

Mountain View



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Boothman Sisters Honored at the Opening of RMC Trailhead & Parking

By Edith Tucker



Left front: Maria Neal and her six-week-old baby, Gwen; Sally Boothman Glines, Becky Boothman. Left rear: Chris Hawkins, husband of the late Sue Boothman Hawkins and Greg Glines were honored by the Randolph Forest Commission while Chairman Scarinza looked on. The ribbon was later cut on the Randolph Community Forest Kiosk. Photo by Edith Tucker

Becky Boothman and Sally Boothman Glines, plus their families, were honored on August 2, as part of the annual Randolph Forest Day that featured the ceremonial opening of a new RMC trailhead and car parking lot on the Boothman Tract on Randolph Hill. Both were presented round saw blades painted with mountain scenery by artist Andre Belanger of Berlin, designed to commemorate the day.

Randolph Forest Commission chairman John Scarinza detailed the two-step process by which the 10-acre Boothman Tract on Randolph Hill was added to the 10,000-plus-acre Randolph Community Forest (RCF) that took place when the family divided up the last of 150 or so acres on which the family farm and later the Mt. Crescent House were located.

Thomas, the first male Boothman, arrived in Randolph some time between 1839 and 1850, when he was first listed as a farmer on the U. S. Census. Boothmans, Watsons, and Kelseys dot the family's genealogical

records.

The "Boothman girls" Becky and Sally agreed upon the lot best suited for use as Randolph Mountain Club (RMC) trailhead, that could provide adequate parking, especially for the increasing number of winter hikers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoe enthusiasts. Money was raised to cover this cost and the town purchased the tract in 2007 to add to the RCF.

Becky and Sally and their adult children pitched in to help raise money by putting on two delicious Mt. Crescent House-style buffets and two Mt. Crescent House-style Boothman Spring cookouts that took Randolphians down memory lane. The funds raised helped to pay for building a well-ditched and graded parking lot along with relocating some RMC trails on the Crescent Range, now located on publically owned protected **land**.

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TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.	
Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of each 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)

September

22 Randolph Emergency Operation Plan Meet Town Hall 7:00 pm

October

10 NC In-service Day No School
13 Columbus Day Observed No School
25 Supervisors of Checklist Sit 11:00-11:30am Town Hall

November

1 Pot Luck & Lecture 5:30
Witch Pop Culture Town Hall
4 State General Election 11am to 7pm Town Hall
11 Veteran's Day No School
26 Thanksgiving Recess ½ day school

Building Permits

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.

3/24/14 01-14 Chris Hawkins
Renovations
3/24/14 02-14 Gary & Christine Van demoorlele Residential
4/14/14 03-14 Larry Blake, Trustee
Expanding Porch
4/14/14 04-14 Ralph Petrigrew
Residential
5/12/14 05-14 Bruce Kirmmse
Solar panels
5/12/14 06-14 Douglas L Beach
Roof
6/09/14 07-14 Gail Scott
Solar thermal system
6/09/14 08-14 Edith Tucker
Adding bedroom &

Real Estate Transactions

07-01-14 From Kelly Goodrich/Deborah Hebert Estate to Glen Hutchins
07-14-14 From Kristen Laurel Mix/Alan Mix Trust to Erik Bekkelund

It was Becky and Sally’s grandfather, John H. Boothman, who realized that the hoteliers, other locals and the summer people had a vested interest in restoring and maintaining the footpaths after extensive heavy logging that took place in the early 20th century. He spearheaded the Club’s founding in 1910 and in 1915 worked to incorporate it as a N. H. nonprofit organization.

Scarinza highlighted the extended family’s close ties to the land over seven generations and the sixth generation’s pleasure in knowing that traditional uses — timber harvesting and outdoor recreation — will be able to continue in perpetuity.

The youngest member of the family, Gwen Luna Parker, born on June 19 at her parents’ home in Randolph, was on hand at the ceremonial kiosk ribbon-cutting with her mother, Maria Neal. The six-week-old baby’s dad, Jeff Parker, was in Washington State as part of a N. H. contingent of 20 wildland firefighters who went west on Saturday, July 26, to fight an extensive uncontrolled forest fire burning in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Gwen is Becky Boothman’s granddaughter.

Scarinza, also gave special thanks to Reed and Carol Henderson for their generosity in supporting the trail-head project.

Brian Bresnahan of Groveton, Congresswoman Annie Kuster’s on-the-ground North Country constituent service representative, read a congratulatory letter that had been e-mailed that morning from Washington, D.C. Kuster addressed the ongoing importance of forestry and outdoor recreation in the Second Congressional District. Kuster serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Small Business Committee and on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

The Randolph Community Forest’s team — forester Walt Wintturi, formerly of Gorham and now of Plymouth, wetlands specialist John Severance and wildlife specialist Elise Lawson of Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. of Whitefield — weighed in on aspects of managing the forest and the importance of maintaining wildlife openings.

