randolph Forest roads, and Randolph Mountain Club trails suitable for backcountry skiing.



Concurrently in the Northeast, there has been a resurgence of interest in "Glade Skiing" which is very popular in the western part of the country but has only recently seen a new user base eager to ski closer to home in New England. To further this winter recreational opportunity, glades need to be developed on mountainous terrain which has the proper tree density, aspect, snow cover and public access.

A year ago this past February, the Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA), a New Hampshire non-profit with a mission to develop glade skiing opportunities in the region, approached the forest commission with a proposal to create an area on the Randolph Community Forest for back country glade skiing. After several meetings spent reviewing maps of potential sites, a visit to the proposed area by our forester, and an ironing out of approved protocols to be followed, the Randolph Forest Commission approved the project and designated the GBA as the activity manager for all glade skiing activities on the forest.

In late August, a group of 60 energetic back country skiing enthusiasts spent two days volunteering their time to create about 75 acres of glade skiing terrain in the area previously approved in the bowl of Carlton Notch. The "Glades" are located in a bowl of Carlton Notch, south and southeast of the Mt. Crescent trail and Lafayette View in a beautiful stand of northern hardwoods.

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Meets 7 pm the 3rd Thurs. of the month at Town Hall		Meets 7 pm at Town Hall on 1st Thurs. of the month	
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Meets at 6:30 pm the 3rd Tues. of month, location varies		<b>TRASH COLLECTION</b> Must be at roadside by 7 am	
<b>LIBRARY</b> Librarian, Yvonne Jenkins	466-5408	Trash - every Tues.	
Mon.& Wed. 3-8 pm; Fri.& Sat. 10-noon		<b>RECYCLING</b> First Saturday of the month. All items must be sorted.	

**SPRING CALENDAR**

April  
 23 The Mildred Horton Book Group 10:00 am Library  
 23-27 GRS Spring Vacation  
 May  
 5 RMC Spring Libby's Dinner, Reservations required. Contact Jenn Scarinza at jbarton@ttlc.net.  
 28 Memorial Day  
 June  
 27 American Legion Annual Memorial Day Service at the Randolph Memorial, 10:00 am  
 8 GRS Graduation  
 12 Last day of school at GRS

Information regarding the above listed activities may be found within the pages of this issue of the Mountain View. Check the Blizzard throughout the winter for possible changes of dates or times as well as for additional events.

**Real Estate Transactions**

Location	Grantor	Grantee
726 Valley Road	O'Hara, Linda	Fall, Tanna and Harold
58 Boothman Lane	Jacqueline Bowers Cross	Weatherly, John and Beverly
104 Raycrest Drive	Brown, Steven	Foster, Stephen

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**Building Permits Issued**

Name	Map	Lot	Project
Fall, Tanna	U11	1	Inside renovations
Baker, Maggie	R10	19	Solar
Baker, Maggie	R10	19	Car Port



The American Legion will hold an annual Memorial Day Service at the Randolph Memorial on Durand Road, Sunday, May 27 at 10 am. All welcome to attend.



Jenn Barton Scarinza Photo

The “Glades” continue downslope to an area of currently open terrain from a timber harvest of about 8 years ago, which removed trees severely damaged during the 1998 ice storm.

With deep snows in late December and January, and then again in late February and early March, reports have been coming in from the “Glades” that the skiing has been nothing short of fantastic.

And so, on March 18th with temperatures in the single digits, a brisk wind and almost 2 feet of newly fallen snow, my wife, Jen and I snowshoed up to the “Glades” to see how things were working out.

The first thing we noticed upon arriving in the parking lot at the end of Randolph Hill Road was a good collection of cars from the states of NH, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Colorado, as well as a very clearly packed ski trail leading past the kiosk and headed west towards Carlton Notch.

During our hike on the trail to and through the glades, we ran into about 20 skiers with whom we spoke and conducted a sort of quick verbal survey. “Where are you from?” “How was the skiing?” “Are you staying in the area?” “Are you eating at local restaurants?” were some of the questions we asked.

The result of our informal “survey” was a clear and unanimous sentiment as to how wonderful it was to have this opportunity available and open to public access. The terrain and the skiing were fantastic, skiers certainly planned on returning and they were thankful to the RCF for allowing this back-country opportunity to exist on the forest.

