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***Ballet Life ... Town Meeting Dates ... Opening Day***

*Photo by Peter Anderson of Shaker Tree Furniture*



# Ballet Life Backstage: Local Photographer Exhibits Work at Six Depot

*By Lear Levin*

Summers at our Berkshire home have provided an excellent opportunity to enjoy world-class dance and for me to indulge in my longtime interest in ballet. When I retired as a director and cinematographer from the world of commercials, documentaries, and television, I decided to concentrate on still photography, which had always been a part of my life since childhood.

I was fortunate to be introduced to several young dancers from the New York City Ballet, all of whom eventually became principal artists. They were wonderful subjects and very willing to pose before my lens. The resulting tableaux depicting ballet life backstage will be on display at No. Six Depot opening April 20 and running through May.

I designed the settings, costumed the women, found the props, and lighted all the photographs. The images were all originally finished in the ancient archival processes of platinum/palladium and three-color gum. The photographs on view at No. Six Depot Gallery are all rendered as giclée prints using an archival inkjet method.

As a resident of West Stockbridge for many years, I am overjoyed by the generosity of Lisa Landry of No. Six Depot for the opportunity to show neighbors, coffee drinkers, and art enthusiasts my work. Please drop by.

*Photos by Lear Levin*



# Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: This is the text of the official minutes of the meetings, lightly edited for clarity, length, and format. Copies of the official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Board of Selectmen meetings can be viewed on the town's Spectrum cable local access channel 190. Residents can receive notification by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualtownhall.net/subscriber>].

## February 20, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present. Meeting was shown on local access TV channel 190.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes and weekly warrants.

### Green Communities Program

Jim Barry of the state's Green Communities program gave an initial presentation to the board as an overview of the program's requirements for becoming a Green Community and the benefits of becoming one. Jim provided handouts to those present and noted that several area towns have either received Green Community status or are in the process of becoming a Green Community. Jim added that a few more meetings would be scheduled, and a more detailed version of the presentation would be provided to priority stakeholders including the Planning Board and building inspector.

Bernie Fallon noted that it will be important to iron out all of the details and have everyone on board before applying to the program to give everyone a full understanding so as to avoid future concerns or objections. Jim answered several questions from those present including concerns about building contractor pushback on new building code requirements, the need to amend current zoning regulations, and various compliance criteria. Those present voiced their support for continuing the process to become a Green Community. Board also unanimously supported going forward. Board thanked Jim for his presentation and for attending the meeting.

### Other Business/Discussion/Comments:

- Following a discussion, the board decided to move their weekly meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Mark recapped the joint meeting held earlier that day at 3 p.m. at the West Stockbridge Town Offices with the Richmond Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the shared town administrator proposal between the two adjoining towns. Following a review of the draft proposal by Richmond town administrator Mark Pruhenski, the Richmond board took a unanimous 3-0 vote in support of going forward and seeking enabling legislation for same. A joint vote followed that was also unanimous (5-0) (Peter Skorput was unable to attend the meeting), in support of the proposal as drafted.
- Resident Carol Kuller voiced her support for the proposed shared town administrator.

## February 27, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present. Meeting was broadcast live on local access channel 190.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes, weekly warrants.

### Planning Board Appointment

Planning Board member Jon Piasecki, in attendance, informed the board that the Planning Board would like to recommend the selectmen appoint Gunnar Gudmundson to fill the Planning Board vacancy created by the resignation of member Sarah Thorne. Jon noted that Gunnar has been a regular attendee at Planning Board meetings and would be a great asset to the board. Based on the Planning Board's recommendation, Bernie Fallon made a motion to appoint Gunnar Gudmundson to the Planning Board vacancy

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# Anderson & Sons Shaker Tree Furniture

By John Parker

Sure, you know the place—24 Main Street, the building at the corner of Main and Center Streets, the gray clapboard storefront with the clock tower and weather-vane on top. The sign says Anderson & Sons Shaker Tree Furniture. If you have an eye for fine woodworking or are drawn to the elegantly simple Shaker style, you might have thought, “I should stop in there sometime.” Well, I finally did and had the pleasure of meeting the proprietors, Peter and Beverlee Anderson.



Peter and Beverlee Anderson

Not a fancy showroom, the shop is a simple and functional pied-à-terre in the middle of what might be called “Shaker country” here in western Massachusetts. Going back over 200 years, the Shakers had a major presence in this area, with communal settlements at Hancock, Tyringham, and New Lebanon. The Tyringham Shakers owned the Shaker Mill, just around the corner here in town, for decades in the 1800s. Although their home and workshop are in Staffordville, Connecticut, Peter and Beverlee decided they needed to have a presence here in West Stockbridge—and have remained for 39 years.

White-haired and bearded, the avuncular Peter is enthusiastic about Shaker furniture and history, but it was not always so. Peter recalls when he first saw Shaker furniture (in his pediatrician’s office—he grew up in Pittsfield), he didn’t care for it at all: too plain and old-fashioned. Years later his attitude changed when one day he picked up a copy of *Family Handyman* with a cover story on how to make a Shaker commode (a kind of chest). “That’s it!” Peter thought, and his path was set.

