A Publication of the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library, Royalston, Massachusetts

Calendar of Events

October 1    Saturday
Garlic & Arts Festival in Orange, continues Sunday.

October 2    Sunday
5-7 pm Zumba Bash, sponsored by the family of Michael Finocchio Sr. (Becky Divoll’s dad) to raise funds to establish a memorial scholarship. Held at the American Legion (295 School St. Winchendon, MA). Tickets are $10.00 in advance and $15.00 at the door and can be purchased from Becky Divoll 249-3158. See more info on facebook @ the Michael Finocchio Sr Endowment Fund page.

October 3    Monday
10 am Trout stocking by Millers River Trout Unlimited group on Blossom St, behind Pete and Henry’s

October 4    Tuesday
7 p.m. Board of Selectmen meets at Town Hall

October 5    Wednesday
10 am - noon Annual Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic, sponsored by the Council on Aging, at Royalston Town Hall. Targeted toward Royalston residents 18 years of age or older. Walk-ins are welcome. FREE. Held in conjunction with the weekly Luncheon Club – with $2 meals for seniors and $2.50 for seniors-to-be. Call Betty Woodbury before noon on Monday prior at 978-249-9656.

October 6    Thursday
3:45 Friends of the Library meeting. All welcome.

October 7    Friday
7:30 pm Dr Deane Marchbein, vice president of the U.S. branch of Doctors Without Borders will speak about her experiences volunteering around the world, including her recent trip to Libya. At the library. Refreshments.

October 8    Saturday
Yom Kippur

October 9 - 16 National Fire Prevention Week

October 10    Monday
Columbus Day (observed) Schools, post office, library, Town offices closed.
9 am Pleine Aire Painting Instruction on the Royalston Common, a free drawing and painting session for adults and young adults 12 and older conducted by Tom Kellner, MFA from 9 to noon. Bring all supplies including a stretched canvas for oils or acrylics or mounted paper for pastels or watercolors as well as some sort of easel. Questions and to register, contact Tom Kellner at 978 249-4644 e-mail: Kellner@hughes.net

October 11    Tuesday
10:06 p.m. Full Hunter Moon

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October 13    Thursday
1 p.m. Jacobs Hill Overlook Hike at Village School

October 14    Friday
6:30 pm All are invited to attend the Royalston Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper at the home of Peter Kraniaik. New members sought. Call Peter at 978-249-7625 for directions or information.

October 15    Saturday
Monty Tech – No classes for teacher in-service training
1 p.m. New Beaver Moon

October 16    Sunday
Village School Parent Work Day
2 pm Installation of granite birdbath in the Phinehas Newton Library garden in memory of long time friend, Barbara Willhite.

October 17    Monday
Columbus Day (observed) Schools, post office, library, Town offices closed.

October 18    Tuesday
7 p.m. Board of Selectmen meets at Town Hall

October 19    Wednesday
3:56 p.m. New Beaver Moon
7:30 p.m. LBS meeting with special program on Vintage Christmas Ornaments presented by Paul Kachinsky; hosted by Barbara Stowell. All welcome. Call 978-249- 5993 for information.

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3:30 pm RCS Halloween Dance

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October 22    Saturday
Monty Tech early dismissal (no lunch) for Tour Day
7 p.m. Royalston Fish & Game Turkey Raffle

October 23    Sunday

October 24    Monday
United Nations Day recognizing dedication to “world peace and the betterment of humanity”

October 25    Tuesday

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October 27    Thursday
TBA RCS Halloween Dance

October 28    Friday

October 29    Saturday
3 – 5 p.m. Town-wide Halloween Party with safety presentation by the Royalston Police

October 30    Sunday

October 31    Monday
Halloween
5 – 8 p.m. Trick-or-Treating with extra Royalston police patrols
Board Of Assessors Notes

Stephen Chase, chairperson

The assessors will be conducting visual exterior inspections in the eastern half of town during the first few weeks in October. The vehicle will display a BoA sign on its doors. The Department of Revenue requires all real estate be visited at least once every three years in order to keep records current. The Board of Assessors meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Whitney Hall, 7:00PM. 978-249-0337.

