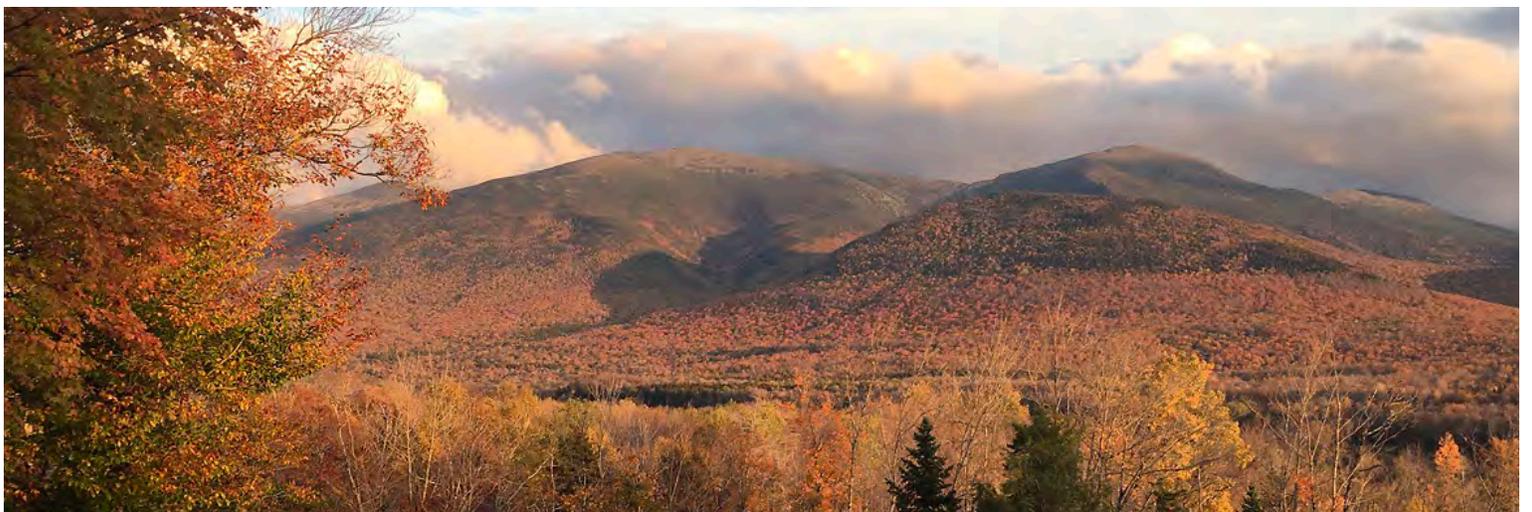


Mountain View



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



Top left: The New Bicentennial Logo (see page 5); Top right: "Partridge in an Apple Tree" (female Ruffed Grouse) by Mike Egan. Middle left: Open Rehearsal for the Bach Mass in B Minor performed in Gorham Medallion Opera House by Susan Ferré; Middle right: Fall foliage by Carol Ryder Horton. Bottom: Fall in Randolph by Mike Egan.

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From the Selectmen’s Offices

Michele Cormier

Following the public meeting Sept. 19th regarding improvements to Durand Road, the Selectmen have put together a plan to be presented at the Town Meeting in March for your approval.

Because there are still so many variables, including changes in interest rate and potential increase in cost, we will present a couple of options for the Townspeople to vote on. If the first proposal passes, the second will not be voted. And inversely, if the first proposal does not pass, the second will be voted. Either proposal will require a vote of 67% of the voters present at Town Meeting and will be done by secret ballot.

In addition, there will be a separate warrant article to approve the use of reserve funds for debt servicing. The State has informed us that we can change the language of our reserve article for Road and Bridges to allow the use of these funds for pay down of debt. But this language must be approved at Town Meeting.

The options we will present are as follows:

Option 1: To repair the entire length of Durand Road with an estimated cost of \$4,000,000 to be paid over 20 years. The payments are anticipated to be \$288,000 per year, of which \$100,000 will be paid from the reserve account and the balance raised by general taxation. This will increase the tax rate by \$2.44 per thousand.

Option 2: To repair Phase 1, which encompasses the section from approximately Lowe’s store to 467 Durand Road, and the section from approximately Cold Brook Road to the Ravine House lawn, with an estimated cost of \$1,800,000, reduced by a contribution of \$500,000 paid from reserves, to be paid over 10 years. The payments are anticipated to be \$155,000 per year, an increase in the tax rate of \$2.02 per thousand.

If you have further questions about this proposal, please contact the selectmen or attend one of our regular meetings which are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 pm. John at (603)723-1604, Paul at (603)915-9195 and Michele at (603)466-5841.

2022 Report on Friends of the Randolph Public Library

Written by the Friends Board

We hope this finds everyone healthy, happy, and in the company of loved ones during this holiday season. We wanted to take a moment to give thanks for those who support the Friends, share a summary of 2022 efforts supported by the Friends, and express excitement for continued Friends fervor in 2023.

First: our thanks. We appreciate our Friends members, and we thank all of you who supported our organization this past year. From donating baked goods for the Annual Book & Bake Sale to helping set up chairs for various Library programs, our members are instrumental in furthering our mission. We thank you! We would also like to share our overwhelming gratitude for our librarian, **Yvonne Jenkins**. Her enthusiasm for and dedication to the Randolph Public Library are unparalleled, and we cannot imagine what the Friends organization would do without her. Thank you, Yvonne, for your tireless work.