It was also clear that some of these folks from away were staying overnight at local motels, almost all were planning on dining in local restaurants and most were certainly planning to return. In speaking with several business owners in Gorham, they confirmed that they are seeing a positive impact from visitors who come to the area to ski the Glades on the RCF.

When the Randolph Community Forest was created, one of the goals was that it remain a working forest, contributing to the local economy. Traditionally, that goal was accomplished through the harvesting of timber which continues to this day. More recent opportunities for creating and preserving local jobs has been the recent maple tapping lease for sap to be processed into maple syrup on designated lands within the forest and now the contribution to the local economy of overnight guest stays at area hotels and visits to local restaurants from people who have traveled from afar to come to the area and ski in the Glades of the RCF.

So perhaps, yes, it might be true that “if you build it they will come,” and in this case the creation of the glade skiing opportunity on the RCF is looking like a great success, providing additional outdoor winter recreational opportunities on the forest, while contributing to the local economy which should benefit guests and residents alike in the Androscoggin Valley and the region.

John Scarinza Photos, pg. 1 & 3



## Glade Skiing in Randolph

by Barbara Arnold

Glade Skiing is not for the faint of heart; most trails are listed as advanced or intermediate skill level. We have received loads of snow from three nor'easter storms and the snow stake in our yard currently reads about three feet. In speaking with skiers, there is more than that amount of snow in the woods. They report to be skiing in powder past their knees.

We walk our dog up and around the parking area at the end of Randolph Hill Road a couple of times a

day. Most days the first skiers arrive early in the morning; today I met a skier coming out by headlamp around 7 pm, tired and happy. Recently, we counted 23 cars on a beautiful bluebird winter day; to a person they were excited, happy and very grateful for the opportunity to ski the trails in the forest. For more information and photos visit their website: <http://granitebackcountryalliance.org/randolph-community-forest/>



Ink Drawing on Grey Paper by Steven Teczar

## Moose River Wetlands Study

### Completed for Randolph Conservation Commission

By Bruce Kirmsee

The Randolph Conservation Commission has recently received the final version of a 52-page “Functional Assessment of Wetlands Throughout the Moose River Area of Randolph, NH,” prepared by wetlands scientist Elise Lawson, whom some people in Randolph may remember as half of the “Wetlands to Wildlife” team that served as consultants for the Randolph Community Forest.

The Moose River wetlands study complements the parallel study of the Israel’s River wetlands produced for the Town by Wetlands to Wildlife in December, 2011. Together, these studies cover what is Randolph’s most valuable, and perhaps most vulnerable natural resource: its water, its rivers, streams, and associated wetlands and aquifers that are the source for our drinking water and a lot more. The Moose and Israel’s River drainages account for most of the town’s wetlands. (Relatively smaller portions of the town are in the Upper Ammonoosuc drainage, which is wholly within the White Mountain National Forest, and the Stag Hollow Brook drainage, which is within the Randolph Community Forest.)

Besides providing an overview of the part of the Moose River drainage situated within Randolph, the Moose River study discusses nine specific wetlands within the basin, each different and vital to the functioning of the entire wetlands system, with intriguing names such as “Moose Wetland,” “Old Growth Wetland,” “Paleo site Wetland,” “Hawthorn Wetland,” “Hidden Gem Wetland,” etc.

Sitting at the headwaters of several watersheds as we do, we in Randolph are very fortunate to have exceptionally high-water quality. This also means that Randolph has an exceptional responsibility to protect that water quality, both for our residents now and in future generations, and for communities downstream. These wetlands studies put the town in a position to protect those irreplaceable resources. In fact, state law requires that Town Conservation Commissions “shall keep an index of all marshlands, swamps and all other wet lands” as part of their larger obligation to produce a Natural Resources Inventory, or, as state law describes it “an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas within the city or town, as the case may be, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such areas” (RSA 36-A:2).

Taken together with the Israel’s River study, the present Moose River study constitutes the foundation of a new Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of Randolph, which is being funded by a warrant article from the Town Meeting of March 2017. When completed, it will be the Town’s first Natural Resources Inventory in more than a quarter-century. It is currently under preparation and will be ready by the summer of 2018. Natural Resource Inventories are important not only for the scientific and nature-related information they contain, but also as a guide to future planning and as part of the legal basis for avoiding possible developments that could damage or destroy resources that are vital to all of us.

The wetlands studies of the Israel’s and Moose River drainages are available at the Randolph Town Hall. We encourage you to come and review them.

