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**ELECTIONS
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**Contributors:
Because of the
Thanksgiving Holiday,
the Submission
deadline
for the December Clarion
will be earlier than usual:
November 20**

Free Marketplace Enrollment Events

The 2015 Marketplace Open Enrollment begins November 15. The last day to enroll is February 15, and Monadnock ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center, in collaboration with community partners, is here to guide you through the process. Monadnock ServiceLink ADRC will hold a series of health insurance and enrollment events at Walpole Library.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday, November 15: 9AM to 1PM
Wednesday, December 3: 4 to 7PM
Wednesday, December 17: 4 to 7PM
Wednesday, January 7: 4 to 7PM
Wednesday, January 21: 4 to 7PM
Wednesday, February 3: 4 to 7PM

Certified Marketplace Assisters will be available at each event. Assisters are trained to answer questions and assist in the enrollment process. Assisters provide

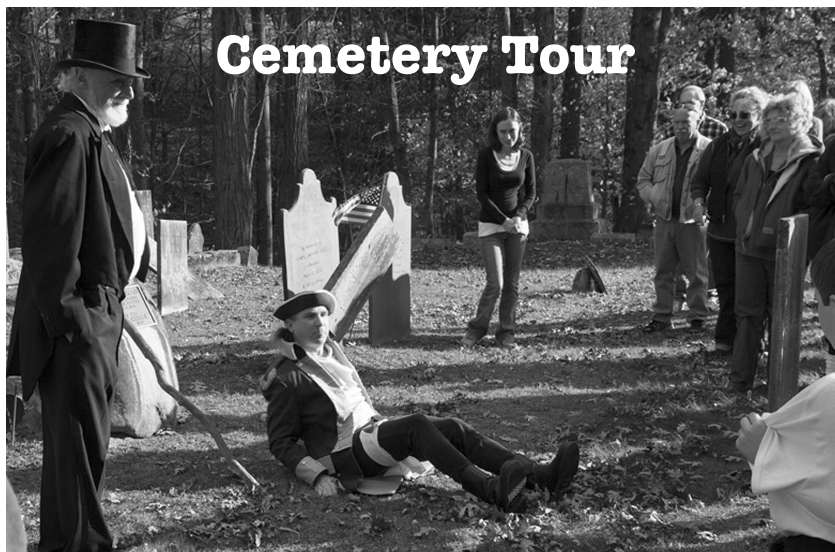
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Cemetery Tour

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The Historical Society's Cemetery Tour on the 25th was rewarded with a crisp Autumn afternoon and a substantial number of tourists. Above, Tour Guide Bill Perron and guests listen to Mike Delaney's narrative as Joseph Fay. Below, Carolyn Norback and Jim Baucom portray the Kilburns.



Remember...

This is a reminder from the Cemetery Committee that all pots and other decorations must be removed by November 1, as stated on the signs leading into the cemeteries. If you have not already done so, please remove them as soon as possible as it makes fall clean-up go much faster. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

— Pam Howard

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– Sharlene Beaudry

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Historical Society

Our village of Walpole will be bustling with activity on Saturday, November 22. This is the day we all get together and have our Bazaars, Fairs and special sales in preparation for the Holiday Season.

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– Sally McGaffigan

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Mike Abbott: I have spent thirty years of my life as a social studies teacher, coach and principal at Hinsdale High School. During the same period of time, I was actively involved with the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association where I served as Chairman of the Soccer Committee (15 years), member of the Executive Council (15 years) and President (1990-91). In all these positions, I tried to provide young people the opportunities to achieve their goals through their work ethic, demonstration of values and teamwork. I would hope to provide the same service to the constituents of Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Westmoreland and Walpole in the state legislature which some in the state government regard as "the forgotten corner of the state".



Paul Berch: As your State Representative, I have worked hard to create and maintain jobs, increase attention to our infrastructure needs, and protect our most vulnerable citizens. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules, I have assisted the implementation of mental health and drug courts, as well as cost-saving efforts in the processing of cases through our court system. I sought public office because the divisiveness in Concord was harmful to our communities. My background has been in public service – as a lawyer for low income adults and children in need, acting judge and advocate for the elderly. Much progress has been made over the past two years, resulting in a bi-partisan budget and the passage of health care legislation that has already made a deep and positive impact on the lives of so many of our neighbors and friends. There is more to be done – and if we try to solve problems by working with each other and listening to each other, we can continue moving forward. I can be reached at my home in Westmoreland at 399-4960 or pberch@myfairpoint.net.

