

Around Town Happenings May ~ June 2017

Readsboro Community Library
Bringing community together

Library Summer Hours to begin the week of June 19th

Tuesday 10 a.m. ~ 7 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.

Thursday 1 p.m. ~ 7 p.m.

Keep in mind the library has museum passes available for loan (free entry or discounted prices.)
State park pass and state historical sites

Save the dates:

Tuesday, July 11th 10:30 a.m. geocaching fun for all ages.

Monday, July 17th 10:30 a.m. Summer Encore Theatre

Tuesday, July 18th 6 p.m. Vermont History Through Song

Singer and researcher Linda Radtke, joined by pianist Arthur Zorn, brings Vermont history to life with engaging commentary about the songs found in the Vermont Historical Society's collection of sheet music. "A Vermont Humanities Council program hosted by Readsboro Community Library."

*****Program to be held at the E.J. Bullock Building on Main Street*****

Tuesday, July 25th 10:30 a.m. The Puppet Brigade

Tuesday, August 1st 6 p.m. The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart

Ross Taggart was a traveling musical humorist. His 43-year career took him all over the U.S. and Canada, including the famous Red Path Chautauqua Bureau of Chicago. A fiddler, pianist, singer, and ventriloquist, he made over 50 recordings of his humorous monologues with the Victor, Edison, and Columbia companies, and appeared in an early "talkie" three years before Al Jolson starred in "The Jazz Singer."

Adam Boyce portrays Taggart near the end of his career, circa 1936, sharing recollections on his life and career, interspersed with live fiddling, singing, and humorous sketches. "A Vermont Humanities Council program hosted by Readsboro Community Library."

*****Program to be held at the Historical Society on Main Street*****

Summer reading program theme is "Building A Better World" look for full schedule of events in the July/August newsletter.

Newsletter is a courtesy of Readsboro Community Library

If you wish to receive by e-mail contact Cyndi @ lovestoread2001@yahoo.com

Next newsletter will be July/August 2017 if you have a press release contact

Cyndi by e-mail or at 413-652-4512

Green Up Day/Bottle Drive

Saturday, May 6th 9 a.m. meet at the bandstand to get your bags to help beautify our community ~ hot dogs, hamburgers will be served at the American Legion at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Clean bagged returnable bottles can be dropped off at the bandstand on **Saturday, May 6th** ~ the proceeds from the bottles will be used to purchase a flowering tree to be planted on Main Street. For more information contact Jody Kemp 802-423-5233.

First Baptist Church

May 1st Council Meeting 3:30 p.m.

May 3rd Fellowship Meeting 6:30 p.m.

May 7th Worship service with communion/children welcome 9 a.m.

May 14th Celebrate Mother's at the worship service 9 a.m.

May 21st Worship service with program for children 9 a.m.

May 23rd Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.

May 28th Passing on service as part of worship Rev Marcia Dorey will be preaching. A flower will be given for each person who has died in the past year.

June 4th Communion Service Fellowship to follow 9 a.m.

June 5th Council meeting 3:30 p.m.

June 7th Fellow Group meeting 6:30 p.m.

June 11th Service of worship & praise remembering graduates 9 a.m.

June 18th Worship service honoring Fathers 9 a.m.

June 24th Independence Day Celebration baskets will be on display on front lawn

June 25th Service of songs, prayers and sermon 9 a.m. * Basket raffle to be drawn at 1 p.m. light refreshments to be served

June 27th Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.

American Legion Post #29 Annual Memorial Golf Tournament & Steak Fry will be held on Saturday July 15. All proceeds will benefit the Vickey Marchegiani Scholarship Fund and the Dennis Comai Scholarship Fund. This will mark the 21st year benefiting these two funds. The tournament will be held at the Stamford Valley Golf Course starting at 9:00am. This will be a 5-man Captain and Crew format played over 9-holes. The cost of \$45.00 per person includes; green fees, steak dinner, prizes and loads of fun. If you can't get a team together, no worries we will create one for you. If you don't play golf and want to join us for dinner at the Readsboro American Legion at 4pm, you can purchase a Steak Dinner for only \$20.00. Everyone is welcome. Deadline for tickets is **Friday July 7th** paid in full. For a registration form or tickets please contact Rhonda Smith at 802-423-7633 or at lotamac@myfairpoint.net. All tickets will be sold in advance, no tickets sold at the door. Limited tickets. If any business or individual would like to sponsor a hole or make a cash or gift donation for our raffle, please let Rhonda Smith know by the deadline. We appreciate all donations.