Second: our 2022 efforts. The Friends supported the following Library programs and resources:

- The Annual Book & Bake Sale (\$1800 raised from the Book Sale & \$600 from the Bake Sale)
- Winter 2021 - Spring 2022 Great North Woods Libraries Zoom Program
- 2022 Zoom license (annual)
- 2022 movie license (annual)
- 2022 Summer Children's Program "All Oceans of Possibilities"
- "The Capital Crime of Witchcraft" program
- "From Mont-Blanc to Everest, A Personal History of Mountaineering" presentation by Bob Kruszyna
- Children's books for the Fireman's Christmas celebrations
- Library services education efforts for the on-call library assistant
- Garden flowers
- Books and DVDs

Note: We also have Friends merchandise for sale. Please check out the bags and mugs available at the Library. All proceeds support the Friends efforts.

Third: our enthusiasm for 2023. We look forward to more Friends gatherings as well as more Library programs to support. We will also continue to support Library planning for the 2024 Randolph Bicentennial Celebration. Additionally, the Friends will be kicking off a 'Welcome to Randolph' initiative to ensure that newcomers feel enveloped by the warmth and engaged by the energy of the Randolph community. Stay tuned for more. It goes without saying that, in 2023, we hope that we continue to engage past, present, and future

Friends members along the way! Remember: your membership is tax-deductible! For any questions or more information, please visit us on the library website OR send us an email.

Contact Information:

Email: friends@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org

Website: <https://randolphnhpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>

Address: Friends of the Randolph Public Library, 130 Durand Road, Randolph, NH 03593

The Friends of the Randolph Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-based organization. We are committed to a three-fold mission: to promote and support the Library, library resources, and library programming; to build a partnership between the Library and the community; and to provide supplemental funds to assist in the use and enjoyment of the library offerings by all Randolph residents and visitors.

A Limerick

By Carol Ryder Horton

There was a cool cat from Cairo
Whose name was Tango Giro.
At the sight of the moon,
he began to croon,
And his tail shot straight up, in spiro!



Photo by Carol Ryder Horton

Getting Ready for 2024 — Bicentennial Plans!

Sarah Gallop and Guy Stever

The planning for Randolph's 2024 bicentennial activities is moving along nicely. Please take a look at the projects below and think about where you might want to volunteer. There are many opportunities to help (and we need it)!



Randolph at 200 Years Book

Judy Hudson is leading an effort to update the Randolph, N.H. 150 Years book which was published for the town's sesquicentennial in 1974. The bicentennial book will include 11 articles written by various authors on a variety of topics primarily covering the last 50 years of town history.

Experienced NH designer, Allison Bell, will work with Judy to create the final product, which is expected to be an approximately 150-page volume with many photographs. The book will be distributed free of charge to every Randolph household with the hope that it will remain in the home for generations to come. Additional copies will also be available for purchase at a reasonable price.

If you are interested in helping review the text for errors and omissions, or if you have photos of town happenings during the last 50 years, please be in touch directly with Judy Hudson at abhudson@umass.edu.

2024 Celebration Weekend

While bicentennial activities will be planned throughout 2024, there will be a designated weekend celebration from Friday August 2nd through Sunday August 4th. Anne Post Poole and several other volunteers are beginning to think about events that will engage everyone that weekend. Some ideas include a hymn sing, square dance, BBQ dinner, softball game, parade, trail race, water activities for kids and adults, kite flying event, fundraiser for local nonprofits, and friendly competitions among the valley, midlands, hill, and mountain — the

possibilities are endless!

Would you like to join the team of people that will plan the weekend's events? If so, please contact Anne Post Pool at annedpost@gmail.com. Organizing groups will convene during summer 2023 to start planning.

Placing Randolph on the State Historical Register

Tim Sappington is working with others (Tad Pfeffer and Judy Hudson, so far) to coordinate the compilation of an application to the State of New Hampshire for the placement of the Town of Randolph on the State Historical Register.

The submission — to the State Council on Historic Resources — will tell the story of Randolph from its origins up until the last 50 years (which is the timeframe stipulated by the state). The application will cover early settlers and history, significant historical figures and events, homes and farms, hotels and taverns, and other notable elements from the colonial period to 1974.

If this project is of interest to you, Tim could use some help with the compilation. Please reach out to him directly at sappingtondesign@gmail.com.



Bicentennial Quilt

Barbara Arnold and the quilt committee (Anne Post Poole, Carol Doyle, Betsy Rising Segura, Katie Kelley, Laura Brockett, Lauren Bradley, and Sally Micucci) are organizing the creation of a new town quilt that will reflect the Randolph community at large. The 48x60" quilt will feature a combination of squares and panels representing seasons, animals, birds, old hotels, landscapes, celebrations, flowers, cottages, people, weather, landmarks, sports, and other activities and scenery.

During the summer of 2021, the committee placed a suggestion box at community events to gather input about what folks would like to have depicted on the quilt.

Photos above by Mike Egan

Bicentennial Plans continued...

Hundreds of ideas were submitted which led to the list of subjects above. The committee is working on a careful timeline to ensure completion in time for the bicentennial.

Volunteers are needed to help create the squares and panels. If this is up your alley, please read the accompanying quilt article which has more detail and connect with Barbara Arnold at barbara.arnold51@gmail.com.

Bicentennial Medal

Sculptor Michael Evert (husband of Elizabeth Cutter Evert) offered his talents to design a bicentennial medal for the 2024 celebration. Some may remember that there was a medal for Randolph's sesquicentennial, so we are very excited to have one for the town's 200th year. Michael is working on a hiker design for the front and a landscape drawing for the back. The medals will be for sale during the bicentennial year. We're grateful to Michael for volunteering his creative skills in this way.