What Probably Happened at the Recent Special Town Meeting?

ed note: In fact, the meeting fell after our deadline, so we can’t be sure, but these were the items posted on the warrant, all submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and they were commonly thought to be uncontroversial and likely to pass.

Voters were asked to accept land donated by Hulda Ault in lieu of taxes for $4000. The second article asked for $5,340 to pay for Workers’ Compensation Insurance for the year as the original amound appropriated had been under-estimated. These funds would be transfered from the stabilization account. A 3rd article asked that $13,500 raised through the sale of surplus equipment from the Highway Department be used towards paying for some of the tree work needed throughout town. The last article requested $35,000 so that solar panels can be installed on the roofs of the Royalston Community School, Athol-Royalston Middle School and Athol High School. The $35,000 was expected to come from the mortgage reduction account of the community school.

U.S. Senate Candidates Forum Slated

Allen Young

The Royalston Town Democratic Committee is co-sponsoring a regional United States Senate Candidates Forum, slated to take place at the Ellinwood Country Club, Athol, starting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Allen Young, chair of the Royalston committee reported that “organizers led by the Orange committee have taken the initiative and have confirmed participation from five of the seven declared candidates and expect that all seven will participate. Democratic Town Committees from numerous towns in Franklin and Worcester counties are involved in the planning.”

Whoever obtains the Democratic nomination in the September primary will challenge Sen. Scott Brown in November. Before the primary election, however, Democratic delegates to the state convention in June will weigh in, and only candidates who obtain

Representative’s Hours

Mary C. Barclay

2nd Worcester District Representative Rich Bastien, who represents Royalston, reports House leadership has asked all Representatives to keep October open to deal with gaming, redistricting, parole and pension reform, and a supplemental budget. He’s planning a “town hall style meeting” in Royalston, most likely in November. Watch for the details.

Royalston Fire And EMS News

Fire Chief Keith R. Newton 978-249-5548

It’s Fire Prevention Week - Protect Your Family From Fire! October 9-16 is set aside by the National Fire Protection Association to help educate the public about fire, prevent deaths and unnecessary loss of property. See its website www.nfpa.org for entertaining and educational material for families on fire safety in the home. Separate fact from fiction about the beginnings of Fire Prevention Week, which was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. (Was Mrs. O’Leary’s cow the culprit?!) Find out some fast facts about fire prevention (Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half!) and take a brief quiz about fires in the home. (The peak hours for fires in the home are from what time to what time?) Teachers, find some ready-to-use lesson plans (preK/K; grades 1 & 2; grades 3 – 5) to incorporate fire prevention activities into your classroom.

Board of Health News

Phil Leger, chairperson

A reminder, clean or mostly clean containers are acceptable for recycling. Don’t include those that still have peanut butter or mayonnaise in the jar in the recycling. There is no magic to recycling. If the material has too much organic material in it, it will just get trashed. You are not recycling if it gets thrown away. Most containers just need a quick rinse with tap water. Others may need a soak or spin in the dishwasher.

Fall is here, so now is the time to put stuff away or get them to the transfer station. If you have large items that need to go into bulky waste, see Tony at the transfer station before dumping into the bulky waste roll off. Thanks.
Royalston Emergency Management Agency
Jim Barclay, EMD 978-249-2904  ema@royalston-ma.gov
or at 978-297-2904.

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Royalston’s Emergency Management Agency will be filing an
“After Action Report” with the Mass Emergency Management
Agency (MEMA) regarding the Town’s general readiness, storm-
specific preparation, response and recovery following Hurricane
Irene. The report is available for public review and an October
date (to be announced) will be set aside for public input. Watch local
newspapers and Town bulletin boards for additional information
or contact Jim Barclay.

