

# THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar of Events

November 1 Tuesday  
**All Saints' Day**

November 2 Thursday  
Noon **early dismissal RCS. PTG bricklaying and playground clean-up to follow.**

3:30 p.m. **Friends of the Library meeting** at library. Discuss library purchases, recent fundraising events and upcoming workshops; plan newsletter. All welcome.

November 4 Friday  
5:00 p.m. **Lantern Walk, Contradance and Potluck**  
Hosted by the Village School. (meet at school for walk at 5 pm, potluck and dance at Town Hall at 6pm) Open to all.

November 6 Sunday  
2:00 p.m. **Open House at the Village School.**

November 10 Wednesday  
11:00 a.m. **Council on Aging meets** at Dorothy Newton's  
5:00 p.m. **Royalston Community Coop orders due**

November 11 Friday **Veterans' Day**  
Flags to be displayed at half-staff

7:00 p.m. **Turkey Raffle** at the Center Fire Station.

November 15 Tuesday  
7:57 p.m. **full Beaver Moon**

November 16 Wednesday  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Usborne Book Fair and Parent Teacher Conferences** at RCS. Everyone is welcome to shop for educational and fun kids' books. They make fine gifts. Profits benefit RCS library. (Book fair and conferences continue Thurs. 11/17 from 6-7:30 p.m. ) Call the school for information. 978-249-2900.

November 17 Thursday  
6:30-8:30 **Open meeting and discussion about Quabbin to Cardigan land protection initiative** at Town Hall. Meeting hosted by the Open Space committee.

7:00 p.m. **"Native Stars of the Fall Garden,"** presented by the North Quabbin Garden Club at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main St., Athol. Free. Info: [gardens@millersriver.net](mailto:gardens@millersriver.net).

November 18 Friday  
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Open Mic** series begins at Town Hall. Performers should arrive on time or call Jim Bennett prior to the evening to book a time slot: 987-575-1052. Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council. Continues first Fridays of the month at least through February.

November 19 Saturday  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Jingle Bell Fair** at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church in South Royalston. Home baked goodies, lunch, crafts, and white elephants.

6:00 p.m. **Flag Retirement** at Town Hall

6:30 p.m. **Ladies' Benevolent Society Braised Beef Supper** at Town Hall. Lots of beef and potatoes, homemade rolls and pie. Adult tix; \$10 and children under 8: \$5. Profits benefit LBS scholarships. See an LBS member or call Brenda at 978-249-7878 for tix. Followed by **Matchbook Man** display of 1000s of historical matchbooks upstairs, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. (Question and answer session around 7:15 p.m.)

November 20 Sunday  
2:00 p.m. **Holiday Card and Gift Tag Making Workshop** with Janet Bettey at Town Hall. Pre-registration required. \$5.00 materials fee. Sign up at the Phinehas Newton Library on the Common or call 978-249-3572 for info. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

November 23 Wednesday  
half day **early dismissal ARRSD** for Thanksgiving break

November 24 Thursday **Thanksgiving**

November 25 Friday  
Late evening, continuing Saturday and Sunday, **Andromedid Meteor Shower** with a "wishing star" about every six minutes. (This is the ideal all-night sleep out meteor shower for this autumn: a long weekend with a fairly active sky.)

November 29 Monday  
7:00 p.m. **Trustees meeting** at the library.

December 4 Sunday  
2:00 p.m. **Wheat Weaving Workshop** with Kathy Morris at Town Hall. Pre-registration required. \$5.00 materials fee. Sign up at the Phinehas Newton Library on the Common or call 978-249-3572 for info. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

December 7 Wednesday  
6:00 p.m. **Live Creche** at the First Congregational Church  
6:30 p.m. **Town Christmas tree lighting** at Town Hall: carol singing, cookies & cocoa sponsored by the Cultural Council





Joanne Deacon paddles above Doanes Hill Rd Bridge. (photo: Mangum)

### DPW News: Roads Runneth Over

Thirteen inches of rain in ten days caused some flooding problems on Town roads. Doane's Hill Road was closed for weeks, and it was possible to canoe over the bridge between Long Pond and Tully Lake. Butterworth Rd was blocked for four days when Collar Brook overflowed, and a section of the road needed to be rebuilt. Brown Rd and Warwick Rd were marked with orange cones to warn motorists of water in the road, but remained passable. Some culverts in Town, including the one in front of Pete & Henry's, were overwhelmed by the heavy volume of the rainwater, and water wound up puddling in roads and cellars. All in all, considering the destruction of roads and property in nearby Towns, Royalston has gotten off easy. By lucky coincidence and sagacious planning, the DPW spent a big part of this summer's roadwork season rebuilding and improving drainage and basin systems around Town roads.

The paving is complete on King St and Jarvenpaa Rd and the School St project is all done except for the guardrail, which will be installed as soon as practical.

Residents are reminded to have patience as the town grader is still down. It is appreciated that Town meeting voters approved \$15,000 for repairs, but money is only part of the problem. There are few ready-made parts for this machine because the company which manufactured the grader is out of business. Even with the funding, it takes a lot of time and manpower to search for and/or manufacture necessary parts. Be aware that a disabled grader will have consequences during snow season.

### Royalston Board of Health News

*Phil Leger, chairman*

Now is the time to pump your septic tank out before winter sets in. It is recommended that you pump your septic tank out every 2-3 years. If you don't know where your tank is located, now is the time to locate it. A riser can be installed over the outlet cover of your tank to allow year round access for inspection and servicing. There have been telemarketers calling the area and trying to sell an enzyme for septic systems. The Department of Environmental Protection does not recommend any septic tank additives. Homeowners should never dump chemicals in the septic system. These products claim to be all natural. They could be what they say, but there is a danger that they can over stimulate a septic system. A person's natural flora is all that is needed for a properly functioning system. Remember, it is an organic system. Keep chemicals, cigarette butts, plastic applicators, and polylined paper products out of the system. For more information concerning septic systems, contact one of the board members.

