

Canterbury Town News

September 2010

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Voters passed the Annual 2010/2011 budget in May, which set the Mil rate at 21.2 and allowed the bill process to proceed. Thanks to all who contributed to keeping our belt tight and services strong.

In early June we applied for another \$300,000 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation grant. Our first grant, submitted and approved in 2008, resulted in needed repairs for 28 low to moderate income residents in 10 properties. We should hear soon whether we've been accepted again. Anyone interested in program details can stop by or call the Selectmen's office.

We've made great progress on the Kinne Road transfer Station. In early June we submitted a permit application and plans to D.E.P. Permitting Division, and a project scope of services to D.E.P. grant administrators. Subsequently, we submitted applications to the Canterbury Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission. By the end of July we had received approval from the two Town Commissions and an "ok" to starting spending from the STEAP grant. We also received our official Permit to operate the station from D.E.P., ending a 15-year non-compliant status.

Construction on the site is being planned in phases to control costs and minimize disruption. Installing drainage and clearing land are the first priorities, followed by construction of the front berm and grading. It's been a long process, but we're steadily proceeding towards an efficient and effective longer-term trash transfer operation.

Another round of STEAP grants was announced in the Spring, with a July 20 application date. We applied for a new Public Works garage, which would continue the upgrading of the Kinne

Road site. We're keeping our fingers crossed!

We're constantly on the lookout for ways to save the Town money while maintaining services. Since January, the 12 NECCOG towns have been researching the possibility of contracting with one revaluation company to provide re-val services for all 12 towns during the next five-year cycle. The bids received resulted in significant savings, and a vendor for the 5-year project was chosen by the 12 members of the NECCOG Board of Directors. Authorization of the funds necessary and authority to enter in the contract are being voted on at Town Meeting in late August or early September.

Sheila Mason Gale, was recently honored by Governor Rell for her extended service to the Town. Throughout more than 30 years, she has worked with eight Selectmen. She has kept track of every letter written from the Selectmen's office during that time, and just passed the 1000th letter mark!

Fall is always a beautiful season in Canterbury, and will be a welcome relief after a hot and dry summer. Enjoy the many activities our Town and region has to offer!

Brian Sear

Neighborhood Watch Program

Canterbury Constables are in the process of forming a Neighborhood Watch Program. A "kick-off" meeting was held on August 23, where area Neighborhood Watch veteran Ruth Moore and Sergeant Poppitti from Troop D discussed the most effective way to form and conduct citizen watch programs.

This type of program has a very loose organization, and simply involves citizens acting as the "eyes" and "ears" of their community, noting suspicious be-

*Informational Meeting
Tuesday, September 21st
Community Center*

havior and activities that may be involved with larceny or property damage. Troop D has more than 400 square miles to cover, and rely on local information in many their investigations.

A follow-up informational meeting will be held in the Community Center on Tuesday, September 21. The public is encouraged to attend. The more people involved, the more effective the program will be.

Ray Shinkiewicz

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

Congratulations to Joy Bissonnette, Asst. Town Clerk, who received her Town Clerk State Certification in June!

Election Day is on November 2. The offices on this year's ballot are: Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress (Dist. 2), State Senator (Dist. 29), State Representative (Dist. 47), Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters. Absentee ballots become available on October 1. October 26 is the last day to register to vote in this election. Our office would be happy to answer any questions regarding this election.

Natalie Riemann

Economic Development Commission

Canterbury Business Day

The EDC is going to attempt to organize another Canterbury Business Day. Last June's never got off the ground due to lack of interest. We hope to encourage our local merchants to again consider setting up a table in the Community Room on Saturday, October 16th or 23rd to showcase their goods and services both to the community and to other business persons. It's a great opportunity since our ads will be regional which should draw interest from the surrounding towns. A final date will be determined shortly. There may be an opportunity to have your favorite antiques

The Planning and Zoning Commission recently adopted Canterbury's new Plan of Conservation and Development. Many thanks go out to all the citizens that participated in this effort and to our consultant, Jason Vincent, from Planimetrics. Copies of the document can be found on the Planning and Zoning page of the Town's web site or at the Land Use Office.

The Commission also updated our Sign regulations and passed a new set of consolidated Agricultural Regulations. Both of these sections include many more options for businesses and farmers in Canterbury in terms of signage and allowable uses. Please read these sections and/or talk to the Land Use Director if you have a business in Town to learn about these exciting changes.

