

Times of Shrewsbury

August 2024

EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AT THE SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM



EXHIBITS HONORING

**LARRY CARRARA
AL RIDLON, SR.
B. J. STEWART**

Now on display at the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum on Sundays 1pm to 3pm until the end of October.

Brian Winkler, president of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, suggested having a photo exhibit on three admired former members of the SHS. With the approval of the families and much help in displaying artifacts, the exhibits are now on display. Thanks to Kim Ridlon for working on Al's board, to Gina Stewart and Bennie Carrara for supplying photos, and to Gracie Brigham for borrowing the antlers to accompany the many artifacts the museum had in its possession. We welcome all to visit and view them!

Photos by Gina Stewart





Pierce's Store
Annual
(AND wildly popular)
Blueberry Festival
Fundraiser
At Pierce's Garage

Donate a scrumptious blueberry dish
or come by and support the event

Saturday, July 27, 2024
9:00AM until 1:00PM
(Rain or Shine)



2658 Northam Road
Shrewsbury, Vermont
802-492-3326



This event is a fund-raiser for the Shrewsbury Co-Op at Pierce's Store



**Shrewsbury Day Parade
needs Veterans!**

We would like Veterans to march in
the Shrewsbury Day Parade,
September 15

Contact Linda Fontana 802-492-2818

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

The Times of Shrewsbury is published monthly from February through December, and compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal of informing townspeople of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the guidelines previously described.

A writer of a letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to the resident or organization, and to the Times by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named person or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the Times that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, nature reports, family event announcements, feature articles, or letters that are not commercial. Also, there is no charge for appropriate notices of free items.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is 5pm on the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's Times.

Ads in the Times are for area businesses, local non-profit events, and local ballot election advertisements.

Best Formats: Articles: Word or as an email message with no formatting. Photos: jpeg. Ads: jpeg or Word document.

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

Full page	\$100	(7.5" w x 9.5" h)
Half page	\$60	(7.5" w x 4.5" h or 3.5" w x 9.5" h)
Quarter page	\$12	(7.5" w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5" w x 4.5" h)
Business card	\$6	(3.5" w x 2" h)
Classified ad	\$3	(15 words or less)

Payment due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

7/15/24

Chryl Martin

~ Rich Biziak

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Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 26	10am-noon	*Kids of all ages help with Shrewsbury Day parade items at the Library
Jul 26	6pm	*Meeting House Concert Series with "Reflexions"
Jul 27	9am-1pm	*Blueberry Fest at Pierce's Store
Jul 28	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Aug 3	5:30pm	*Annual Shrewsbury Library Haystack/Taco Dinner and Street Dance at the Meeting House
Aug 4	4pm	*Writers Group at the Library
Aug 5	5:30pm	*Shrewsbury Historical Society at the Museum
Aug 9	6pm	* Meeting House Concert Series with Noah Harley/Roots and Shoots of Country Music
Aug 17	5-7pm	*Lepidoptera Storytelling at Pierce's Store Garage
Aug 18	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club discussion at the Library
Aug 25	7pm	*Science Book Club discussion at the Library
Aug 27	Noon	*Prayer Shawl Meeting Upstairs at the Meeting House
Aug 28		*First Day of School
Sept 15	11am-untill	SHREWSBURY DAY (rain date Sept 22) <i>Parade, Games, Music, Dancing, & Scrumptious lunch</i>
Sept 20	7pm	*Israel/Palestine Talk sponsored by Shrewsbury Library at the Meeting House

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com
 and
www.shrewsburyvt.org



Deadline for submission to *Times of Shrewsbury* is by 5:00pm on the 20th of each month.

Selectboard Meeting
 Bone Builders
 Development Review Board
 Library Trustees Meeting
 Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg
 Planning Commission
 Prayer Shawl Group
 Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
 Shrewsbury Community Church
 Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
 Shrewsbury Historical Society
 Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum
 Shrewsbury Singers
 Shrewsbury Sno-Birds
 Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
 Tuesdays & Thursdays--May-Oct: 9-10am; Nov-Apr: 10-11am at Meeting House
 4th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
 2nd Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
 1st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
 4th Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House
 Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com
 Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service
 Next meetings: July 9 & August 13 @ 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road.
 1st Monday - 5:30pm at the Museum
 Open 1-3pm Sundays only from July 7 to October 27, 2024
 Sundays 9-10:30am and Tues 6:30-8:00pm @ Meeting House
 2nd Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
 Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Clerk's Office 492-3511 Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1pm; Wednesdays 1pm-6pm (Fax 802-492-3383)
 Town Garage 492-3656 (Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)
 Listers 492-2009 Available by appointment
 Treasurer's Office 492-3558 Monday 9am-11am
 Transfer Station 492-3867 Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesdays 12noon-6pm
 Library 492-3410 Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10
 12noon; Sat 10am-12noon
 Meeting House 492-6050 Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
 News Flash Email: vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net an email list for Urgent and reminder news
 information
 Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585 Window Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am and 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am
Lobby Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm and Sat 7:30am-11am
 Burn Permit: Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642
 Animal Control Officer: Adrienne Raymond 802-492-3578
 1st Constable: Aaron Haupt 558-9980 Game Warden: Tim Carey 793-2776
 Emergency Management Aaron Korzun 492-3362 Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877
 Medical-Police-Fire Emergency Dial 911 Ambulance 773-1700 Rutland Hospital 775-7111

[Updated 7/1/24]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.

July 3, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara. Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Contract Assessor: Lisa Wright. Listers: Clara Krueger, Scott Ryan.

Members of the public: Tim Rice (Wilk Paving). Mary Smith. The meeting was convened at 6:33 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of a work in right of way permit on Russelville Rd. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Paving Bids: Three paving bids for Cold River Rd and Mount Holly Rd: Fuller Sand and Gravel \$287,540.85, Pike Industries \$284,788.08, Wilk Paving \$268,897.50. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the bid from Wilk Paving. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Re-appraisal Contract: The Listers and Contract Assessor have reviewed the re-appraisal bid from Tyler Technologies and are recommending that we select their bid. They recommend changing the effective date to April 2027 instead of April 2026, which might increase the bid amount by 3%, due to inflation. They also recommend converting to Catalis AssessPro 5.0 assessment inventory software. The Tyler Technologies bid assumes conversion to AssessPro 5.0. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the bid from Tyler Technologies for \$86,800 for townwide reappraisal. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the bid from Catalis Tax and CAMA for the conversion to AssessPro 5.0 for initial cost of \$7,500 and an annual fee of \$5,947, with clarification of when the annual fee is due. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Lisa Wright reported on the education tax rate. Shrewsbury's tax rate will be increasing by \$0.095 for residential and \$0.175 for non-residential.