Bicentennial Film

Stone and Adrian Johnson (sons of Julianne and Barry Johnson) are in the process of creating a short film about Randolph. Their objective is to capture the essence of the town by documenting community life, events, organizations, people, values, nature, and landscapes. The film, which will likely be 10-15 minutes, will be pre-

miered at a community reception during the bicentennial. Afterwards, it will be posted to the Randolph Foundation YouTube channel.

If you have ideas about the film, feel free to be in touch with Adrian at a@kmov.org or Stone at s@kmov.org.

Bicentennial Postcard/Photo Book

Guy Stever, Scott Meiklejohn, Bill Minifie, and Peter Rowan are working together to create a book of historic Randolph-related postcards and images that will be for sale during the bicentennial.

If you have old photographs or postcards that might be good candidates for inclusion in the book, please reach out to Guy Stever at guy.stever@gmail.com.

Gorham, NH Fourth of July Parade

We'd like to recruit someone to organize the Town of Randolph's presence at the Gorham Fourth of July parade (a Planet Randolph float?). If you enjoy working on stand-alone projects, this might be the one for you! Just connect with Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu or Guy Stever at guy.stever@gmail.com.

The Randolph Public Library is also planning some events and there are a few other ideas floating out there that we will report in on next time!

Introducing the Bicentennial Logo!



Sarah Gallop and Guy Stever

Among the many projects and efforts going on in the run-up to the Town of Randolph's 200th anniversary in 2024 is the creation of a Bicentennial Logo. We are so fortunate that Steve Teczar agreed to apply his creative skills and artistic talents to the task! Steve came up with a design that features two images — the Randolph Town Hall and Public Library complex and the iconic Randolph view of our beloved mountains. Steve chose these two symbols because every resident of Randolph has direct experiences with them. The Bicentennial Logo will appear on communications, publications, and merchandise related to the 2024 Celebration.

Bicentennial Quilt Project Update

Barbara Arnold

The Bicentennial Quilt Committee met in September to further solidify the plans for a Community Bicentennial Quilt to be part of the town's celebration starting in January 2024.

The quilt is to be smaller than the quilt currently hanging in the Town Hall. That quilt was designed and put together in the early 1990's to celebrate the families of Randolph. The Bicentennial Quilt is celebrating the community of Randolph by depicting things in Randolph that remind residents and visitors what makes our community special.

Last summer, people were asked to submit a word or two that brought fond memories of Randolph to mind. In the fall, I compiled the slips into categories. The committee decided these thoughts, from many Randolph residents, would serve as inspiration for twelve-by-twelve-inch squares for the quilt. The quilt will have 2 central panels, 1 depicting Randolph in the warmer months, the other depicting Randolph in the colder months. In addition, next summer/fall there will be sections of the backing material available for everyone to sign. This will allow the quilt to be a record of people who were part of the community during the bicentennial year. More on this later.

This is the plan and timeline for the quilt:

- a. The quilt squares should reflect the entire Randolph community as opposed to individual families
- b. Size: approximately 48" wide, by 60" long
- c. 2 center panels, horizontal approx. 36" long X 24" wide surrounded by 14 - 12" squares. Squares/center pieces joined by matching cloth
- d. The top center panel will reflect Randolph in the summer season
- e. The bottom center panel will reflect Randolph in the other seasons
- f. The surrounding 12" squares will be done by individuals/Randolph organizations, again reflecting Randolph community using the suggestions obtained last year
- g. Squares will be due by June 30, 2023. Material for individual squares can/will be provided by people creating the squares.
- h. Summer/Fall of 2023 will be spent putting the quilt together
- i. The committee estimates costs to be approximately \$250 to cover cost of materials and any mailings. A request will be sent to the Randolph Foundation for the funds.
- j. Location for the quilt is fluid; town building?, on loan to people for gatherings, Town events; other thoughts?

Subjects/themes suggested by people last summer:

- a. Birds
- b. Sports (softball, tennis, skiing, snowmobiling)
- c. Land/scenery
- d. Hotels
- e. Hiking
- f. Celebrations
- g. Flowers
- h. Cottages
- i. People (friends, family, community, potlucks, community gatherings)
- j. Weather
- k. Activities (Organized hikes, Christmas caroling, carol service, children's party, pancake breakfast, Charades, etc.)
- l. Other (horseback riding, snow/snow caves, memories, swimming, music/square dancing)

Carol Doyle has volunteered to design the quilt size and layout, as well as designing and making the center panel depicting the warmer months. We are very grateful to her for taking on these tasks. Sandy Wier volunteered to do a 12X12 square. We are looking for others to create more 12X12 squares as well as a central panel depicting the fall/winter months. The side squares are to measure 12X12" finished, an additional 1/4" seam allowance on all 4 sides is required. Please choose the subject for the square from the above list of suggestions. In order to reduce the chance of duplicate themes, all square proposals must go through the committee first. Squares that have not been cleared by the committee will not be accepted. If the theme you were thinking of has already been chosen, we will give you other suggestions that have not been chosen

The finished squares are due by June 30th, 2023. The quilt will be pieced together over that summer/fall by volunteers at quilting sessions in town with the completed quilt available for display in early 2024. You can use cloth, technique, and design of your choosing. Please consider making a square for the project. We will need a total of 14 side squares and the center panel depicting Randolph in the fall/winter. They can be done by individuals, town organizations, anyone!

