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*Balinese Legong Dancer.
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The First Annual

Indonesian Country Fair: Indonesian Culture, American Style

By Iin Purwanti Cox



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Editor's note: Iin Purwanti Cox is executive producer of Outpost, a film production company based on Harris Street in West Stockbridge.

Imagine taking a vacation to Indonesia without leaving the Berkshires!

On September 26, the green on Merritt Way, located in the heart of West Stockbridge, was transformed into an Indonesian archipelago highlighting its six main islands: Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Bali, and Papua. Upon arrival, travelers were handed a "passport" with six empty circles. During their visit, "tourists" could island hop to collect six stamps from the six tour guides in costume representing the islands while enjoying the wealth of Indonesia's culinary offerings, dance,

music, arts and crafts, and much more. At the end of their visit, those who successfully collected six stamps were awarded a special Indonesian country fair badge.

The fair was an extension of the successful Indonesian night hosted by Outpost at the No. Six Depot gallery in 2013. Outpost creative director George Cox and I were excited about the opportunity to expand on that success. We wanted to create a dialogue of two cultures. The fair idea came up because it is very American, with a twist of Indonesian culture from food, dance, arts and crafts, along with promoting young talented Indonesian artists and their social causes. The green was decorated with a red-and-white theme like the Indonesian flag with an arched balloon gate that visitors used as a background for photos. Visitors lined up to get a taste of six different satays, a staple of Indonesian cuisine, prepared by Chef Priscilya Princessa, a young Indonesian master chef, then sampled a traditional Indonesian snack made by Nani Hasbiyani of Nanilicious. The next tent, especially imported from Indonesia for the fair, was Monggo (Javanese for “welcome”), the finest Indonesian chocolate, offering authentic Indonesian flavors such as mango, chili, and rendang, a West Sumatran spice. Lisa Landry, co-owner of No. Six Depot Roastery, served a collection of Indonesian coffees from the islands of Bali, Papua, Sumatra, and Sulawesi that are roasted at the café.

Nine beautiful dancers from the Saung Budaya Dance Company in New York City, under the artistic direction of Amalia Suryani, performed traditional dances of Ganjen (Jakarta), Pakarena (Sulawesi), Engang (Kalimantan), and Saman (Aceh). Dancers from Sulawesi took the audience island hopping with a Ganjen dance from Jakarta to a Saman dance from Aceh. Kadek Rahayu Doi asked members of the audience to join her during a flirty Balinese Joged dance, and Ida Ayu Chandrawati performed a sacred Balinese Legong dance that captivated the audience. Between dances, Nyoman and Putu Saptayana played traditional Balinese gamelan. Children had a great time playing with the gamelan on the stage as well.

Roughly 400 people locally and from New York City, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania came to the fair. Doane Perry said, “It was perfect weather, great food, amazing performances. My family has been to Indonesia, and I love it there. Bravo!” Lisa Landry commented, “What a great event! It brought out neighbors and visitors from near and far to eat wonderful food, enjoy music and dance, and learn about Indonesia. Thanks for bringing it to our town.” Indonesian youth organizations from the Kampung Halaman Jalan Remaja Youth Coop introduced 13 young artists for their local environmental campaign. All proceeds they made during the fair will go toward cleaning the Kelanduan River in their village. Akar Indonesia promotes education for underprivileged children. And Gdbook Bali promotes reading for Balinese children. Vendors such as Sioux NYC, Batik Cantik Boutique, Campernik, and Indonesian Home Industries offered Indonesian home goods.

I am really excited that visitors enjoyed their “visit” to Indonesia, and I hope the experience inspires them to visit Indonesia for real.

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Town of West Stockbridge PUBLIC NOTICE

PARTICIPATING BERKSHIRE COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCE NEW SUPPLY CONTRACT

October 2015

Eleven Berkshire communities, including West Stockbridge, executed an energy aggregation contract with Hampshire Power for all consumers participating in the Town's Community Choice Power Supply program. 90% of the electricity will be directly produced from New England-based hydroelectric renewable sources, or backed by Renewable Energy Credits.

In addition to the pioneering environmental aspect of this contract, Berkshire ratepayers will save approximately 20% on their monthly electric bills as compared to basic service rates, a savings of approximately \$20 per month for the average household.

New Rates and Terms

	Community Choice Power Supply Program (Supply Services Only)
Rate	10.4¢ per kWh
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Duration	November 2015 – October 2016 <i>[Rate may be adjusted quarterly to reflect actual costs not to exceed ½¢ per kWh.]</i>
Exit Terms	NO PENALTY

Participating consumers will start benefiting from the lower rate beginning on the day of the month in November 2015 that their meter is read. This date varies by service area. The meter reading date is shown on the consumer's bill.