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Donations to the Friends in memory of Werner Bundschuh

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Thomas and Doris Boon
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Donna and Henry Cramer
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Fair Alic and Peter McCormick
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Kathy Morris and Larry Siegel

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Mary Ann Devita and Anthony Palmieri
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John and Millie Poor
Ray and Renee Priest
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Tecla Ris
Royalston Academy
Cynthia and Steven Savoy
Robert B. Severy
John and Paula Smiley
Ruth Suyenaga and Mark Shoul
Monet M. Uva
Patricia Waelder
Bill Wheatley
Jessica and Christopher Willhite
Stacey and Carrie Zengle

Some of the New Materials at Your Library

Fiction
Adiga, Aravind Last Man in Tower
Arch, Jeffrey Only Time Will Tell
Brown, Sandra Lethal
Castle, Jayne Canyons of Night
Colfer, Eoin Plugged
Collins, Jackie Goddess of Vengeance
Gleason, Robert End of Days
Hannah, Sophie The Cradle in the Grave
Harper, Karen Fall from Pride
King, Laurie Pirate King
Lippman, Laura The Most Dangerous
Martin, Steve Shopgirl
Mitchard, Jacquelyn Second Nature
Morgenstern, Erin The Night Circus
Nesbo, Jo Headhunters
Patterson, James Kill Me if You Can
Penny, Louise A Trick of the Light
Rhodian, Rick The Devil went Down to Austin
Rendell, Ruth The Vault
Robb, J.D. New York to Dallas
Stephenson, Neal Remade
Stirling, S.M. The Tears of the Sun
Todd, Charles A Bitter Truth
Toyne, Simon Sanctus
Webb, Katherine The Legacy
Woods, Stuart Son of Stone

Non-Fiction
Akiyama, Carol Hemingway’s Boat
and Fun Way
Hendrickson, Paul Tension City
Lehrer, Jim Destiny of the Republic
Millard, Candice Tolstoy and the Purple Chair
Sankovitch, Nina The Game on! Diet
Vernoff, Krista

Audiobooks
Evanovich, Janet Wife for Hire
Lehrer, Jim Tension City
Millard, Candice Destiny of the Republic
Young Adult Fiction/Non-Fiction
Avi City of Orphans
Coben, Harlan You Against Me
Downham, Jenny against Me
Evans, Richard Michael Vey
Meloy, Colin Wildwood
Murdock, Catherine Wisdom’s Kiss

Children’s Non-Fiction
Handford, Martin Find Waldo Now

Children’s Fiction
Kirby, Matthew The Clockwork Three
Osborne, Mary Pope Dogs in the Dead of Night
Rylant, Cynthia Brownie & Pearl Grab a Bite
Selznick, Brian Wonderstruck


CDs
Lady Antebellum Own the Night
Soundtrack- The 40 Year Old Virgin

Thank you. The Friends group is quite humbled by the generosity of the Bundschuh family and all those who loved and admired Werner. It’s comforting to have a little of his light shine on through our work.

Phinehas S. Newton Library News
Kathy Morris, Library Director
Trustees: Polly Longsworth, Lisa Freden, Barbara Guiney
Mondays: 10:00 am - 8:30 pm. Thursdays 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am - 12:noon
978-249-3572  www.royalstonlibrary.org

Read any good books lately? Why not write a review for the newsletter?

Book Review by Isabelle O’Connor

Do you like witches and legends? Then you should read The Secret Circle by L. J. Smith.
**Upcoming Events:**

**Installation of Garden Sculpture at Library to Remember Barbara Willhite, Long-time Treasurer of the Friends Group**

On Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm, all are welcome for an informal afternoon gathering of memories, music and refreshments.

**Dr. Deane Marchbein will speak of her volunteer experiences with Doctors Without Borders, including a very recent trip to Libya**

On Friday October 7, at 7:30 pm at the library, Deane Marchbein, an anesthesiologist at Massachusett General Hospital and the Cambridge Health Alliance, will discuss her work for MSF (Medics Sans Frontieres) or Doctor’s Without Borders for whom she has taken an annual leave of absence since 2006 to do humanitarian work. She is the vice president of the US branch of the organization.

