Calendar of Events

September 2    Monday    Labor Day

September 3   Tuesday
7 pm  Forum on New Wastewater Plant, at town hall

September 4   Wednesday    Rosh Hashana
7 pm  Forum on Special Election Ballot Questions, at town hall

September 5    Thursday
11:37 pm  New Harvest Moon

September 7   Saturday
10 am - 5 pm    Fungus Fair: Learn about fungi for eating, dying, living, and decomposing with renowned experts like Royalston’s Noah Siegel and Alissa Allen at the Millers River Education Center in Athol. Walks, identification sessions, and a wild mushroom cook-up. Admission $5. Organized by the Monadnock Mushroomers.

September 9    Monday
10 am – 8 pm    Special election at Whitney Hall and Town Hall, Precincts 1 and 2 on ballot questions. Question 1 asks approval for a debt exclusion for a new fire truck for Station 2. Question 2 asks approve a Proposition 2-1/2 override for $50,000, seed money for a Capital Stabilization Fund.

3:45 pm Friends of the Library meeting. Discuss library support, fall events, and this newsletter. All welcome.

September 13   Friday    sundown    Yom Kippur begins

September 14    Saturday
6 pm  Local foods supper to benefit the 250th Celebration. To help cook or reserve tickets for this celebration of harvest and community, see any committee member or contact Beth Gospodarek (978-249-0358/chasegos2@gmail.com.)

September 16    Monday

September 19    Thursday
11:13 pm  Full Harvest Moon

September 20   Friday
7 p.m.  Authors of Echoes of Africa, a newish collection of essays from people of the North Quabbin region who have had experiences in Africa, will read and discuss their writings at the library. Royalston’s Beth Gospodarek and Allen Young are included. Refreshments.

September 21   Saturday
9 am - 7 pm  Fall Frenzy at Royalston Fish and Game Club, includes live entertainment, a chicken BBQ, car show, raffles and a beer tent.

September 22    Sunday    Autumnal Equinox

September 25   Wednesday
Curriculum Night at the Village School. See presentations in each classroom and ask questions. Times: 5:45: K-1st grade 6:30: 2nd-3rd grade 7:15: 4th-6th grade

October 5    Saturday
6 pm  Chicken BBQ at the Royalston Fish and Game Club “CHICKEN SHOOT” immediately following the dinner. All are welcome to attend; it is a fun time. $10 tickets are to be sold by September 28th. Advanced sales only.

Oct. 5-6 Garlic and Arts Festival, Forsters Farm, Orange 10:00-5:00. $5 adults/$8 weekend, kids free.
Selectboard Notes
Christine Long, Member

The Select Board unanimously recommends that voters come to the polls for the special election on Monday, September 9 and vote YES on both Question 1 and Question 2. Both measures were overwhelmingly approved by voters at the May annual town meeting, but both also need ballot approval.

An information forum on both questions will be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at town hall.

Question 1 asks you to approve a debt exclusion for a new fire truck for Station 2. The $400,000 cost will be paid via a multi-year lease/purchase agreement, and the measure will affect the tax rate only for the duration of the agreement. The new fire truck will replace one that is 33 years old – though safety and insurance standards dictate a 20-year limit – and no longer functions at all. The need is crucial – this truck serves South Royalston, the most densely populated part of town, as well as the rest of town and the broader area that Royalston responds to as part of its mutual aid commitments.

Question 2 asks you to approve a Proposition 2-1/2 override for $50,000, seed money for a Capital Stabilization Fund – in effect, a budgeting by crisis. It will also accomplish what voters have over and over asked town officials to do – to get a handle on long-term planning and to avoid commitments.

Polls will be open on Monday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at town hall (Precinct 1) and Whitney Hall (Precinct 2).

Royalston Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs

The Royalston Cultural Council has set an October 15, 2013 postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

The Royalston Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Last year, the Cultural Council distributed approximately $3800 in grants.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx.