An interpretive trail and a community sledding hill are now being planned.

This article was originally published in the Berlin Reporter and the Democrat.



Gwen Luna Parker, born on June 19 at her parents’ home in Randolph, joined the ceremonies.



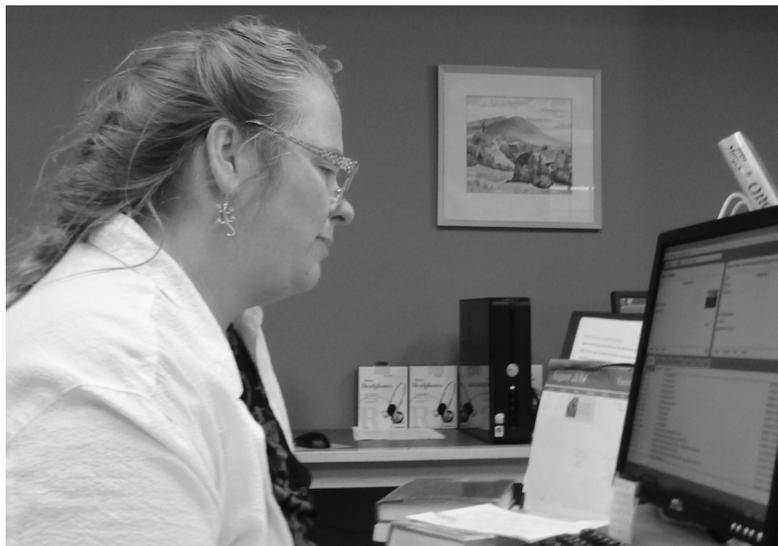
Randolph Community Forest Tour proved of great interest to many folks.



Alivia Kenison joins Uma, Vera, and Tara for a picnic lunch during the Randolph Forest Tour.

Photos by Anne Kenison

JOY MCCORKHILL IS RANDOLPH'S NEW DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES



The Trustees of the Randolph Library are pleased to announce that Joy McCorkhill has been hired as Library Director. Joy has been working in Randolph as interim librarian for the last three months. She brings more than 20 years of hands on experience in public and private library services and also currently works as librarian in Jefferson, where she has been for nine years and where she resides with her two young children.

The following new acquisitions at the Randolph Library: Fiction Books include, "Elizabeth is Missing," by Emma Healey; "Dry Bones in the Valley," by Tom Bouman; "All Fall Down," by Jennifer Weiner; and kids will enjoy The Tree House That Jack Built by Bonnie Verburg; "Queen of the Tearling," by Erika Johansen; "One Plus One," by Jojo Moyes; "Just One Evil Act," by

Elizabeth George

Non-Fiction Books: "Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee" by Marja Mills; "Salinger" by David Shields; "Shady Pleasures by Randolph's own Toni Brinton".

New DVD's: "The Hobbit": an unexpected journey; Saving Mr. Banks; "The Book Thief". Also, season 1, 2 & 3 of "Sherlock Holmes" was donated by Friends of the Randolph Library

FRIENDS OF THE RANDOLPH LIBRARY from Lynn and Ingrid

The Friends of the Library have enjoyed seeing all of those who attended our many events of the summer! Thank you for supporting our programs and the library.

Your support enables the Friends to continue to help the library pay for books and books on CD, as well as the many events we provide for our community.

For those who attended our showing of the "Sherlock" movie, and for those who enjoy our pot-luck-sing-along movies in the winter - we are able to show these films only because The Friends pay for an annual licensing fee. This means that anyone who would like to show a film at the Library or Town Hall is able to do so without violating Copyright restrictions.

Our next event will be on November 1st. It is a pot-luck supper and lecture entitled "Witches, Pop-Culture and the Past." The lecture is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the Friends and promises to be a hair-raising evening. Please bring cauldrons of food to share at the pot-luck at 5.30 and the talk will follow at 6.30.

Thank you.



Rain Dance .. Children dance in the rain outside the Randolph Maintenance Building while adults dance inside to the Friend's sponsored Berlin Jazz Band on July 23.

Photos by Anne Kenison

John Smithson and his grandsons Brady and Ben enjoy the "Friend's" sponsored Science and Magic show while third grandson, Boyd helps the magician.



