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*Sissy Gunn Astore, organizer of educational event on October 7-8, stands by remains of blacksmith shop at historic J. K. Freedley Marble Quarry.*

*See article on page 9.*

*Photo by John Parker*

# Indonesian Country Fair Raises Funds for Scholarship and Cultural Exchange Programs

By *lin Purwanti Cox*

WEST STOCKBRIDGE—The sun was shining on Saturday, September 23, when the first visitor, State Representative “Smitty” Pignatelli, walked through a majestic gate inspired by the Indonesian Hindu Temple created by Hollywood set designer Kristin Rauwerdink, symbolizing the entrance to Indonesia in the Berkshires. The landscape of Turn Park Art Space’s upper meadow was transformed into Indonesia’s six main islands: Kalimantan, Sumatra, Bali, Jawa, Sulawesi, and Papua. Each island was marked with its unique traditional iconic roof created by Russian artist and set designer Misha Igoshin.

Organizer lin Purwanti Cox explained that the purpose of the event was to promote Indonesian culture and to raise funds for basic education for Indonesian children and Indonesian/American youth cultural exchange. Rep. Pignatelli said, “This kind of initiative is very important to the community. It is good to get to know each other more and support our children and youth.”

With “passports” in hand, visitors hopped from one island to the next, learning about Indonesia and tasting the culinary specialties of the islands. Java was represented by Tio’s Kitchen and Pecel Ndeso, Kalimantan by Cicih Alih’s Kitchen, Bali by Bali Kitchen, Sumatra by Indonesian Three Magnolia’s Kitchen, Papua by Tuson’s Satay, and Sulawesi by Bakso Super Philly.

Bancakan was served by guest chef curator Miranti, an Indonesian artist-chef based in New York City who won the 2016 Food Network’s premiere season of “Cooks vs. Cons” competition. Bancakan (eating together) is a Javanese tradition for celebrating special occasions marking an important stage of someone’s life or to mediate and resolve conflicts within the community. Each region in Indonesia has its own version of Bancakan. Fifteen guests enjoyed this special culinary experience. One of the guests, Sharon Mullen, said, “It was an experience we shall long remember. Miranti created an exceptional representation of your culinary culture, and you demonstrate true generosity of spirit in wanting to share this with so many of us. We are very fortunate to have you in our Berkshire family.”

Visitors learned about Indonesia’s diverse beliefs and traditions by seeing the art installation created by Joko Tri, a talented Indonesian artist, who created hundreds of little human cardboard cut-outs representing Indonesian religions and beliefs. Children had fun participating in competitions and contests. Adults and children flocked to the batik workshop to create different patterns of batik.

At noon, Master of Ceremony Tevy Merin opened the live performances with a Balinese Hindu parade followed by a Rejang dance performed by Padma Bhuna. Throughout the day, visitors were entertained by

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*Top: Gending Sriwijaya Dancer. Photo by David Edgecomb*

*Center: Batik and art installation. Photo by David Edgecomb*

*Bottom: lin P. Cox and Rep. Smitty Pignatelli at entrance gate. Photo by lin P. Cox*



# Board of Selectmen Meeting Summaries

By Doane Perry

*Note: Copies of official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Video recordings of town meetings are broadcast on Charter Cable channel 190 and on the Internet at <http://vimeo.com/channels/weststockbridge>. Residents can be notified by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualtownhall.net/subscriber>.*

## Open Meeting: August 28, 2017

### Marijuana Dispensary

Selectman Curt Wilton commented that a *Berkshire Eagle* article contained inaccuracies in stating that the Town is welcoming the marijuana dispensary proposal with “open arms.” Selectman Bernie Fallon said the *Eagle* used phrases such as “plan to,” “pushing for,” and “poised to,” as if the dispensary would definitely happen.

The Selectmen urged interested citizens to attend the Planning Board hearing on October 4. A legal notice has been placed in the *Berkshire Eagle* and the Selectmen have written a letter.



Selectmen Bernie Fallon and Curt Wilton with Charter Spectrum government relations representative Anna Lucey.  
Photo by Doane Perry

### Charter/Spectrum

The Board discussed progress on constructing the town’s cable system with Charter/Spectrum Government Relations contact Anna Lucey.

Curt said that the Selectmen have not known what was going on but, despite this, he did not feel neglected or disregarded.

Anna Lucey described the phases of cable system construction:

- The Design phase involves checking poles since cable follows utility infrastructure. Since Charter has renewed its franchise with the town and has rights to its own cable wires, it can upgrade existing lines.
- The Make Ready phase involves making agreements with the utilities National Grid and Verizon. Charter’s work with Verizon is nearly finished, but the process with National Grid is taking longer than anticipated.
- Hooking up customers is the final stage of cable system construction.

Curt said he deals with the utilities all the time and understands the challenge. Changing a pole can take four months. When you apply for licenses, you don’t get agreements back in useable on-the-street configurations.

Bernie asked Anna Lucey what the town can do to create more of a dialogue on construction with Charter and how long it would take once National Grid and Verizon have completed their licensing work. Anna responded saying the process would take two months. When Bernie asked Anna who to contact at the utilities, she recommended asking at Representative Pignatelli’s office. Bernie said that areas of concern include Maple Hill, Samantha Lane, West Alford and Baker Roads. Bernie urged Charter to let people know about phases of construction.