### Record Breaking Rain at Tully Lake

*Jeffrey Mangum, US Army Corps of Engineers Ranger Tully Lake*  
Tully Lake saw a record 24-hour rainfall on October 9, measuring 6.17", surpassing the previous record of 5.72" on October 25, 1959. During the period of October 8-16, Tully Lake recorded 11.66" of rain.

Tully Lake reached 33% of its water storage capacity on October 17, the 5th highest peak annual storage in its history, capturing about 2.2" of runoff from its 50-square mile drainage area, or about 1.8 million gallons of water. The reservoir was 11 feet above normal, flooding recreation facilities, trails and Doane Hill Road. The record reservoir level remains April 1987, which nearly doubles October's storage.

Since the dam began operation in 1949, this is the first time the peak annual reservoir level occurred in October. Seventy-one percent of the time the peak level occurred in March or April, but has occasionally occurred in January (4 years), February, May, June, August, September (2 years each), and December just once (1974). The 1.5 million dollar dam has prevented an estimated 23.7 million dollars in downstream flood damages.

You may wonder why the previous rainfall record from October 1959 didn't result in the highest reservoir for that year. The reason is that the lake did not yet exist so there was more storage capacity. Tully Dam was built as a dry-bed reservoir just like Birch Hill Dam. The lake was an afterthought in the mid 1960's to provide public boating and fishing opportunities, sacrificing about 6% of storage capacity. Since there is no weir, the lake level is maintained by frequently adjusting the dam's outflow.

If you have any questions about U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control operations in Royalston, call the Tully Lake Park Office at 978-249-9150 or the Birch Hill Dam Project Office at 978-249-4467. Please visit each dam's informative web site, which you can find at [www.Corpsslakes.us](http://www.Corpsslakes.us).

### What Happened at the Special Town Meeting?

*Melanie Mangum, Town Clerk*

A Special Town Meeting was held October 21, 2005 at RCS to act on six articles. 26 registered voters attended.

The article that generated the most discussion was Article 6, which would have petitioned the General Court to make the Town's Planning Board an appointed board rather than an elected board. It was suggested by some at the meeting that since there were many arguments voiced both for and against, the article should be taken up at the Annual Town Meeting. It was felt that a greater representation of Town Meeting voters needed the opportunity to discuss and vote on the matter. The article was then tabled.

Voters approved four transfers from Stabilization for various reasons. \$15,000 was transferred to pay for repairs on the DPW's 720A Champion Grader, \$9,500 was transferred to repair about 1,000 feet of Warwick Road from House Number 285 to the Town Line, \$22,431.71 was transferred to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Budget (the remainder of Royalston's assessment owed), and \$1,556.50 was transferred to support Royalston's participation in a Veteran's District for the remainder of FY06.

## Open Space Committee News

*Kim MacPhee*

Over the past 10 months, the members of the Royalston Open Space Committee have been hard at work on several projects. The Committee is charged with the task of identifying and implementing projects that further the goals of the Royalston Open Space and Recreation Plan. The primary goals of the Plan are to:

- Preserve and maintain open fields and working landscapes
- Enhance the recreational facilities that do exist and commit to their upgrade and maintenance
- Protect clean air and water for all Royalston residents
- Protect the small-town character, scenic views, wildlife habitat, and rare plant and animal species of Royalston
- Selectively target lands for conservation or recreation where necessary and appropriate, with attention to the effects of preservation on municipal finances

So far, our activities have focused on public education/outreach projects and identifying and prioritizing parcels of land in Town which could be acquired for conservation and/or recreation purposes. Our web site ([www.royalstonopenspace.org](http://www.royalstonopenspace.org)) contains information on the Open Space Plan, copies of the Committee's meeting minutes, several useful links, wonderful photographs of the town by a local artist, and lovely artwork by local school children.

If you are interested in the work of the Committee, please attend one of our meetings, peruse the Town's Open Space & Recreation Plan, which is available at the Library, or visit our web site. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. You can also provide the Committee with feedback via our web site or by calling one of our members. We are listed under Open Space Committee in the Royalston Town Directory (the other yellow pages!).

On November 17th, 6:30-8:30 at Town Hall, there will be an open meeting and discussion about the **Quabbin-to-Cardigan (Q2C) land-protection initiative**. Q2C is a regional project to conserve and manage one of the largest forested areas in New England: the Monadnock Highlands that stretch from the Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts to Mount Cardigan in New Hampshire. Royalston is included. The regional coordinator of Q2C will present details on this important project and we will have an opportunity to discuss our priorities for land conservation, forest management, and planning for development. The meeting is hosted by the Royalston Open Space Committee; Q2C is co-sponsored by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Harvard Forest, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, New England Forestry Foundation, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and the Trustees of Reservations.

## Memorial Day Committee

A **Flag Retirement** post will be set up on The Common in front of the Town Hall Saturday, November 19, beginning at 6 p.m. It is the same night the LBS is hosting their annual braised beef dinner. Residents who have damaged or worn American, MIA-POW, or State flags can stay while they're respectfully retired, or can drop them with a volunteer who will see that they're properly cared for during the retirement.



## Council on Aging 20 Years Young

The Royalston Council on Aging celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month, with more than 20 in attendance for their weekly meal, special entertainment by Patty Carpenter and dessert of anniversary cake. The beginnings of the group were discussed, members past and present lauded for their contributions and a "champagne" (Sprite soda!) toast held in commemoration of the event. Helen Williams is the COA's secretary. Members include Virginia Moore, Dorothy Newton, Deborah Nunes and Ralph "Buster" Serre. Contact **chairman Betty Woodbury** at 978-249-9656 for more information, or Dorothy Newton at 978-249-8882 for dinner reservations.

## Be Leery of Phone Solicitations

There are reports of residents receiving calls from a rather aggressive fundraising organization called the New England Police Officers Safety Association. When asked if Royalston P.D. sees benefits from these funds, these callers do not hesitate to say yes, that ALL New England police officers benefit from funds raised. Although Royalston Police Chief Curtis A. Deveneau cannot say for certain whether this is – or is not – a legitimate organization, he reports the Royalston P.D. has not seen any benefits from funds donated to the New England Police Officers Safety Association.

