

Mountain View



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Top left: Scenes from Woodspringstock by Julia Gallop; Top right: A Bicentennial Corkie by Martha Sappington; Center left: Hiker Dudes and Dudettes from Lauren Bradley; Center Right: The Bicentennial Quilt from Guy Stever; Bottom: Woodspringstock from a distance by Guy Stever

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From the Selectmen's Office

The Town has been installing 911 sign posts at each driveway. These are to identify your home in the event you call 911 for a medical, police or fire emergency. Please do not remove the signs. They are for your safety and allow quick response time if you do have an emergency.

We are pleased to tell you there will be portable toilets installed at Appalachia for the summer. After considerable finagling, we have partnered with 6 organizations to share the costs of providing this critical safety valve for human waste at the very busy parking lot. Thank you to the RMC, the Randolph Foundation, the Cross NH Adventure Trail, the AMC, the Forest Service and the Town of Randolph. A special thanks goes to Josh Sjostrom, District Ranger for the Androscoggin Forest Service District for continuing to push this forward. The toilets will be in place June 15 to Sept 15. Future plans are ongoing, but nothing is settled at this time.

Save the date July 10 at 6 pm for an update on progress and straw poll regarding police in the Town. The Selectmen will provide a number of proposals and listen to the public to help give us the direction the Town wishes to follow.

* Note the new time for Selectmen's meetings: 6pm. *

If you have any questions about the operations of the town, please contact the selectmen or attend one of our regular meetings which are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 pm. Rick at 723-7329, Paul at 915-9195 and Michele at 466-5841.

Hiker Dudes and Dudettes Contest

From Guy Stever

An Invitation to a Contest from The Randolph Bicentennial Committee!

The Bicentennial Committee would like to invite people to “DRESS UP YOUR DUDE/ETTE OR DUDE.”

Starting on May 25 at Woodspringstock people began picking up large cuts out of the Bicentennial logo dudette or dude. It is cut out of plywood and painted black. There will be a limit of one per family / individual unit. Families may have multiple entries from each family within the larger family. The Stevers, for instance, had four children. Each of those children’s families could submit an entry.

We are asking for a donation of \$10 per dudette / dude to offset the cost.

Your challenge is to decorate your dudette / dude any way you want. You can use paint, cloth, or any medium you want. In any way you want. Your decorations could focus on your family, your climbing days, nature, an historical figure in Randolph’s past, Star Wars, Bridgeton -- anything you want!

When you are finished, we hope you display it outside your house.

On August 1st, 2nd or 3rd (by 12 noon) we would like them all to be placed together in the designated area at the Ravine House site for all to see and enjoy.

A group of judges fresh from the runway at the Paris fashion show will judge the dudes and dudettes. Prizes will be awarded for the cleverest decorating job, the most attractive decorating job, the most historically accurate decorating job (any time period), and various other categories to be announced later.

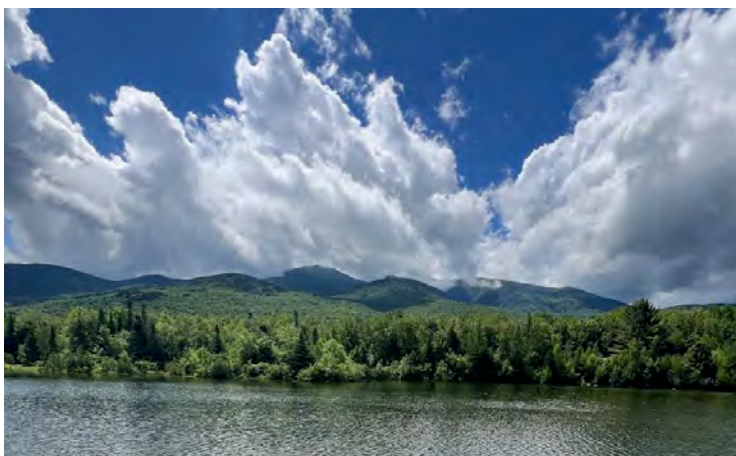
Hopefully there will be a veritable army of dudettes and dudes at the Ravine House site by August 3rd.

Photos right from Lauren Bradley



We can’t wait to see them all standing on the Ravine House Site lawn for the celebration weekend!

Kid’s Campfire and S’Mores with the DeMarcos!