Doctors Without Borders is an international medical humanitarian organization, founded in 1971 by French doctors who broke with the ICRC (International Red Cross) because of a commitment to speak out during the Nigerian civil war. MSF seeks to address the medical needs of people who have little access to medical care or who are deliberately excluded such as migrants, refugees, or minority populations; and when appropriate, to speak out about the conditions of those populations. Often they work in areas where medical care is unavailable because of natural disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti or the tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan, or because of war. Marchbein’s missions have taken her to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, South Sudan and Haiti. She has just returned from Misratah in Libya and will be showing pictures from the various places her work has taken her and discussing MSF and her recent trip. Refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library.

**Tai Chi** continues this fall Tuesdays from 6-7 pm. Everyone is welcome. at this free program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more info, contact Becky at 978-575-1454.

**Zumba with Kristin Killay will resume** November 7 at 6 pm and continue on Mondays throughout the winter at Town Hall.

**Basket Making Class**

On Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m., Sandy Hopkins and Janice Anton will be teaching a beginning basket making class. Sandy has been doing crafts all her life and creates original basket designs with different materials when not working in the corporate world. Janice also has been crafting all her life and has been collecting and re-creating baskets of the Northeast Indians. They will be teaching techniques that will provide participants with a basic knowledge of basket making, helpful hints to overcome some of the problems that one can encounter, and ideas for types of materials and styles of baskets. The class is limited to 10 people and there is a $25 material fee. The class is starting before lunch so that there will be adequate time to complete the entire project. Bring a snack. For more information contact the library or check out the library website. You can also see Sandy and Janice’s work at http://www.basketswheatandmore.com/about-us.html. Funding for this workshop is provided by a grant from the Royalston Cultural Council.

**Holiday Craft Workshops**

The Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library are sponsoring several holiday programs coming up on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in November and December including: Holiday Gift Bags Decorating with Rubber Stamps with Janet Betsey on December 4 and Wheat Stars with Kathy Morris on December 11. Look for more information in next month’s newsletter and on the library website.

**Art Exhibit at the Library**

Caleb Chase, a Royalston native and high school junior at Cushing Academy, will have paintings and perhaps fused glass pieces on display at the library in October and November.
R.C.S News

Bella O’Connor, a local 6th grader fresh from a stint as a finalist (beating out 1000s of entrants) in an essay contest sponsored by Time for Kids, which is Time Magazine’s young reader edition, has agreed to undertake the position of cub reporter on the RCS beat for the newsletter. The newsletter is happy to have her aboard.

The apples are out, fall is here, and everybody is busy at Royalston Community School. The year is off to a great start and the new principal, Angelo Garofalo, is a hit with his favorite word, ‘proactive’, which he has taught the people of R.C.S. to be. In addition, R.C.S welcomes a new 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Kenecht! Since school began, there has already been a successful mum fundraiser for Nature’s Classroom. The students sold half a truck-full!!! The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are campaigning for student council and the halls are filled with election posters. There was a PTG meeting and the parents got to meet Mr. Garofalo and their child’s teacher at the open house last September 29th. Let’s hope for a great rest of the year and that the students get smarter during the up-coming school season!

RCS dates to remember:
School portraits on October 18
Halloween party on October 28

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NEWS

Got something to crow about? Send the news along to the RCN. Zap to chasegos@gis.net or drop at the library

Mark Shoul and Phil Rabinowitz have just had an article published in the National Civic Review, the oldest and one of the most respected journals in the field of civic engagement. Entitled “Building Hope in a De-Industrialized Community,” it’s about their work with Hands Across North Quabbin, a local organization that’s working to nurture the factors that make for a civic climate of collaboration and effective problem-solving among North Quabbin residents of all backgrounds, philosophies, and walks of life. The article appears in the Summer 2011 issue of the quarterly journal, which happens to be its 100th anniversary.

