

Mountain View



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

USFS Recognizes Randolph Community Forest

By Edith Tucker

The Randolph Community Forest (RCF) was recognized by the Regional Forester of the Eastern Region of the U. S. Forest Service with its award — “Protecting Ecosystems Across Boundaries” — at a ceremony on Thursday, April 21, at its Region 9 headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Three other “Across Boundaries” awards were presented to winners from Wisconsin, Ohio, and Minnesota.

The criteria for the “Protecting Ecosystems Across Boundaries” award include: demonstrating managing ecosystems at a larger landscape scale; utilizing partners to expand the amount of land managed for conservation and public benefits; and restoring forests and waters to healthy and resilient conditions through exemplary resource stewardship.

“It was an obvious choice ... to nominate the RCF,” wrote Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner of the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) to the RCF. “We have long recognized your spirit of stewardship, innovation, collaboration, and community, and very much appreciate how your exemplary leadership in community forest management is an integral part of the much larger landscape that we collectively care for.”

This is the 26th year that Region 9 has recognized its employees and partners for the tremendous work they do, as well as their commitment to public service and resource stewardship.

“Like a rich tapestry built over time with love and determination, the townspeople of Randolph have woven a community and a landscape that connects with the WMNF, enlarging the conserved landscape and the collective fabric of our communities,” states Wagner’s two-plus-page award nomination. “Like many landscapes throughout the world, northern New Hampshire is under increasing pressure from unplanned development, fragmentation and unsustainable land management practices.” But the town, in collaboration with public and nonprofit organizations, was able to shape its own future, bucking the trends of increased forest fragmentation, loss of public ac-



WMNF Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner, left, presented the 10,000-acre Randolph Community Forest with a “Protecting Ecosystems across Boundaries” honor award at a ceremony in Milwaukee, Wisc. on April 21. Randolph was represented by town moderator David Willcox, center, and forest commission chairman John Scarinza.
Jenn Barton photo

cess, and reduced opportunities for traditional uses.

“In one special place in the White Mountains, as a large timber investment company (TIMO) began to divest approximately 13,000 acres of land, local determined citizens mobilized with a call to action to begin a unique collaboration to shape their own future,” Wagner wrote. “Their action has become a hallmark for community ownership, and managing ecosystems across boundaries, giving rise to important conversations on conservation and stewardship while developing a new model for conserved lands.”

Wagner called the 10-year-old, 10,000-acre RCF, which lies between the Kilkenny and Northern Presidials of the WMNF, “a model of citizen ownership and engagement,” and “an exemplary shared resource.”

Meeting notices, inquiries, comments, and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please send materials for the *Mountain View* to Diana Aube, Nekal Lane, Randolph, NH 03593 or daube@ne.rr.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication (publication is quarterly: September, December, April & June). The *Randolph Weekly* is published weekly in July & August. Send notices by Tuesday of each week to Gail Scott at 603-466-5498 (call or FAX); or mscott1@ne.rr.com; or PO Box 160, Gorham, NH 03581. The *Blizzard* is published the first of each month except July and August. Please send all notices for the *Blizzard* to Barbara Arnold, 466-2438; Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com or 403 Randolph Hill Road, Randolph, NH 03593. *Blizzard* materials by the 24th of the preceding month. If you are not receiving the *Blizzard* and wish to, please let Barbara know. A grant from the Randolph Foundation makes all these publications possible.

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Community Calendar

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

July

- 2 Sat. 7:30 pm **Songs for a Summer Evening; Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander** at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Advance Tickets Only Call Randolph Library for tickets 466-5408 \$6.00/3.00 adults/ children
- 4 Mon. 3-5pm **RMC Tea** at Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Rd.
- 7 Th. 4-6 pm **Opening Reception of Town Art Show** at the town hall, with wine and light refreshments. Come and meet the artists!
- 13 Wed. 6:30pm **Town Picnic** with Berlin Jazz Band at Ravine House Pool
- 22 Fri. 10:30 **Summer Reading Book Discussion** – "Angle of Repose" in White Mountain Room of Randolph Public Library
- 22 Fri. 4pm Set up tables, 5 pm sort books, 6pm set up crafts for Book, Bake, Craft Sale
- 23 Sat. 9:00 am–noon **Randolph Library Book, Bake & Craft Sale** at Town Hall; *Books: Jean Malick 466 2547, Food: Marie Beringer, 466-2424 Crafts: Rita Savage, 466- 5565*
- 30 Sat. 5:00-7:00 **Randolph Foundation Cocktail Party**, all welcome.
- 30 Sat. 7:00 pm **"Dance around the Pumps"** Lowe's Garage
- August**
- 4 Th. 7:00pm **Darby Field "The First Ascent of Mt Washington** by Allen Koop Town Hall
- 8 Mon. 7:00 pm **Hampstead Players to perform Aladdin** at Town Hall.
- 13 Sat. 7:00 pm **Annual Randolph Mountain Club Meeting** at the Town Hall.
- 19 Fri. 10:30am **Summer Reading Book Discussion** – "Pearl Buck in China" in White Mountain Room of Randolph Public Library
- 19 Fri. 4:00pm **Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting** & Key Note Speaker at Town Hall
- 20 Sat. @ noon **RMC Picnic & Charades** at Mossy Glen

Randolph Hill Road Reconstruction

No more duct tape – the bolts supplied with your vehicle will again hold it together. No more will the water run both through the culverts and over them. You can now cut your hair shorter as you won't need the extra padding that came in handy as you travelled the Hill road. The bids are in and construction should be under way as you read this.

Many of you have asked what this means for you this summer. I'll be right up front. It means noise, dust and inconvenience from May until October. By no means will this be summer as usual on Randolph Hill.

What is your Town doing to ease the pain? There will be a Project Engineer on site to coordinate with the contractor and the Town. If you have a problem, please contact a Selectman. The contractor will provide traffic control to assure emergency services are available if needed.

What can you do? PLAN AHEAD, combine your trips, leave extra time! If you have any special events planned, let a Selectman know well ahead of time, and we will attempt to work through the problem for you. Above all, remain flexible. We live on a dead-end road with no way to reroute traffic.

We're very positive the end results will be satisfying.