News from the Selectman's Office

We are happy to report that the revaluation is complete. Most of you will have received your valuations in the mail and have had the opportunity to question any values you believe are in error. Dave Woodward from the Avitar Assessing Company has been great at accommodating anyone whose schedule did not fall into the open inquiry period. We hope that you all have been satisfied with your new valuations and if you have not had an opportunity to ask questions, please call the selectman's office and we'll see if we can accommodate you.

The Town is working on a new Emergency Operating Plan. This is the structure for addressing emergencies of any kind which may occur in the town. The last major emergency occurred during Hurricane Irene, when the town went into emergency operations. We had a command point and were able to address road problems and medical issues as they arose. Every 5 years we need to update our plan, name a new Emergency Management Director (EMD) and create an incident command structure. We are looking for a new EMD so if you would like to volunteer, we would like to hear from you. We also would like anyone interested in participating in the planning to attend our next planning meeting. It is being held Monday, Sept 22 at the town hall.

As most of you know, we have instituted new policies regarding public use of the Town Hall meeting rooms, which require a \$25 refundable deposit and a reservation for the space. This policy applies to any group who wishes to use the building for an event, party or meeting. Please remember that it is your responsibility to reserve the space you require, obtain a key, clean up after your event, put the chairs away and take away your trash. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

Notice Regarding Absentee Ballots

Ken Lee has added a link from the town website so folks may acquire an application for an absentee ballot. To do so, go to Randolph.nh.gov – "General Information", and scroll down to "Town Clerk". Click on the link.

The State General Election is November 4, 11 am to 7 pm. All absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk by 5 pm on the day prior to the election.



Firemen's' Pancake Breakfast Sally Glines
flips blueberry pancakes on the morning of
August 17. Photo Renee Dunham

PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING

With Donna Cairns

October 14, 2014 9:00 Randolph Town Hall

Bring: Scissors 1 large sharp needle with a large eye
1 towel to work on 1 large cup for water and sponge
Small Ruler Plastic hair clips or clothes pins (clips work best)

Donna will supply needles and raffia

To register or for more information call Donna at 466-3819

Randolphians Participate in the Mt. Washington Century Ride

Hundreds of cyclists hit the pavement on Saturday, July 19 for the Mt. Washington Century Ride, a benefit for Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Six Randolphians were among the group: Alan Eusden, Andy and Sarah Gallop, Jamie Maddock, Ben Phinney and Mark Kelley.

Alan, Sarah and Andy registered for the annual ride around Mount Washington and then sent a note to the above named group to join them. Mike Miccuci, also invited had to work, but without thinking twice, Mark agreed and rearranged his work schedule to accommodate the ride. Ben had just finished a three day presidential traverse with his wife Barb.

The group left Randolph at 5 AM to be at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center and get ready for the 7:15 AM start. Since this wasn't a race, but a tour, the 8 AM actual departure was fine. The group rode as a unit up the Kancamagus to Bear Notch and into Bartlett. The first refueling stop was at the intersection of Route 302 and Bear Notch Road. Ben and Sarah turned right and finished the 40 mile option, while Alan, Andy and Mark continued left and went through Crawford Notch to the subsequent stop at Fabian's by mile 42.

The next leg of the trip took the group into Twin

Mountain, and onto Route 3, then Route 115. At the end of Route 115 and mile 60, Alan and Andy said goodbye to Mark and picked up Jamie Maddock at his



house on Route 2 in Randolph. From there, Jamie's "fresh legs" brought the group pace up to 28 mph, Jamie's actual lead on the flats got up to 30 mph! The entire group came back together at the Grand View Lodge in Randolph (mile 66 rest stop) for this photo.

Alan, Andy and Jamie continued the next 43 miles through Pinkham Notch and up the mile high (felt like 3 miles), 7% climb to the finish at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. (109 miles!)

AETHERIANS GATHER ON MT. ADAMS by Gail Scott

The following is an excerpt from a more lengthy article written by Gail Scott and published in the Berlin Daily Sun on August 13, 2014. To read the article in its entirety, go to <http://www.berlindailysun.com/aetherians-gather-on-mt-adams>

If you noticed a bit of benevolence in the air recently, it might have been because a group of Aetherians had gathered at the summit of Mt. Adams for three days to help channel cosmic energy from the beyond, to release good karma "to help the world," as Gino Scialdoni, of Missasauga, Ontario, put it after he and most of the small party had returned to the Jefferson View Motel.

To focus this energy, during their two three-hour

prayer sessions at the summit, they held their hands, palms out, so the energy flow was outward to the world.