Administrative Assistant Mark Webber commented that since the merger of Time Warner and Charter he has seen a disconnect between

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Saung Budaya, a dance group led by Amalia Suryani, performing Nihau Tintu (Kalimantan), Gending Sriwijaya (South Sumatra), and Indang (West Sumatra). Kusuma Laras, a Javanese gamelan ensemble led by I.M Harjito, gave a sacred feel to the fair and welcomed visitors to play the instruments at the end of their performance. An Indonesian jazz duo, Nial Juliarso and Iman El Hassan, sang Indonesian jazz songs.

The Fair raised nearly \$6,000 with all proceeds going to support two programs: Collective Scholarship, which provides basic education for underprivileged children in Indonesia, and Y1718, a cultural exchange program for Indonesian and American youth. Genevieve Naylor from the U.S. and Santika from Indonesia, both age 17, were announced as recipients of the Y1718 Fellowship.

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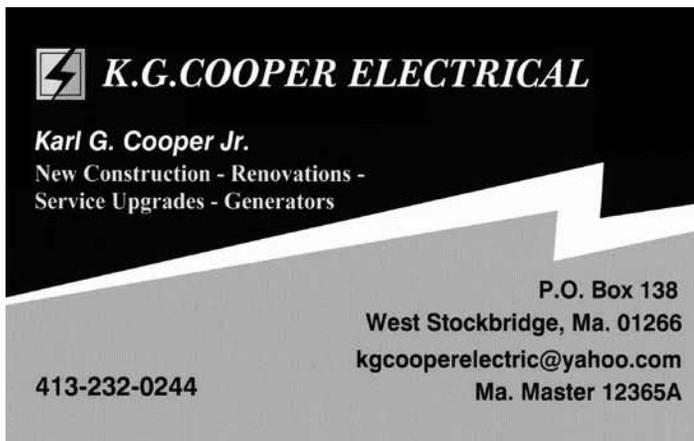


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corporate and local operations. Charter used to have a representative who could be reached by phone and could fix situations. Mark said Charter needs to improve its customer relations and apologize to the Town. Anna said that her government relations department is a branch of corporate, based in Albany, and e-mail is the best way to reach her. Anna said she would get an update to Mark Webber and he would send it to the *Local Yoke*.

A Housatonic resident said he has two cables to his home, one from the Great Barrington cable system and one from the West Stockbridge system. He was originally a Time Warner customer. Anna said Time Warner towns are a unique challenge and current Charter policy is to keep customers on Time Warner until they can go over to Charter.

Cable Commission member Richard Squailia said he has had good results calling Representative Pignatelli's office, whose focus is on underserved customers and towns. Richard said people are eager to receive as much information as possible. Commission member Bill Barth asked if there will be future compatibility of technical alternatives and additions to the Charter infrastructure. He said that Great Barrington is researching technical alternatives to increase throughput making Great Barrington more competitive for business investment. Anna said there will be compatibility.

Other Business:

- Members of the Library board showed the Selectmen a new logo design by Joel Hotchkiss, which the Selectmen accepted.
- A resident asked the Selectmen to ask Police Chief Marc Portieri to slow down traffic on Rte. 183 and High Street in Housatonic. Curt said he would check with the Chief.

### Open Meeting: September 11, 2017

Administrative Assistant Mark Webber being absent, Doane Perry was asked to take minutes of the meeting.

### County Selectmen's Meeting

All three Selectmen said they expect to attend the meeting on October 13 at Crissey Farm in Great Barrington. The Lieutenant Governor is the featured speaker.

### Joint Meeting with Richmond Selectmen

The West Stockbridge and Richmond Selectmen will meet in the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday, October 4, at 6 p.m. The agenda includes instruction, shared services, ambulance, and next steps plus citizen speak.

### Noise Permit

The Selectmen approved a request by Nathan Bradbury at 26 State Line Road for a special permit for Saturday, September 23, for a wedding. The permit allows amplified music to exceed 30 decibels, per article 14 of the town bylaws, ending by 11 p.m. The application says Nathan has checked with his neighbors.

### Cable TV Discussion

The agenda for the discussion included appointing an access coordinator and approving the responsibilities of the cable commission and access coordinator as laid out in the plan document submitted to the Selectmen on July 24.

