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Mountain View

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Rambling in Randolph: A Trail Race in the Community Forest

By Doug Mayer

Ian Carlisle Photography c 2015

When the Randolph Community Forest was created in 2001, the founders envisioned a shared natural resource that sustainably hosted a variety of outdoors activities. This fall featured just such an event, the Randolph Ramble—a rugged, 10-kilometer long trail race up Mount Crescent, and along Crescent Ridge, beginning and ending at the new Community Forest trailhead.

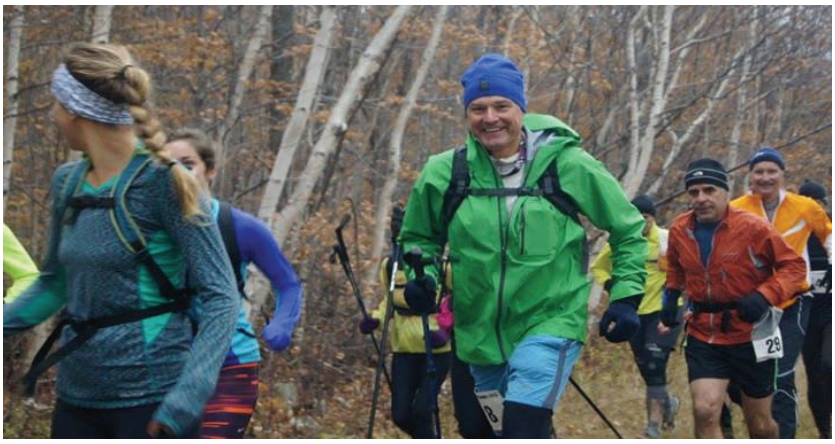
This past November 1st, 70 trail runners and 11 hikers gathered to take part—the hikers participating in a more leisurely "Limmer" walking division. The weather was cool and overcast—ideal, really, for a morning of exercise in the mountains.

Throughout the morning, the Randolph Ramble seemed to have a spirit that felt uniquely, well, Randolph. There was no shortage of smiles, laughing, and camaraderie among runners, hikers, and volunteers. Writing about the race later, runner Jim Graham commented, ""Truly a superb weekend among kindred spirits in the heart of the gorgeous mountains."

To make sure the event maintained an informal feel, there was a cap of 100 on the number of participants. This also protected the trails, and reduced the impact on area wildlife. Race organizers followed the event guidelines as outlined by the national non-profit, Leave No Trace. All proceeds from the event were split between the Randolph Mountain Club, and a Coos County effort to encourage youth mountain biking. The RMC received donations totaling $568.

More than two dozen Randolph residents took part. Runners were evenly split between the local communities, and afar, with a few coming from as far away as Boston and Southern Vermont. Josh Ferenc, a nationally-noted trail runner who has raced around the world, won with a time of 58:04.7. Meredith's Leah Hart won for the women, with a time of 1:14:25. Three RMC trail crew members participated, with the fastest local race result going to former crew member Jordan Cargill, who was third overall at 1:03.59.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, there were no "store bought" awards. Each participant received a small log with an orange blaze on it, orange being the color RMC uses to mark its trails on the Community Forest. The top three men and women runners received large, handmade wooden numbers showing their finish place.


Diane Holmes Photo

The race over, everyone gathered for a spectacular lunch from SAaLT Pub and Libby's Bistro. On a chilly November day, warm chili, bread and cookies fresh from the oven, and cups of cider were much appreciated by all.

By late afternoon, runners, hikers, and volunteers were on their way home. Red flagging that had marked the route of the Randolph Ramble was removed, and it would have been hard to know that just hours earlier, dozens of friends, new and old, were enjoying a late fall day in the Randolph Community Forest. See pg. 3 ...

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Town Directory

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Chair, Paul Cormier) 466-5841
Meets 7 PM the 3rd Thursday of the month at Town Hall.

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Administrative Assistant, Linda Dupont; Treasurer Angela Brown
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DOG LICENSES See Town Clerk. Obtain or renew by the end of April.

DURAND LAKE RECREATION AREA Swim only at Ravine House Pool

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Randolph Chief, Dana Horne **ALL ALARMS - CALL 911**

FOREST FIRE WARDEN (Jeff Parker) Call for Burning Permits 662-4050

GRS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD Contact SAU 20 Office 466-3632
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RANDOLPH CHURCH (Moderator, Beverly Weatherly)
Sunday morning services July & August at 10:30 am

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Meets at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on the 1st Wednesday

RANDOLPH FOUNDATION (President, Barbara Arnold) 466-2438

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Co-Directors Bill & Barbara Arnold 466-2438

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ROAD AGENT (Kevin Rousseau) 466-5185

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TAX COLLECTOR (Anne Kenison) by appointment; call the Town Hall 466-5771

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TOWN HALL OPEN Monday– Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon 466-5771

TRASH COLLECTION Must be at roadside by 7 a.m.
Trash - every Tuesday; Recycling, sorted & bagged - 1st Saturday of each month.
Due to bears and crows do not put trash out before Tuesday morning.
Recycling - 1st Saturday of the month. Must be sorted and roadside by 7am.