### **Needed: Volunteer Gardener’s**

Karen Eitel would like to invite anyone who might find occasional free time to help her keep up with the cemetery flower gardens this summer. They may work around their own schedule since hers is sporadic. Use the church parking area, bring your gloves and weed away! Thanks!



“Bleak and Beautiful” Karen Eitel Photo



## Randolph's Rock, Erratically Speaking

By Jim Hunt

(Note: The majority of the technical information—historical and geological—are taken from *A Time Before New Hampshire*, written by Michael J. Caduto and illustrated by Adelaide Tyrol.)

Almost every afternoon, in all seasons, starting more than a decade ago Shawnee, our white shepherd, and I would hike up one side of Snyder Brook and down the other, crossing where Randolph Path becomes the Inlook Trail leading to Dome Rock. A few well-placed boulders facilitate this crossing—except when the Snyder becomes a raging torrent in the Spring. If one were to look downstream while en route, a sizeable erratic is discerned on the east side of the brook. From this vantage point, however, it appears to be only a big rock.

Where did this large boulder come from and how was it created? According to Michael J. Caduto, "...the Pleistocene epoch—the age of the great rivers of ice (glaciers)—commenced perhaps two million years ago.... The most recent advance, the Wisconsinan glaciation, began about 100 millenniums ago.... All of New England lay beneath more than a mile of ice... About 17,000 years ago the Wisconsin ice sheet began to melt." And 14,000 years ago, our boulder was "born" as it was separated from the earth's crust, perhaps from Mounts Madison or Adams, and carried north by glacial action.

Our erratic, was then "dropped" as the last glacier, in what would become our Randolph region, receded. Most of its bulk is embedded in the river bank and below. The dimensions are approximately 32 feet in length, 16 feet in width, and 22 feet tall. If I have calculated correctly, this rock weighs approximately 970 tons. Mind you, this is an infant in comparison to the Madison Boulder which, according to some, is the largest in the world at 5,963 tons. The nearby Glen and Bartlett Boulders are also sizeable.

There is only one somewhat easy way to hike up to the relatively flat top. Go south on Randolph Path which almost immediately accesses the east side. Find the space amid the scrub pines and climb the rock face utilizing the trunks as hand-holds to help pull your way up which when you reach the top is like standing on the roof of a two-story building looking down. Be extra-careful in winter months as the granite is often covered in ice!

Also interesting is to make one's way to the rock's base, with care, as the descent is steep, and the footing is loosely packed forest floor. After "sliding" to the bottom, one is rewarded with an understanding of the sheerness of the face. I would guess it is not to be "bouldered," a favorite pastime of rock climbers, practicing their technical moves for greater ascents. The Snyder has cut deeply into the base in the millennia the erratic has patiently sat.

Shawnee and I would often scramble to the top to what became a sanctuary, a secret place to observe, to focus outward—and inward. A scattering of lichen and moss are the only observable life, barely clinging to the gray granite. I would sit atop its near-flat surface, dangle my feet over the edge above the brook, and survey the rapids twenty feet below. It is a time to witness the play of light through the trees, to hear the music of the water, to appreciate each curious bird which timidly, shyly comes to investigate, and to greet hikers—if they see us at all—as they jump from stone to stone across the brook or pass along the trails on both sides. Sometimes I play my flute. We are welcome here—and safe.

"Sometimes I sits and thinks. Sometimes I just sits."



Isabella Hartman snowshoeing on the new RMC trail Will's way. Photo Wendy Walsh



## A Dialogue

by Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

*Shankar is the author's own name and Anand is a kind of alter ego—for the purposes of this story.*

Shankar: You know Anand, your name in Sanskrit means "bliss" while mine implies "god" (Shiva).

Anand : Quite true, Shankar, sir.

Shankar: Why are you saying "sir" to me?

Anand: Because you have just turned the milestone age of 80 years and you have worked with top physicists such as Nobelist Abdus Salam and Stephen Hawking who passed away this week, at the age of 76.

Shankar: In that case, Anand - you being almost only half of my age- may I share with you, my personal secret of enjoying both bliss and science?

Anand: Tell me, sir.

Shankar: It has been wisely said: "Listen to the voice of God, in the depths of silence."

Anand: A very powerful, introspective statement!

Shankar: Indeed, Anand. It applies so well equally to those who attend the Randolph Church and to those who have developed the "art" of listening to their "hidden voices" like the great Stephen Hawking. In fact, Albert Einstein himself was famous for his Gedanken which in German means "thought experiments."