Board of Health News
Phil Leger, chairperson

New windshield stickers are due. First one is $15 and the second is $5. See attendant to purchase. Please display on left side of windshield when using the facility.

A reminder that haz/mat collection day will be September 21st @ the Orange Transfer Station, E. Main St., right after Pete’s Tire Barn. There will be sign up sheets available at the transfer station and in the Athol Daily News or @ www.franklincountysolidwastedistrict.org. You must pre-register and space is limited and is first come-first served. The sign up sheets also list accepted items.

The transfer station takes clean, non-contaminated oil when open. “Uncontaminated” means no water, gas, or other non-oil material in the oil. It takes clean uncontaminated antifreeze also. Do not try to pour your own oil into the collection tank. This must be done by transfer station staff for safety and liability reasons. If you have a questions about your material, see an attendant. The transfer station does not collect any other haz/mat material at this time. Please do not leave your paints or mystery fluids.

By press time, there should be new traffic lines and arrows painted on the new pavement at the transfer station. A big thank you to RDPW for the work. Please note that the traffic pattern remains the same, counter clockwise. Please be conscious of others when dropping off items and try not to block folks in.

Lately, staff have been picking up trash and debris falling off people’s vehicles on the way to the transfer station. Please be conscious of your load when travelling and secure it so it doesn’t blow out. If you are missing some of your load, please backtrack and pick it up. Keep Royalston clean.

On a final note, folks may have noticed a back up of recyclables recently. Our hauler, Intergated Paper Recyclers, was shut out of the paper plant in Fitchburg due to plant shut down, which meant it had to haul everything to its facility in Andover. The Board of Health has since made provisions with Monadnock Disposal, its regular trash and demo hauler, to haul our recyclables. This, however, has come at an added cost. Even though there is no charge for recyclables, there is a cost. That is why the windshield sticker fees for access to the facility are so important. That fees help keep recycling for everyone free. It is still cheaper to recycle that it is to trash.

Free CERT Training Starting

Templeton will begin training classes for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in September. Those interested in this exciting opportunity should contact Rich Curtis at 978-580-6620. Area towns are welcome to participate.
Make Royalston an Official “Green Community”

Donna Caisse, Energy Committee Chairman
978-249-4497  dcaisse1@verizon.net

The Energy Committee has been working toward attaining Green Community Designation for the Town of Royalston. This designation will bring some much needed love and attention to our old, cold Royalston buildings by making them more energy efficient. The significant savings realized by these energy efficiency measures could increase the Town’s free cash that will not have to be spent on fuel.

Although Green Community Designation is a lengthy and complicated process, the town is on track to achieve this designation in the Fall 2013 application process. Currently, members of the Energy Committee, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen along with the technical assistance of Montachusett Regional Planning Commission are working on the first two of the five criterion that must be met to attain Green Community Designation.

Two by-laws need to be adopted by Royalston for “as-of-right-siting” for renewable or alternative energy generation. The capped landfill site can potentially be used for that purpose. Because this land is owned by the Town, and the by-law will specify how the land can be developed for solar energy generation within the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Community guidelines, it gives the Town added control. Voters must also adopt an expedited application and permitting process. That application process must not exceed one year from the date of initial application to the date of final approval by the Planning Board.

The third criterion asks that the Town of Royalston establish an energy use baseline inventory for municipal buildings, vehicles and street lighting. Using this energy baseline, we must put in place a comprehensive plan to reduce our energy use baseline by 20% within five years of the initial participation in the Green Community Program. This has been the toughest of the criteria to complete. The Department of Energy Resources, (DOER) has finally realized that a small town, without the technical assistance, has a very difficult time putting together a detailed 20% energy reduction plan. With help from the DOER, we have made contact with Guardian Energy Group. Guardian Energy Group is willing to do a free preliminary energy audit to give us the detailed information needed for Royalston’s 20% energy reduction plan. This service was just announced by DOER this week. The committee has its first meeting with Guardian Energy next week!