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)

December
18 Town Caroling Party, 6:00pm. Caroling from Coldbrook Lodge, 8pm festivities at Coldbrook Lodge, Durand Rd.
19 Children's Christmas Party, 6:00 pm Town Hall
23-1/1 School Vacation
24 Christmas Eve Carol Service, 4pm Randolph Church

January
18 Civil Rights Day No School

February
Presidential Primary to be announced
22-26 School Vacation

March
Town Meeting to be announced
Frost Poetry Illustration Exhibit
Randolph Town Hall.

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.

Date	Resident
8/24/15	Robert/Joyce Leclerc
8/24/15	David/Gaye Ruble
9/1/15	Jackie Hutchins
9/28/15	Ray Cotnoir/Heather Wiley
9/28/15	Guy Stever
10/12/15	Kathleen Currier
10/26/15	Jon Martinson
10/26/15	Emmerentia Oelofse

No Real Estate Transactions

Karen Eitel Photography

The Organizers, Jeremiah McCrae-Hawkins, Mike Micucci and Doug Mayer Photo provided by Jenn Scarinza

The organizers (this writer, Mike Micucci and Jeremiah McCrae-Hawkins) would like to thank the Randolph Community Forest and the Randolph Mountain Club, for the permission to hold the race on Community Forest land and on RMC trails. We hope the Ramble will become an annual tradition, and take its place alongside other activities that make this mountain community special. For more information on the Ramble, and to see other comments, visit randolphramble.com or facebook.com/randolphramblerace.

Among the Ramble participants was MIT graduate student Caterina Scaramelli, who beautifully captured the experience of mountain running on that day. Her full blog post about the day is available via the Ramble's Facebook page. She wrote:

I heard a rustling behind me, as I was balancing on the sleek stones and sliding down the muddy path, covered in crumbled leaves. I grabbed a thin tree to slow down my fall. The rustling turned into a waterfall of steps. I stepped aside. A young woman ran past me jumping down the path with graceful speed, and disappeared in the forest. I continued to juggle with the uncertainty of the trail downhill, the surrounding becoming a whirl of reds yellows browns and water drops and the musky smell of autumnal soil.

Steve and Wendy Hartman, photo provided by Jenn Barton Scarinza

Doug Mayer, Photo provided by Jenn Baron Scarinza Jenn Barton Scarinza

Volunteers Yvonne Jenkins and Dorothy Borchers Doug Mayer Photo

Winners all. Diane Holmes Photos

Jenn Barton Scarinza, Ian Carlisle Photo

Randolph's Height – Ideal for physics experiments?

by Dr. Sada Shankar Saxena

Does New Hampshire inspire New Physics? Surely, it does!

Sitting here in the sylvan surroundings of Randolph, NH, admiring the Presidential mountain range, I go down memory lane to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay, with which I was associated in1958-63, doing research in Theoretical Physics, under the guidance of luminaries like Professor M.G.K. Menon and the Nobel Laureate, Professor Abdus Salaam, c/o Imperial College of Science & Technology, London.

High mountains, altitude wise, such as the Ooty Hills in South India, are ideal places to set up observatories. Cosmic rays, which emanate from even beyond our solar system and pour incessantly from the heavens, have also been studied through designed balloon flights above mountain ranges by experimental physicists in past decades.

In 2015, the Centenary Year of Einstein's General Relativity, it is perhaps an opportune time to consider a center of excellence for physics and cosmology not too far away from Bretton Woods where the World Bank and IMF were conceived in 1945. After all, what is the worth of resources if not optimally utilized for advancement of science and technology, peace and human good, particularly in areas and vicinities where abundant synergies already existent. New Hampshire, being an important lung of New England in my opinion, can potentially generate New Physics. A lighter vein and alliteration on "New" apart, what is being alluded to is the host of universities dotted between Boston and Randolph, such as Harvard, Tufts, and Dartmouth, etc. Each one of these famous universities, apart from Brown University, have prestigious physics and astronomy faculties and might be only too glad to pitch in with their respective inputs to this prospective center in the mountains, I am sure.

So folks, corresponding to, say, the Aspen Center in Colorado for Physicists, perhaps we ought to have, another center of excellence for futuristic work on cosmology et al, in this 21st century, near old Bretton Woods. This could be an exalted (pardon the pun) "Think Tank" in the White Mountains, a befitting tribute commemorating Einstein's centenary in New England.

Note: The author, who does most of his writing in Randolph, NH spends part of his time in Arlington, Massachusetts close to his alma mater, Harvard University.

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Photo courtesy of Marie Beringer

Adirondack Shelter Receives Facelift

Marie and Bruce Beringer bought Sugar Plum Farm in 1969 from the parents of Heywood Alexander. The purchase included a lovely farmhouse and barn along with a large parcel of land. Snuggled on that land is an Adirondack shelter, built by the Alexanders sometime before 1960.

