

MONTEREY NEWS

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A Monterey firefighter during a training exercise. See the Monterey Fire Company fund appeal on page 6.

—Photos courtesy of the fire company

Karen Axelrod (piano and accordion) and Eric Martin (fiddle and viola) specialize in traditional dance music from around the world.

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The trees communicate a need, a stress, and the community responds. It is not competition out there, it is cooperation.

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We finished lunch off with a peach & strawberry crisp with pistachio ice cream. Delish.

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And, with that, a howl of anguish, upset, and opposition erupted from the throats of what seemed like every voter in the room—all eighty-plus of them.

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Sky, he says, and shovels soil into his mouth, lets it drip out mud.

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August "Monterey News" May Be Late

The August issue of the *Monterey News* might not be available until early in the second week of August.



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Friends of the Library July 29 Book and Plant Sale

The annual book and plant sale will be held on Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monterey Library. Thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs will be available both indoors and outdoors. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Monterey Library, which supports the work of the library and enables it to be a valuable resource for the community.

Volunteers are needed! The sign-up sheet will be posted in the library at the beginning of July. Indulge your inner bookseller by volunteering to help—or volunteer just because you love our library.

Book donations are still being accepted. We ask that you please follow our book donation guidelines (below) and bring your book donations to the library early, no later than July 22 if you can. This will help tremendously to ensure that there is enough time to organize all of the donations. Thank you!!

If you have questions or would like to become a library Friend, please email us at montereylibraryfriends@gmail.com.

—Carey Vella

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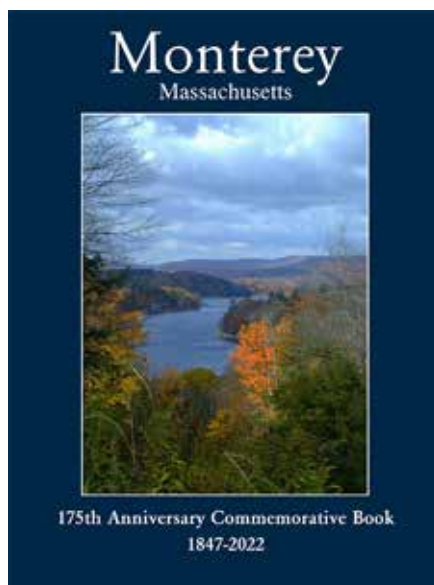
- No moldy, mildewed or water stained books
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If you wouldn't want it in your home, it probably shouldn't be passed on for the book sale.

In addition, we do not accept:

- Foreign language books
- Technical or text books
- Videocassettes
- Magazines or puzzles

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Monterey 175th Anniversary Commemorative Book Launch

The book is at the printer! The Monterey's 175th Anniversary Commemorative Book will be launched at the book and plant sale on July 29. Stop by to get your copy! And stay tuned for additional opportunities to purchase.

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Monterey Library Notes

The Monterey Library has a committee that has been working on a strategic plan. Libraries are not just, as a postcard from the opening of the original library in 1931 said, “a reading room and stacks.” The last plan, which was done almost ten years ago, resulted in the building project. Now that we have the new building, we are looking for new and fun ways to use this building and keep the library thriving. We have been looking at census data, usage statistics, and even hosted an event to personally discuss ideas with you. There are two data gathering activities in which we will be asking for your suggestions and comments. This fall we hope to have an open public forum where we discuss in person the ideas that make you excited about the future of the library.

The second way we would like to engage you is with a survey. This survey will open July 1 and be open through August 15. The survey link is shown below, though there will be paper copies in the library as well. We greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to fill it out. We are hopeful to find out a little more about why you use the library and what more we could do for you. Just as important, maybe even more, is that we would love to know from those of you who don't use the library, why you don't and what we could for you that would make it easier and interesting. The town and the state made a big investment in this building, and we want to make sure you all feel welcome and use this building for what it was built for, and even for things we never imagined.

—Mark Makuc,
library director

The survey link is: surveymonkey.com/r/KNWLMND.

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Saturdays at 10:30 am

Saturday, July 1
John Porcino, singer and storyteller.

Saturday, July 8
Jennifer Leahy, Nature Matters, with Live animals!


Saturday, July 15
Jim Snack, Magician

Saturday, July 22
Ed Popielarczyk, Comedy Magic

Saturday, July 29
Book and Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Saturday, August 5
Tom Sieling, songs and stories

Saturday, August 12
Talewise: Saving the Earth Together


 The Monterey Library
452 Main Road, Monterey, MA
Monterey.Mail.Library.org

**Story Hour At the
Monterey Library**

Join us to hear a collection of stories read aloud!

 Dates: 
July 11, 11:30am - 12:00pm
July 18, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Ages Pre-K through early elementary,
everyone is welcome!

Lynx Mugridge Neilson is a rising ninth grader who is very excited to share their love of reading and books by reading some of their favorite kid's stories. 

Berkshire Fish Hatchery Derby

Second Saturdays, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.,
for children thirteen and younger.

The remaining dates for this year
are: July 8, August 13, and September 10.

The derby is held at 240 Hatchery
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Blow up Gym
Prizes for ALL Contestants
Snacks and Treats



Create Your Own ZINE— A Fun One-hour Workshop

On Wednesday, August 9, from 11 to noon, Travis Rusk will hold a beginners workshop in the library for creating small handcrafted books. The workshop is open to youth ages seven to fourteen, chaperones welcome. Materials will be provided. To register, or with questions, email Travis at tlusk@q.com.

Zines are typically small, self-published books that people can make, often with a photo copier, and distribute them however they wish. Book artist Travis Lusk will share how to craft three "EAZY" templates for creating your own amazing ZINES!"

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Monterey Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

— Travis Lusk



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Safe Boating on Lake Garfield

The Friends of Lake Garfield would like to remind everyone about the state of Massachusetts safe boating regulations. These rules help to promote the safety of everyone, and help to conserve the lake environment.

- No operating a motorboat or personal water craft (PWC) within 150 feet of any swimmer, waterskier, dock, float, or mooring area, or when the operator's vision is obscured in any way. If you must do so, no operating at greater than headway speed (6 mph). This would include most of the small (west) portion of the lake.
- No one under twelve years of age may operate any motorboat, unless accompanied onboard by an adult (18+). Ages 12–15 only if they have passed an approved safe boating course or if accompanied by an adult (18+). No one under the age of 16 may operate a PWC. No exceptions.
- Be courteous to non-powered boats as they have the right-of-way.
- No watercraft shall be operated recklessly or dangerously.
- No waterskiing/boarding/tubing without at least two people in the boat (driver and spotter).
- Always travel in a counterclockwise direction when pulling a skier/rider and at other times when possible.
- No waterskiing/boarding/tubing on the small portion of the lake.
- No wake in the channel. No operating at greater than headway speed (6 mph).
- A skipper is responsible for damage caused by his/her wake, so reduce speed when appropriate.
- US Coast Guard-approved life vests are required for each person.
- No operating any vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Report all unsafe boating activities to the Monterey Police (528-3211). Try to get the registration number of the offending boat.

We've listed the most important boating rules. For more information about Massachusetts safe boating regulations, go to: boat-ed.com/ma/handbook.

— Friends of Lake Garfield

Hume New England Lawsuit

Hume New England applied to the planning board for permission to construct an initial twelve recreational vehicle camp sites to permit certain accommodations for campers, volunteers, and staff. Monterey's bylaws prohibit RV campsites, so the planning board denied the application.

Hume NE appealed the decision to the MA Land Court, and a decision was handed down that permitted some uses but not others. Both the planning board and Hume NE were unsatisfied, and filed counter appeals to the decision.

The prospective cost for the appeals became an article at a special town meeting in mid-October. After some discussion, the town unanimously voted \$11,437.31 to cover the current and anticipated expenses of this lawsuit.

The state superior court heard the appeal in January, and released their decision

in early June. The decision cited the facts of the permit application, the planning board's denial, and the appeal processes. The relevant text from their decision is:

"We conclude that the primary or dominant purpose of Hume NE is to advance Hume's evangelical mission. Because all of the proposed uses of the RV camp would serve to aid Hume NE in carrying out this mission, we further conclude that the primary or dominant purpose of the RV camp would be a religiously significant goal. Accordingly, the proposed RV camp would be an exempt use under the Dover Amendment."

Tom Sawyer, chair of the planning board, was contacted for comment. He replied, "I have had a conversation with Hume and they anticipate resubmitting their site plan in the near future after they look at the decision. The planning board will take it up on its merits when it comes in front of us for review. The court decision will help guide that review."

— Stephen Moore

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Elder Law Lecture

Susan Smith, Esq. addressed a small group at the end of May, courtesy of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs. She was excellent and the discussion lively. The following were her main points on the subject of estate planning.

1. Everyone needs a health care proxy to direct medical care if you are unable to make those decisions for yourself. This should be a spouse, other family member, or close friend. If you fail to name a health care proxy, a court will have to appoint a guardian.

2. Also very important is a durable power of attorney, a trusted person to handle financial affairs if you are no longer able to do so. This is needed even if assets are jointly held, because just one of the holders of a joint account cannot make changes.

3. Susan surprised many by explaining that although you often hear that trusts are essential, she cautions that trusts are not always advisable. They are beneficial for minor children and grandchildren, or a disabled person receiving funds. A trust is also useful if you want someone else to handle your finances. Trusts are sometimes recommended as a way to avoid the delay of probate court, but according to Susan, Pittsfield moves very quickly for Berkshire County residents. Another factor is that if you want to use a trust to avoid estate tax, it has to be an "irrevocable trust," which means that once it is established no changes are permitted—a definite downside.

4. Upon someone's passing, a joint credit card will be shut down, so best to have credit cards only in your own name.

5. Joint accounts are risky, because one person can "jump the line" and take everything.

6. Keep in mind that those left to handle your estate will need to know your passwords!

Susan can be reached at (413) 528-4300. Her office is in Great Barrington.

—Lin Saberski
Council on Aging

Correction Voting in May Elections

The June report on the elections slightly misstated the number of votes in Monterey.

As reported by the town clerk, Chris Andrews, there are 758 registered voters, of whom 693 are "active," and 65 are considered "inactive." 90 votes were cast, 13% of active voters. Less than 12% of all voters voted.