## Royalston has your Heart – Beating or Not

The Town's "Public Access Defibrillation Program" has been implemented in its entirety. Victims of sudden cardiac arrest, a heart attack that stops the heart from beating, will now have a better chance of surviving. The program has placed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) strategically throughout Royalston. The program has been coordinated by RFD EMS member Gary Winitzer. The RPD, the Council on Aging, Library staff, Whitney Hall workers and Royalston Community School employees either have been or will be trained in the use of these live-saving devices. Dr. John Skrzypczak served as Medical Director for the program and the North-Central Massachusetts Chapter of the American Red Cross provided training materials. To schedule public education classes for your group on CPR and use of the AED, give Gary Winitzer a call at 978-249-8957 or e-mail [glw@110.net](mailto:glw@110.net).

## Phinehas S. Newton Library News

Kathy Morris, Library Director

Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney

Mondays: 10:00am - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm. Thursdays: 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:00noon

978-249-3572 [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org)

### Thank You

**Janet Bettey, Marsha Charest, Lian Cutting, Lisa Freden, Jeff Hendrickx, Jim Kelley and Polly Longsworth** for donations of movies, books, and library materials.

**Jeff Mangum** for his creative work and dedication to the website. Check it out!

**Ferron Dooley Fairchild** for good cheer and much help.

**Jon Hardie, Rebecca Krause-Hardie, and Fieldstone Press** for sponsoring the benefit concert and **Patience Bundshuh** for her graciousness while visited by the blues.

**Louise and Michael Pickett** for donating 4 of Michael's CDs

**Theresa Quinn** for taking books and materials to the Royalston Community School Library and Media Center and to the teachers.

**Lian Cutting** for loaning us a painting to hang in the library.

Newsletter insert crew: **Pat and Vyto Andreliunas, Maureen Blasco, Jim and Pat Kelley, and Barbara Willhite**

### Ongoing Preschooler Program at the Library

Preschool Story Time meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the library. Becky Divoll staffs the library and Tina Gemborys reads stories or does music and movement activities with the children. Afterwards children enjoy healthy snacks, play together, and/or look at books while caregivers have time to chat and visit. No pre-registration is required and you may attend whenever you are able.

### We-a Culpa

The staff at the RCN apologizes for the errors in last month's newsletter. We're all volunteers putting in long hours and doing our best, but getting the town meeting date incorrect was admittedly rather shabby. Also, Ginny Gingras' pasta salad recipe should have called for 4 oz. provolone cheese, 4 oz. salami, 4 oz. ham and 4 oz. pepperoni. Next, The LBS public supper date had to be changed; it is reported correctly in this issue. In the Yellow Pages/ Town Directory, the Council on Aging entry for Ralph Serre's phone should have been 249-5352. Furthermore, due to postal service limbo, the newsletter arrived a bit late. (However, an on-line version was available on time at the library web-site, so keep the electronic version in mind in case of future delivery glitches.)

Probably the worst mistake of all, the last editorial lamented the unreal lack of connection between the beautiful local weather and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina; this just proves the RCN should be more careful what it wishes for. Since then, October poured out weeks of heavy gloomy rain to better match the horrible catastrophes of mudslides in Guatemala, famine in Nigeria, and earthquakes leaving 80,000 dead and many more exposed to harsh winter in Pakistan and India. Hurricane Wilma's strength and the local destructive flooding, particularly in southwest New Hampshire, were also unbelievable. Relief is very needed. Donations could be sent to many good charities, including Doctors Without Borders USA/ PO Box 1856, Merrifield VA 22116-8056 (ph# 1-888-392-0392).

At least, the RCN didn't get it all wrong last month. We're definitely sticking by our Falls Road soothsayer story, the multiple bear sightings, and our sensational claim that we helped save a life. The best chance for accuracy is to submit your own information electronically to the RCN, but we'll continue to work to make it easy to submit in all ways. Despite our considerable efforts, accidents are inevitable and we appreciate reader patience.

### Blog on the Library Website

Recently patrons have suggested we have an area on the website where registered borrowers can log on and leave suggestions, sell their used car, ask questions, or write about life in Royalston. Jeff Mangum, our webmaster, is trying different message boards and we think he's found one that's easy to use. So even if you've never posted, or chatted, or blogged, now is your chance. The forum can be accessed by going to [www.royalstonlibrary.org](http://www.royalstonlibrary.org) and clicking "Forum" on the menu. There is currently only a General Forum until we get enough use to create forums on specific topics. This service should be a very cool place to recommend a book, get explanations of Town issues, or look for a babysitter, but it will only continue as long as submissions are constructive. The site will be edited for civility and appropriate content as determined by library staff.

### Twenty-four Hour Computer Access at the Library?

Last winter we established a satellite system for the computers at the library. While it's not as fast as DSL and bad weather does slow it, downloading is FAST. Downloads that can take 5 hours with dialup are done in minutes. Access to the computers has been limited to our open hours, but we are now installing a wireless system. We are considering making it so patrons can pull up to the library with a laptop computer that is equipped with a wireless card and log in. There would be no fee or registration to use this service. Let the library know what you think of this big idea. We're not to the stage where we have a laptop to check out, but who knows what the future holds.

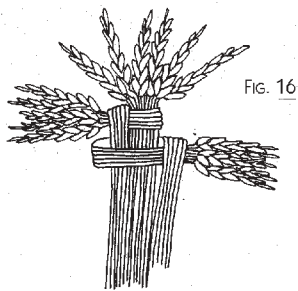


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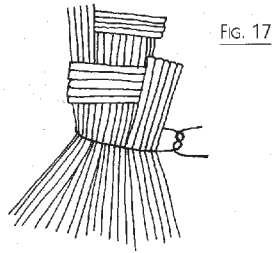


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## Creative Workshops

Sign up now for two creative upcoming workshops: Janet Bettey will present “**Creating Cards and Gift Tags with Rubber Stamps**” on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and Kathy Morris will present “**Wheat Weaving**” on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Participants in each workshop will be taught the techniques to create their own cards, tags, and wheat weavings to take home. You must pre-register for these workshops and preference is given to Friends of the Library members. There is a \$5.00 materials fee for each workshop. Examples of the work will be at the library two weeks prior to the programs for interested people to see.