Monty Tech

Monty Tech senior Victoria Holbert, a 17-year-old senior in dental assisting, has made history — she is serving this year as the 46th National President of Skills USA, the first ever president from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts! She will spend much of her school year traveling and speaking on behalf of Skills USA, which promotes excellence in professions and trades through school-based workshops and competitions. She is tenth in her class and has already made arrangements for completing work while she travels — and this month travel includes a trip to London, England to attend the “skilled trade version of the Olympics.”

Miss Holbert was not the only National winner — Monty Tech’s building trades team took silver, besting 30 other teams from around the nation. Athol’s Sara Marshall earned a bronze in Dental Assisting, and Athol’s Darren Muzzy placed in the top 20 in Computer Maintenance Technology. As a matter of fact, all of Monty Tech’s participants placed in the top 20 — particularly impressive when considering the fact Skills USA involved 5,000 student competitors competing in 87 trade, technical and leadership events!

What’s Happening at the Village School?

Thanks to Elizabeth Farnsworth, who brought her enthusiasm, humor, knowledge and fascination with ferns to the 4th-6th students. The students were able to look at ferns through her eyes, and whole new world opened up for them.

All the children are joining in harvesting the garden, including digging the potatoes they planted last spring. They’ll be enjoying roast potatoes soon.

It’s still field trip time: Classes are visiting local gardens, visiting Sweetwater Farm in Petersham, hiking to Lawrence Brook and climbing Jacobs Hill.

All School Poetry Project

In the first weeks of October, the whole school is involved in a single poetry project. Every child will write a poem based on his or her observations of a ‘magical place’, which includes taking the time to find it, in the area of the Island of Trees. Naturally, the youngest children will not do the actual writing, but reading buddies will accompany the younger child outside and scribe his or her observations. The older children, from 2nd to 6th grade, will write their own poems based on their observations of a magical place. This experience will in turn help the older children guide and support their younger buddies. The project will culminate in a combined reading of the final poems. Everyone loves poetry, and everyone is a poet.

November 4 5:00 pm Autumn Lantern Walk Celebration for Families: storytelling, procession with homemade lanterns, Italian potluck, and contra-dance. Public invited. Donations are suggested of $5 per adult, $2 per child, or $10 per family.

Saturday and Sunday October 1st and 2nd: Visit the Village School tent at the Garlic Fest. For up to date Village School information, go to www.villageschoolma.org
Congregational Churches News

Pastor Jeffrey L. Francis

We are proud to announce our 3rd Annual Mission’s Conference on October 14th and 16th. We will be hosting the conference at FCCR Friday night with our guest minister from Columbia, South America, Rev. Lenny Hernandez. We will begin the service at 7:00 pm. Sunday morning service is at FCCR with our special guests from Faith School of Theology and Zion Bible College. The students from these schools will be presenting an international flag ceremony and speaking about different parts of the world. The service time is 10:30 am. Following the service we will be hosting our international dinner. These are dynamic services and open to the public.

As we adjust to the fall season we are planning another great climb of Mt. Monadnock on October 8th. Anyone interested may do so at 9:30 am at FCCR. Bring cameras as we should have opportunity for some beautiful shots of the fall foliage. We have several aerial shots of the Royalston Common for sale to anyone interested. Please contact the church office with inquiries.

FCCR will be launching a new website with all kinds of great information and daily inspiration on the weekend of October 16th. You can access our new website at fccrlive.com. Check it out and let us know what you think! For anyone in need of food we have supplies for families and individuals. Please contact FCCR at 978.249.9155. For service times of our two community churches and events on the calendar and other important information please access our webpage.

Royalston Fish and Game

Hosts Turkey Raffle and Roast Beef Supper

It’s time for the Royalston F&G’s annual Turkey Raffle, slated for the third Friday of the month, October 21, it begins promptly at 7 p.m.

It’s also time to stake your claim for one of the 80 or so seats at the F&G’s first Roast Beef Supper of the season! Tickets for these monthly feasts sell out fast, so if you’re interested in a ticket for the Saturday, November 5 dinner, you’d best call now! Tickets are $12 Each and buy a family-style dinner of tossed salad, bread and real butter, mashed potatoes with perfectly cooked roast beef, savory brown gravy, green beans, coffee and a light dessert.