A Perspective on Voting

Our town is managed daily by a group of paid personnel, and by a large number of people who are elected or appointed to many boards, committees, and commissions. Aside from minimal stipends for some offices, all of these individuals, who spend a great deal of time and attention on town affairs, are essentially volunteers. The elected folks serve in one-year, three-year, and even five-year terms. All these groups hold weekly or monthly public meetings and spend time outside of meetings researching and preparing.

This past election saw only one contested election. Nonetheless, while elections provide winners and losers, elections also show well-deserved support from those Monterey citizens who cast ballots, sending an appreciative message to these volunteers who make the town's business their own.

—Stephen Moore

Nature & Nurture
works on paper by
**Pat Hogan &
Mary Claire Hogan**
thru July 22

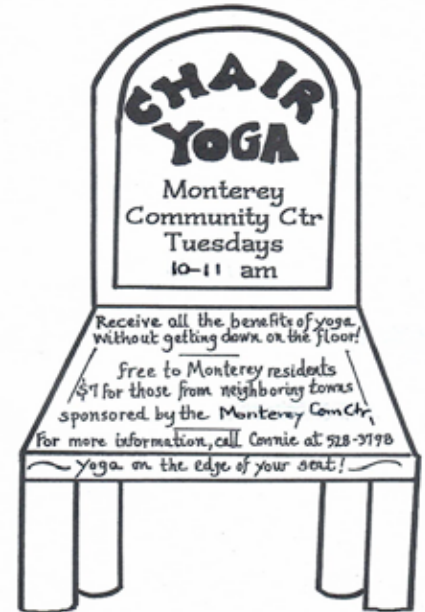


KNOX GALLERY
Monterey Library

Knox Gallery is supported by Friends of the Monterey Library


Notice of Passing Douglas McTavish

It is with deep sadness that JoAnn Bell, living on Art School Road, wishes to inform Monterey that her husband, Doug McTavish, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 22. There will be a remembrance of Doug in the August issue.



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Monterey Fire Company Annual Appeal

The Nitty-Gritty

It has been several years since we reached out for your financial Support. We do so now for a very simple reason: **The Fire Company cannot make ends meet without annual donations from Monterey residents.** But why do we need to ask for your donation when the town budget already contributes to emergency services in Monterey?

It's because of a distinction you've heard before. The Monterey Fire *Department* is a town department (like the highway department) that uses tax revenues to buy equipment (fire trucks, turnout gear, air tanks) and to pay for firefighter wages.

The Monterey Fire *Company* is us—we the firefighters—and as members we own the buildings, grounds, and on-site training facilities at 411 Main Road. The Fire Company bears the cost of property ownership and all the expenses that go with that.

For now, **all we're asking is for every household to support our Annual Appeal.** Doing so will ensure that Monterey's life-saving and firefighting services will be there when you need them. Please support your Fire Company. The Monterey Fire Company is a 501 © (3) organization, and, as such, **any financial donation is fully tax deductible.**

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the Steak Roast on July 29.

— Shawn Tryon, Chief

Celebration of Life

Joan Wing

Joan Finney Wing, a long-time summer resident of Monterey, passed away on May 26, 2023 at age 88. Joan and her husband Terry spent summer vacations in Monterey for over sixty years at the family cottage on Lake Garfield. Joan and Terry were summer congregants of the Monterey United Church of Christ. Family friends and acquaintances are invited to a Celebration of Joan's life at the Monterey Church on Saturday, July 8, at 2:30 p.m. and to the reception that will follow at the Monterey Library.



Captain Del Martin during a training exercise carrying a chainsaw up the ladder.



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Steak Roast

Saturday, July 29

4 to 7 p.m.

Steak or Shrimp Dinners

Peter Poirier Band

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Monterey Community Center Calendar

Weekly, bi-weekly and monthly activities

Mondays: Simple meditation, all are welcome, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Monday, July 10: Supper club, 6 to 8 p.m., under the tent. The theme for July 10 is "Take a Dip." See page 8.

Tuesdays: Chair yoga, 10 to 11 a.m.

Tuesdays: Mahjong, 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: Bridge, 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26: Council on aging documentary movie, at 2 p.m. See page 10.

Wednesdays: Tai chi with David Crowe, at 10 a.m. \$30 fee for the month.

Alternate Wednesdays: Exercise with Annie!, July 12 and 26, 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 6: Darn yarners, at 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 20: Wellness check, 2 to 3 p.m. With Tritown Health nurses. Checkups include blood pressure, pulse, and blood oxygen levels. No charge for Monterey residents, no appointment needed.

Alternate Thursdays: Chorus, July 6 and 20, at 4:15 p.m.

Alternate Thursdays: Music jam sessions with Mark Andrews. Thursdays, July 6 and 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mark Andrews at mccjamgroup@gmail.com.

Fridays: Super Gentle Yoga, 10 to 11 a.m. To register, please email james-boneparth76@gmail.com.

Last Friday of the Month: Transformational breathwork, July 28, at 5 p.m.

Saturdays: Coffee club, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Saturdays: Ping-pong, 2:30 p.m.

Sundays: Al Anon family group meeting, 9 a.m.

Special Events:

Sunday, July 9: Herbalist Angela Highsmith, at 1 p.m. She will present on infused oils and vinegars. Please register by emailing calendar@ccmonterey.org, or leaving a message at (413) 528-3600.

Wednesday, July 19: Field trip to tour the French Park pollinator garden in Egremont, 11 a.m. Meet at MCC for carpooling.

Sunday, July 23: Eric Martin and Karen Axelrod concert, at 2 p.m. See page 9.

Monday, July 24: Cookbook club, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, July 28: Living Clutter Free, at 4 p.m., with Nancy Deutsch. Transformational breathwork at 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 27: Sound Healing led by Robinson Martinez, 5 to 6 p.m. A mixture of guided meditation, gentle affirmations, and a soothing soundscape of crystal and Nepali singing bowls, soft drumming, and Robinson's calming chanting. \$20 suggested donation. Also on Thursday, August 10.

You can find more information on events at our website ccmonterey.org or by calling (413) 528-3600, or emailing calendar@ccmonterey.org.

—Mary Makuc and Nancy Kleban

Cookbook Club Reheating

The cookbook club met in late June for the first time since the pandemic. We started off the summer with a cookbook, *The Outdoor Table*, by Alana O'Neil. We tried eight new recipes and had plenty to talk about with both the cookbook and the recipes. We finished lunch off with a peach & strawberry crisp with pistachio ice cream. Delish. Next month's cookbook will be announced soon. Join us for our fourth Monday lunch, July 24, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The new cookbook choice should be on display in the library by mid-July.

For more information and to register, email WendyGJ@gmail.com.

—Wendy Jensen

Contributions in June

Thank you to these folks who reached for their checkbooks, stamps, and envelopes to send us their support.

Bill Michaud
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Monday Night Supper Club

Hello fellow Supper Clubbers,

Even though it seems like our first supper club just happened, I wanted to get the theme and details out as soon as I could to give everyone adequate time. With the holiday around the corner I know parties are being planned, houses are being cleaned, grills are firing up and we're praying for no rain.

Date: Monday, July 10, at 6 p.m.

Location: Monterey Community Center

—Please RSVP!

Theme: Take A Dip

There have been many times when chips and salsa are what's for dinner on a hot summer's night (before or after a swim, of course), so let's pay it homage. Please prepare a dip along with any appropriate dipping tool: hummus & veggies, chips and guac, baba ganoush and pita, bleu cheese and chicken wings...if you need some inspiration, do a quick Google search for "great summer dips."

Reminder of what to bring:

- Serving utensil(s)
- Enough nosh for twelve to fifteen people.
- A sign stating the ingredients of your dish WITH any of the 8 major allergens clearly stated. The Major 8 are wheat, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, fish, and shellfish.
- Your own eatware - in an effort to unofficially participate in Plastic-Free July (plasticfreejuly.com), please utilize your reusable cups, plates, silverware, etc.
- Any beverage contributions you'd like to make are greatly appreciated :)

—Hanna Jensen



Wendy Germain

Nearly thirty people showed up for the supper in June under the tent. Folks were saying, "We really should have brought a leftovers container!"



Wendy Germain



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Monterey Community Center Free Summer Concert Series

Our first concert under the tent in late June with Allan Dean (trumpet), Peter Toigo (bass) and John Myers (guitar) was a great success with wonderful old jazz standards and the well-seasoned talents of our local musicians. More than sixty people arrived to enjoy the event. Allan even let us help him celebrate his 85th birthday! It was a wonderful afternoon of music and community.



Thanks to the generosity of the Monterey Cultural Council, the second concert in the summer series will be on Sunday, July 23, at 2 p.m. with the Axelrod-Martin duo.

Karen Axelrod (piano and accordion) and Eric Martin (fiddle and viola) specialize in traditional dance music from around the world. Their improvisational style makes each concert a unique experience filled with toe tapping fiddle tunes to hauntingly beautiful melodies and everything in between! Come on out to hear this dynamic duo!

—Wendy Jensen

Monterey Community Center committee

Meeting House GALLERY

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July 28
thru Aug 27

Motion/Emotion

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Sept 1
thru Oct 8

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Natalie Manzino

Seniors luncheon at the Berkshire Brewery in June.

Catching up with the Council on Aging

We have been really really busy. June included more fantastic music with Peter Poirier—this time with his band. Also a Super Seniors Lunch to honor residents ninety-and-older, another gathering at the Barrington Brewery, more Exercise with Annie!, and our regular movies. July will bring three more sessions with Annie and....finally....a return to the Pittsfield Suns on July 27. Details are below.

To reserve for events, with questions about scheduled events, or suggestions for new ones, please call me at (413) 528-1443, ext. 112, or email me at coaoutreach@montereyma.gov. Phone messages are picked up once daily Monday through Friday.

—Kathryn Roberts
CoA Outreach Coordinator/
Administrative Assistant

Coming Events

Monday, July 10: Monthly council board meeting at town hall, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The agenda is posted on the town website. All are welcome.

Monday, July 10: Mobile health unit at the firehouse, from 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to wellness checks, CHP will offer the bivalent booster covid shot, recommended for those sixty-five and over, persons who are immunocompromised, and children six months to four years, who have already had the three-dose primary series. No appointment necessary.