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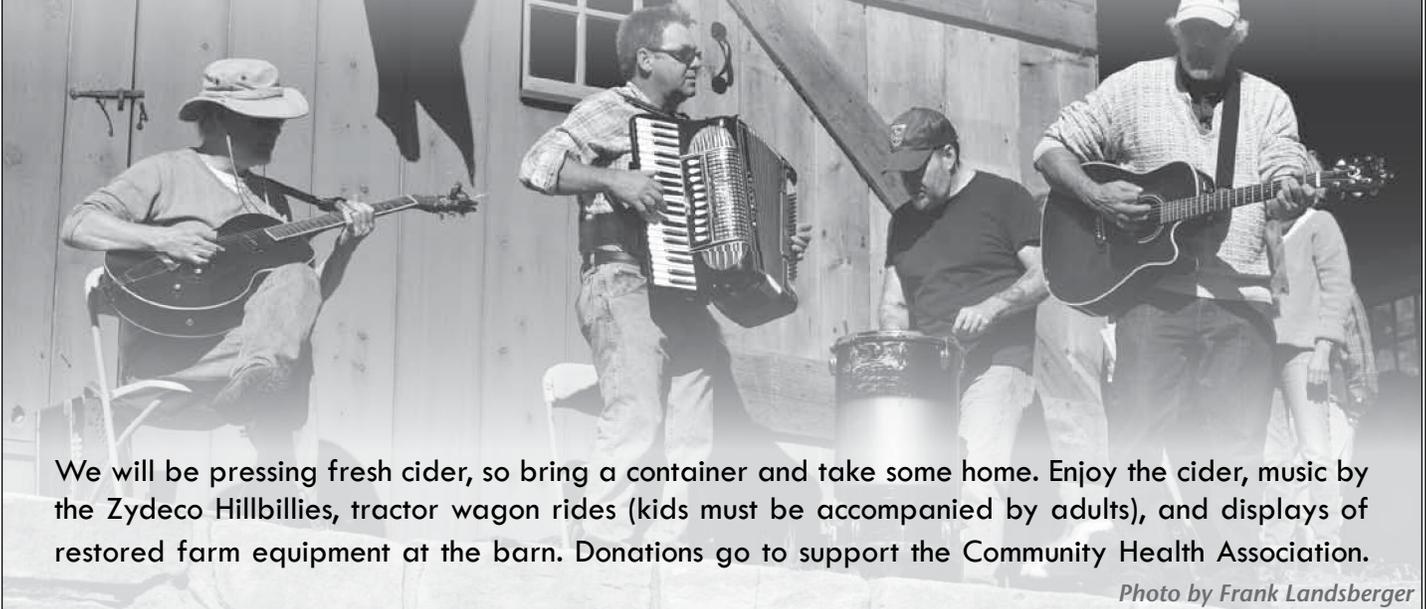
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Selectman Peter Skorput said he has no problem with the plan. Selectman Curt Wilton said that getting Channel 2 going is his priority and asked if the commission needs more equipment. Cable Commission member Richard Squailia replied that they are all set with the \$10,000 available. He said Channel 2 will be up and running within ten days after the plan and access coordinator are approved. Curt asked Richard to hold on to the old equipment and to donate it to the town's safe disposal program.

Commissioner Bill Barth asked how the commission will access funds. Curt replied that Mark will provide access through requisitions to a revolving account. Richard said payment for videographers will be "CTSB scale" for video recording, editing, and sending to Charter. Curt urged that the community, including Monument Mountain High School students, be involved. Richard commented that CTSB (Community Television for the Southern Berkshires) training is a gem of the Berkshires funded by the five cable towns. He added that West Stockbridge becoming a sixth town and getting program feeds from all the towns would be a step for future consideration.

Curt commended the Cable Commission for getting things done in a program that has been dormant. Richard promised to work with the Board of Selectmen, keep them informed, and bring people in the access program in to meet the Selectmen. Selectman Bernie Fallon asked how automated the video system will be and whether Mark could turn it on at the beginning of a Selectmen's meeting. Richard responded, not yet.

The Selectmen voted to approve the plan and job description after review by Town Counsel.

**Who Are We?**

Selectman Bernie Fallon presented three articles to the Selectmen and to the *Local Yokel* on the topics of identity, community, and communication. Bernie hopes the articles will help West Stockbridge to get clear on who we are, come together as a community, and develop better understanding through communications. Curt supported Bernie's proposal and said "Community Workshop – Board of Selectmen's Corner" will be on the agenda of every future Board meeting.

**Farmers Market Sign Mangled**

Bob Thibeault asked about a Farmers Market sign on the Cone Hill Road / Swamp Road "triangle" which he said was mangled, and wondered if it was vandalized or mowed. Curt said he would investigate.

**Oak Street Potholes and Truck Traffic**

Bob also asked how long truck traffic on Oak Street, which is making noise and potholes, will continue. Curt Wilton said he would inquire.

**Commercial Marijuana Ban**

Richard Squailia presented the Board of Selectmen with a request to amend the general bylaws and the zoning bylaws to prohibit establishments related to marijuana not medically prescribed.

He said a ban is needed because the time frame for effectiveness of a moratorium has passed. The Selectmen voted to take the matter under advisement.

**Other Business:**

- Artists' Guild President Karen Carmean invited the Selectmen and audience members to attend the Studio Tours on Saturdays, September 16 and October 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# HALLOWEEN EVENTS

*By Cait Graham*

Trick-or-treating for the town of West Stockbridge will be Tuesday, October 31, 4–6 p.m. Please turn on your front porch light to signify if you will be accepting trick-or-treaters.



The annual town Halloween party will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 4–6 p.m. at the West Stockbridge Congregational Church. Join us for nut-free refreshments, fun games, good company, and, of course, the Halloween Costume Contest! Contest registration runs 4–4:45 p.m. with the contest itself beginning promptly at 5 p.m. Esteemed contest judges are Police Chief Marc Portieri, Pastor Belle Fox-Martin, and Selectman Bernie Fallon.

The Halloween parade begins at 6:15 p.m., directly across from the Congregational Church. Please line up behind the fire truck. Following the parade there will be a children’s obstacle course on the Merritt lot, sponsored by the West Stockbridge Police Association.

Would you like to help with the Halloween festivities?