Mother's Day Breakfast, May 14th, 8-11am. \$6

French toast or pancake, eggs, sausage, home fries, coffee and juice. Everyone welcome.

Mohegan Sun Bus Trip Saturday, May 20th

\$40/person for tickets contact American Legion 802-423-7562 leave Readsboro 7 a.m. Jacksonville 7:15 a.m.

Memorial Day Parade May 29th 1 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade is at 1pm followed by a luncheon at the Legion immediately after (approx. 2pm). If you are coming to the luncheon, please bring a dish of food to share.

Sons of American Legion Post #29

Raffle for gas grill includes grill with full tank of lp gas. \$1 each or 6 for \$5, drawing to be held on June 11th. Grill can be seen at the Legion. Tickets are available at the Legion or see Ted Hopkins.

READSBORO HOMETOWN REDEVELOPMENT, INC

Saturday, May 27th, the Living History Association will be hosting an Exposition of History at the E.J. Bullock Building, 7012 Main Street, from **9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Featuring: 3rd Century Roman, Civil War, Revolutionary War, WW I, WW II, and Vietnam, history books and souvenirs for sale. Readsboro Historical Society is open that day.

Monday, May 29th Pancake Breakfast, **8:00 am – 12:30 pm** at the E. J. Bullock Building, 7012 Main Street. \$12 per plate, \$3 for children under 5, \$20 donation for big boys all you can eat. Served with sausages, home fries, coffee and juice, local Vermont Maple Syrup. Tickets may be purchased in advance: info@readsborohometown.org or call 423-7050 to reserve your tickets.

Pure Vermont Maple Syrup will be available for sale from local sugar makers. Proceeds will benefit the E.J. Bullock Building Restoration Project.

Save the dates:

July 8th Bruce Mandell in concert

July 30th Ice Cream Social

August 19th Dinner Theater (by invitation only)

September Annual Auction TBA

Readsboro Lions Club

The Lions Club invites you to sponsor a Village Flag on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

Sponsored flags are \$10 each and you can sponsor a flag in honor of or in memory of a family member, a friend or just a special person. The flags are displayed all around town in memory of these special people on all four days.

Please RSVP by May 7th. Send your donation with the name(s) of the person(s) you would like to remember to Readsboro Lions Club, PO Box 183, Readsboro, VT 05350 or call Ernie Bolognani at 423-7709. Checks made out to Readsboro Lions Club.

THE LIONS CLUB THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Hospitality Tent May 25th ~ May 28th 9 a.m.

Once again Lion Al Scaia will welcome you at the hospitality tent that is set up at the Village Cemetery on East Main Street. Light refreshments available.

Annual Fishing Derby June 10th

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the Lions Park; fishing to start at 10 a.m. this is a **FREE** event that is open to children through 8th grade. Fishing, prizes, food, fun and so much more!!

South Readsboro Community Club

Thursday, May 11th 6 p.m. Annual Meeting (Election of officers and plans for the summer)

Thursday, June 8th 6 p.m. Monthly Meeting

Saturday, June 17th 5 ~ 7 p.m. Turkey supper with all the trimmings ~ homemade pies.

Class of 2018

Duck race to be held June 24th during the Independence Day Celebration. \$5 per duck, winner takes half of the proceeds and the other half will go towards the 8th grade trip. Ducks will be released at 4 p.m. from the bridge at the Lions Park and stop at the bridge by the Legion. For a duck see Cheryl Green.

Flower Barrels

If you see Rhonda Eilers Smith or Audrey Eilers please let them know you appreciate the time and work involved maintaining the flower barrels that are on Main Street.

A message from our Fire Warden, Michael Boisvert reminding us that it is necessary to obtain a burn permit prior to starting a fire. He may be reached at 423-5024, a 24 hour notice is appreciated.