The fourth criterion has been completed by the Energy Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The fifth criterion is adopting the stretch code. This is an updated energy efficient building code. The Energy Committee will have an insert in the October Royalston Community Newsletter with detailed information regarding the stretch code. The Energy Committee will be hosting an informational meeting on the stretch code in October.

To help Royalston realize the distinction of becoming a Green Community, the committee will need interested residents’ help. Show up at the informational meeting sponsored by the DOER. Bring a friend! There will be babysitting available at the Town Hall and refreshments will be served.

The date of the Fall Special Town Meeting has not yet been decided, but we will depend on voters to come out to attend the Special Town Meeting and make becoming a Green Community a reality.

GOING...GOING...GONE!

Phillipston and Royalston Homeowners …

Housing Repair Assistance is Still Available – for now...

Our current grant for home repairs is about to close. This is your last chance to get help under the current program. You may be eligible for up to $35,000 for a single-family home for code repairs, lead paint and asbestos abatement. If you are a homeowner whose residence needs repairs, contact the CDBG Administrator, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, 1427 Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420, telephone 978-345-7376 x 306. Call today to see if you qualify for assistance.

Phillipston–Royalston Housing Rehabilitation Program

Funding provided by a Massachusetts Community Development Block grant administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, and the Towns of Phillipston and Royalston.
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

Donations to the Friends - Thank you
Quinn/Krasowski family
Paul Montero
Paula and Rick Paul

Thank you to Maureen Blasco, Alissa Allen, Noah Dawson, Caleb Chase, and Gibson LaRoche for a successful Royalston Shakespeare Company production.

Thank you to the Summer Reading and Preschool Story Time program presenters: Tom Musco, Deb D’Amico, Lydia Musco, Josh Doub, Aaron Ellison, Amanda Basso, Brandy Lefsky, and Sharon Harmon

Thank you to Chet, Sheila, and Chet Hall for all the information about Beryl Hill Mine and for letting all of us look at the animals and spend so much time exploring the mine.

Thank you to the Royalston Academy and the Friends of the Library for funding our Summer Reading and Preschool Summer Programs and to the Royalston Cultural Council, the Friends of the Library and many individual donors for funding the Royalston Shakespeare Company Theater Workshop.

Thank you to Alissa Allen for leading a unique silk scarf dying workshop. Participants used dyes Alissa created from lichen and fungi to create cool patterns on natural fabrics.

Big E Tickets and Yankee Candle Summer Prize Winners
Thanks to the Western Massachusetts Library Advocates each public library with a summer reading program was eligible to receive two tickets to the Big E in Springfield. In addition, Yankee Candle in South Deerfield donated two wax hand molds where people can make molds of their hands in wax, color the mold and then bring them home. Participants at the summer reading programs and children who came to the library and borrowed books during the summer all entered into the drawing. The winner of the Big E tickets was Mason Mello and the winner of the hand molds was the Hermes family.

Artist Exhibits
Do you paint, take photographs, make sculptures, quilt, or do some other artistic endeavor? If so, don’t be shy, call the library and let us know what you have that we could exhibit. If you don’t tell us, we won’t know and we can’t guess. We are always looking for different individuals to exhibit work. Why not gain notoriety and 15 minutes of fame with an exhibit at the library? It has been amazing to see the work of so many talented people in town. It’s your turn now. Call 978-249-3572.

All welcome at the Library Book Discussion Group, which meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the library from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Copies of the book are always available for check out at the library in the month prior.

In September, it will discuss Booker Mann Prize winner The Inheritance of Loss. Goodreads.com gives this synopsis: “In a crumbling, isolated house at the foot of Mount Kanchenjunga in the Himalayas lives an embittered judge who wants only to retire in peace, when his orphaned granddaughter, Sai, arrives on his doorstep. The judge’s cook watches over her distractedly, for his thoughts are often on his son, Biju, who is hopscotching from one gritty New York restaurant to another. Kiran Desai’s novel, published to huge acclaim, is a story of joy and despair. Her characters face numerous choices that illuminate the consequences of colonialism as it collides with the modern world.”