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# Educational Event Planned at Freedley Marble Quarry

*By Sissy Gunn Astore*

Celebrating Historical Archaeology Month in Massachusetts, the Astore Quarry Restoration Project will host an educational event highlighting the J. K. Freedley Marble Quarry on Saturday and Sunday, October 7-8.

Stockbridge Marble was quarried there from 1836 until the early 1900s. Mr. Freedley built the first freight line from Hudson/Albany, into Western Massachusetts. This prized marble was used in the town halls of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, the Boston State Building, and the Senate Floor in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.



*Event organizer Sissy Gunn Astore.*



*Quarry flooded nearly 100 feet deep after workers hit a spring.*

On Saturday, October 7, bring the family for a day of exploration, fishing, and hiking, or take a walking tour or canoe up the Williams River. Program leaders Jeremia and Erin Pollard are avid foragers of wild and native medicinal and herbal plants. Erin also teaches the uses and preparation of healing herbs. Jeremia knows the property, the river, and the local wildlife, and will lead experienced hikers on a hike up to the old quarries and around the higher grounds.

On Sunday the 8th, local historian and marble quarry expert Verne Tower will give a presentation at 1 p.m. Verne's presentations are always lively, and this one is sure to be even more so under the magnificent marble cliffs. Following the presentation, participants will be invited to share personal stories, photos, etc., about the quarry.

Also on Sunday, meet Darrow School conservation teacher Joel Priest, whose students have been repairing the river's riparian zone and removing invasive plants. Get your hands dirty with some environmental service work and open discussion about resource management.

Interested participants should meet at the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club on East Alford Road starting at 12 noon for a shuttle to the quarry site. Vehicles with sufficient clearance will be able to proceed to the site directly. The events and programs begin at 1 p.m.

The requested donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 for ages 12 – 17. The Project's goal is to restore the quarry's history while creating a living classroom for earth sciences and conservation practices. Additional donations to support the Project may be made at the Land Conservation Trust website, [www.lcatrust.org](http://www.lcatrust.org).

*Photos by John Parker*

# Harvest Season Highlight: Chamber Players to Perform Benefit Concert at Old Town Hall

by Liza Bennett

On Sunday, October 15, at 2 p.m., the West Stockbridge Chamber Players will offer what is bound to be another sold-out performance in support of the Campaign to Restore the Old Town Hall in West Stockbridge. Clarinetist Catherine Hudgins, the Chamber Players' artistic director, will be joined by cellist Oliver Aldort, violinists Sheila Fiekowsky and Lisa Crockett, and violist Leah Ferguson in a concert that offers insight into the lives, friendships, and families of the composers featured.

The program will open with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Duo for Violin and Viola in G major, written for Mozart's friend Michael Haydn (Franz Joseph's brother) who was too ill to complete a commission himself. Mozart submitted the piece under Haydn's name, a gesture of friendship that allowed Haydn to collect his much needed salary. Ferruccio Busoni wrote the next piece, Suite for Clarinet and String Quartet in G minor, when he was just 15 years old at the request of his father, a clarinetist, who played it on tour.

After the intermission, the concert will conclude with Ludwig van Beethoven's Serenade in D major. Often composed for outdoor parties or entertainment, serenades of this kind would traditionally serve as an entrance and exit for musicians—the perfect way to end a delightful afternoon of music. A reception will follow the concert downstairs in the Old Town Hall where the audience will have the opportunity to mingle with the musicians and enjoy light refreshments.

Tickets for the concert are \$35 and are available online at [www.weststockbridgehistory.org](http://www.weststockbridgehistory.org); by calling 232-5055; and at downtown West Stockbridge businesses featuring a "Blue Note." Residents of West Stockbridge under 18 are free with a reservation. Limited seating, so order today!



*The West Stockbridge  
Chamber Players.*

*From top left: Oliver Aldort,  
Leah Ferguson, Sheila Fiekowsky, and  
Catherine Hudgins;  
at center Lisa Crockett.*

## 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**

The Stockbridge Grange will hold a stuffed chicken breast dinner in the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street on Sunday, October 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost for adults is \$12; \$6 for children under 12. Takeout is available; call (413) 298-3185.

### **Council on Aging Potluck**

The next Council on Aging Potluck will be on Tuesday, October 10, in the Community Room at the Town Hall at noon. We hope to see some new faces at our luncheon in this beautiful fall weather.

### **Green Energy Committee Forming**

Are you interested in joining other West Stockbridge residents in forming a Green Energy/Environmental Committee in our town? We will work to reduce energy waste and maximize the use of clean, renewable energy in West Stockbridge by educating residents about the programs available in the Commonwealth and helping them achieve their clean energy goals. We will also pursue other green initiatives. Please contact Judy Eddy at (413) 652-5387 or [judy@judyeddy.com](mailto:judy@judyeddy.com).

*Send your notices for Community News & Events to the  
Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, or by e-mail to [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org).*



# West Stockbridge Cultural Council Invites Grant Proposals for 2018

The WSCC has set an October 15, 2017, postmark deadline for local organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in our community.

The West Stockbridge Cultural Council is part of a state-wide network of Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. In West Stockbridge our priorities are to provide a variety of cultural resources for our diverse community from preschool to senior citizens.