Looking to connect with Randolph area kids and families. We have a house on the hill where we spend time as often as possible. Our two youngest boys would enjoy our trips to Randolph so much more if they had a few adventure buddies. Nathan is 14 and will start his freshman year of HS in the fall. He would be particularly happy to find a basketball friend. Caiden is 11 and is going into 6th grade. We plan to host a campfire with s’mores for both kids and families over July 4th week. Exact date TBD and weather dependent of course. Please contact Jenn at jdemarco.ibclc@gmail.com or 508-212-7284

Photo left by Catherine Mermier

Bicentennial Resources

From the Bicentennial Chairs

How to Know Everything about the Bicentennial!

1. The Randolph Events website <https://www.randolphevents.org/> includes information about every Bicentennial activity and we'll be adding more detail as we go along.
2. If you're on Facebook, please "follow" the page: Randolph NH 2024 Bicentennial where we'll be posting information all summer. Once you follow the page, you'll see all the Bicentennial posts in your own Facebook feed.
3. Beginning in late June, the Randolph Weekly will include timely information and reminders for every event.
4. Questions about the Bicentennial can be directed to randolphat200@gmail.com.
5. And of course, the Mountain View has been covering all aspects of the Bicentennial leading up to summer 2024!

How to Order Celebration Weekend Dinner Tickets (the one thing you have to do in advance - by July 12!)

Dinners at the Ravine House Site:

- Friday, 8/2/24 @ 5:30 PM: Dinner by Rek'lis (\$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under)
 - Saturday 8/3/24 @ 5:30 PM: Dinner by the White Mountain Chalet (\$15 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under)
1. Sign up in person at a merchandise table at any Bicentennial or RMC event.
 2. Go to <https://the-randolph-foundation.square.site/> and click on "Reserve Dinner Here."
 3. Go to the Town of Randolph website <https://randolph.nh.gov/> and click on "Purchase Dinner Tickets."
 4. Go to the Randolph NH 2024 Bicentennial Facebook page, and specifically, the post that says: "Buy your Bicentennial Celebration Weekend dinner tickets here!" and scan the QR code to get to the dinner reservations form.
 5. Scan the QR code right here, right now!

After you sign up, your e-mail confirmation will include an odd message about picking up your tickets at a certain address. Please disregard this strange feature that we can't seem to extricate ourselves from in the Square app. You can simply present your confirmation at the dinners and we will also have a record of your purchase as a backup.

Bicentennial Chairs Sarah Gallop and Guy Stever
Celebration Weekend Chair Sas Mather



50/50 Raffle!

Half of the \$ goes to the winner!

Really, you keep it!
Really!

That's what we want!

What fun!

One ticket: \$5

Three tickets: \$10

Five tickets: \$15

Seven tickets: \$20

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Bicentennial closing concert on 8/24/24!

You do not need to be present to win! We will call you! Yay!!

Half of the \$ goes to local non profits:

Coos County Family Health
Gorham Comm. Learning
Center

Family Resource Center
Northern Human Services
North County Home
Health and Hospice

Thank you for helping our neighbors!

It's Done! The Bicentennial Quilt

Barbara Arnold

The quilt celebrating Randolph's Bicentennial is done and ready for display. It will be introduced during the first activity of the Bicentennial, Woodspringstock Concert held at Coldbrook Farm on the Saturday of Memorial Day, May 25th. Paul and Michelle Cormier are organizing the event, Lauren and Dwight Bradley hosting.

After Memorial Day Weekend, it will be displayed in the Town Hall but will be available for town events as needed. Contact Barbara Arnold for more info: Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com (603)466-2438 or (603)723-3830.

The quilt was inspired by thoughts of Randolph, submitted by residents and visitors over the summer of 2023. A committee was formed consisting of Barbara Arnold & Carol Doyle (co-chairs), Anne Post Poole, Betsy Rising Segura, Laura Brockett, Lauren Bradley, Suzanne Reid, Pauline Galiana, Linda Scherf, Randy Meiklejohn, Sandy Wier, Freddie Solomon, Cynthia Folsom & Sally Micucci. If I have forgotten someone, please accept my apology.

The quilters took the thoughts and made squares to reflect as much of the feeling of Randolph as possible. There are four main squares, Randolph in Fall (Town Hall and Library by Freddie Solomon), Randolph in Summer (Lake Durand and activities there by Carol Doyle), Randolph in Winter (snow shoeing, tapping maple trees, sunrise on the mountains by Betsy Rising Segura)

Woodspringstock '24 - "What a Day for a Daydream"

From Guy Stever

Randolph's Bicentennial celebration kicked off the summer on a positive note at Woodspringstock '24. Approximately 120 people attended the concert at Cold Brook Lodge to enjoy the music provided by Comfort Country and The Jim McLaughlin Group. Beside the music, unbelievable weather (re: sun, a breeze, mid-70s, and NO BUGS), and wonderful swag for sale, one of the highlights of the afternoon was the unveiling of the Bicentennial quilt -- the product of a group of VERY dedicated quilters and signed on the back by hopefully almost everyone in Randolph.