Indeed, the "Listen to the voice of God, in the depths of silence" statement is important, otherwise you may miss making a fundamental discovery in science - which basically is a search for truth, beauty and symmetry. Nobelist Erwin Schrodinger, the quantum physics pioneer succinctly remarked: "The task is not to see what has never been seen before, but to THINK what has never been thought before about what you see everyday."

Anand: Great!... So, Shankar, any special technique for how to listen to these potent "internal voices?"

Shankar: It is elementary Anand. There is one solid, foolproof method!

Anand: Tell me quickly, sir. In fact, very fast so I can send a text message to all my friends.

Shankar: Simple Anand, it's very simple. You do not have or use a cell phone! That is it. Imbibe and enjoy the natural beauty of the White Mountains and the 'hidden' messages that nature is beckoning to reveal to us. Amen.



Jim Hunt Photos



"Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious, and however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up." Stephen Hawking

## ... Fred Bisshopp Died Unexpectedly on January 25, 2018

Fred and wife Susan Ellis bought their house on Valley Road in 1997. The Randolph setting was a great location for weekends spent downhill skiing in northern New Hampshire. Fred continued as a Professor of Applied Mathematics at Brown University and Susan continued her career as a Senior Research Scientist (health statistics) in Boston.

Fred chose to retire as a full-time Brown professor on 1/1/01 and began spending most of his time in Randolph. (Fred and Susan kept their Rhode Island house, from which Susan commuted.) The additional free time in retirement let Fred pursue his musical interests. He was fortunate to find a great piano teacher (Nancy Winsor in Jefferson) who welcomed adult students. Fred loved collaborating with other adult piano students (several from Randolph!) at their fall, spring and June concerts.

Fred also took up the accordion again (he had played it when growing up in Chicago). His accordion and his willingness to transpose music were welcomed at Islay Mist Ceilidh, a once-a-month "get-together" in Lancaster, of violinists, cellists, guitarists, percussionists, etc., playing Celtic music. In recent years, Islay Mist Ceilidh has evolved from a casual monthly session to a group playing multiple professional "gigs" each year across the North Country.

Fred continued to pursue his mathematical research at home in Randolph (posted on his Brown website). He also served as assistant school board auditor (2005-2006) and participated in Randolph committee discussions on establishing the GSR. Many will remember Fred's voice as an engineering and fluid mechanics expert in the discussions on reversing the flow in the Portland Pipeline through Randolph.

Fred made many new friends through his musical adventures and Randolph meetings. This great photo of Fred was posted by Islay Mist Ceilidh on their Facebook page upon hearing of Fred's passing.



## ... Frank Tredinnick

Frank A. "Sandy" Tredinnick, Jr., age 96, died on December 4, 2017 at the Rosewood Nursing Home in Peabody, Massachusetts. Born in Wakefield, Massachusetts on July 26, 1921 he was the son of the late Frank A. and Mary Louise (Hutchinson) Tredinnick.

Frank was raised in Wakefield and a graduate of Wakefield High School. He received degrees from Tufts University (1943) and Columbia University (1947) and honorary degrees from Franklin Pierce College, American International College, Northeastern University, Emerson College, Western New England College, and Stonehill College. From 1942 to 1946, Frank was enlisted in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves and served as a PT (77) boat captain in the Aleutians and South Pacific, and acting secretary for the Office of Naval History.

Frank's career in education spanned many years and included a variety of roles which led to numerous publications. His career included serving as Vice President of Tufts University, Vice President of Simmons College, Executive Vice President and later President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts from which he retired in 1987. After retirement, he spent more than 20 years serving as a director of the Davis Educational Foundation, leaving at the age of 90.

Frank served as a director for the Standard Duplicating Machines Corp. and The Atelier, Inc; was a trustee of the Civic Education Foundation and The Storck Trusts; and a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Day Care and the Advisory Committee of Boston's Higher Education Information Center. Frank also maintained memberships in the Appalachian Mountain Club, the American Association for Higher Education, the St. Botolph Club, and the Randolph Mountain Club, among numerous others.

He was the beloved husband of the late Emily R. (Otto) Tredinnick, the loving father of Frank A. "Alex" Tredinnick, III (Susan) of St. Augustine, FL and John H. Tredinnick (Sunant) of Salem, MA. He was the brother of John Tredinnick, Cecily Meehan and the late Barbara McIlvain, the grandfather of Melissa Ross and is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at the Lakeside Cemetery, in Wakefield followed by a memorial service in the First Parish Congregational Church.