Our grants can support many kinds of cultural projects and activities -- including performances, lectures, school programs, workshops, festivals, etc. Subsidies may also be available for school-age children to attend cultural field trips to local museums and other cultural sites. The Council typically grants a total of \$4,000 to \$4,500 annually.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the West Stockbridge Cultural Council, contact Marjorie Powell at [artifact@bcn.net](mailto:artifact@bcn.net) or 232-0222. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public.asp](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp) (click on "application process"). Application forms are also available at the West Stockbridge Town Offices and Library.



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# The Berkshire Hills Chorus: An Evening of "Fallin' in Love"

By Lorrin Krouss

On Friday evening, September 8, the Berkshire Hills Chorus presented an evening of songs about love. In this complicated world, this celebration of life and joy, and simply the sheer enjoyment of singing with people that you like, was definitely appreciated by the audience gathered in Old Town Hall.

The Berkshire Hills Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the art form of barbershop harmony. The chorus brings together women of all ages and backgrounds to "share the unique chord-ringing style of a cappella barbershop choral music." The warmth and friendship among the members was evident in the camaraderie of the group.

Appearing on the stage in Vaber Hall, dressed in bright fuchsia blouses, 22 members of the chorus treated the audience to an extensive repertoire that included "Amazing Grace," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Since You've Been Gone," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," and a sing-along of "The Mickey Mouse Club Theme Song" that Walt Disney would have been proud of!

When the chorus sang "Under the Boardwalk," we were reminded of hot summers at the beach, suntan lotion that smelled like orange blossoms, and perhaps that very first kiss. The entire evening was a delightful musical journey down memory lane.

At the reception that followed, several chorus members commented to Bob Salerno about the excellent acoustics in Vaber Hall. Encouraged by this comment, the West Stockbridge Historical Society is hopeful that in the spring, the Berkshires Hills Chorus will return (for the third time) to Old Town Hall. We will keep you posted!



The Berkshire Hills Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Photo by Bob Salerno

Open Studio & Meet the Artist

## Verne Tower: Visit His Workshop

Verne  
Tower:

Stonecutter and  
builder

Thursday, October  
12, 2017

Noontime lunch in  
West Stockbridge  
1-2:30 p.m.  
workshop tour in  
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Join Verne Tower on Thursday, October 12. Informal discussion over lunch and at noon in West Stockbridge. Tour 1-2:30 p.m. at his studio workshop, Tower Stone, at 86 Firehouse Lane, Richmond, just across from the Richmond Post Office on Rte. 41 (State Road) and north of the bridge. Be careful of the big trucks on this road; it may be safer to park across the street near the post office and walk to his workshop. RSVP: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090544A5A72CA7FA7-meet](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090544A5A72CA7FA7-meet) Or if necessary: [kcarmean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmean@gmail.com).

Verne studied all kinds of art in school including art history, sculpture, and pottery. Mostly by self-study, he learned civil engineering, building hydroelectric power plants, and even ran farms. In his 20s, he cut lots of stone and has returned to this field. Recently he built the amphitheater at Turn Park (above) and became involved in marble restoration at the Frelinghuysen Museum. More recently he bought 400 tons of marble! Verne has a wealth of knowledge on stone, local quarries, tools, and processes for stonework. You will be able to ask him questions.

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# Getting Ready for Holiday Lights

By Ginna Dudney

The geese have gone. The swans and eagle are tucked away. The landscape settles in for approaching winter. But even before the last of the leaves fall, it's time to look ahead to Holiday Lights: December 1 is the date, so mark your calendars!

The Congregational Church Ladies will be hosting cookie decorating and crafts in the Church Hall. The Holiday Tree will be lit, Santa will arrive with his elves to greet the children in his sleigh. The Village Merchants will all be open with good cheer for the WS version of the Holiday Stroll. And Fire Pit may give another pop-up show to keep that holiday spirit pumping. Last year, you may recall there was dancing in the streets!

But this mini-extravaganza takes time and help. There's now a definite blueprint for the festivities, but, in order to make it all happen, the Committee needs help. No need to attend endless meetings. No necessary commitment of time other than a few hours before or on the day - those goodie bags from Santa don't fill themselves!

If you'd like to see this tradition continue, just call (917) 209-0926. Join in, contribute, and be a part of your community. It's a wonderful place to live!

## October History Quiz Question:

The Shaker Mill is one of our town's most prominent, iconic features. It's highly visible when you enter the town center from the west, or heading north on Main Street and crossing the bridge over the dam. The construction is classic early industrial New England. You almost expect to see a horse and wagon parked outside. The dam, mill pond, bridge, and surrounding area adds charming ambiance and frames the entrance to Main Street.

But the area wasn't always that postcard perfect. What was it like early on when West Stockbridge was being created? Why did the village center start there?

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](mailto:info@weststockbridgehistory.org) or call 232-4270.

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)



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# Hail & Farewell

It came so quickly...

October 5 will be the Sixth Annual WSFM Spooktacular, celebrating the end of another season.

Save the Date! Build a scarecrow! Paint a pumpkin! Bash a pinata! Pick up your mask! Play the games! Take a hayride! Find that pesky rooster! Take a chance! Expect the unexpected!

As always, the food will be terrific, the produce as fresh as it comes, and gift ideas abound for the coming holidays. Stock up your freezers and dust off the canners - it will be a long winter! Moonshine Holler will be at the mic, the perfect music to enjoy the evening with your neighbors.

And, when darkness falls and the vendors pack up their tents for the final time this season, curl up to enjoy outdoor movies for kids of all ages.

Don't miss it!