Sue Wyatt has a *Senior Health and Fitness Program* we would like to make available to the Canterbury seniors. We would like to know if anyone is interested in having this program available in our community room 1, 2, or 3 times per week. Please let me know if you are interested in the program so I can make the arrangements with Sue and reserve the community room as needed. I have been approached by several of the seniors requesting more activities here for the seniors. If anyone has any idea of an activity they would like to have held

appraised along with food, entertainment, a raffle and giveaways.

Affordable Housing Program

The EDC will be working with the Planning & Zoning Commission to help determine the number of affordable housing units in Canterbury. The two commissions continue to work together on projects of common interest that can potentially affect the local economy.

Canterbury Business Directory

The third edition of the local directory is being edited and corrected in September. Any business which does not appear should go to the Planning Office

Land Use Office

Work continues on our Incentive Housing Zone study. A public hearing will be held in the near future to discuss our options and to gain public opinion. Please keep an eye on the Planning and Zoning Page of the Website for updates.

With the cold weather coming, residents may be thinking of installing a new wood stove or fireplace. Many fires start from improperly installed units and faulty chimneys each year — don't become a statistic! Get a permit for any new installation or repair to a chimney and get a final inspection to protect your family and your investment. Not only is it the law, it is also a good idea to stay on your insurance company's "good side" in the unfortunate event of a loss. And on the same topic, check your smoke detectors!

Agent for the Elderly

here in the community room please contact my office. Examples: Bingo-Movies-Exercise Classes, etc.

Emergency Information forms are available in my office. Please feel free to pick one up or call me and I will mail you one. Fill out the form and put it on your refrigerator or some conspicuous place in your home. This will expedite your care in the case of an emergency.

It has been brought to my attention people are having their *Handicap Permits* stolen from their vehicles.

and ask for a registration form. Those already part of the publication should review their present information and request modifications if needed. Some still do not have email address information which is a necessity in expanding one's business. The Planning Office will receive your changes as well.

In closing, please remember to patronize the Canterbury business community. Think local when you shop for goods and services. Thank you.

Avery Tillinghast, Chairman
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avery@bacharachlaw.com

Last, but not least, residents are reminded that building permits are also required for any structural improvements to their homes including things such as siding, roofing, decks, and most electrical and plumbing upgrades. At only \$5.22 for each \$1,000 worth of work, they are quite affordable (in fact, Canterbury may have the lowest fees in the State!). Contact the building official, Rob Kerr, at 860-230-3012 or the Land Use Office at 860-546-6857.

Additionally, wetland permits are required for any work done in or within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse. Please contact the Land Use Office if you have any questions or to determine if one is needed.

Unfortunately if this happens to you, you will have to complete another application and have it signed by your doctor. I have called the department of motor vehicles and they confirmed this is the process. The DMV will not cancel your existing permit (the one that was stolen or lost) until they receive the new application from you. Please make sure your car windows are closed when you are not in the car.

Cherri Richardson
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A Canterbury Story

by Sheila Mason Gale

In 1950 Walter and Mary Papuga sold a store they owned in Massachusetts, bought a house at the north end of Water Street and moved to Canterbury. They had two sons Danny and David.

The front of their house was a small convenience store known as the Westminster Hill store. They sold canned goods, groceries, cold cuts, hamburger meat, ice cream, etc. It is much like the local store that is in the center of the Town of Scotland today. Mary and Walter ran the store during the day and Walter worked at Brand Rex in Willimantic at night.

The store had its regular local customers. As a boy, Raymond Coombs, Sr. remembers Mary as always looking out for the kids in the neighborhood. She would tell them to button their coats and put the flaps down on their hats in the winter. Actually, she would look out for everybody.

The LaBranche family, on Brooklyn Road, came in every weekend to get Sunday night supper. Noreen LaBranche Kjos remembers her Dad buying salami and bologna, chips and ice cream. Noreen says going to the store on Sunday was a family outing. Unlike today there were no local pizza shops in the area that families could go to.

Noreen also remembers when she worked for Lou Gray at Verkades Nursery, Mildred "Ma" Coombs would let the workers walk to the Papuga store for a treat. Mary Papuga would put popsicle sticks in candy bars and freeze them for cool treats. One summer Mary's two sisters Olive and Foo Foo had an ice cream stand next to the store.

I remember riding horses all around town with Judy Simpson and we would often stop at the store, tie our horses up out front and go in for ice cream.