Heywood remembers family cookouts and sleep outs under the stars. His grandmother, Edith Hull, was often brought to the shelter to enjoy the mountain views.

Currently, Judy Owen of Randolph is refurbishing the shelter for Marie who hopes that her own grandchildren, as well as Randolph families, will enjoy its quiet solitude.

Fuller's Sugarhouse is Successful Bidder for Maple Tapping Lease

By Edith Tucker

David and Patti Fuller, Edith Tucker Photo

Fuller's Sugarhouse LLC of Lancaster was selected as the successful bidder on a publicly advertised 15-year lease for commercial maple tapping on up to 723 acres, now specifically designated for this purpose.

The Commission interviewed both outfits that submitted bids in response to a request for proposals at its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 7, 2015.

Fuller's Sugarhouse is co-owned by Dave and Patti Fuller, who have been producing N.H. maple syrup since 1973. "We currently have over 10,000 taps that are all on leased land," their proposal reads. "We currently have a lease on N.H. state land on Weeks State Park on Mt. Prospect and have been there for 18 years. Another lease on private has been running for 28 years."

They also pointed out that all of the maple syrup produced from this new operation would be processed and packaged in their Main Street facility in Lancaster.

Reached by phone later that week, Dave Fuller said, "We're very excited and pleased that the Randolph Forest Commission decided to entrust this new venture to us. We'll work hard not to disappoint the commissioners, townspeople, and everyone who made this locally controlled community asset a reality."

When Fuller was asked how many people would likely be hired as they begin to develop a sugarbush, he replied, "Near term, between four and six full-time jobs. As taps are added with future tree growth, more jobs would be added."

In addition to tending trees and operating the sugarhouse, once the maple season is complete Fuller's woods crew is busy installing tubing systems for other sugar makers. "We are currently working on the installation of a 25,000-tap operation, providing all the labor and expertise to ensure this new sugar maker is successful," Fuller explained in the proposal document.

Michael Farrell of Lake Placid, NY, operations director for the Venture Capital Firm, Adirondack Management, LLC, submitted the only other tapping lease bid proposal.

According to the times noted in the minutes, commission members discussed the pros and cons of the two bidders in a 45-minute executive session and then made their decision in open session. Three Commission members Doug Mayer, Mark Kelley, and alternate David Willcox, who was appointed that afternoon in Walter Graff's absence, voted "yes," and chairman John Scarinza abstained, presumably because he buys equipment from Fuller's for the maple operation that he and his wife Jenn Barton Scarinza run in town.

June Hammond Rowan Photo

Cherry Mountain Hike

Randolphians on Cherry Mountain, Columbus Day Weekend 2015.

Photo submitted by Sarah Gallop.

Conserving Special Places in Randolph

The Randolph Conservation Commission would like all those with an interest in preserving Randolph's special character and rural environment to know that the Commission has a dedicated fund for the purchase of parcels of land or conservation easements. These parcels would be of important ecological or scenic significance and would be protected through permanent conservation. The Randolph Conservation Fund has already received several contributions, some of them given in memory of people whom the donors especially wished to be remembered in this way. Please consider the Randolph Conservation Fund for your year-end tax deductible charitable contributions and in your estate plans. Donations should indicate they are for land purchase and can be sent to:

Randolph Conservation Commission Town Hall 130 Durand Road Randolph, NH 03593

Randolph Planning Board News

The Planning Board has completed a new Master Plan for Randolph. Its purpose is a guide for future development and for designing land use ordinances. The board anticipates that it will be finalized at the December meeting and then filed the next day with the Town Clerk. It will be available at the Selectmen's Office and added to the Town's web site. There will be a Public Hearing on January 7th.

Absentee Ballot Information from the Town Clerk

The form for an absentee ballot may be found as a link on the Town's website, www.randolph.nh.gov. Click on General Information – town clerk – absentee ballot applications

Mail/fax/or hand deliver the completed form to the Town Clerk, Anne Kenison at the Randolph Town Hall. Any ballot put in the mail drop box or slipped under the town clerk's door will not be accepted per state law. Hand delivered applications by actual requester or by spouse, sibling, child or parent of requester require a written signature at the clerk's office. Mondays 9-11am, Wednesdays 7- 9 pm. 466-5771

At the time of this publication the date has not been set for the primary which will take place in the early part of February. The polls will be open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Watch the *January Blizzard* for the listing and filing dates for Town Offices

HELP WITH CEMETERY GARDEN IN SPRING

Next spring and summer consider putting on your gardening gloves and help keep the town's new Hill Road Cemetery Garden blooming and beautiful! Volunteers are needed to help with seasonal weeding in the garden surrounding the flagpole. No prompting, no assigned tasks...just do what you are able and what you see needs to be done. Bring a friend or use it as a quiet getaway time. Call Karen Eitel at 466-5074 if you would like company.

From the Selectman's Office . . .

Road reconstruction on lower High Acres Road has been completed, and we are very happy with the results, and even more importantly, so are the homeowners on the road.