Kathryn Roberts

The super-seniors luncheon.

Wednesdays, July 12, 19, and 26: Exercise with Annie! at the community center, 4 to 5 p.m. Join us for this new and very popular class which presents a unique approach to exercising as we age (most exercise done seated). \$10 suggested.

Wednesday, July 12: Movie night at the Monterey Library, 7 p.m., showing *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. Bitten by a radioactive spider in the subway, Brooklyn teenager Miles Morales suddenly develops mysterious powers that transform him into the one and only Spider-Man. The movie matches bold storytelling with colorful striking animation for a purely enjoyable adventure with heart, humor, and plenty of superhero action. The council will serve light refreshments.

Thursday, July 20: Wellness check at the community center, 2 to 3 p.m. Tritown Health nurses will check blood pressure, pulse, and blood oxygen level. Flu and Covid vaccines are sometimes available. No appointment necessary. For those who

Robert McMahon Projects

If you were a client of Robert McMahon, Architect, and wish to have the architectural drawings and files pertaining to your project from his files, please email Jeanne Randorf at mcdorf@gmail.com to arrange to pick them up. Files remaining will be destroyed in three months.

—Jeanne Randorf

are homebound and unable to come to the community center, please call Jill Sweet at (413) 717-7209 to arrange for a home visit.

Wednesday, July 26: Documentary film at the community center, 2 p.m., showing *The Power of Song*, about the life and music of the folk singer Pete Seeger. The film, which won an Emmy, was executive produced by Seeger's wife, filmmaker Toshi Seeger, when she was eighty-five years old. With Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, Bill Clinton, Bob Dylan. The council will serve light refreshments.

Thursday, July 27: the Pittsfield Suns baseball team will play the New Britain Bees at Wahconah Park in Pittsfield starting at 6:35 p.m. Bring the whole family. Call Kathryn to reserve your tickets—only \$5! Food available for purchase at the game.

Ongoing Services

Parkinson's Support Group: This month's meeting is on Thursday, July 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Monterey Library. Richard Pargament began our APDA-approved support group in October 2021. He and Roberta Weiss always provide a kind, compassionate, and informative two hours. Caregivers are encouraged to attend. Call the CoA at the number above if you'd like more information.

Transportation: For seniors and people with disabilities needing trips to Great Barrington and Pittsfield, call (413) 528-1881. Forty-eight-hours notice required to guarantee a ride.

Foot Nurse: Beverly Dunn is available for home visits. Call (413) 446-2469 to schedule an appointment. The council covers \$10 of her fee.

Free Safety Vests: Vests to ensure you are visible to car traffic when walking, running or on your bike are available in town hall for walkers and bikers.

Knox Gallery in July

We had a busy month in June. Early in the month, Knox Gallery was pleased to host Carol Diehl, who spoke on “Why I Hate Artists’ Talks.” We appreciated the sizeable turnout present to hear this artist’s take on a provocative topic, and we thank the Monterey and Massachusetts Cultural Councils for supporting our programs.

Patricia and Mary Claire Hogan: *Nature and Nurture* opened on June 16, with a reception on the evening of June 30. The exhibition will be on display through July 22.

Patricia (mother) and Mary Claire (daughter) look to the natural world for inspiration in their art. Mary Claire works primarily in marker and colored pencil to create intricate images of insects, which she renders in larger-than-life scale. Her illustrations magnify the splendor of the most populous and diverse group of living organisms on our planet. She celebrates the breathtaking beauty of these strange and fascinating creatures, which are so often overlooked, either because of their size, or due to misunderstandings of their importance in sustaining all life on earth.

Pat focuses on landscapes of the Berkshires, the Maine coast, and Chesapeake Bay landscapes. The artist views each landscape as unique, and feels that each “provides a stunning connection with the beauty of our earth and wildlife, and the chaos associated with climate change and human disregard for sustaining a healthy planet.” She works primarily in watercolor for the illusions created through the transparency and luminescence of the medium.

Pat and Mary Claire both exhibit in the tri-state area. Pat is also an accomplished teacher of drawing and painting, most recently at IS186 for nearly twenty years.

Midori Curtis’ *Improvisation* will open on August 4. Note that you may not have received your August *Monterey News* by then, so please put it on your calendar now.

“Like a single melody being played by different instruments,” the artist explains, Midori Curtis uses various printmaking processes to create harmony between juxtaposed cultures and aesthetics. She will speak about her work on Friday, August 4, at 5 p.m., and a reception will follow the artist’s talk.

All Knox Gallery events are admission free. Exhibits can be viewed during library hours (see back page of this issue). We encourage visitors to check current Covid protocols before attending any of our events. (Masks are no longer required.) Knox Gallery, Monterey Library,



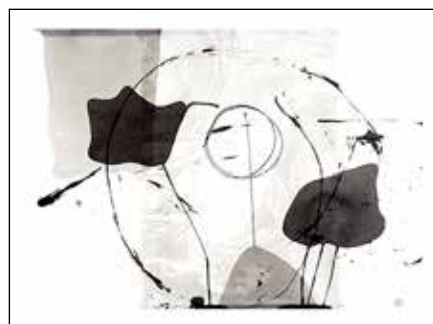
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Ayuthia Spectabile, colored pencil and marker © Mary Claire Hogan

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—MaryPaul Yates




Improvisation 4, Monoprint, © Midori Curtis

Daytime Book Group

The daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m., in the library. All are welcome, and the book to read for this meeting is *Mozart’s Starling*, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.

—Bonner McAllester

Route 57 on the New Marlborough Village Green	
	<p>NEW MARLBOROUGH MEETING HOUSE</p> <p><i>Meeting House events can sell out! Buy tickets ONLINE now at: nmmeetinghouse.org</i></p>
Aug 12 4:30 pm	<p>Karen Allen Join multi-award winning actor and director Karen Allen for a fast moving, interactive afternoon as she shares highlights of her exciting career.</p>
Aug 26 4:30 pm	<p>Alison Larkin An in-depth conversation with Comedienne, bestselling author, and founder of the Berkshire based audiobook company Alison Larkin Presents.</p>
Sept 2 4:30 pm	<p>Simone Dinnerstein Simone Dinnerstein returns by popular demand, performing works by Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, and others. This performance sells out!</p>
Sept 9 4:30 pm	<p>Melissa Clark and Madhur Jaffrey Tasting the World: Two of today’s great cookbook writers come to New Marlborough to discuss food, cooking, and their careers crafting delicious recipes.</p>
Sept 23 4:30 pm	<p>Trio Calore: Wincenc - Nikkanen - Asteriadou The trio of renowned recitalists will perform works by Jacques Ibert, Franz Doppler, Bohuslav Martinu, J.S. Bach, and others.</p>
Oct 7 4:30 pm	<p>Simon Winchester with Chandra Prasad, Francine Prose, and André Bernard On writing in the age of artificial intelligence.</p>

Collaborating to Conserve a Crucial Wildlife Corridor Defragmenting Forestlands

The building of a home, road, or subdivision can create huge barriers for the plants and animals that live there.

Wildlife—including plants—need room to move and roam, especially given the challenges posed by climate change.

That's why a recent land acquisition is so important. Spear-headed by the Berkshire Natural Resource Council and involving a dozen or so partners, the project connects the Mt. Hunger ridge to surrounding protected properties.

By acquiring four parcels of privately held land about the size of Central Park, BNRC was able to link together protected lands the size of Manhattan (14,000 acres). This is great news for the local flora and fauna and a boon to climate resiliency.

"I have come to believe that connectivity is the most important conservation strategy we have," said Bob Wilbur, of the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental-Affairs, one of many partners who helped knit together the recently completed project. "Almost all plants and animals will have to shift around due to climate changes. This will give them a fighting chance."

Mr. Wilbur was among several speakers at a celebration of the project that took place at Knox Gallery (after a thunderstorm made the Steadman Pond venue untenable). Speaker after speaker



lauded the collaborative spirit and significance of the project. Environmental values "increase exponentially" when lands are linked together, said BNRC president Jenny Hansell, who complimented the "visionary landowners" who supported the project.

Wilbur spoke about the legacy of Massachusetts as the place where the land trust movement began, and how our state now holds 27% of its land under conservation easements (compared to a goal set by President Biden for 30% protection by 2030).

"We work well when we do things together," added Smitty Pignatelli, our South County state representative.

Attending the event were about thirty people, including landowners and representatives of the Monterey Preservation Land Trust, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Division of Fish and Wildlife (Mass-Wildlife). Fairview Hospital, which had been bequeathed one of the land parcels involved, was also instrumental in facilitating the transaction. Anthony Rinaldi, the Executive Vice President at Berkshire Health Systems, said that the hospital wanted to "monetize" the generous gift, but also wanted to do something to improve the general health of the community. They had passed up an offer to sell their land to a large cannabis operation.

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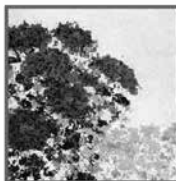
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Rep. Smitty Pignatelli talking about the effort to bring together so many parties to conserve this wildlife corridor in Monterey.

The Mt. Hunger/Tyringham Valley protects over a mile of buildable frontage along Brace Road in Tyringham, which was “a terrific candidate for housing development,” Montone said. “We’re not against homes and development,” he added. “But let’s protect unfragmented parcels.”

An initial \$1.25 million grant from the state helped bring other partners on board. That funding helped mobilize a total of \$3.27 million to protect the corridor, which links Beartown State Forest to the 790-acre Steadman Pond reserve all the way to Bob’s Way (named for Robert Thieriot, a legendary Monterey philanthropist and strong believer in land conservation. He preserved over 4,500 acres in the Berkshires for the benefit of future generations.)

Located in the middle of the newly connected corridor is the Monterey Preservation Land Trust’s 383-acre parcel, which was donated to BNRC as part of this effort. “Why donate the land to BNRC?” asked Jon Sylbert, who heads up the land trust. “BNRC has the resources, the outreach, and the professionalism to make this corridor a public treasure and a public good. They can do more, much more, to bring visitors to Monterey and host them on this ridge.”

The corridor includes diverse ecosystems, from wetlands and vernal pools, to stunning ponds, rocky ledges, and mature forests. These lands are also significant for their indigenous and Shaker histories, according to BNRC. And, they include large swaths identified as Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program.