Echoes of Africa - Local Authors Talk on September 20
In the last year or so, a dozen writers from the North Quabbin region compiled essays about their experience living in Africa. This book is the result. The writers were public health administrators, Peace Corps volunteers, art historians, and educators. In the book, Beth Gospodarek, editor of this newsletter, discusses her years in Lesotho and her overland trip from Kenya to Senegal. Royalston’s Allen Young wrote in his introduction to the book, “These authors share stories of pure adventure as well as sincere helpfullness and affection. You will read about cotton production, local vegetable farms, energy and transportation, childcare and education, rituals, religion and more - often with fascinating detail and centered on people rather than political abstraction.”

All are welcome to meet the authors, hear readings from the book and ask questions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments.
Some of the New Materials at Your Library

**Adult Fiction**

Bass, Rick *All the Land to Hold Us*
Black, Benjamin *Holy Orders*
Box, C.J. *The Highway*
Burke, James Lee *Light of the World*
Cain, Chelsea *Let me Go*
Coe, Ben *Eye for an Eye*
Dahl, Arne *Bad Blood*
Doig, Ivan *Sweet Thunder*
Galbraith, Robert *The Cuckoo’s Calling*
Garwood, Julie *Hotshot*
Goodkind, Terry *The Third Kingdom*
Gregory, Philippa *The White Princess*
Hannah, Sophie *Kind of Cruel*
Hoffmeister, Peter *Graphic the Valley*
Hohanssen, Iris *Hunting Eve*
Kelman, Thomas *The Daughters of Mars*
Kiernan, Stephen *The Curiosity*
Macomber, Debbie *Rose Harbor in Bloom*
McBride, James *The Good Lord Bird*
Moyes, Jojo *The Girl you left Behind*
Oates, Joyce Carol *Evil Eye*
Patterson, James *Mistress*
Pochoda, Ivy *Visitation Street*
Salvatore, R.A. *The Companions*
Shannon, Samantha *The Bone Season*
Simses, Mary *The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & Cafe*
Steel, Danielle *First Sight*
Thayer, Nancy *Island Girls*
Vasquez, Juan *The Sound of Things Falling*
Willig, Lauren *The Passion of the Purple Plumeria*

**Adult non-fiction**

Bowen, James *Street Cat Named Bob*
Freedman, Grace *Cracking the SAT*
Kaplan *Kaplan PSAT/NMSQT 2012*
Kaplan *SAT Subject test: Mathematics level 1*
Offit, Paul *Do you Believe in Magic?*
Packer, George *The Unwinding*
Petrash, Antonia *Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement*
Sanfilippo, Diane *Practical Paleo*
Weil, Andrew *True Food*

**Audio Books**

Walter, Jess *Beautiful Ruins*

**Young Adult**

Cabot, Meg *Awaken*
Choldenko, Gennifer *Al Capone does my Homework*
Choldenko, Gennifer *Al Capone Shines my Shoes*

**Children’s Fiction**

Andreon, Giles *Giraffes can’t Dance*
Arnold, Tedd *Fly Guy and the Frankenfly*
Atinuke *The no 1 Car Spotter*
Bianco, Margery *The Velveteen Rabbit*
Blechman, Nicholas *Night Light*
Bosch, Pseudonymous *If you’re Reading this, it’s too Late*
Bosch, Pseudonymous *This Book is not Good for You*
Clery, Beverly *Henry and Beezus*
Colfer, Chris *The Land of Stories: Enchantress Returns*
Cousins, Lucy *Peck, Peck, Peck*
Cronin, Doreen *Click, Clack, Boo!*
Dewdney, Anna *Llama Llama and the Bully Goat*
Galdone, Paul *The Three Little Pigs*
Hay, James *Howie Monroe and the Doghouse of Doom*
Leder, Kate *Lost Tooth Rescue*
May, Robert *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*
McKay, Hilary *Lulu and the cat in the Bag*
Nation, Kaleb *Bran Hambrick*
Pinkney, Andrea *Martin and Mahalia*
Scotton, Rob *Split the Cat: What was that?*
Tillman, Nancy *On the Night you were Born*

