

Mountain View



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

David and Dodie Wilcox Donate 77 Acres to Randolph Community Forest

By Edith Tucker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Town Directory

- AMBULANCE 911**
- BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
 meets at 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (Chair, Ted Wier) 466-3970
 Administrative Assistant, Linda Dupont; Treasurer Angela Brown
 Meets at 7 p.m. at Town Hall 2nd & 4th Monday 466-5771
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- CEMETERY TRUSTEES** Suzanne Santos, Steve Hartman, & Karen Eitel
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (Chair, Bruce Kirmmse) 466-5777
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- FIRE DEPARTMENT - ALL ALARMS - CALL 911;**
 Randolph Chief, Dana Horne
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- GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD** Contact the SAU Office 466-3632
 Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; location
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- LIBRARY** Trustees meet the 3rd Mon. of each month; Chair, Jean Malick, 466-5408
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- LIFELINE** (Heather Wiley) 466-5179
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 Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of the month.
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- RANDOLPH FOUNDATION** (President, Keith Dempster)
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- TAX COLLECTOR** (Anne Kenison) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771
- TOWN CLERK** (Anne Kenison) 466-2606
 Town Hall hours: Mondays 9 - 11 a.m. ; Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m.
- TOWN HALL** Monday– Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. 466-5771
- TRASH COLLECTION** Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.
 Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of every month.
- TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND** Judy Kenison, Michael Sewick, M. Lark Andreas

Community Calendar

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

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

Real Estate Transactions

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

Building Permits

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

A Heartfelt Thank You and a Warning to Beware of Surveys

By Yvonne Jenkins



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

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

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

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

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

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

Note from Randolph Library Trustees:

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

Randolph, John Eusden and Nobel Laureates

By Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Paul Cormier and Jenn Barton



A beautiful day



Bruce Kimball and Jack Alexander finished the day in style.

B. Arnold photos

A Woodspring-Stock Thank You

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

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

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

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

Thank you so much and see you next year!

Paul & Michele Cormier



Woodspring-Stock 2013 Crooner

R. Dunham photos



Dogs loved the music, too!



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

B. Arnold photo

Randolph Mountain Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Charades

Story and photos by Edith Tucker



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

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

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

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

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

Come back with me to the Mossy Glen hill-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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

Randolph Foundation Annual General Meeting

The 2013 Randolph Foundation annual meeting took place at the Randolph Town Hall on Friday, August 16th. The meeting commenced with President Keith Dempster welcoming the group, then introducing current board members: Dede Aube, Heather Wiley, Laurie Archambault, Wendy Walsh and Laura Brockett. Barbara Arnold, Jamie Horton and Carol Gagnon were absent.

Keith thanked outgoing board members Jamie Horton and Dede Aube for their five years of service and dedication noting that the board was grateful for their willingness to continue on with finances (Jamie) and editor of the Mountain View (Dede). He introduced new board members Bruce Kirmmse and Peter Rowan, both of whom will serve on the Durand/Ravine committee. Keith also thanked Jean Malick and Marcia Lee for all their work on the Ravine House gardens this year.

One of two keynote speakers was Matt Saladino, guidance counselor from Gorham Middle High School, who accompanied by students Taylor Dupont, Taylor Fortin, Phil Rousseau and Tanner Grone gave a presentation about the Leadership in Prevention program of which the Foundation helps sponsor.

Keith then highlighted the board's decision to increase spending on student scholarships and the proposed plan for the Ravine House/Durand site over the next two fiscal years, as outlined in the annual report. Some ideas being considered are a renovation of the bathhouse, an update of the playground equipment, removal of brush and a revamp of the Beeline Trail.

Finally, Selectman Chair, Ted Wier, gave a presentation regarding the proposed work on the dam at Durand Lake. The meeting was adjourned at 5pm and the traditional wine and cheese reception ended the afternoon.

Respectfully Submitted: Heather Wiley



Drawing by Chên Sun



Peter Rowan new member of the Board of Directors of the Randolph Foundation and Alan Horton discuss the fine art assembled at the annual Art Show at the Randolph Town Hall.

Photo: Dede Aube



Lily May Jenkins displays her art at the annual Randolph Art Show on July 5.

Photo: Dede Aube

Notice

With the recommendation of the Randolph Hill Road committee, selectmen chose the engineering firm of Provan & Lorber, LLC. to review the design, installation, and construction of the Randolph Hill Road.