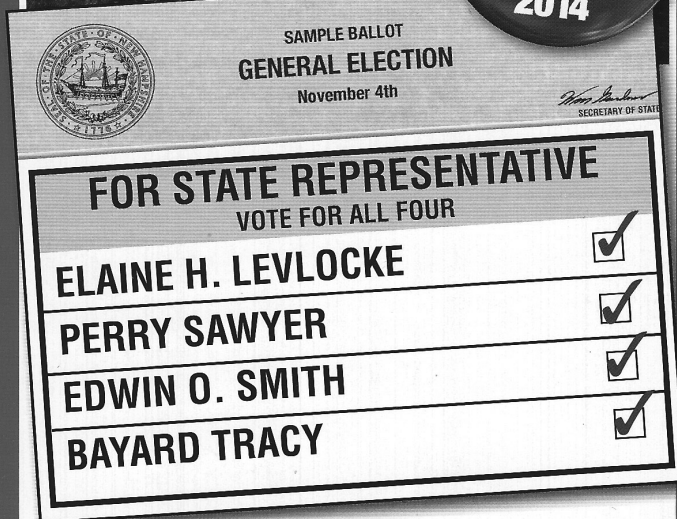


Tara Sad: Since my husband and I moved to Walpole almost twenty-five years ago, I have found friends, happiness and a deep sense of community - one that I feel deserves my time and energy. I serve on the boards of the Walpole Historical Society, the Walpole Players, the Grange and the town Energy Committee, as well as chairing the County Farm Committee and serving on the Executive Committee of the County Delegation. For the past eight years, I have been honored to serve my constituents in the House of Representatives, during which time I served as Chair or Ranking Minority Member of the Environment & Agriculture. I work with members on both sides of the aisle to do what is best of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire. I look forward to once again representing Cheshire 01 in Concord. If you have questions for me, call 756-4861, or e-mail: tara.eric@gmail.com.



Lucy McVitty Weber: I have been honored to serve four terms in the Legislature, serving on the Judiciary Committee, and chairing the Committees on Legislative Administration and Executive Departments & Administration. My background is equally varied: I taught in the Lebanon NH school district and was elected president of the Lebanon Education Association. As an attorney in Brattleboro VT, I addressed the legal issues that come with aging. My family and I ran the Walpole Inn until 2006. Being a representative is about bringing people together and solving problems, I have worked to keep and create jobs, for better wages, and for better funding for education at all levels, I have fought for the rights of individuals – to keep the state from intruding into private medical decisions, and to pass marriage equality. As former Chair of the Cheshire County Delegation, I worked with members of both parties to hold the line on county taxes while maintaining services. Please contact me at 756-4338 or lwmcv@comcast.net if I can be of service.

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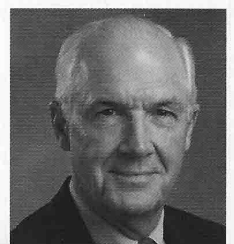
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The Mistletoe Mart has been in existence for more than 60 years. Workshops are held weekly to work on various projects to insure that there will be an abundant array of items available for your shopping pleasure. Tree skirts, ornaments, centerpieces, table runners, aprons, placemats, and knitted goods are just a few of the articles you will find. We also have a pet lover's table and many white elephants. Do your shopping and enjoy a delicious luncheon served from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Coffee time, luncheon, candy, baked goods, crafts, white elephants, gifts and trims. The Mart is handicap accessible.

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Mistletoe Mart

Walpole Holiday Fête

The Walpole Farmers Market (WFM) is holding a special market on the Saturday before Thanksgiving so customers can stock up on local ingredients for their holiday meal. The market will be on November 22 from 9 AM to 2 PM on the Walpole Town Common.

This market is part of a multi-venue Holiday Fête in Walpole. St. John's Episcopal Church's "Christmas on the Green" holiday bazaar and the First Congregational Church's "Mistletoe Mart" both run during the same hours at the respective churches. This year, The Orchard School's 18th Annual Craft Fair and Cafe will also be held on the same day, from 9:30 AM to 4 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. All four venues are within an easy walk of each other.

The Fête is a great way to kick off holiday shopping. The WFM vendors will be selling a variety of basic ingredients including meat, bread, cheese, vegetables and maple products for Thanksgiving dinner, as well as Balsam greens to pretty up the home. All four venues will offer baked goods, and gifts to begin preparations for the December holidays. A number of the WFM's craft vendors will be found inside the Town Hall as part of the Orchard School Fair. A warm drink and lunch will be available at both the Mistletoe Mart and the Orchard School Fair.

The WFM can now process credit, debit and EBT cards. At the special Thanksgiving Market, the first 10 SNAP customers will receive double the value of their EBT up to \$15.

The WFM's December holidays market will be held December 14 from 11 AM to 2 PM in the Town Hall.

Winter markets are all held in the Town Hall from 11 AM to 1 PM. Most winter markets will be on the third Saturday of the month. The exception is March, when Town Meeting is on the third Saturday in the Town Hall. The March market will be on the fifth Saturday in March. The dates are: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 29, and Apr 19.

For more information, see the WFM website (walpolefarmersmarket.com); look up the market on Facebook; email jill@walpolefarmersmarket.com, or call 756-3168.

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A Christmas Carol

Open Auditions

For the seventh consecutive year, the Walpole Players will present Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, as its gift to the community. This year's performances are December 10, 11, 12, and 13, in The Helen Miller Theater at the Walpole Town Hall.