Peter had been doing carpentry and making furniture for some time by then. One of his first projects was a two-story dog house. Later, after marrying Beverlee, he made household furniture to stretch the family budget. As a graduate student, he parlayed his skill into a part-time business. Eventually, Peter became a professor of English literature and taught in the United States and Italy. Gradually, and particularly after retiring from teaching, Peter focused more and more on creating classic Shaker reproductions.

Beverlee was a teacher as well, and until recently she made beautiful quilts to complement Peter’s traditional furniture designs. Some of her quilts can be seen in the shop. Their sons, Mark and Peter, also started making furniture in high school, but both went on to become architects.

Today, Peter works only by commission, and wait times can be months before completion. Pieces are carefully measured from the originals, and much of his work is done using authentic Shaker methods—for example, hand scraping and planing to achieve an amazingly smooth finish and beautiful grain. You can see some of Peter’s creations in the shop and photos of many more in his portfolio. Anderson & Sons Shaker Tree is located at 24 Main Street, West Stockbridge, open Saturday afternoons or by appointment. Phone: 232-7072; e-mail: shaker-tree@cox.net.



The distinctive storefront stands at the corner of Main and Center Streets (background); in Peter’s hands, a simple firewood box becomes a work of art (left); this butternut desk features fine finish, hand-cut dovetails, and perfectly fitting drawers (center); candle stand exemplifies the simple yet elegant Shaker style (right). Photos by John Parker

until the next election. Peter Skorput seconded the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor. Mark Webber will inform both Gunnar and the town clerk. Gunnar will need to be sworn in before acting in his new capacity. Board thanked Jon for attending.

**Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:**

- Mark reported that an e-mail was received yesterday from town counsel expressing satisfaction that the proposed sale of National Grid/Moscow Road land to the town is moving along.
- Mark provided copies of the draft FY 2020 annual budget to board members and suggested that they review them. The budget discussion will continue for the next several meetings.
- Mark reported that he and Finance Committee member Dan Buehler attended a meeting the previous evening at the Stockbridge Town Hall where the Berkshire Hills Regional School District FY 2020 budget was presented. Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen representatives from the three district towns were in attendance.

**Executive Session**

With all scheduled business completed and no questions/comments from those present, the board voted to enter executive session per GL 30A, Sections 21(a) (1), (6) and not to return to open session upon completion of the executive session.

**March 6, 2019**

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes and warrants.

Bernie Fallon opened the regular portion of the meeting by recognizing the recent passing of resident Ginna Dudney. Bernie remembered Ginna as instrumental in establishing the Farmers Market and making it a success. He noted that Ginna was also an active member of the town's Parks and Recreation Committee. Board members extended their condolences to Ginna's family.

**Police Department Update**

Chief of Police Marc Portieri gave the board his departmental update. Chief provided a printout of activity that totaled 1,670 service calls during the 3-month period ending December 31, 2018. Included in those calls were 59 traffic tickets issued during the same period.

Bernie asked the chief if the department has followed up on the recent crackdown on junk vehicles. The compliance period has now passed. Chief responded that approximately half of the 28 people who received letters have complied. He will follow up with those who have not been given specific extensions for legitimate

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*Townfolk and visitors gather at the Farmers Market to enjoy fresh local produce, prepared foods, products and crafts, and of course live music.*



*Regina "Ginna" Dudney was a founding member of the Farmers Market Committee.*



*Farmers Market Committee members (left to right) Mary Thibeault, Bob Thibeault, Lois Ferguson, Robin Schmidt, Terri Jo Dixon, Ginna Dudney, and Roland Dudney.*

## **It Is With Deep Regret . . .**

that the West Stockbridge Farmers Market Committee announces the passing of our chairwoman, Regina "Ginna" Dudney, after a long illness. Ginna was an original founding member of the committee and worked tirelessly to establish, expand, improve, and promote the Farmers Market since its inception in 2012.

Ginna and her husband Roland first came to West Stockbridge 40 years ago, when they bought an 1830s farmhouse/fixer-upper as a second home. Over time they purchased another house, converted the farmhouse to a vacation rental, and retired to live in West Stockbridge full time. They then turned their energy to the town and region they had come to love deeply.

Ginna and the other members of the committee saw an opportunity to enhance life in their town by providing a weekly market in the warm weather months, where townfolk and visitors could gather in festive surroundings and enjoy fresh local produce, prepared foods, products and crafts, and, of course, live music. A special focus was on providing activities and events for children.

Thanks to the Merritt family, who provided the venue of The Green on Harris Street, a Thursday tradition was born. Happily, that tradition will continue, as the new owner of The Green, Amy Brentano, the owner of The Foundry at 2 Harris Street, pledges to continue hosting and promoting the market, for which we are most grateful. Her new business, The Foundry, will be a performance and visual arts space with family programming during the market. The first West Stockbridge Farmers Market of 2019 is set for Thursday, May 23, 3-7 p.m. See you there!

For those wishing to help continue the work of Ginna and the WSFM Committee, donations can be made online at [www.WestStockbridgeFarmersMarket.org/donations](http://www.WestStockbridgeFarmersMarket.org/donations), or checks can be mailed to WSFM, PO Box 148, West Stockbridge, MA 01266-0148.



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reasons. Among those who will be readdressed are George Allen, John D'Aniello, and Brian Zanonato.