If you decide to help or have any questions, please contact me (barbara.arnold51@gmail.com; 403 Randolph Hill Road; 603-466-2438). The goal is to incorporate the different suggestions listed above as much as possible.

Readings and Reflections for the World

Sarah Gallop and Mary Minifie

The first “Readings and Reflections for the World” took place on Saturday July 30, 2022 at the Randolph Church. Attendees were invited to share secular or spiritual offerings that might provide comfort or empowerment during the challenging times that we’re facing in our nation and beyond. The shared materials were gathered into one community-sourced collection for the participants.

Photo left: 2022 Readings and Reflections for the World



Story Slam

Sarah Gallop and Bill Minifie

The 6th annual Randolph Story Slam took place on Saturday August 6, 2022 at the Randolph Church. Hosted jointly by the Church and the Randolph Foundation, the Story Slam is an opportunity for people to tell 5-minute stories about Randolph-related experiences. Since 2017, more than 90 people have shared stories which can be found on the Foundation’s YouTube Channel. Attendees generously contributed to the Church’s benevolences fund which supports the needs of families and individuals in the broader local community.

Photo right: 2022 Randolph Story Slam Reception



Bach Mass in B Minor - A Thank You!

Performances of Bach’s monumental Mass in B minor are now history, and the Board of Music in the Great North Woods would like to thank the Randolph community for housing, feeding, supporting and otherwise cheering on this once-in-a-lifetime achievement. Lecturer, Chris Anderson, not only played the service at the Randolph Church, but offered a stunning lecture at the Cross Reading Room in Randolph, with help from Yvonne Jenkins, and a moving tribute introducing the Conway performance.

Special thanks to Martha and Tim Sappington, who, with John Sleeman, fed and housed the performers during their entire stay. Performers made the trip from Virginia, Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, Texas, around New Hampshire, as well as from Germany. Housing was also provided by Lynn Hunt, Jean Malick, Sally Micucci, Sam and Leslie Morneweck, Barbara Turnbull, Anne Dignard Kopp from Berlin (who also made a Moose cake to accompany John Sleeman’s popular Moose cookies), along with Carl Fer-

Susan Ferré

ré-Lang, Rachel Coyle, Susan Ferré and Charley Lang on Gorham Hill.

The events summed up 10 years of Big Moose Bach Fests begun in 2009, following the pause of Covid years, a collaborative event and fitting tribute dedicated to the memory of those lost in recent years. With thanks to all in Randolph who made this possible.

On behalf of the Board, Betsy Hess, Steve McCosh, Kathy Baublis, Jean Malick, Tim Sappington, David Benckendorf, by Susan Ferré, Ex. Director



Randolph Remembers

Celebrating Anne Wells...



Anne Wuichet Wells, 99, died September 26, 2022, at Kendal at Longwood, Kennett Square, PA. Born in Glencoe, Illinois, she was the eldest child of Jessie Weir Wuichet and Charles West Wuichet. Her beloved siblings were Louis Wuichet and Eugenie Wuichet Greene.

Anne attended public school in Glencoe, IL, and Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, graduating in 1945 in Zoology. There she made wonderful lifelong friends.

She married Robert Lynn Wells in 1947 starting their married life in Overbook, Media, and Swarthmore, PA. Bob's engineering career moved the family to Kansas City, KA, Pittsburgh, PA, and Paris, France. Anne and Bob moved to Kendal in 1993.

With their 4 children they enjoyed hiking, camping, canoing, and singing, in the Minnesota Boundary Waters, on the Appalachian Trail, at their cabin in the

White Mountains of New Hampshire and many other fascinating places worldwide. Anne loved being outside, was an avid reader, a great cook, an enthusiastic gardener, and an accomplished quilter. She became a convinced Quaker and strove to live by the words: Simplicity, Equality, Integrity, Peace, Community, and Care for the Earth.

Surviving are her daughter Heidi Wells (Biff Wyman), sons Charles C. Wells (Meredith), James W. Wells, Robert L. Wells, Jr. (Wendy); 5 grandchildren: Ben, Jack, Chris, Emma, and Justine; and 4 great grandchildren: William, Molly, Ava, and Shane.

Her family wishes to thank all her friends everywhere and residents and staff at Kendal alike, who have made her final years fulfilling, joyful, hopeful, and entertaining.

Contributions can be sent to American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or Mount Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075. And please vote.

Photos and content provided by Heidi Wells.



Remembering Anne Rounds...



Anne Harvey Dight Diekmann Rounds, 89, of Westerly, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at The Westerly Health Center. She was the wife of the late John (Jack) S. Rounds.

Born in Springfield, MA on April 5, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Frederick B. and Louie Day (Malette) Dight.

Anne was predeceased by four siblings: Shirley (Greene) Sandman of PA, Bradford M. Greene of NY, Marcia (Greene) Thompson of RI and Caroline (Dight) Dietrich of MA.

Anne earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Rhode Island. She was an avid gardener, kept an abundance of houseplants and loved nature. With her husband Jack, Anne would spend time with their many dogs over the years. And with family members they delighted in visiting the White Mountains

region of New Hampshire during the summer. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and was a keen enthusiast of crossword puzzles. She and Jack worshiped at the Quaker Westerly Meeting in town.