Open auditions will be held Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7 at 6 PM in the Theater. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 9. The complete four week rehearsal schedule leading up to production week can be found at the "Players" website – www.thewalpoleplayers.org. With a cast and crew numbering more than fifty, all are invited to audition. Children through seniors are needed.

In the keeping with the Christmas spirit, as learned by Ebenezer Scrooge, the performances will again be held to benefit area food banks. Cash donations in the first six years of The Walpole Players'

A toast for Ebenezer in the 2013 production



production of *A Christmas Carol*, thanks to everyone's generosity, have exceeded \$20,000 cash for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf in New Hampshire and Our Place Drop-In Center in Bellows Falls, Vermont. 100% of the donations at the door go to these needy organizations. All expenses for the production are donated by The Walpole Players. For further information call: Ray Boas, 756-4545, or Tara Sad, 756-4861.

– Ray Boas

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Friday: 1:00 - 6 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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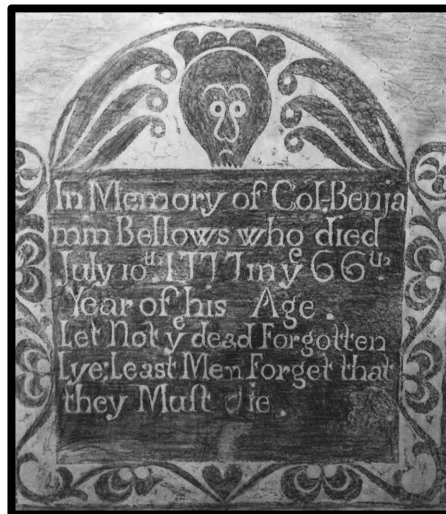
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Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will meet for a potluck lunch at the Congregational Church on the Walpole Common at noon on Monday, November 17. Everyone is asked to bring a contribution for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, and a dish to share. All Drewsville, North Walpole and Walpole Seniors are welcome. Come for fun and good socialization. Ray Boas will share insights into the preparation of his book about Walpole. Sign-up sheets for the December events will be available. Please contact Jeanne A Jeffries at 756-2933 for more information.

— Jeanne A Jeffries

Genealogy Workshop

The Walpole Historical Society will sponsor another free Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, November 8, from 10AM -12 NOON. We welcome beginners as well as experienced persons. Hints regarding research sources as well as stone walls will be shared. Call for reservations at 756-2933. More information can be found on the Walpole Historical Society website: walpolehistory.org. All sessions are oriented to the needs of the participants.

— Jeanne A Jeffries

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Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

...snow once fell in Walpole

in June, with a mean temperature of about 43 degrees during the summer of 1816? August of that year was the only month without a frost. 1816 became known as the "Year Without a Summer" and was often called the "Poverty Year." More than eighty percent of New Hampshire's nearly 70,000 residents lived in rural areas engaged in subsistence agriculture. Major food shortages ranged across the Northern Hemisphere, and also affected Walpole.

Compared with other areas, hunger was not as severe in Walpole -- as documented by two events. In 1814, Josiah Bellows 2nd and David Stone bought a thousand acres in Boggy Meadow on speculation. The timber was cut and readily marketed in Hartford, Connecticut. With the land cleared, the men were able to sow the land with winter rye in the fall of 1815 - the largest field of grain ever seen in town. It was this heavy crop of grain that saved Walpole's citizens from partial famine when corn crops failed due to the cold of 1816.