Chief added that Officer Jake Stringer will be graduating from the full-time police academy on April 12 and begin his full-time shift shortly thereafter. Chief added that the portable speed trailer has arrived and been tested. It will be deployed as soon as the snow-banks melt. Chief noted that his department has applied for a communications equipment grant from Motorola; their application has made it through the second cut.

Also, the chief was awarded a canine grant that would be effective in October 2019. If approved by the board, the dog would be in the care of Officer Stringer, shared with other departments when called for, and used for search and rescue and other police matters. Board supported the initiative.

Doane Perry asked if the chief has initiated a command structure similar to what the highway superintendent has recently put into place. Chief responded that he has been working on it and will present to the board very shortly. Board thanked the chief for his report.

**Host Community Agreement**

Attorney Lori Robbins, representing Jon Piasecki and Wise Acre Farm, LLC discussed the proposed Host Community Agreement (HCA) for the proposed Wise Acre Farm marijuana cultivation operation. Bernie told Lori that the draft HCA was sent to town coun-

sel for review and it is not yet complete. Accordingly, the board is not in a position to discuss its components until it comes back from town counsel. The HCA mark-up is expected shortly, and it will be placed on the March 13, 2019, meeting agenda. A copy, when received, will be forwarded to Lori.

**Monument Next Committee Update**

Resident Roger Kavanaugh, a member of the Monument Next Committee, gave the board an update on the committee's activities that focus on next steps for either the renovation or the new construction of Monument Mountain Regional High School. Roger thinks the committee will be issuing a recommendation to the BHRSD School Committee in the next few months.

**Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:**

- Peter Skorput said he spoke with an organization in North Adams that takes no longer used bicycles, refurbishes them, and donates them to people in need who could use them. Peter feels it would be a good idea because several bikes show up at the Transfer Station, and rather than throw them in the metals container, other people could use them. Board supported Peter's initiative.
- Peter noted that the West Stockbridge and Richmond Fire Departments are collaborating on assisting a Richmond family that recently lost their home and possessions in a fire. Board commended the effort.

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**Photos Needed for Annual Town Report**

Town Administrator Mark Webber requests that anyone having interesting West Stockbridge photos, old or new, please e-mail JPEGs to him at [admin@weststockbridge-ma.gov](mailto:admin@weststockbridge-ma.gov) for use in the Annual Town Report.

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Finance Committee	3 years	Michael Skorput
Planning Board	5 years	Andrew Fudge
Planning Board	4 years	Gunnar Gudmundson
Planning Board	3 years	Vacant
Board of Health	3 years	Scott Sawyer
Library Trustees	3 years	Catherine Nihart
Cemetery Commission	3 years	Marion Loring

*As of the time of publication, no additional candidates had come forward.*

**Save the Dates:**

**Town Meeting - May 6**

**Town Election - May 13**



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- Bernie spoke about establishing a Hall of Fame permanent display somewhere near the entrance of the Town Offices to honor those who have contributed to the town. Following a conversation, board will establish criteria for the honors and a method of choosing awardees.
- Bernie spoke about the need to establish a more steady arrangement for cleaning the public restrooms on weekends when the custodian is not available. Although Bernie has been helping out on the cleaning, he would prefer to have someone more permanent in place. Board agreed and will investigate possible interest.

### March 13, 2019

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Peter Skorput; Doane Perry. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press was present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes and signed warrants.

Bernie Fallon opened regular portion of the meeting and noted the recent passing of West Stockbridge police officer Gary Mitchell of Richmond. Gary served many years both here and in surrounding towns following his retirement from the Springfield Police Department.

#### Host Community Agreement

Attorney Lori Robbins, representing Jon Piasecki of Wise Acre Farm, LLC, discussed a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the board. Lori stated that she was given a copy of the town coun-

sel mark-up of a proposed HCA for Wise Acre Farm and that she has codified all but two of the language items into an HCA proposal for the board to consider. The two items not transferred to this draft HCA under discussion were (1) restricting the applicant's right of appeal and (2) modification on the timing of the 3% Community Impact Fee. Following a discussion, the board agreed on these changes. Bernie noted that this has been a good process that has resulted in a good agreement.

Bernie made a motion to approve the language of the proposed HCA as discussed. Doane Perry seconded the motion. Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

Lori will provide a clean copy of the HCA, with the agreed upon terms and changes, for the signatures of the selectmen. Both Lori and Jon, who had been silent until this point, thanked the board.

#### Annual Budget and Town Meeting

Board continued discussing the FY 2020 annual budget and Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Mark Webber noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting on March 15 to review the budget and warrant articles, and the selectmen are invited to attend. He added that the last day for acceptance of warrant article petitions is April 1.

#### Vision Committee

Bernie discussed the Vision Committee and noted that they are proceeding along with steady meetings and that a joint meeting between the selectmen and the committee should be scheduled in the near future. He added that the committee's focus should reflect the elements shown on the town seal (industriousness, community, agriculture, etc.). ❖



## Winter Parking Ban

The "Winter Parking Ban" is in effect from November 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for all streets in West Stockbridge. Violations of this ban may result in a \$25 fine for parking in prohibited areas, or a \$50 fine for impeding snow removal. In addition, if the vehicle is impeding snow removal, it may be towed at the owner's expense.

The Municipal parking lot across from the Public Market and the parking area on Moscow Road where the public bathrooms are may be used for overnight off street parking. However, vehicles in those lots must be moved by 8:00 a.m. to allow the Department of Public Works to manage snow and ice removal.