## Pottery Program in January

On Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Royalston Town Hall, Rick Hamelin, “The Pied Potter” will present a historical program entitled “Magical Potters Wheel.” Hamelin is a potter, whose specialty is redware with an emphasis on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century New England forms. He has been selected as one of America’s 100 best craftsmen by *Early American Life* for ten years. This program will discuss the history of pottery in Massachusetts and Rick will actually throw pots to demonstrate different techniques. Watch for more details in next month’s newsletter.

## Matchbook Man

Frank Briggs also known as “the Matchcover Man” will have his extensive collection of matchbook covers on display in the Town Hall Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> as entertainment following a dinner put on by the Ladies Benevolent Society. However, you don’t have to attend the dinner to enjoy this display. Everyone is encouraged to drop by.

Frank had an article about his large collection of 5,000 matchbook covers published in the national magazine *Reminisce*. He started collecting the covers in 1938. Many of them are of historical places right in our own region. Frank will be on hand for questions and answers and it should prove to be a delightful evening for all.

## Library Art Exhibits

**Norah Dooley**, Norcross Rd author, comedienne, lyricist and storyteller, is writing a new book about people who work at night in the Boston area. Photographs from the book will be on display throughout the month of November. In December, **M. E. Kane** will have several of her paintings on display at the library. This series of acrylics is a collection of paintings of the Tully Lake area. M.E. is a professional artist who has taught painting here in Royalston and is the short stop on the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library softball team.

## SOME OF THE NEW BOOKS

### ADULT FICTION

Black, Holly *Valiant: A Modern Tale of Faerie*  
 Cabot, Meg *Ready or Not: An All-American Girl Novel*  
 Connelly, Michael *The Lincoln Lawyer*  
 Cooney, Caroline B. *Code Orange*  
 Curran, Sheila *Diana Lively Is Falling Down*  
 Duane, Diane *Wizards at War*  
 Cussler, Clive *Polar Shift: A Novel from the Numa® Files*  
 Evans, Richard Paul *The Sunflower*  
 Gabaldon, Diana *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*  
 Funke, Cornelia *Inkspell*  
 Harrison, Lisi *The Clique: A Novel*  
 Kinsella, Sophie *The Undomestic Goddess*  
 Koertge, Ron *Boy Girl Boy*  
 Kostova, Elizabeth *The Historian*  
 Mayor, Archer *St. Albans Fire*  
 McCarthy, Erin *The Pregnancy Test*  
 Mosley, Walter *Cinnamon Kiss*  
 Oyeyemi, Helen *The Icarus Girl*  
 Parker, Robert B. *School Days*  
 Pierce, Tamora *The Will of the Empress*  
 Rendell, Ruth *14 Steps Down*  
 Roberts, Nora *Blue Smoke*  
 Shay, Kathryn *Someone to Believe In*  
 Thal, Lilli *Mimus*  
 Woods, Stuart *Iron Orchid*

### ADULT NONFICTION

Flynn, Sean *3000 Degrees: The True Story of a Deadly Fire and the Men Who Fought It*  
**Gach, Michael Reed *Acupressure for Emotional Healing: A Self-Care Guide for Trauma, Stress, and Common Emotional Imbalances***  
 Shankle, William Rodman *Preventing Alzheimer’s*  
 Ehrenreich, Barbara *Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream*  
 Shackleton, Andrea *Great Knitted Gifts*  
 Simmons, Bill *Now I Can Die in Peace: How ESPN’s Sports Guy Found Salvation with a Little Help from Nomar, Pedro, Shawshank, and the 2004 Red Sox*  
 Hunt, Linda *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby’s Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*  
 Winchester, Simon *A Crack in the Edge of the World*  
 Felix, Antonia *Condi: The Condoleezza Rice Story*  
 William, David *William Shakespeare: England’s Greatest Playwright and Poet*  
 Patridge, Elizabeth *John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth*

### AUDIOBOOKS

Hornby, Nick *A Long Way Down*  
 Keillor, Garrison *Homegrown Democrat (A Few Plain Thoughts from the Heart of America)*  
 Sandford, John *Broken Prey*

## Fire Department Turkey Raffle

Royalston Fire & EMS Association's turkey raffle is slated for Friday, November 11, 7 p.m. at the Center Fire Station. The two-hour blitz is generally one of the organization's best fundraisers of the year. Basket tickets are available from any member. Your support of this fundraiser provides continuing education for firefighters and rescue personnel; special equipment, supplies and protective gear, not to mention an occasional Emergency Rescue Vehicle.

## Garden Club Showcases Fall Natives

Gardener and Royalston resident Christine Beckert Long will explore "Native Stars of the Fall Garden," including some of the many groundcovers, perennials, shrubs and trees, native to the area, that shine in the fall garden. Free and open to the public, the program will take place Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m. at the Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main St., Athol. It is offered by the North Quabbin Garden Club, a new organization with appeal for gardeners of all levels of experience. For more information write to gardens@millersriver.net.

## Jingle Bell Fair

Come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church in South Royalston for the Jingle Bell Fair Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Enjoy famous refreshments, including Finnish Cardamom Bread, as well as lunch, a bake sale, hand made crafts, raffles, holiday decorations and a white elephant table. The fair raises money to maintain the beautiful church building and other church projects and many in the community work hard to make it a success.

## Open Mic Starts on November 18

Friday Open Mics at the Town Hall are back. Beginning November 18 and continuing on the first Friday of December, January, February and possibly March from 7 – 10 p.m. The events are free and munchies are available for a small donation.

All genres of music are welcome. A solid sound system is set up for all musicians to use. In the past, blues bands featuring local heroes like sax man Jim Bennett, drummer Phil Leger, bassists Josh Morris Siegel and Matt Hickler, and the knock your sock off vocals of Melanie Mangum have interspersed with rockers like Linq, Kendall Divoll, and the Trueharts. They shared the stage with traditional folk guitar from Phil Rabinowitz, torch songs from chanteuse Norah Dooley, as well as Improv comedy, classical piano, and children singing sweetly. Open mic is a fun, unpredictable mishmash of musical attitudes. To perform, please arrive early or call Jim Bennett ahead of time to reserve a time slot: 978-575-1052. Open Mic is sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council.

