

Randolph Weekly



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www.randolph.nh.gov.

The Town Selectmen's Secretary, Linda Dupont, is at the town hall Mon.-Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tel: 466-5771. Email: selectmen@randolph.nh.gov. Selectmen meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, subject to change; call ahead.

Friday, July 25

Weeks State Park field trip to geological sites mentioned in previous evening's talk. 9 a.m. Weeks main entrance. Requires carpooling to various sites. Participants explore under the guidance of expert leaders in surface geology & glacial features of Weeks State Park & the nearby White Mountain region. Rain or shine. Trip will conclude by 2 p.m. Presentation team includes Woody Thompson, Dyke Eusden, Dick Boisvert, Wally Bothner, Thom Davis & Dave Govatski.

Saturday, July 26

The Library Book & Bake. Randolph town hall. 9 a.m. to noon. Contributions of produce or baked goods will be gratefully received around 8 a.m. This is the last fundraiser of the season for the Friends of the Randolph Library.

2014 RMC volunteer trail clearing work party. Four Soldiers Trail. See the RMC website for a description of trailblazing techniques. Volunteers should wear appropriate footwear & clothing you don't mind getting paint on. Bring basic trail-brushing tools. Meet at the Mt. Crescent Trailhead at 10:30 a.m. (to allow going to the book sale). Anyone interested can contact Chris Campbell at 207-356-1123 or campbell@maine.edu

Randolph Library open 10 a.m.-noon.

Lowes' Dance Around the Pumps. 7 p.m. (This is Christa Rousseau's 21st birthday)

Sunday, July 27

Randolph Church service. 10:30 a.m. Jeff Bean, Thomaston CT. Organist: Susan Ferre. 4:30 p.m. Congregational Evensong, led by Susan Ferre.

Monday, July 28

Town Clerk office open 9-11 a.m.

Randolph Library open 3-8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29

Trash pick-up. Trash must be bagged, preferably in closed-lid cans, & at the roadside by 7 a.m. Bears & crows are attracted to trash left out overnight.

RMC Trails & Tales Hike. Leaders: Mike Micucci & Judy Hudson. 466-5509 or abhudson@anthro.umass.edu. Visit trail crew, view their work on the Four Soldiers Trail from the Pond of Safety. Historical tales enroute. Continue up the Four Soldiers Trail to the (mostly overgrown) Eye of the Needle (1.9 mi) & Outlook (2.0) on the Northern Peaks. Return by the same route. Ascent: 600 ft. Rendezvous at Bowman parking on US 2 at 9 a.m. to create carpools. From Ingerson Road in Jefferson, we will drive 4.2 mi on the Stag Hollow Road over occasionally rough graveltrack; easily passable to SUV-type vehicles. Parking near the spur road to the Pond. Please get in touch with Judy Hudson if you're planning to come so there will be transport for everyone. Children & dogs must be accompanied by adults who are responsible for them.

Yoga. 5:20 p.m. Randolph town hall.

Ben Kilham presents *Secrets of Black Bear Society*. 7 p.m. Rocks Estate. Bethlehem. Fundraiser for The Rocks Estate education center. \$15. FMI www.therocks.org, 444-6228, or email info@therocks.org.

Wednesday, July 30

Randolph Library open 3-8 p.m.

Town Clerk's office open 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Randolph Library open 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Quilting & Craft group. Randolph town hall. 1-3 p.m. Everyone welcome. FMI: Rita Savage. 466-5565.

Berlin Local Works Farmers' Marketplace, Pleasant Street, Berlin. 3-7 p.m. Fresh, local vegetables, meat, eggs, bread, plants & more. Food, handmade crafts, soap, jewelry, & live music, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Weeks State Park program. *Chasing Ice*. 7 p.m. The Rialto Theater in Lancaster. Extreme Ice Survey, using time-lapse cameras to capture multi-year records of the world's changing glaciers. Tad Pfeffer, a team member of the *Chasing Ice* project, will introduce the film. Free.

Friday, August 1

Midlands Charade meeting. 5:30 p.m. Charlotte Winchell's house, 171 Randolph Hill Rd. FMI Charlotte at 466-5535 or Renee Dunham at 466-2105.

The Case of the Detective Who Refused to Die. 7 p.m. Randolph town hall. Ingrid Graff will give a presentation on Arthur Conan Doyle & Sherlock Holmes. Sponsored by NHHC.