If you are not a participating consumer but would like to OPT-IN to the program, please visit: www.colonialpower.group.com and click on the OPT-IN / OPT-OUT button or call Hampshire Power at (877)700-6165. You may also visit the Town of West Stockbridge website for additional program information.

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November History Quiz Question:

Why is it that when you drive from Stockbridge to West Stockbridge on Route 102, you are traveling north and west instead of just west? So why isn't West Stockbridge called North Stockbridge, or the other town South Stockbridge? When did the name come about, and how did they decide on "West"?


(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)



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Board of Selectmen Meeting Summaries

By Doane Perry

September 28, 2015

Parks and Recreation Update

Representatives of the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed their responsibilities including Card Pond, the tennis and basketball courts, the playground, Farmers Market, Halloween and holiday lights events, restrooms, and signage.

Curt Wilton expressed the selectmen's thanks and appreciation for the committee's work and recommended that budget plans for the playground and tennis and basketball courts should be included in the capital plan for the May town meeting.

Curt said he would ask Town Custodian Dominick Luchi to look into repair of the hand dryer in the ladies' room. The committee and selectmen agreed that corporate and organizational sponsorship and signs would be a good way to fund the playground.

Merchants Association Information Board

The selectmen approved the request of the Merchants Association to use the bulletin board in the public toilets building for the merchants' information booth bulletin board.

Village School Use Requests

The selectmen decided against a request by a yoga teacher to use the Community Room due to its for-profit status and the town's liability and need to be consistent. A request by the Artists Guild to use the Community Room for public education sessions on October 7 and November 4 was approved.

Driveway Problem

The selectmen discussed a letter from the Rosenbergers, owners of 11 Stockbridge Road, about the difficulty of getting from their crushed stone driveway onto the highway. Curt Wilton will investigate and make a recommendation.

Transfer Station Attendant

The selectmen unanimously voted to hire Edward McGrath to fill the transfer station attendant position.

Lenox Road Paving

The selectmen unanimously agreed to accept the low bid by W.E. Williams Co. from among five bidders.

Other Business:

- The selectmen agreed to borrow funds from the stabilization fund for short-term funding

- A special town meeting was scheduled for October 19
- Upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting dates are October 5 and October 26

The board then went into executive session to prepare for negotiations with non-union personnel.

October 5, 2015

Town Custodian

Town Custodian Dominick Luchi addressed the selectmen on his employment, general working conditions, and projects done and anticipated. The selectmen and Dominick are seeking to improve communications and understanding of responsibilities with other town departments and committees.

The selectmen and Dominick discussed plans for the Downtown Merchants' Association Visitors Booth located on his property at the Shaker Mill Tavern. Mark Webber will research how other towns handle their visitor information booths.

Dominick asked for a pay raise that he says he has not had in two years. Curt Wilton said a majority of the board gave Dominick a pay raise at the August 17 meeting, retroactive to July 1, 2015. Further discussion was deferred until the October 26 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Highway Department Update

Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton gave an update on Highway Department issues. The selectmen agreed with Curt's plan for W.E. Williams to close Lenox Road to through traffic in order to pave it all in one day. Palmer Paving will resurface Route 102 west of town in a three-week project paid by state funds for the installation of new catch basins, drainage structures, and sidewalks. The Route 41/Cobb Road bridge replacement is on schedule and will have one full-width lane by winter to allow town plow trucks to travel through. Curt is helping the Rosenbergers improve access from their steep driveway at 11 Stockbridge Road. Curt has purchased road salt from the state for \$72 per ton.

Colonial Power Berkshire Aggregation

Mark Webber informed the selectmen that the town's Berkshire Residential Electricity Aggregation Plan will be available for distribution to residents. The new rates will take effect December 1 and will be about 12% less than current rates. All 12 Berkshire communities in the plan receive green electricity sourced from Maine Hydroelectric.