*Top: [Spider dog] Canine costumes are welcome*

*Center: A pumpkin masterpiece*

*Bottom: Scarecrow building is serious work*

*All photos by Robin Schmitt*



The Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge

# OCTOBER FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE 2017

The Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge is offering free flu shots for eligible residents older than age 19 in both communities. For information about influenza, visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

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## WEST STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesday, October 3, noon–2 p.m., and Tuesday, October 24, 5–7 p.m.

## RICHMOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Every Thursday: 9–10 a.m. (except major holidays), Friday, October 6, noon–2 p.m., and Wednesday, October 18, 5–7 p.m.

## RICHMOND LIBRARY

Tuesday, October 17, 5–7 p.m.

For more information, contact Emilie Jarrett, RN, BSN.

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# October Art Calendar

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**Still Life Painting.** Mon., Oct. 2, 1 p.m. RSVP: carolgkelly@hotmail.com

**Figure Painting Open Studio.** Tues., Oct. 3, 10–1 p.m. Live model \$20. RSVP: IS183, (413) 298-5252

**Art Demonstration and Business Meeting.** Wed., Oct. 4, 4 p.m. Members get help to get your art photos on the web and your own website. Bring 2–5 photos on USB or iPhone. 4:45: Health Hazards in Art with Helen Febbo. 5:30–6:45 p.m., Meeting and plan winter. WS Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road (Rte. 102)

**First Fridays Artswalk.** Fri., Oct. 6, 5–8 p.m. Pittsfield, North and South Streets. [www.firstfridaysartswalk.com](http://www.firstfridaysartswalk.com)

**Art Studio Tour.** Sat., Oct. 7, 11–5 p.m. Hosts: Helen Febbo and Palma Fleck. Map on website & brochure

**Studio Tour and Meet the Artist: Verne Tower of Tower Stone.** Thurs., Oct. 12, RSVP noontime lunch in WS, tour 1–2:30 p.m., 86 Firehouse Lane, Richmond. Park at post office on Rte. 41.

**Positive Critique.** Thurs., Oct. 12, 4–6 p.m. Bring 2–3 pieces of your art. WS Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd.

**Artist-to-Artist Open Studio.** Wed., Oct. 18, 6–9 p.m., Community Room, 21 Stateline Rd., WS. Work, chat, experiment. Limited to 20.

**Meet the Artist: John Mancia: Photographer. Alternative Print Processes.** Thurs., Oct. 19, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Six Depot, WS

**Photo Gathering.** Sun., Oct. 22, 3–5 p.m., Stanmeyer Gallery, WS. Bring 3–5 photos or on USB or iPhone. [www.berkshirephotogathering.com](http://www.berkshirephotogathering.com)

**Art Book Gathering.** Fri., Oct. 27, 3:30–5 p.m. Share a favorite book, artist, process. Shaker Dam Books, WS. Host: Mark Mellinger.

**Shaker Mill Inn Art Exhibit Reception:** Sun., Oct. 29, 4–6 p.m. More than 50 works by local artists. A rare chance to see the works and some of the nine beautiful rooms. Light refreshments served. 7 Albany Rd., WS

**Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists' Guild**  
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## Recent Works



*Helen Febbo*



*Palma Fleck*



*Mike Bufis*



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*Carol Kelly*

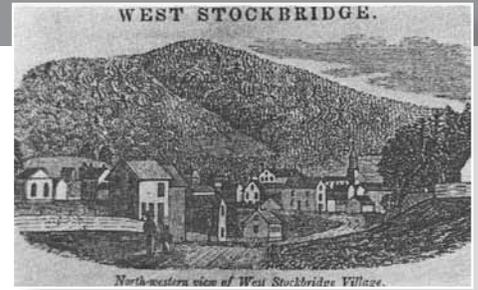
## West Stockbridge History Quiz Answer:

The location of the current Shaker Mill Dam and Main Street bridge was an early crossing point over the Williams River for a footpath west to the Hudson. That spot on the river was the only place with sufficient "drop" to provide water power and it was convenient to travel through the gap in the hills to reach the Dutch settlements further west for trade. It was a natural place to start a working settlement.

The first recorded instance of some form of a dam at that location was in the 1750s when Elias Van Schaak, a Dutch trader, built a sawmill on the east side of the Williams River, next to the bridge. By the 1760s, Elijah Williams had "purchased" the land from the Stockbridge tribe and constructed a dam to power a larger sawmill on the east side and an iron works on the west side. The first survey map of the town done in 1794 shows the sawmill, the iron works, and a bigger mill pond necessary to furnish the power to run this early industry. (Williams also built a general store on the east side of the river.)

By the early 1800s, Enoch Thayer bought the property from Williams and built the first grist mill on the present Shaker Mill site. The sawmill continued working on the east side where the Shaker Dam Coffeehouse and Stanmeyer Gallery is now. The sawmill was replaced in the 1830s by the present building to serve as the mill manager's house. Meanwhile, the iron works were pumping out smoke and cinders just south of the grist mill until 1816.

The first Shaker Mill, in a form similar to what we know now, came in 1821 when the Shakers rebuilt the old grist mill into a more modern two-story structure as shown in the 1841 John Barber illustration of the town. That mill building was again rebuilt by the Shakers in 1847-49, giving us the familiar building we have now. (The Shakers sold it in 1851.) Looking at it from inside, you can see that it is actually two buildings put together. As it morphed through different uses over the years --grist mill, electric generating plant, and retail space -- various rooms were added and subtracted over the years to arrive at its current configuration. It remains one of the most recognizable images of our town.