Mary became a widow at an early age when Walter died at age 42. She continued the store until her sons were out of high school. When the store closed Cliff Green, Sr. helped her get a job at UConn.

Mary and Eleanor Orlomoski liked to go to the Bingo hall located where Foxwoods Casino is today. Eleanor said Mary's mind was so sharp she didn't have to use markers on her Bingo cards she simply remembered all the numbers called.

Frances Vaclavik delivered the Papuga's mail and said Mary was a cheerful, happy lady. Good fortune came Mary's way when she won the Connecticut state lottery.

Growing up in Canterbury Danny remembers his teachers Mrs. Elva Lovell and Mrs. Happie K. Tracy. They were tough, but good teachers. As he looks back on it now he gives them both a lot of credit because they did not have any helpers. It was only one teacher and all the students.

Danny Papuga started working for Tom Bingham in construction at \$3.00 per hour. He eventually worked his way up to a foreman. His brother David went on to get a degree in civil engineering. Danny thought he would stop making money for someone else and he and his brother started the Papuga Construction Company. They did a lot of State work such as bridges, work at the Plainfield dog track, etc. They also volunteered to help maintain the Canterbury athletic fields.

Today David lives in Putnam and Danny still lives in Canterbury. He retired 5 years ago and now he likes to go golfing and play with his grandchildren, Isabel, Ayden and Harrison.

Danny says his mother Mary had a heart of gold. He was glad Mary and Walter raised him in Canterbury and says it is still a beautiful place to raise children. That's what draws families here. Canterbury is simply a nice place to live.

The Prudence Crandall Museum

The Museum will be open Thursday through Sunday, 10am – 4pm through the end of October (open Wednesday by appointment only) and will be offering a variety of programs into the fall season!

All are invited to celebrate the **24th Prudence Crandall Day on Saturday, September 4, 2010** commemorating the 207th birthday of Prudence Crandall, Connecticut's Official State Heroine and the state of Connecticut's 375th birthday. The event will run from 10am to 4pm. Admission: \$4 adults/\$3 senior citizens and youth, ages 5 and under free.

The day will include crafts demonstrations by local artisans on the museum's lawn. Music will be provided at 1 and 2:30pm by Ruth O'Neil and Jim Hammitt from Song-A-Day Music Center in Coventry. Traditional 1830s children's games will take place throughout the day.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, 2pm the museum will participate in the Quinebaug Shetucket's annual Walktober events with **"Meet the Neighbors."** Meet Prudence Crandall's neighbors, the individuals who built and lived in the homes that surround the Canterbury Green, part of the Canterbury Center Historic District. Kaz Kozlowski, Museum Curator, will introduce the personalities and tell their stories and those of the buildings, using contemporary and historic photos. Weather permitting, the program will include a walk around the Canterbury Green to view the locations described. The museum will offer visitors a discounted admission of \$3.75 all day.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, the museum presents **"Tea with Prudence and Sarah"**. Two seatings will be offered, 12:30pm or 3:30pm, with a presentation at 2pm by Donna Dufresne (portrays Prudence Crandall) and Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti (portrays Sarah Harris). Tea, tea sandwiches, sweets provided by the *Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum*. Tickets \$25.00 per person, pre-registration required.

860-546-7800

www.cultureandtourism.org

Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.

We have enjoyed a busy summer at the Prudence Crandall Museum and hope that you were in the audience for the East Woodstock Cornet Band concert on July 24th. It was well attended and well-received and the donations and purchases of ice cream, coffee and fruit skewers helped raise funds for archival work at the Museum library. We still could not be out on the lawn due to the oppressive humidity that evening, but we will keep trying!

We also assisted at the Museum sponsored programs: "Children's Games of the 1830's" in July and "Create Your Own Sampler" in August. I believe the Friends who attended had as much fun with the games as did the children, as well as those who assisted at the sampler-making event.

At the moment, we are preparing for Prudence Crandall Day on Saturday, September 4th. The Friends will have sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, fruit skewers and ice cream available.

Volunteers have been caring for the flower gardens on the Crandall and Carter properties this summer. State funds for outside maintenance have been greatly reduced. If there are any gardeners out there who would be willing to help with the fall cleanup in late October, please give Kaz a call at 860.546.7800.

The Friends will once again be at Old Home Day so please stop by our tent, check out our offerings and join the Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum!