IT Consulting and Hybrid Meeting Equipment Report: Nothing new to report on the equipment for hybrid meetings. A. Korzun and Laura Black attended a session on the new open meeting law at the RRPC. We are meeting the minimum requirements of the open meeting law while we look into moving to a hybrid meeting format. Laura Black will contact JEG Designs to attend our next meeting, if possible, to discuss IT.

FEMA Reporting: All of Shrewsbury's flood repair projects but one are obligated. The one project is not obligated due to possible mitigation projects associated with it. Not having this one project obligated is holding up us receiving the money for the other projects. Jamie Carrara and Marc Cimonetti are recommending that we not pursue the mitigation funding so that we can get the last project obligated and receive all of the funds.

Pre-qualifying for Hazard Mitigation Funds: Laura Black and Nancy Bell are assisting the Selectboard and Road Commissioner with the preapplication for the hazard mitigation funds. Many projects are being looked at.

Right of Way Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the work in right of way permit on Russellville Rd., with the Road Commissioner's comments. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

New Business/Open to the Public: Mary Smith inquired about acquiring the 4-acre property on Lincoln Hill Road across from the A-frame. It has an easement by the Vermont Land Trust. We suggested

that she approach the Development Review Board and the Vermont Land Trust.

Jamie Carrara says we need to get other Town road crew members to get Class A CDL permits. Right now Jamie is the only one with a Class A CDL. We agreed to pay for the two other road crew members to get a Class A CDL.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/19/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7 for \$1,667.73 and Road Orders #7 for \$4,990.12. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt
These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

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### Vermont State Senators:

Brian Collamore: [bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us)

Terry Williams: [twilliams@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:twilliams@leg.state.vt.us)

David Weeks: [dweeks@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:dweeks@leg.state.vt.us)

### Vermont State House of Representative:

[RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com](mailto:RepLoganNicoll@gmail.com)

*The Vermont General Assembly is in session January thru June. To view committee member-ships, bills that have been introduced, track each bill's progress, and review committee agendas go to [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us). During the week you can contact your legislator by leaving a message at the State House by calling 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228 (the Sergeant-At-Arms' Office).*

### United States Senators:

**Senator Peter Welch**

[www.welch.senate.gov](http://www.welch.senate.gov)

Vermont Office: (800) 642-3193

Washington D.C. Office: (202) 224-4242

**Senator Bernie Sanders**

[www.sanders.senate.gov/contact](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/contact)

Vermont Office: (800) 339-9834

Washington D. C. Office: (202) 224-5141

### United States House of Representative:

Representative Becca Balint

Vermont Office: 347-461-4982

Washington D. C. Office: (202) 225-4115

*Revised 7/1/2023*



**SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
(Continued)

**July 17, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting**

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Treasurer: Linda McGuire. Selectboard Interim Administrative Assistant: Nancy Bell.

**Members of the public:** None

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of line of credit. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Assistant Treasurer Compensation:** Went into executive session at 6:40 PM. Exited executive session at 7:00 PM. Linda McGuire would like for the Assistant Treasurer to be compensated at the same rate as the Selectboard Administrative Assistant and that the funds not come out of the Treasurer's pay. The Selectboard agreed to budget money for the Assistant Treasurer in 2025.

**Pre-qualifying for Hazard Mitigation Funds:** Discussed future dam removal by Transfer Station and culvert work below and the timing of both. It would be best to have the culverts in place on the Northern Road and a temporary road in place before the dam removal work commences.

**IT Consulting:** Tabled to next meeting.

**Line of credit:** A. Korzun made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money from the reserve funds, as needed, to be reimbursed to the reserve account along with any interest that would have accumulated. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**New Business/Open to the Public:** None

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 7/3/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #7a for \$255,008.06 (\$246,094.81 for flood damage repair repayment) and Road Orders #7a for \$98,834.91 (\$79,454 for F600 Truck from ARPA funds). Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Adjourned** at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

*Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)*

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Contact us at 802-492-2017 or 802-492-8830

**In Memory of  
Adrienne "Annie" Lisette Lees**

Adrienne "Annie" Lisette Lees passed peacefully on June 21st, 2024. A lovely memorial service and celebration of life was held June 30 at the Shrewsbury Center Church and Meeting House. Pastor Karen Braeutigam officiated. Joyful Music was provided by Roxanne Ramah on the violin and organ and by Marc Levy on the guitar, ukulele, and piano. Sue Ransom Kelley did the welcome and memorial reading. The following is an excerpt written in her memory by her daughter:



"Annie was a radiant beacon of kindness and generosity, born on September 21, 1941. Mom leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and resilience. A beacon of light that will continue to guide those who were fortunate enough to share in her journey of 82 years. Beloved wife of the late Richard Lees. She was predeceased by her parents Irene Heinig Bushman and Carlton Bushman, and brothers, Allan, and Ronald Bushman. She is survived by her sister Lynn Owens.

Her remarkable spirit lives on through her children: Mary (Charles) Smolenski; Alphonse Basilicato, Anthony (Kari Ann) Basilicato; Robert (Dee) Basilicato; Joseph (Nicole) Basilicato; and Michael (Christine) Basilicato and Jonathan Lees. She leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

An avid crafter, wreath making was one of her cherished arts. Her fondness for local culture was evident in her frequent visits to Blue Grass Festivals. She will be remembered by her well attended "Pickin Parties" at her home in Cuttingsville, where people gathered to play, sing, dance and celebrate life. Mom often joined in to sing and play her ukulele. Annie's personality shone as brightly as a summer's day, her sweet, caring and giving nature made her a beloved figure in the community. She provided daycare for many of our town's children, who love and cherish their time with Annie. Her sage advice to "put one foot in front of the other, and keep on truckin", and to accept that sometimes "it is what it is", will continue to guide those who knew her.