We thank you for your cooperation,

The Randolph Select board

Submitted by Ted Wier



Hop of the Bus Presents a Reader's Theater of the Odyssey

Kai Parlett, Elizabeth Miccuci, Blake and Austin Scarinza, Yvonne Jenkins, Phoebe Ross

Important Notice

Weekly updates regarding the status of the road construction will be available at the Town web site - <http://www.randolph.nh.gov/RHRnotices.htm>

Randolph Summer Reading.... *Something*

old and something new

By Julie Barrow

Angle of Repose, by Wallace Stegner, is the title for the July 22 book discussion. A Pulitzer Prize winner for 1971, this book is the portrait of a marriage which combines familiar New England-type characters of the nineteenth century with mountain living in the west ... a winning combination for Randolph readers.

Pearl Buck in China, by Hillary Spurling, is a well-written, new (2010) biography of this famous author which focuses on her life in China but also reveals the important role she played in Chinese-American relations. The discussion will take place on August 19th.

Both meetings will take place in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Public Library, beginning at 10:30 with refreshments, followed by discussions from 11 to 12 noon.

All are welcome to this free event. Copies of both books will be available in the library.

And for the children

One World, Many Stories

Submitted by Yvonne Jenkins

The Library is excited to announce its 2011 Summer Reading Program, "**One World, Many Stories**". We will experience many different world cultures through books, food, games, and activities. This six-week program will begin on July 13. There will be different ways for children of all ages to participate. Story hour will be held for children age 3 through grade 3 on Wednesday afternoons 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Stop by the library for more information and be sure to watch for announcements in the Weekly.

Backcountry Skiing in Randolph's Community Forest

By Doug Mayer

Early last winter, I bumped into Randolph Community Forest Forester Walt Winturri in Gorham. "We've been doing some harvesting that has opened up what I bet is some pretty darned good skiing," he mentioned in passing, "You ought to check it out."

Like many in Randolph, I find it hard not to smile when moving over snow on skis, whether in the forests outside our door, at Great Glen or Wildcat, or in King Ravine, "across the street". So, when Walt casually alluded to new ski opportunities, the idea planted itself firmly in my mind, and stayed there throughout a December and January that were, generally speaking, pretty lackluster when it came to deep white drifts.

The weather eventually changed, however, and Walt's hunch proved to be a good one. This past January, February and March a band of Randolph and Gorham backcountry skiers—myself, along with Ben Schott, Anthony Brezzo and Steph Kelliker, shared the lowdown on their explorations, and pieced together maps of new skidder roads, open hardwoods, wildlife clearings, old woods roads and other useful bits of ski "beta".

What we found was that recent harvesting on the Community Forest has created an impressive collection of remarkably user-friendly, low-key backcountry skiing routes. We have, on the Crescent Range, a unique combination of RMC trails, snowmobile routes, logging roads and recent harvesting. Connecting the dots can yield tours with views from the Mahoosucs to Owls Head, telemark turns through scenic openings down the slopes of Mount Crescent, glades high on Crescent Ridge between Mount Randolph and Mount Crescent, and even an all-day tour around the Crescent Range that incorporates Pond of Safety.

A few of our favorite ski routes from this past winter included:

Heading up RMC's Carlton Notch Trail, crossing Carlton Brook, turning west off the trail and skiing through beautiful, open hardwoods. After fifteen minutes, one reaches a dramatic new wildlife open with beautiful views of the Northern Peaks. Above the clearing, hardwood glades lead all the way to the Crescent Ridge Trail, just below Lafayette viewpoint. From

here, skiers can ski the glades and the wildlife opening, then head down any one of three skid roads to the Jimtown snowmobile trail (shown on the RMC hiking map), and back to Randolph Hill Road.

Skiing RMC's Mount Crescent Trail to its junction with Boothman Spring Cutoff. At the junction, turn into the woods and head roughly east, through young hardwoods. In 10 minutes, skiers reach a series of connected wildlife openings near Cook Path. These clearings climb steadily but gently, and have a great angle for relaxed telemark turns.

Start with the ski route just mentioned, but at the very top of the connected wildlife openings, at about 2500 feet on Mount Crescent and only about 200 yards east of the Mount Crescent Trail, follow an old logging road as it twists and turns up high, with great views towards Maine. After perhaps twenty minutes, this leads to a smile-filled, two-mile, effortless, downhill coast on logging roads, eventually ending at the Jimtown snowmobile trail just above its crossing with the Ice Gulch Path.

Other possibilities abound. Several of these routes can be easily connected with an old logging road south of the Jimtown snowmobile trail, which in turn leads to the ski trails on Hersh Cross' property and then down to Durand Road. Together with some of the above options, one can ski from Crescent Ridge all the way to Durand Road!

We hope to explore with the Forest Commission the possibility of tidying up several of these routes this coming summer and fall, and writing up descriptions in enough detail so they can be shared among town residents interested in such adventures on skis. The routes are truly backcountry in nature: there are no signs, climbing skins are very helpful if not quite necessary, rocks and stumps abound during low snow, and sensible woods judgment is a prerequisite for a happy few hours out.

This past winter's experience of uncovering such great, new skiing opportunities is a good reminder of what a remarkable asset we share in the Randolph Community Forest, and how lucky we are to have it in our town.

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“Skiing”, continued

Our winter of explorations on the Community Forest yielded many good times—evenings skis up high with headlamps glowing, spring days of corn snow, and lots of laughs and good conversations. During one such conversation, we also created Randolph’s newest organization: the Randolph Society for the Advancement of Backcountry Skiing. The new organization has no membership, no dues, will never apply for a grant, and has no charter or mission. It may however, hold a Tea—exactly six months after the July 4 Tea at the Kenyon’s Barn on Randolph Hill Road. Far up on the slopes of the Community Forest, perhaps next winter we’ll serve hot tea among friends, and ask each other a question that’s reminiscent of the warmer-weather tea, save with a new twist: “Great to see you! And how was your summer?”



Woods road. Doug Mayer photo

Fourth of July Tea

The RMC Fourth of July Tea will take place on Monday, July 4th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Kenyon's Barn, Sky Meadow, 260 Randolph Hill Road.

Please note that we may have additional instructions about parking because the road will be under construction at that time.

Sarah Gallop & Barb Phinney, RMC Social Event Co-Chairs

Randolph Students Graduate from Gorham High School’s Class of 2011

Nathan Currier, son of Kathy Currier of Randolph and Doug Currier of Vermont will continue his education.