Just a quick reminder: The Royalston F&G is open every Tuesday and Friday night. Memberships are available at the bar or at the Royalston General Store. If you are interested in more information, contact Marie at 978-249-2836 or the Clubhouse at 978-249-3004.

Ladies B.

LBS October Program - Paul Kachinsky will present a program on Antique and Collectible Holiday Decorations on Wednesday, October 26th at 8 pm at Barbara Stowell’s home following the regular meeting of the LBS. Paul will have several tables of interesting and beautiful items on display and will share historical and collectible information.

At all LBS events, refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Contact LBS President Laurie M. Deveneau at lmdeveneau@msn.com or 978-249-5807 for more information.

Historical Society Pot Luck

New Members Sought

Peter Kraniax, president

We, the Royalston Historical Society, would like to invite you to our annual meeting and Pot Luck Supper on October 21, 2011 at the home of Peter Kraniax. The Society was founded in 1946 to help preserve the history of Royalston and hopefully you are interested in the same objective. We do not require a lot of our members. New ideas and new members would help to keep this organization going. Our meetings are held four times a year and the winter meeting, because of the weather is not usually held.

Think about helping us to continue to be a viable organization that will promote the beauty and history of our town. So if you feel that you would like to be a member come on October 21st, at 6:30PM and bring a dish that we can enjoy and offer whatever you can in the way of preserving our history.

Calling All Kids

Susan Veilleux

Bible Club is now in its seventeenth year. It is an after school program that meets every Wed. from 3 to 4 at RCS. Parents must arrange to pick up their children. The club is taught by David Williams from the First Congregational Church. The security of the children is most important and the attendance of parents is always encouraged. We sometimes arrange field trips when half-school days fall on a Wed. We teach traditional biblical values and instruct about the love and grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And we HAVE FUN!!!!! Age appropriate and non-denominational.

For an application/permission slip or to know more, please call Susan Veilleux @ 978-249-5004
Obituaries

Nancy (Shaw) Bolton, 85, of Bolton Road, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011.

Nancy was born in Cambridge, Feb. 21, 1926 the daughter of Frederick D. and Lucille (Kimball) Shaw. She grew up in Weston, graduating from Weston High School in 1944 and from Boston University in 1948 with a degree in English. She later moved to West Medway where she lived for 17 years and since 1973 has resided in Royalston.

Nancy was very active in her community, was a member of the First Congregational Church of Royalston where she sang in the church choir, was a soloist and served as a deaconess. She was a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society from 1973 to the present where she served as chair of the scholarship committee. She worked at the Royalston polls for many years, and was member of the Royalston Historical Society, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board serving as recording secretary. She served on the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee from 1986 to 1999, the Athol Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the Athol Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she was as president from 1982 to 1984, and the Athol Women’s Club. She volunteered for the Athol Area United Way for many years. She was also a member of Pi-Beta-Phi Fraternity while at Boston University.

Nancy loved serving her community, spending summer vacations as a child in Harpswell, Maine. As an adult she enjoyed spending time in Cape Elizabeth, Maine with her sister and family. Nancy loved having a good time, but most especially enjoyed spending time with her many friends and family.

She leaves a son, Llewellyn S. Bolton IV of Royalston; a daughter, Holly H. Burnett and her husband, Jason of Erving; three grandsons, Daniel Lee Bolton of Athol, whom she helped raise, Douglas J. Dupell Jr. and his wife Trista of Erving and Phillip Dupell and his wife Amber of Orange. She also leaves a sister, Betsy Hewes and her husband Richard of Cape Elizabeth; two nephews, three nieces and many grand-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to: the Salvation Army-Athol Corps, 107 Ridge Ave., Athol or Jane L. Manring, Village School math teacher and kind friend to many in town, passed away on Sept. 5, 2011 succumbing to pancreatic cancer.