**Children’s Non-Fiction**

Arlon, Penelope *Rainforest*
Boyd, Lizi *Inside outside*
Buchanan, Andrea *The Double Daring Book for Girls*
Buckley, James *Guinness World Records*
Burnie, David *Sharks*
Carson, Mary Kay *Beyond the Solar System*
Ganeri, Anita *Whales and Dolphins*
Marsico, Katie *The Colorado River*
Oxland, Chris *Robots*
Walker, Richard *Body*
Yoe, Craig *Halloween Jokes & Riddles*

**DVDs:**

42, Admission, Boy, G.I. Joe, The Host, Mud, Oblivion, Olympus has Fallen, Once Upon a Time: Season 2, Rizzoli & Isles: Season 3, The Sapphires and What Maisie Knew

**CDs:**

Kidz Bop 24
Now 47
The Civil Wars *The Civil Wars*
Dana Fuchs *Bliss Avenue*
Selena Gomez *Stars Dance*
Eric Church *Caught in the Act: Live*
Of Monsters *My Head is an Animal*
Phillip Phillips *The World from the Side of the Moon*
Sixto Rodriguez *Searching for Sugar Man*
Steve Martin *Love has Come for You*
The Lumineers *The Lumineers*
Thirty Seconds *Love Lust Faith + Dreams*
Recipe of the Month
Marsha Charest’s Pineapple Zucchini Bread

Marsha and her husband Fred built their house in South Royalston 34 years ago! Marsha is newly retired, but continues to be very involved in town activities. She is the chair of the Community Preservation Committee and is on the Royalston Broadband Committee. At election time you can usually find her working the S.Royalston polls, making it a lively place.

Marsha says, “I’m sure this recipe originally came from someone here in town, considering it’s from the cookbooks I bought when the kids were in school. I’m always looking for something different.”

Pineapple Zucchini Bread
Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour
Makes two 5x9 loaves or 3 mini loaves
Beat 3 eggs with electric mixer.
Add 1 c. salad oil, 2 cups sugar, 2 t. vanilla and mix until thick & foamy. Stir in 2 cups coarsely shredded zucchini and one (8 1/4 oz.) can of crushed pineapple. {use about 1/2 of 20 ounce can}
Whisk together and add in the following:
3 cups unsifted flour
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
“I made an alteration to this recipe by using summer squash {cut out any large seeds} and the juice and zest of 2 large lemons instead of pineapple. I omitted the cinnamon and nutmeg. It was a moist, mild tasting lemon cake. :) Enjoy!

Who has Gotten Lucky Lately?
Below are the names of the recent winners for the 250th Committee’s summer 120 club tickets and the July lottery calendar.

120 club (drawn in June) : $250.00 ea. to Thomas Leboeuf, Mike Dora, and Mary Barclay. $100.00 John Mcqueston. $50.00 ea. to Quimbey Whitney, Scott Smith, and Keith Newton. $20.00 ea. to Kym Aimee Newton, Helen Divoll($40.00) and Scott Smith.
The winners of the lottery calendar are as follows; #963 $40.00 Betty Woodbury,#405 $150.00 Sandra Lizotte,#806 $40.00 Steffani Deveneau, #763 $40.00 Kathey Whittemore, #680 $40.00 Patricia Bushey,#768 $40.00 Edward Whittemore, #949 $40.00 Micheal Scott, #585 $150.00 #947 $40.00 Norman Carlson,#293 $40.00 Paul Vescovi,#378 $100.00 Albert Gallant, and #489 $40.00 Janice Draper. There will most likely be another one for March of 2014. Distribution will start in January.