## LBS Braised Beef Supper Tix Available

The Ladies' Benevolent Society's braised beef supper returns to Town Hall on Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. with the usual satisfying menu: lots of beef in gravy, home baked rolls, real mashed potatoes, fresh carrot salad, and home made pies. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the LBS scholarship fund, which makes grants to college bound residents. Last spring, the Ladies' *Braised Beef Blues* performance took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the town talent show, The Follies. Come see where the spoof ends and the cooking begins. Tickets are available from any LBS member or by calling Brenda at 978-249-7787. The reasonable ticket price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under.

## 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Royalston School Reunion

Just 30 alumni from the South Royalston Elementary School participated in their **102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion Association Meeting** the past October, leaving some to question is it worth continuing. In true school spirit, the very idea of disbanding was quickly put aside, and followed by a lively discussion of what might be done to improve attendance. Alumni **Roland G. Hamel** and **Richard H. Lawrence** were drafted, and will join **John Kirkman** and members of the executive board to plan next year's reunion. In order to allow advance planning, next year's meeting date is set for Saturday, September 30, 2006, and is tentatively planned for the Royalston Fish & Gun Club. It is hoped that an early to mid-afternoon social will be held along with the annual business meeting, followed by a late afternoon or early evening dinner, which would be capped off with a social event and visiting.

Officers elected for the 2005-2006 school year are: President **Luann (LaRoche) Simula**; Vice President **Debra (Alger) Vescovi**; Treasurer **Virginia (Harrington) Moore**; and Secretary **Susan (Alger) White**. Additional members of the Executive Board include: **Laila (Hamalainen) Moore**; **Rita (Dunham) Gates**; **Tanya (Gates) Moore**; **Jan (Woodbury) St. Jean**; **Rose Lawrence**; **Kathy (Lawrence) Pirro**; **Linda (Lawrence) Vaidulas**; **Dorothy (Lawrence) Zablonki**; **Roberta (Paganetti) Erickson**; **Elaine (Hunter) McKay**; and **Roland G. Hamel**.

Anyone who ever attended the South Royalston Elementary School, students, staff or faculty, is automatically considered a member of the South Royalston School Reunion Association. The \$10 "membership fee" assessed at the annual meeting covers the cost of the annual catered dinner and entertainment, reminder mailings to active members and outreach mailings to members who haven't been attending. Donations are accepted at any time, and along with earnings from fundraisers, go toward alumni scholarships. The Association is always hoping to reconnect with "lost" members and appreciates any alumni updates. To be added to the active mailing list, or to provide information on missing members or to volunteer help with the 103<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting, contact any of the local officers or call Secretary Susan (Alger) White at 508-790-3640.

## 1794 Meeting House

Quabbin Valley Pro Music presents a collection of old and new: Faure's Requiem, with portions of a new choral work from Carolyn Senier Brown, under the direction of Geoffrey Hudson. The event takes place Sunday, November 27 at 4 p.m. in the Orange Congregational Church. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$12 for children and seniors. Info and tickets at [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org), or Royalston members of the 1794 Meetinghouse volunteers: President Patience Bundschuh (978-249-6081), Treasurer Phil Rabinowitz (978-249-4422) or Board Member Diane Lincoln (978-249-4173).

## Bus Trip to Performance of White Christmas

Get in the holiday spirit on November 26. Go into Boston to take in the play of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from Athol. There are two hours built into the itinerary for dining and wandering around in Quincy Market before taking in the matinee. The bus will arrive back in Athol at 6:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$105. Sponsored by the Athol Woman's Club. Call Joann Deacon with questions. 249-3408,

## New Principal at RCS

*Mitch Grosky, Principal*

As the new principal of both the Royalston Community School and Athol's Silver Lake School, I can only begin to tell you how delighted I am to return to Royalston. When I served as interim principal of RCS from 1998-1999, I was enchanted by this wonderful community of which I was privileged to be a part. I appreciate the kind and warm welcome back in the school community. I eagerly look forward to working with the caring staff, parents, children and community members to help every child at RCS reach his or her potential. I am honored to once again be joining the Royalston Community School family.

As I wrote to staff members, "In the coming year let us work together on behalf of our kids." As a team – teachers, parents, community members, students, and principal – we can accomplish so much. "If our work is to be data-driven, so must it also be driven by what is best for the children. If our lessons, teaching, and assessment are to be standards-based, so too must they be developmentally appropriate in both the cognitive and affective domains. As we strive for higher scores on the MCAS and other assessments, so too must we strive to nurture our children and to provide them with the tools with which they will explore a world that they still view with a sense of wonder."

In Grade One, Ms. Drouin notes that the class has begun the new math program called *Real Math* by SRA. The program has a hands-on approach and provides pacing and organization very appropriate for first graders. In Grade Four News, Mrs. Lefebvre reports that students are writing material that will be hard bound into a book. Also 4th grade will be taking a field trip to the Springfield Museums on November 18 to further their studies of animals and habitats.

## RCS Poetry Club

**Come, Come, River**  
The river's come  
Waves back and forth  
Up and down  
Splash, splash, splash  
The love of that!  
Just watch the fish jump  
through the river.  
Watch the turtles come.  
Up and down  
Just watch the snakes  
slither through the water.

*Tiffany Lusco*

**I'm From**  
I'm from jump ropes  
And popcorn  
*Alyana LaJoie*

**I'm from Royalston**  
I'm from Royalston  
Where all is peaceful  
Friendly neighbors  
Bratty brothers  
Friends are close  
Poetry nation  
Joy and love  
Sun and rain  
*Tobey Chase*

## Mount Wachusett Community College Update

MWCC second year, full-time nursing students **Herve Bosse** and **Jonathan Germain**, both of Royalston, were given warm praise and a round of applause at the Royalston Luncheon Club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party last month. Bosse and Germain have been volunteering for the Royalston Council on Aging's meal site as part of the Mount's "Decade of Civic Engagement" program. In order to meet all graduation requirements, all MWCC students must fulfill a volunteer commitment of at least 20 hours. Their helpful and cheerful presence will be missed, reported COA chairman **Betty Woodbury**.