The group included members of the Aetherian Society from states such as California, Michigan and New York as well as the countries of Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

For most of the group, it was a return trip to Mt. Adams, one of 19 holy mountains, in the Aetherian system. Since 1960, Mt. Adams, like other holy mountains has been the object of Aetherian pilgrimages by dedicated members of the Aetherius Society, aiming to channel good karma to the population of the earth.

Summer architecture, 1870-1935, Explored with Tad Pfeffer

by Gail Scott

Early Randolph memories are what led geophysicist, teacher and photographer Tad Pfeffer to begin taking photographs of Randolph cottages constructed by John Boothman in the early 20th century. The original thought was to write a magazine article about Boothman's appealing and enduring work, Pfeffer explained to a packed house at the annual meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club.

In conversation with Boothman's granddaughter, Sue Boothman Hawkins, Pfeffer's plan turned into a book. Hawkins had just finished writing a book about her other grandfather, Guy Shorey, and wanted to do a book on Boothman, Pfeffer recalled. Sue, the family historian, had Boothman's detailed papers so Pfeffer took the idea to his publisher.

"This is a wonderful idea," his publisher responded. "If you do it about John Boothman, you will sell a copy to everyone in town," Pfeffer recalled with irony. "He suggested doing a wider area."

Thus the evolution of Pfeffer's recently published book, "The Hand of the Small-Town Builder. Vernacular Summer Architecture in New England, 1870-1935". In the book's long evolution, unfortunately, Hawkins became ill and died. The book is dedicated to her and to Pfeffer's parents, William and Jean.

The book focuses on summer communities in Southwest Harbor, Ocean Point and East Boothbay, Squirrel Island, Rangeley and Belgrade Lakes in Maine; Silver Lake, Squam Lake, Bethlehem and Randolph in New Hampshire; and Caspian Lake in Vermont—all of which sprang into being as vacation communities after the Civil War, when the Industrial Revolution changed work patterns so that the middle class could think about taking a vacation.

"A second motivation," Pfeffer remarked, "was the change in attitude toward vacation. Instead of judged as idleness, the time could be described as restful, healthful, a time for spiritual renewal."

Pfeffer's research also led him to a micro review of the evolution of architectural designs in the U.S. which influenced small town builders in these summer communities via various media including, perhaps,

the sophistication of the cottage purchaser.

In speaking to the RMC audience, Pfeffer concentrated on Randolph cottages, primarily the work of John Boothman, 1868-1952.

"In many places," Pfeffer remarked, "people have no idea about the builder. The amount of information here and the quality is due to John Boothman Senior's bookkeeping and his wife, who also did the bookkeeping and correspondence, and the whole family's recognition of the value of these things."

"He kept very detailed records," Pfeffer said. "His day-book record for the Bartlett house (built in 1919) shows entries for moving, paint, fireplace damper, casting and pipe, more pipe, one load of wood, and groceries from Gorham. They would get the house finished, buy linens and furniture and groceries, and the house would be ready when the owner arrived. At that time, a mason was getting \$4.50 a day (Boothman got \$3 a day). That would be \$300 to \$400 today."

Despite the massive accumulation of work records, Pfeffer found little about where Boothman learned to build. He suggests that Boothman worked with William Lyman McGivney, a builder in Berlin. McGivney was an accomplished builder. So when Boothman began building in Randolph, he was already an accomplished builder. His first three buildings in Randolph were for summer residents, but the houses were quite elaborate and had central heating.

Sometime later, in connection with his work in hotel business, he was led to start building simpler houses.

Some were designed by an architect. Others were not. But they showed the broader influence of styles in the United States, prominently with shingle style or Craftsman features.

Fairly often the kitchens were tiny, meant only for breakfast while the family would take other meals and do their entertaining at the hotels in town such as Mt. Crescent House on the hill; the Mountain View House in the midlands, or the Ravine House in the valley.

“Even with a printed design or a blue print,” Pfeffer said, “inside Boothman was making his own decisions. In the Bricklemeyer Cottage on Randolph Hill, for instance, the ceiling has broadly spaced joists, exposed framing. He chose the timber sizes. Sometimes the floor or wall was designed to be sheathed but in houses where the framing was exposed, he used a different kind of joist patterns.”

“With the Charles Judson house, of 1904, the design was Boothman’s, but the drawings went back and forth between Boothman and the owner. The design was quite simple. Structural details are not there. The carpenter was assumed to know how to build so the cottage didn’t fall down,” Pfeffer said.

A favorite Randolph cottage of Pfeffer’s is the Will Bradley House on Randolph Hill Road. Bradley built the house in 1902. He was a graphic artists, in print graphics. He published “The Inland Printer” and a number of different chapbooks (popular literature) and also published articles on houses—the designs of houses, Pfeffer said.