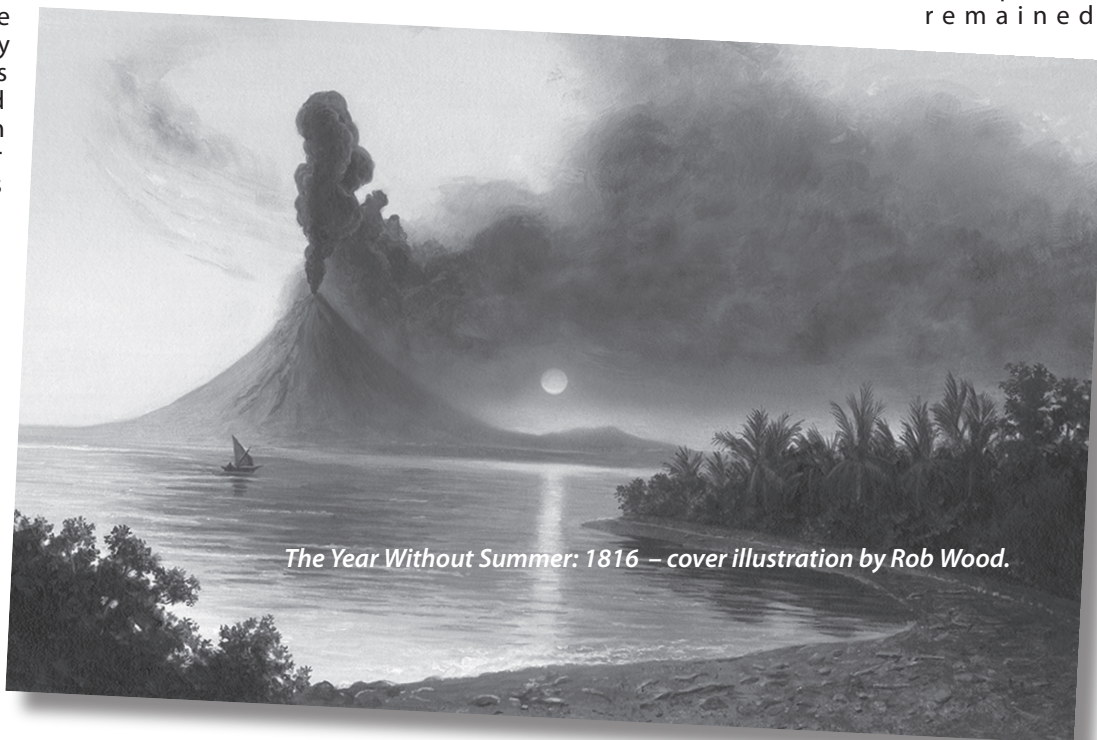
The second event was that Thomas Bellows (son of Benjamin Bellows), then-owner of the old Bellows Homestead, did have a good corn crop. In fact, he had more produce and corn than he could use, and he decided to sell his surplus in small quantities to neighboring families. Furthermore, he did this at the previous year's prices -- not marking up because of the shortage of food. It is reported that a speculator called on Bellows inquiring as to the price of his corn, and was surprised to be told the price was the same as when there was plenty available. The speculator quickly said he would take all the corn Bellows had. "You cannot have it," Bellows replied. "If you want a bushel for your family, you can have it at my price but no man can buy of me to speculate in this year of scarcity."

What caused this unusual climatic aberration? There were many theories flying around the world in 1816 and thereafter. But as science and an understanding of our earth progressed, the primary cause became known. It was the April 5, 1815, initial volcanic eruption

of Mount Tambora, an Indonesian island. Five days later, a second, larger eruption occurred, the largest in more than 1,300 years. Lava consumed the mountain, pumice stone was raining everywhere, and ash and dust

moving east to west and covering the globe in weeks at equatorial latitudes. The cloud probably reached the poles within two months.

If those droplets had formed in the lower atmosphere they would have been caught in rain clouds and cleansed from the sky in a relatively short time. But in the higher atmosphere they remained aloft, blocking out the sun and affecting weather around the earth. The particles remained



The Year Without Summer: 1816 – cover illustration by Rob Wood.

exploded into the atmosphere throwing the area into darkness.

Unlike in other volcanic eruptions, Mount Tambora's volcanic dust and ash soared through the lower parts of the atmosphere twenty miles into the stratosphere. There various chemicals combined to form more than 100 million tons of sulfuric acid, which was suspended in an aerosol cloud. Stratospheric winds pushed the cloud at sixty miles per hour

for years until slowly pulled away by gravity. In 1816, however, the earth and Walpole were covered by this veil of ash that destroyed weather patterns, reflected sunlight and caused the cool temperatures. So, before you complain about another cold winter, remember what your ancestors endured during the summer of 1816.

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St. John's

Holiday Fair

St John's Episcopal Church will hold its Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 22, from 9 AM – 2 PM. This year's fair will include St John's famous Cookie Walk, featuring dozens and dozens of home-baked cookies. The Holly and the Ivy table will have wreaths, swags and centerpiece decorations. The Harvest Home table will have pies (perfect for Thanksgiving!), muffins, tea breads, chocolate-covered pretzels, fudge, novelty Christmas treats, and delicious jams and pickles made with produce harvested from local gardens. Beautiful ornaments and Christmas decorations (including hand-painted sled ornaments which can be personalized with names while you shop) will be for sale at the Deck the Halls table. The lunch menu will include several choices, including hotdogs and chips, bowls of chili with tortilla chips, or slices of quiche with side salads. St John's is located at the corner of Westminster and Elm Streets, opposite the Town Hall. Come out and join in the festivities on November 22!

Youth Group

The Walpole Youth Group is meeting on Sunday, November 2, at St John's Church, and on Sunday, November 16, at First Congregational Church. Meetings are 6 - 7:30 p.m. We play silly games (ever played ping-pong without paddles, but using your breath to move the ping-pong ball? It's wild!), have meaningful faith discussions, and work on different projects. In November, the WYG will be working on the annual Giving Tree project. All youth in fifth through twelfth grades are invited to participate. If you have questions, please call Susan Kershaw at 756-2962.

The WYG is sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church and the First Congregational Church, UCC.

– Susan Kershaw



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to the food shelf. As Christians we are called to care for the hungry, poor, the widow and anyone who is in need. While charity does not solve the root problem, it is part of the solution until a systemic answer can be found. Collection dates and specific requests follow; thank you for your anticipated generosity.