Within the near future caution should be used when traveling the Randolph Hill Road, as workers from Provan & Lorber will be evaluating the road.

Upon completion, a public informational meeting will be held at the town hall. Attending will be the Selectmen, members of the Randolph Hill Road Committee and the engineering firm of Provan & Lorber LLC.



Using the anonymous hiker's feet on the left, this photo shows the quartz-encrusted ground that is now exposed at the mine.

The Presidential Gem & Mineral Society led a trip to the Crystal Mine on the Randolph Community Forest on July 27. The Town of Randolph has declared this mine to be a natural area and resource, so that it is now protected by state law.

Photos by Sue Ellis

Selectmen's Column

This column is meant to inform Randolphians of happenings within the town which have direct impact on community living.

- Systematic replacement of culverts has begun on Durand Road. **Watch for Road Closures.**
- The "Farrar Farm" is now officially a part of the town forest.
- **NEW POLICY** --- A user fee of \$25.00 will be charged when reserving the town hall for private functions. The fee will be refunded after use if the hall is left as clean as it was when rented, all trash is removed and the key returned.
- Dam renovation is underway. Please watch construction from roadway only. **Do not** enter "hard hat" area.
- Farewell and thank you to Yvonne Jenkins for her years of service as Randolph town librarian. You will be missed.

John Turner, Correspondent



The light coming through the trees makes for an interesting effect in this photo of quartz exposed on the ground .

Randolph Remembers



John R. "Bob" Savage, 91, passed away July 26, 2013, at the Coös County Nursing Home in Berlin. He was born in Manchester, NH on Dec. 1, 1921.

Bob Savage grew into a fine athlete and baseball player, who excelled in pitching. In September 1939, he attended Staunton Military Academy in Virginia, and soon became the school's number one pitcher compiling a 22-1-2 record, during his time there. Savage soon began receiving offers from professional scouts including the Tigers and Philadelphia Athletics, but he chose instead to remain at Staunton.

Bob finally chose to sign with the Philadelphia Athletics and reported straight to the major league club for the 1942 season. However, in 1943 His baseball career was put on hold for three years while he served in the US Army, Company D, 15th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Infantry Division. Eventually Bob was shipped to a replacement center in Naples, Italy. "My new home was in the town of Conserta, which faced Monte Casino," he recalls.

"My outfit left Naples and traveled by trucks a few miles short of our destination. The rest of the journey was on foot. Sometime during this walk, the enemy sent a barrage of mortar fire into our line of troops. Several of our boys were killed. I got hit in the back. Luckily, I had put everything but the kitchen sink in my knapsack. It got torn to pieces, but just a small amount of shrapnel lodged in my back. It seemed that it wasn't very long before medics got to us and moved the wounded to a safe area. There was an aid station very close to the front. We were all examined and then sent to a MASH-type hospital where the shrapnel was re-

moved from my body. From there, we were sent to a hospital near Naples." Bob was awarded three Purple Hearts during his military career.

A few days before the end of the war Bob's division liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp. This was Bob's worst memory. He spoke only a few times about the experience. The unit ended the war in Salzburg, Austria.

Pitching with Nazi shrapnel still in his back, Bob returned to Philadelphia Athletics in 1946 and pitched in 44 ballgames, more than any other hurler in the American League. He picked up his first big league victory that season, four long years after his debut. A complete game, 4-1 triumph over New York at Yankee Stadium on July 7, 1946. Bob remained with the Athletics through the 1948 season, then pitched briefly with the St. Louis Browns in 1949, before finishing out with the San Diego Padres and San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast League in 1953.

Starting his second career at age 48, he finally used his teaching degree and settled down to teach physical education and coach baseball, basketball and golf at Gorham High School in Gorham, NH from 1969 to 1983. He then went on to run for political office. He became Clerk of the Probate Court (Registrar of Probate) and remained until 1986. Bob was also a selectman for the town of Randolph from 1992 to 1996.

He is survived by his wife Rita A. (King) Savage of Randolph, NH, his children Bobbie and Jon Savage, his stepchildren, John Lyons and wife Rachelle of Saco, ME and Kathy Lyons and husband David of Orono, ME, and his grandchildren Ben and Sam Lyons.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 31, 2013 at Holy Family Church in Gorham. Interment is in the Randolph Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, PO Box 731, Hatboro, PA 19040 or Greyhound Rescue of New England, PO Box 507, Mendon, MA 01756.