“He shows up in Randolph at the Mt. Crescent House in 1902 and created his own house; he was a high style craftsman. It has elaborate windows. The house exterior compares to the Gamble House in Pasadena, created by architects Greene and Greene.”

“He was ahead of his time,” Pfeffer said. “It’s a very lovely place. The upstairs is very simple in a variety of different ways. It was common at the time to put the most effort into the downstairs.”

“There is much to be learned from these houses,” Pfeffer said, summing up. “They were of relatively simple construction, relatively low cost. These days probably you’re not going to build exposed plumbing. But there are ideas here to build in a form much closer to a human scale. We can learn from these old houses how to build new houses that will work for us in a much more intimate way.”

Pfeffer’s book, “The Hand of the Small-Town Builder” is available at book stores, including the White Mountain Café, at the library and on the Randolph Web site: www.randolph.nh.gov.

Tad Pfeffer is a geophysicist, teacher, and photographer at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a Fellow of the University’s Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research and Professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering. He has photographed architecture and landscapes in New England, Colorado, Alaska, Iceland, Greenland, and Arctic Canada, often focusing on the historical imprint of people through architecture and alterations of the landscape. His photographs have been exhibited and published throughout the world. (Publisher notes)

Please Join Us!

Pot Luck Reception/Birthday Party to celebrate the Wedding of Liz Pfeffer & Andy Gagnon and the Birthday of Angela Pfeffer.

September 20, 2014, 5pm until whenever...

439 Randolph Hill Road

Bring food, drink, friends, family, music making and your dancing shoes!

For more information (or to reply), call 603-915-3273, or email Ann Pfeffer at:

aopfeffer@gmail.com.



Lydia Oglesby and Barbara Wyssession have their new books signed by Tad at the Randolph Town Hall, RMC annual meeting. Gail Scott photo

A New Mountain Challenge by Doug Mayer

A few months ago, RMC trail crew member Jordan Cargill ran from Appalachia to the summit of Mount Adams, in 1:27. A very fast time, for sure, but not especially dramatic, as trail running has become more common throughout the White Mountains. What was notable, however, was that Jordan was taking part in something new—a do-it-yourself activity, the Mount Adams Challenge.

The Challenge is a partnership between the White Mountain Café and Bookstore, and SAaLT Pub, in Gorham. If a participant reaches the summit in 2:10 or less via the designated route, the café will offer a free latte, and SAalt will offer a free beer, or non-alcoholic drink, if the participant is under 21 years of age. Local artist Kelli Shedd of Borealchick Designs has designed a beautiful certificate for all participants. The time was selected to be very challenging... but not impossibly hard. The route can be completed with a combination of slow trail running and fast hiking.

The goal of the Mount Adams Challenge is simple: to encourage residents and visitors to get out and enjoy the mountains, and to inspire greater fitness. The information, available online at mountadamschallenge.org, stresses that the challenge is for fun, and not a competition. It's for anyone who wants to give it a try, and participants are responsible for their own safety. Photos and stories are shared on a blog, associated with the web site.

The idea for the Mount Adams Challenge came after a visit I paid to the Swiss village of Leukerbad. Leukerbad lies in the midst of the Alps, along an ancient trading route. Nearby Gemmi pass provides passage between the Valais Alps, near the border with France and Italy, and the Bernese Oberland in the heart of Switzerland. I visited the village in the summer of 2013 on the advice of mountain runner Rickey Gates. Rickey, a five-time member of the US Mountain Running Team, won the Mount Washington Footrace in 2009 and 2011. During one summer in Europe, he biked around from trail race to trail race. In his travels, he came across something unique: the Gemmi Run. Runners and fast hikers start at the town sports complex, punch into an old-fashioned time clock, and run the vertiginous trail up the pass. If they arrive at the top in under 70 minutes, they receive a ride down to Leukerbad on the tram, a 20-minute complimentary massage at a local hotel, and a free entry to the town's famous thermal baths.

Intrigued by Rickey's story, I traveled to Leukerbad, tried the Gemmi run, and fell in love with it. It's a novel concept, daydreamed up by town residents to encourage fitness and enjoyment of the region. Their little idea is proving popular, too-- this last summer, I led several running tours in Switzerland, and each of the runners really enjoyed the Gemmi Run.

As a partner in the White Mountain Café, I broached the idea of a local version of the Gemmi Run with cafe co-owners, Matt and Jenna Bowman, and our friends at SAaLT, Steve Jackson and Liz Micucci. Everyone seemed enthusiastic; a mountain adventure was born.

So far, several local residents have participated in the challenge, including Jim Maddock, Jamie Maddock, Laura Brockett, Scott Gordon, Jim Snyder-Grant, Odd Bersvenden, and the speedy Jordan Cargill.