Persons having questions about off street parking or the Winter off-street parking ban can call Mark Webber, Town Administrator at 413-232-0300 Extension 319.

# “We Remember When . . .”

## Growing Up in West Stockbridge in the 1950s

By John Bormolini and Friends

### Opening Day of Fishing Season (and Other “Fishy” Remembrances)

The opening day of fishing season was the annual event that energized just about the entire citizenry of West Stockbridge—either as participants or part of a family that participated. I recollect that opening day was April 15, later changed to the second Saturday in April to permit anglers who worked or were students a fair shot at catching the recently stocked trout.

In the 1950s, native brook trout were released several times each spring into the Williams River from the Shaker Mill Dam to well below the Rockdale Dam on Route 41 toward Great Barrington. They were also released into Shaker Mill Pond above the dam, Cone Brook (sometimes referred to as Sartori’s Brook) running along Swamp Road, Baldwin’s Brook along Alford Road, and Flat Brook flowing from the Mass/New York line on Route 102 to Cranberry Pond. The heaviest stocking was into the Williams River. Jimmy Dellea, a local fishing legend, told me that currently there are a lot fewer, but larger trout being stocked. Instead of native brook trout, rainbow trout are now the choice species.

The bait was worms or nightcrawlers, caught, not bought, as they are today in many convenience stores. None of that uppity fly-fishing stuff! Nightcrawlers were caught at night (duh) as they popped out of their holes. The required equipment was a flashlight to search for them and an old tin can to put them in. The way to get the smaller worms I preferred was to use a spade and dig them out.

When the day finally arrived, most anglers were up early walking, driving, or biking to a “sure catch” fishing hole and hoping to be the first one there. Bruce Morelli told me that Denny Raspuzzi would sleep at Bruce’s house, and they were up and out the door at 4 a.m. waiting for the dawn to break. My favorite spot was on the Williams River below the Shaker Mill Dam. I was usually first because you needed hip boots to get there. I can still feel the rush of the river against my legs, hoping I would not slip and take an unwanted bath in the cold water! It wasn’t long before I landed my first trout as the fishing season got underway. None of the stocked trout were trophy size, but rather “pan sized”—it didn’t matter.

One opening day I started fishing about a half a mile above the Shaker Mill Dam where the channel ran. For some reason, there was not as much water in the pond as usual. As I always wore hip boots, I was able to get closer to the channel. I caught several brook trout, then proceeded to my favorite spot and added to my catch. I never had a fancy creel to put my fish in; I had a stringer attached to my belt, and that did the job well enough.

“Fishy” remembrance #1: Sometime after the opening of fishing season, Jimmy Dellea and I were fishing in the Williams River under the bridge by Baldwin’s Hardware. The bridge is about 25 feet above the river. Suddenly, we heard and saw water and fish plopping into the river from above. The Massachusetts Division of Wildlife was stocking the river with nice size trout, unaware of our presence under the bridge. We did very well that day!

“Fishy” remembrance #2: As mentioned earlier, I was an avid angler and fished just about any time I could. One early October day in 1958, late in the afternoon, I walked from my house to Shaker Mill Pond, the same location that I had fished on opening day. The day was windy and rainy. I was using a gold lure. After about a 10-minute fight, I landed my prize fish. It was barely hooked because my line was wrapped around her fin. Otherwise, I probably would not have been able to tell this story. The fish was 18 inches long and weighed 2½ pounds. I was pretty happy!

“Fishy” remembrance #3 from Maryann Raspuzzi (Hamlin): “I spent many days at Card Pond fishing. I started with my homemade fishing pole: a tomato stake from my uncle’s garden with fishing line and a hook on the end. Getting night crawlers was one of my favorite parts of the sport. I would go across the road from my house and throw in my line. I was very lucky catching “Punkinseeds,” as we called them, not edible at all. I remember one time I caught a bullhead and was too scared to take it off my



*The little one that did not get away. Fishing in the fall at Shaker Mill Dam: Kevin Salvi (left), Brian Faggioni (right), Steve Salvi (background). Photo by John Bormolini*

line, so I walked across the road and asked my uncle, Louie Rovario, to do it. I later learned to step on the fish and pull the hook out of its mouth! Yikes!”

“Fishy” remembrance #4: One year the West Stockbridge Sportsman’s Club sponsored a fishing contest. The prize was a trip to New York City to attend a Yankee baseball game. Whoever recorded the largest brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout got to go. As the contest was nearing its final days, no one had caught a rainbow trout. I thought the only place to catch a rainbow trout was the Ore Bed located on Route 102, about two miles from the center of town. So I rode my bike to the Ore Bed, picked a likely spot, tossed in my worm, and “BAM,” moments later a rainbow trout gobbled up my worm. I landed it, thank God, got on my bike, rode to town as fast as I could, and entered the fish into the contest. I was the third winner and got to attend a Yankee baseball game. Talk about a “local yokel” going to the big city: I had never seen so many very tall buildings in my life.



*Donato Pericolosi (Louise Faggioni’s dad) with his limit of 12 trout caught on Opening Day circa 1953. Photo courtesy of Louise Faggioni*

In writing these “remembrances,” I have thought about West Stockbridge, my hometown, my pals, and other wonderful people I came to know. I have reconnected with people that I had lost touch with over the past 50 years, and for this I am grateful. Watch for our May issue with an article by Peter Angelini, “Remembering Memorial Day Ceremonies at West Stockbridge Cemeteries.”