Picking parties at her home, her stunningly beautiful wreath making, and her distinctive sugaring are some of the many accomplishments Adrienne left behind, but her true legacy is her unbounded kindness and generosity. Her absence will be deeply felt by her family and her many friends, especially Crystal, Sue, Kathy, Doris, and Grace who visited her often and have been like family to her. A special note of gratitude to those who watched over her in end of life at Springfield Health and Rehab". ~Submitted by Sue Ransom Kelley

# Shrewsbury Day 2024!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 RAIN DATE 22

I. SPECTACULAR PARADE 11 AM  
Hosted by DJ BRETT MYHRE

Whether you are MARCHING, or in the CHEERING CROWD wear something green in honor of our Mountain Schools' 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, if you like.

II. GAMES, CRAFTS, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, SURPRIZES "ON THE HILL"

III. Scrumptious LUNCH at NOON

IV. FUN CONTINUES ON THE HILL  
EXHIBITS INSIDE

Look for the Parade lineup and other important info. in the September TIMES

This is our best collaboration yet among the School, Historical Society, Library and creative folks of all ages. Please join us!  
-The Shrewsbury Day Committee





## NEWS FROM LAUREL GLEN ASSOCIATION (LGA)

What a month! The Trustees held their interim meeting on July 8. Hallie Knudsen of Wally's Corner shared great marketing ideas. Ed Sawyer has become a regular at LGCA meetings and events; he joined Hallie, Trustees Barry Griffith, Tim Faulkner, Mark Stewart, Tom Giffin, and me to prioritize projects.

On July 13, Vermont Old Cemetery Association came to Laurel Glen to clean and repair stones. Their work over the past few years has been invaluable, and the cemetery looks fantastic. The Shrewsbury Historical Society provided lunch and beverages for the volunteers who included Rutland County Senators Brian Collamore, Terry Williams, and David Weeks. It was a scorcher, and the efforts of all the volunteers are greatly appreciated!



*The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ripley Camp #4 attended the Open House, reinforcing Bowman's connection to the Union Army during the war.*

Volunteers finished cleaning the upstairs. It was pretty messy – mice had been afoot. Thanks to Alannah Severy, Ed Sawyer, Rachelle Patton, Patricia Lambert, and Amy Zamperini, who came to vacuum, scrub, and dust on July 2. We got a lot accomplished. And the space was ready for visitors to the Open House July 13. More workdays will be scheduled in August. Reach out if you would like to help! Email: [Freddie.monder@gmail.com](mailto:Freddie.monder@gmail.com)



*July 13 Open House volunteers from top left: Rachelle Patton, Ann Vanneman, Cathy Louttit, Pam Monder, Nancy Ellery, Alanna Severy, and Jeff Monder. Not pictured: Doug Patton*

Follow us on Facebook:  
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"Did you know?" We get a LOT of questions about furniture in the Mansion. One mystery was the piano. I just found a 1991 letter from Joan Stewart, former Superintendent of Laurel Glen, to the Williamsons of Castleton, thanking them for the donation of a Steinway piano that is now in the library of the Mansion. So no, the piano is NOT from Mr. Bowman's collection. Rats!

We are a 501(c)(3) organization; donations can be made to Friends of Bowman Mansion and sent to 333 Town Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738. ~Submitted by Pam Monder

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## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

What a beautiful time of year! We are right in the middle of summer and have been fortunate that the weather hasn't given us many problems locally. There have been plenty of weather-related issues elsewhere recently.

This past month the SVFD responded to a motor vehicle accident on Route 103. There were two requests from Regional Ambulance for assistance, the first on Route 103 and another on Tabor Rd.

During the past month we practiced pump operations at two different water sites, driver training, and tanker shuttle. Chief Phillip Severy organized an initial attack drill at the mountain school. At this drill, we assess a theoretical fire scene. We discuss what equipment is needed and where to safely locate the equipment. We deploy a porta tank, which is basically a small pool that holds 2000 gallons of water which connects to the pumper, and then the hoses are pulled to attack the theoretical fire. We discuss the fireground operations and communications.



If you are doing yard cleanup this time of year and need to burn brush, always call Fire Warden Kevin Brown (802-345-8668) or Assistant Fire warden Al Ridlon Jr (802-282-3642) for a burn permit and REMEMBER

**STAY FIRE SAFE!!!!**

~Submitted by Jack Perry

### THE SVFD NEEDS YOU!

We need new and younger members. The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) can provide equipment, training, and support. Whether you've had prior experience as a first responder or have no experience at all! We need volunteers. Men or women who would like further information may call Bob Snarski at 492-3505, Barry Griffith at 492-3573, or Jack Perry at 773-3278. No commitment necessary.

## Shrewsbury Singers SUMMER SESSION

Rehearsals: July 14<sup>th</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>

Concert: September 29<sup>th</sup>

### -Rehearsal Schedule-

*(Please feel free to attend either or both rehearsals.)*

Sunday Mornings, 9:00AM – 10:30AM

(Starting on July 14<sup>th</sup>)

&/OR

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

(Starting on July 16<sup>th</sup>)

### Where?

Shrewsbury Meeting House (SCC Sanctuary-upstairs)

88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738

### What Songs?

Songs sung in harmony from across the globe and spanning centuries.

### Who?

Teens – Adults who love to sing!

All levels of experience are welcome.

**Information:** Licia Gambino (802) 492-3792/hamgam@vermontel.net



### Bone Builders

9-10am

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
at the Meeting House on Lottery Road  
Free weights and Instruction

Join us to improve your  
Bones, Balance, and Strength



We welcome tennis players to use and enjoy our tennis court this summer. The court is just west of the home at 7983 Cold River Road. Extra racquets and balls are in the red shed adjacent to the court. Come anytime—no need to call!! ~Taffy Maynard 773-2087

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ONLINE

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

AND

[www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)



Shrewsbury Library's  
Return of the

# Haystack Dinner

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And

## Street Dance

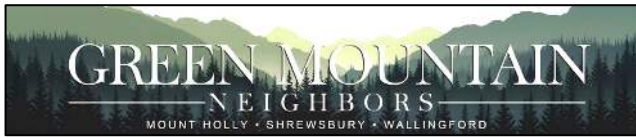
5:30pm-Dinner  
6:30pm-Dance

**SATURDAY**  
**August 3**

Featuring the  
**Shrewsbury  
Community Band**

Shrewsbury Meeting House/Town Hall  
88 Lottery Road

**Dinner & Dance age 13 & up \$10**  
**Children 5-12 \$5**  
**Just the Dance \$5**



How is it that I'm already writing for the August Times??? Where is the time going . . . ?