1841 John Barber illustration of West Stockbridge courtesy of Bob Salerno.

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### Three Writers Discuss the Life and Work of Edna St. Vincent Millay

*This special event on October 7 is part of the “Path Through History” Weekend*

**WHAT:** In celebration of the 125th anniversary of Millay’s birth, three writers will discuss the poet’s early years as a young girl growing up in Maine and attending Vassar College, her bohemian years in Greenwich Village, and the last 25 years of her life at Steepletop.

**WHO:** Millay scholar and literary executor Holly Peppe; Millay board member and author of the Millay biography for young people, *A Girl Called Vincent*, Krystyna Poray Goddu; and Jerri Dell, granddaughter of Floyd Dell and author of *Blood Too Bright: Floyd Dell Remembers Edna St. Vincent Millay*, about her grandfather’s relationship with Millay, will present a lively look at this singular poet’s life and work. The event will conclude with birthday cake for all!

**WHEN:** 2 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017

**WHERE:** Steepletop, 440 East Hill Road, Austerlitz, NY; (518) 392-3362

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$20 each and may be reserved by calling ahead or be purchased at the door.

#### ABOUT THE EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY SOCIETY AT STEEPLETOP

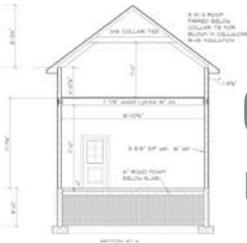
*The Edna St. Vincent Millay Society is based at Steepletop, which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1972 and a Literary Landmark in 2016. The mission of the society and the Friends of Millay supporter program is to illuminate the life and writings of Edna St. Vincent Millay and to preserve and interpret the character of Steepletop, her home and gardens, places where nature inspires the creative spirit. Steepletop is open to visitors for tours and other events from May through October. Visitors may tour the house and gardens, enjoy the Exhibition Gallery, and walk the Poetry Trail, a wooded road marked at intervals with Millay’s poems and culminating in the Millay family gravesites. Learn more at [www.millay.org](http://www.millay.org).*

*Please send your Birthdays & Anniversaries to the Local Yokel.*

*We are happy to include them in the next issue.*

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# On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

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## As fans of *Game of Thrones* know, WINTER IS COMING! Here are some preparations to take:

- \* Make sure your oil- or gas-burning furnace has been serviced. This needs to be done by a trained HVAC technician, who will clean the burner unit and exhaust pipe.
- \* If you have a wood-burning stove, make sure you have the stovepipe or chimney cleaned.
- \* On older homes with storm/screen combinations, remove the screens (that block the warm winter sunlight), and make sure the storm sashes closed tightly. And this is a great time to label the screens or removable storm windows so that you know what goes where.
- \* If you don't have storm windows and your regular window sashes do not fit tightly, invest in easy-to-install adhesive caulking and/or plastic film that stretches smooth and clear with heat from a hair dryer. Most heat loss happens with air infiltration. If you can feel a draft from outside by a window, warmth is being sucked out of your house.
- \* Other holes around pipes or wiring to the outside can be filled with expanding foam in canisters. Large holes can use the maximum expanding foam. Cracks around windows and doors should use the minimum expanding foam. These will also make the entry for mice and squirrels more difficult (although not impossible!). Check for holes around gable end vents in attics and along foundations.
- \* Generally assess the insulation needs of your home. Contact MassSave (866-527-7283) or Center for EcoTechnology ([www.cetonline.org](http://www.cetonline.org)) to see about a free energy audit and often a subsidized installation. These are terrific resources for energy savings.
- \* Bring in garden hoses as soon as we get regular frost overnight.
- \* Buy your snow shovel and roof rake now before there's a run on them after the first heavy snowfall. Get a small shovel for your car, too, as well as a windshield brush/scrapper (and check your tires while you're at it).
- \* Clean your gutters! Snow and ice building up in gutters filled with leaves and pine needles will pull the whole affair off your house.
- \* Have your snow blower serviced now. Or line up someone with a snowplow to take care of your driveway.
- \* Check your mailbox post. Town snowplow drivers don't *mean* to mow yours over with the heavy wet snow. But it might happen if your post isn't solid. Easy to fix now before the ground is frozen. And some folks find it helpful to put up a piece of plywood to the right of the mailbox to deflect the snow.
- \* Get your flu shots.
- \* Get some kitty litter to sprinkle on slippery walkways.
- \* Have some fresh batteries for flashlights easily available.
- \* Get some dragonglass to fight off the White Walkers.

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### Dream: In Woods

A circle,  
a perfect clearing,  
where light shined through  
the opening in the trees,  
we were there with the elders,  
smoking pipes around a big fire.  
The stars came in to listen,  
coyotes watched and howled,  
bears lumbered closer.  
Deep voices said things, important things,  
I couldn't hear what things,  
with all of the drums thumping,  
hearts, love, blood beating,  
legs and arms,  
pulsing, dancing,  
reached out exuberantly  
into the night.

*Mary Howard*

### Might to Might

Blight snuffed out my light.  
Right destroyed delight.  
Fright brought in the night.

Aflight, my soul, aflight.