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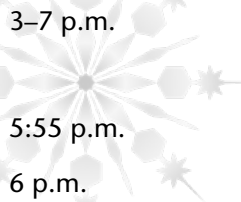
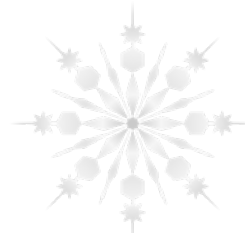
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Holiday Lights 2015

Friday, December 4

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Tom from SoMa will have his pizza oven and goodies
Shopping and music throughout the village |
| 5:55 p.m. | Santa arrives on the fire truck |
| 6 p.m. | Tree lighting in front of the post office |
| 6-6:15 p.m. | Caroling in front of the tree |
| 6:15 | Santa in his sleigh in front of the Merritt Building |

The Holiday Lights coffers are empty. All contributions will be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to West Stockbridge Village Association and mail to PO Box 148, West Stockbridge, MA 01266 or drop off at The Floor Store or Queensboro Wine & Spirits.

*Please send your Birthdays & Anniversaries to the Local Yokel.
We are happy to include them in the next issue.*



The Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266 or by e-mail to info@thelocalyokel.org

Parks & Recreation: It's Time to Plan

By Ginna Dudney

The summer went past in a flash, and a wonderful summer it was! P & R cosponsored the Farmers Market Spooktacular, and the hayride was a big hit. With kids bashing piñatas, painting pumpkins, and stuffing scarecrows, it was a busy and fun-filled day for all.

But now is the time to address the drawing boards and get projects lined up for next spring. The selectmen agreed to the resurfacing of the tennis court, and it looks wonderful. Spring plans call for a new net and the beginning of a maintenance plan if approved.

The basketball court will also require minor resurfacing in the spring. A maintenance contract will be considered, designed to preserve the annual integrity of the playing surfaces while eliminating extremely costly repairs that result without such upkeep.

New fencing at both courts will be presented to the town before incorporating the expenses into the new budget. Estimates have already been collected. The projection for the tennis court is an extension of the present 10-foot fence to enclose the court with a gate. The basketball court projection is for a 6-foot chain-link fence at the curb separating the court from the parking lot. No gate is required there. The proposed fencing improvements will offer safer and more pleasant playing conditions.

The major item on the agenda continues to be the playground project. Input from parents and children has been collected and some preliminary designs priced. Prospective ideas include the incorporation of handicapped accessibility as well as equipment appropriate for a range of ages. Remaining is the finalization of an equipment list and the formulation of a plan for sponsorship of the playground. Those are in the works now.

As the playground project marches on, consider joining in. The P&R committee needs fresh ideas, quite a bit of muscle power, and welcomes all newcomers. Call (917) 209-0926 or attend one of the meetings this month: November 10 and November 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the work room at the Town Hall.

It's your village—be a part of it!

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Mill Pond Trailer Park

Evie Kerswell for the Mill Pond Tenants Association spoke with the selectmen about issues and concerns including whether the 36 trailers now in the park are too many, how to fix the septic and water service, and who owns the park since the transfer back to the Gennari family is delayed.

The selectmen explained that the Board of Health has authority through its annual licensing process and will follow up on septic issues. The Sewer and Water Commission is taking action on the numerous water leaks at the park. Mark Webber has asked town counsel who owns the park and who to deal with. Mark said the state attorney general regulates trailer parks and has enforcement authority beyond any town entity.

Other Business:

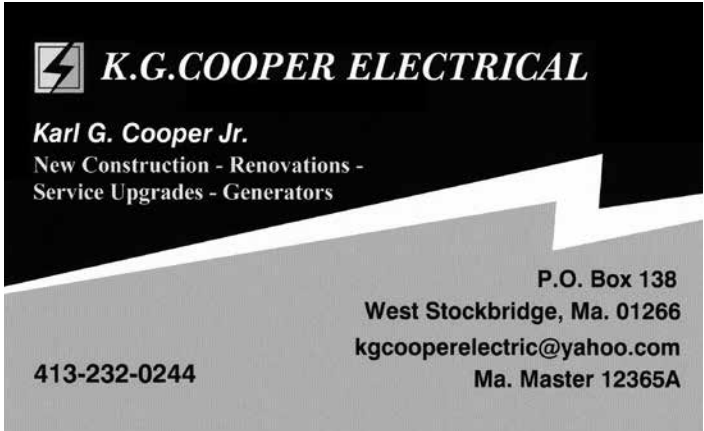
- The board signed the warrant for the October 19 special town meeting.

October 19, 2015: Special Town Meeting

With the town moderator presiding, a quorum of town residents unanimously approved all articles on the warrant, including the following:

- Raising and appropriating \$9,000 to repair and resurface the tennis court at the Village School/Town Hall.
- Raising and appropriating \$8,000 to install a forced main sewer connection at the Town Highway Garage/Fire Station to connect with the municipal sewer system.
- Providing that the town will pay 50% toward the cost of health, dental, and life insurance for retired town employees.