Perhaps more than everything else, it was an enjoyable moment of community togetherness and fun -- two things the Bicentennial Committee hopes will run through the summer. The next scheduled event is the Incorporation Day Celebration gathering hosted by The Friends of the Randolph Library on June 16 -- the actual 200th birthday of the town.

Please don't forget to order dinner tickets by July 12th and check out the calendar for a full list of activities.

and Randolph in Spring (Randolph Church by Cynthia Folsom). These are surrounded by ten squares depicting other aspects of Randolph, hiking, biking, music, Randolph Library, Randolph Fire Department, Randolph Foundation, birds, flowers, berries skiing, snowmobiling and more. The back of the quilt holds the signatures of people, past & present, who have been connected to our wonderful community. There is room for more if you did not have a chance to sign it. Please only sign it once so there is room for everyone. Use the sharpie with the quilt so it will be permanent.

It will be good to celebrate with everyone. The people make the community, join us in celebrating our community.



Photo top: the quilt from Barbara Arnold;
Photo above: Woodspringstock from Guy Stever

Bicentennial Summer at the Randolph Church

Susan Ferré and Sarah Gallop

Summer 2024 at the Randolph Church features a fabulous lineup of worship leaders and musicians. Summer services are at 10:30 AM every Sunday. Other event times are listed below. Check the Weekly for more details each week!

Date	Event
6/30	Worship led by Bill Minifie; Angela Brown, organist
7/7	Worship led by Sarah Gallop; Angela Brown, organist
7/14	Worship led by Rev. Betsy Hess; Sandy Patrick, organist
7/21	Worship led by Adrian Johnston; Susan Ferré, organist
7/28	Worship led by Marty Johnson; Meghan Carlin, organist
8/4	Worship led by Rev. Dick Doyle; Christopher Anderson, organist
8/4	Benevolence Concert with Christopher Anderson at 4 PM
8/11	Worship led by Rev. John Weatherly; Susan Ferré, organist
8/11	Annual Meeting led by Rev. John Weatherly at 11:30 AM
8/18	Worship led by Rev. Jim Edwards; Sandy Patrick, organist
8/25	Worship led by Ted May; organist to be announced
9/1	Worship led by Guy Tombs; organist to be announced

A Note from Randolph Remembers

the Memorial Service for William F. May and Elizabeth May Kelley on Monday August 5th at 3 pm at the Randolph Church followed by a reception at the home at 222 Durand Road.

New Signs for the Randolph Community Forest

Mark Kelley

As many of you may have noticed, the signs at the Randolph Hill and Pond of Safety parking lots have been in need of replacement. The years of exposure have taken their toll, making them unreadable. David Doyle, whose connection to Randolph goes back generations, reached out to Mark Kelley shortly after the passing of John Scarinza. David's family has been neighbors of John, Jenn and Ethan, and noticed the condition of the sign at the end of Randolph Hill Road was in need of replacement.

mission would like to thank David and his family for all the hard work in providing our Town with these beautiful signs in remembrance of John Scarinza.

David works for Cyr Woodworking, a commercial architectural millwork firm in Newington, CT, who volunteered the CAD/CAM design work and Parksite, who supplied the DuPont Corian. He and his girlfriend Linda did the hand painting of the letters, and his father, Dick, helped install two signs over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Randolph Forest Com-



Photo above: The new sign from Mark Kelley

Musical Offerings for Summer in Randolph

Susan Ferré



Five women will grace the Randolph Church services at the organ for Worship on Sunday mornings June 30th through September 1st: Angela Brown, Sandy Patrick, Meghan Carlin, Suzanne Ozorak and Susan Ferré, all remembering our most favored and honored, Heywood Alexander, who has served as organist and leader from the early 40's until now.

The Morning Worship service on August 4th, with Dr. Christopher Anderson at the organ, will be followed by the Benevolence Concert, featuring a lecture-recital given by Dr. Anderson, the always entertaining, dynamic and eloquent lecturer, scholar, author and professor from Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX, as well as visiting professor at the Eastman School of Music. As a performer he has concentrated on historically informed approaches to 19th and 20th century repertoires with a particular interest in musical modernism, German history and philosophy. He will address the musical climate at the beginning of the founding of Randolph, 200 years ago, and later, the Randolph Church. This event highlights the Bi-centennial weekend at the Randolph Church on Sunday afternoon, August 4th, at 4 pm.