Books in Brief

Finding the Mother Tree

Have you always been a tree hugger? Me too, and now I know why.

Suzanne Simard is a Canadian forest ecologist who noticed mushrooms in the woods. She found these fungi (fun-jee the plural of fungus) had a network of mycorrhizae (my-co-rye-zee) underground where most of us never see them. These occur in colorful threads and mats that can cover the root tips of trees. Through experimentation Simard found that they enable communication and cooperation among trees.

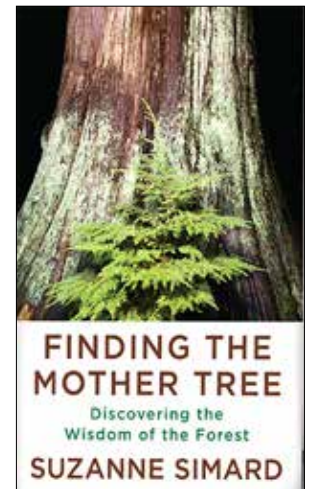
Finding the Mother Tree, Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest, by Suzanne Simard, is personal, humorous, moving, and exciting as can be. For generations, foresters thought that trees compete, for sun and water and nutrients. They made forestry management plans based upon thinning and weeding, as in a vegetable garden.

But the favored trees, Douglas firs in one study, only thrived at first, then they began to falter. It turns out they depend upon the western cedars and the paper birch trees and upon the fungal threads, to carry carbon and water from one tree to another. They even carry nitrogen. The trees communicate a need, a stress, and the community responds. It is not competition out there, it is cooperation. This is what makes for good health and survival.

“I believe this kind of transformative thinking is what will save us,” Simard writes.

Maybe you’d like to write a book report, too. They are easy, short, only about two hundred words.

—Bonner McAllester



Montone said that trails will be developed over the next few years, which will serve to open up some areas and keep other sensitive areas more protected.

Motorized vehicles will be prohibited, he said. Hunting will be permitted subject to existing rules and regulations. Although there are no plans to log the area, it is not prohibited. But logging is a very small part of BNRC’s work, said Montone, typically undertaken under the supervision of biologists for specific reasons.

This project is part of an even larger effort to protect and maintain a resilient wildlife corridor that extends through the heart of the Housatonic River Valley to Canada under the Follow the Forest initiative. (Check out the Followtheforest.org website to see interactive maps and learn more).

“We unite communities, organizations, agencies, and donors across the region—all participating in a large, continental vision on a local scale,” states the website.

—Janet Jensen

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Fiber Connect Reaches Final MBI Milestone

This spring Fiber Connect reached the third and final milestone under its agreement with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to build a 1-gigabit-per-second fiber optic broadband network and make it available to all Monterey premises. It has been a long, winding road to this conclusion, and Fiber Connect is grateful to all who participated in helping to reach this goal. Just how long? Read on.

In September 2017, Monterey dropped out of the four-town (Sandisfield, New Marlborough, Tolland, and Monterey) broadband network to select our broadband provider funded through the Town's MBI grant allocation of approximately \$1.2 million.

In December 2017, the Monterey Tech Committee reported to the select board their review and observations of possible broadband providers—Frontier, Charter, and Fiber Connect. They rejected Frontier due to projected long-term costs to the town. They noted Charter had modified their proposal to focus on fiber deployment over coaxial cable. They recognized that Fiber Connect was already privately financing and deploying fiber in Monterey.

Having started its first fiber deployment in 2017, by April 2018, Fiber Connect's self-funded Phase 1 had passed 40%



The Fiber Connect splicing trailer along New Marlborough Road.

of the town premises. Fiber Connect stated its commitment to building out 70% of the town under Phase 2. This first phase took approximately three months to lay the infrastructure along thirteen-plus miles of roads.

In January 2019, Fiber Connect submitted its response to Monterey's RFP for high-speed broadband internet service. The town accepted Fiber Connect's bid in February 2019. The RFP stipulated that the successful bidder would provide a connection to their network for all premises, residential and business, within town boundaries, including those on private roadways and driveways. It also stipulated a low-income subsidy program, which has been in effect for the past year.

With the town's agreement, the town and Fiber Connect began earnestly negotiating with MBI for a state agreement that would release the town's grant through three milestone payments to Fiber Connect.

As these negotiations were happening, FC continued to move ahead with its self-funded Phase 2, which essentially encompassed Main Road (Route 23) and its side roads. Encountering unanticipated "make ready" delays (the work on the utility poles necessary to accommodate the fiber optic cables) along the Route 23 pole line, Fiber Connect had to push back its fiber deployment for a bit longer than a year.

In late 2019, Monterey, Fiber Connect, and MBI signed off on the town's "action plan" by which Fiber Connect sought and subsequently received approved vendor status with the Commonwealth, allowing for three milestone payments up to the total of the grant allocation to complete the route miles to pass the remaining premises in Monterey. On April 14, 2021, MBI executed its agreement with Fiber Connect to fund the expansion of Fiber Connect's existing fiber network at no cost to the town.

As Adam Chait says of Fiber Connect's journey, "It was the right time, the right place, though it wasn't the smoothest ride."

—Adam Chait and Mary McGurn
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Two Poets Reading

July 17

Deborah Bernhardt and Hannah Fries will give a poetry reading at the Monterey Library on Monday, July 17, at 7 p.m.

Deborah Bernhardt's poetry collection *Echolalia* was published by Four Way Books as winner of the Intro Prize for Poetry. Her chapbook *Driftology* won the New Michigan Press/DIAGRAM Chapbook Prize. Her poems have appeared in *American Letters & Commentary*, *New American Writing*, *TriQuarterly*, *Verse Daily*, and elsewhere. She received two fellowships from the Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown and several other fellowships/grants. Deborah used to live next to the Monterey Library but now lives in Tennessee.

Hannah Fries is the author of the poetry collection *Little Terrarium* as well as the book *Being with Trees*. From 2005 to 2014, she worked as an editor at *Orion* magazine. Currently, she is a senior editor at Storey Publishing where she acquires and edits books for kids and adults in the science & nature category. She has an MFA from Warren Wilson College, and her poetry and prose have appeared in such places as *American Poetry Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Terrain.org*, and *EcoTheo Review*. Her work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize, and she was awarded a scholarship from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Hannah lived on New Marlborough Road for several years and now lives in Sandisfield with her husband Adam Brown and two sons.

Agile aging
Shifting priorities
Shorter runway
More to do.

Hear the meaning
Touch the music
Smell the words
See the day.
You got this!
Mountain ranges of emotions

This life
These moments
This time
These seconds
This season
These years all together—
A clarity with questions—
And questions of clarity

Daily beast of life tasks, easier now
Evolving from years of it—
Drink in, that breath

—Rocky Greenberg

Correction: "Agile Aging," above, was published in the June issue. However, Rocky Greenberg was unhappy with the way it appeared on the page. The layout confused the reading, and I agreed with him. He wrote it to be an unbroken column of stanzas.

Insects with Long Childhoods

June bug, stag beetle, cicada—
three, seven, thirteen years as larvae

feasting underground in the gentle
rot of roots and castoffs, gone generations,

only a few weeks in the light
sharp as the blades of consciousness, incessant

buzz, cosmic background of loss
threaded through late summer's throbbing

days, lush nights, a brevity so full
it must feel like the eternity they came from.

I have a child who asks a question
of the air's every hum. He has not learned grief.

Sky, he says, and shovels soil into his mouth,
lets it drip out mud.

—Hannah Fries

Who's a Good Boy?

I had no cause to ask
when he'd brought me the ball
if that's what dogs would call
a pleasure or a task.

Still I faked a throw
just to watch him go
as raucous rivers flow --
for gladness, not for show.

But when he'd sniffed my fraud,
his cocked head said that he
had never doubted me
the way I doubted God.

—Don Barkin

Emperor

We did not make our sea's idea of order.
Yet we are the makers of our ever-hooded.
Let me not let be unseemly finales—

bulbous racism. That white lamp.
Bronze syntactical solenoids latch:
Stevens's affixing despite the beam.

Bronzeville's reddest room
ablated by a whitest house fixture.
Let me not let be his unseemly

remark when Brooks won the Pulitzer.
Let me not let be I know not seems.
Let me not be affixed by his beam,

even as his glitter bombs slickenside me
under the bus of beloved bewilder.
Let me not let be his unseemly slurs,

icily slung. Faceless bluing beam
further killing sons.
Till. Seen.

—Deborah Bernhardt

Monterey's Memorial Day 2023

Monterey had a lovely Memorial Day to remember soldiers who'd died for their country. The weather was just right and the townspeople really turned out.

Veterans Memorial Ceremony

The first event was at 10 in the morning with the traditional ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the corner of Main Road and Blue Hill Road.

The ceremony at the Veterans Memorial was well attended, probably close to one-hundred people, including a number of veterans and the Monterey Fire Department. The ceremony was directed by Master Sergeant Julio Rodriguez. Rev. Elizabeth Goodman delivered an address about Memorial Day (right). The flag was lowered to half staff by Sergeant Donovan Sawyer, Army National Guard (below), as taps was played, followed by the National Anthem. An honor guard of four women fired three volleys. Refreshments were served including baked goods from Gould Farm's Harvest Barn.



Main Road Parade

For the first time in three years, as the marchers mustered along Sandisfield Road, the fire company didn't have to race off to respond to a call. Flags were festooned all along Main Road, with a huge flag hanging from John Field's very tall, heavy lift crane in front of town hall.

The parade began promptly at 1 p.m. Bagpiper Pete Cole from Pittsfield led the way. Most of the various organizations in town were represented in the parade. The Mt. Everett marching band, in their second parade of the day, helped to move the marchers down to the village. After they played attention turned to the church steps and MC Andrew Shaw. A benediction was offered by Father Matthew Barone, parochial vicar for St. Mary's of the Lakes in Otis, and in Lee and Stockbridge for Saint Mary's Church, followed by Rob Hoogs who gave an address (his full text is on page 18).

With the village ceremony over, the parade got moving again, walking up the hill to the firehouse pavilion for hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided by the town, and lots of mingling and chatting of friends and neighbors.