- Allowing the town to enter into an agreement to take advantage of projected savings of \$11,500 per year on the town's electric bills over the next 20 years. The agreement is with the developer of the solar facility at the former Bushika gravel bed in Cheshire, MA.
- Enabling the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for future development of a privately owned and operated photovoltaic solar facility located at the former Berkshire Truck Plaza on State Line Road. ✱

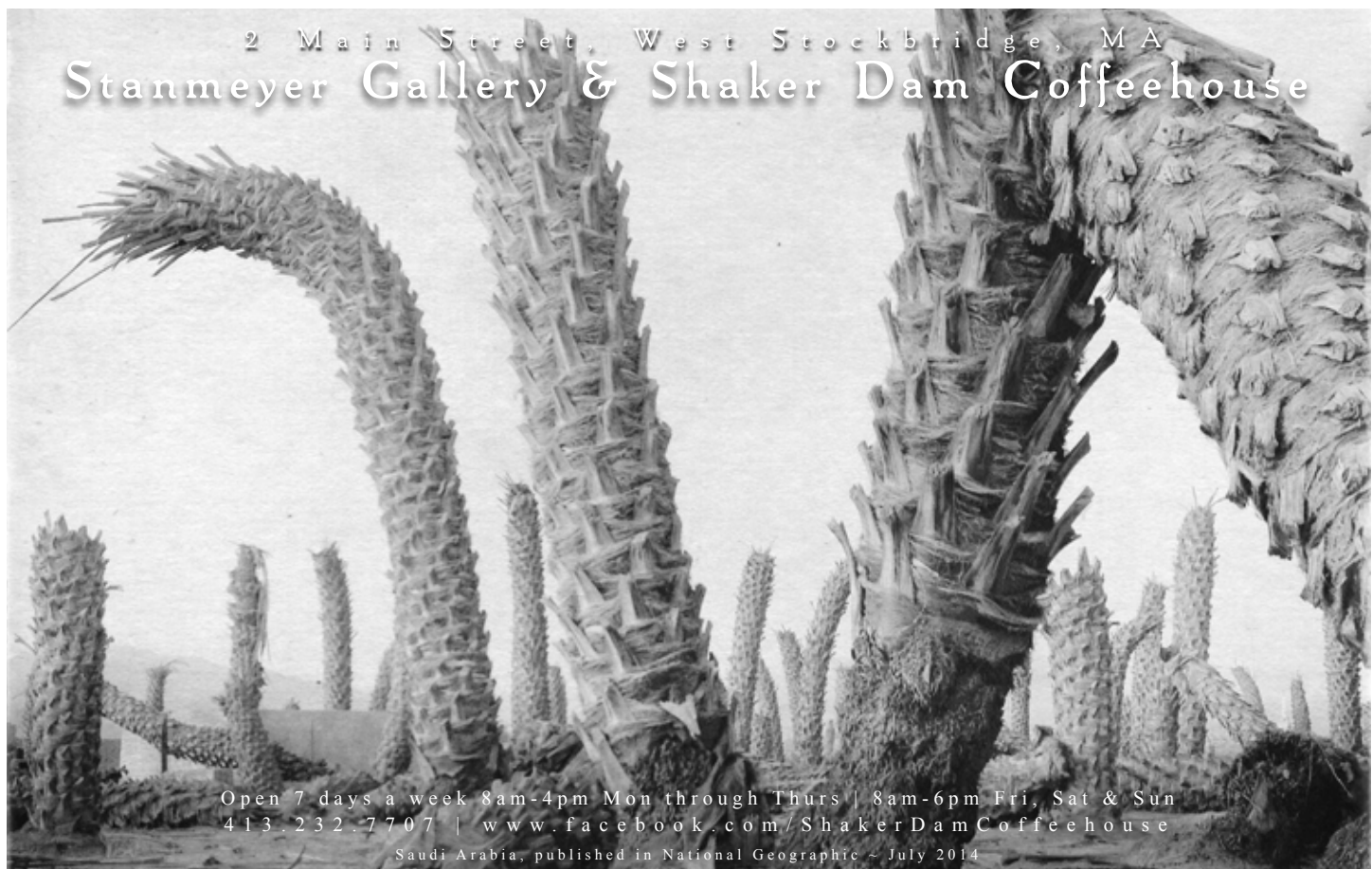


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West Stockbridge “Rocked!” West Stockbridge History Celebrated at Festival

By Carolyn Kay Brancato



left: Gallery walls. Photo by Susan Sabino.

above: Art Show scarecrow made by artist Michael Melle. Photo by Susan Sabino.