Family Permission



“Chên Sun” Mary Letitia Fishler Campbell (91) passed away peacefully on July 30, 2013 in Rockland, Maine. She was born on November 24, 1921 in Montclair, New Jersey. On July 18, 1942, she married Ashley Sawyer Campbell, with whom she raised six children.

Art was a life-long passion. She attended the National Academy of Design in New York City after high school and graduated from the School of Fine Arts at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 1968. She painted in oil, water, and acrylic and had a solo show in Rockland in 2004. She worked with stained glass and created a memorial at the Appalachian Mountain Club Pinkham Notch Camp in New Hampshire for her son Benjamin, who died while hiking in Scotland. Her large, bronze, outdoor sculptures created at the Shidoni Foundry in Tesuque, New Mexico, were exhibited in Arizona and are now displayed in New Hampshire and New Mexico. Her illustrations of woody plants for *Winter Keys to Woody Plants of Maine* (coauthored by son Chris and Fay Hyland; 1975, University of Maine Press) were praised by reviewers as “superb”, “remarkably clear and lifelike”, and “alive and certainly among the best available for this purpose.” For *Open Mandala Journey* (1979, Charles F. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vermont), which was inspired by the writings of Carl Jung, she wrote verse and made ink drawings and watercolor illustrations for 52 images in the mandala form. She earned a Masters in Art Therapy from Vermont College and worked as an art therapist in Berlin, New Hampshire.

Personal growth was a long-term commitment. She studied psychosynthesis at the Synthesis Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, and proprioceptive writing at the Proprioceptive Writing Center in Portland, Maine.

Many enduring friendships, music, T'ai chi ch'uan, family history, and anything related to the ocean enriched her life. She loved to read to her children and grandchildren, story after story, and she was a great storyteller herself. Randolph was home, in the summer or year-round, for most of her life. Here she

made many friends, painted RMC trail signs, edited the *Mountain View*, and was proud that she hiked across the Presidentials well into her 60s. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She went by the name “Polly” into adulthood and later took the name “Chên Sun” (from the I Ching and signifying endurance), the name by which friends and family knew her. She will long be remembered for her engagement and enthusiasm for life.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bennett Hill Fishler and Mary Cheney Laroche, her older brothers, Franklin and Bennett, and her son Benjamin Hill Campbell. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Ashley; brother, Stuart; her children (spouses), Ashley (Martha) Campbell, Christopher (Margaret) Campbell, Martha (Sam) Gellens, Gordon (Nedine) Campbell, and Philip (Mary) Campbell; her grandchildren (spouses) Camilla (Timothy) Shannon, Toby (Anthon) Campbell, Katharine (Brandt) Lewis, Chandra (Ezekiel) Maloney, Benjamin (Marae) Campbell, Rosalie (Ryan) Westenskow, Saadya Gellens, Peter Campbell, and Julia Campbell; and her great grandchildren Bernadette, Clementine, and Heathcliff Lewis; Miriam and Griffin Westenskow; Emma and Henry Shannon; and Nora Campbell.

Her family encourages anyone who wishes to remember her to do so with a gift to a charity of their choice.

Provided by family



Drawing by Chên Sun

From the Porch

from screened-in porch
car sounds in the distance
deter not the peace
of lazy summer sighs

pointed ferns wave high
while I take in
white puffs over peaks
still as yesterday's toad

this moment a butterfly visits
ferns who rise and fall
look Adams and Madison
truly have no cares

buddha says that
everything is changing
and teresa reminds me
to have no fear

so easy to forget you both
yet I will not
for here and now
we are all good enough

touched by pure beauty
or by an angel
peace and grace stir here
beyond what is known

we can practice forgiveness
know gratitude
move with the simple
honor slow as beauty

come again to the porch
where hummingbirds flutter
with breezes that comfort
because life is so good

keep the porch with you
'tis your birthright
trust that center
this is our prayer

*~Dana Snyder-Grant
August 2013*



Chên Sun drawings



Terry, Wendy and Abby Ladau from Monument, Colorado and family of Ted and Sandy Weir along with Isobel Miccuci enjoy "Family Folk Music - with Jeff Warner at the Randolph Town Hall on July 23.
Photo Dede Aube

A Welcome Reception
Please join the trustees, volunteers and patrons in welcoming **Amy Cyr**, new Director of Library Services at the Randolph Public Library on September 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

A New Garden for Randolph

By Karen Eitel

It has always been my conviction that gardening is a way of showing belief in tomorrow. This garden began as a thought during the dreariest time of winter, when I looked out at the snow and imagined gardens in full bloom. As a new cemetery trustee, my garden thoughts were in our new Randolph Hill Cemetery. I began thinking of how this space, cleared of all its natural beauty, could be transformed, somehow, into something other than a place where only our sorrow is stored.