Rachel Ross graduated with honors. She will attend White Mountains Community College in the General Studies program. Rachel is the daughter of Robert and Robin Ross of Durand Rd.

Christa Rousseau will attend White Mountains Community College in the Teacher Preparatory program. She is the daughter of Kevin and Patricia Rousseau of Durand Rd.

Catherine Temme, graduated with honors. She will be attending Emmanuel College in the Neuroscience program. She is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Suzanne Temme of Wood Spring Rd.

The Randolph Forest Day and Annual Tour

By David Willcox with the Randolph Forest Commission

Ten years ago next December, the Town of Randolph received from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) the title to 10,198 acres of land once owned by the Hancock Timber Resources Group: The Randolph Community Forest was born.

This year the annual Forest Day will be a celebration of the anniversary. It will be held, as usual, on the first Saturday in August, which this year is August 6th. In looking back over the ten year management history of the Community Forest, there are many specific achievements and accomplishments which might be recognized. But one element stands out above all others. It is therefore wholly appropriate that the theme of this year's anniversary forest tour will focus on the close working relationship which has grown up between the Town and the United States Forest Service (FS).

The celebration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the new parking lot at the western end of the Pond of Safety Road. The parking lot can be easily reached by car by turning off U.S. Route 2 in the Town of Jefferson onto Ingerson Road almost immediately opposite the Six Gun City amusement park. Drive in about one mile to reach the intersection with the Pond of Safety Road where Ingerson Road veers left. Drive straight for a couple of hundred feet on the Pond of Safety Road. Then, just past an open gate, turn left into the parking lot.

Participants will be welcomed by the Randolph Forest Commission which will begin the event with the installation of a new sign, commemorating the Community Forest and all of the financial and technical assistance the Town received to make it possible. A brief description of the relationship between the Town and the Forest Service and how it came about will be followed by comments from members of the

Forest Service and from some of the other people and organizations that played key roles in the establishment of the Community Forest.

The field trip will begin around 10:30. It will move up the Pond of Safety Road led by the professional Forestry Team, which has provided excellent programs in previous years. Members of the Forest Commission and of the Forest Service will be on hand for questions and discussions. The stops will be used to describe aspects of recent management activities which have been, or are being, carried out. A recently created permanent opening will provide the backdrop for a discussion of the need to increase softwoods for animal habitat and a description of the permanent transects being established in the Forest, and how they will work.

A second stop at a recent timber harvest site will offer an opportunity to discuss the role in the forest ecosystem of wetlands and beaver ponds and how water quality is maintained. A third stop on a recently installed road bridge will be used to illustrate the extensive road network in the Forest and highlight the cooperation between the Town and Forest Service in maintaining it. The final stop will be at the Pond of Safety, where the Forest Service is expected to make an important presentation.

All are welcome to participate. Feel free to come to the parking lot but not go on the field trip or to join the field trip at 10:30 after the initial celebration. The field trip will not involve any long hikes, but those who go on it are reminded to wear shoes appropriate for moderately rough terrain and to bring a lunch and mosquito repellent. Children as young as 6 years of age should enjoy the experience. For more information or directions contact David Willcox at (603) 466-5104 or by e-mail to dlw@ncia.net.

Randolph Art Show

Attention all artists and photographers! It's time to register for the 14th Annual Randolph Art Show. Please contact Betsy Hess at mchess@ncia.net or at (603) 466-5718 for more information. We would love to have new contributors.



Angela Brown photo

What's Cooking in Randolph?

By Dede Aube

A sure sign of spring in Northern New Hampshire is rhubarb. Vibrant shoots nudge their heads out of the ground and wait for the sun to burnish them. The rays paint the stalks speckled pink or ruby red making them ready for a home-made rhubarb pie. As a child I remember dipping tender shoots into a dish of sugar and eating it like candy. My grandmother taught me to use the thick woody stalks for rhubarb compote. We would cut the stalks into 1" pieces, add sugar and a little water and cook them over a low heat for about 5 minutes and then serve on toast (sometimes we added strawberries). I now make this with my own granddaughter, Emily, who originally was sure she didn't like the bitter taste of rhubarb and now can't wait for a spring treat of rhubarb and strawberries on toast.

Nancy Penny found a compote recipe in the book Earth to Table by Jeff Crump and Bettina Schormann. Here, the chef adds ¼ cup brown sugar to 1 lb. of cut rhubarb stalks (leaves removed, of course) and 2 tbs. of water. He cooks the mixture over low heat, stirring occasionally until rhubarb is tender, about 5 minutes. He drains the rhubarb, and discards the juices, and then creates a **rhubarb fool** gently folding three cups of whipping cream (in two batches) into the rhubarb compote.

Marie Beringer and Yvonne Jenkins submitted comparable recipes for:

Rhubarb Tea.

In a saucepan, place 4 cups of diced rhubarb with 4 cups of water. Simmer until rhubarb is very tender, about 20-25 minutes. Strain and discard the pulp.

Add grated rind from 1 lemon or orange and ¾ cup sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved.

Serve hot or chill and serve over ice with a sprig of mint. Marie, who found this as an old Shaker recipe says to triple it for 8 people. Yvonne found the recipe from the Mira Monte Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Marie also submitted a recipe for:

Rhubarb Pudding Cake.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes

Cut 4-5 rhubarb stalks in 1 inch pieces and place them in an 8 inch pan

Combine and pour over the rhubarb:

1 cup of flour	1 tsp. baking powder
½ cup of sugar	¼ tsp. salt

1 Tb. of melted butter	½ tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup milk (add more if the batter becomes too thick)	

Create a topping with:

1/2 cup of sugar	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 Tb. Cornstarch	

Sprinkle topping over the batter. Pour 1 cup of boiling water over the top. Do not stir. Good luck, Marie

Here is one more fabulous sounding recipe submitted by Lynn Hunt for:

Rhubarb Cheesecake Squares

Bake 350 degrees for 35-40 min. Cool for 1 hour--refrigerate for 2 hrs.