Anne Rounds is survived by her children (from a previous marriage to the late Rolf J. Diekmann of MA): Michael Diekmann of NY, Mark Diekmann of NJ, and Elisabeth Diekmann of NY and their spouses. She is survived by her stepchildren: John Rounds Jr. of NJ, Hal Rounds of CA, and Christopher Rounds of St. Albans, England and their spouses. At her side when she passed was her longtime assistant and caregiver Julie Kaytor of RI. Anne also leaves behind four grandchildren: Michael, Aidan, Alexander, and Noah; and ten step-grandchildren: Jeremy, Tim, Stephen, James, Tom, Nick, Sebastian, Charlie, Zori and Emily, as well as seven step-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Anne's name to the Wilcox Park of Westerly. A public memorial service for friends and relatives of Anne will be held in Wilcox Park on April 23, 2023.

Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St. Westerly, RI is assisting the family with arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.buckler-johnston.com.

Photo and content courtesy of Mark Diekmann

Randolph Remembers

Remembering Anne Smith...

Anne Keller Smith (Nov. 26, 1931 - Oct. 9, 2022) was born in Rochester, NY, daughter of Elizabeth H.



and Clifford H. Keller, and was predeceased by 3 older siblings. As the granddaughter of a florist growing up on the shore of Lake Ontario, Anne developed a lifelong love of flowers, plants, and the water.

After graduating from Bryn Mawr College in 1953, she soon moved to

Spain where she learned Spanish and worked for the U.S. Navy at Torrejon, later earning an M.A. in Spanish from Middlebury College, teaching at St. Lawrence University, and moving west to pursue a PhD at the University of Colorado, where she met her husband Win Smith, son of Milton Smith. They married in 1965 and moved to New York City, where she taught at City College, NY before settling in Storrs in 1969. When in Randolph, NH, Anne lived on the Pasture Path. She later taught Spanish at ECSU in Willimantic.

Anne was involved in a multitude of community activities, serving as Mansfield's Assistant Registrar of

Voters, on the Northeastern CT Board of Tourism, and for many years as President of the Mansfield League of Women Voters, where she helped establish the annual Know Your Town Fair (now the Downtown Mansfield Festival). She was an active volunteer in many organizations including Planned Parenthood, the World Federalist Association, and the local Trouping Theater, putting on plays in the round for school children. She was also an enthusiastic member of the UConn League play reading group, where her dramatic skills were much appreciated. Anne loved gardening, swimming, canoeing, hiking, attending theater and musical performances, and engaging with new people and places, both at home and when Win's work took them on sabbaticals and sojourns to other states and countries. Her warm appreciation for people and nature meant she never came home from a walk without a flower, leaf or feather, or the story of an interesting conversation with someone she'd met. She will be greatly missed by her husband Winthrop Smith, daughter Sarah Smith of Gloucester, MA, much loved nieces, nephews and cousins, and many dear friends. A memorial celebration followed by reception will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 1:30 pm, at the Storrs Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Anne and Win Smith Fellowship Fund for female graduate students in physics (Fund #22662) by check to the UConn Foundation (2390 Alumni Drive Unit 3206, Storrs, CT 06269), or to the League of Women Voters (<https://www.lwv.org>, click "Donate"). For an online memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

Published by Hartford Courant on Oct. 13, 2022.

Remembering Susan Ellis...

Susan Elizabeth Ellis, 74 (7/10/1948), sadly passed away after a long battle with health issues on October 8, 2022. She and her late husband, Frederic E. Bisshopp, had their primary residence in Randolph, NH since the fall of 1998. They had a secondary home in Riverside, RI shaped like an octagon, that Fred designed and helped build. The NH location was selected due to its proximity to Bretton Woods and Sunday River for their love of skiing, but the peeping season may have been Susan's favorite time of year. Susan was a political science major at Mount Holyoke College (MHC) and had a graduate degree from Brown University and spent her career as a statistician and data scientist with New England Research Institutes, CRG, and Novalis Corporation. She had an impressive 27 years of volunteer service at MHC where she was still involved. Her time and gifts created an everlasting legacy that will benefit many future students.

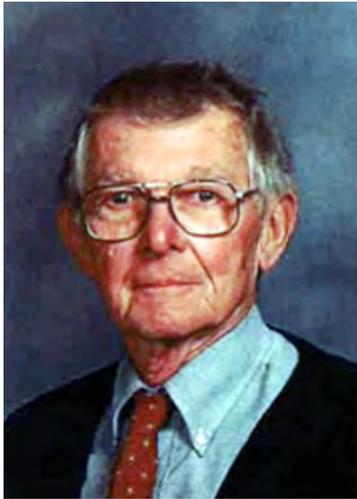
Susan is survived by her niece Christine Ellis (Scott) Blessing and Christine's children Tyler Scott (Sara) Blessing and Carlie Quinn Blessing. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lillian, and by her brother, Robert, and her many wonderful furry children, Camille, TJ, Katy, Eska and Boofer (Trouble). The family came across a quote Susan gained comfort from about the death of her 4 legged children "...the joy of loving them almost makes up for the pain of losing them. Almost."

As per Susan's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held but there will be a celebration of life for family and close friends in Providence, RI on November 12 at 1pm. For those interested in attending please, contact her niece Christine at seellis137@gmail.com for details. If you would like to honor Susan please make a donation to the New England Folk Festival Association (NEFFA), Acton, MA, Rhode Island SPCA, in Riverside, RI or the Randolph Public Library, in Randolph, NH.

Courtesy of Christine Ellis

Randolph Remembers

Remembering Norris Tibbetts...



Norris Tibbetts passed away on October 22, 2022, at the age of 101, at his home in Madison.