Speaking of time and its passage, maybe you want to consider joining Green Mountain Neighbors before you actually need it for transportation or help getting a project done around the house. As with many things, waiting could mean it's too late, or at best inconvenient. Think about needing an emergency medical procedure, or you are working on a project and injure yourself. These things can happen at any time, not just when we're elderly. Also, as a member you can expand your social circle through member-based events – both purely for fun, and educational – and transportation to those events by volunteers.

On Wednesday, July 17, Linda Fontana and I met with seven of our neighbors at the Shrewsbury Library to talk about GMN and what it provides. There were lots of great questions and concerns raised. In the end, three people signed up to become members, one more said he would complete the enrollment from home, and we added three new volunteers.

We plan to hold another drop-in session toward the end of the summer (there's that time thing again). And you can always contact one of us personally and we can arrange to meet.

Green Mountain Neighbors isn't just about services, though that's a very important aspect. We also sponsor events. Already we've had two sessions with Master Gardener Jim Corven, sharing his expertise and answering a wide array of questions. We're planning a series of walks in each of our towns to share our local knowledge with residents of the other towns. These will be fun ways to get to know other GMN members outside our borders.

Remember, we do not want to discourage anyone from becoming a member. GMN has a small pool of dollars to subsidize a fee waiver and we recently applied for a grant to create a little larger pool of dollars. Don't be afraid to ask. We are here to help you not to put a greater burden on you. By the way, no fee is required to be a volunteer! And we need both members and volunteers to make this work.

Green Mountain Neighbors has access to a whole lot of basic home-care equipment. If you need any of this sort of thing it's worth asking. You might be able to save yourself some money by borrowing rather than purchasing. Some items include:

- A wide assortment crutches & canes
- Walkers with and without seats
- Free standing commodes and chairs to go over your own toilet
- Rolling tables for bed-ridden family members
- Assorted boots and shoes for post-surgical support, including water-proof boots

Be aware that we do not guarantee the soundness of the equipment nor its sanitation. We also do not provide any instructions on use of the items.

If you are interested in any items, please call Jan O'Hara at 802-492-8687 or contact either Linda Fontana at [shrewsbury@greenmountainneighbors.org](mailto:shrewsbury@greenmountainneighbors.org) Sally Deinzer at [sally@greenmountainneighbors.org](mailto:sally@greenmountainneighbors.org)

See our website at <https://greenmountainneighbors.org> or call us at 802-417-2292.

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~ Submitted by Sally Deinzer

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| Cell 802 236 8105    | Shrewsbury Vt, 05738   |
| Office 802 492 3364  | sharrowmaple@gmail.com |



## SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE CONCERT SERIES

We're halfway through our 2024 series, and it couldn't be going any better. We've had 110-150 appreciative, good people in our audience at our first 3 concerts, giving as generously as they can to support live music, with contributions of any size (via cash, check or Venmo) going to the most excellent musicians and to the historic Meeting House (88 Lottery Rd) here in Shrewsbury Center, Vermont



**JULY 26 @ 6 pm**  
**REFLEXIONS**

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**Vendors: Mountain School PTO serves up dinner items and Pierce's sells 802 Ice Cream Bars.**



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**Vendors: Sustainable Eats serves up dinner items and Pierce's sells 802 Ice Cream Bars.**

Please carpool when you can, and park in the lot and along the Meeting House driveway. Please Do Not park at all on Lincoln Hill Rd.

Questions or more info? Email [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com) or call Paul or Vicky at 802-492-3649

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Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

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\*To search the Library catalog, put a hold on a book or DVD in our collection, and get the latest Library news, please go to our web site: [www.shrewsburylibrary.org](http://www.shrewsburylibrary.org).

\*The Library is the COOLEST PLACE in Town on these hot, humid days and evenings. Stop in!

\*We're very sorry to announce that CYNTHIA THORNTON has resigned her position as a Library Trustee, but are very grateful for her on-going support of the Library and her willingness to staff as her busy schedule allows.

\* With CYNTHIA'S resignation, we have an opening on our 13-member Board of Trustees. If you love books, serving small non-profit organizations, and meeting your neighbors; can attend meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, staff twice a month during library hours, serve on a committee, and help with fund-raising activities, please contact a member of the Library Nominating Committee: GAIL HARTIGAN ([gailhartigan382@gmail.com](mailto:gailhartigan382@gmail.com)); ED SAWYER ([esawyer151@gmail.com](mailto:esawyer151@gmail.com)); or DIRK THOMAS ([dsthomas46@gmail.com](mailto:dsthomas46@gmail.com)) to learn more.

\*MANY THANKS to Filmmaker GEORGE WOODARD and Cast Member RAMONA GODFREY for bringing Woodard's first film, *The Summer of Walter Hacks*, to the Library for a well-attended screening last month. SPECIAL THANKS to SANDY BRAGG for his help with scheduling and publicity! We hope to show more films by Vermont filmmakers in the future.

## Coming Events:

Saturday, August 3 @ 5:30 pm: The HAYSTACK/TACO DINNER & STREET DANCE: Highlight of the Summer! Please see our ad elsewhere in *The Times* for details.

Friday, September 20 @ 7pm: ISRAEL/PALESTINE TALK presented by Becki Bates (*sponsored by the Shrewsbury Library*) at the Meeting House on Lottery Road.

## Continuing Programs:

Sunday, August 4 @ 4 pm WRITERS' GROUP: Poets, short story writers, memoirists: If you're working on short pieces you'd like to share with our attentive, supportive group, please contact Penelope Weiss ([pw9@earthlink.com](mailto:pw9@earthlink.com)) or Joan Aleshire ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)).

Sunday, August 18 @ 4 pm FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: TBA: We're finishing Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom*. Percival Everett's *James*, along with Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*, is a possible next choice. Please contact Joan if you're interested in joining our lively discussions ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)).