*This installment of “We Remember When . . .” was written by John Bormolini with input from Bruce Morelli, Steve Salvi, Maryann Raspuzzi (Hamlin), Jimmy Dellea, and Louise Faggioni. John Bormolini is a West Stockbridge “ex-pat,” now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas. Readers who would like to share their stories of 1950s West Stockbridge are invited to e-mail John at [johnbormo@aol.com](mailto:johnbormo@aol.com).*

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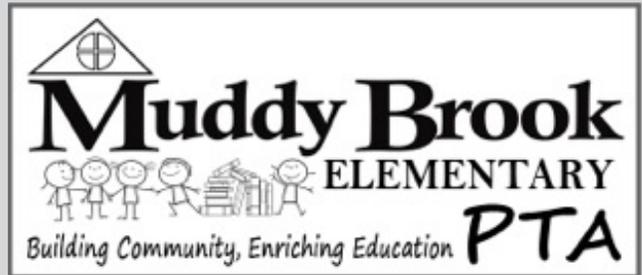
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### Calendar Raffle

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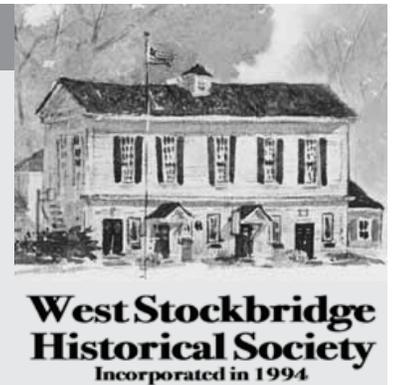
## April History Quiz Question:

A hundred years ago, Congress passed the 19th Amendment and submitted it to the states for ratification, which they did the following year. The amendment stated that “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” It gave women the right to vote. It was the culmination of more than 70 years of activism of the women’s movement, longer if you go back the admonition of Abigail Adams to remind her husband John to “remember the ladies” when drafting the Constitution. (Note: He didn’t.)

How was West Stockbridge involved in women’s suffrage? What was the attitude of the townspeople, and when did women become involved in local government?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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Programming news: Beginning on Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m., powerhouse Assistant Librarian Vicky Cooper will be starting a story and crafts time every week. Please join us to start your children's weekend with some free fun, literature, and learning!



Also, our ever-generous computer educator Bill Biggs is planning another class for anyone who wants to learn about making Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. To sign up, just call, e-mail, or drop in, and Bill will contact you with information about class times.

Knowing that springtime brings the approach of final papers and reports to write for school, we invite you to use magazine articles for your sources. You can find them by clicking on the "Research Databases" tab on the library website (weststockbridgelibrary.org). Just click on any database button, and then type in the main words of your search. Parents who are helping younger people, scroll down for a great database called "Kids InfoBits." We promise you will be amazed by all the information you can find here. And remember that the databases page is also where you can click on "The Boston Globe" or "The New York Times" or the general newspaper database called "InfoTrac Newsstand."



Finally, here are a few words from our former director Lee Appelbaum in remembrance of a great supporter of the WSPL. Many thanks to Lee. "Library Friend Ginna Dudney will be greatly missed by the staff and trustees here at the West Stockbridge Public Library. She will be remembered for her energy as well as her imaginative ideas for programming and collections for children and adults. She was always thinking of ways to enhance our services by connecting with other community groups. Her raffle gift baskets to raise money for the support of the library were legendary. She was friendly, funny, hard-working, a big fan of her mystery books, and a terrific baker. We will miss her."

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- All library trustees board meetings are open to the public. Please check the library website for our next meeting.
- We have day passes for many of our local attractions are available at the library thanks to the Friends of the Library and the West Stockbridge Cultural Council.
- As always, we welcome suggestions on just about anything to improve our library.

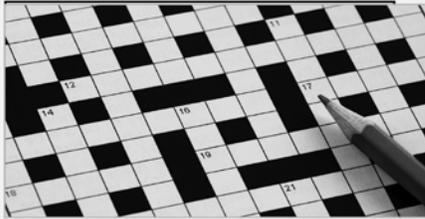
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## Friends of the West Stockbridge Library Scrapbook Corner

1. What police chief retired in June 2011?
2. Where was the 3-mile stretch of road without cell service?
3. Who took in two feral cats named Andy and Cotton?
4. What organization featured Project Honduras?
5. What was Project Honduras?

Answers: 1. Mike Stanton, 2. Route 41 south of Cobb Road, 3. Susie and Steve Cabral, 4. The West Stockbridge Congregational Church, 5. It received donations of medical equipment from local hospitals, as well as donated furniture and construction supplies to send to Honduras.

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## Monument Girls Write On

Friday, April 26 – 6 PM

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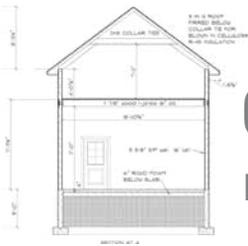
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# On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

For those of you (both of you—you know who you are!) who have been following Anne and Thom’s Excellent Adventure (building our new house), I note that on April 22, it will have been one year since we first saw the piece of land on Albany Road. And we’re quite close to completing the house, although we need to wait until mud season is done having its way with us to finish up the grading, driveway, and landscaping.