He was born on August 12, 1921, in Boston, MA, and lived two years in Greenwich, NY. His father was a Baptist minister; his mother was active in social and church affairs. The family moved to Chicago in 1923. Norris went to the University Elementary School and High School

(class of '38). Norris went to college at Harvard, class of '42. He had a brief connection with Camp William James and the CCC.

He enlisted and served for two years in the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion and two years in the 34th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. He saw action in the Aleutian Islands, the South Pacific and eventual occupation of Japan. He received the following campaign ribbons: Asiatic Pacific Theater: three battle stars; Philippine Liberation: two battle stars; Presidential Unit Citation; Combat Infantry Badge; American Defense; Victory Medal; Bronze Star; Silver Star and Good Conduct Medal.

After the war he took a job as a mill worker in

Allentown PA before becoming a union organizer there and a union representative in Danville, VA.

He married Alice May Horton in 1947. Norris, Alice and their two daughters, Mary and Ellen; moved to Madison in 1954. They had two more children, Steve and Dorothy, and a foster daughter, Prudence.

From 1954 to 1983, Norris was an instructor with the University of Wisconsin School for Workers. He volunteered as a church youth group advisor for years.

Volunteer work after retirement included coaching for the Special Olympics, tutoring in Madison schools and teaching English to spouses of foreign students. He delivered Meals on Wheels, receiving an award for 10,000 meals delivered. He volunteered for VA home-based hospital care and the UW Hospital Pediatric Ward. He enjoyed down-hill skiing, fishing, gardening and mountain climbing. He played the guitar and bass fiddle and he and Alice enjoyed getting together with other musicians for informal sing-alongs. Norris and Alice spent summers in Northern NH and VT.

Norris is survived by his sisters: Louise Smith and Eleanor Hanrahan; his four children; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Alice; sister, Priscilla; brother, Joel; and granddaughter, Alice.

A memorial service will be held next summer in Randolph, NH.

Memorial contributions, if any, should go to the charity of your choice.

A Fall Concert in Randolph



Susan Ferré

Following soon after the Bach Mass in B Minor, on Saturday, October 1st, at 2:30 pm, master organist, Fulbright Scholar and organ builder, George Bozeman, was presented in concert at the Randolph Church as a finale to a Fall Crawl, sponsored by the NH Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and co-sponsored by Music GNW.

The concert, open to the public free of charge, will feature the beautiful two manual organ built by Charles Ruggles. This organ has been chosen because it is tuned in a Bach temperament, and is therefore perfect for the performance of this program, which is entitled, "Pictures at an Exhibition as Exhibited in the Chorale Preludes of J. S. Bach."

2022 Randolph Election Results

Anne Kenison

Here are the results for the November 8, 2022 election from the town of Randolph.

There was a turn out of 84% at the election!

Regular Ballots cast: 192
Absentee Ballots cast: 48
Total Ballots cast: 240
Number of Overvotes: 0

A Note from the Town Clerk:

- Tax bills were due Dec 7th.
- The office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed on Monday, Dec 26th, 2022.

Additionally, There is an upcoming election for Town Office positions. Filing period to run for a Town Office is Jan 25 through Feb 3 at 5PM. Filings are done with the Town Clerk.

The open positions are as follows:

- 1 Selectperson (3yr)
- Treasurer (1yr)
- 1 Auditor (2yr)
- 1 Trustee of Trust Fund (3yr)
- 1 Cemetery Trustee (3yr)
- 1 Planning Board (3yr)
- 1 Board of Adjustment (3yr)
- 1 Library Trustee (3yr)

Offices	Republican Candidates	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Undervotes Overvotes
Governor	Chris Sununu - 103	Kelly Halldorson - 2	Tom Sherman - 133	Undervotes - Overvotes -
		Karlyn Borysenko - 0		
United States Senator	Donald C. Bolduc - 67	Jeremy Kauffman - 4	Maggie Hassan - 170	Undervotes - 1 Overvotes -
Representative in Congress	Robert Burns - 72		Ann McLane Kuster - 168	Undervotes - 2 Overvotes -
Executive Counsiler	Joseph D. Kenney - 84		Dana S. Hillard - 149	Undervotes - 6 Overvotes -
State Senator	Carrie L. Gendreau - 69		Edith Tucker - 168	Undervotes - 2 Overvotes -
State Representative	Jakob Unger, Jr. - 66		William A. Hatch - 168	Undervotes - 5 Overvotes -
Sheriff	Brian L. Valerino - 220			Undervotes - 18 Overvotes -
County Attorney	Roger Sylvestre - 0		John McCormick - 170	Undervotes - 70 Overvotes -
County Treasurer	Suzanne L. Collins - 130			Undervotes - 109 Overvotes -
Register for Deeds	Leon H. Rideout - 25			Undervotes - 114 Overvotes -
Register of Probate	Terri L. Peterson - 127			Undervotes - 112 Overvotes -
County Commissioner	Thomas M. Brady - 133			Undervotes - 106 Overvotes -

A Birth Announcement - Congratulations!



Maria Neal and Jeffrey Parker of Randolph, NH are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Maeve Heron Parker. Born at home on September 11th, weighing 8lbs 8oz and 20" long, she joins her big sister Gwen Luna. Maternal grandparents are Haven and Isabel Neal of Berlin, NH and Paternal grandparents are Rebecca Boothman (deceased) of Randolph and Wayne Parker of Bartlett, NH. Great thanks go to attending Midwife Natan-ya Champney of As It Was Midwifery Services in Littleton, NH and her apprentice Deirdre O'Neil.