Sunday, August 25 @ 7 pm SCIENCE BOOK CLUB. *Life's Edge* by Carl Zimmer is our next book. E-books and print copies are available. For more information, please contact Margery Salmon ([salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net))

## New Books include:

- *Whale Fall* by Elizabeth O'Connor: An acclaimed novel set on a remote island about the conflict between the native inhabitants and a team of anthropologists.
- *Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand: A beach read by the prolific Nantucket novelist.
- *Eruption: Following Jurassic Park, Michael Crichton Started Another Masterpiece—James Patterson Finished It.* A thriller, as the title promises!
- *On Call: A Doctor's Journey: A Journey in Public Service* by Anthony Fauci, M.D. Dr. Fauci's reflections on the COVID pandemic and more.
- *Skies of Thunder: The Deadly World War II Mission Over the Roof of the World* by Caroline Alexander, author of *The Endurance*.

## Are You a New Landowner in Shrewsbury?



If so, The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission has a Welcome Bag for you filled with books, flyers, and information on all kinds of topics having to do with the management of your land, programs available to you, and access to friendly advice if you'd like it. The SCC, in cooperation with Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife and funded in part by a grant, would love to share this welcoming gift.

To receive a Welcome Bag, email [shrewsburytconservation@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburytconservation@gmail.com)



# Israel/Palestine Talk

Presented by Becki Bates  
and sponsored by the Shrewsbury Library

**Friday, September 20**  
**7pm**  
**Shrewsbury Meeting House**  
88 Lottery Road, Shrewsbury, VT

Over the past months, I had been feeling despair listening to the news coming out of Israel/Palestine. First, the horrors of October 7. Then, the horrors of the war in Gaza. I was feeling deep disappointment with a country where I have strong personal ties. I thought, if we, as Jews, after 2000 years of living as an oppressed people, culminating in mass genocide, can't do better than this, then what hope is there for humankind?

So, I decided to go to Israel. Of course, to visit friends and relatives, to go swimming in the Mediterranean and the Jordan River, to eat Felafel and Halwah straight from the Shuk in Jerusalem. But mostly for a one-week Study Tour with New Israel Fund.

The New Israel Fund supports initiatives for peace, coexistence, and social justice. Our tour included, among other things, visits to East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Bedouin Villages, and Nazareth. We had a chance to hear from Palestinian and Jewish activists, people who lost their parents on October 7, physicians who have worked in Gaza, soldiers who have served in the Occupied Territories, even an unfortunate encounter with West Bank Settlers.

In my talk on September 20, I will try to give a quick history of the Arab and Jewish experience over the past 2000 years, an explanation of the logistics of Israeli politics, and a description of a vision for a better future for all. ~Becki Bates



## BOOK REVIEWS

\*\*\*\*\* Fantastic  
\*\*\*\* Compelling page turner  
\*\*\* Enjoyable  
\*\* Just O.K.  
\* Not recommended

## Most Delicious Poison: The Story of Nature's Toxins—from Spices to Vices

by Noah Whiteman

★★★★★

This is an entertaining, easy to read account of the mysteries, secrets, and dangers playing out in our bucolic and familiar backyards!

Like a murder mystery of plants, insects, lures, devices, many plot turns and twists. There's a lot going on out there! Of course, this is a simplified way of looking at the wonderful world of science. It didn't disappoint. Its author offers chapters called "Deadly Daisies," "Dogbane and Digitalis," "Hijacked Hormones," "Opioid Overlords," "Nutmeg, Tea, Opium, and Cinchona." The author also threads a personal story of his father's battle with alcoholism throughout. Most Delicious Poison will leave you spellbound, I promise!

~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick, Shrewsbury Science Book Group



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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Welcome to the Shrewsbury Historical Society

To all Shrewsbury residents, new in town or here forever: It is now the season the museum is open on Sundays for all to enjoy. The all-volunteer organization met to clean the museum and tweak old exhibits and planned and executed the new exhibits. Certainly quite a feat during the hot days of summer. We have been busy as always, and hoping that you will come to visit us on Sundays to come until end of October, from 1 to 3pm.

With this in mind, I would like to "toot my own horn" about the many accomplishments of what the Society is most proud of:

- The Shrewsbury Historical Society is the sponsor of the September Shrewsbury Day and Parade, since the first parade in 2018. COVID interrupted for two years and then Shrewsbury Day returned to the delight of children and their families. The Shrewsbury Day Committee faces the challenge of organizing each year.
- Offer programs to entertain such as inviting Marty Podskoch, author of many books about the 1930s CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps in Vermont. It was the 90th year celebration of many town residents at that time, all young men, to work on many projects to restore the beauty of nature. Mr. Podskoch also visited the Mountain School the following day to talk with the children.
- The SHS presents to the graduating students of Mountain School a copy of our history book, "Shrewsbury, VT Our Town As It Was" by Dawn Hance. Included in the book is a separate map of Shrewsbury. This year, nine students were gifted.
- The house chair, John Elwert, is watchful about maintenance of the museum. A large portion of the budget went towards the repair of leakage of the bell tower. It was also provided that the vintage finial that blew down in a storm was replaced atop the tower. Next important improvement will be the large windows with the stained-glass design. He recently worked on the berm alongside the driveway in rear of building as the soil needed work and leveling. Through the kindness of Paul Stewart, our lawns are cut.
- This June, our vice president and artist Grace Brigham presented a large painting of a moose to the Mountain School to be hung in the hallway in honor of the 50th anniversary of the school. The mascot of the school is the moose. The children enjoyed the program and excitedly formed a line to touch the real moose antlers shown at the special presentation.
- The SHS had photos taken of the school students releasing baby fish in the brook that runs behind the Pierce's store. A special album holds the photos in the museum.

- Inside, the SHS has an ever-growing file as to listings of family names that pertain to genealogy and is helpful for folks to connect with their roots. The museum has shown some exhibits and some are put on rotation, as most historical societies do. New this year is an exhibit honoring three Shrewsbury men, now deceased, who have been the best of what a town is known for. The photos have been collected from families and clippings. B-J Stewart, Alan Ridlon, Sr., and Larry Carrara, we miss you.