1 ¼ cups flour
 ½ c. old-fashioned oats
 ½ c. brown sugar
 ½ cold butter (or substitute)
 8 oz. cream cheese softened
 ¾ c. sugar
 ½ tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. vanilla
 ¼ tsp. cinnamon
 1/8 tsp gr. nutmeg
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 1 ½ finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb

1. Combine flour, oats, and brown sugar.
2. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set 1 c. of crumb mixture aside.
3. Press remaining crumb mixture onto the bottom of a greased 9 in. square baking pan.
4. For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in salt, vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add egg until combined. Stir in rhubarb. Pour #4 over crust. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture over top.



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Luscious rhubarb
at the Grand
View. B. Arnold
photo.

Big Moose Bach Fest Receives a Grant

By Susan Ferré

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded a grant of \$4,500 to Music in the Great North Woods in order to help "create a third national level Bach Fest, making the North Country a destination." The funds are made available from the Art Ventures Fund for NNHF.

The Big Moose Bach Fest takes place on Labor Weekend with concerts in Randolph, Berlin and Gorham. This year's Bach Fest, now in its third season, will begin with a lecture Saturday morning, September 3rd, on Bach and Math at Randolph Town Hall. From there it moves to St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts with two of this country's top Bach performers, Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes, playing both the organ and harpsichord in a complete presentation of the monumental *Clavierübung III*.

In the evening on Saturday a concert at the newly restored Gorham Town Hall will feature guest baritone, David Grogan, from Fort Worth, TX, and tenor, Christian Labnon, from Berlin, NH, singing solo cantatas accompanied by musicians playing instruments of the period.

On Sunday afternoon the festival will finish at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Berlin with choral works sung by a select group of singers under the direction of Susan Ferré, once again accompanied by musicians playing instruments original to the period. In addition to the nationally known guest artists and scholars who will participate, local musicians are introduced to singing and playing styles



Big Moose Board Members l to r: Katherine Baublis, Betsy Hess, Susan Ferré, Fran Gardner-Smith, Angela Brown, Gail Scott; and not shown: Michie Akin Angela Brown photo.

appropriate to the music and time period in which it was written.

"This show of support for the Bach Fest comes at a critical time," says Board President, Betsy Hess, "as we expand our offerings, while making the festival open to the public without charge. Donations are accepted, but no tickets will be required." The previous festivals have attracted listeners from as far away as Boston and California. "If we put it together at the level we've achieved in the past, this event will continue to draw fans. The grant helps us attain that goal," she adds, "and we are grateful."

More information: 603-326-3242 or 466-2865, www.musicgnw.org, info@earthlink.net

Big Moose Bach Fest

Labor Day Weekend

September 3, Saturday

10:00 am Victor Hill, Lecture on Bach and Math, Randolph Town Hall, Randolph

2:30 pm Christa Rakich and Peter Sykes, *Clavierübung III*, Master Organ Series, organ and harpsichord, St. Kieran Community Center or the Arts, Berlin

7:30 pm Concert of chamber music, solo cantatas, Gorham Town Hall, Gorham

September 4, Sunday

4:30 pm Choral works, original instruments, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin

Music in the Great North Woods - 2011 Summer Concerts

July 7, Thurs, 7:00 pm

Susan Ferré, Master Organ Series, *The Walled City of Gold*, Organ recital with narrative, St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin

July 14, Thurs, 7:30 pm

Ann Labounsky, Master Organ Series, Bastille Day program of French music and Improvisation, Gorham Congregational UCC Church, Gorham

July 16, Saturday, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Improvisation Workshop with Ann Labounsky, at private residence in Jackson, co-sponsored by the NH Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Mountain Top Music Center

July 31, Sun, 4:00 pm

A Bach Family Affair with Heywood Alexander, Ernie Drown, harpsichords, Beth Hilgartner, recorder, Linda Alexander, flute, The Randolph Church, Randolph

August 12, Fri, 7:30 pm

David Westfall, Erard piano, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin

August 14, Sun, 4:00 pm

Michie Akin, piano, organ, singers, *Liszt Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)*, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Berlin.

Sunday's at 8:00 pm

Compline, a sung service of chant, candlelight and incense, for the blessing of a quiet night, St. Barnabas Episcopal, Berlin

WEEKS ACT CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE



Join in this family-friendly day celebrating our forests and all they offer. Activities include forest explorations and field trips, woodland demonstrations, conservation displays, storytelling, music, and much more.

WHEN: JULY 29TH, 2011. 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: THE MOUNT WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD IN PINKHAM NOTCH, NH

WHY: TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE WEEKS ACT



This free, public event is part of a coordinated New Hampshire effort celebrating the Weeks Act Centennial and honoring the tradition of conservation and partnerships exemplified by the Act. For more information go to www.WeeksLegacy.org or call 603.536.6100.

Randolph Remembers

Guy Mermier

By Martha Mermier

Guy Mermier, Professor Emeritus of French, died unexpectedly on March 23, 2011. He was a teacher and scholar of medieval French literature in the department of Romance Languages and Literature at the University of Michigan.

Guy was born in 1931 in Grenoble, France where he received his License and his Diplome D'Etudes Supérieures degrees from the University of Grenoble. He came to the United States on a Fulbright grant to Amherst College. On his return trip to France by ship, he met Martha Brinton. After a year of additional studies in Grenoble, he came back to the United States and obtained his doctorate in Romance Languages and Literature at the University of Pennsylvania. Guy and Martha were married during this period and had two daughters, Catherine and Christine. After receiving his Ph.D., Guy came to the University of Michigan where he remained as professor until his retirement in 1997.

Guy was recognized as a dedicated teacher and colleague. He received many awards including recognition as an academic advisor and excellence in education award. He directed the Medieval and Renaissance Collegium, an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in Medieval and Renaissance studies. The French government honored him by admitting him to the "ordre des Palme Academiques", first at the rank of "chevalier" and subsequently as "officier". Guy directed the Michigan-Wisconsin academic year in Aix-en-Provence three times. In addition to his many activities as a teacher, his publications include many scholarly books, articles, editions and translations of major old French text. Just before his death he was translating a 15th century manuscript in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. This past summer he was honored as a fellow by the Mediterranean Studies Association.

Colleagues say that Guy will be remembered by generations of Michigan students as a learned, warm and dynamic teacher, as a promoter of medieval studies and a kind academic advisor and mentor. His family will remember him for his generosity of spirit, his fine sense of humor and his kindness and love.