—Stephen Moore, with contributions from Rob Hoogs, Suzanne Sawyer



The pre-parade party starts at the end of Sandisfield Road. Folks gather and chat, groups arrive and are told by Tom Sawyer and Ilene Marcus, the parade coordinators, where in the parade order they belong. As soon as the parade set off, there was appreciation from John Brewer's Tavern (home of Kevin West) across Main Road.



Above: Friends of the Monterey Library
 Below: Council on Aging
 Below left: Crowds and Farm New Marlborough
 Below center: Hot dogs at the end of the road.



Photos by Steve Gilbert, Natalie Manzino, Maureen Banner, Lin Saberski, and Suzanne Sawyer.

Rob Hoogs' Memorial Day Address

James A. Garfield's Decoration Day Speech, May 30, 1868

155 years ago, on May 30, 1868, a crowd of more than five thousand gathered at Arlington National Cemetery for the first Decoration Day (now known as Memorial Day). Before strewing flowers upon the fifteen thousand graves of the civil war soldiers, the crowd listened to an address by James Abram Garfield.

James' relative, Isaac Garfield, was one of the first three settlers of Monterey in 1737 and fought in the French & Indian War. Young James visited here several times while a student at Williams College, including visiting the graves of his relatives here in Monterey to honor their sacrifices.

By 1868 he was an Ohio congressman, having served as a Union Major General during the Civil War; commanding and fighting at the bloody battles of Shiloh and Chickamauga.

Garfield was later elected the twentieth President of the United States in 1880. He served just four months in office before

being shot by an assassin on July 2, 1881.

Two days later, the residents of Monterey renamed Brewer's Pond as Lake Garfield in his honor.

But now back to the first 1868 Memorial Day ceremony held in Arlington Cemetery. James A. Garfield's speech that day set a standard by explaining what Memorial Day is all about and why it should be commemorated. Here are a few of the words he spoke:

"I am oppressed with a sense of the impropriety of uttering words on this occasion. If silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of fifteen thousand men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem, the music of which can never be sung.... they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."

While today, Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the summer season, we pause here to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, as well as our first responders, and their families.

Memorial Day is a day both of celebration and of grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes, and reflecting on their tragic loss.

I now direct your attention to the three sites where wreaths will be placed as a symbol of our respect:

The first wreath will be placed at the Roll of Honor in front of the library which is dedicated to the soldiers from Monterey who fought in World War I.

The second wreath will be placed into the Konkapot River at the bridge in memory of the sailors and marines who died at sea.

And the third wreath will be placed at the memorial in front of town hall, honoring the town's soldiers who fought in World War II, including one gold star soldier who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Now I ask for a moment of silence as the wreaths are placed. Thank you.

In honor of these heroes, the Mount Everett Band will now play the national anthem, followed by the "Hymn to the Fallen."

—Rob Hoogs



Remembrance Judith Rita Kaminstein

On Tuesday, May 29, 2023 Judith Rita Kaminstein, my loving mother, herself a grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away at the age of ninety-two.

Judy was born May 30, 1930, to Ben and Shirley Stang in Brooklyn, NY. She attended Abraham Lincoln High School and graduated from NYU. Judy married Bernard Kaminstein in 1950. Bernie was drafted during the Korean War and sent to Japan where Judy joined him. They lived in Japan for a couple of years before returning to raise their family first in NYC and then in Paramus, NJ.

Judy received her masters in psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and worked in the Saddle Brook School District in New Jersey as a school psychologist. Judy and Bernie bought a small cabin on Lake Garfield in the Berkshires in the late 70s where cousins of hers lived and lots of friends followed. She instilled a love of Monterey in her entire family and always called it paradise.

Judy was an avid traveler, reader, political activist, and supporter of the arts, particularly Jacob's Pillow and the Lincoln Center. She loved movies and learning about them; she loved learning in general and lived with a profound sense of wonder. Judy was, at her core, a very social person who enjoyed walks, talks, and meals with friends.

She died peacefully in her apartment. A graveside service was held on May 31.

If you would like to donate in Judy's name to causes close to her heart, the family recommends: Southern Poverty Law Center, Planned Parenthood, and Jacob's Pillow.

—Judy Kaminstein

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Monterey News-New Features

People often suggest to me, "You should get someone to cover such-and-such event." But the *News* has no one to "assign" to events, to "cover" stories. A big part of my task as editor is to recruit, recruit, recruit. I think some people are careful about talking to me because they just know I'm going to suggest they write something. And I just might.

So this is a broadside recruitment.

Letters of Appreciation

I've been editing the paper for nine years now. I have always been surprised by the relatively few letters to the editor, which used to appear as "P.O. Box 9," and now is just simply headed "Letters." In particular, I wonder at the disparity between how appreciative folks are in person, and how few public expressions of appreciation are received. Beginning a few issues back I've started titling some letters (two so far) "Letters of Appreciation."

So many people in our town do so much to provide activities, events, gatherings... favors large and small, food aid or transportation, news and notices, etc. Has the highway crew responded to a downed tree by your house? Are you glad there's a place to store your kayak during the summer? Have you enjoyed local concerts? Did you have an enjoyable hike on a local nature trail?

Send in a short letter of appreciation. We all know that appreciation is an upward spiral, making all our lives better.

Reports About Town

Assign yourself the role of writing about an event, investigating a question of public concern, telling a story, or writing a

reflection of interest to Monterey. On page 22 Stacy Wallach writes about the town meeting vote to save the big brown ballot box. Decide for yourself that you're going to monitor and report on the progress of the new Roadside 2.0. On Saturday, August 5, the parks commission is sponsoring a children's beach party (see ad on page 3). Take some photos, get some quotes from kids, write it up, and send it along to the *News*.

Books in Brief

This month Bonner McAllester has written a brief (about two hundred words) review of *Finding the Mother Tree* (see page 13). Have you read a book recently that you really enjoyed? Share it with others in a short review.

Encouraging Community Conversation

This is the goal of this paper. Engage it. Don't leave it to everyone else to hold the

conversation, or to the editor to write about things that others could do just as well.

Don't worry about your writing style, or writing skills. With copy editor Kateri Kosek, we can help. You can get your writing to the *News* in many different ways. Most people email content, some people mail it (PO Box 9), some people come to my house (right near the village) and drop things off. Mostly I get digital text, but sometimes it's printed out, in an email window, or just handwritten. I can handle just about every format, no problem. The same is true for images.

Join the community conversation!

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Meet the Little Green Heron

The famous heron in these parts is neither little nor green. It is our long, tall, Great Blue. We know this neighbor, standing in the wet places immobile like a particularly graceful, slim, dead spar in the swamp, upright, with stylish chest feathers long and fringed. Also, a modest sort of crest drooping down the back of the head. These details are practical, letting the big bird blend with the marshy vegetation, all the better to stand silent, invisible, and deadly for when the next meal comes swimming along. The long heavy bill is so powerful it can drive right through a solid oak oar on a rowboat. There is an account of a rower wanting to help an injured heron into the boat, to give some first aid. Quick as a flash, the stout sharp bill rammed right through the blade of the oar, and that is how the boater was able to get hold of the heron.

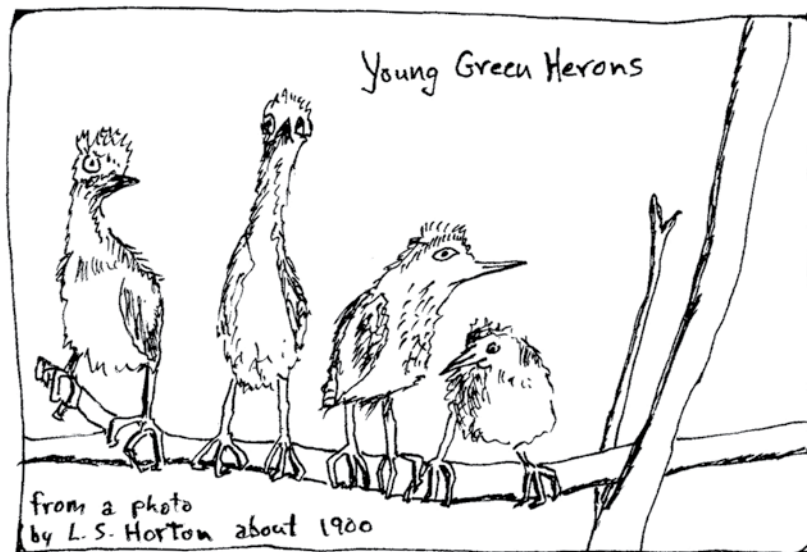
I don't know how that story ended, or continued, but it made me respectful. I admire the Great Blues and keep my distance. They are "Great."

There is another heron in these parts, much smaller but also great in itself. This is the Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*, a new acquaintance for me. In recent years I can find a Green Heron in spring or summer at a beaver pond I like to visit. There is often a Great Blue there, as well as a Green. I call these "Little Green Herons," though I have not been sure why. Has it been because they are smaller than the Great Blues? Anybody would be smaller than the Blues.

In mid-June I got more intimate with a Green, the way you only can when you find one that has died. I was about to turn

off the paved road to visit the beaver pond, and there was a body on the shoulder. It was about the size of a pileated woodpecker, with a crest, but not a red crest. When I got out and picked it up, I was sad to see it was a Green, so lovely with its dark glossy crest and long green back feathers. The legs and feet are yellow, with the feet designed as much for climbing as for walking in the shallows. The bill is greenish-black and there is bare skin from the bill to the eye, and this skin is yellow, too. In fact there are yellow feathers up under the wings on the chest, tucked in where you would never see them. When the bird has died, there is a certain intimacy allowed.

My old book, Edward Howe Forbush's *Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States* (1925), describes the sides of the head and neck as "rich chestnut to dark vinaceous red or maroon." I looked up vinaceous. Of course, it means like wine.



Forbush says the lower surface of the body is "ashy-brown." A hundred years later, my bird books describe the Green Heron as "dark" and then provide color paintings and photographs. Forbush also gives the heron's several names: Green Heron, Little Green Heron, Green Bittern, Poke, and Fly-up-the-Creek. Maybe I looked in this book once before, and that's why I thought of this as a Little Green Heron. More likely I learned it from my dad. This was his book, and before that his mother's. She was my naturalist grandmother, Maude Helen Park. She wrote a nature column in the Boston Herald, under a pen name. She died the week I was born, so I never met her, but I have her books, and lots of stories. I wonder if she knew the Little Green Heron the way I do.