- November 2: Cranberry sauce
- November 9: Pie filling and Crust mix
- November 16: Checks for Turkeys

(The first four collection dates in October accepted fruit juice, instant mashed potatoes and/or canned sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, and stuffing mix.)

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– C. S. Lewis

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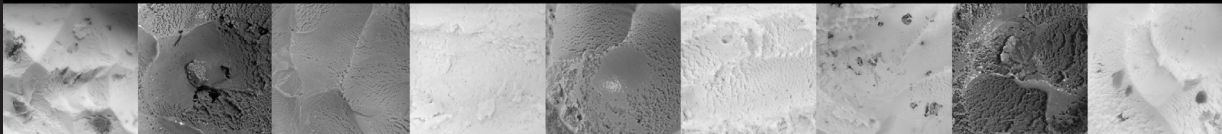
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Hooper Institute

Good news! Seeds were planted by sixth graders in the high tunnel at the Walpole Elementary School in early September. Forty days later we are beginning to harvest "winter greens" for the school cafeteria. If you are interested in learning more about winter greens and high tunnels, you are invited to an open house of the Hooper High Tunnel. Join us Saturday, November 15, anytime between nine in the morning and noon at the Walpole Elementary School. Eloise Clark, Hooper Institute Director, will be available to answer questions about the construction and maintenance of this high tunnel-style greenhouse.

While it may seem odd or unseasonable to be offering a gardening program in November, this is our second winter of growing greens. Last year we had successful harvesting until early January. In early March, plants that had hunkered down for January and February began to sprout new leaves. Those same plants produced fresh greens throughout the spring.

Please join us to learn how a high tunnel differs from a conventional

greenhouse. What kind of crops can be grown in the high tunnel? What are the considerations for the placement of a high tunnel? What are the costs? This high tunnel was funded through a grant from the Cheshire County Conservation District, the local face of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The grant was awarded in 2013. Site planning and construction help came from several school and community resources, including enthusiastic junior high students. Plan to join us for some leaf-tasting! Hand-outs will be available. For further information, please contact the Hooper Institute at 756-4382 or HOOPERINSTITUTE@myfairpoint.net.

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Consumers must enroll before December 15 to be effectively covered before January 1, 2015. Enrollment can be completed by the consumer at www.healthcare.gov. If assistance is needed, please contact ServiceLink ADRC at 1-866-634-9412, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England at 1-866-476-1321, or Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene at 1-603-354-5454 ext. 2137.

— Shanda Donovan

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Walpole Artisans

Meet The Makers

12th Annual Walpole Artisan Event

Meet The Makers is coming up on the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving. This special event will take place at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, where each of over a dozen Walpole Artisans will be working and displaying their unique talents.

See Chris Sherwin inflate molten glass, magically transforming it into one of his signature blown glass blue birds, cardinals or snowmen. Ask David Howell to paint your portrait or look over jeweler Andrea Slayton Lorette's shoulder as the world of nature is recreated in precious metal. If woodworking fascinates you, Jeff Lessels, Randy Hicks and Jim Lorette will be demonstrating the techniques that make theirs unique.

Meet The Makers is more than just an opportunity to purchase handcrafted items; it will afford visitors time to talk to the artisans and watch them work. Loribeth Robare and Deb Dupell, two fiber artists, will be on hand with an invitation to enjoy the processes of weaving, sewing, and repurposing vintage fabrics. Landscape artist Donna Lund will be working with pastels or watercolors, and at the same time jeweler Mary Anne Knapp will be showing you the steps she goes through with polymer clay and beads. If welding intrigues you, Bob Taylor will be happy to explain how he makes those oversized mastodons and yard size sculptures.

This special event is happening Thanksgiving Weekend at Sherwin Art Glass, 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls VT. The artisans will be working and displaying their art on Saturday, November 29 from 10 AM until 5 PM and Sunday, November 30 from 11 AM until 4 PM. In prior years a "tour" format guided visitors to various studios; this year the artisans decided to group together in one location. In addition the three day (Friday-Sunday) venue has changed to a two day event, Saturday and Sunday.... more time for visitors and artisans to enjoy the company of family the day after Thanksgiving.

Walpole Artisans are part of a large population of craftspeople in our area who strive to create, to express their individuality and spirit and then to present the fruits of their labor. The event will give the public a glimpse into the word of art in its formative stages. In addition the personal experience of meeting the artisans and watching them



A sampling of the Artisans' work

PHOTOS PROVIDED



work will add an extra measure of value to the art you purchase for yourself or give as a gift.

Meet The Makers brochures are available now throughout the local area as well as in the retail shop where all of the members of the Walpole Artisans Cooperative are represented. From pottery, fibers, glass, basketry and jewelry to handcrafted furniture and accessories, beautiful photography, watercolors, oils, pastels and acrylics, as well as welded sculpture, there is something for everyone.

A visit to the shop at 52 Main Street, Walpole NH, is a unique experience for local patrons as well as visitors to the area. The shop is open 6 days a week, Monday 11 - 2:30, Wednesday - Saturday, 10-5 (closed on Tuesday) and 11-4 on Sunday.