Guy and Martha travelled widely during their 57 years of marriage but they always came to Randolph for the month of August. Their love of the White Mountains resulted in their hiking extensively in the French and Swiss Alps and the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Guy is survived by his wife Martha, his two daughters Catherine and Christine, son-in-law, Jeff and granddaughters, Alexandra and Elizabeth, his sister, Yvette and his brother, Paul as well as many nieces and nephews both in France and the United States.



"White Tips", Karen Eitel photo

Margaret “Peg” Post

By Avery Post

Margaret “Peg” Rowland Post, a summer resident in Randolph since 1965, died on November 6, 2010 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

Peg was born in Englewood, New Jersey on March 20, 1925 to the Reverend Reginald and Helena McDade Rowland. She grew up in the parsonage of the Teaneck Presbyterian Church, attended local schools and graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1945. After graduation, she worked at Boston’s Franklin Square House and at the Wellesley Press.

Peg married her college classmate, Avery Post, on June 8, 1946. Together they served churches in Eden, Vermont, Middlebury, Connecticut, Columbus, Ohio and Clinton, Connecticut while Avery completed studies at Yale Divinity School. They went on to serve churches in Norwich, Scarsdale and Garden City, New York, and spent many years participating in the leadership of the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts and then New York when Avery became President of the United Church of Christ. Upon retirement they moved to Norwich, Vermont and, after 13 years, to Kendal at Hanover, a retirement home.

The Posts came to Randolph in 1965, rented the “Crosby Cottage,” and two years later began to build a cabin/house on a new Midlands road, later to be named Boothman Lane. Enthusiastic hikers, the family enjoyed life in the mountains with Peg eager to be above tree line. She often mentioned with excitement a several days hike through the mountains, using the hut system, joined by family members and friends. She served on the Board of the Randolph Mountain Club, the Randolph Church and the Colloquy Committee.

Peg was a writer, editor and poet. She wrote and edited publications for the United Church of Christ as well as the World and National Council of Churches. She authored a history of the United Church, served on the Board of Directors of the Japan International Christian University Foundation and chaired its Women’s Committee. Her church-based travel took her to Japan, the Middle East, Europe and the former Soviet Union. She was a quiet poet, sharing her work only with her family and close friends.

Peg was a teacher. In 1967 she received an M.A. in education at New York University and did post graduate studies at Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She taught briefly in Westchester County in New York before moving with her family to Boston and teaching as a special needs specialist at Boston’s Kingsley School.

Peg is survived by Avery, her husband of 65 years; daughter, Susan Post Ross and her husband Robert of Northfield, Mass., daughter, Jennifer Post of North Scottsdale, Arizona, daughter Elizabeth Post Elliott and her husband, Kirk, of New Braintree, Mass., daughter, Anne Denison Post of Boonsboro, Maryland; grandchildren, Jason, Alasdair, Sarah, Margaret, Peter, Benjamin, Katherine, Christa, Rachael, Craig and Michael.

The family summer home in Randolph remained her place of refuge, spiritual renewal, memorable gatherings of family and friends, and base camp for hiking in the mountains. She relished time in the outdoor world, observing mountain views, bird life, fields and flowers and seasonal changes. She loved the house that she had planned and over the years welcomed all to the first place on the left on Boothman Lane.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the Norwich Congregational Church, Norwich, Vermont. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at the Randolph Church on August 13, 2011 at 2:00 o’clock.



Save the Date!
Saturday, July 30, 2011

5-7 p.m.

The porch at 72 High Acres Road

Laurie and Pat Archambault are hosting a get together to recognize the wonderful works of the Randolph Foundation. All are welcome.

Please come and celebrate the best of what Randolph has to offer: community and delightful summer weather.

Help!

A computer glitch lost some of the Mountain View mailing list. If you know of someone who is not receiving the Mountain View or monthly Blizzard and wishes to, please contact Barbara Arnold at:

Barbara.arnold51@gmail.com.

Thanks



The Friends of the Library surprised Marie Beringer with a birthday cake to honor her 80th birthday. Left to right: Meg Meiklejohn Marie Beringer, Nancy Penny. Angela Brown photo

The Randolph Church

Sunday Morning Services, 10:30
 Summer 2011

- July 3 Sister Monique Therriault, Berlin, NH
 Barbara Wysession, organist
- July 10 Stanley A. Wheeler, Farmington, ME
 Susan Ferré, organist
- July 17 Gary M. Schulte, Pembroke, NH
 Ann Labounsky, organist
- July 24 Edgar G. Adams, Richmond VA
 Arthur Wenk, organist
- July 31 William F. May, Charlottesville, VA
 David Westfall, organist

Concert: 4:00 PM.

Ernie Drown and Heywood Alexander, harpsichords; Beth Hilgartner, recorder; Linda Alexander, flute.

- August 7 John D. Eusden, Brunswick, ME
 Barbara Bishop, organist

August 14 **Ecumenical Communion Service**

Paul Bradley, New York, NY, Edgar G. Adams, Richmond, VA

Susan Ferré, organist

11:30 am – 127th Annual Meeting

- August 21 Heidi Hoskin, Hanover, NH
 Heywood Alexander, organist

- August 28 Charles J. Minifie, Hilton Head Island, SC
 Patti Dunn, organist

- September 4 Eleanor Mclaughlin, Randolph, NH
 Suzanne Ozorak, organist

What's Randolph Reading

By Dede Aube

Passionate about ideas, literature and words many Randolphians are avid readers and enjoy extending the pleasure of their reading through discussion.

Gail Scott, local journalist and member of several book groups, highly recommends The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer by Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee. The author, a professor of medicine at Columbia University and a leading light in the field of cancer biology, chronicles cancer from ancient times to the present day. This book was selected as one of "The 10 Best Books of 2010" by the New York Times.

Clover Koopman, an avid reader and pretty good writer herself, recently read Erasure (2001) by Percival Everett. She depicted the book as "satirical." Erasure is described on the dust jacket as "a novel of family, race and publishing in America," and is hailed by the *New York Times* as "both a treatise and a romp... a bold and brilliant novel of a man coming to terms with himself."

Jean Malick, chairperson of the Randolph Library Trustees, just read Ape House (2010) by Sara Gruen. Gruen, who is also the author of Water for Elephants, focuses here on the world of six bonobos and the persons who conduct language studies with them at a fictional Ape Language Lab in Kansas (based on the real-life Great Ape Trust in Iowa).