The Mount Adams Challenge skirts King Ravine, following the Air Line for part of its route. It was 64 years ago this past summer that Supreme Court Justice William Douglas hiked up the King Ravine headwall with local game warden Paul Doherty, and crossed the Air Line. Two years later, Justice Douglas penned his classic book, "East to Katadhin". In it, he wrote a few lines that might well apply to anyone who gives the Mount Adams Challenge a try, though Douglas was writing about a younger generation:

"If throughout time the youth of the nation accept the challenge the mountains offer, they will help keep alive in our people the spirit of adventure. That spirit is a measure of the vitality of both nations and men. People who climb the ridges and sleep under the stars in high mountain meadows, who enter the forest and scale peaks, who explore glaciers and walk ridges buried deep in snow-- these people will give their country some of the indomitable spirit of the mountains."

Feeling fit? Give the Mount Adams Challenge a try some day—and think of Justice Douglas' words as you cross paths with him, decades later, but in much the same spirit. With luck, you might be enjoying a treat at the café and pub, and enjoying some of the indomitable spirit of the mountains.

For more info on the Mount Adams Challenge, visit www.mountadamschallenge.org.

Randolph Remembers ...

Robert M. Grant, 1917-2014



Robert McQueen Grant passed away at his home in Hyde Park on June 10, 2014 at the age of 96.

Grant was born on November 25, 1917 in Evanston, Illinois. He received the BA with distinction from Northwestern University, a BD from Union Theological Seminary, and an STM and ThD from Harvard University. He was an ordained minister in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Grant was Carl Darling Buck Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Early Christian Literature at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he taught from 1953 until his retirement in 1988.

Professor Grant was the most prolific and influential American historian of ancient Christianity of his generation. The author of over thirty-three books and countless articles, Grant's work was characterized by philological exactness, a deep knowledge of the ancient world, and philosophical and theological finesse, together with a tight prose style and dry wit. Among his major works are *Miracle and Natural Law in Graeco-Roman and Early Christian Thought* (1952); *The Letter and the Spirit* (1957); *The Earliest Lives of Jesus* (1961); *Augustus to Constantine: The Rise and Triumph of Christianity in the Roman World* (1970; revised ed. 2004); *Eusebius as Church Historian* (1980); *Greek Apologists of the Second Century* (1988), *Heresy and Criticism* (1993); *Irenaeus of Lyons* (1995); and *Paul in the Roman World: the Conflict at Corinth* (2001).

Over his thirty-five year teaching career at the University of Chicago, Professor Grant taught many of the academic leaders in the field of ancient Christianity.

Grant was also an international authority on U-Boats in World War I, on which he published multiple volumes, including *U-Boats Destroyed: The Effects of Anti-Submarine Warfare 1914-1918* (1964) and, most recently, *U-Boat Hunters: Code Breakers, Divers and the Defeat of the U-Boats 1914-1918* (2004).

Over his extended career Grant received Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships, and held many honors, memberships and leadership roles in scholarly societies, such as president of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, American Society of Church History, and the North American Patristics Society. He was an elected member of the American Academy of Art and Sciences (1981).

Mr. Grant is survived by his wife, Peggy (née Margaret Huntington Horton) of Hyde Park, and their children Douglas, Peter, Jim and Susan, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Until 2013, Bob and his wife Peggy spent almost every summer in Randolph, NH. In the earlier years, Bob did a little hiking and his favorite hike was Mt. Crag.

A memorial open house was held on Monday, August 11 at the Grant house on Mossy Glen Way in Randolph. A memorial will be held in September at St. Paul and the Redeemer church in Hyde Park.

.... Margaret (Peggy) Hiscock Weatherly—January 27, 1926-May

Margaret Brooks Hiscock Weatherly was born and grew up in New Haven, CT. Her father, Dr. Ira Hiscock, was on the Yale faculty for 40+ years, acting as Chair/Dean of its School of Public Health. Following graduation from Smith College (Massachusetts), Margaret worked as Registrar of the Yale University Art Gallery. However, she abandoned her budding museum career after meeting Bruce Weatherly. He had graduated from Yale and then Berkeley (now Yale) Divinity School. Her "real life" adventures began in 1950, when they were married and Bruce was ordained an Episcopal priest.

His work took them to Bethlehem, PA., where two sons were born. He then became Rector of an Episcopal parish in Kentucky. Seven years later, with five children under eight years of age, they moved to Moorestown, NJ, where Bruce was Rector of Trinity Church for 35 years.