After the celebrations conclude, while many still remain in Randolph, the Big Moose Bach Fest will present at Randolph Town Hall on Saturday morning, August 31st, at 10:30 am, a recent film highlighting the organs and music of Johann Sebastian Bach, with help from the Randolph library. That afternoon, still at Randolph Town Hall, Beth Hilgartner and Ernie Drown will bring their Baroque ensemble, Cameo Baroque, for a delightful concert at 2:30 pm.

Founded in 2013, the ensemble is committed to sharing the music of the baroque era using 18th century

performance practices on period instruments. Under the auspices of the Cameo Arts Foundation, many of Cameo Baroque's performances are benefit concerts that support organizations working to meet basic human needs in the region of the Upper Valley and beyond. The couple is no stranger to Randolph, having performed regularly at the Randolph Church for many years. Heywood Alexander describes the harpsichordist, Ernie Drown, "as a son," and Beth, also a priest, has led inspiring Sunday morning services, then singing and playing for the Benevolence Concert, not to mention that she works in a shop which builds recorders!

Addendum: The Big Moose Bach Fest ends this year on Sunday afternoon at St. Barnabas Church in Berlin with a concert of J. S. Bach's chamber music, concluding with the lovely Cantata, BWV 61, Nun komm



der Heiden Heiland, for chorus, string orchestra of period instruments, soloists, Miranda Bergmeier, Andrew Hudson Sabens and Luke Weisse, directed by Susan Ferré.



Photo top: Heywood with Linda and Christa; Photo top right: Chris Anderson at the organ; Photo bottom left: Chris Anderson headshot; Photo Bottom Right: Wind instrument. All photos courtesy of Susan Ferré

What to do with an Old Cork?

Charley Lang and Susan Ferré

What to do with a used cork? Give it to an artist, of course! Martha Sappington's creations, from her hand-made greeting cards, her mobiles made from antique cow bells or discarded trash, her award-winning photographs of unique locales, and now her Corkie tribe members, enliven the homes of many in Randolph. These creations, made from corks which have served their purposes in keeping wine, Champagne, or spirits locked in a bottle until their time had come, now receive new stories, new purpose, and new attire, as they seek suitors who claim them for a cause. Each new corkie personality, serving in what is now called the Corkie Ministry at the Congregational Church of Christ, UCC, on Main Street in Gorham, raises a bit of money for benefits of the church. And it's not just a "bit of money," but the popularity of these new "Corkie Personalities" has benefited the ministry in surprising ways. A collection of them sit atop the 19th c. Hook and Hastings Organ, encouraging musicians and congregants to sing out and to listen to the Spirit. Others perch on computer keyboards or pulpits... (Are they hoping for AI?) Unsung heroes and heroins they are,



quietly awaiting their next adventures, with thanks to their creator, Martha Sappington.

Photo above: Martha with her handmade Corkies!

The Corkie Ministry



We are all aware that life is a challenge. These Quirky Corkies are here to remind us that we are never alone because we always have a friend in Jesus!

On September 12th, 2021 on what we call Rally Sunday we officially began our new church year by offering a quirky little cork character and a journal for each person at the church service. A few of these Corkies have traveled home with some of our friends and family. Over 200 characters have gone off to college, hiked the Appalachian Trail and traveled around our country and

Martha Sappington

the world. These unique characters are to remind us that each and every person is uniquely made and loved by God!

We are here to spread love and kindness. We can do this by sharing God sightings (acts of kindness, joy) things that make us all smile; by caring and praying for those in need when things get tough (lending a helping hand and offering mercy and forgiveness); and by celebrating the beauty of each and every

person while they travel along their faith journey. It is a challenge but remember "With God, all things are possible" – Matthew 19:26.

Our hope is that your Corkie reminds you to focus on the blessings around you, write them down, and share some of them with your friends and family. Let's share God's blessings one Corkie at a time.

Photo center: The Corkie Ministry from Martha Sappington

Scarinza Memorial Blood Drive - A Great Success!

Jen Scarinza

Has anyone you love ever needed a transfusion of blood or platelets? While my husband John was fighting multiple myeloma over the course of 2 years, he received many, many bags of blood and platelets. They allowed him to take treatment and also to make memories as a family of three with our son Ethan. We spoke about how each bag represented someone who made a commitment out of their daily lives to give blood, and how, when people asked what they could do to help, giving blood was one thing we would encourage them to do.