- Carolyn Kemp



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Horse Thieves

135 members and guests of the Walpole Horse Thieves attended the 2014 Biennial Banquet held at Alyson's Banquet Facilities on September 23.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this such a huge success. I especially thank the donors of food and the workers who prepared it: Sue Jasse, for making the facilities available; Bob Kimball, for helping cook and preparing the meal; Alyson's, for the donation of squash and cider; Homestead, for the donation of vegetables; Gwen Yardley, for her homemade rolls; all the pie-makers (23 in all); Lewis LaClair, for his help in making this happen; the potato peelers (now I know why banquets use rice!); Dave Westover and Sheldon Sawyer, for the potatoes; Crescent Farm, for the Cabot butter and maple syrup; and Fred Dill, for ice cream from Carol's Scoop Shop.

A special thanks goes to Walpole's

Great River 4-H Club and Pinnacleview 4-H Club for setting, serving, and cleaning for the banquet. For their hard work, the Horse Thieves Society made a \$500 donation to them.

All in all, it was a great success and we look forward to our 200th celebration in two years.

— Sheldon Sawyer, Sr.

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The Walpole Village School's third annual Spooktacula came and went with a bang this year. Fun was had by all who attended the event. Spooktacula is the largest fundraiser of the year for the non-profit preschool, and the staff and board thank the community of Walpole for its continued support.

This year the board and staff went above and beyond to transform the post & beam school building into a spooky village with numerous activities, games and entertainment for children and their caregivers throughout the day. At night, the space is further "spookified" to make way for an adult costume party and dance with games, prizes, a psychic medium, silent auction and much more. If you didn't have a chance to make it this year, start planning for next year, as Spooktacula is quickly becoming The Event to attend.

The Walpole Village School has fundraisers throughout the year and relies on donations from the community to keep the programs running. Please save the date for the upcoming Sugarplum Shop on November 22 and shop for a good cause.

– Caitlin Caserta



Smiles and facepaint and more than a little candy and other goodies were in evidence at the Spooktacula daytime event.



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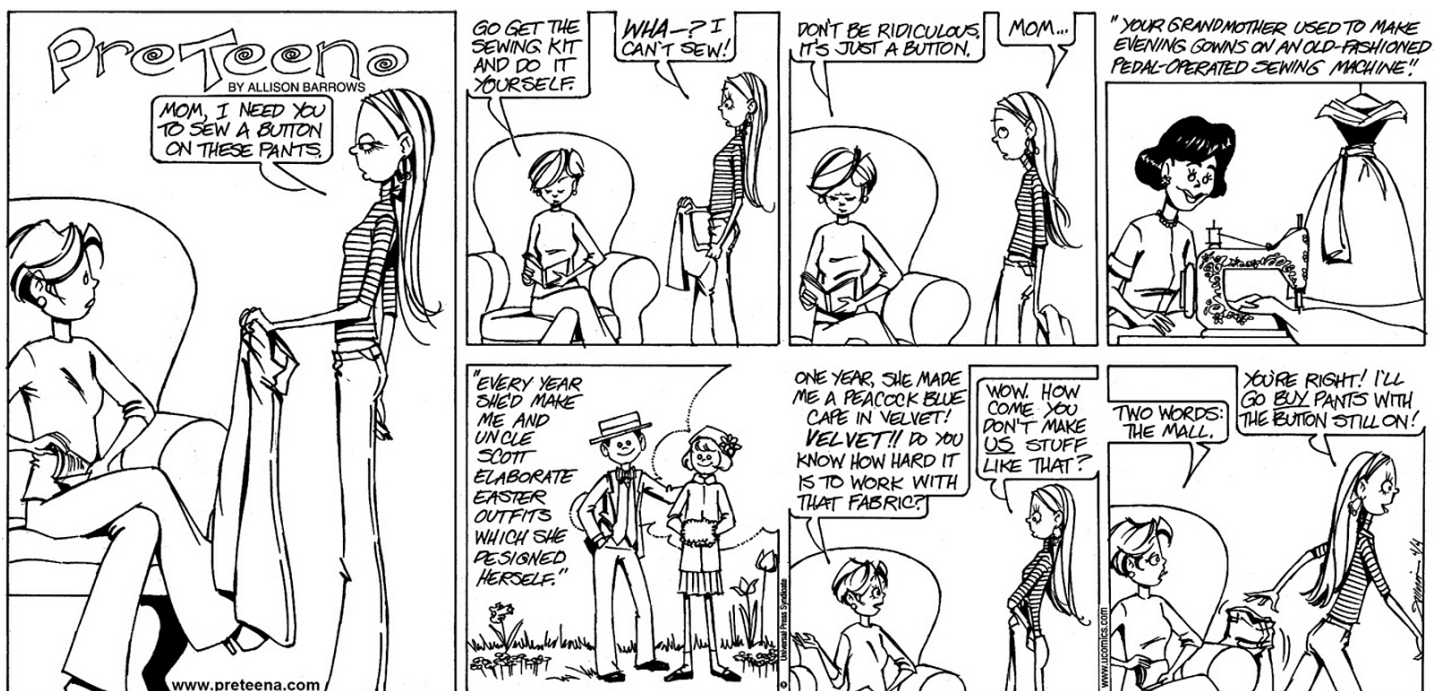
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— Boris Karloff