Despite a raw and chilly day, more than 250 people enjoyed West Stockbridge Rocks!, the artists’ and merchants’ festival held on Saturday, October 3. The festival celebrated the history of West Stockbridge, which had shipped rocks—marble, limestone, and iron ore—to build the major buildings in Boston and throughout the Northeast. The Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists’ Guild timed the event to coincide with the first Saturday of its two-weekend art show, from October 1 to 12, where more than 240 works from 31 artists were on display. The guild joined with Joe Roy, Bob Salerno, Lisa Landry, Marjorie Powell, and the whole West Stockbridge Merchants Association to publicize the event and encourage people to come into West Stockbridge for a day of artistic events and great food.

Many of the merchants in town—the “rock stars” of the event—hosted fascinating activities including a silk screening demonstration by Aurel and Molly de St. Andre at No. Six Depot Roastery & Café, a wine and beer tasting at Queensboro Wine & Spirits, and a book signing by Gina Hyams, author of *The Tanglewood Picnic*, at Charles H. Baldwin & Sons. People came not only from the local area, but also New York City, Westchester, Albany, Connecticut, and beyond. One couple came from Ontario and another from Kansas to see the fall colors and noticed rack cards at their B&Bs in Lee and Pittsfield, respectively, and drove over for the festival. Elisabeth Humes from Great Barrington enjoyed the wine tasting at Queensboro. “It was very professionally done with lovely cheeses. I tried four or five wines and got such good advice from the owner about the wines that I bought four bottles.”

The hub of activity was the West Stockbridge Historical Society’s 1854 Town Hall. People could start the tour anywhere in town, but most came there to see historical photos of the town and get a map of the local participating merchants, who, in turn, gave out “stars” to people touring the town. “It’s kind of like a treasure hunt,” one mother was overheard telling her three children. Their eyes grew big when they saw the table with 12 prizes for the free raffle, donated by the “Rock Star” merchants. “All you have to do is collect a star from every place on the map and you can enter the free raffle,” Kay Lerner, an artist in the guild, told them.

Meanwhile, across the street, John Stanmeyer was at his Shaker Dam Coffeehouse making his special coffees and showing people his *National Geographic* photographs. When I asked him earlier in the week for a donation for the raffle, he readily made out a \$25 gift certificate saying, “I love this town. I’m happy to do anything to support the Town Hall and what you artists are trying to do to bring people here.” A steady stream of traffic from the festival meant Marjorie Powell at Baldwin’s Vanilla had to call for backup help behind the counter. “We were very busy all day, even with the dreary weather,” she told guild artist Helen Febbo.

Karen Carhart, a guild artist from Lenox, was “blown away” when she saw the TURN PARK outdoor sculpture park exhibit in West Stockbridge’s quarry area that owner Igor Gomberg and architect Grigory Fateyev have planned. “Build it and they will come,” Karen said, “has been applicable to sites historically and will soon be the case in town. TURN PARK already has an

amphitheater nearly complete for performances next season and it's going to be spectacular . . . futuristic . . . and what a draw for West Stockbridge."

Upstairs at the Town Hall, where the art exhibit was going on, there were people not only admiring the art, but also the 1854 historic building, many of whom said they had never been inside and were amazed at the airy space. President of the guild, Howard Greenhalgh, also head of the art show's hanging committee, planned a clever layout to make maximum use of the space. "I tried to make it feel as if you're wandering around, rather than just seeing row after row of art," he said.

After visiting the art exhibit, people were encouraged to go around the entire town, as well as out to Hoffman Pottery, and Elaine Hoffman said she had much more traffic than usual.

Margery and Paul Weinstein won one of the raffle prizes, a \$50 gift certificate from Rouge. They live in Westchester and have been coming up to the Berkshires "as often as possible" for decades to visit in-laws. Margery said, "The festival was a fun day and a wonderful way to see stores in town I'd actually never been in before." In fact, the Weinstains had invited a couple from Copenhagen to join them this weekend, Suzann Weizner and her husband, who also won a raffle prize of innovative wooden toys donated by TURN PARK.