In other news, the town has completed its Emergency Operating Plan. This was a massive project to identify possible risks and develop plans for any possible contingency. It includes creating a list of possible resources in the event of emergency. We would like to thank all the townspeople who provided a list of bedding, cots, water, foodstuffs, equipment and volunteer time they would be willing to put at our disposal in times of need. This Plan took many months to prepare and involved the input of many people. We would like to thank them individually for taking the time to attend meetings and special trainings in order to make this a reality. In addition to the selectmen, we thank: Barbara Arnold, Kevin Rousseau, Alan Lowe, John Scarinza, Dana Horne, John McDowell, Bill Demers, Lucie Demers, Jon Martinson, Ian Dyer, Ray Cotnoir, Jerimiah McRae-Hawkins, Clover Koopman, Linda Dupont and Susan Ellis. Each of these people brought special skills to the table and vastly improved the quality of our plan. At this time, the Emergency Management Director is Ted Wier and Ray Cotnoir is his assistant. This position is best filled by someone off the select board, so if you are interested, please contact the selectman's office. In addition we have no active members of our Lifesquad, but our license is current through the end of the year. If you are interested in serving on Lifesquad, please contact us right away.

Permit applications are available via the website for building projects, driveways and signs. If you are starting any of these projects, consult the website or contact the selectman's office for applications. If you are unsure as to whether a permit is required, please ask. There is no fee for any routine permit.

In addition, if your address has changed, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. This information is needed for both the selectman's office and the town clerk. A change of address form can be found on the town's website. (Randolph.nh.gov)

It's December. Remember that PLOWS ARE OUT! Please be sure your vehicles are off the roads and parked clear of the road edge. In order to prevent any damage from the plow blade during snow removal it is necessary to keep vehicles out of its path during the winter months. This is particularly important if you are a summer resident up for a winter vacation in Randolph.

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Marion Lowe Horne

Photo and text by Edith Tucker

Dana Horne, second from left, of Gorham donated a charming portrait of his mother, Marion Lowe Horne, as a very young girl, The portrait was painted by well-known local artist Margaret H. Arnold, whose last name became Woodard following her marriage to Leroy Woodard.

Marion, the oldest child of Gordon and Norah Lowe of Randolph, was born on March 27, 1931, and died at the age of 73 on Oct. 1, 2004. She lived most of her life in the Gorham area and raised three sons, including Brad and Colin, also of Gorham. Marion worked sometimes at her parents' business, Lowe's Gas Station and Cabins that were started 100 years ago. Marion's brother, Vyron, lives in Jefferson; Alan, in Randolph. Her sister Carolyn Lowe Conway of Jefferson died on May 10 of this year.

The Randolph selectmen — John Turner, far left, Michele Cormier, and Ted Wier — gratefully accepted the gift at their Oct. 12, meeting. It now hangs in the office of the selectmen. The artist also painted portraits of two well-known local men in their older years: Laban Watson of Randolph and Louis F. Cutter of Salem, Mass. and Randolph.

Note: The portrait of Laban Watson is currently hanging in the White Mountain Room of the Randolph Library.

Christmas Eve in Randolph

By Barbara Arnold

At four PM on Christmas Eve, members of the Randolph Community have gathered at the Randolph Church for decades, no one is quite sure how long. Some folks remember attending the gathering during the mid-sixties; others remember the need to move it to the Grand View during the oil crisis of the seventies. Suffice it to say, it has been a source of holiday cheer and fellowship for around 50 years.

I can find no written history of this tradition. Joan Rising has been recording some of the details in a book at the church but the record is not complete. When I first came to live in Randolph full time, Bill Bradley and Hank Folsom were here and shared the duties of leading by alternating each year. By the early 2000's, Paula and Bill Bradley, who had become the organizers, were looking to relinquish their role because they were moving to Concord. Paula asked her nephew, Bill Arnold, to take over and Bill and I have been organizing it ever since. We strive to make it a welcoming, community event, reflective of the season. If you have any knowledge of previous services, please write them down and get them to me or drop them off at church that night.

The service starts at 4 PM and follows a simple format: an organist to provide accompaniment, a leader to steer the flow of the service, and 2 people to read Christmas passages from the Bible. Angela Brown has played the organ for several years. It is great to have her there, adapting to the requests, playing the church organ. Marie Beringer has added a children's component by asking the children in the church to come up front part way through to sing songs of the season that appeal to them such as *Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer* and *Jingle Bells.* The leader chooses the first carol of the evening and then takes requests from people attending while providing breaks for scripture readings and the children's portion. At 5 pm, the lights dim and everyone sings Silent Night before heading out of the church to their family and friends.

We are grateful for the support we receive to make this all possible; the people who say "yes" when asked to lead or read a passage, John Scarinza who has been plowing the parking lot for the past several years, Marie and others who help include the smaller children, Angela for always being there to provide the wonderful music and last but not least, the Randolph Church, the perfect setting.

Everyone is welcome; the church is often full, sometimes overflowing. There will be a donation plate available at the door for those who wish to contribute to the Randolph Church Benevolence Fund.