## Autumn Lantern Walk Celebration

The Village School will be holding their annual Autumn Lantern Walk on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to participate in this seasonal celebration. The evening starts at 5:00 p.m. at the school with a gathering in the dark for a bonfire, stories, and songs. Everyone will then join in a procession down Royalston Common to the Town Hall, singing and carrying glowing candle-lit homemade lanterns. Bring a lantern! A community pot luck supper at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by a contra dance with caller Norah Dooley and the No Name Band, beginning around 6:30 p.m. All over Europe, children participate in lantern walks to mark the seasonal transition in nature from light and warmth to darkness and dormancy. The Village School has adopted this custom with songs, stories, and handmade lanterns that bring light in the darkness. The contra dance will be called, and children of all ages will find it easy to join in the dances. Donations are requested of \$5 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$10 per family.

## Open House at the Village School

The Village School is holding an Open House on Sunday, November 6, 2005, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Village School serves children from preschool through grade 6 from towns all over the North Quabbin area. Interested parents and their children are invited to come visit the school, see the classrooms, meet with the teachers, and talk to current students and their parents.

Arts and crafts projects and hands-on science activities for children will be offered in each classroom (Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6). Afterwards, we will all gather together and finish with refreshments.

The Village School is an independent school offering a supportive learning environment for children from preschool through grade 6. The school has a unique curriculum based on direct contact with the natural world, kindness, and attention to the individual. The school is located on the Common in Royalston, by the Post Office (in the old Raymond School building). For more information call School Director Rise Richardson at (978) 249-3505, or visit the school's web site at [www.villageschool.to](http://www.villageschool.to).

## Monty Tech News

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees has named and will soon present **A. Jandris and Sons, Inc.** with the "**Outstanding School Partner Award**" for their invaluable contributions to education in the Commonwealth, through their partnership with the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. Monty Tech now has an extraordinarily successful masonry program, which graduated its first class last May, thanks to the efforts of Jandris, Inc. president Dana Morse. Mr. Morse provided the initial suggestion that the school begin this trade offering, assisted the school in establishing a curriculum, mobilized many in the masonry and affiliated industries to donate materials for students to construct their own masonry building on the campus, and also established a scholarship for graduating masons, the first of which was granted to a member of the first graduating class. Royalston representative Mary C. Barclay submitted the nomination form and narrative on behalf of Monty Tech.



## Congratulations and Good News

*Got something to crow about? Drop the news by the library or e-mail chasegos@gis.net.*

**Star Elaine Odle** and **Nicholas William Rabinowitz** were married in Lenox, Massachusetts on October 15. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Lauren Odle of Minneapolis, MN. The groom is the son of **Phil** and **Carla Rabinowitz** of Royalston. Nick and Star are both graduates of Amherst College. Star received her Master's in Fine Arts from Boston University, and is employed as a draper in the costume shop of the Alliance Theater in Atlanta, GA. Prior to their move to Georgia this August, Nick was employed as the Internet Manager for Oxfam America in Boston; he is currently doing freelance work for Oxfam and other organizations.

**Amber Lynn Jarvenpaa** received an A.A.S in culinary arts from Southern New Hampshire University recently.

**Leslie M. Freudenheim** of Stockwell Rd has a new book out. *Building with Nature: Inspiration for the Arts & Crafts Home* is really beautiful and would make a great holiday gift. It is available to be checked out at the Phineas S Newton Library and for purchase at Bruce's Browser, other local bookstores and in cyberspace from Amazon et al. *Building with Nature: Inspiration for the Arts & Crafts Home* (\$45 and 229 pages; Hardcover; 8.5 x 10.5 inch. 1-58685-463-1;) intertwines the lives and philosophies of Frederick Law Olmsted, John Muir, Reverend Joseph Worcester of the Swedenborgian Church in San Francisco, and notable architects with the development of the artistically designed, affordable, "simple home" for America's newly-emerging middle class; Freudenheim demonstrates how their love of nature, the "simple life," vernacular architecture, and magnificent landscape became the basis for the design of the American Arts & Crafts home.

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## Who's New

The former **Hubbard Family** home from 1973 to 2005 at 39 Athol Richmond Road has been sold to a charming and ambitious couple, **Alan Charron** and **Ashley Diemdowicz** formerly of Gardner. They are extensively renovating the property. Also they were just married Saturday, October 15th. Please welcome Alan and Ashley to Royalston. *If you're new in town and would like to be introduced to the community via the RCN, write a blurb and send it along.*

## Memorial

Condolences to the family and friends of Walter F. Gunderman of Athol Rd, who died October 25 in Worcester Medical Center. He grew up in Holden and lived in Sterling before moving to Royalston 10 years ago. He was in the US Army Reserve and the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He worked at Digital Equipment and Snap-On Tools before opening a number of antique stores. Mr. Gunderman had been a Deacon and a Trustee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> congregational church. He was also a Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He leaves his wife of 44 years, Nancy E Gunderman; a daughter, Laurie Gunderman; two sons, Todd and Kris Gunderman; as well as three grandchildren; three nephews and a niece. Memorial donations may be sent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church, c/o Tom Jahl, 20 Queen Lake Rd, Phillipston 01331.

## Six Energy Saving Tips

*Jon Hardie*

Rule #1 before spending more on energy, **FIRST** reduce energy loss and redistribute available heat to reduce heat loss. Folks are talking about investing thousands of dollars in pellet stoves (which have gone up 40% in two months) and other high ticket devices. The suggestions below are more effective and will return your investment in a year or less.

1. Buy a humidifier. During the winter months, the humidity in homes drops along with the temperature & outside humidity, from 60-70% to 30% or lower. Using a humidifier is great for respiration/breathing & skin health **AND**, you can lower the thermostat 6-8 degrees and it will still "feel" as warm.