Donations may be made to The Ted Butler Fund at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 170 Governors Ave, Medford, MA 02155; The Randolph Foundation, PO Box 283, Gorham, NH 03581; or the Randolph Mountain Club, PO Box 279, Gorham, NH 03581.



Jenn Barton Scarinza Photo

## Food Challenges in the Androscoggin Valley

By Kathleen Kelley, CFRE

Have you ever found it a challenge to find the food you desire while on vacation in the Androscoggin Valley? Do you find yourself packing the car for the vacation with various coolers? Do you wish the Local Farmers Markets were open earlier in the year or later in fall? By 2020, there might be a solution.

Berlin, NH and the Androscoggin Valley is a very high food insecure region (Carsey School of Public Policy, 2012) and a USDA-designated food desert (2015). This is a result of both demographics, specifically a high proportion of low and moderate-income residents and the absence of sufficient food outlets which is particularly problematic.

In 2012, the Carsey School produced an assessment of food insecurity risk among communities across NH. Berlin was identified as "high risk" and Gorham as "moderate risk" based on two factors: 1. the percent of families living at 100 percent of the federal poverty level and 2. the distance to travel for food sources. Looking at the risk factors of poverty, transportation, and food outlets, the USDA Food Access Atlas identified the Androscoggin Valley (parts of Coos, NH and Oxford County, ME) as a Food Desert for the first time in 2015.

During 2014, North Country Listens conducted a survey and listening session to understand public interest in a community-owned food cooperative. The survey responses (150) and in-person feedback (8-participants) confirmed demand for greater access to affordable, healthy, local food in the Berlin area.

A preliminary market feasibility study, conducted in 2014 suggests there is sufficient sales potential to sustain a moderately sized food cooperative in Berlin. The study analyzed existing regional retail grocery outlets in Berlin, Lancaster, Littleton, and Conway reviewed population trends and per-capita expenditures for food and modeled likely sales projections for a food co-op. The study also confirmed that community education, outreach, and rigorous business planning are needed to ensure the co-op is well positioned to provide the variety, quality, and price that local con-

sumers want and need.

The work of the WREN and Berlin Community farmers' markets over the last five years has raised awareness and demand for local products, and the Littleton Food Co-op has demonstrated the viability of such a model. Finally, USDA FINI program has shown positive results in the region, increasing the purchase of local produce by SNAP recipients at direct sale venues (farmers markets) and, most recently, retail venues (Berlin Marketplace).

The Androscoggin Food Cooperative (AFC) Steering Committee, made up of 21 local leaders, envisions an innovative model that will combine affordability and access with fresh, healthy local food options. The NH Food Alliance started in 2013, under the UNH Sustainability Institute, has the vision to support a Food System that serves all of NH. In 2014 Food Solution New England pointed to research indicating that 90% of our food is produced out of the region and only 5% of the land is used for food production and they too are supporting a better Food System. Both initiatives are recommending we move toward 50% of New England's food produced in the six states of the region. The political movement of place-based food access is creating more awareness of food origins in NH. The timing is right for the AFC to leverage these trends and to create economic growth for farms and food processors in Coos. If you are interested in more information on how you can support or get information about this initiative contact Kathleen Kelley at [kukelley@me.com](mailto:kukelley@me.com).

"Food is a powerful driver of economic development, public and ecosystem health, and vibrant working landscapes. When we strengthen food enterprises - the entrepreneurial backbone of the food system - everyone wins." New Hampshire Food Alliance

*Editors Note:*

*USDA: United States Department of Agriculture*

*FINI: grant program established by USDA*

*SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*

*North Country Listens: A civic engagement initiative*



Wendy MacDonald Photo

### RANDOLPH TOWN MEETING

Voters approved the transfer of \$300,000 from unexpended surplus to the reserve fund for Roads and Bridges. This amount represents no new taxation; it is simply a transfer from prior year surplus. This large cash infusion, along with regular contributions to the Roads and Bridge reserve will put the town in a good position for planned major reconstruction of Durand Road, which we hope to undertake in 2019. Many of you know that we have already begun the process of replacing culverts on the road and 2018 will bring to completion two large box culverts and the bridge at the west end of Durand Road. We thank you for your patience and understanding while road improvements take place.