Brenva!

Bob Kruszyna

Brenva!

The southeast face of Mont-Blanc, catching the rising sun at daybreak. A face Himalayan in proportion. Wild, remote, steep, dangerous because of its exposure. Three thousand feet of mixed ice and rock terrain. It arises above the huge valley glacier extending south toward the villages above Courmayeur on the Italian side of Mont-Blanc, from which the first ascent came.



In 1865, the same year Edward Whymper climbed the Matterhorn (and grabbed all the headlines), a British party consisting of AW Moore, GS Mathews, F and N Walker, with the Swiss guides Jakob and Melchior Andregg and two porters launched what today would be considered an expedition. They climbed the right-hand bounding ridge of the face - now called the Brenva Spur or "the old Brenva". Quite an exploit for the time and even today rated D (four on a scale of six).

My interest was instigated by reading the book *Brenva* by T. Graham Brown, in which he describes his ten-year assault in the 1920's and 30's on the three obvious lines on the Brenva Face. Like Brown, I too, also had, maybe not an obsession, but a fixation with the face that endures unfulfilled.

In 1927 and 1928, together with the much more famous climber, Frank Smythe of Mt Everest renown, Brown climbed the Sentinelle Rouge and the Route Major, going left on the face from the Brenva Spur, each more difficult and exposed than the other. Then in 1933, with the guides Graven and Aufdenblatten, he climbed the farthest left line, the "via della pera", "voie de la poire", "way of the pear", the most difficult of all. Thereafter, until recent years, there has not been much activity on the face other than occasional ascents of the Brenva Spur, which is relatively - but not completely - free of the objective dangers of Brown's routes.

I was enthralled by the history and often thought

about climbing a route on the Brenva. The Sentinelle Rouge especially intrigued me. Thus, in 1962, when my climbing group decided to climb in the Alps, I put the Brenva Face on our list of objectives. Many years later, John Post, my mentor, admitted that he dreaded the thought of the dangers and difficulties of the Brenva Face and was greatly relieved when we didn't try it. It took another 24 years before my dream came partly to fruition.

In 1986, when we had difficulty finding one or more of our usual climbing partners interested in the Alps, we had, at Harriet's instigation, signed up Roger Payne, a young British guide, as a companion. His role was partner rather than guide (of course I paid him!). He turned out a wonderful companion: gregarious, educated, cultured. We had a very productive season, climbing routes that I felt we needed a third person for safety reasons. However, when I bruited the Brenva, he was unenthusiastic. Perhaps the objective danger? Harriet demurred entirely.

I prevailed but Roger was right about the dangers. It had been an unusually warm summer resulting in heightened avalanche conditions. And the Brenva faces east, catching the first rays of sun in the morning and staying in the sun for much of the day. The day we climbed it, the zero isotherm (the freezing point) was at the top of the face rather than at the bottom! If one is going to climb mountains, a certain amount of fatalism is probably a worthwhile attribute.

The start-

ing point is the Col de la Fourche (12,000 feet) where, over time, there have been a succession of ephemeral refuge-bivouacs. One built in 2000 now stands there. Getting to the col is a serious enterprise in its own right: an 800 foot ice cliff sloped at 55° and rated



Brenva! continued...



at AD. We spent the night at the Italian Alpine Club's Ghiaglione Hut, perched precariously above the slope dropping to the Brenva Glacier. The hut was considerably out-of-plumb and a few years later slid down the slope to the glacier. It offered few amenities because of its isolation. As I have written elsewhere, the Italian huts are very primitive and poorly maintained, but it at least offered an

overcooked pasta and rotgut red wine. It was hard to sleep because of the altitude, but we had to get up at midnight in any case to minimize our exposure to avalanches.

Three other parties preceded us down the 300 foot slope to the Brenva Glacier where there was a difficult bergschrund crossing. We could see the flickering of their headlamps as they traversed the base of the face to their chosen line. It was the middle of a dark, crystal-clear, warm night. As we reached the Col Moore (11,560 feet) at the foot of the Brenva Spur, we heard the roar of an unseen avalanche. Some of the headlamps stopped flickering. We learned later that several climbers had perished.

Uncharacteristically, Roger panicked. "We've got to get out of here." I tried to calm him down. I, the amateur, the client so to speak, kept my composure. I had really hoped to try the Sentinelle Rouge route, but I conceded to his concern, and to reality. We were in a dan-

gerous, maybe desperate spot, but I didn't want to retreat although that was the sensible thing to do. "We are at the beginning of the Brenva Spur, which is somewhat safer than other routes, so let's do that."

We had worn crampons to cross the glacier to the col. But the lower section of the Spur is mostly rock. It was unnerving, trying to ascend the rock wearing crampons, using the light provided by a headlamp. Although we were roped together, we climbed without belaying. We were armed with considerable protective hardware, of which we used hardly any. It was eerie. I dreamt that I was in a space module, disconnected from my present situation.

Eventually we got to the snowy part of the ridge as it started to become daylight. Roger was still agitated by the danger. He just wanted "to get out of here" so we were moving really fast and not paying much attention to safety. Fortunately the climbing was not especially difficult. I took over the lead, mostly to slow the pace, but also to savor the spectacular but dangerous situation we were in. To confront risk and bring it off is one reason I climb.