- A number of our SHS members have generously answered the call for help in becoming docents (guides) at the Bowman Mansion for the Open House tours. The Old Cemetery Association also needed help in cemetery by cleaning, cutting, weeding, and righting stones. The SHS graciously pitched in and also provided refreshments to the workers as well..

- Making sure our monthly column appears right here for all to read.


The SHS thanks all volunteers who take the time to open the doors of the museum on Sundays through the summer. Thank goodness for our active members. We meet at the museum the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Our storage area is full for now and if you would like to donate an item, please call 802-492-3324 to see if we can take it. We always are interested in photos, which we can copy and return to you. Any paper items are also saved in files.

Please consider joining us. We do need more active members. Join us at our next meeting on August 5, 5:30pm, at museum.

*Submitted by Ruth Winkler.*

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## The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

### Join us!

We have been enjoying our summer services in the historic Northam Church. Roxanne Ramah has been playing the historic Etsy Pump Organ and recently her lovely violin! Such a treat! All are welcome to visit at this historic community treasure any Sunday during services. Come and visit with your neighbors, enjoy peaceful meditation time, and beautiful music!



### Community Food Shelf

Free Community Food Shelf at the Library in the front entry way. Those in need are welcome to help themselves any time the library entryway is open. Limited hours are Mon 10am-12 noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12 noon; and Sat 10am-12 noon. We are no longer able to have our additional summer food Shelf on the side porch at Pierce's Store due to bears visiting the area.

Food Delivery and Assistance: If you are unable to get to the Shelf at the Library in Shrewsbury, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items which are not available on the shelf we can provide grocery gift cards. Call Karen 802-558-5991 or Sue 802-779-4825 or 802-492-3738.

### Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4825
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; Sue Kelley 802-779-4825, 802-492-3738; or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs (food, heating, gasoline, etc). If you or a neighbor are in need, please let us know!
- Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Roxanne Ramah 802-492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 802- 775-5318.

### Shrewsbury Community Church Calenda

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sunday Evening August 25 at 6pm Vespers Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church (there will be no morning worship service).

Tuesday, August 27 at 12noon Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House. All are welcome! Dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade served. Bring a bag lunch if you would like to. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you! Call Roxanne for information 802-492-3675 or 802-770-3938.

Sunday, September 1 at 10:30 Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Center Church.

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# Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Trail Camera Picture of the month

This month features some exciting captures of BLACK BEARS!!!!



A young bear in full flight being chased by a coyote was a surprise trail cam capture! I would love to know what incident led to this chase! Was the bear too close to the coyote's den, pups or kill? Would a larger, more mature bear also have run from a coyote?



Along well traveled routes used by bears are trees with claw and bite marks. Several individual bears, male and female, will leave their scent and markings on these scent posts. Even cubs will mark. Look for small bite marks at the bottom of a tree or pole!



One of my trail camera goals has been to find a tree/pole with bear sign and get pictures and videos of the bear's routine as they do this. It's a comical procedure as the bear rubs it's back up and down, while reaching up above its head to leave claw marks and turning its head side to side, leaving bite marks! I found the perfect location and my kind neighbors, Jo and

David Fretz gave me their permission to set up my camera! Thank you, Jo and David, for supporting my trail camera habit! Send your pictures of wildlife or tracks to Linda Shelvey. Lpurdyschel@gmail.com



## Barn Swallows at Evening Song Farm

A barn swallow family made their nest at the top of the new building on our farm, and last week the four babies were so big, they were overcrowding the nest and falling out regularly. Knowing absolutely nothing about birds, I was nervous they were seriously injured or at least at risk of being stepped on or driven over in such a high traffic area. Thank goodness for VINS (*Vermont Institute of Natural Science*), because I was able to call them and chat about how to care for the situation.

VINS taught us that since the babies weren't flying yet, they had us carefully return the babies to the nest every time we found one on the ground, so they could continue to be fed. We also put a soft, puffy dog bed below the nest to cushion their repeat falls. One baby didn't end up making it, which felt incredibly sad, but after several trips up and down a tall extension ladder, the others eventually flew away.

~Article and Photo by Kara Fitzbeauchamp

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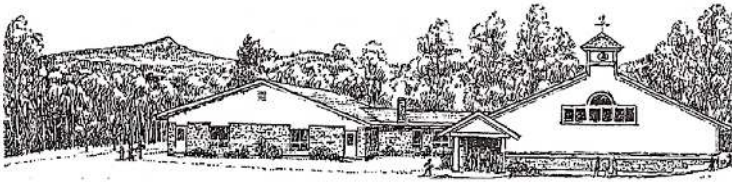


The Rose Chafer Beetles seem to be behind us this year in Shrewsbury Mountain School's orchard, thanks to the diligent work of Ms. Levin's 3rd and 4th graders with support from Julia and David. Julia estimates that over a thousand beetles were removed from the trees before they could cause a complete defoliation. Japanese Beetles seem to be the next obstacle in our orchard's ongoing struggle for survival, and community help is welcome in removing these introduced scarabs. It appears the orchard will feed many critters before the students at SMS have the chance to sink their teeth into the orchard's first apples.

Stephen has steadily made progress on the school's compost bins this summer and we are on track to work with Ms. McDonough's 5th and 6th graders in the coming school year to steward SMS' nutrient recycling system!

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at educate.sage@gmail.com, Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit www.sagevt.wordpress.com. Follow us on Facebook for up to date event details at ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation.

Submitted by Stephen Abatiell



SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

The weather has been beautiful and I hope you are having an amazing summer! I can't wait to hear all the stories about summer adventures from our students and I hope they are starting to feel that familiar excitement that comes with returning to learning together for a new school year.

Important Dates:

Aug 28: First day of School!
Aug 28: After School Program Begins
Sept 2: Labor Day - No School
Sept 19: SMS Open House: PTO Pizza Potluck at 6:00pm,
Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm

First Day Share! One of our favorite parts of the first day of school is seeing the big smiles, favorite outfits and summer growth of each kiddo as they walk into our school. In order to share that joy this year, I am asking any of you who would like to take a first day of school picture of your child(ren) and email it to me. I will share pictures on our website and Facebook page so we can all celebrate together.