Even though the Farmers Market was closed on Saturday, Ginna Dudney willingly gave a donation to the raffle. The raffle donation by the Shaker Mill Inn mirrored some of the treats available in their charming rooms—a bottle of wine, some hot chocolate, and a variety of sweets from SoMa. Carol Kelly, another guild



above: Woman- Muchila Zambian by Jacqueline Del Rossi (oil). Photo by Susan Sabino.



right: Marionettes by Janet McKinstry. Photo by Susan Sabino.



far right: Big Sky by Kay Lerner (oil). Photo by Carolyn Brancato.

artist, said, "I'd never been to the Shaker Mill Inn before and I was amazed to see how beautiful their rooms and suites are. I'll remember this for out-of-town guests." And it was Carol Kelly, who won The Floor Store's donation of some special cleaning fluid; Joe Roy had animatedly assured me, "Once you use this, you'll never use any other type of cleaner!"

The raffle drawing came during the 5 to 7 p.m. reception organized by show co-chairs Buzz and Regis Donovan, who ran the show staffing and reception, aided by Palma Fleck and Karen Carmean. As people returned from touring the town, they made short order of the platters heaped high with delicious wraps from The Public Market and innovative fall quiches from SoMa. Helen Febbo had arranged for artist Michael Melle to put up one of his eye-catching straw figures—this one of an artist with his palette.

As the sun set on the straw figure keeping watch over the Town Hall, the gathering inside was warmed by a sense of community. Verne Tower, who is building the marble amphitheatre at TURN PARK and is himself a historic figure in West Stockbridge, summed up the day: "The word *community* has Latin derivations from the sharing of bread, and refers to a group of people gathering together to sustain each other. This is kind of like that, as the whole town—artists and merchants—are coming together to share what we have." Thanks, Verne, for capturing so well the mood of Stockbridge Rocks!

Carolyn Kay Brancato is secretary of the Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists' Guild. She and her husband, guild president Howard Greenhalgh, were organizers of the West Stockbridge Rocks! Festival.



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Please contact Kim Bradway at (413) 298-3581 or kim@bloominarts.com if you can help out or have questions.

November Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 16, at 3:45 in the Muddy Brook Library. Child care is provided, and all are welcome!

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November Art Calendar

Painting and Drawing Sessions: Weekly for beginners to experts with a live model: \$15. RSVP: riversidegrp@gmail.com.

How to Take Better Photos with your iPhone. Seminar planned by Photo Gathering Group. Wed Nov. 4 7-9 pm West Stockbridge Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd. RSVP: David@edgemaster.com

Needs Assessment for Visual Artists: Sat. Nov. 7 10:30-11:30 at West Stockbridge Town Hall 21 Stateline Road Rt. 10266 OR Thursday Nov. 12 6-7pm Richmond Town Hall 1529 State Road Rt. 41 Richmond MA 01254 For more information see website. RSVP: kcarmean@gmail.com

Meet the Artist: Susan Sabino, Photographer Saturday Nov. 7 12:15-1:30 Meet at noon at Six Depot, West Stockbridge. For location and to RSVP: kcarmean@gmail.com

Positive Critique: Thurs. Nov. 12 4-6pm Bring 2-3 pieces of your art. Led by Carol Kelly. West Stockbridge Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd. Rt. 41 West Stockbridge. For required reading and to RSVP: kcarmean@gmail.com

Photo Gathering: Fri Nov. 20 4-5:30 Bring 3-5 new photos on a thumb drive. Public welcome! Stanmeyer Gallery, 2 Main St. West Stockbridge RSVP: David@edgemaster.com

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Artists Guild

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Join us for an informal discussion with Susan Sabino over lunch Sat. November 7, 12:15-1:30 in West Stockbridge.

“I have always had a passion for photography that I had not been able to pursue earlier in life. My personal challenge as a photographer is to capture the beauty, the energy, the moment of a subject and pass it on as an image. When I happen to encounter subjects that possess the unique combination of grace, simplicity, and a sense of splendor, I instinctively try to capture that momentary beauty. The world of natural light is in a constant state of transition, creating new opportunities to introduce a new perspective on familiar subjects around us. There is a moment when light, texture, and movement converge to bring a special energy to the subject. This is when the true essence and beauty can be captured.

Although born in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, my childhood years were spent in various places throughout the U.S. Moving many times as a child gave me the gift of embracing the transitional beauty in our world. This, along with my love of nature, the human spirit, and inspiration from certain artists that I admire, has greatly influenced my style of photography. I now reside in Richmond, MA where there are many photographic opportunities just footsteps away.”*RSVP: kcarmean@gmail.com for location.*

It Was a Very Good Year!

Now that the season has ended, it's time to officially thank all of those people, in addition to visitors like you, who helped make your market possible.