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Clark-Mortenson Insurance was selected based on a photo and application demonstrating how agency volunteers make more happen for Meeting Waters YMCA, which helps strengthen the foundations of community in 39 towns in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Meeting Waters YMCA was selected through Clark-Mortenson's Charity of Choice program. Each year, Clark-Mortenson employees nominate a charity to support by volunteering time and fundraising throughout the year. Clark-Mortenson has helped the YMCA by providing supplies, volunteer hours, marketing support, and PR through its social media platforms, print newsletters and website.

Throughout this past year, Clark-Mortenson held a company-wide drive to gather arts and craft supplies as well as sports equipment for donation, contributed funds to help repaint the childcare transportation bus, and also recently completed a successful Facebook "like" campaign with other local businesses where they donated \$1 to the Y for every "like" their page received. Furthermore, Clark-Mortenson offered graphic design support by helping to put together a newsletter, as well as marketing support by sharing Facebook posts and Tweets about events. Employees have also used personal time to help clean up the YMCA's camp to prepare it for the summer season.

"We are so grateful for all that the amazing people at Clark-Mortenson have done for us throughout the year," said

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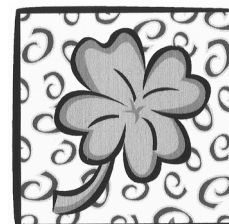
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There are some things a person needs to know. For example, Americans generate 4.38 lbs of trash per person, per day! Of which they recycle or compost 1.51 lbs. That's a lot of trash. But, big question: where does the missing 2.87 lbs per person per day go? Think yellow bags, then landfills.

California has done it again. The state just banned the use of plastic bags, the first such move in America, though not a novelty in other parts of the world. Why would Californians do a thing like that? A plastic bag has an average life usage of about 20 minutes, store-to-home. The average length of time it takes for a plastic bag to breakdown is about 1000 years.

According to the Wall Street Journal, "The US goes through about 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually" which amounts to "an estimated 12 million barrels of oil". That's a lot bags and a lot of oil. Maybe re-usable shopping bags are good idea.

And how is the recycling effort going here in hometown Walpole? This year is shaping up to be a very average year in both expenses and income. Total expenses to run the Walpole Recycling Center for the year are about \$320,000 (labor, equipment, facilities, processing recyclables, get rid of the yellow bags, etc....). But, because we recycle, the town "earns" about \$180,000 per year in recycled materials. So about 2/3 of our trash expenses are recovered by minimizing our use of those yellow trash bags.

This spring the Recycling Center will once again be selling screened compost, of which they expect to have about 120 cubic yards. The cost will be about \$10 for a small pick-up load and about \$20 for a large pick-up load. The Center does donate free compost to schools and community gardens.

As a last note, Tom Fitzgerald has just retired from the Recycle Center this October. Tom, the main man on the baler as well as on many other miscellaneous tasks, has been with the Recycle Center since 2007. From all of us Walpoleans, a collective, "Thank you, Tom, for all your years of service, and we wish you the best as you enter a new phase in your life."

– Joe Beer

MILESTONES

Passed: Neil Swift

October 12

Wed: Bridget Corey & Christopher Rolfs

July 12



Ann and Steve Corey, Sr. of Walpole, NH and Paula and Jeff Rolfs of Fremont, NH are pleased to announce the marriage of their children Bridget Corey and Christopher Rolfs on July 12th, 2014 at the Ascutney Mountain Resort in Brownsville, VT. The ceremony was performed by their friend Bluto Hamilton of Denver, CO. Matron of honor was Kayla Coleman and Best Man was Jeff Champagne. Other members of the wedding party were Carolyn Carr, Cara Schacher, Meghan Hoyt, Katie Rolfs, Steven Corey, Joe Corey, and Ben Miller. Flower girls were Ella and Oprea Coleman. After a trip to Maine the couple returned to their residence in Boulder, Colorado.



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– Andrew Carnegie



Chickens on the Loose

5K Run-Walk Attracts Hundreds

The streets of Walpole were overrun with “chickens” Saturday the 25th, when the Walpole Schools held their *Chickens on the Loose* 5K. More than 250 race participants and their families attended the race and family barbeque to support this Walpole Parent Teacher Group fundraiser.

It was great to see community members out on the course cheering on people of all ages as they raced through town. Many thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, families, and community members for participating in this wonderful event. We would like to give a special thank-you to our local fire and police departments which donated services and assistance on and off the racecourse for free.

Race volunteers spent many hours preparing, and the Walpole community showed their appreciation for this event in so many ways through their participation in the 5K race, attending the barbeque, and selling and purchasing raffle tickets. Money raised from this event will be used to help with school programming, field trips, class projects, and so much more.