Barbra Arnold, editor of "The Blizzard" recommends Walking to Gatlinburg by Frank Howard Mosher

(2010). A spellbinding Civil War thriller with some fantasy mixed in, Walking to Gatlinburg is the story of survival, wilderness adventure, mystery, and love in the time of war.

Robin Henne of Shelburne and a member of the "Back Porch Book Club" enjoyed Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks, a brilliant 1965 tale of love, faith, magic and adventure as a young man from Martha's Vineyard becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College.

Yvonne Jenkins, Librarian of the Randolph Public Library and Berlin Junior High School Library, suggests Chains and Forge, the first two books in the planned "Seeds of America" trilogy by Laurie Halse Anderson. These books, aimed at but not limited to young adults, bring to light the irony of two slaves fighting for the freedom of the country they live in while never knowing if they will experience freedom themselves.

Recommended by Nancy Penny and Yvonne, I am reading a cookbook. Yes, a cookbook: Earth to Table: Seasonal Recipes from an Organic Farm by Jeff Crump and Bettina Schormann, who remind us of the relationship between local eating and taste, and demonstrate how we can reduce our carbon footprint without diminishing our enjoyment of food. "What I would have missed if I had only read the recipes," stated Nancy. "This book is a recipe for healthier living."

So ... What about the men folk, what are you reading? Send me an email at daube@ne.rr.com.



Austin and Blake Scarinza read the *Odyssey for Kids* at the Randolph Library
Dede Aube Photo

A History That's Part of Us All

By Karen Eitel

*There was a child went forth every day,
And the first object he looked upon, that
object he become,
And that object became part of him for
the day or a certain part of the day,
Or for many years or stretching cycles of
years.*

Walt Whitman

This quote came from one of my favorite books, [The Geography of Childhood - Why Children Need Wild Places](#). It is a collection of essays on growing up and why "wild places" influence our relationship to nature. Surrounded by our town forest and views of the mountains, we are greeted daily by the specialness of Randolph. Our relationship to "objects looked upon" deepens over years and is a legacy we pass on to the generations. The Randolph Library White Mountain Room holds a wonderful collection of personal stories of the natural beauty that surrounds us and histories of settlers over "stretching cycles of years".

Yet another summer has cycled in! Come spend a morning browsing the library's historical White Mountain collection. This wide assortment of books, now in a searchable database, holds treasures! For example, browse [Incidents in White Mountain History : A White Mountain Guide](#) by Rev. Benjamin Willey, published in 1856. or [Views of the White Mountains](#) - with descriptions by M.F. Sweetser, a rare book published in 1879. One of the oldest jewels is [Osgood's White Mountains - A Handbook for Travelers](#), published in 1816 by James R. Osgood, an American publisher known for his partnership with Mark Twain and his involvement with the publishing company that later became Houghton Mifflin.

This summer a group of people initiated a project of gathering memories and items that will expand on Randolph's story. In early August the library is planning an Open House (watch the Randolph Weekly for the date). You are invited to bring any piece of history you may want to share regarding your ties to Randolph. You may also bring them any time during the summer when the library is open or give one of the volunteers listed below a call. They will be happy to come over and see what you've found or record your memories. Copies of your contributions will be made, cataloged, and your originals quickly

returned.

Here are suggestions to help define your search. Do you have?

1. Documents or letters which tell who built your home and/or when was it built?
2. Photographs of the original structure, descriptions or deeds with signatures of original owners?
3. Letters, diaries, and scrapbooks regarding the history of families of generations past - how they "discovered" Randolph, where they stayed or how they got here?
4. Biographical or genealogical information of family - are they buried in Randolph?
5. Professional files which help tell more about your ancestors?
6. Memorabilia connected to Randolph Church - photographs, sermons, services, programs, obits?

Browsing through a few interviews in the White Mt. Room helped me gain a better perspective on Randolph as it was generations ago. Here are some samples.

Jack Boothman, interviewed in 1982 by Paula and Bill Bradley was asked to recollect stories he heard about Randolph founding fathers.

My folks used to sit around and tell what it used to be like. There was nothing else to do. Might as well tell stories! In the so-called good old days, which I guess weren't so good, you didn't have many distractions. By the time my father (John) was a young boy growing up, this place (Randolph Hill) didn't look like a good place. The fields were stony and rocky and they were just barely subsistence farms . . . Might buy a little sugar and salt from time to time but everything else they ate and wore came off the land. . . The first people to explore came through on a horse and they could ride all around on horseback and never duck their head

See "History", next page



"Scar", Karen Eitel photo

"History", from previous page

because there wasn't a limb or rock in sight. . They thought, "Boy, This is the place for us" and went back to spread the word and this hill was settled before the valley.

During a 1983 interview, Marion Flagg Foynes, told Homer Gregory the story of her family's summer cottage.

We came by train from the Boston area. Around 1900 my father and mother (George A. Flagg and Anna) did a lot of climbing around Washington . . . While they were hiking in the Presidential's they discovered Randolph. At that time it (Randolph Hill) was like being on a mountain-top. There were few trees - a few in front of the Mt. Crescent House, but the rest was all farmland. There were two farms on the hill at the time - the upper Leighton's (now Kenyon's) and the lower Leighton's (now Beringer's). We bought an acre . . . built the place in 1903. We could see two mountains in Maine from our

lawn then . . . There was nothing between the Mt. Crescent House and our porch except bushes.

Marion's four children and her grandchildren continue to summer in Randolph.

Gregory also recorded Mable Richardson in 1983 who talked about early Randolph years with some detail about the schools she attended. "I used to walk four miles each way and I can tell you in the winter it was pretty rugged. I went to both school-houses. I first went to the Bowman school . . ." Then the second schoolhouse - "It was a one room schoolhouse...I went there until I was 18 and then I did not go on to high school but I did go to college without high school. I went to Plymouth State and to Keene State . . . they were Normal Schools then. . . I often marvel at how I ever got in having never had an official high school education." I encourage anyone interested in Mable's life to read this transcription in its entirety at the library.

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Has your interest been peaked in exploring our collection of histories and interviews? Whether your family goes back to the beginning or you are the first to call Randolph home, memories, histories, photographs and stories about your family, or past owners of your home will add to the next chapter of our collective history. Become a part of it!