Sight unraveled plight.  
Tight occasioned fight.  
Slight gave way to height.

Alight, my soul, alight.

Night embraces light  
Delight gives birth to might.  
Might emboldens might.

Ignite, my soul, ignite.

*Phoebe Williams*

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Meet the Artist

## John Mancia: Photographer

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Thurs., October 19

12:15–1:30 p.m.

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Programs." See Facebook

Join John Mancia on Thursday, October 19, at Six Depot, West Stockbridge, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. for an informal discussion over lunch. You will be able to ask him questions. RSVP: [kcarmean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmean@gmail.com).

John Mancia's interest in photography began when the newest technology offering was a "through the lens" light metering capability for 35mm film cameras! Of course, technology continued to assist or confuse photographers during the 50 years that followed, but John spent most of his time creating black-and-white images by mixing new methods with the old. His favorite camera is a 4 x 5 field camera, although film negatives are scanned prior to output of prints. And his favorite print methods continue to be silver gelatin or, more recently, platinum/palladium prints.

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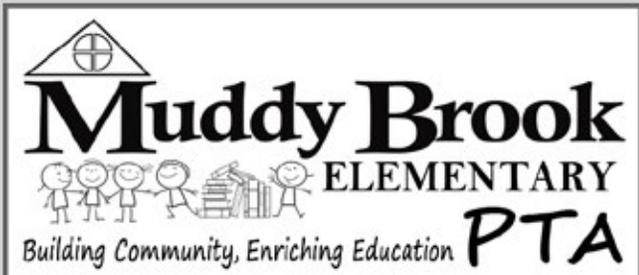
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**Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the MBE Library the week of October 23. Students will be able to shop at the fair during their regular library visits. Parents and community members may also shop at the fair during school hours. This is a great opportunity to purchase books for special events and holidays while contributing to the school library!

Please join fellow parents and teachers in making this year very special for the students of Muddy Brook.

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Assessors Office	<i>Mary Stodden</i>	232-0300	ext. 303	Tues. 1–5 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Board of Health	<i>Earl Moffatt</i>	232-0300	ext. 314	Fri. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., or by appt.
Board of Selectmen	<i>Bernie Fallon, Peter Skorput, Curt G. Wilton</i>			
Administrative Assistant	<i>Mark Webber</i>	232-0300	ext. 319	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Building Inspector	<i>Brian Duval</i>	232-0300	ext. 313	Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Conservation Commission	<i>Jennifer Kujawski, Lori Rose</i>	232-0300	ext. 338	Leave Message for Inquiries
Council on Aging	<i>John Zick</i>	232-0300	ext. 340	Leave Message for Inquiries
Emergency Management	<i>Louis Oggiani</i>	528-2175		
Fire Department	<i>Peter Skorput</i>	232-4200 (non-emergency)		Mon. 6:30–9 p.m.
Highway Department	<i>Curt G. Wilton</i>	232-0305		Leave Message for Inquiries
Library	<i>Lee Appelbaum</i>	232-0300	ext. 308	Tues. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 2–6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; closed Sun. & Mon.
Police Department	<i>Marc Portieri</i>	232-8500 (non-emergency)	24 hours, 7 days/week	
Post Office	<i>Colleen A. Wich</i>	232-8544		Lobby: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; 7 days/week; Window: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.–12 noon
Seasonal Lifeguard		232-0315		
Sewer & Water Commission	<i>Michael Buffoni</i>	232-0309		
Town Accountant	<i>Elaine Markham</i>	232-0300	ext. 317	Leave Message for Inquiries
Town Clerk	<i>Ronni Barrett</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	Tues. & Thurs. 1:30–4 p.m.
Town Collector	<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.
Town Historian	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
Town Treasurer	<i>Karen Williams</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Thurs. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Transfer Station	<i>Wayne Cooper</i>	232-0307		Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Tree Warden	<i>Andrew Fudge</i>	232-4322		
Veterans Agency	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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**Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2 pm**

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**October 2017 Calendar of Events**

10/4	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/4	Planning Board Public Hearing: Moratorium on Sale of Marijuana	7 p.m.	Town Offices
10/5	Farmers Market "Spooktacular"	3-7 p.m.	Merritt Green on Harris Street
10/5	Board of Health meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
10/7-8	Freedley Marble Quarry Event	12 noon	Meet for shuttle at West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club, East Alford Road
10/8	Grange Dinner	1-2 p.m.	Grange Hall, 51 Church St., Stockbridge
10/9	Columbus Day		
10/10	COA Potluck Luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
10/10	American Legion	7 p.m.	Town Offices
10/11	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/14	Apple Pressing	12-5 p.m.	Johnson Barn, 170 Great Barrington Road (Rte. 41)
10/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
10/15	Chamber Players Harvest Concert	2 p.m.	Old Town Hall, Main Street
10/17	Library Trustees meeting	4:20 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/18	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/22	Annual Turkey Harvest Dinner	4:30 and 6 p.m.	West Stockbridge Congregational Church
10/25	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/31	Halloween:		
	Trick or Treating	4-6 p.m.	
	Annual Town Halloween Party	4-6 p.m.	West Stockbridge Congregational Church
	Costume Contest	5 p.m. (register 4-4:45 p.m.)	West Stockbridge Congregational Church
	Halloween Parade	6:15 p.m.	Main Street across from Cong. Church