A petitioned article to create a study committee to look at the withdrawal of Randolph from the GRS School Co-op was defeated by written ballot. The consensus appeared to be that voters were satisfied with the results of last year’s study and it was too soon to generate another one.

After the number of significant storm events, we want to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have a generator, please be sure to perform monthly tests of the system. Be sure you have fuel, that you know how to operate the generator and that it is functioning properly. Also, be sure it is located outdoors or in a well-ventilated shed outside your home. Machines like this produce carbon monoxide, a deadly poisonous gas.

Also, if you have not already done so, please call or e mail the town office (603-466-5771 or selectmen@randolph.nh.gov) to update your contact information. In the event of an emergency, we really need to be able to contact you should there be a downed power line, a fire, a tree fallen on your buildings, etc. If you have a property manager, please also provide us with their contact information for the same reasons. We hope to protect your property if you are not around.

#### News from Town Clerk, Anne Kenison:

#### Election Results as per Randolph Town Meeting

Selectman (3 yr.)	John Turner	Board of Adjustment (3 yr.)	David Ruble
Treasurer (1yr.)	Angela Brown	Auditor(2yr.)	Philip Guiser
Trustee of Trust Fund (3yr.)	Judith Kenison	Town Clerk	Anne Kenison
Trustee of Trust Fund (2 yr.)	Beverly Jadis	Moderator	David Wilcox
Cemetery Trustee	Suzanne Lowe Santos	Supervisor of Checklist (6 yr.)	Denise Demers
Planning Board (3yr.)	Roberta Arbree	Supervisor of Checklist (2 yr.)	Rhonda Stitt
Planning Board (3 yr.)	John Scarinza	Randolph School Board (3 yr.)	Angela Brown
Library Trustee (3 yr.)	Steven Teczar	GRS School Board (3 yr.)	Michael Waddell
Board of Adjustment (3 yr.)	Mike Micucci		



RMC dance on March 10th at Town Hall. This is the “Better Late than Never Band,” with Jacqueline Laufman from Canterbury calling.

#### Randolph Mountain Club Spring Dinner

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 Libby’s Bistro 6:00 PM cocktails (cash bar) 7:00 PM gourmet dinner  
Reservations **required** through RMC Social Events Co-Chair, Jenn Scarinza at jbarton@ttlc.net.



Despite cold weather and several inches of snow, 19 Randolph Mountain Club volunteers worked all day on Saturday to open trails closed by the October 30th storm. RMC president Jamie Madock (third row, left) and 7 first time volunteers turned out to clear blowdowns and major tangles from most trails. RMC board member Katie Kelley of Randolph provided a delicious family style supper for everyone. Edith Tucker photo.



Olympic Rake Vaulting with Steve Teczar  
Lisa Teczar Photo



Birder David Forsyth on the Eusden's deck looking for any interesting Valley sightings... with Charlotte Woodruff Winchell, Laura May, Lisa May Kelley and Sarah Eusden Gallop  
Sarah Eusden Gallop Photo

## AN HONEST MISTAKE

.....A 2017 Story Slam by Charlotte Woodruff Winchell

As some of you may know, my mother, Marian Woodruff, was known in our community as the resident, expert mushroom hunter (otherwise known as a Mycologist) ----- this is the story of how her stellar reputation might have formed a slight blemish.



One humid, August evening, Marian prepared a feast. Even though she was alone, her love of cooking a cornucopia of fungi superseded the need to have the excuse of invited guests. This particular night's batch included Hen of the Woods, Chanterelles, and, well...most likely, ...Amanita Muscaria. As it turns out wine (we are not sure precisely how much wine) and this mushroom did not mix well – depending of course, on who you are.

For Marian, what would have been a lovely evening changed course. When the walls started to wave and her dog Pawni spoke Spanish to her, Marian sensed that clearly, something was seriously wrong.

Now, Randolph being the beloved community that it is and Marian having the connection to and support of the younger generation was comforted to know that Peter and June Hammond-Rowan were just up the road should she need them. 911 was therefore not called. Instead, she carefully wrote down Peter and June's number next to her bed as she rode out her trip and swirled to sleep—dreaming of a possible run for presidency.

The next morning, she called Peter and June who promptly came down to check on her. Other than the barely legible note containing what looked to Peter, like a bad Calder painting that might have some numbers on it, Marian survived what must have been both an unsettling and perhaps creative evening.