Watch for the announcement of the **Randolph Library Open House** in the "Weekly". Come for refreshments and explore the books and memories already recorded or stop in during regular library hours. If you have any of the historical items suggested above, give one of the volunteers listed below a call.

Your contributions of memories, documents and data - however insignificant it may seem to you - will add to this "history that's part of us all". Become part of the next chapter and help influence future generations about this wonderfully wild and special place we all call home.

For more information, or to contribute to this effort, call Karen Eitel at 466-5074 or Roberta Arbree, 466-2765. Please leave a message, in case we are out hiking.

Friends of the Randolph Library

The Library "Friends", co-chaired by Lynn Hunt and Ingrid Graff, will once again be providing the community with diverse and interesting opportunities:

Songs for a Summer Evening

Join the "Friends" on July 2 at 7:30 pm for a return engagement of Bill Minifie and Heywood Alexander. Tickets are available by advance sale only and will **not** be available at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Randolph Public Library. The cost of the tickets is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. For more information call the library at 466-5408.

Jazz Picnic

A Jazz Picnic at Ravine house pool will be held on Wednesday July 13. The Berlin Jazz band will be playing from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The public is invited to bring their picnic, beverages and a blanket or chairs for a casual enjoyable evening. Donations to help defray the cost of the band will be accepted.

Book, Bake & Craft sale

The Library Book, Bake & Craft sale is a joint effort of the Library Trustees and the "Friends". It will be held in the Randolph Town Hall on Saturday July 23 from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. Any questions go to Jean Malick, head trustee, at 466- 2547. Contributions of books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs are being accepted at the library. (No textbooks, condensed books or magazines, please)

The craft section is being chaired by Rita Savage. Anyone wishing to display or sell their crafts may do so by contacting Rita Savage - 466 5565. Crafts may include quilting, pottery, jewelry, knitting, crocheting, dolls, or whatever you have created. Please call Rita for further info.

Marie Beringer is in charge of the food corner. To donate baked goods, home made or home grown foods for this event call Marie at 466-2424.

Set up will take place on Friday, the 22 beginning at 4:00 pm to set up tables, 5:00 pm to sort books and 6:00 pm to set up crafts.

Aladdin

On August 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Randolph Town Hall, The Hampstead Stage Company presents **Aladdin**. This classic tale is an exotic adventure based on The Tales of the Arabian Nights. It is about a poor young boy, Aladdin, who must go

out and earn money for his family's survival. While traveling throughout the country selling his wares, he is fooled by an evil magician, Salabin, who convinces him to find an antique oil lamp. Aladdin rubs the old lamp and releases a Genie that can make all his wishes come true. Now Aladdin must outsmart the magician and save his family!

This program is free and open to the public, and is being sponsored as a family event by the Friends of the Randolph Library. This year marks the 28th season for the Hampstead Stage Company and their second visit to Randolph. Last summer they gave an enchanting performance of *Alice in Wonderland*.



2010 Craft Show, Dede Aube photo

Darby Field and the "First" Ascent of Mount Washington

This lecture will take place on Thursday August 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. For more than 200 years historians believed that Darby Field made the first climb up Mount Washington in 1642. However, in the last several decades, questions have emerged about his use of Native American guides, about the likelihood of prior ascents by Native Americans, about the route Field may have followed on the mountain, and about whether Field actually made the ascent as claimed. We will examine how historians reconstruct the "truth" when given scant, vague, and even contradictory evidence.

Allen Koop, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; currently teaches European and American history at Dartmouth College. He has published books and articles on New Hampshire and American history.

He has previously presented programs in Randolph on Stark Decency and the White Mountain Huts. This program is free and open to the public and is funded in part by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Continued programs

Yoga at 5:15 and Bridge for all levels at 6:30, both activities are held on Tuesdays at the Randolph Town Hall.

Possible up and coming events dates TBD

Fly Tying Class, Ballet Lessons, Bolivia Slide Show, Friday Night Movies

With the exception of "Songs for a Summer Evening," all events are free to the public. Donations to help defray costs are encouraged.

Read the Randolph Weekly to confirm dates and to find dates and times for movie nights and children's programs.



Julie Barrow & Sandy Wier work the cash box at the 2010 Book, Bake and Craft Sale, Dede Aube photo



HELI-QUARTET

Photo by Edith Tucker, 5/9/11

Four Appalachian Mountain Club construction crew carpenters working on the extensive renovation and expansion of Madison Spring Hut hitched a ride on Monday, May 9 to Randolph Valley in a helicopter piloted by Carl Swenson: Jesse Palmer of West Chesterfield; Craig Pedersen of Concord, Mass.; Ryan Albert of AMC Pinkham Notch and Painesville, Ohio; and Seth Burke of North Conway and Portland, Me. The high-elevation hut between Mt. Madison, left, and Mt. Adams is slated to be ready to open on June 2.

Northern Forest Heritage Park

By Dick Huot

Northern Forest Heritage Park, (NFHP) located in Berlin NH, in the heart of the Great North Woods, announces that all plans for the 2011 summer season are well underway. This year's events began with the Cultural/Heritage Festival on June 4. The Cultural/Heritage Festival is a combination of the French Festival du Bois and Norwegian's Syttende Mai. It featured delicious foods from seven nations prepared by the area's finest chefs, including; Canadian Ragout, Cretons, Poutine, Russian Cabbage Rolls, German Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Norwegian Meatcakes, Italian Lasagna, Canadian Meat Pies, Irish Soda Bread, Cherokee Brunswick Stew and more! Additionally, there were entertainers, cultural vendors and displays of cultural interest for everyone! This was a unique and delectable experience for all who attended.

The 1st Annual NFHP Book Fair, scheduled for July 16, will feature many authors from the immediate area and the region. George Geers, Executive Director of the NH Writer's Project, is coordinating the schedule of events for the day along with local writer, Dick Conway, also known as, Ithaca Bound. The day will begin at 9:00 AM with a welcoming and overview by Geers on the morning's workshops and an overview of writing and publishing in New Hampshire. The day's programming is designed for beginning and published writers. The morning workshops include fiction and non-fiction writing and workshops with NH Poet Laureate, Walter Butts and Storyteller, Rebecca Rule. Lunch will be offered by Northern Forest Heritage Park consisting of the Park's world famous Bean Hole Beans, beans & franks, chili, cornbread, corn chowder and dessert. Along with water and soft drinks, beer and wine will be available. Beginning at 1:00, the afternoon program offers an opportunity for the general public to meet publishers and authors. Authors, poets and publishers will speak about their books and meet with the public. Book sales will continue throughout the afternoon. Authors will be available to sign their works. Publishers and book stores will be set up to sell books. Light refreshments, beer and wine will be available until closing.