School Update: Mr. Dave has been hard at work painting classrooms, cleaning and organizing our learning spaces, restoring our walking path with red slate stone and keeping our building and campus looking amazing. We are grateful for all his hard work and dedication!

Support our School! We need volunteers to help with our Four Winds Program, our Winter Sports Program and our PTO! If you are able to volunteer, please send me an email or call the school. We would love to have you and the students would greatly appreciate your support!

Work at SMS! We are in need of a school counselor, para educator and substitutes. Please contact me for more information.

Coming soon: School Calendar, Student/Family Handbook, Bus Schedule, Letters from Classroom Teacher with supply lists and After School Program Information.

I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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~Submitted by Cimonetti, Principal

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Spring Lake Ranch Summer Photos

Hay, baby! Welcoming new calves and piglets plus haying season has kept us busy up on the hill this summer.



Tractors on hill

Photo by Austin Osborne-Hauser



Nursing piglets

Photo by Derrick Cline



Calf in field

Photo by Molly Duoma

It's 1" tall...what is it?

1. Home of a solitary wasp
2. A page filler
3. Home of a beneficial predatory insect

Answer: All the above!

What's New at Jockey Hill Farm

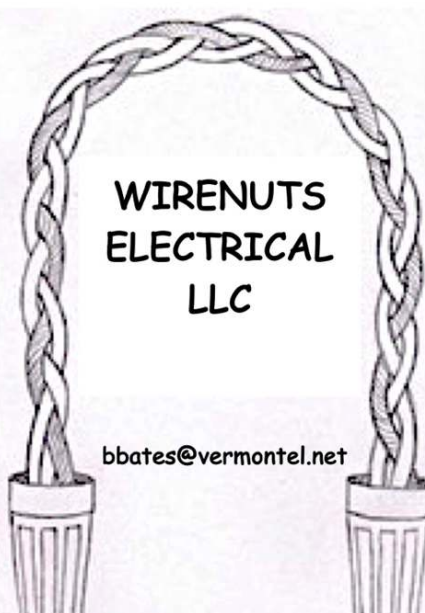
While we've had to reschedule walks at Jockey Hill Farm over the last two months, we're hoping to schedule a couple in September and October. In the meantime, we've been busy with numerous projects to continue our forest stewardship efforts. Most challenging is coping with the impacts of climate change on our land. Our primary stream, Gould Brook, that runs along Coldham Road, and its tributaries have suffered from significant flooding and erosion including the loss of 25 feet on both sides of Gould Brook as it enters the field just below our farm. We have installed two over-sized culverts in areas where we can no longer ford tributaries and are considering a small bridge in another area. We're working with the State to consider the best options for each location. Another climate change impact has been the high winds that have split mostly pines, maples and ash about 15 to 20 feet off the ground. While we have always had blowdowns, the frequency today is far greater than in the past. In addition to losing magnificent trees, we now confront the risk of more "widow-makers" throughout our forest requiring constant vigilance as we walk through our woods.

We recently secured a grant from USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to eradicate the seven invasive plant species that are thriving at the farm, particularly in patch cuts (harvested areas of roughly one acre) where invasives are competing with the regeneration of saplings. Redstart Consulting, our consulting forester, will begin this work soon. We've been mostly spared the impact of invasive insects that have been identified in other parts of the State but are slowly moving to our area such as the emerald ash borer and hemlock wooly adelgid. An excellent new State website for tracking invasive insects is the "Vermont Forest Invasive Pest Status Map".

We continue to implement recommendations from Audubon Vermont to enhance bird habitat at the farm resulting from its "Bird Habitat Assessment" conducted back in May 2023. Starting in 2023, we've shifted to mowing most of our fields in September every three years instead of annually. We also plan to grow robust buffer zones of vegetation between the fields and the forest to attract birds that flourish in the understory and midstory. As of April, our bird inventory included 73 species and in May, thanks to Linda Shelvey and the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission, we've added the Northern Waterthrush, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, the Northern Cardinal and the Eastern Bluebird.

In a subsequent article, I'll provide updates of our efforts on forest carbon which have evolved considerably since I first presented on this topic at the library in February 2020 and on our planting of climate resilient trees including our hybrid Chinese/American chestnuts. I'll leave you here with a note about three new Leopold Benches that we have now been placed around the farm named after the famous environmentalist, Aldo Leopold, author of A Sand County Almanac. The benches are placed in Alison's Meadow, by Nan's Pond and in Tim's Meadow as noted on the map available in the kiosk by our bridge at 630 Coldham Road. Please come and enjoy them. In addition, below are two links to my presentation called "The Resilience and Benefits of Our Forests in A Changing Climate" I presented at the Shrewsbury Library on May 10 and a two-minute video called "Jockey Hill Farm from Above" featuring three years of drone photography

through the seasons at our farm. These are located on my website at Northam Forest Carbon (www.northamforestcarbon.com) under the Resources tab or at just use the QR code below with your phone. As always, we love visitors so if you would like to come for a walk, feel free to explore on your own or call me, Tim Stout, at 617-899-1011 or email me at stoutim@gmail.com. The land is as always open to the public. ~Article by Tim Stout




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Diabetes Support Group

Meeting the second Wednesday of every month, the Diabetes Support Group meets is a no-lecture, patient-driven meeting, a place to share your challenges and successes. Medication management, continuous glucose monitoring, the new GLP1 drugs, meal planning and exercise options are ongoing conversations among those who attend.

Community Health and Rutland Regional Medical Center's Diabetes & Endocrinology Center have joined together to organize the monthly program in two different locations at two different times on the 2nd Wednesday in August:

- 1-2pm in Rutland at the Rutland Diabetes and Endocrinology Center
- 5-6pm in Castleton at Castleton Community Health

Contact our diabetes educators or your Community Health primary care provider or call (802) 779-9169 for more information.



REINBOW RIDING CENTER NEWS

July 4th certainly ushered in a period of firecracker hot weather,



but riders, horse instructors and volunteers took it in stride and dressed for the occasion. We also spent time on cool trail rides, and gave the horses water baths to cool them down after lessons.

Reinbow finished up the spring/summer program season in

July with a packed schedule that began with Rutland high school students in May and finished with riders of all ages throughout the months of June and July. Everyone will now get a well-earned break until we start the planning and programming work for our next season.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: reinbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow_riding_center. Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For info about opportunities to volunteer: janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org.