The indefatigable 250th Anniversary Committee is still holding community events to raise funds for the 250th anniversary hoopla:

Penultimate Local Foods Supper
On September 14 at town hall, neighbors will be seated at tables laden with home-grown and homemade food to enjoy the harvest, catch up with friends and support the 250th committee’s fundraising efforts.

Menu items tentatively include-
Anipasto: Steffi Sigmund’s refrigerator pickles, curried cauliflower, spicy carrots, Jimmy B’s fresh veggies and Deb Nunes’ herb bread
Soup: Patti’s leek and potato soup, Bert’s gazpacho, and (if it rains) wild mushroom soup
Salads: Polly’s famous orzo salad, Lorraine’s green bean and potato salad, change-your-mind-about-kale salad in a lemony Caesar, and a straight-up garden salad
Main dishes: Moriah’s Shepards Pie, Rabinowitz garlic saffron pork, quiche from Celt’s eggs, zuke parmesan, Cossack root veggie pie and a TBA surprise from Tom Musco
Desserts: Maureen’s amazing peach pie, Theresa Quinn’s apple-cranberry crumble cake and more

Beer and wine are available for purchase. Wild Concord grape juice and lemon balm water gratis.

Entertainment and Edification:
Ryan Hood will be playing piano and singing during dinner and the group of local high school students who recently returned from climate research stations in Honduras (and washed the dishes at last year’s supper) will give a quick slide show after dinner about their summer adventure.

Do you want to help cook or provide ingredients? (Thank you - we sure need you) Do you want to eat? Reserve your bargain-priced $12 tickets now. Either way, contact Beth or Geoff (9-0358 or chasegos2@gmail.com.)

Upcoming 250th committee events:
Geoff will be selling ice cream at the Fall Frenzy at the Fish and Game Club. Also, plans are under way for a Holiday Craft Fair at the Royalston Community School to be held on November 16 2013 from 8a.m. to 3p.m. Carol Rogers, Marlene Jarvenpaa, and Geoff Newton are looking for vendors to fill the space and accepting donations for a Thanksgiving and Holiday basket raffle. Call Geoff 978-249-3726 leave a message. More information to follow. Thanks in advance for all donations.
Obituaries

William R. Gates, 75, of 267 South Royalston Road, Royalston died peacefully Friday morning, July 26th at his residence, with his family at his side.

He was born in Athol on August 24, 1937, son of the late Herman and Lillian (Palmer) Gates and attended Athol High School. Bill was a resident of Royalston for most of his life.

Bill was a long term seasonal worker at Otter River State Park for many years until his retirement. He also worked part-time doing home restoration projects. An avid outdoorsman, Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping. He also enjoyed playing cards and dancing. He was a member of Royalston Fish and Game Club. Bill enjoyed attending antique car shows. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, Rita L. (Dunham) Gates; three daughters, Tamatha Elaine Gibson of Dunellen, F.L., Tanya M. Moore and her husband John of Royalston and Theresa L. Gates and her fiancé Michael of Royalston; a sister, Sherry Gates of Athol, eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. Two brothers, David Gates and “Pizza” Alan Gates, and two sisters, Elaine Chaisson and Mae Gray, predeceased him.

Sergeant Kevin Nunes, US Army, recently returned from a 7 month deployment in Afghanistan, where he provided security for convoys searching for IED’s and other Army personnel. He will remain at Ft. Drum, N.Y. as part of the 10th Mountain Division until April, when he will be separating from the Army after 10 years of active duty, after which he is planning to attend college. Kevin is the son of Deb and Joe Nunes.