River Day/WINGZILLA, celebrated on June 18, guarantees to be the best event of its kind! Recognizing the Androscoggin River for its historic and present significance in the Androscoggin Valley, NFHP and the Androscoggin River Committee proudly recognizes and celebrates the River with a

canoe & kayak race, a boat parade and many displays and presentations from several agencies representing fish, wildlife, watersheds, conservation, recreation and the environment. In conjunction with River Day NFHP enthusiastically presents WINGZILLA, a Block Party like no other. WINGZILLA is a BBQ Chicken Wing Competition and Blind Draw Horseshoe Tournament. An excellent group of friendly but serious and determined horseshoe throwers participates in one of the biggest horseshoe tournaments in the area. Many potential barbecue competitors are talking of dethroning Mark Belanger. Mark won 1st prize with his unbeatable BBQ Chicken Wing recipe running three years in a row. One can expect several BBQ competitors this year as Mark is defiantly daring anybody to beat his wings! All are invited to enter their favorite Chicken Wing BBQ Recipe for a chance to win the \$200.00 top prize! In addition there will be a beer tent all day. The Block Party will continue into the evening with a local popular band, "Plan B", playing the most popular and favorite songs. Plan B will start playing at 5:30.

The 12th Annual Lumberjack Competition & Festival is scheduled for October 2. Last year's event drew approximately 50 lumberjack and lumberjill competitors from Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada. More events have been added for the women and a brand new event, the standing chop block, will debut at this year's festival. Attendees will be treated to fast, friendly and determined competition! This year the general public will be invited to participate in the Open Stock Saw Competition. For those attending the Lumberjack Competition NFHP will offer the Log Toss for men and Fry Pan Toss for women, cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. All are invited to throw their best! As always NFHP will feature its delicious Bean-Hole-Beans along with a traditional lumberjack menu.

On October 22 NFHP joins forces with the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce, Berlin Main Street Program and Theatre North to proudly present a blockbuster event, RIVER FIRE! Named the Best of NH 2007, River Fire continues to grow in popularity! Theatre North presents Horror Fest, a haunted logging village. A thrilling and chilling experience you will not want to miss! View imaginative and intricately carved pumpkins displayed on the walking bridge the likes of which you haven't

seen. The Historical Boom Piers on the Androscoggin River are carefully prepared to provide a spectacular exhibit that lights up the sky as dusk settles in upon the river, truly a magnificent sight to behold.

On December 10, NFHP presents the Cultural Christmas Festival in cooperation with Theatre North. Christmas is the most magical time of the year; the holiday itself centers on the most wondrous story ever told. This story has inspired countless other stories of holiday miracles. Long before the advent of motion pictures and television, the magic of Christmas was shared with the world through the written word of such classics as O. Henry's *Gift of the Magi* and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. In the spirit of those classic Christmas tales, Northern Forest Heritage Park proudly presents Dickens' Christmas as told by the players of Theatre North. NFHP & TN hopes that this play brightens the holiday and helps one to rediscover the spirit of Christmas... when miracles happen and dreams come true.

It is not unusual to view the adorable lion headed bunnies, goats, miniature horse, llamas and the area's own Alpacas! The Roy Family Farm and the Hampshire Highland Alpaca Farm of Milan take time out of their busy schedules to bring their beautiful animals to NFHP for everyone to enjoy. NFHP's

River Boat Tours leave the docks Tuesday through Saturday at 2:00. On the days of NFHP events the River Boat Tours are available at specially reduced prices all day long. Typical at most of the NFHP events you will find mouth watering hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, fried dough, ice cream, soft drinks and on some occasions NFHP is pleased to provide beer and wine as well. Alcohol is always served in strict accordance within the laws of the State of NH and the rules and regulations of the NH Liquor Commission.

The above listed events are organized by NFHP or in collaboration with their partners. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, NFHP and Theatre North are disappointed to announce the cancelling of this year's Cabin Fever Production scheduled for April 30. Theatre North and NFHP regret any inconvenience this may have caused. There are many other events and private functions that go on throughout the year. The Logging Camp's Bunkhouse & Cookhouse are available for private parties, company picnics, workshops seminars, etc... and is open year round. Dick Huot, Director of NFHP encourages people to call 603-752-7202 for more information. Huot also suggests folks visit the NFHP website at; www.northernforestheritage.org for current information.

"Cooking", from page 7

This recipe was given to me by Natalie Enman Caron, from Milan, NH. I cannot wait to make it.

Rhubarb Streusel Bread

Bread

1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
½ cup butter	¼ tsp baking soda
½ cup orange juice	¼ tsp. salt
2 eggs	1½ cups sliced (¼ inch) rhubarb
2 cups flour	

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8x4 inch pan.

Combine 1 cup sugar and ½ cup butter in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add orange juice and eggs. Continue beating just until mixed. (Mixture will look slightly curdled.) Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt by hand just until moistened. Gently stir in rhubarb. (Batter will be thick.)

Reserve 1 ½ cups batter. Spread remaining batter into prepared pan. Combine all streusel ingredients

Streusel

2 Tbs. sugar
2 Tbs. brown sugar
1 Tbs. flour
1 Tbs. butter, melted
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon

in small bowl; stir until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle half of streusel over batter in pan; gently press into batter. Carefully spread reserved batter into pan; top with remaining streusel. Press streusel into batter.

Bake for 65 to 70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

The flavors of this bread are almost better the second day. This bread also freezes well

"Enjoy and remember to support your local farmers when sourcing the ingredients for your culinary creations!" reminds Maria Neal.



Construction has begun on Randolph Hill Road. It will be a summer of patience and planning ahead but in the end, the road will cease to be a series of speed bumps. See the full story on page 3, including how to receive weekly updates on the progress of the construction.

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