With this thought in mind, I began thinking of where a garden could be built within the barren L shaped space known simply as the "Hill Cemetery". After taking several walks into the area, via Church Path, it seemed that a display of color and life up around the flagpole could be the perfect spot. Devoid of any trees or shrubs, a garden would add a focal point to all who came to visit a loved one or simply walk through on their way to church via Church Path.

With the help of Renee Dunham, who most generously donated plants and her time, the concept of a flag pole garden began to take shape. Top loam was brought in for the bed and plants that were either donated or purchased. Hosta plants, daylilies and Shasta daisies were planted at the cemetery entrance down at the bottom on the hill, then we began with the main addition around the flagpole.

Meg Meiklejohn pointed her young garden helper, Elissa Gramling, in our direction. Elissa's suggestions of hearty plants that would survive occasional neglect was helpful! Auvie Kenison effortlessly placed two large rocks in the garden to add the final touch and a focal point. Granite cobblestones now border the garden.

I hope this new cemetery garden will also be considered a new "community garden". Help will be welcomed come next spring when the usual clearing and cleaning will be needed. As summer progresses into fall, watering and weeding will be needed. Please contact me if you would like to help from time to time in the next year's upkeep. No specific schedule will be required - all hands will be welcomed.

It is my hope that in generations to come, the Hill Road Cemetery will convey to future generations the story of families that chose to make Randolph a part of their own history, just as Durand Road Cemetery does for us today.

Happy end of summer, everyone! I look forward to hearing from you next spring.

" Gardening is an exercise in optimism. Sometimes, it is a triumph of hope over experience." Marina Schinz



Renee Dunham and Karen Eitel at the new garden. Photo: Woody Eitel



Margaret Hellman and Bruce Kirmsee are delighted to report that on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, they were married in a private ceremony in Randolph. Their friend, Henry ("Hank") T. Folsom, performed the ceremony, and the witnesses were Hank's wife Clare and friends Bob Potter and Roberta Arbree, all of Randolph. Photo: by Clare Folsom

Summer Activities



Sally Boothman Glines flipped blueberry pancakes at the annual Randolph Firefighters' Breakfast on August 17. Photo by Edith Tucker



Robert Kruszyna "Mountaineer," presented "An Elevated Kind of Madness: an Overview of Mountaineering on August 2. Photo: Gail Scott



Barbara Fenn Wysession pays Library Trustee **Nancy Penney** for the boxes of books she purchased at the Randolph Library Book & Bake Sale. Photo by Edith Tucker



Vera and Tara Shankar enjoyed the delicious pizzelles and freshly whipped cream sold at the Friends of the Randolph Library Bake Sale on July 20. Photo: Dede Aube



Todd and Ellen Ross of Randolph opened up Mountain Fire Pizza June 10 in the Gorham building that formerly housed the Icy Gulch restaurant. Fire master Todd Ross designed and built the wood-fired brick oven in which the temperatures range from 750 to 1,000 degrees. The couple cheerfully honed their pizza-making skills for two years in a mobile pizza trailer, outfitted with a wood-fired oven, at venues like the Berlin Farmers' Market, the Lancaster Fair and the Gorham Common. Photo by Edith Tucker

Out and About Around Randolph



The **RMC Gourmet Hike** took place on the Pine Mountain ledges on Aug. 1. Photo: Bea Alexander



Alivia Kenison enjoys the music of the Berlin Jazz Band at the Town Picnic on July 31, 2013 Photo: Anne Kenison



Bea Alexander and Marie Beringer have been friends most of their lives. Bea was a bridesmaid in Marie and Bruce's wedding, where she met Heywood, who was an usher. Bea and Heywood were married a year later. Marie and Bea along with the other ladies in this photograph graduated from Greenwich Academy in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1949. They come together each year. This year's reunion was held at Sugar Plum Farm and at the Alexanders. As usual, a good time was had by all! Photo: Gail Scott

Children's Library Program

Photos by Yvonne Jenkins



Many great items can be built with a few cardboard tubes, some tape and a little ribbon, as demonstrated by these children from the Children's Library Program.



Reading is what it is all about at the Randolph Public Library.

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