She was born in 1932 in Philadelphia to Lester and Virginia Hipple Lines and attended Friends Central School, a Quaker school in Media, Penn., from fourth grade through graduation. She studied two years at Sarah Lawrence before marrying Charles David Manring, an Annapolis graduate, on June 21, 1953. Over the next seven years, two daughters and two sons were born while the Navy moved the family around the country. Through these years of her husband being as much at sea as at home, Jane not only managed house and children but also completed credits for her undergraduate and master’s degrees.

Jane secured her first teaching job as science coordinator for Langley Cooperative School in northern Virginia. Other assignments included both public and private schools, teaching elementary school children. Her involvement with the Creative Conflict Resolution Program led to an invitation to be founding head of a new Quaker school, Friends Community School, which is still thriving over 20 years hence. Jane was widowed during this time.

At a 1994 contra dance, Jane met her life partner, Dick Hyland. They moved to Athol in June of 1998, and the community became home. Jane served as president of the board of Quabbin Mediation, was a part-time math teacher and served on the board at the Village School in Royalston, was member of Women in Black, and joined the Mt. Toby Quaker Meeting. She also participated in the planning of Martin Luther King Day celebrations, helped organize the Athol Historical Society’s annual Children’s Day, and participated in the North Quabbin Energy Committee.

She is survived by her children Lynne Manring of Warwick, Laura Samardick and her husband Bob of Princeton, N.J., Doug Manring of Fredericksburg, Va., and Michael Manring and his wife Kelli of Oakland, Calif. There are four grandchildren, Tyler and Katherine Samardick, and Eleanor and Rianna Manring.

Mystery Pumpkins

On Saturday morning the 24th, a smile cracked the countenances of many patrons and passerby finding fallish pumpkins strewn sweetly on the steps the library’s brick building. They had been left under cover of darkness the night prior. Who is that mystery pumpkin placer?
250th Anniversary Celebration Committee
With simple, tasty food grown and prepared by neighbors, a packed town hall charmingly decorated with lanterns and yard flowers, a few raffles, a few libations and a lot of good cheer and good will, the recent local foods supper was a huge success.

Major thank yous go to:
- Maureen Blasco and Patti Stanko, who not only grew and prepared a lot of the food, but also dished it out and then washed those dishes.
- Marie-Claire Humblet, who researched and printed a handout, soon to be available on the library web-site, detailing how, when and where to shop for food in Royalston; she also created beautiful flower arrangements of simple local greenery for the tables and made a pretty potato salad of multi-colored mini-potatoes as well as a peach compote.
- Barbara Stowell who created lovely note cards identifying the provenance of each dish, thought through the details of serving 100 plus dinners buffet style, and put her exceptional culinary skills to work creating a butternut bisque and heirloom tomato salad.
- Mariah Mallet, who knew the secrets of exceptional shepherd’s pie and moist zucchini bread and did a lot of leg work prior to the event.
- Geoff Newton, tolerated the 250th committee veering from the tried and true path for this event and helped start to finish.
- The Fire Dept. for schlepping tables and chairs up and down the stairs.
- Teenagers Bryce, Hannah Bartkus, Bella O’Connor, Grady MacPhee, Elizabeth and Ben West, and Tobey and Caleb Chase, who served and bussed tables.
- The donors to the raffle tables: Geoff and Diana Newton for a wine basket, the Richardsons for syrup, Big Mama Tully for pumpkin and Maureen Blasco for rosemary and breads of home-grown onions and shallots.
- And to all who ate, grew and prepared these delicious dishes: Thai Cabbage Salad
  - **Maureen Blasco’s cabbage, peppers, onions and carrots; prepared by Carla Rabinowitz**
    - Green bean and cherry tomato salad with Jim Bennett’s beans and Larry Siegel’s and Ted Neale’s tomatoes
  - **Curried Zucchini Soup: Grown and prepared by Emma O’Connor**
    - Butternut Bisque: Squash grown by Randy Divoll; souped up by Barbara Stowell
  - **Wild Mushroom soup with veggies grown by Larry Siegel and mushrooms foraged and cooked by Erin Page Blanchard**
    - Heirloom Tomato Salad with love apples from Amelia’s Tomatoes and chopping and tossing by Barbara Stowell
  - **Steelhead Trout smoked by Teddy Bear Laakkonen**
    - Zucchini Bread with zukes grown by Buddy Dyer and baking by Mariah Mallet
  - **Shepards’ Pie with Lamb from Aurora Ranch (Kate Collins and George Northrop), Divoll potatoes and corn, Maureen’s onions, Neale carrots, Siegel garlic and preparations by Mariah Mallet**
    - Patti’s Meatloaf made from Kathy Morris’ grass fed beef with veggies grown by Patti Stanko
  - **Happy Hen Quiche**
    - Eggs raised and quiche combined by Deb Nunes
  - **Eggplant Parmesan: start to finish a Maureen Blasco production**
    - Sautéed hen of the woods, foraged by Noah Siegel
    - Roasted fall vegetables grown by Kathy and John Chencharik, Randy Divoll, Larry Siegel, Celt Grant and Allen Young
      - Apple sauce from trees planted by Smoky Smith, the Bowers family, Ted Neale’s dad and others.
    - **Roasted Divoll rosemary potatoes**
      - Peach Pie with fruit grown by Aaron Ellison and Elizabeth Farnsworth baked by Maureen and Beth
    - **Pear Tart grown and prepared by Carla Rabinowitz**
      - Pumpkin Pie with Maureen’s pumpkin; Beth’s baking and Teddy Bear’s whipped cream
    - **Apple Crisp by Patti Stanko and more!!!**