This year will be no different; members of the community will gather at the church at 4 PM, raise voices in songs of the season and go out into the silent night having shared a special hour with friends and family.

Barbara Arnold Photos

Randolph Remembers...

...Hershner Cross

As the December issue of the Mountain View goes to press, we have learned that Randolph Foundation and Town Benefactor, Hershner Cross passed away at Kendal in Hanover on Tuesday, November 24. He was 99 years old. His obituary, along with further information about the life of this inspirational and influential man will be submitted in the spring issue of The Mountain View.

The photo at right was taken by Edith Tucker in July of 2008, at the dedication of the Cross Meeting Room of the Randolph Town Hall.

...Kenneth W. Corrigan

Kenneth W. Corrigan, 83, of Randolph, NH, passed away on Thursday October 29, 2015 at the Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster, NH. He was born in Randolph, NH on March 12, 1932 the son of Agnes Corrigan and was a lifelong resident. He started working at the age of 14 for his grandfather Fred P. Corrigan and was the owner of Kenneth W. Corrigan Inc. construction business for 54 years. Prior to his marriage to Jeannette Kenison, they were best friends for 7 years. Kenneth was a member of Holy Family Church and also attended St. Agnes Church in Jefferson. He was also a member of the White Mountain Post #2520 VFW in Berlin, the Dupont-Holmes Post #82 American Legion in Gorham and he loved to play golf until illness forced him to stop. He was also the road agent in Randolph for many years.

Family includes his wife of 61 years, Jeannette (Kenison) Corrigan of Randolph, NH; his son Gary Corrigan and wife Paula of Gorham, NH; his grandchildren Lee Corrigan, Andrew J. Corrigan and wife Shelly, Megan Corrigan and Lynn Corrigan, all of Gorham, NH; great grandchildren Gavin, Ayden and Ethan; sister Carolyn Dube of Hooksett, NH; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a son Terry Corrigan and a grandson Ryan Corrigan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 7, at Holy Family Church in Gorham. Internment is in the Randolph Cemetery.

Plymouth State University's Class Visits Randolph Community Forest

By June Hammond Rowan, Department of Environmental Science & Policy, Plymouth State University

On October 16, 2015, students enrolled in my Land Conservation Techniques course at Plymouth State University visited the Randolph Community Forest. While students often learn about ecological principles of conservation in other courses, this class is designed to help students understand the many ways in which land can be conserved, the importance of good stewardship and management of conserved lands.

The field trip to the Randolph Community Forest provided students the opportunity to see a successful, locally owned, working forest. Forest Commissioner John Scarinza provided a tour starting at the Mt. Crescent parking area where we discussed the formation of the Randolph Community Forest, forest management, wildlife habitat, and recreation; a stop at the Farrar Farm to talk about the importance of wildlife corridors; and a drive out to Pond of Safety to gain appreciation for the size of the forest and to learn about partnerships with the White Mountain National Forest, Town of Jefferson, and Randolph Mountain Club. We also discussed the recent work of the Forest Commission to develop a plan for leasing sugar maples to be commercially tapped for sap, and John provided a tour of the Scarinza Sugarhouse and sugar bush to show students a modern maple sugar operation.

While our trip to the Randolph Community Forest exposed students to a large area of conserved land with good management, other field trips and guest speakers have demonstrated the many issues involved in land conservation. We have visited a conserved parcel of land in Sandwich where students heard from residents different interpretations of the conservation purpose and management ideas for the site. We took a trip to the WalMart and Tractor Supply stores in Plymouth, sites not typically thought of in connection with land conservation, to discuss conservation easements and stewardship on neighboring parcels acquired through wetland mitigation efforts. We have also spent time at the Squam Lakes Conservation Society headquarters to demonstrate the land conservation work that happens in the office. These trips were designed to show the complexities of conservation, but it was the Randolph Community Forest that best demonstrated a successful model of land conservation and management.

At the beginning of the term, most students did not realize that conserved lands can have multiple uses and that land requires management in order to ensure that conservation goals are met. In class we have discussed concepts of property and ownership, conservation easements and fee ownership, the organizations involved in land conservation, and the management of conserved lands. The field trip to Randolph gave the students a new understanding of the connections between the conservation goals, as stated in the conservation easement held by the State of New Hampshire on the Randolph Community Forest, and the work that goes into the stewardship of the Forest. They learned about wildlife habitat, forest harvesting, and the variety of recreation uses on the Forest. They gained insight about the need for maintaining roads and boundaries, as well as the cost of the construction of parking areas. Through discussions about sustainable forest harvesting and the new maple sugar initiative on the Randolph Community Forest, the class more fully understands the economic benefits the Forest provides to the community.

Students submitted papers summarizing their Randolph field trip and gave permission to share their comments. They described the formation of the Randolph Community Forest as "a fantastic example of a concerned community working together with the government to acquire and protect land for conservation purposes." They complimented Randolph for being "committed to preserving the forest for traditional uses that go back centuries and for sustainable timber farming" and for creating "a scenario where the forest is a self-funded investment for the town." A student commented that "the Randolph Community Forest has been a great success in achieving its goals and serving its purpose. It has benefited ecosystems, habitat, and species." The field trip "served as an enlightening first-hand view into forest management, community involvement, and the complex process of land acquisition for conservation purposes," and "…we were able to better understand the way that these types of forests are created, managed, and what benefits that they can provide."