COMING EVENTS:**Saturday, August 2**

Randolph Forest Day. 9 a.m. Randolph town hall. See attached informational sheet. Come prepared for walking on rough, but not rugged, terrain. Bring insect repellent & lunch. Children are welcome.

Gorham Congregational Church. 7:30 p.m. Peter Krasinski, organist, accompanies silent film, *Speedy*, with Harold Lloyd. First of three consecutive days of Krasinski organ concerts. Music in the Great North Woods Summer Series.

Over There!—The World War I Centenary in Song. 7:30 p.m. Jefferson Town Hall on Route 2. Presented by Benjamin Sears & Bradford Conner, with Cynthia Mork. Benefit for the Jefferson Historical Society. \$5 donation. Refreshments.

Sunday, August 3

Sherlock Holmes film. Randolph town hall. Pot-luck dessert at 6 p.m. Film at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Randolph Library.

Wednesday, August 6

RMC Gourmet Dinner at Libby's Bistro. Reservations required. \$35 per person at the door. Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. RSVP to Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu or Barb Phinney at cooper448@me.com. If you are interested in sponsoring a member of the trail crew or hut crew, please let Sarah or Barb know.

Thursday, August 7

RMC Gourmet Hike. Pine Mt. via Pine Mt. Road & Ledge Trail. Round trip: 3.5 mi. Easy climb with some steep sections. Elevation: 800 ft. Meet at Randolph East at 10 a.m. to arrange carpools to trailhead parking.

NOTICES

Early Randolph Weekly deadline for the weeks of August 1-August 7 & August 8-August 15. All copy for these dates must be in by 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. Please email all notices to mscott1@ne.rr.com. Reason: holiday schedule for 7th Street Graphics. Late copy will NOT be in the RW.

The RMC needs trip leaders. If you have a favorite trip you'd like to show others or appreciate the traditional RMC hikes & would be willing to lead a hike, contact Jeff Bean, 203-565-1597 or jeffbean3@yahoo.com

The Randolph art group has been meeting on Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. The place is flexible & so is the schedule. FMI call Roberta Arbree at 466-2765.

Forest Day 2014

Historic Structures Report on Levi Lowe House

(e.g. “Oldest house in Town”)

Inauguration Ceremony for Boothman Tract Parking Lot

And Trailhead

The Randolph Forest Day falls on Saturday, August 2nd this year. As usual, it will begin at 9:00 am in the Town Hall, where members of the Forest Commission and the Forestry Team will review and discuss the activities carried out on, and in connection with, the Forest during the last year.

One of those activities was the commissioning of an historic structures appraisal of the house on the Farrar Farm often referred to as the “oldest house in town.” Martha J. Cummings, historic preservation consultant, was engaged to undertake the work. She has now finished her report and copies are available in the library. While she recognizes that Silas Bumpus started clearing the land in 1790, her conclusion is that the “construction date of the house was late c. 1840s.” The full report will be presented and discussed during the review in the Town Hall at the start of the day.

Other matters of interest will be discussed. One involves the laying out of a permanent, marked trail to the crystal mine. It is hoped that such a trail, liable to be used by members of the public at any time, will further deter vandalism. A second is the start of talks among the Forest Commission, the University of New Hampshire (UNH,) the Coos County Conservation District (CCCD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for a joint experimental conservation project in the Israel’s River region of the Randolph Community Forest.

The Boothman Tract parking lot and trailhead, at the upper end of Randolph Hill Road was finally completed this year.

Around 10:30 am, at the conclusion of the discussion in the Town Hall, there will be a ceremony to inaugurate the new facility and to honor the Boothman sisters who have done so much to make it a reality.

After the ceremony, the tour will begin with a walk around the site, the new interpretive trail which is an integral part of it and a visit to the former “scar,” planned as a future sledding hill. There will be a discussion of various possibilities for the display of informational and educational materials relating to the Forest, and ideas from participants will be solicited. Options for the development of ancillary uses on the site will also be considered.

The tour will continue with stops to look at past timber harvest sites, regeneration activities and permanent openings created as part of the effort to improve wildlife habitat. The tour will conclude with a stop for lunch at the beaver ponds along the Jimtown Road. Unfinished discussions can be completed during lunch.

As always come prepared for walking on rough, but not rugged, terrain. Bring insect repellent and a lunch. Children are welcome and should particularly enjoy the interpretive trail.