2. Install a programmable thermostat and save 20-30% on fuel use. Keep the house cool when you sleep, but warm it up with the timer on the pre-programmed thermostat before getting out of bed. While the sun is out or if away from the house during the day, turn the heat back down. but during the evening, crank it back up to cozy.

3. Install ceiling fans in rooms with open plan spaces or high ceilings and **USE** them in the winter to de-stratify the air (De-stratify means: the hot air rises and stays up there next to the ceiling and cold air settled to the floor). A fan on low all winter, costing pennies a day, balances the temperature and dramatically reduces the rate of heat loss through the roof and ceiling.

4. Surprise: a 1/4 inch by 4 foot crack next to a window frame, exchanges as much air as a 3"x4" opening. So, go buy a case of caulk and immediately save 5-10%. Just walk around the inside perimeter of your house with a moistened hand. Wherever you feel a draft, caulk it on the outside.

5. Cover your windows at night. Instead of buying high ticket products like Warm Windows, make your own out of this sandwich: muslin, cotton batting, small bubble bubblepack, cotton batting, and muslin. Hang from eye hooks and raise and lower them like Roman shades. Alternatively, get a few of those down or polyfill comforter throws. Keep windows to the north covered in rooms not in use during the day. Adding seasonal inside plastic storm windows also helps.

6. Fire places are only 15% efficient; 85% of the heat goes up the chimney, **AND** they draw air (called make-up air) from any opening (all those cracks) in your house toward the fire. So the living room is toasty, but the bedroom with all those cracks is freezing. Either put a screened vent through the wall between the rooms, or try an adjustable floor vent connected by a 3" stainless flexible hose with a screened vent to the outside next to your fire place. Look into a soapstone stove or fireplace insert that will stay warm for 10 hours overnight.

Other suggestions: Clean your oil burners. Install instant-on hot water rather than heating your hot water over and over again. Put an insulating blanket on your water heater. For unfinished basements, put 6" of insulation under the first floors and attic; put a heat exchanger on your dryer exhaust hose.

## Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe comes from Gertrude Parnanen, who was born and raised in Royalston. After marrying, she moved to her husband's hometown of Westminster for 17 years. When a wonderful old house in the South Village became available near her mother, Gert moved back. Over the years, she has raised 3 children and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She loves to garden and is an active member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church. If you'd like to sample the bread before attempting this recipe, it is usually available at the church's Jingle Bell Fair coming up on November 19.

### Finnish Coffee Bread

(3 loaves)	1/4 cup water
9 cups flour	1 cup sugar
2 cups lukewarm milk	3 eggs
2 pkg yeast	2 tsp salt
15-20 crushed cardamom seeds (2 1/2 tsps crushed)	3/4 cup soft butter

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup water. Mix sugar, salt, eggs, butter, milk and crushed cardamom and 2 cups of the flour. (This can be done with a mixer.) Add yeast and remaining flour by hand. Knead until firm and smooth. (If too sticky, add flour.) Cover and put in a warm place to rise until size doubles – 2 or so hours. Knead again on a bread board. Split into three and bake either as a loaf or as a braid. To braid, split the dough of each loaf of bread into 3 sections, roll each section out with a rolling pin and braid the pieces. Brush tops of loaves with lightly beaten egg white and sprinkle with sugar. Gert likes to sprinkle on chopped almonds. Bake at 375 for 25 – 30 mins.

## 1910 Census at Library

The 1910 Census of Royalston has recently been typed out into a relatively easy to read form. A hard copy is available to be perused at the library and the information will be available for purchase on CD-ROM soon.

This census presents lots of interesting historical tidbits. Everyone is listed as white race. Most adults are listed as married; no one is divorced, and many are widowed or in 2<sup>nd</sup> marriages. All adults seem to be able to read and write. Most were born in New England, as were their parents, but there were also residents from Canada (both French and English), Ireland, Finland, Scotland, Australia, Poland, Russia and Lithuania, not to mention Texas, Wisconsin and Ohio. Most spoke English, but Finnish and Russian are also primary languages. The farms, woolen mills and chair turning mills were major employers, but there are also listings for teamsters, chore boys, merchants, railroad section man, physician, greenhouse laborer, odd jobs, musical director, signal man, clergy, boarding house keeper, nurse, housekeeper and servant. (The servants were all widows with small children keeping others' homes.) Most residents were employed, but quite a few had been out of a job in the previous six months. The census lists living Union Army veterans in town: Luther Stewart, Stephen Frye, John Moore, Joseph Nichols, Francis Huchins, Henry Wood, Benjamin Brown, Richard Hewitt, Franklin Goddard, Thomas Adams, and George Towne. This document gives information about all residents including Phineas S Newton, the benefactor of our town library. In 1910, he was a 76 year old white male, single head of household, who was an English speaking land owning farmer, born in New Hampshire. He could read and write but was neither blind, deaf or a Civil War veteran.

## Steeple Rebuilding Nearly Halfway



The First Congregational Church's October 15 auction to benefit their steeple rebuilding effort, went remarkably well, given the torrential downpours immediately preceding the event. Approximately 35 bidders and a total crowd of about 50 were on hand as auctioneers David Putney and John Poor enticed bidders to greater generosity. Auction income brought the fund to \$344 shy of the \$10,000

mark at which John Poor said he would contribute \$5,000. Werner Bundschuh came through with a generous \$350 donation, immediately followed by Mr. Poor and his promised donation, given in memory of his late wife, Patricia C. Poor. Now at \$15,000, the fund stands a little less than half of what will be needed to ensure this landmark is set for the better part of the next century.

Other fundraising events are currently in the planning stages. Talk of suppers, craft fairs and other events will undoubtedly be reported out of committee as soon as plans are firm. All donations of cash for the fund, goods for future fundraisers, and time for upcoming events are greatly appreciated. Contact the First Congregational Church parsonage at 978-249-9155, John and Helen Divoll at 978-249-3163 or David and Shirley Putney at 978-249-4218.