The top of the face features a band of seracs, huge ice towers looming, waiting to break off and crash down the face. Occasionally one did, but luckily none hit us. There were some gullies or funnels through the seracs, but while in one, the climber is completely at the mercy of anything that breaks loose and falls. Fortunately not this time. We finally crested the face, crossing the imaginary border between Italy and France. We were now on one of the "tourist" routes to Mont-Blanc so we had an easy descent in front of us (Harriet and I had climbed this route earlier). From the Col Moore to the summit of Mont Maudit (a fore-peak of Mont-Blanc) is a mixed ascent of 2900 feet. Six hours of constant danger. It was six o'clock in the morning. A rapid descent to the Aiguille du Midi cable car and a late breakfast with Harriet in a Chamonix cafe! Whew!

December in Randolph

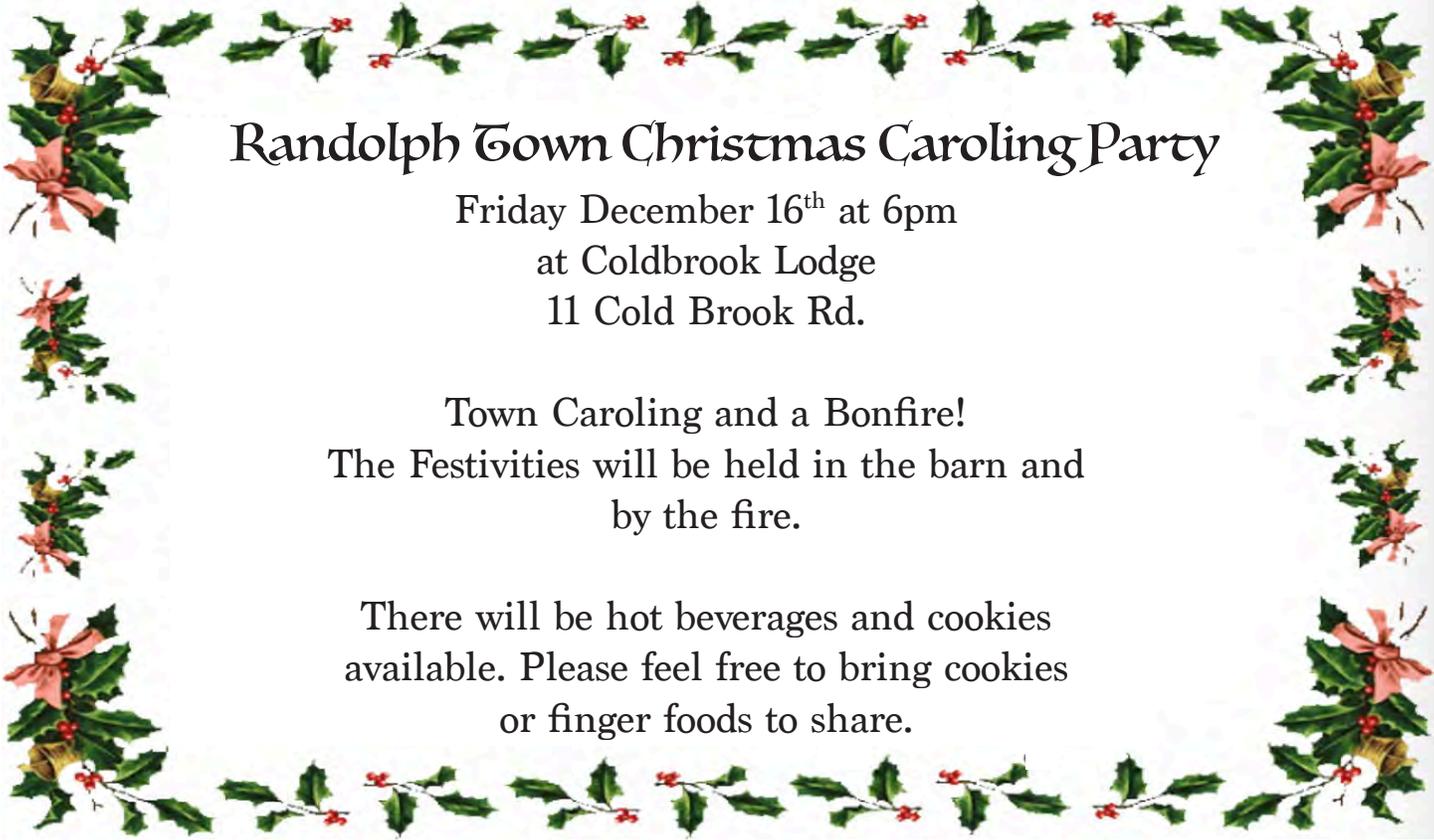
This year, we are excited to be able to gather and celebrate the holidays as a community! Following are the events to add to your calendar:

12/16 at 6PM - Town holiday gathering, all welcome; Coldbrook Lodge, 11 Coldbrook Drive (off Durand Road), behind the red barn, bring a chair, snack to share and beverage if you wish. Dress warmly, the event is outside! Songs/carols around a campfire. FMI call (603)915- 9087

12/17 between 6 and 8PM - Santa will again be visiting Randolph children (under 10) by way of the Fire Truck! FMI call (603)466-2438

12/24 at 4PM - The Randolph Church will host a traditional Christmas Eve Carol service. Join us at the Randolph Church, all are welcome! FMI call (603)466-2438





Randolph Town Christmas Caroling Party

Friday December 16th at 6pm
at Coldbrook Lodge
11 Cold Brook Rd.

Town Caroling and a Bonfire!
The Festivities will be held in the barn and
by the fire.

There will be hot beverages and cookies
available. Please feel free to bring cookies
or finger foods to share.

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