She devoted herself to the loving care and development of her children. Yet even before they all were in school, Margaret volunteered for a number of community service organizations that she felt passionate about. Her experience providing occupational therapy at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem proved beneficial when she later helped organize a volunteer occupational therapy unit for a psychiatric hospital in Covington, Kentucky. She was also became chairman of the New Jersey Mental Health Association's committee for the children's program at Ancora State Hospital.

As her children grew to become teenagers and some were in college, Margaret returned to her earlier interest in the arts, notably serving as the Executive Director of the Camden County Historical Society and Museum in Camden New Jersey for over twenty years.

She overcame immense challenges in that position. Her goals were to strengthen the Society's visibility and impact in the community, to ensure its role as a meaningful educational and cultural institution for the region. However, its location in the economically-depressed city of Camden, New Jersey, required innovative ideas, activities, and outreach. Working tirelessly, she helped develop imaginative education programs for Camden County schools, create and train a Docent group, promote various Ethnic Festivals, all the while achieving restoration of the historic Cooper house and securing full Museum Accreditation for the first time. To support these efforts, she prepared successful grant proposals and, with a corps of new volunteers, presented countless fund-raising events. Additionally, she held responsible positions with the NJ, Philadelphia, and Mid-Atlantic Museums Councils.

Margaret and Bruce moved to Charlottesville in 1999 after Bruce retired. Soon thereafter, she began volunteering as a Docent at the University of Virginia Art Museum. This position included helping research and develop outside art curriculum resources for Charlottesville city elementary schools.

After Bruce passed away in 2009, Margaret moved to Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. She immediately jumped into various community activities, including being an active participant in committees for the Chapel, Library, Decorating, and Planning, and was also elected as Floor representative in the Residents Association. Most recently she worked with the End of Life committee addressing the legal, ethical, and medical issues facing residents.

Margaret greatly enjoyed gardening, reading, singing in her clear alto, playing games with her family and friends, and hiking in the mountains near her beloved home in Randolph, NH. She was truly a kind and classy lady.

Survivors include: The Rev. John Weatherly and wife, Beverly, of Alexandria, Virginia; Christopher Weatherly and wife, Marina, of Stevensville, Montana; Margaret (Melissa) Weatherly, of Charlottesville; Mark Weatherly and wife, Danila, of Silver Spring, MD; Peter Weatherly of Charlottesville; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge., Charlottesville, VA. on June 14th. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund, Randolph, NH 03573.



The hill's word was Anthropomorphous---The poem written below was the third syllable---namely Po and it is a take-off of Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven." Many poems are written with apologies to some great poet. This is just written with apologies. Bill Minifie (Bill, far right with Marie Beringer and her granddaughters to the left in the photo below.



Once upon a midnight dreary!
Up from the city weak and weary!
There came a rapping at my cabin door!
Only this and nothing more!
Soon again I heard the tapping!
Now upon my window lattice rapping!
I must this mystery explore!
What could be outside my door?!
Twas then upon the porch I spied!
Randolph Path Builders side by side!
There was Edmands, Lowe, Torrey and Cook!
I had to step out for a better look!
Here was Cutter, Nowell and Hincks!
And Laban Watson with his Ravine House links!
But in the shadows behind: face unique!
Was none other than William H. Peek!
Seeing him there in the dim moonlight !
Filled me with a strange delight!
I knew at once, I am not craven!
William H. Peek was a classic maven. !
"Peek a boo to you" I dared to cry!
He did not reply, his lips seemed dry,!
I offered him a quaff, was wine a go?!
Quoth that maven: "No merlot! No merlot!" !

Suddenly Peek assumed a serious mien!
And asked me if I could ascertain!
The peak the Path Builders found a pariah!
But I knew, my arm raisin' "Never Moriah!
Never Moriah!"!
For it was upon Mount Moriah's craggy crest!
I've just got to get this off my chest !
That I first did kiss the fair Lenore!
Just that once and nevermore, nevermore!
For that same eve on Mount Moriah, by Jove !
I toasted s'mores on our wee camp stove!
What a shame, one aflame: her upper lip no more !
Lisped that maiden: "No s'mores!! No s'mores!!" !
As Peek was standing on the porch!
I felt again I could approach:!
What was the Path Builder's guiding star?!
Quoth that maven: "Never Mar! Never Mar!"
Cutter and Hincks overheard us there!
And tossed this quip into the air!
"Remember that climber---only velvet wore!
We never gave in: 'No velour! No velour!'"!
I wondered if they knew the famed Jean Agassiz (Ah
gah seize) !
And why he sometimes sounded so Japanese?!
His Mom found his short size quite a flaw!
For often he was ravin': "Knee high Ma!
Knee high Ma!!"
Then the mist did rise and the wind did blow!
Edmands, Torrey, Hincks, Nowell and Lowe did go. !
All of them 'cept one savin'!
William H. Peek, that wondrous maven. !
I wished a final query from this sage !
But he was hungry, only food would assuage!
For he fairly shouted: He nearly swore!
Now quite ravenous: "No more lore!! No more lore!!" !