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Carolynn (last name unknown)

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Lucy Bellville for cookies to keep the whole market smiling
Ray Dorazio for the best hayride in town
The Local Yokel for getting the word out
No. Six Depot for equipment to make the outdoor movie possible
Jaylyn Olivo & Dale Flecker for produce to sell or raffle
Iin Purwanti Cox and George Cox of Outpost for providing a stage
The Springstube Family for the cutest littlest visitors ever
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Terri Jo Dixon keeps bedlam in check at the piñata bashing while Travis of SoMa looks on. Photo by Roland Dudney.



Tony Carlotto of Rolling Rock Farm introduced All-American Wonder Rooster, Uncle Sam, at the fourth annual Spooktacular. Photo by Peter Cohen.



Isabella paints a pumpkin. Photo by Peter Cohen.



The new face of farming. Photo by Peter Cohen.

The Green May Be Silent, But the Market Carries On

Although no trace of a tent remains, a lot is going on behind the scenes as the Farmers Market committee gears up for its fifth season, beginning May 26.

This is the time of year to decide on next year's specialty markets, plan the posters and mailers, line up vendors and musicians, and much, much more!

There's room for everyone who has a few hours a week to help. And help is sorely needed—be a part of it!

Think about joining in. Call (917) 209-0926 or e-mail WSFarmMarket@gmail.com to get details. We'll be glad you did, and you probably will be too!

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From the staff and trustees, a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day holiday to all! Please note the library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, Nov. 27.



Dress me up for the holidays!

Holiday Happenings:

- * For LEGO fans, our freeform LEGO Club continues to meet Thursdays, 2:30-3:30.
- * Book art is back! Last fall's Hedgehogs were such a success that we're holding a winter holiday dress-up contest for our library hedgehogs. Decorate a recycled book hedgehog for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, winter solstice, Kwanzaa, New Year, or "you-name-it" with prizes for the most festive entries. Get a ready-made hedgehog at the library or directions to make your own.

WANTED: A few good books for Yupik students in Alaska. David Zick, son of our West Stockbridge neighbors John and Karen, teaches grades 7-12 at Savoonga School, just above the Arctic Circle. He reports no library on the island and only a handful of books at the school. WSPL is promoting a book drive to help fill the shelves at the school. Just drop off suitable books (preferably lighter weight paperbacks) at the library, and we'll mail them at our discount rate. Thank you for helping make a real difference in the lives of our distant neighbors!

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Brooks, *The Secret Chord*
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- Library Trustees board meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is Nov. 19, 4:30 in the community room.

As always, we welcome suggestions on just about anything to improve our library.
Lee Appelbaum and Jodi Magner



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/9 Thom Lipiczky

11/9 Edward J. O'Brien

11/19 James Hallock

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? To be sure your listing gets in the *Local Yokel*, please send it in by the 15th of the month before the desired issue each year.

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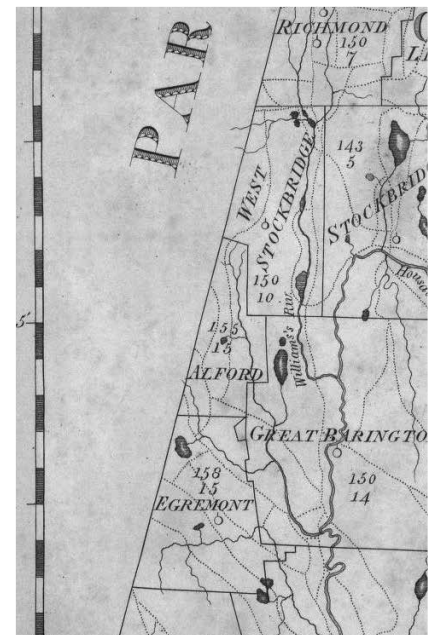
West Stockbridge History Quiz Answer:

The answer is not as simple as someone directionally challenged making up a town name. In 1774 the settlers on the outskirts of Stockbridge petitioned the General Court in Boston for a separate district so they could retain their tithing and establish their own church.

The copy of the 1774 "Acts of the General Court" reads, "Whereas the inhabitants of the west part of Stockbridge, in the County of Berkshire, are desirous of to enjoy the privileges that will arise to them being Incorporated into a distinct and separate District." The town was specifically named West Stockbridge in that act. Earlier, on some deeds and maps, the area was called Queensboro, but officially at inception we were known as West Stockbridge.