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Many thanks go to John Scarinza for his time guiding the class around the Forest. The students commented that John was “an engaging and interesting guide” and his “insight and experience was greatly appreciated.” The visit to the Randolph Community Forest provided Plymouth State students with the chance to see firsthand a unique and successful model of land conservation and gain appreciation for the efforts to manage the resource. In the words of one student, “I developed a new understanding of the amount of work that goes into managing a forest like this. Originally I believed it was just managing the land to be sure no illegal timber cutting was going on, but now know the many different ways in which a forest of this size is kept producing timber while also be of value to community members and wildlife.”

David Forsyth completes the “Northeast 115”

By Edith Tucker

David Forsyth, a retired organic chemistry professor at Northeastern University, completed hiking all 115 of the 4000-footers in the Northeast on Tuesday, September 15, when he hiked up North Brother Mountain (4,151 feet), in Maine’s Baxter State Park. He had hiked Hamlin Peak (4,756) as number 114 the Saturday before. This achievement used to be called the “Northeast 111” before re-measurements changed the total number of 4,000-foot summits.

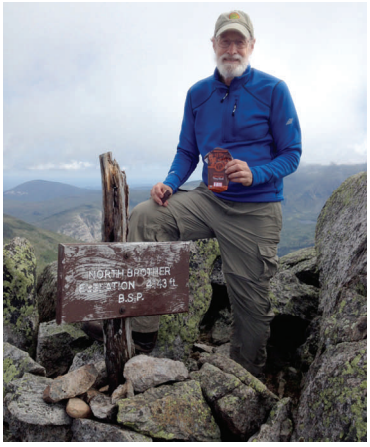
The North Brother Mountain hike finished a journey that David really didn’t realize he’d started when some 40 years ago, at 27 years old, he began teaching at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, after two years of postdoctoral research with the Nobel Prize winner George Olah. That was the year he began climbing what is now called the Adirondack 46 (ADK 46) High Peaks. Although the tradition is still to climb the original 46 peaks, more recent surveys indicate that four of them are actually lower than 4,000 feet, and another, MacNaughton Mountain, is actually right at 4,000 feet, although earlier measurements came in shorter.

“I wrote down at the back of the guidebook the exact date that I climbed each peak or series of peaks along with my hiking companions,” Forsyth recalled over dinner at Mountain Fire Pizza in Gorham.

After an enjoyable stint at Clarkson, Forsyth started his 32-year career at Northeastern University. Now based in Boston, he continued climbing with friends in the Adirondacks but also began to hike in the White Mountains and soon had climbed half of New Hampshire’s 48 Four Thousand Footers.

He and his wife Anne bought a cottage in 1986 that had been built some years earlier by Freeman Holden, one of Randolph’s carpenters who is still remembered for the excellent trout fly-fishing rods he crafted.

“But I really didn’t focus on the 48; why I probably climbed Madison nine times,” Forsyth said. “I did aim to climb all 48 by age 48, but had a couple left over when I hit that birthday. Later, after completing the list, I headed back to the Adirondacks and also did all five 4000-foot peaks in Vermont — Mansfield, Killington, Camel’s Hump, Ellen and Abraham. Along the way I climbed Old Speck, the closest 4000-footer in Maine. The effort was sporadic, but after finishing the ADK46 I climbed Slide Mountain and Hunter Mountain, the two Four Thousand Footers in the Catskills.”



Courtesy Photo

“I recently focused on hiking in Maine and was fortunate to find others interested in reaching those peaks,” he said, “including Randolph selectman Michele Cormier.”

“The climbing experience has changed over the years,” Forsyth noted. “Climbing gear — packs, boots, wicking polypropylene underwear, lightweight warm jackets – have changed the challenge. “I remember being soaked while wearing moisture-absorbing clothes years ago and then getting close to hypothermic from leading the way on a leafy rain-drenched trail and having to wait for those behind me to catch up,” he said. “The loan of a dry wool shirt saved me from a bad situation.”

Asked to list some of his favorite hiking spots, Forsyth identified both the Katahdin Knife Edge Trail in Baxter State Park and the Air Line, the shortest route to Mt. Adams from Route 2 in Randolph that ascends the Knife Edge, and the sharp crest of Durand Ridge that boasts marvelous views into King Ravine.

Now Forsyth is debating how best to stay physically active. He said, “I could decide to red-line all the trails in the ‘AMC White Mountain Guide’ or perhaps record seeing 300 bird species in one year.”

From The Randolph Library...