– Amanda Kinson



Thirteen-year-old Simon Swartout enjoys a healthy lead on North Main... he finished first in 21:41. Jerry McDougal and Brian Pickering placed second and third.

*If you want to stay young-looking,
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– Dick Clark



Walkers (and some riders) toured the village; then enjoyed a well-earned barbeque afterwards.



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Back to the WPA

WPA Prints Installed at Popolo Restaurant

This week, Popolo, in Bellows Falls, VT, installed two massive re-creations of the historic murals, *Haying*, and *Sugaring Off*, both painted by Philip Von Saltza in 1939 under the auspices of the Federal Government and paid for by the Department of the Treasury. The original Vermont scenes hang in the Custom House in St. Albans, VT.

Under Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, the Federal government budgeted more than a hundred million dollars between 1935 and 1943 and created more than 200,000 individual works of art under the Federal Arts Program. The program not only hired hundreds of unemployed artists but also created a legacy of publicly-owned works that ennobled the human spirit during the Great Depression and continue to do so today.

The artist, Philip Von Saltza, had several careers but his work as a painter and muralist has lasting consequence. Born in 1885 with a lineage of Swedish royalty, Von Saltza and his parents immigrated to the United States when his father accepted a teaching position at the Fine Arts Museum in St. Louis. Soon they moved to New York City so the patriarch could begin a career teaching portraiture at Columbia. The younger Von Saltza enrolled at the university where he received his degree in mining engineering. However, after some years at mines in Oregon and Colorado he realized his calling was in the visual arts.

Most of the Federal Arts Program works were commissioned by competition; Von Saltza won several commissions including the famous *First Flight of the Wright Brothers At Kittyhawk* that hangs in North Carolina.

Folks at Popolo began the effort to acquire these prints in 2012. A plan to photograph the murals in St. Albans was developed but the federal building that houses the originals recently had fallen under the auspices of Homeland Security. The department's protocols made it nearly impossible to proceed with the plan. Many calls were made to government agencies, most notably the General Services Administration, which owns the murals and was extraordinarily helpful but could not supersede the security regulations of Homeland Security.

Miraculously, two medium-resolution images of the works showed up on the Library of Congress website. These images are public domain and, after some up-sampling, became usable files for the creation of the wall-sized images now at Popolo.

Photos of the murals can be seen on Popolo's website at www.popolomeanspeople.com. To see them in place at Popolo, make reservations by telephone at 802-460-7676 or just come in for dinner. For more information contact info@popolo.us.

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From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

To quote an almost famous mystery writer, Snoopy, "It was a dark and stormy night." It was a dark and stormy night that turned out spooky but in a nice way.

October 16, 2014 was a rainy day with a forecast of heavy rains and winds in the evening. We arrived at the Walpole Town Hall just a little prior to 6:00 PM. We were greeted by a lovely lady (Bert) who offered us a glass of wine. As the glass touched my lips, the entire hall was pitched into total darkness. Was this a sign that I should not drink? I hope not because I downed the entire glass in one gulp.

The lights flickered off and on for a few minutes and finally stayed on, except for in the kitchen. Fortunately, the stoves and ovens continued to work but no lights came on by which to see, which caused a little delay in serving dinner. The good news was that it gave us more time for appetizers

and, of course, more wine.

The delay also allowed time for the introduction of the volunteers and staff along with some personal comments. The lights flickered again a few times as if some greater power was trying to indicate that the speeches should be cut shorter. Finally, the caterer, Jamie Teague, announced that dinner was ready -- buffet style. As people approached the serving tables, all seemed to be going well when suddenly the lights went out once again and we were in the dark. Emergency lighting did not work and no one seemed to know why.

With today's technology all was not lost. Several cell phones appeared and the minimal light allowed all to load their plates, find their seats and start devouring a delicious meal. A couple of enterprising individuals rushed out -- one to her home and another to the local church -- and returned with candles. Shadows of bodies moving about cast by the candles made

for an eerie setting. Loss of power shut down the coffee pot, which was sorely needed after the general enjoyment of so much wine (at least for me). Desserts were served and -- as if planned -- on came the lights.

Had the lights remained off a little longer, we might have noticed that one of the paper napkins had gotten too close to a candle and was burning quite nicely at our table. It was quickly extinguished (and, no, it was not I who set it on fire - and I was not about to waste any wine putting out the flame).

I was thinking the committee had gone to great lengths to make this such an exciting evening, when we were told that a limb had come down during the storm and had blown a transformer.

And all this happened on the night of the "Spooky" Walpole Town Library Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

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Meeting Waters YMCA Executive Director, Steve Fortier. "They've provided us with vital program and financial support. And, they've shined a spotlight on our life-changing work... helping us tell our stories of impact to far more people. The recognition they are receiving from Safeco and the financial support that comes to us through this recognition are a most-wonderful way for us to wind down this year-long partnership."

- Steve Fortier

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