John's sister, Kathryn, and his dear friend, Lt. Mike Cote, took to the next step. They decided to organize a blood drive while John was still in the hospital in Boston, but soon learned that it was a longer process. So, on April 15th, 2024, the first Lt. John K. Scarinza Memorial Blood Drive was held at the high school in Gorham. Lt. Cote, through his position with NH State Police as commander of Troop F, worked with the American Red Cross to put the event together. Gorham Fire Chief Phil Cloutier did much of the organizing, as did his daughter, Brenna, who is an aspiring nursing student, and took this on as part of her senior project.

The turn-out was tremendous! All 87 appointment slots were filled, and they collected 55 units of blood. This included many critical "Power Red" donations, which take longer, but result in two useable units from each donation. Family, friends, community members and state troopers from all over the state came to donate. The Red Cross staff was amazed- half of the people who

signed up were first time donors! This included John's nephew, Austin, who came up from Bow with his parents, Jeff and Raina to donate. Kathryn flew in from Washington state to give and help out. Several folks who knew they could not give blood still came to volunteer for the day.

We wanted to host a nice reception for the donors and volunteers, so I asked for help with putting together a spread of food and drinks. Again, the response was wonderful- so many people contributed and the array of snacks was overwhelming. We are so thankful to everyone who helped make this event a success! To help continue to spread the word, several newspapers did stories and WMUR recently did a news segment about the drive. The Red Cross says that every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This includes accident and burn victims, children with chronic diseases, as well as cancer patients like John. We plan to make this an annual event, and hope you will consider joining us, or giving in his honor where it is most convenient for you.

Photo below: From the Memorial Blood Drive

Randolph Forest Day 2024

Mark Kelley

Traditionally, the Randolph Forest Commission has held it's annual Forest Day on the first Saturday in August. In 2024, that weekend is also the Celebration 200 weekend, so we have moved the "Tour de Forest" to August 10th. As in the past, the day starts at the Randolph Town Hall at 9:00 AM, with a classroom style presentation, followed by a venture into the forest enhancing the earlier discussion.

In 2023, we explored the four new bottomless culverts, or bridges that were installed on Pond of Safety Road. This was a project that took over three years to plan and compete with the help of Kelly Eggleston, the National Resource Conservation Service and the Randolph Foundation. We then had a chance to visit the Pond of Safety for lunch, and inspect a project from earlier years in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Randolph Mountain Club.

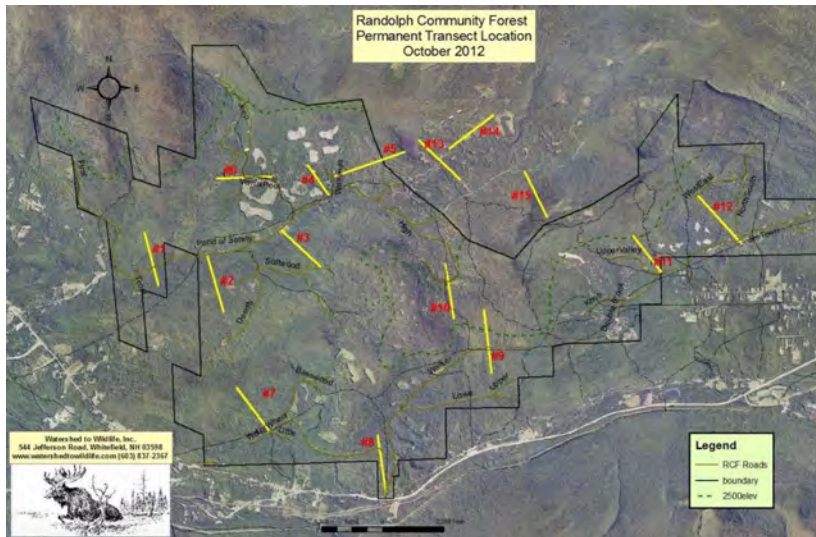
For 2024, David DeGruttola will address foresting activities in 2023 and the impact of climate change on fu-



Forest Day continued...

ture logging operations. We are also inviting Elise Lawson, of Watershed to Wildlife, who was part of the Randolph Forest consulting team for twenty years. She will address the Permanent Transects, that were first introduced in 2012. Fifteen permanent transects were installed in a wide variety of locations in the RCF and National Forest to monitor trends in populations of plants, birds and other wildlife. These are fixed GPS'd areas between 1000 and 4000 feet long, that are used create a database of information over the years.