The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools.—Henry Beston

The Library has been slowly changing from summer cottons into its winter wools as well. We've said goodbye to many new friends and look forward to seeing them again next summer - in the meantime, there is still much going on! We wrapped up the fall with "Pinot & Poetry", featuring a visit from Ginger Beringer and her husband, poet & writer Ray Keifetz. Around 30 attendees enjoyed this evening of sharing and discussing old favorites and interesting new works, especially those offered by Mr. Keifetz. It was such a pleasure to have a gifted, original writer read his work for us and offer insights into his writing process as well. Very special thanks to Marie Beringer for her help in making this great event happen!

"*The library garden is beautiful from beginning to end! Thank-you, master gardeners, Yvonne, Larry and Nancy for this gift to the Randolph Community!" by Wendy Macdonald*

Upcoming activities at RPL:

In December, please join us for “Holiday/Winter Printmaking."

In January, we'll be spending an afternoon with "Coloring, Coffee and Cupcakes". Join us and experience the fun and relaxation of "Coloring Books for Grown-Ups".

Finally, February will feature "Fabulous Fashionistas", a three week series of documentaries about the fashion industry, in celebration of New York Fashion Week, Feb.11-18, 2016.

Be sure to watch for details, dates & times in the Blizzard and on the Library webpage, https://sites.google.com/site/randolphpubliclibrary130/home

Adult & Young Adult Fiction:
Everybody Rise, by Stephanie Clifford
Last Bus to Wisdom, by Ivan Doig
The Marriage of Opposites, by Alice Hoffman
Circling the Sun, by Paula McLain
The Martian, by Andy Weir
A Disobedient Girl, by Ru Freeman
The Red Queen, by Philippa Gregory
Mission to Paris, by Alan Furst
Career of Evil, by Robert Galbraith
Best Boy, by Eli Gottlieb
Fourth of July Creek, by Smith Henderson
Rogue Lawyer, by John Grisham
The Art of Fielding, by Chad Harbach
A Mango-Shaped Space, by Wendy Mass
Goodbye Stranger, by Rebecca Stead
The Road to Ramallah, by Randolph’s Alan Horton

Non-Fiction:
Crumb, Simple Pleasures of Baking, by R. Tandoh
Home Made Summer, Home Made Winter, both by Yvette Van Boven
The N.E. Soup Factory Cookbook, Marjorie Druker
The New Artisan Bread in Five Minutes, by Jeff Hertzberg
In the Evil Day: Violence Comes to One Small Town, by Richard Adams Cary

Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction:
How to Babysit a Grandma, and How to Babysit a Grandpa, by Jean Reagan
Here, There be Dragons by James A. Owen Boy & Bot, by Ame Dyckman
What Pet Should I Get? by Dr. Seuss
Oh My Gods: A Modern Retelling of Greek and Roman Myths, by Phillip Freeman
From the Baby Lit series of Board books, by Jennifer Adams:
The Jungle Book, An Animal Primer
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn: A Camping Primer
Moby Dick: An Ocean Primer
Romeo & Juliet: A Counting Primer

New to collection continued...

DVD:
Definitely, Maybe
A Town Like Alice
Life As We Know It
Flight 93
The Great Debaters
Monty Python's Holy Grail

Audio:
Still Life, The Cruelest Month, The Long Way Home, and The Nature of the Beast, all by Louise Penny
Enigma, by Robert Harris
The Priest's Madonna, by Amy Hassinger
Search for the Golden Moon Bear, by Sy Montgomery
..and many more!

"Frost Poetry Illustrated in Exhibit" will be on display at the Randolph Town Hall during the months of April and May, 2016.

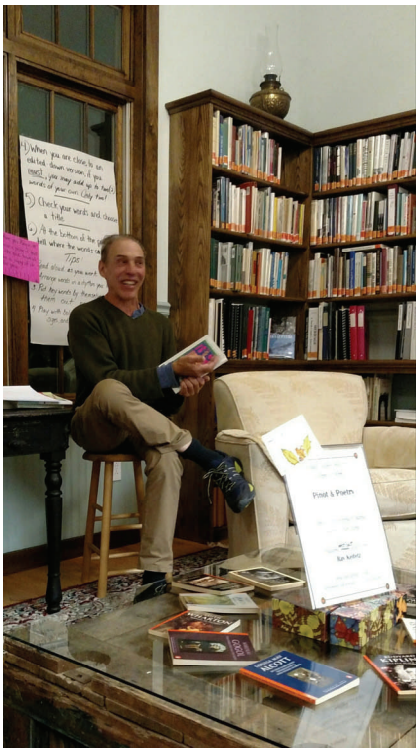
The Road Not Taken: Artistic Interpretations of the Poetry of Robert Frost

A collaboration of three New Hampshire artists that pays homage to Robert Frost will hang in the Randolph Town Hall during the months of April and May. The artists chose poems both ubiquitous and obscure and brought them to life through various mediums including pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics, and oils. This exhibit was first shown at the Derry Public Library in September of 2011, and has been touring the state since. Each of the nearly 30 original works of art is accompanied by the poetry that inspired the piece.

This is sponsored by the Randolph Library under the leadership of Nancy Penney who read about this event in a magazine this summer and then set about bringing it to Randolph.