Readsboro Historical Society

Spring is finally here and the Readsboro Historical Society is excited to re-open starting in May on the following dates; Memorial Day May 29th and Readsboro's Independence Celebration June 24th. There will be more dates to follow throughout the year which we will keep you posted. You can always check out our website for any updates at www.readsborohistoricalsociety.org.

We want to thank all the new members and lifetime members who have joined us in making this Historical Society the best it can be. With all the extra donations received and help from the Town of Readsboro we will now be able to move forward with a few small projects that are necessary to keep the building open, such as more exterior repair and painting, bathroom repairs and toilet and support beam to name a few. Without your generous donations none of this would be possible. We look forward to seeing all visitors this summer to reminisce and experience the great community of Readsboro.

News from the Town Office ~ New Compost Law Goes Into Effect July 1, 2017

Food scraps make up nearly 1/3 of the total waste that a typical Vermont family generates at home. When food is disposed of in the landfill it releases methane gas that contributes to climate change. Food scraps and leaf and yard waste are valuable resources that can be re-used in many products such as compost, garden mulch, and animal bedding. Vermont's Universal Recycling Law has a phased-in food scrap ban that requires residents and businesses to divert food waste from the landfill. On July 1st, the Readsboro Transfer Station will accept food scraps FREE of charge, allowing residents and businesses the opportunity to reduce landfill trash and save money.

If you would like learn more about diverting your food scraps from the landfill, the Windham Solid Waste Management District will hold a FREE workshop in May on backyard composting and Readsboro's new food scrap drop-off program. Discover the benefits of composting, what materials are compostable, and troubleshooting tips. Flyers promoting the composting workshop will be available at the transfer station in April.

Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers – DHASH

The Dutch Hill revitalization project continues to slowly move forward. On, Monday, April 10th a small dedicated group used the beautiful spring weather to their advantage and flagged two historical trails, the Yankee Doodle and the Dutch Meadows and its extension. Another group also marked an area between the Yankee and the Meadows which will be turned into a gladed skiing area. After getting approval from NFS we hope to begin clearing these trails sometime soon. At that time we will be having "work days" where we will need all the help we can get.

Once again, if you would like more information or would like to volunteer you can contact Tom Boudreau at (802)423-7713 or tboudreau@rocketmail.com

Independence Day Celebration 2017

Parade Float Competition ~ Theme - America Honors Its Heroes

The Readsboro Independence Day Committee would personally like to invite the family and friends of Readsboro to be part of this year's parade by participating in the Parade Float Competition on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Parade will start at 11 a.m. on Depot St and travel along Main St ending at the Readsboro General Store. We will be awarding three cash prizes - \$100, \$75 and \$50. Floats will be judged on creativity and handmade qualities. All floats should be neatly assembled & decorated. Candy can be thrown carefully from each float. Children (walking or riding) must be accompanied by an adult. Please call Cyndi at 413-652-4512 if you are interested in entering a float into the Independence Day Parade.

SILENT AUCTION

We will be setting up a SILENT AUCTION table at the Lions Park. Some of the items we would like to display will be gift certificates, gift baskets, paintings, crafted items, jewelry, handmade items, decorative pieces, new gifts, electronic products, bird feeders, pet items and items for the kids.

Please stop at the pavilion and place a bid on one or more of the items.

If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction table just give us a call & we will pick it up. Generous donations by people such as you are what help us in our endeavor.

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

And don't forget the 50/50 Cash Raffle. We have 150 books of tickets to sell. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

They can be purchased at the Town Office, the Readsboro Library or from Cyndi 413-652-4512 & Earlene 802-423-7080. By mail - please send your donation to the Fourth of July Committee, 27 Grinka Farm Drive, Readsboro, VT 05350. We will write your name & phone number on all the tickets you wish to purchase.

The winner will receive 50% of the amount received for all the tickets sold & 50% will benefit the 2017 - 4th of July Celebration. The winning name will be drawn at the 4th of July Celebration on June 24, 2017 at 9pm.

LIONS CLUB'S FAMOUS CHICKEN BBQ

Tickets \$12

The Committee would like to remind everyone that the Lions Club will be preparing and serving their famous chicken BBQ dinner at the Lions Park. Tickets can be purchased at the Readsboro Store, Readsboro Library, and Readsboro Town Office or by calling Earlene (423-7080) Cyndi (413-652-4512). You can pick up your chicken dinner between 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Lions Park.