The Randolph Community Forest is hoping to cre-



ate an annual “Volunteer Transect Day,” where members of our community will adopt one of the fifteen transects and visit it annually, on one day. The intent is to obtain consistent observations that can be recorded and measured.

We look forward to seeing you on August 10th in the Randolph Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

Photo below: Ethan Scarinza enjoying the Randolph Forest



Randolph Foundation Letter from the Chair

Redza Dempster

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What an exhilarating time it’s been gearing up for Randolph’s Bicentennial Celebration! Many accolades go out to co-chairs Guy Stever and Sarah Gallop who started mapping this out 4 years ago (maybe even longer)! Behind the scenes, Sas Mather, Harriet Phinney, Kempy Minifie, Charlotte Woodruff and others have been feverishly planning dinners, events, games and activities, and more for all of us to enjoy this summer.

We’d love more help with overseeing activities, manning tables, ushering, welcoming folks to events, setup, and the fun stuff (clean up, teardown). If you’d like to volunteer, please contact me and I can put you in touch with the right folks based on your interests.

In addition to Bicentennial events, the Randolph Foundation Board has been busy this winter/spring evaluating a number of grant requests. We are proud to be supporting a new rescue drone, the Appalachia relief facility, and a chem free graduation event for our high schoolers to name a few. Please join us on Friday, August 9, at 4pm at Town Hall for the Foundation’s Annual Meeting to

hear more about the positive impacts your donations have made. In addition to publications like the Mt. View and the Weekly, The Foundation provides ongoing sponsorship and support for lifeline emergency services, educational scholarships and upkeep of recreational facilities, in addition to grants for specific needs.

We could not do all of this with your help. Please consider supporting our efforts by making a tax-deductible donation by August 1. Scan the barcode below or visit rfnh.org.

Thank you for participating in the work of the Foundation!

Sincerely,

Redza Dempster
Board Chair
redza@rfnh.org



Scan QR Code right to donate:

Porches of Randolph and the Bicentennial Summer

Redza Dempster

With all that's in store during this Bicentennial year, will we have time to relax on our porches? We hope so, and we look forward to more good times with our friends and neighbors during the 4th season of Porches of Randolph!

What is Porches of Randolph?

For those who don't know, Porches of Randolph is a social fundraising activity for residents and visitors to gather outdoors for a summer evening of camaraderie. Parties are held on porches (and lawns) from which to admire the many unique views of, and perspectives on our spectacular hills, while renewing old friendships and making new ones. Guests are encouraged to bring a donation with them in the amount of their choosing, with 100% of proceeds distributed evenly to the Randolph Foundation, the Randolph Mountain Club, the Friends of the Randolph Library, and the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund. Across 10 Porch Parties hosted last season, a total of \$6,000 was raised and distributed to our four deserving organizations! You can read more about Porches of Randolph in Judy Hudson's monumental achievement, Randolph NH Celebrates 200 Years, additional copies of which will be available at upcoming Bicentennial events.

Hosting a Porch Party

If you are interested in hosting a Porch Party this season, please visit <https://www.randolphevents.org/porches>. Plenty of open dates remain on the bicentennial calendar, and we will work with hosts to make sure your Party doesn't overlap with any major Bicentennial events. For more information, visit <https://porchesofrandolph.org> or email porchesofrandolph@gmail.com

Thank you to our 2023 season hosts:

Jim Alexander and Joan Ostergren
Pat and Laurie Archambault
Keith and Redza Dempster
Sarah Eusden Gallop and Andy Gallop
Larry and Yvonne Jenkins
Mark and Kathleen Kelley
The Maddock/Hudson/Dillon Clan
The Phinney Family
Franklin Stone and David Wenk



Ginny and Rick Umiker

Photo above: Seven RMC presidents attended the Hudson/Maddock/Dillion Porch Party in 2023

Randolph Remembers

Remembering Nancy Potter Bennett Davis

Nancy Potter Bennett Davis died on March 29, 2024, in Scarborough, Maine. It was the death she had hoped for: on her bed after having her morning coffee.

Nancy's hundred-year journey began in Baltimore, MD, on May 19, 1924. She was the youngest child of Henry Bertram Potter and Lucy Jackson Dougherty Potter. Her sisters Virginia and Barbara were teenagers when she was born and her brother Dick was already in school, so there were few early playmates. Instead, Nancy befriended the people who worked in her home and the eccentric next-door neighbor with pet monkeys. Her deep curiosity about people's lives, her appreciation for diversity of thought and experience, and her unparalleled conversational skills began here.