## Barn on the Move

Dan Pederson of Hadley and Chat Mathrani of Somerville, itinerant timber framers currently under contract to Berkshire Barns of Dalton, are in the process of disassembling the former Roger Chase barn on Woods Road at the intersection of South Royalston Road. The pre-1800's, 30' x 40' "English Scribe Rule" timber frame, a later addition, and as many reusable boards as possible are making a move to Middlefield, a village in Western Massachusetts. Although many will be sad to see the structure removed, Berkshire Barns, Inc. is dedicated to barn preservation through reuse. The barn will be reassembled and converted into a workshop/studio for a sculptor, and a new addition will be constructed for living space.



## Local Produce

If you would like to publicize homegrown produce or other Royalston made gifts, crafts or services for sale this holiday season, pass the info on to the RCN by Nov 22nd in time for the December issue. Brevity is appreciated. Include contact info.

**Fill out your feast with local fresh produce** this Thanksgiving Ted Neale has winter **squash and potatoes** available. 978-249-6872. Randy Divoll has 2005 Royalston **maple syrup**. He can also supply green log-length firewood, and tight feed bales of **hay** 978-249-3158. The Putneys have **eggs**: 978-249-7787. Trish Miller also has **eggs** and son Chris Miller has two unsold **turkeys**, to be available just before Thanksgiving. 249-5127.



## Garden Notes

Larry Siegel

I know, I'm a newcomer to town, but in the twenty-nine seasons I've gardened here, there's been no autumn quite like the current one. No less an authority than David Putney, no newcomer he, does not recall a later fall frost in his seventy-some years in Royalston. It goes beyond the absence of frost. Temperatures have been well above normal in October as well as September. And, of course, there was the deluge. (Our Noah was seen constructing an ark atop Prospect Hill.) Our rain gauge is of the garden variety, not one of those state-of-the-art, high-tech weather stations. Notwithstanding, it recorded 9". Our garden (and all of Royalston it seemed) managed quite well; the soil was dry enough absorb it all up. The additional pile up of 5" over the next many days was a bit much however: water in the basement, puddles in the garden.

It is October 20. The thermometer read 36 degrees at sunrise. I've just picked a basket of tomatoes, 15 pounds of peppers, and one scant pint of raspberries. I munched on a couple of beans while wandering through the still-green (and, in some cases, still-flowering) bean plants. I could not, alas, find a cucumber worthy of the name cucumber. The sad maples in the common are only now peaked with color. The sugar maples up here remain primarily green. A stand-out red maple at the edge of the field, a reliable beginning to the fall foliage season, is just now reminding me it is autumn. Leaf-raking seems an eternity away.

Gardening in November, you ask? Well . . . yes. Let's take a step or three back: garlic was planted on the seventeenth of October. It was our first sunshine since October 5<sup>th</sup>, a fine day to plant garlic. It is not too late for you to do likewise. Pick your own fine day. In minutes, you can prepare a square, 3 feet to a side. It will yield thirty-six bulbs of garlic, if each clove is planted six inches apart and two or so inches deep (There is an up and a down to a clove of garlic, and the plant would probably appreciate having its up, up and its down, down.) Mulch with whatever after the ground freezes; the garlic will have begun growth below, but not above, the ground. Garlic planting represents the beginning of the 2006 garden season to me. A bed is uncovered, enriched, tidied up, and planted, a routine which will be repeated many times over next year.

## Wildlife Sightings

Got critters? Send in floral, faunal or fungal findings. Drop at library, zap chasegos@gis.net or call Maureen at 249-5138.

October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Deems and Elizabeth Leonard were fascinated to watch a male and female moose visiting their home at 25 Laurel Lake Rd. The animals stayed about 2-3 hours each day. Moose also payed local calls in late September. Curtis Neale spotted 3 moose in his driveway and the Coflesky's had a moose stop by for a swim in their pool on South Royalston Rd.

## Spay and Vaccinate Cats Cheaply

Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare (SCFAW) is offering discount veterinary services for in-home pet cats, including spaying, neutering and rabies and distemper shots for residents of Royalston and other nearby towns. Clinics will be held at the Athol Fire Station on Nov 3 and Nov 11. Eligible families will pay as little as \$10/ cat. To sign up or learn about other clinic dates or locations, call 978-779-8287.

The 2005 garden season continues, even as next year's begins. The Amherst Farmers' Market runs through November 12. While I generally do not sell at these November markets, the loss of two Saturdays in October (the deluge and the after-deluge) is nudging me toward continuing my peddling efforts until market's close. Those sturdy root crops and leafy vegetables need to be harvested, sorted, cleaned, bunched, weighed, transported, and sold. I offer a dozen or so different vegetables each week, some of which (potatoes, garlic, winter squash) are indoors, but most of which remain in the ground. So I occasionally tend to that ground. Gardening in November.

The garden is a continuum; every task I perform now will have a bearing on the garden next year (or subsequent years). The leaves I rake this fall will someday be incorporated into the soil and someday after that feed the vegetables growing from it. Even hauling in the winter's wood becomes, in part, a garden chore: several 100 pounds of ashes will be spread throughout the garden next spring.

The garden seems to be evolving into something of a community affair. Mulch hay has been provided by George Northrup and Kate Collins, Keith Newton, and Charlie Chase. The Sawyers dropped off a mountain of horse manure. Truckload after truckload of leaves are dumped by Warren Preville. Over the course of years, I've retrieved manure from assorted Royalston locations. Soil all, in time. My part in the process is to provide the time, the passion, and the strong back to jostle things along a bit. Gardening in November.

Addendum: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 33 degrees at the house, the gentlest of frost in the garden. Even the barely covered basil survived. Mid-20s at the Putneys. The Albany radio station informed me that the growing season had come to a close. Not for me.

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## Deer Hunting Seasons 2005

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**Royal Pine Farm** of 30 Brown Road, home of Aztec (the national champion producer of dark fawn alpaca wool), has a wide variety of alpaca sweaters, shawls, socks and other products; some are on display at the Royalston Post Office. It also welcomes visitors (by appointment) to learn about the docile animals. Call 249-7629.

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