Stuart A. Morash, 84, passed away at Concord Hospital after a brief illness on August 16, 2013. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 61 years, 4 children (Laura Cooper of Hancock, Maine, Cathy McDonough of Manchester, N.H., Scott Morash of Hollis, Maine and Andrea Lively of Royalston, Mass.), and 6 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Mark of Missouri.

Stuart was born in Waltham, MA and studied music at New England Conservatory and was a Sergeant 1st Class in the 29th Army Band in Okinawa. He completed his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at Boston University.

He was a music educator through New England. His Lebanon, N.H. High School Band was chosen to represent the State of N.H. at the Kennedy inaugural in 1961 in Washington, D.C.

Stuart loved the outdoors and was passionate about fishing, tied his own flies, hunted in his younger years, and raised his own vegetables. He loved spending time with his family and was a devoted husband, father and teacher, who maintained strong relationships with his former students.

Stuart has donated his body to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical School in Hanover, NH. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent to: Hopkinton Rescue Squad, c/o Hopkinton Fire Dept., 9 Pine Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229 or the Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301.
After School Childcare Available at the Village School for all Royalston Children
If you are looking for after school care, the Village School has an After School Program from 3:15 to 5:30 pm on school days. Children can take the RCS school bus and get dropped off at the Village School on the common. The cost is around $7 an hour; children can stay for any portion of the time. There is homework help, supervised outdoor play, and lots of arts and crafts, run by Royalston resident, Lynn Anair. To sign up, call the school at 249-3505.

After School Music Programs at the Village School
Jocelyn Langer, Village School music teacher, is offering private music lessons, group lessons and ensembles at the Village School, after school on Mondays and Tuesdays this year, from 3:15 to 5:00. Cheri Robartes, an experienced Suzuki piano teacher is also offering piano lessons. Students can learn a new instrument and/or work on improving skills in a child friendly atmosphere. Instrument lessons are available in flute, recorder, guitar and piano. Call 978 249 3505 or email Jocelyn for more information at jocelyn.langer@gmail.com. Also check the Village School

At the Village School
Preschool and K-1 Orientations are on Tuesday Sept. 3rd and all classes start on Wednesday September 4th. The children are coming back to explore the garden and find and harvest fresh vegetables. It’s field trip time! Classes are visiting Sweetwater Farm and Red Apple Farm, and hiking to Lawrence Brook. With this great weather, science classes are taking place outside, investigating the local flora and fauna. This year, the 2nd-3rd is studying Native American culture, and the 4th-6th is studying the Westward Expansion. Both classes will immerse themselves in stories, history, art, music and crafts related to their themes. There will be some great museum visits too.

Wednesday Sept. 25th Curriculum Night If you are interested in your child attending the Village School, you are invited to attend curriculum presentations in each classroom. You will get a great taste of the Village School educational experience. Here are the times: 5:45: K-1st grade 6:30: 2nd-3rd grade 7:15: 4th-6th grade

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North Quabbin Garden Club
Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Millers River Environmental Center
100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

A Taste of Autumn
The North Quabbin Garden Club is happy to invite back Mary Ellen Warhol and Denise Lemay of Stockbridge Herbs in South Deerfield to give a cooking presentation using locally grown herbs and vegetables, with samples for attendees. They have explored the flavors of herbs specializing in culinary preparations for over twenty-five years, and are members of the International Herb Association and CISA Local Hero Farm. Pre-registration is required for this program. There is a $5 fee for members and $10 fee for non-members for this event only. Please contact Pauline Alldred c/o Millers River Environmental Center, 100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331 to register.
What’s New at the Royalston Historical Society?  Lots! Henry Cole recently generously donated a new collection of photos spanning the 20th century of the Bullock family. These document vacations on the Common showing the family relaxing, playing tennis and golf, driving big cars, attending big Town events, planning the Royalston Academy and experimenting with photography. This photo is circa 1929 shows the Bastille. More photos will be on view at the October 18th Historical Society meeting. Also new, the society is going mod and getting electronic. It now has an e-mail address, a Facebook page and soon will have a web-site. Zap royalstonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com to request notices of upcoming historical society gatherings, get information about the collect-

You’re Invited to Sign Up & Join Your Neighbors on The Royalston Weather & info Email List.
Royalston, because of its topography, has its own weather patterns, called a micro-climate. So, we have cooler weather, a shorter growing seasons, more precipitation (rain & snow) and stronger winds.