The entirety of Nancy's schooling was at Roland

Park Country School, a small school for girls. There she studied in classrooms with wide-open windows and enthusiastically participated in every sport offered. Nancy insisted this period endowed her with lifelong good health and excellent posture.

Nancy entered Wellesley College in 1942 and loved her years there. As World War II raged, she hoed in Victory Gardens, knitted scarves in psychology lectures, drank coffee day and night, and wrote letters to her brother Dick and a certain dashing Navy ROTC Harvard man named Clark Bennett. Most importantly, she became part of a friendship group of nine women who, through their lives and across distances, supported and sustained each other with laughter and advice.

A week after graduating from Wellesley in 1946, Nancy married Clark and they set up house in Cam-

Rembering Nancy Potter Bennett Davis *continued...*



bridge, MA. For the next three years, Nancy put her AB in Sociology to work at Harvard University, administering psychological, interest, and ability tests to WWII veterans. When her first child arrived in 1949, Nancy focused her attention on building her family. Within five and one-half years, she and Clark had four children.

The next decade in Nancy's life was a series of moving houses and tending children. Wherever the family relocated, Nancy used her enviable organizational skills to settle the house and its routines, and then she found her friends and activities. From Lexington, MA, to Waterford, CT, to Wellesley, MA (where the fifth and last child was born) to Cape Elizabeth, ME.

In 1967, with her children in school, Nancy returned to the work force as a secretary in the Cape Elizabeth Junior High guidance office. She worked her way through various school positions, catching the attention of the school superintendent who encouraged her to get her degree in Guidance and Counseling. She graduated with her Masters from the University of Southern Maine Portland/Gorham in 1973. From then until her retirement in 1981, Nancy worked at Cape Elizabeth High School, first as a guidance counselor, and then as Director of Guidance. Later she would take great satisfaction seeing her former students going about their lives in the Cape.

Retirement opened new horizons for Nancy. She discovered rug hooking and the community of hookers. She traveled, both with family and with friends. She became Nan, grandmother extraordinaire. She volunteered for many organizations, with the Maine Audubon Society being a favorite for its focus on the environment. Nancy believed that we each bear responsibility for our planet and that the contribution of one individual makes a difference.

After Clark died in 1996, Nancy resigned herself to life as a single woman. Unexpectedly, a gentlemanly neighbor pursued her, and in 1999, she and Euan Davis were married. They spent eight happy years together until his death in 2007.

In the last year of her life, Nancy was graced with "a year of visits" from her family and friends. She was able to have conversations with each of her fifteen grandchildren as well as many of her thirty-two great-grandchildren. Each visitor remarked on her clear mind and easy laughter. The culmination of the year was to be her 100th birthday party with her children (Peter Bennett, Martha Bennett Warren, Connie Bennett Blanchard, Jennifer Bennett Opel, and Amy Bennett Cracco), a cherished nephew (Christopher Milton) and their spouses. Instead, we will share remembrances of a life lived well. It seems fitting as she loved a good memorial, sometimes more than a party.

Nancy was astonished that she lived so long and so well. When asked for her secret she would credit fresh air, good friends, a curious mind, a lot of laughter, and, of course, her morning cup of coffee.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to contribute to Pollinator Partnership (pollinator.org), 600 Montgomery Street, Suite 440, San Francisco, CA. 94111 or Maine Audubon (maineaudubon.org), 20 Gisland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME 04105.

Celebrating Roberta Arbree



Roberta Rio Arbree passed away peacefully on May 22, 2024, at the age of 82. Roberta was born on August 22, 1942, in Hoboken, NJ to Ruth and Ralph Rio. She grew up in Paterson and River Edge, New Jersey. Roberta graduated in 1959 from Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, NJ, and

from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She attained a MS and PhD in organic chemistry from Brandeis University.

During her career, Roberta performed research for the discovery and development of new chemical compounds while at Polaroid Corporation and Nashua Corporation. At Polaroid, her work included consultations with the founder Edward Land. At Nashua, her work included travel to aid in plant start-ups globally. Roberta was granted four patents by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

After retiring, Roberta pursued the arts and became a superb painter with many of her oil paintings being exhibited and sold in the New Hampshire area. Her love of the arts extended to the creation of works in stained glass.

Beyond her professional and artistic endeavors, Roberta had compassion for her community and engaged

Remembering Roberta Arbree continued...

in civic organizations. This included the Planning Board for Randolph, NH, and Friends of the Presidential Rail Trail.