Recipe of the Month
In honor of National Cookie Month, how about a delicious cookie that Pauline (Crumb) Smith (late, of Prospect Hill and Northeast Fitzwilliam Road) used to make every fall for ladies’ society meetings, bake sales, or just for the kids in the neighborhood. One batch will feed quite a crowd – yields about 5 dozen large cookies. Submitted by Mary Barclay.
- Pauline’s Mincemeat Filled Cookies
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 1 cup shortening
  - 1 cup milk
  - 2 tsp. vanilla
  - 1 tbisp. baking powder
  - 2 tsp. baking soda
  - 7 cups flour
  - +/- quart of Prepared mincemeat
  - Cream shortening and sugar. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix. Turn onto floured board (dough will be very soft) and roll thin. Cut rounds with a cutter dipped in flour. Place a tblsp. full of prepared mincemeat on one round, top with a second round, then crimp edges with a fork. Bake in a 350 degree F. oven for about 12-15 minutes, or until the edges just begin to brown.

Local Music Scene
CD Release Party
Join Linq on Friday, October 7th at 7PM as she celebrates the release of Caught in the Act Acoustic in “the back corner” at Bruce’s Browser, 1497 Main St, Athol www.brucesbrowser.com
This up-close-and-live CD features only her warm alto, a clear expressive guitar and light percussion. She’s stripped away the production, boiling it down to the essential elements of melody and lyrics. Most of the songs have been previously released with her studio band, and she’s thrown in a couple of new ones that you’ll recognize from her more recent live performances. So come on over and hang out. She’ll be playing a few of the tunes and autographing CDs. You can also enjoy the refreshments, chat with friends (and meet new ones!), browse the store... you get the picture.

Melanie and the Blue Shots
Fall Tour: A-REF fundraiser Red Apple Farm Oct. 1st and at Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn Oct. 8th. Come celebrate Phil’s 60th and Jim “the hat’s” 63rd birthdays.
Garden Notes  September 20, 2011

No wandering of the mind this time; Garden Notes will devote itself to garden notes. As well it should, the current season far from expired, the 2012 season already begun. As to the former, the clutch of frost-sensitive crops (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beans, and squash) continues to produce at the same time that the fall garden has come into its own (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, leeks, and an assortment of root crops). The principal challenge, aside from keeping up with the harvest, is to find a way to consume them all.

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The Bundschuh Family

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