We had a respite in the weather in mid-March that allowed us to *almost* finish putting up the siding. And as I was cutting and nailing up the pieces, it got me to thinking about the whole topic of residential siding. There’s just so many kinds, but they all provide some sort of a weather barrier to the internal workings of the house. Here’s a general rundown of options if you’re considering new construction or remodeling, or you just need some new Scrabble words to amaze your friends.

**Clapboard** (also called bevel or lap siding) is the most common siding in New England. Clapboards are thin (ca. ½” at the fat part of the bevel by about 5½” wide) pieces of wood nailed horizontally over the sheathing. In some older houses without *sheathing* (the layer, usually plywood, over the framing), the clapboards were nailed directly to the studs. Because the siding is *lapped*, with each layer applied partly over the previous layer, clapboards are good at shedding rain and snow and keeping the house dry. The amount of the clapboard showing is called the *exposure*; 4 to 4¾” is common, and boards can be as long as 20’. In the old days, clapboards were traditionally old-growth pine or hemlock, readily available species. But today, most wood clapboards are made of western red cedar, which is more rot resistant than the pine that’s currently available. Clapboards are typically *blind nailed* with the nails of each course hidden by the thicker bevel of the next higher course.

**Shakes** are individually cut (or *riven*) pieces of wood (usually cedar), from about 16” to 24” long and often random widths, from 6” to 12.” Like roof shingles, sidewall shakes are nailed at the top of the piece, and the nails are covered by the successive courses. More labor intensive than clapboards to install, shakes give a somewhat more rustic look. Bottoms of the individual shakes can be purposely staggered to increase this effect. Making sure the vertical seams do not line up is important, and shakes are prone to dimensional changes due to humidity.

**Board and batten** is common on barns and outbuildings where tightness was less necessary, although in the late 19th century, fancy houses used a refined version. Boards, often wide-board pine or hemlock, are installed vertically with the understanding that the spaces between them will vary by how much the boards swell and shrink due to seasonal changes. Then these spaces are covered by battens, thin strips usually of the same material.

**Vinyl siding** (made from polyvinylchloride, or PVC) was developed in the 1950s as a low-maintenance, low-cost alternative to wood clapboards. The sections of siding are typically extruded to look like two overlapping courses. Because vinyl siding expands and contracts a great deal with temperature changes, the ends of the courses are usually snapped into a “J” channel that hides the ends at doors, windows, and corner boards. Vinyl siding is available in a wide range of colors and best installed by specialists.

**Fiber cement** siding is an alternative to wood siding and available in clapboard, shake, and sheets that mimic board-and-batten styles. It’s made of cement reinforced by cellulose fibers and usually not beveled like wood clapboards. However, at a consistent 5/16” thickness, when it’s lapped, the end effect is a very good imitation of wood clapboards, and it’s about half the cost. Additionally, fiber cement siding is available in pre-painted colors with an amazingly durable finish. Special care has to be taken with installation, but it has proven to be an excellent alternative to wood siding as far as cost, appearance, and low maintenance. Our new house uses fiber cement siding, but we decided to apply it vertically over heavy-duty felt paper as a house wrap. This creates the more rustic look we liked and made installation quick. James Hardie, Inc. is the largest manufacturer of fiber cement siding.

**Poly-ash** is a relatively new option. It’s made from fly ash, a waste product of coal, and mixed with polyester to create a highly durable, fireproof, rot-proof, and easy-to-cut and install material. We’re using poly-ash trim boards (for window casings, soffits, rake boards, and fascia, made by Boral), on the new house.

That’s it for this month. Questions and comments can be sent to [info@localyokel.org](mailto:info@localyokel.org).



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 30 Dick Moffatt,  
celebrated 100th birthday!



Happy 100th, Dick!

April 22 Anne Mikolajczyk

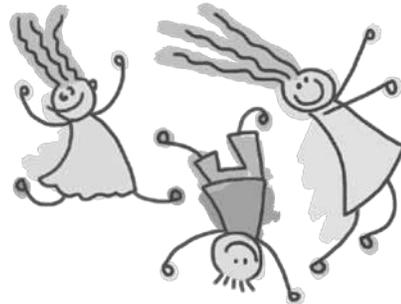
April 26 Mark and Mary McGuane  
anniversary

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## CHP Playgroup Offered Mondays at the Town Offices Gymnasium



Community Health Program (CHP) is offering "WS Gym Fun," a free weekly playgroup at the Town Offices Gymnasium on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. WS Gym Fun is scheduled to run weekly on Mondays through May. For more information, visit the CHP web site <https://www.chpberkshires.org/family/playgroups/> or call (413) 528-0457.



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## Community News & Events

### Community Health Association

Blood pressure clinics are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 9–10 a.m., at the CHA office at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. For more information, contact Emilie Jarrett, RN, at 232-0122.

### Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, April 14, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a family-style roast pork dinner in the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street, Stockbridge, from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost \$12 adults, \$6 under 12, and under 5 free. Take-outs are available.

### Council on Aging Potluck

The Council on Aging will have its monthly potluck luncheon at the Town Offices Community Room at noon on Tuesday, April 9. Please come and enjoy some good food and visit with friends.