Roberta's generosity extended to her community. She and her husband Robert Potter, Sr. donated 275 acres to the Towns of Randolph and Gorham. The land remains subject to a Conservation Easement with the New Hampshire Fish & Game where it will remain forever wild. The couple also donated funds for the Randolph Conservation Commission to acquire a 72-acre parcel and an access right-of-way that includes Rollo Fall on the headwaters of the Moose River. The couple supported archaeology digs on their property that led to establishing the Potter Paleo Indian Site on the National Register of Historic Places. Roberta donated and advanced Orion StarBlast Telescope to the Randolph Public Library and the NH Astronomical

Society.

Roberta is survived by her husband, Robert C. Potter Sr., stepchildren Ann Potter, Bob and Laurie Potter, Jim Potter, five grandsons and four granddaughters, brothers Richard Rio and Ralph Rio, nieces Amy Rio, Rebecca Parillo, Lisa Dugan, and Ashley Zink, four grandnephews and two grandnieces, and several cousins as well as dear friends and colleagues who cherish her memory.

Roberta's strong spirit will live on in the countless lives she touched and influenced. Roberta's home was often filled with her stepchildren, their friends, and most beloved of all, her grandchildren. She loved hiking, camping, and cooking for her extended family and their Randolph home was a frequent gathering place. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

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Photo Left by Catherine Mermier; Center top: Three Year Old Ethan Scarinza checking out the Spring Flowers; Center bottom: Ferns by Carol Ryder Horton Right by Carol Ryder Horton

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5/25 **Woodspringstock** — a music celebration featuring the Jim McLaughlin Group and the Country Comfort Band. Coldbrook Farm on Durand Road. 1 to 4 PM. Merchandise and Celebration Weekend dinner tickets will be for sale.

6/16 **Incorporation Day 200th Year Celebration** — hosted by the Friends of the Randolph Public Library, the event features a presentation by Judith Hudson on her new book *Randolph, N.H. Celebrates 200 Years*. Town Hall. 3 to 5 PM. Merchandise and Celebration Weekend dinner tickets will be for sale.

7/4 **Bicentennial Merchandise** and **Celebration Weekend dinner tickets** will be for sale at the RMC Fourth of July Tea at 98 Randolph Hill Road. 3 to 5 PM

7/12 **Last day to purchase** Celebration Weekend dinner tickets.

7/17 Light Detection and Ranging (**LIDAR**) **presentation** on local historic walls, roads and cellar holes by Tad Pfeffer. Town Hall. 7 PM

7/18 **Bicentennial Art and Memorabilia Exhibition** — community-sourced displays at Town Hall. 3 to 8 PM

7/20 **Rendezvous / RMC Gourmet Hike** — Castlevue Ledge, Mt. Crescent. Choose a hiking route; bring a dish to share along with your own drink, plate and utensils. Prizes for most innovative route and best presented dish! Noon.

7/29 Community **tennis tournament** starts — Ravine House courts. Sign-up details in links below.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Friday
Aug. 2

Durand Lake 60th Anniversary event. Durand Lake. 11 AM

Dinner by Rek'lis followed by **contra dancing** to Better Late than Never. Ravine House site. 5:30 PM

Saturday
Aug. 3

Randolph Old and New Parade. Durand Road. 11 AM

Community picnic. Bring your lunch. Ravine House Pool. Noon.

Games and activities for all, including a cornhole tournament and mini-triathlon. Ravine House Pool. 1 to 4 PM

Dinner by the White Mountain Chalet; **Bicentennial film premiere**; **dancing** with DJ Zac Colby. Ravine House site. 5:30 PM

Sunday
Aug. 4

Worship service with Rev. Richard Doyle and organist Christopher Anderson. Randolph Church. 10:30 AM

Community **Softball Game**. Coldbrook Farm. 1 PM

Benevolence Concert with Christopher Anderson. Randolph Church. 4 PM

Community **Sing-along**. Ravine House Pool pavilion. 7 PM

8/17 **Bicentennial Merchandise** will be for sale at the Fire Association Pancake Breakfast at the Municipal Building. 7 to 10 AM

8/23 **Bicentennial Art and Memorabilia Exhibition** — community-sourced displays at Town Hall. 10 AM to 5 PM

8/24 **Closing concert** featuring world-renowned guitarists Peppino D'Agostino, Beppe Gambetta, and Peter Janson. Randolph Town Hall. 5:30 PM

Calendar of **Bicentennial Events**

More details can be found on the Randolph NH 2024 Bicentennial Facebook page and at <https://www.randolphevents.org/>. Questions about the Bicentennial can be directed to randolphat200@gmail.com.

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