FUN EVENTS

Please join us, after the parade, at the Lions Park for events for the kids, the horseshoe tournament, the line dancing performance, duck race and other events going on. As the day ends, Atlas will be doing the fireworks again this year at the Readsboro Ballfield at 9 p.m. Their display is always fantastic!

THANK YOU!

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support the Independence Day Committee and for making a difference in our community. The success & future of our event relies largely on your support & that of volunteers who give generously of their time to fundraise. All the money raised through fundraising is used to fund our Fourth of July event.

Relay For Life

Memorial Butterfly Release

All community members are invited as we hold a memorial butterfly release ceremony to honor the memory of our love ones.

Benefits Phil's Fighters Relay for Life, \$15 to buy in advance, \$20 at the Relay for Life Walk of Bennington Co. 2017 which will take place on **Saturday, June 24th**, at Mt. Anthony.

The theme this year is "Let's Give Cancer the Boot"!

For more information contact Stephanie Taylor 802-747-8261 or message her on Facebook or Martha at 802-423-7628.

Vermont Open Studio Weekend
May 27-28, 2017 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Studio # 125

Vermont Craft Council's 25th annual Spring Open Studio Weekend. We'll be welcoming visitors Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. stop in to see our hand blown glass and glass sculpture and watch one of the glassblowing demonstrations ongoing throughout the weekend.

Readsboro Glassworks joins 220 Vermont artists for this annual event. In all, 181 studios are open throughout Vermont during the statewide self-guided tour. Look for the bright yellow Open Studio signs directing visitors to each studio. The Vermont Crafts Council publishes a free map booklet with directions to participating studios. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries and artist studios and on the VCC website, www.vermontcrafts.com.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Mary Angus and Bill LeQuier

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Readsboro Arts News

Confluence is the creation of, and is staffed by members of Readsboro Arts, a locally grown non-profit arts group that was formed in 2006 by a group of townspeople interested in making art a more integral part of town life. Located in the historic EJ Bullock Building on Main Street, the gallery hosts a series of shows featuring fine art and craft, from May to October. Confluence is open on weekends. Gallery hours are Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12pm-4pm, and by appointment.

Exploring Portraiture, May 5 - June 11

Join us as we open our first show this season, Exploring Portraiture, featuring the work of Laura Christensen, Julia Dixon, Ann Floriani and Diane Sullivan. Wine and cheese reception with the artists - **Friday, May 5th from 5-7pm**. The show will run May 6 – June 11, and is open Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm.

Botanical Art, June 16 – July 30

Botanical Art opens **June 16th** with a reception for the artists from 5-7pm and features paintings, prints and pressed flower originals. Featuring work by Bobbi Angell, Ellie Roden, Briony Morrow-Cribbs and Steve Perkins. The show runs June 17 - July 30 and is open Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm.

For more information about upcoming shows at Confluence visit

www.readsboroarts.org

Confluence 7012 Main Street, Readsboro, Vermont

(802) 423-5600

Gallery@ReadsboroArts.org

Notice: Important School Board Dates

The State Board of Education has passed our Supervisory Union's merged school district proposal, to create two side by side districts:

- Twin Valley (Wilmington and Whitingham)
- Southern Valley (Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax).

The next step is for all towns to vote on this proposal, and for Southern Valley to elect 3 board members from each of the 3 towns for the new 9-member unified union district school board. In this proposal, **no school will be closed.**

Now – May 1: petitions to run for the new school board are available at the town office. **Due by May 1.**

Mon. May 8, 6:30 pm, Readsboro Central School: Steve Sanborn, our Act 46 consultant, will give a presentation about the proposed district merger and answer your questions (follow up to the meeting we had in February that he was unable to attend).

Tues. May 23, 7:00 pm, Readsboro Central School: a State-mandated informational meeting about the proposed district merger, to review the proposal and the new school district governance, and answer your questions.

***** VOTE: Wed. May 31, 10 am-7pm, Readsboro School *****

- on the Southern Valley merged district
- for 3 Readsboro board members for the new board