### West Stockbridge Congregational Church

Rev. Patty Fox will be formally installed as pastor of the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, 45 Main Street, in a ceremony to be held in the late spring. A celebration will follow in the church's social room. Everyone in the community is invited to take part in both events. Specific date and times will be announced as soon as the installation service is arranged with church officials from the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Services for Maundy Thursday will be held on April 18 at 6 p.m., and Good Friday services on April 19 at 5 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service will take place at our outdoor chapel, 141 West Center Road, at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 21. Easter Festival Worship will take place at our 45 Main Street location at 10 a.m. All are invited, and all are welcome!

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## History Quiz Answer:

From the early town reports, it appears that West Stockbridge was male dominated with women having little direct influence. Even the elder positions of the various churches were male provinces. Although this reflected much of U.S. society at the time, there was one instance where the town might not have been locked into the male-dominated mindset.

At the March 28, 1881, town meeting, there was a warrant to request "the state to allow women the right to hold office and to vote in town elections." We believe it passed, although no action was taken on this in Boston. What caused this motion to be on the annual meeting warrant and what the debate might have been needs further research.

Nationally in 1881, the women's suffrage movement was growing. Two years before, the first suffrage amendment had been proposed and defeated in the U.S. Senate. The movement had linked with the fundamentalist Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), and there were strong forces for social change. In the mid-1890s, West Stockbridge had a WCTU branch that donated many books and articles to the early town library. There might have been a local women's suffrage group as well.

Susan Blake was the first woman to hold a position in town government in 1901. She served on the school committee for 20 years. Maryl Williams was the first female library trustee in 1902. Until 1949, women held positions on the School Committee, Library Trustees, Cemetery Commission, Public Welfare, and Board of Registrars. In 1949, our first female town clerk, Caroline Angelini, and our first female assessor, Claire Powell, were elected. It wasn't until 1979 that the town elected a woman, Lena Anne Consolini, to serve on the Board of Selectmen. She had previously been the town clerk for 20 years. Since then, many women have served on town committees and elected positions, but only two in recent years on the Board of Selectmen.



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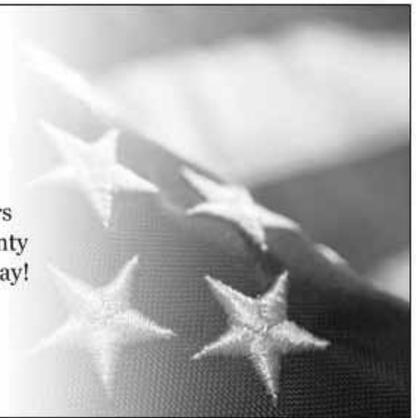


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<b>Seasonal Lifeguard</b>		232-0315		
<b>Sewer &amp; Water Commission</b>	<i>Michael Buffoni</i>	232-0309		
<b>Town Accountant</b>	<i>Elaine Markham</i>	232-0300	ext. 317	Leave Message for Inquiries
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<i>Ronni Barrett</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	Tues. & Thurs. 1:30–4 p.m.
<b>Town Collector</b>	<i>June A. Biggs</i>	232-0300	ext. 302	Wed. 3–6 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
<b>Town Historian</b>	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	<i>Karen Williams</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Thurs. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<i>Wayne Cooper</i>	232-0307		Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
<b>Tree Warden</b>	<i>Andrew Fudge</i>	232-4322		
<b>Veterans Agency</b>	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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Celebrate the Visual Arts in April 2019

# April Art Calendar

**Meet the Artist: ARTISTS under 30** Sun. March 31, 3-4pm. What inspires them, their process and trends. No. Six Depot, West Stockbridge. **Walter Pasko, Oil**, Monday, April 1, 11am-12:30pm. Kinderhook Properties, 137 North St. Pittsfield. Gallery walk followed by lunch.

**Classical Drawing.** RSVP BerkshireArtists@gmail.com. West Stockbridge Community Room, 21 Stateline Road, Rt. 102. Mondays 1-4p.m April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bring paper and pencil and/or charcoal, watercolor, color pencils, oil pastels.

**Figure Painting, Open Studio** Tuesdays 1-4pm. IS 183, Stockbridge. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers. Bring your supplies April 2, 9, 16. RSVP 413-298-5252x100.

**Art seminars, Demonstration, and Business Meeting.** Wed. April 3 4:00pm. Collect work for Hank Kearsley's Art Center in South Egremont. We will hang it April 4. Demonstration. 5-6:00. Guild Meeting to plan exhibits, West Stockbridge Community Room Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road (Route 102)

**First Fridays Artwalk** Fri. April 5, 5-8pm. Pittsfield, North and South Streets. [www.firstfridaysartwalk.com](http://www.firstfridaysartwalk.com) Bernard Isaacson Photographer In Memoriam, Janna Graves opening at 137 No. St.

**Artist Studio Tours.** Applications due Wed. April 10. Help available 4:30-5:30pm West Stockbridge Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road (Rt. 102). See "Forms" tab at BerkshireArtists.org to apply

**Positive Critique.** Th. April 11, 4-6pm. Bring 2-3 pieces of your art. WS Town Hall. RSVP required and reading

**Reception for Hank Kersley Art Center** 72 Main Street, (Route 23) South Egremont Sat., April 13, 2-5pm. Open Daily 11-7pm

**Photo Explorers.** Join Carole Quinn on Fri. April 19, 8:30am Main Street Café, 40 Main St. Stockbridge for coffee. Explore the area.