Congratulations to Karen Eitel, winner of the **Friends of the Randolph Library Raffle Basket**.

Not to worry if you missed this opportunity. There will be another luscious filled basket raffled this summer.



Valerie Bailey Photos of "Pinot and Poetry" held at the Randolph Library during the fall of 2015.

Revision from the September, 2015 issue: *Beyond the Forest*, by Ann D. Stearns, is a novel about the troubles and triumphs of Eva Gunderson as she travels from the dark forests of Sweden to light, love and fulfillment in America. For over a dozen years Ann and her husband, George, have spent happy times at their house in Randolph, enjoying the beautiful scenery and fine restaurants in the area, often driving northward looking for moose and other wildlife to photograph. Ann has donated a copy of her book to the Randolph Library and suggests that "you pour yourself a cup of coffee, snuggle into a comfy chair and enjoy what lies Beyond the Forest".

Edith Tucker Photo, 2014

Randolph Celebrates the Holidays

Friday, 12/18/15 -Town Caroling Party, 6 PM at Coldbrook Lodge, off Durand Road, if caroling, 8 PM to join the festivities after caroling; bring a desert or an appetizer to share; if you wish to be caroled to contact Lauren or Dwight Bradley at 915-9087 or bradleyorchard2@gmail.com. Don't be shy, we need to have people to sing to! Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, 12/19/15 – Fire Association sponsored Children's Christmas Party starts at 6 PM at the Town Hall; If you have a child 12 or under and are planning on attending, please contact Barbara Arnold at 466-2438 or barnold@ne.rr.com, so Santa will be aware.

Thursday, 12/24/15 – Christmas Eve Carol Service, 4 PM, Randolph Church; all welcome.

Randolph Church Benevolence Committee

The Randolph Church is unique in many ways, but one of the most significant is the Benevolence Committee which uses donations from the Randolph Church community to support some of the important area non-profits serving the families and children of the North Country.

The Benevolence Committee was formally created in 1992 by Harriet Baldwin, Joan Horton and Bruce Weatherly. However, the Church actually began donating to local community non-profits in the mid 1980s. The purpose of these donations was to -

Support organizations that engage in direct human services

Serve people in the Berlin-Gorham area

Provide unrestricted support that would make a difference for the organization being funded

Since that time the Benevolence Committee has continued to provide support for and information about local non-profit agencies. These donations have proved invaluable to receiving organizations because the Benevolence funding is flexible and may be used to support individuals receiving service in ways that other funding cannot. In addition, the receiving organizations may use this funding as a "match" to leverage additional dollars from other funders.

Coos County is the largest, poorest and most rural county in NH. Coos has the highest rate of substance abuse, the highest rate of child maltreatment and the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the state. The county is further challenged by the lowest average weekly wage and the highest poverty rate for young children.

This year The Benevolence Committee donations will support The Family Resource Center, Northern Human Services-the Mental Health Center, Coos County Family Health Services and The Gorham Community Learning Center. Even though church services have ended for the year, the Benevolence Committee is still accepting donations. If you would like to make a yearend donation please make a check out to:

The Randolph Church-Benevolence C/O Anne Forsyth, Treasurer 170 Stratford St. West Roxbury, MA 02132

This is a place where your donation truly does make a difference.

What's Randolph Cooking?

With Wendy Macdonald

This is a must try recipe that Mark and I have been making exclusively for over a year. It's really over the top delicious for a special occasion like the holidays or for just a special moment in time.

A Most Delicious Pumpkin Pie Recipe-

Pie Crust

2 cups of flour of choice

¾ teaspoons of sea salt

1 tablespoon sugar

Stir dry ingredients until well combined and add:

1/3 cup sunflower oil

5 tablespoons ice water-mix liquids together

Pour into flour and lightly mix with a fork until flour is uniformly moist. Be careful not to over mix or the crust will be tough

Pie Filling- This is also delicious without a crust as a baked pudding

2 cups pumpkin puree

1cup light brown sugar

½ cup dark brown sugar

4 large eggs beaten

¾ Cup Half and Half

¼ cup Maple Syrup

2 tablespoons Bourbon (can be purchased in a single serving bottle of Makers Mark at liquor store)

1 tablespoon Pure Vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon ground Cinnamon plus extra for dusting top of pie

¼ teaspoon ground Ginger

¼ teaspoon grated fresh Nutmeg

¼ teaspoon ground Allspice

¼ teaspoon ground Cardamon

Whisk all ingredients together. Pour into pie shell. Dust top of shell with a little cinnamon.

Bake @425 degrees for 15 minutes

Lower oven temp to 350 degrees and bake 35-45 minutes or until middle of filling is set.

Make no substitutions or leave any ingredients out. This is a uniquely delicious experience.

Serve with or without freshly made whipped cream.

Randolph Carolers, 2014, Jenn Barton Scarinza Photo

Sugar Plum Fairies -Edith Tucker Photo, 2014

During this season of holidays, may you find time to enjoy life's simple blessings and the beauty of each quiet moment.

Karen Eitel
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