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I wondered if this dead body had been the only Little Green inhabiting that pond. Then a friend on the scene with me said, "Look, there's another one!" Sure enough, perched on a small stump just above the water, motionless in a crouch, was a dark bird just the right shape. On subsequent visits to this pond, I have even seen two Little Greens at a time, fly up and away.

My grandmother's book tells me these herons can nest in small colonies, but in New England usually each pair nests by itself in a remote quiet place near water. The nest is made of sticks, worked into the fork of a small tree near water, fifteen to twenty feet from the ground. It looks frail, Forbush says, so much so that you can stand below the nest and look up and see the eggs right through the sparse weaving. But after the eggs are laid and hatching about to start, the nest gets built up with grass and other material until it is much higher and larger. The youngsters learn to climb from the nest farther up into the tree. Those yellow feet can do this, grasping the branches.

The feet can swim, too, and are sometimes used to rake the mud in shallow water to stir up something to eat. Little Greens eat small fish, frogs, leeches, snails, worms, crayfish, and various insects including grasshoppers.

Closing Mothie's venerable Forbush (three heavy volumes, dark green, each one more than four hundred pages), I leapt forward with Google Scholar. Now I want to get back to that beaver pond with my binoculars and stake the place out. Now I know that if I am lucky here is what I could see.

The Little Green Heron is a tool user! It may crouch on a stump, still as can be, waiting for a fish to come by. But it may also do something called "bait fishing." These birds will pick up a berry, a live insect, even a discarded cracker to throw on the water and then wait for a fish to come. They go one step even further and modify twigs to make them just the right size for bait fishing. Folks who have staked out the ponds note that young herons are less successful at this than the adults because they use sticks that are too big. They will learn to modify them, to carefully trim them to the proper dimensions to fool a fish.



Our Lady of the Hills

The Roman Catholic church in Monterey, Our Lady of the Hills, will be open for Mass very Saturday in July and August. The eucharistic celebration begins at 5:45 p.m.

Yes, this is the tiny chapel with the stained glass angel, not far from the town beach, at 70 Beartown Mountain Road. Everyone is most welcome.

—Mary Makuc

The next question is, "How do they learn this?" Or do they. Is there something innate about this behavior, or is it a mix of the two? You get a youngster who is already programed to bait fish, who is at the same time a learner, a copy-cat. Or an experimenter! A bird who notices things and remembers. And who then teaches.

Thank you, Little Green, for the questions you present. You keep us hopping like we like to do. Keep us wondering.

—Bonner McAllester



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Digital Darlings vs. Lovable Luddites: Luddites Win!

Since the late 1600s, hundreds of towns all over New England govern themselves through an annual town meeting more or less like the one Monterey held on Saturday, May 6. This “legislative” session of the community of registered voters gathered together in public assembly is quite different from elections (such as the one held May 9) in which the town’s registered voters—one by one and in secret—vote to elect residents for specific town offices, as well as for/against ballot questions. Our annual meeting, by contrast, is budgetary and legislative.

These usually quite separate events overlapped a bit at the May 6 annual town meeting.

The annual meeting opened promptly at 9:30 a.m. with moderator Mark Makuc gaveling the session to order and announcing a brief rehearsal of the town’s new voting hand-clickers, a rehearsal which went off without a hitch: not only did the clickers accurately and instantly record a trial vote on an important issue—“Will it rain later today?”—but the results of the yeas and nays were instantly exhibited on a very large electronic tote board hung on the wall behind the Moderator for all to see—proof positive (if proof were needed) that our town’s voters are digitally savvy—the very model of digital modernity.

The voters then briskly ran through a significant number of budgetary items—approximately 140 *in toto*, only a relatively few of which engendered any serious discussion—before arriving at Article 11,



which read in full: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,700 or any other sum from Free Cash to purchase electronic voting equipment for elections”—a comparatively modest sum of money relative to a total budget in excess of \$5 million and an expenditure approved unanimously by both the town’s select board and its finance committee. In the brief silence following the moderator’s reading of the article, many minds, foreseeing no issue, had undoubtedly moved on to the next article when suddenly, from the back of the room, came a voice: “Does this mean no more big brown wooden ballot box?”

A select board member immediately answered “yes” and, with that, a howl of anguish, upset, and opposition erupted from the throats of what seemed like every voter in the room—all eighty-plus of them. When quiet was restored, several town officials immediately spoke in favor of purchasing the electronic voting equipment, noting that, after


research, the system selected was just right for a town of Monterey’s size; the price was right; and the results of each election would be very fast, very accurate, and foolproof.

A pause here is in order to note that, at the moment, Monterey is blessed with town officials—both elected and appointed—who are individually and collectively very smart, highly educated, very experienced, and totally devoted to the best interests of the town and its residents—yet at the same time, on very rare occasions, seemingly out of touch with the residents’ feelings. This was one of those very rare occasions.

It is possible that none of these officials had ever seen the Broadway musical “Fiddler on the Roof” or heard Zero Mostel sing “Tradition!!” triumphantly—after all, the show opened sixty years ago in 1964—or perhaps they thought tradition was a purely religious phenomenon—ridiculous, of course—but whatever it was, it did not take long for the town’s residents to make their feelings known: a majority of the voters clearly were not persuaded that giving up the traditional big brown ballot box was worth getting faster election results.

The vote was called. Everyone clicked their clickers and the tote board immediately showed the result: the expenditure was defeated: 38 to 44. So the big brown ballot box with its hand crank stays. When the numbers appeared on the tote board, a huge cry of relief and laughter erupted across the hall.

There was also a moment of sadness associated with the general mirth: yes, the town keeps its big brown ballot box—it was in service as usual on May 9 for the 2023



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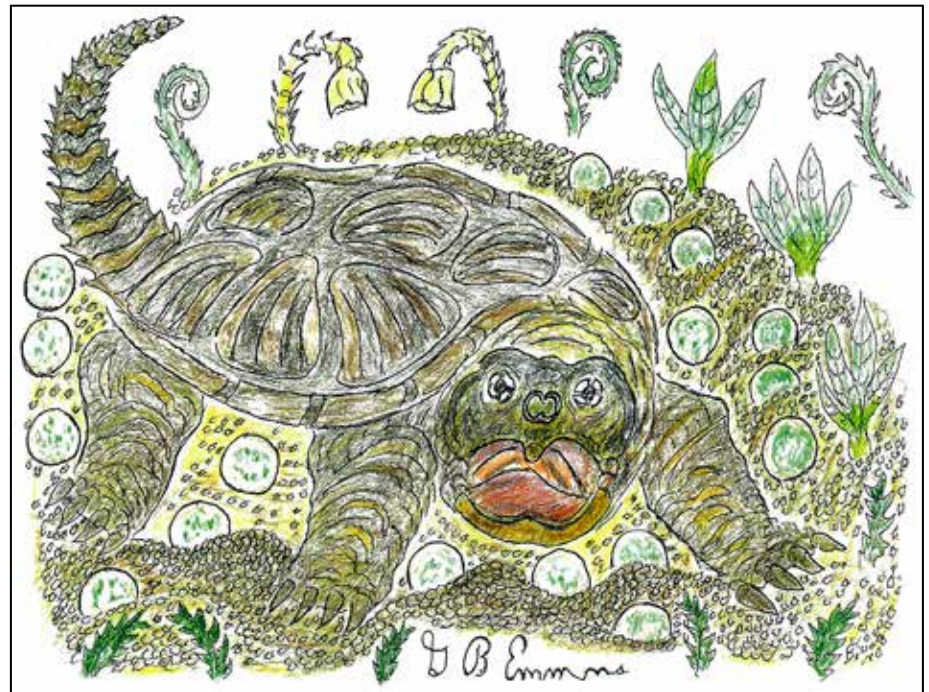


election—but Monterey has permanently lost Ray Tryon who, in addition to serving as the town's fire chief so ably and for so many years, is so memorably associated in most voters' minds with the process of voting and slipping their completed paper ballots into the box under Constable Ray's steely gaze.

This is democracy in action, and given what's happening around the world, Monterey is blessed to have it. Our third president and principal author of our 1776 Declaration of Independence—"We hold these truths to be self-evident..."—wrote in 1816 that New England township annual meetings as the principal mode of governance "have proved themselves the wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self-government and for its preservation." —Thomas Jefferson
—Stacy Wallach



The pollinator garden at town beach is in bloom! Check it out. Small signs now identify some of the plants and their favorite pollinators.



Snapping Turtle Egg Nests

When the months of spring slide along the coastline into summer, the snapping turtle has risen from the muddy bottom of brackish river tributaries to journey overland to lay her eggs. First the female has to meet and "make love" with the male to fertilize her eggs. However, mother nature has already bestowed upon her a female's prerogative to change her mind about reproduction. If she feels that conditions are not exactly right for her eggs she is blessed with the ability to store the male's sperm in her reproductive organs until she feels the time is right.

Temperature is critical. In this time of global warming scientific research has determined that her eggs incubated from about mid-60's to mid-70° produce only males, mid-70's to low 80's produce both male and females, and temperatures in the mid-80's produce only females. Once she felt that the time and temperature were correct, she got the inner green light to head overland as far as a mile or more, often crossing country roads with traffic, in plain view of onlookers. She may return to the same sandy hill she used to reproduce last year.

As in my illustration, in less than a single day she may lay as many as thirty to forty eggs, using her tail to bury them

in the sand out of sight of predators. All too often they are found by hungry skunks, raccoons, and crows. If she finds that her treasure trove has been disturbed upon her return the following year, she knows not to use it again. Once she has laid and hidden her eggs she immediately takes off on the very same path back to the water that she used to get there. All the hard work and important timing is forever finished and left behind her with her future hatchlings to fend for themselves.

The eggs hatch in New England in August through October. Research has found that warmer temperatures after hatching enhance their growth.

The future hatchling snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) are among the oldest creatures on the face of the earth, having evolved ninety million years ago, during the Age of Dinosaurs, but not related to them. If you should see a snapping turtle crossing a road, please do not waylay or disturb its reproductive intentions.