The "West" part came about because most of the settlement and the church were in the West Center area. The people there were also the ones who filed the petition. The village center, on the Williams River, was just a small mill, some houses, and a tavern. The road northwest to Canaan and the Livingston patent went through, but it was just a way stop at best. All the action was in West Center or the growing industrial area of Williamsville. The 1801 Osgood Carleton map is the earliest Commonwealth map. It clearly shows the two towns side by side.

It wasn't until the late 1830s that the present village center became the larger industrial area. Lime quarries and a railroad were there now, more taverns, and the new Congregational Church established. By that time, it was too late to change to Northwest Stockbridge, or the other place to South Stockbridge. The name stuck.



Map source: 1801 Osgood Carleton map of Massachusetts, from the David Rumsey Map Collection.

When friends, neighbors, or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, *please* ask them to think of the West Stockbridge Historical Society before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters, or memorabilia of the Town of West Stockbridge. E-mail info@weststockbridgehistory.org or call 232-4270.



Recipe Corner

by Lynn Ryan

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES WITH CIDER GLAZE

Yield: 8 servings

This is a staple every year on my family's Thanksgiving table. The cider right now is so sweet and delicious. The glaze makes this dish rock!

1½ pounds parsnips, peeled and chopped in big chunks
1½ pounds carrots, peeled and chopped in big chunks
1½ pounds butternut squash, peeled and chopped in big chunks
1½ pounds turnips, peeled and chopped in big chunks
3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary
1½ tsp. salt
¾ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
Vegetable cooking spray or butter
3 cups apple cider
1 cup white vinegar
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, cilantro, or chives

Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss the parsnips, carrots, butternut squash, and turnips with the olive oil in a large bowl. Add the thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Toss well. Arrange the vegetables in a single layer on two lightly greased (with cooking spray or butter) rimmed baking sheets or whatever baking dishes you have.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until the vegetables are tender and browned, stirring after 20 minutes. Meanwhile, bring the apple cider, white vinegar, and sugar to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Boil, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until reduced to 1/3 cup.

Transfer the roasted vegetables to a large bowl/serving platter and toss with the apple cider glaze. Garnish as desired with parsley, cilantro, or chives. Enjoy!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! Remember, there is something every single day to be thankful for.

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Council on Aging

The next COA potluck luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 10, in the Community Room at the Town Hall. Mary McClelland will make a presentation on their trip to Alaska. On Tuesday, November 17, we will venture to Monument Mountain High School for their annual senior concert and luncheon. Please let Paula know if you want to attend by calling 232-4394.

Annual Harvest Dinner

The Annual Harvest Dinner at the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, 45 Main Street, will be held in the newly renovated social hall on Sunday, November 8. Seatings will be at 4:30 and 6 p.m. There will be great raffle prizes plus a 50/50 drawing.

Dinners will be served family style: turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, squash, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, apple crisp, and coffee, tea, or apple cider. Cost: Adults, \$15; \$8 for children 6–10, and children 5 and younger are free. Takeout dinners will be available. For tickets or reservations, please call 232-4256.

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Host and organizer Don Johnson commented, "The October 2015 Apple Pressing was a great success, drawing a strong attendance and raising nearly \$800 in donations for the Community Health Association. Of course, this benefit event would not be possible without the help of many people who contributed countless hours. We look forward to next year and another great day."

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	11/2	Board of Selectmen	7 p.m.	Town Offices
	11/2	Planning Board	7 p.m.	Town Offices
	11/4	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
	11/8	Grange Dinner	1-2 p.m.	Stockbridge Grange
	11/8	Annual Harvest Dinner	Seatings at 4:30 and 6 p.m.	W. Stockbridge Congregational Church
	11/10	COA Potluck Luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
	11/10	Parks & Recreation Committee meeting	5:30 p.m.	Town Offices Work Room
	11/10	American Legion	7 p.m.	Town Offices
	11/11	Veterans Day		
	11/13	FOL Celebrates 40 Years	7-9 p.m.	1854 Town Hall
	11/15	*** Deadline for the Next Local Yokel ***		send to info@thelocalyokel.org
	11/16	Muddy Brook PTA	3:45 p.m.	Muddy Brook Library
	11/16	Board of Selectmen	7 p.m.	Town Offices
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	11/18	Friends of the Library meeting	3:30 p.m.	Town Offices Board Room
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11/23	Planning Board	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
11/24	Parks & Recreation Committee meeting	5:30 p.m.	Town Offices Work Room	
11/25	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
11/26	Thanksgiving Day			