A sense of community, support at a moment's notice, intergenerational connections and great traditions passed through the ages is what I love about this community and to what I know my mother loved.

### What's Cooking in Randolph ...

Last spring, we arrived home and found a large bag of parsnips hanging on our backdoor. We immediately thought that Judy and Auvie Kenison had been here and left these huge tubulars. However, when I opened the bag, I discovered a written recipe for parsnip and pear soup and I knew who the clandestine giver really was...

This recipe comes from the 21st issue of *Taproot*, which may be found at the Randolph Library. I made it several times and enjoyed every bite.

#### Gingered Parsnip Soup with Pears And Hazelnuts

- 1 Tablespoon butter or avocado oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ pounds parsnips (4 to 5 large parsnips), peeled and diced
- 2 firm hard Bartlett or Anjou pears, peeled, cored, and diced .
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ cup toasted hazelnuts, chopped

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Once it is sizzling, add the onion and cook until golden brown and softened, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in the ginger and salt, and add the parsnips, pears and broth. Allow the soup mixture to come to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer until the pears and parsnips are very soft, about 20 minutes. Puree the soup with an immersion blender or in batches in an upright blender until very smooth. Season more salt and black pepper to taste. Spoon into bowls, sprinkle with the chopped hazelnuts, and serve.



Val Bailey's winning photo "Winter Woods," of her family's cottage on Randolph Hill was displayed for two weeks as the cover photo for New Hampshire through the Camera's Eye.

### What's Randolph Reading?

#### The Mildred Horton Book Group

April 23 Celebrating Poetry Month, 10:00 am at the Randolph Library. Bring a poem to share. All welcome. At our May meeting we will be discuss "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle (the book not the movie, though some comparison will be inevitable.)

#### The Back-Porch Book Club

The April Poetry Meeting will meet on April 6th. Bring a poem or poems to share, originals are very welcome, May 4, 7 pm *Born a Crime* by Trevor Howard.

June 1, 7 pm *Never Caught: Martha and George Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave Ona Judge*, by Erica Armstrong Dunbar.

July 6, 7 pm; *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane: A Novel* by Lisa See.

August 3, 7 pm, *Border Songs* by Jim Lynch.

For further information and meeting locations contact Barbara Arnold at 466-2438 or [Barnold@ne.rr.com](mailto:Barnold@ne.rr.com).

#### SUMMER READING GROUP

The Summer Reading Group will be holding monthly book discussions again this summer at Randolph Public Library on Fridays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

July 20: *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel, by a consummate storyteller, traces the impact of climate change on a small rural community in the mountains of southern Appalachia.

August 10: *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben. The international bestseller that changes the way we think about nature.

Susan Kern, Facilitator

**Randolph Library News**

by Yvonne Jenkins

**Books and Author Visits**

Some of you may recognize the name Christine Woodside as editor of the Appalachian Mountain Club's *Appalachia* journal, but she is also author of a recent book entitled *Libertarians on the Prairie: Laura Ingalls Wilder, Rose Wilder Lane, and the Making of the Little House Books*. The library was pleased to have her visit in February to discuss the book and explain how the Randolph landscape inspires her writing. If you were a fan of the *Little House* books growing up, you won't want to miss this fascinating story, a copy of which is in the library. We also have a copy of her most recent work *New Wilderness Voices, Collected Essays from the Waterman Fund Contest*, which she edited.



Wendy MacDonald Photo

During March we had a slide lecture by Jamie Sayen, author of *You Had a Job For Life: Story of a Company Town*. The town in this book is Groveton, New Hampshire; which makes it an important story of local interest.

Books, which unfortunately did not come with their authors, include:

**New biographies:** *Man of the Hour: James B. Conant, Warrior Scientist*, written by his granddaughter Jennet Conant, *Grant*, by Ron Chernow, *Henry David Thoreau*, written by Laura Dassow Walls.

Popular Fiction: *The Dry*, by Jane Harper, *The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah, *Origin*, by Dan Brown, and *Points North: Stories*, by Howard Frank Moshier.

**Five titles** have been added to the collection in memory of Will Hartman by the library staff and trustees. As many of you know, Will's mom, Lynn Hunt served as co-chair of the Friends of the Randolph Library for many years. The books were chosen with Will's adventurous spirit and love of nature in mind.