~Submitted by Janet Upto



Herb Garden At Pierce's Store

The University of Vermont Master Gardener volunteers have again planted the herb garden just across from Pierce's store for the use of the Shrewsbury community. Herbs included are:

- Greek Oregano
- Rosemary
- Chives
- Basil
- Lemon Grass
- Sage

- Summer and Winter Savory
- Parsley—Flat and Curly
- Savory – Summer and winter
- Parsley – Flat and Curly

Please make use of some clippings, a donation to Pierce's Store would be appreciated, but not necessary.

The UVM Extension Community Horticulture Program, includes the Master Gardener & Composter volunteer programs, classes and gardening resources for the public, partner projects, the gardener helpline, and the annual conference. <http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener/>

~Linda McGuire and Margery Salmon



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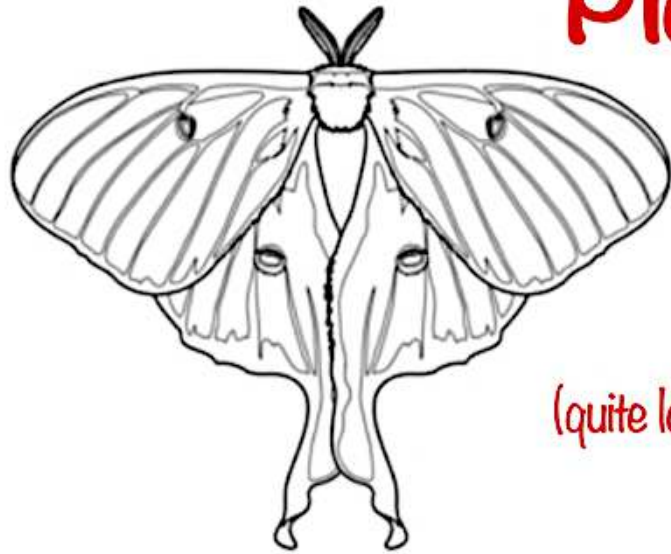


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Pierce's Garage Lepidoptera Storytelling

(quite loosely based on NPR's, The Moth)

Saturday, August 17, 2024
5:00PM until 7:00PM

With wildly acclaimed storyteller and poet, Thomas Hartigan as MC!

Fly in and tell us any kind of story (funny, scary, sad, bizarre) for 8-10 minutes. Stories must be true and about you.

(Please contact Tom ahead of time at 492-3605 if you can so he gets a storyteller count. Otherwise, show up and see if you're moved to share once there!)

Yummy food, beer, wine & beverages for purchase

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This event is a fund-raiser for the Shrewsbury Co-Op at Pierce's Store



PIERCE'S STORE

802-492-3326

www.piercesstore.com

Hours: 8am to 6pm

Rob Jaimes, Manager

August is sure to be a busy month at Pierce's Store!

The warm summer temps have given us a bounty of fresh produce and beautiful flowers. Shrewsbury's verdant valleys and hills are alive with a tapestry of wildflowers and tall grasses. Hiking trails are beckoning adventurers to explore panoramic vistas, while cyclists navigate our scenic routes framed by vibrant foliage and babbling brooks.

August is also a celebration of agricultural heritage. Farmers' fields burst with fresh produce—ripe tomatoes, sweet corn, and juicy berries—offering a taste of local flavors. There is nothing like summer in Shrewsbury, and Pierce's is happy to be a part of it!

Please join us on August 17 for our Lepidoptera Hour with Thomas Hartigan, from 5-7pm. Hear a story, share a story. Learn, laugh, and enjoy the moments our friends and neighbors bring to life.

Also, we have our Blueberry Festival July 27 from 9am-1pm, or until we run out of goodies. Fresh baked blueberry treats, berries, and more!

Have you met Tina yet? Stop by and meet our newest employee!

I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with our recent temporary Monday closures. We will be closed Tuesday August 13 for inventory. ~Rob at Pierce's



Board News from Pierce's

Writing this is a bit intimidating as I've only been on the board a few months, but here goes. So far, my biggest discovery was how much time the board devotes to keeping the social part of Pierce's Coop alive. I'll list the coming events later, but there is at least one a month and most are run and staffed by board members. While it is time consuming, I see how it brings people together and best, gets them to the store. Try coming to an upcoming event- they are varied- truly something for everyone. Next time it is my turn to write, I'll have more to say.

Housekeeping items:

- The store has plans to close August 13 for a store inventory; it is possible that date may change, but there will be lots of notice to our shoppers. Hopefully it will only be closed for part of the day.
- Through a generous donation, we are able to run a Summer Membership Drive. We will offer a membership for our regular \$20 fee and every membership bought during the August Drive will receive a \$10 gift certificate

to use in the store along with their membership discount. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31. It's a great deal. Come join!

- Bring a blueberry baked good on July 27 for the Blueberry Festival or blueberries, if you have an abundance.

Upcoming events:

- July 27 Blueberry Festival, 9-1pm. Lot's of local blueberries and blueberry baked creations will be available to purchase (If it's gone by, I hope you went).
- August 17 The Lepidoptera Hour with Thomas Hartigan, 5-7pm, food will be available!
- September 13 Wine tasting with Sandy. Details TBA
- September 14 Poetry and Open Mic with Thomas from 5-7, food will be available!
- October 5 The 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff with Jeff, 5-9.
- There will be both Thanksgiving and Christmas Wine Tastings – both popular events. Dates and Times TBA

Events are listed is on the Pierce's website,

www.piercesstore.com.

~Submitted by Adrienne Raymond



Pierce's Store Mid-Summer Membership Offer

Membership in the Cooperative at Pierce's Store is important not just for the store's finances but also provides an important link between the store and its community. Member-Owners have direct input into how the store can best serve its customers, as well as a small discount on purchases.

Annual membership is just \$20.

Join during August and you will receive an immediate \$10 store credit!

That's 50% off your next \$20 purchase.

Let's get Pierce's membership to 200 families!

Join the 120+ families who help keep Pierce's Store an essential part of our small community through their membership.

Memberships are on an annual basis, Jan1-Dec 31

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