The Royalston Weather & Warrant Email List is a free community public service. It includes:
- Weekly Local 10 day Weather Forecast Specifically for Northern Worcester County and helps plan outdoor activities, school recess and severe weather preparations.
- Emergency NWS Weather Warnings Just For Our Area: Severe Storms, Tornado, Hurricane, Blizzard, Heavy Rain, Flooding, Snow & Icing
- NWS predicts a 70% probability of more & stronger hurricanes this season. Last year we had 5 billion dollar storms along the east coast.
- You’ll also receive town election results & town warrants for meetings.
- Infrequent -non-political Notices of town activities and events
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Garden Notes August 20, 2013

The garden is fully engaged. Rather, I am fully engaged in the garden. Most of the engagement revolves around harvesting, though there have been multiple plantings of spinach, cilantro, and dill as well as one of lettuce. Weeds have not been ignored, the goal here being to prevent seeding.

Results, to date, have been mixed. (Aren’t they always?) Potato yields sucked (that’s a technical term). The protracted dry spell in July (one 0.3” shower in three weeks) happened to coincide with the bulking up stage of potato growth. With water being the critical element in bulking up, I’m left with bushel after bushel of smallish potatoes. Other root crops were not similarly afflicted: it has been a banner year for beets and garlic, even carrots and onions, the latter two always iffy propositions for me. Once again I am vexed by the curse of the cucumber: how to deal with quantities far in excess of my needs. (The patrons at the senior luncheon and the library have helped to alleviate the problem.) I’ve never had more tomatoes on the vines at this time of the year, but they seem remarkably disinclined to ripen. I let my tomatoes sprawl; it provides a wild feel to the garden. It is a jungle, of course, but I negotiate the vines at this time of the year, but they seem remarkably disinclined to ripen. I let my tomatoes sprawl; it provides a wild feel to the garden. It is a jungle, of course, but I negotiate the vines.

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Fall piglets. $70. Call Chet 978-249-2183

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The title of the comeback-of-the-year must be awarded to peaches. Last year, Royalston was officially designated a peach-free zone. This year, there is no one in town with peach trees that is not beset with the problem of dealing with the peaches. This is how I deal with them. I sort through the hundred or so pounds of peaches arranged in large wooden flats, extracting the ten to fifteen pounds requiring immediate attention. If no one has designs on a dessert or a batch of jam or peach butter, they are chopped, bagged, and frozen. (No, I do not remove the skins, elegant though that be.) Finally, it is off to the trees to haul in the current day’s harvest. That series of events consumes about 1 ½ hours. Every Day.

Most of you are well-acquainted with my love-hate relationship with row covers. They do serve as effective barriers, keeping the cucumber beetles off the cucurbits and the flea beetles off the brassicas. But they jar my sense of ascetics and it was a momentous occasion when they were lifted, folded, and stored away. It was momentous for the porcupines as well; squashes were eaten and brassicas topped. The row covers were un-stored, unfolded, and set back in place (no easy task, but that’s another story) in a half-hearted attempt to repel the porcupines. The project closed with the ultimate irony. The exercise was completed in an ironic fashion: after thirty-some years of removing stones from the garden, I was obliged to haul them in from afar so that the row covers could be more permanently affixed.

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The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian’s bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes’ sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer’s best of weather,
And autumn’s best of cheer....

Stock up on September. Pay attention. Take it out when the news gets in and the furnace chugs away in the dark.