*The Long Way* by Bernard Moitessier, *Old Glory, A Voyage Down the Mississippi* by Jonathan Raban, *Running the Amazon* by Joe Kane, *Natural History of the Pacific Northwest Mountains* by Daniel Mathews, and *Norway, the Outdoor Paradise* by James Baxter. So, continuing in the philosophy of how Will conducted his life in the world -- let's all "read books".



Carter Moon, Claire Safford, and Isabella Hartman receive gold medals at the Randolph Library Reading Olympics this February. Other children receiving gold medals were Cora Moon and Alivia, Carson, and Kaden Kenison. Thanks go to John Micucci for volunteering at the Library during the Olympics.  
Yvonne Jenkins Photo

**From the Children's Room**

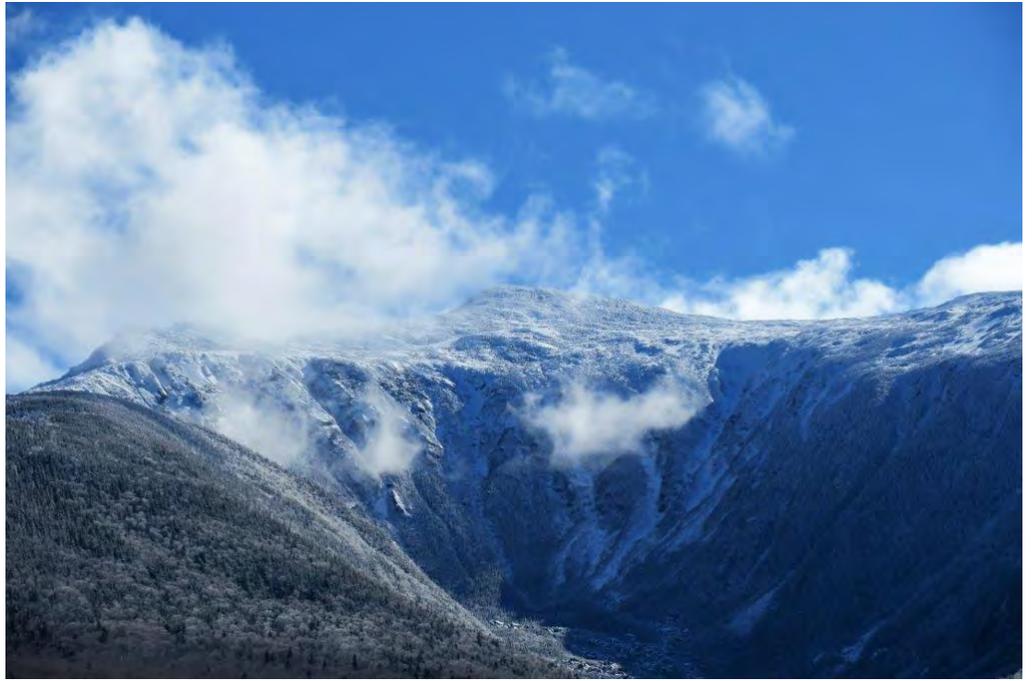
The children's space has been evolving from a place to choose books into what many libraries refer to as a "Makerspace." It is an area intended to promote learning through play and where children can gather to make and create. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, several new puzzles have been purchased, a set of 3D magnetic building tiles and there is a new puppet theater and member of our puppet menagerie- the Raven.

**Pennies for Elephants**

After hearing the story *Pennies for Elephants* by Lita Judge, in which the children of Boston raise \$6,000 in 1914 to purchase 3 elephants for the Franklin Park Zoo, equal to \$146,870 in 2017 dollars, the Randolph children have decided to collect pennies to help feed a real elephant for a day at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. It costs \$50/day to feed one elephant. So, if you have some spare pennies lying around, I know the children would appreciate your help in feeding an elephant. Please visit the library to find out more about donating, and if you want to find out more about the Elephant Sanctuary, you can visit [elephants.com](http://elephants.com).

**Remembering Oneness**

Mountain Goddess Surrenders...  
to a flow of low, slow moving clouds.  
A reunion with the holy Source of my  
existence  
arouses pleasure on my untouched  
skin.  
Within the heart of the Goddess, Re-  
membering Wholeness  
Boulders, still... from eons of frozen  
silence  
Begin to sing.  
Remembering Oneness, I weep...  
Her luminous River flows through my  
veins.  
An Eagle, soaring overhead, pierces  
the sky  
with a high-pitched, orgasmic cry  
sending exponential light waves  
through my body  
as it disappears into the sun.  
~Wendy Macdonald



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