As an adult slowly crosses the road, or your yard, you might be a witness to mother nature's ancient renewal, in an unbroken chain of evolutionary history. I hope your observations, and my article and illustration, will live in your mind as long as I have hoped.

—George B. Emmons

Historical Society News

History Talks

Our guest speaker on June 15 was Bernard Drew who gave an illustrated talk entitled "Major General Jeffery Amherst and the 1758 War Road through Township No. 1 and Sheffield." An enthusiastic crowd of about thirty people were enthralled by the talk.

The next "Third Thursday History Talk" will be on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the library. Bob Rausch's talk is entitled "Gould Farm and the Development of a Dream." He will tell how Agnes and Will Gould came to Monterey in 1913 and founded Gould Farm after many other adventures.

We would also like to arrange a program with people who attended or are interested in Camp Owaissa. Roberta Weiss has many scrapbooks and other memorabilia about the camp and campers. We would like to arrange a get-together—reminisce, tell and listen to stories, sing camp songs? And maybe identify some of the people in the photos. If you're interested in participating, please email us. Our new email address is: montereyma.historical.society@gmail.com.

New Acquisitions

The Monterey Historical Society is very grateful for a number of donations of artifacts during the past several months. Kathie Tryon donated a ledger from the Monterey General Store from the years 1857-1860. We are just beginning to go through this ledger book and will report later on some of the nuggets we find.

Kay Purcell gave us a trove of old photographs and documents from the estate of Lucy (Plumb) Smith (1893-1969) and her husband Arthur Delafield Smith (1893-1969).

Among these was an interesting newspaper clipping from 1940 featuring Monterey resident Herbert B. Smith (1857-1947), headlined "He's Shocked and Hurt" and captioned "Herbert Smith, 83, of Monterey, an 1879 classmate at Princeton of the late President Woodrow Wilson, expressed his disappointment with his son, A. Delafield Smith, who as an attorney in the Social Security Department, is stumping New York State for President

Roosevelt. Mr. Smith told Rep. Lawrence W. Law of Holyoke that he is doing his bit for Willkie." (Note: Wendell Willkie was the Republican Candidate for President in 1940.)

Below is the photo of Herbert Smith with Rep. Law that accompanied the clipping:



Herbert Smith lived in a house called "Maple Rise" located on Beartown Mountain Road (next to the Catholic Church). This is part of the property formerly known as the "Barnabas Bidwell Place." Herbert added several additions over the years to accommodate summer guests. Herbert deeded the house to his son Arthur D. Smith and his wife Lucy (Plumb) Smith.



Arthur Delafield Smith

Arthur and Lucy Smith used Maple Rise as their summer home. Arthur Smith died in 1969 and Lucy Smith died in 1988. Both are buried in Corashire Cemetery. Here's a newspaper clipping for the estate sale of "Maple Rise."

Lanny Lanoue also donated a packet of newspaper clippings and other memorabilia from the 1960s-80s. While that is

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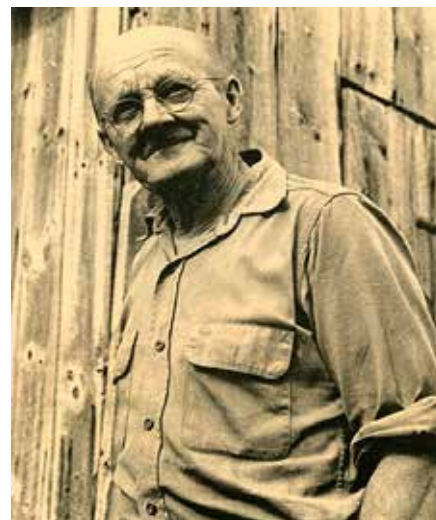
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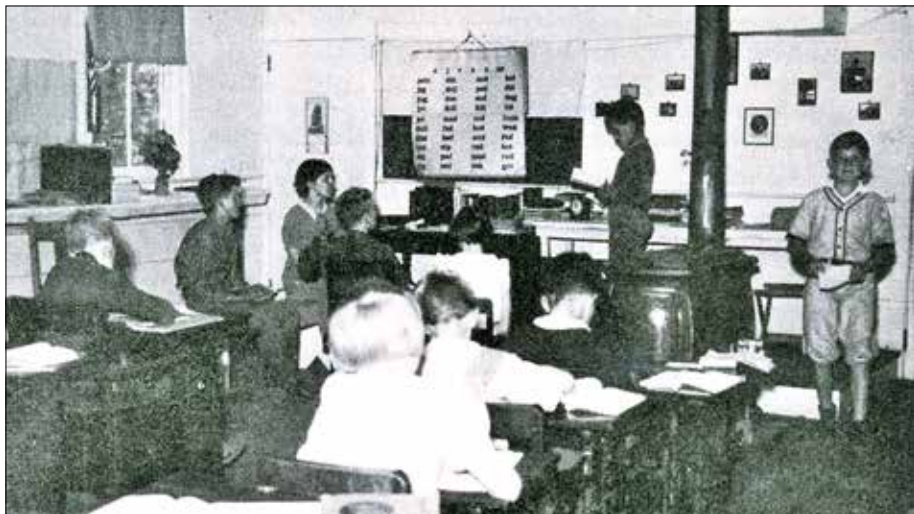
not so long ago, some of the stories and photographs are worth repeating.

Below is a photo of Charles Enoe of Monterey, from an article written by Seth Lipsky, published in the *Berkshire Eagle* July 2, 1966.



The article describes that Charles and his brother Herbert and sister Amy lived together on their 160 acre farm (on Main Road next to and behind Roadside Store). They heated their house with approximately twenty cords of wood that Charles and Herbert chopped by hand and stacked in a large circle.

The next photo from the June 1985 *Monterey News*, shows the interior of Corashire School circa 1932. The accom-



panying article identified several of the people in the photo: teacher Bea Phillips (seated at the back corner), Shelton Stafford (sitting to the left of Bea Phillips), Gordon Stafford (standing to the left of the stove pipe), and Mary Fenn (Shel Fenn's sister, seated at the rear with the blonde hair). The boy in the baseball uniform was not identified. Anybody recognize him? The article mentions that the Staffords lived in Swann State Forest, where their father was superintendent until about 1942 when he retired.

The final photo (at top right) was also in the June 1985 *Monterey News*, showing the annual town meeting, including Moderator Mark Makuc.

If you have any artifacts that you would like to donate to the Monterey Historical Society, please let us know.

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We hope you are enjoying these stories about old Monterey, and in some cases reliving more recent memories. We would love to have you join and share the fun and add your stories. Send a check addressed to Monterey Historical Society, PO Box 381, Monterey, MA 01245. An individual membership is only \$15, family membership is \$25. Please include your email address so we can add you to our mailing list.

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June Wildlife in Monterey: Butterflies to Bears

Late in May Ed Salsitz saw a bobcat, “a lovely tabby,” in his driveway, and about that time the robin’s eggs in the nest under his deck hatched. He took a photograph (below) of the scrawny-necked youngsters clamoring for a meal.



About this same time, Bonsai Cox visited her brother in Falls Village where a chipmunk came to the feeder to fill its cheek pouches with seeds. She took a photograph of this, also of a bear that came up onto the deck (below). The bear was asked to leave, the birdfeeder was taken down.



Just a week before this, Bonsai’s own feeder at her place in Monterey by Stevens Pond was visited for the first time by a mother bear and three healthy cubs. Bonsai was ready with her camera (below).



This field at the bottom of New Marlborough Road is filled with ragged robin flowers.



On the same day, Lin Saberski at her house by Lake Garfield took a photograph (above) she calls “Still Life with Bear and Buddha,” of which she writes, “Perhaps seeking spiritual guidance.” We wonder who was guiding whom. Steve Moore sent in a photograph of a Giant Leopard Moth on the screen (below).



Later in June Hanna Jensen saw a big orange-decorated butterfly and got a good photograph (above). This is a Great Spangled Fritillary. The males emerge well ahead of the females, an adaptation called *protandry*. They then patrol all day looking for a mate. Eggs are laid in late summer, near the ground, and when the caterpillars emerge, they go right into the leaf litter without eating anything. They don’t come out until spring, when they head for new violet shoots, their favorite food.

In mid-June, a doe stopped to nurse her fawn in a field of flowers in Roger Tryon’s lower field. Tarsi Dunlop took a wonderful photo (at top).



Lizbeth Sanchez sent a lovely photograph of a doe and a nursing fawn near house (above). Both are sweet scenes of springtime.

On the last day of spring, Steve Snyder wrote having recently seen four foxes, one with a squirrel in its mouth. He also reports the local honeybees are doing well. Two of Gould Farm's hives produced swarms, which were captured. New hives can be started this way. There are "deer, turkeys, and porcupines everywhere," Steve writes, including one porcupine more white than black," by the Rawson Brook bridge.



Steve has seen turtles, crayfish, and efts crossing the roads. One turtle was a Wood Turtle (above), also called the Sculptured Turtle, because each scute on the shell is a separate, raised pyramid of concentric growth rings. The Latin name is *Clemmys insculpta*, and one early writer makes the point that this species "occupies a position on the border line between aquatic turtles and land-going turtles." In spring and summer, it is terrestrial, but comes back to the wet places in the fall



to hibernate in the mud of pond or lake bottoms. During the mating season, both the males and females are likely to make a soft whistling sound while courting.

Steve Snyder sent a photograph (above) of a fine milk snake in the grass, and Michael and Maureen Banner found an oak gall or oak apple gall on an oak leaf (below). This is the safe home of a developing oak gall wasp and does no harm to the tree. The female wasp lays an egg on the central midrib of the leaf, and the leaf is affected so that it forms a ball of oak tissue. The wasp larva develops safely in there until it has pupated and is ready to emerge, a small flying adult oak apple gall wasp.



Steve Moore found a brilliant Indigo Bunting, killed along the road, and set it in the sun for a great photograph (above). We have seen these once in a while in our bird feeder here, always a miraculous sight.