Ted May, impersonating Donald Trump offers an opportunity to make the community rich beyond their wildest dreams, just before he chokes on a biscuit. There are no MD's but many PHD's were more than willing to give him a "Tracheotomy".

Zen Master of Tea, Ted Horton, below introduces the new Randolph Tea Ceremony as it is brought out on a "tray". Valley word: "Tracheotomy"

Photos by Barbara Arnold and Anne Kenison



Guy Stever, right bottom, quotes from Shakespeare and Macbeth with "many apologies": That you are worth your breeding; which I doubt not, For there is none of you so mean and base That will not know this word by the time we're done. I see you stand like moose in the slips, Straining upon the start. The game's afoot! Follow all our actions; and upon this charge. Cry 'God for Harry! Randolph and Saint George!'

Below: the Midlands act out the word: "Panopticon."





The Randolph Church started a new tradition this summer: punch and cookies were served on the front lawn following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. All were welcome including visitors from neighboring towns.



Dance Around the Pumps is a traditional favorite at Lowe's Garage at the end of July. This was a special evening as the dancers celebrated Christa Rousseau's 21st birthday.

North Country Running Club, a new road and trail running club in the Berlin/Gorham area, met at Mark Kelley's house. They enjoyed a great run on the RMC trails on the hill, then a barbecue at Mark and Katie Kelley's house. In the photo: Laura and Chris Brockett, Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer, Clint King, Steve Snook. For more information, see any of the above. Photo by Katie Kelley.



Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting

By Barbara Arnold

The Randolph Foundation Annual meeting was held at the Randolph Town Hall on Friday, August 15, 2014 from 4 PM to 6 PM. Keith Dempster, outgoing president, opened the meeting by inviting everyone to the 49th annual meeting. During the brief business meeting, the slate of directors and officers were introduced: Barbara Arnold, President & Chair of Communications; Peter Rowan, Vice-president & member of Ravine House Site/Durand Lake/Ravine House Pool Area Committee; Carol Gagnon, Treasurer & Chair of Scholarship Committee; Heather Wiley, Secretary & Chair of Lifeline Committee; newly elected Ben Phinney, Chair of Finance & Grants Committee; Wendy Walsh, Chair of Ravine House Site/Durand Lake/Ravine House Pool Area Committee; Laura Brockett, Blizzard Publication; Bruce Kirmmsee, member of Ravine House Site/Durand Lake/Ravine House Pool Area Committee; newly elected Richard Wallingford, member of Ravine House Site/Durand Lake/Ravine House Pool Area Committee; Keith Dempster, President Emeritus.

A huge debt of gratitude goes to Keith Dempster and Laura Archambault for their years of service to the Randolph Foundation. Laura will remain as publisher of Randolph Foundation publications.

The meeting was followed by an informative talk on the next 10 year stewardship plan for the Randolph Community Forest given by John Scarinza. A wine and cheese reception followed the presentation.

George Furness, left, and Heywood Alexander talk with newly elected Randolph Foundation president, Barbara Arnold and Keith Dempster, who just completed his term in that post, at the nonprofit organization's annual meeting. Photo by Edith Tucker



Randolph Foundation Welcomes New Directors by Keith Dempster

At the 49th annual meeting of the Randolph Foundation, held Friday, August 15 at Town Hall, two new directors were welcomed to the Board and introduced to the membership.

Ben Phinney- Chair, Finance and Grants Ben Phinney lives in Milton, MA and Randolph with his wife, Barbara. He has been in Randolph for over 60 years and engages in mountain activities in all seasons. He has served previously on the RMC board and is currently involved with the Museum of the White Mountains. Ben spent 20 years each in banking and development for educational institutions, from which he recently retired. He plans to expand his life coaching business.

Richard Wallingford- Ravine House/Durand Committee Rich Wallingford is owner and proprietor of The Inn at Bowman in Randolph, with his partner Jerry Hamanne. He is also owner and president of Color Works Flooring and Design Center in Gorham. He has been a full time resident of Randolph for over 25 years, and when not working, can often be seen about town in one of his immaculately restored Model A Fords.

The Foundation invites comments and questions at our website, www.randolphfoundationnh.org. Contributions to support our work may also be made there.



Marion's Porch by Karen Eitel

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