**Meet the Artist. Peggy Braun. Photographer.** Fri. April 19 1:30 lunch, 2-3:30 discussion, gallery walk. No. Six Depot W. Stockbridge **Art Together.** WS Community Room. Wed. April 24. 6-9.ou must RSVP AlexandraBenton.art@gmail.com

**Berkshire Humane Society Reception,** Thursday April 25, 5:30-7pm Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Rd. Pittsfield

**Art Book Gathering** Friday, April 26, 2-4 p.m. Share a favorite book: artist, process. Shaker Mill Books, West Stockbridge

**Members' Potluck.** Sat. April 27, 5-7:30pm in Richmond. RSVP

**Berkshire Photo Gathering.** Sun. April 28, 2-4 p.m. \$5. Berkshire South Regional Comm. Center, 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington. **Guild of Berkshire Artists**

RSVP: BerkshireArtists.org BerkshireArtists@gmail.com See Facebook and Instagram

## Works by Guild Members



Katherine Oakes



Ron Piazza



Jon Caplan



Mary Beth Eldridge



Jamie Levine

Meet the Artist 2019

## Walter Pasko

Walter Pasko

Oil Painter  
Plein Air Painter



Mon. April 1  
11-12:30pm

Kinderhook Group  
137 North Street

Pittsfield

Guild of Berkshire Artists  
[www.BerkshireArtists.org](http://www.BerkshireArtists.org)  
RSVP:  
[BerkshireArtists@gmail.com](mailto:BerkshireArtists@gmail.com)  
Facebook and BerkshiresArt

Join Walter Pasko on Monday April 1 at Kinderhook Group from 11-12:30 pm for gallery walk and an informal discussion over lunch. You will be able to ask him questions. We will have lunch nearby after the gallery walk. My inspiration for en plein air painting comes from the works of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American impressionist painters of California and New England. Most of my paintings are done on location in New England, from the rolling hills of western Massachusetts and mountains of Vermont to the rugged coastline of Northern Maine. For me en plein air painting provides the primary means of studying the fleeting effects of light and shadow on the landscape. Each painting is a fusion of current observation and past experience gained from a life time of direct observation and painting on location. The excitement of a painting comes from the total experience of searching for a composition in various weather conditions and seasons, working with the material and equipment on location to capture the effect of light on the landscape, and then making the final adjustments to the composition and color in the studio. I find winter especially interesting because of the bold patterns created by the light snow and dark background of trees and buildings. Since snow reflects the light from surrounding objects its color can vary with location and time of day. Many of my paintings depict small privately run industries in the back country, such as logging by horse and oxen, lumber milling, maple syrup processing, and dairy farming.

Meet the Artist 2019

## Peggy Braun

Peggy Braun



Fri. April 19  
1:30 pm lunch  
2-3:30 Talk and  
discussion

No. Six Depot  
West Stockbridge

Guild of Berkshire Artists  
[www.BerkshireArtists.org](http://www.BerkshireArtists.org) and  
[BerkshireArtist@gmail.com](mailto:BerkshireArtist@gmail.com)

Join Peggy Braun on Friday, April 19 at Six Depot West Stockbridge lunch 1:30pm, and 2-3:30pm for a talk and informal discussion of her process and art. Peggy has her art on the wall at Six Depot. You will be able to ask her questions. RSVP: [BerkshireArtists@gmail.com](mailto:BerkshireArtists@gmail.com).

"A non-dancer who loves dance since...forever...finds that the way for her to express that love is to photograph it. Before Jacob's Pillow allowed us to photograph Inside Out (which opened a path to deeper exploration), I was shooting David Dorfman's rehearsals at Mass Moca a few years ago and was using an older Nikon (with poor performance in low light). Many of the photos were blurry and not only was I not put off by this, but saw that it captured the gesture rather than the precise definition of the dancer's movement...and I was hooked.

"My dance photographs range from abstract shapes to barely blurred depictions of the moment—still evocative of the gestural movement. I even began to shoot the TV, why not? But since the live shots included a white stage, fuzzy trees or a brown curtain, I needed to find a setting that would embed the image in geographical mystery and enhance the movement and the color. I have been working on this series for a number of years—an ongoing experiment involving technique and seeing. But most importantly it attempts to show how dance lives inside me."

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**April 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**April 2019 Calendar of Events**

4/3	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/3	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
4/3	Annual Town Caucus	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/4	Board of Health meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
4/9	COA luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
4/9	American Legion meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
4/10	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/10	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
4/13	FOL Crossword event	10:30 a.m.	Town Offices
4/14	Palm Sunday		
4/14	Grange dinner	1-2 p.m.	Grange Hall, 51 Church St., Stockbridge
4/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
4/17	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/17	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
4/19	Good Friday		
4/19	Passover (begins at sundown)		
4/21	Easter		
4/21	Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.	Outdoor Chapel, 141 West Center Road
4/22	Earth Day		
4/24	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
4/24	Board of Selectmen meeting	6 p.m.	Town Offices
4/26	Arbor Day		
4/26	Monument Girls Write On	6 p.m.	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street