Thank you to Cindy Hoogs, who is visited every year about this time by a snapping turtle laying her eggs right in the soft earth of the garden. Cindy sent in a photograph (below center) of this blessed event. Besides all this we have two woodchuck sightings in town: Steve Moore saw one carefully crossing Route 23 right within the school crosswalk, and I saw my first one of the season, over at Anna Duryea's farm stand, a couple of weeks before it opened. First customer, wondering where the goods were.

Thank you, one and all. I am especially glad to have heard from several folks that the chipmunks are up and well this summer.

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Bidwell House Museum

Summer is here and it is a glorious time to visit the Bidwell House Museum. The gardens are blooming, the grass is green, and the air is warm. The museum has six miles of trails on 194 acres and numerous self-guided walks you can take on the grounds. And, best of all, the gardens and grounds are open daily, free of charge, from dawn until dusk. The Bidwell House itself is also open for guided tours, by appointment, through the fall. Our personal, hour-long tours, take place on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. You could spend a whole afternoon enjoying the property with a packed lunch at our picnic tables, a guided tour of the house, and a hike on the trails. To book your spot on a tour, call the museum at (413) 528-6888, or email bidwellhm2@gmail.com.

Coming up this month we have a number of great programs, both in-person and online, including two history talks

from our summer series and two programs at the museum centered on the theme of historic textiles.

Saturday July 1, at 11 a.m., you can hear John Demos present his talk “The Case of the Vanishing Locomotive.” In the 1820s, right after the first steam locomotives were produced in England, a large American transport company ordered two for delivery to New York. The first to arrive, named the “AMERICA” and informally described as an “iron horse,” caused an enormous stir when unloaded in Brooklyn harbor. It was shipped by barge up the Hudson River, and then by canal to the mining site. There it completely vanished; no one seemed to know what had happened to it. The mystery of its disappearance remained unsolved for most of two centuries, until the emergence, around the year 2000, of a carved box with crucially relevant inscriptions. In this talk Demos will share what he has learned about the locomotive and one of American history’s great mysteries. This talk will take

place the Tyringham Union Church and on Zoom. Head to the museum website (below) for more the event information.

Saturday, July 15, at 11 a.m., Beverly Wolov will present “Did George Washington Wear Lace?” Wolov, a lace historian, will share a presentation rich with images and stories, and show you how lace became imbedded in early American material culture. This talk about lace will also be live-streamed via Zoom.

Then, on Sunday, July 16, at 1 p.m., Berkshire Hills and Dales Spinning Guild member Lisa Daschinger will showcase the age-old art of transforming raw wool fibers into beautiful, functional yarn using a traditional spinning wheel.

Both of these programs will be held at the Bidwell House Museum and space is limited, so pre-registration is required. For more information about both events and to get your tickets, go to the events page of the Bidwell House Museum website (below).

We end the month of July with our fourth history talk in the museum’s summer series titled “Lawyering for Loyalists” on Saturday, July 29, at 11 a.m. Presented by Western Michigan University history professor Sally Hadden, you will learn about the lawyers who became adept at working with displaced loyalists as they tried to regain elements of their shattered fortunes in the wake of the American Revolution. This lecture will be held on Zoom. Register via the events page of the Bidwell House Museum website (below).

The museum is located at 100 Art School Road. The museum grounds—194 acres of woods, fields, historic stone walls, trails, and picnic sites—are open every day free of charge. The program of events can be found on the museum’s website at bidwellhousemuseum.org.

—Heather Kowalski
Executive Director



A robust turnout for the Memorial Day weekend games got the Monterey softball season off to a great start. Sunday morning co-ed pick-up games are open to all players, all ages and levels. Batting practice starts at 10 and games at 10:30 at Monterey Greene Park behind town hall.—Steve Graves

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Preserving History: The Gould Farm Archive

A Window into the Past

Gould Farm, a therapeutic community that has provided treatment for individuals with mental illness since its establishment in 1913, holds a significant place in the history of mental health treatment. Its enduring commitment to care has spanned over a century, leaving behind a wealth of knowledge and stories. The Gould Farm archive, a treasure trove of historical information, documents not only the history of the Farm but also the development of therapeutic communities. These archives serve as a window into the past, offering invaluable insights into the social, cultural, and medical aspects of bygone eras.

Reconnecting and Reinvigorating

After a prolonged hiatus caused by the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gould Farm archive committee reconvened on May 9, 2023. Gathering together in the welcoming atmosphere of Gould Farm's dining room, the committee members enjoyed a convivial lunch before delving into a lively discussion about the current state of the collection. Since then, the committee has continued to meet, engaging in meaningful conversations to propel the archive forward.

The Vision

The committee identified three key areas of focus during their recent meeting. First and foremost is the completion of organizing and cataloging the materials



The Archive Committee, Pictured L - R: Claudette Callahan, Bob Rausch, Barbara Swann, Stephanie McMahon, Lisanne Finston, Janet West, Katie Mendelsohn, and Ken Gleason. Not pictured: Virgil and Lis Stucker and Steve Snyder.

housed within the archive rooms. This meticulous process ensures that every item is accounted for, creating an organized and accessible resource for future researchers and interested individuals. Secondly, the committee is diligently researching options for safeguarding the original materials, ensuring their preservation for generations to come. Lastly, they are dedicated to developing a comprehensive finding aid or index, enabling wider access to the archives and facilitating a deeper understanding of Gould Farm's remarkable history.

Partnerships and Digital Possibilities

Lisanne Finston, executive director, proposed a field trip to the Austen Riggs archives in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, which may offer the committee an opportunity to learn from and collaborate with archival professionals. In addition, the committee discussed the potential of talking with local organizations such as the Monterey Historical Society, Bidwell

House, and other entities facing similar archival needs. Exploring digitization possibilities, the committee acknowledged the significance of organizations like Digital Commonwealth, which could provide resources and expertise for preserving and digitizing images and other valuable materials.

Preserving the Legacy, Advocating for Change

The Gould Farm archive committee approaches their work with a sense of honor and enthusiasm. The archive serves as a cornerstone for preserving the legacy of Gould Farm and its founders. With a long-term goal of digitizing the archive, the committee aims to make it more accessible to researchers, scholars, and future generations. By undertaking this ambitious project, the committee hopes to contribute to the advocacy for improved mental health policies and practices as well as a deeper understanding of the roots of the Farm.

— Janet West and Stephanie McMahon

Caterpillar dinner party? When you see holes in the leaves of your trees, don't fret. (Unless the spongy moths have invaded and are defoliating them.) Caterpillars become soft juicy food for baby birds. Many species need caterpillars to raise their young—it takes seven thousand or so caterpillars for a pair of wrens to raise a nest full of hatchlings.

— Janet Jensen



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— Justin Makuc, Chair
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- For real emergencies, call **911**.
- The email address for the dispatch service is:

dispatch@sdb.state.ma.us.

- Police dispatch service number:
(413) 236-0925.
- For non-emergencies to contact the Monterey Police Department, call:

528-3211

Roadside 2.0 Update

June 26

There was a ground breaking for the new Roadside Café on May 21. A lot has been accomplished since then. Tryon Construction provided the equipment operators and hydraulic muscle to construct an elevated leach field held by a massive boulder wall up behind the building site. The building foundation has been poured and sealed.

— Stephen Moore



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Calendar

Monterey Community Center (MCC) list of events on page 7.

Council on Aging list of events on page 10.

Sundays: Monterey softball begins again.

Batting practice at 10, games begin at 10:30 as weather permits.

Saturday, July 8: Fishing derby, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Berkshire Fish Hatchery.

See page 3.

Monday, July 10:

CHP wellness checks, Covid booster shots, 10 a.m. to noon. See page 10.

Monday night supper club, 6 p.m., MCC. See page 8.

Wednesday, July 12: Movie night, *Spider-Man*, 7 p.m. See page 10.

Saturday, July 15:

Bidwell Museum presentation, "Did George Washington Wear Lace?" 11 a.m. See page 28.

Lenox Contra Dance, 7:15 to 10:30 p.m., 65 Walker Street, Lenox. Live music, all dances taught. LenoxContraDance.org.

Sunday, July 16: Bidwell Museum demonstration: spinning wool into yarn. See page 28.

Monday, July 17: Poetry reading, Hannah Fries and Deborah Bernhardt, 7 p.m., library. See page 15.

Free Home Stormwater Assessments

Issues with flooding? Experiencing erosion? Geese getting you crazy? Sign up for free stormwater assessments of your property by Courteny Morehouse. Courteny is a certified stormwater manager with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Courteny will arrange a time to walk the property with you, talk through stormwater issues and goals, and identify areas for stormwater solutions.

This is part of two Monterey grants to help the town address water quality in Lake Garfield and climate adaptation town-wide. Assessments are open to everyone and will end Labor Day weekend, so sign up today! Register at bit.ly/stormwaterhomeassessment.

For additional questions you may also email Courteny at cmorehouse@berkshireplanning.org or call (413) 442-1521, ext. 26.

Wednesday, July 19: Daytime book group, 1:30 p.m. See page 11.

Thursday, July 20:

Wellness check, MCC, 2 to 3 p.m. See page 10.

Historical society history talk, 7 p.m., library. Gould Farm history. See page 24.

Sunday, July 23: Summer concert, Karen Axelrod and Eric Martin, 2 p.m. See page 9.

Monday, July 24: Cookbook club, 11:45 a.m., MCC. See page 7.

Thursday, July 27: Pittsfield Suns baseball game, 6:30 p.m. See page 10.

Wednesday, July 26: Documentary file, *The Power of Song*, 2 p.m., library. See page 10.

Saturday, July 29:

Book and plant sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., library. See page 2.

Bidwell Museum talk, "Lawyering for Loyalists," 11 a.m. See page 28.

46th Annual Steak Roast, 4 to 7 p.m., firehouse. See page 6.

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Friday, August 4: Knox gallery opening for Midori Curtis, 5 p.m., library. See page 11.

Saturday, August 5: Children's beach party, 1 to 5 p.m., town beach. See page 3.

Wednesday, August 9: Create your own ZINE workshop. See page 3.

Are you held back by fear of falling or unsure of your balance?

The FREE Matter of Balance program may be the solution.

The Councils on Aging of Monterey and Sandisfield will bring the *Matter of Balance* program to both towns:

Sandisfield this summer and Monterey in the fall.

Sandisfield Town Hall 66 Sandisfield Road 9:30 – 11:30 AM
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