**TRUNK or
TREAT**

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Canterbury Town Hall Parking Lot

5:00 ~ 7:30 PM

Visit www.canterburytrunkortreat.com
for all the gory details!

A SPOOKTACULAR CES PTO
MASQUERADE EVENT

Assessor's Office

Attention Renters: We are currently taking applications for a renter's rebate program that could benefit you. If you are 65 (or older), and/or totally disabled, & rent in Canterbury, you could be eligible for the State of Connecticut's Rent Rebate program if you meet the State's income and expense guidelines. Application must be made no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Attention Veterans: If you filed for the Additional Veterans and/or Local Option Veterans Exemptions in 2008, another application needs to be filed no later than October 1, 2010 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Sold your car? Tax bills will be issued soon and you may get a bill for a car you no longer own. If you transferred the license plate registration to another vehicle, the July bill won't be prorated because you will receive a credit on the January supplemental bill for the new vehicle.

But, if you did return the plates to DMV and canceled the registration, bring a copy of the receipt from DMV, along with documentation that shows what you did with the vehicle & when you did it (for example, if you sold the vehicle, bring in a copy of the bill of sale) so the bill can be prorated.

Personal Property forms will be mailed out at the end of September for the 2010 Grand List. Please remember to return these forms no later than November 1st to avoid a penalty.

PA490 applications will be available in the Assessor's Office on September 1st and can be filed between September 1st and October 31st.

Call if you have any questions—the phone number for the Assessor's Office is 546-6035.

Calvary Chapel 75th Update



The church has been enjoying memories of the past 75 years. Several guest speakers have shared with the congregation. These have included Lydia Greenstein, Mark Simpson, Charlotte Pepin and Priscilla Strube Talliaferro. Each month, there have been pictorial displays of babies, weddings, VBS and Sunday School events.

Our final celebration is scheduled for November 6-7, 2010. Plans are being made for Saturday afternoon for the entire Canterbury community to participate in the installation of Reverend Nathan Tharel as pastor. This will be followed by a dessert social where all of our pictures and memorabilia will be on display. Guests will be invited to tour the building and see all of the changes of recent years.

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 there will be a coffee hour beginning at 9:00 am and again all of our pictures and memorabilia will be on display. The entire Canterbury community is invited to join us in celebrating our historical event.

Contact Lisa Kaminski at liisak13@yahoo.com for questions or more specific details.

Canterbury Historical Society

The **Canterbury Historical Society meetings** are the second Friday of each month at the Canterbury Town Hall Community Room at 7:00 p.m. A historically informative program follows the business meeting. On September 10th Jamie Eves, Assistant Professor of History at Eastern Connecticut State University and Volunteer Collections Manager at the Windham Textile and History Museum, will present the program "Mill Memories: photographs of mill workers from the Windham Textile and History Museum". October's program to be announced. On November 12th Connecticut State Historian Walter Woodward presents a program on Connecticut State Hero Nathan Hale.

OLD HOME DAY

Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 to 4:00, rain or shine for Old Home Day on Canterbury Green. This annual event is more popular and better attended with each passing year.

Tour the 19th century one-room Green Schoolhouse that has been lovingly restored by historical society volunteers. Visit with former classmates. Watch a small post-and-beam building go up. Meet dozens of exhibitors from local nonprofit, community, cultural, and religious organizations, as well as area farmers, small business owners, re-enactors, artists, and pliers of many traditional crafts and trades. You may want to purchase one of their creations or farm produce. Live music, great food, and children's activities. Come hungry! Food will include home-baked goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas, pie and ice cream, candy apples, popcorn, Finnish pulla bread, coffee, local fudge, goat cheese, seasonal produce, and more. For more information visit the Canterbury Historical Society at www.canterburyhistorical.org

Thank you to everyone who donated at the Red Cross Blood Drive on June 28th and the volunteers who made it possible.

Learn How To Do a Rapid Bioassessment of your Local Stream

What can insects tell us about water quality? Find out on September 11th at the Ashford Town Hall beginning at 9:00am.

Volunteers interested will be trained in 3 hours on how to collect and identify stream insects and how this information is used to help determine water quality. The training will include an indoor workshop followed by actual field training. Volunteers should come dressed to wade in a stream. Once trained, volunteers can sign out equipment and monitor a stream or streams of their choice at a time convenient to their schedule.

The Rapid Bioassessment training is free, but pre-registration is required. Volunteers should be 14 years old or older to participate. To register for this program, please call Jean Pillo at 860-928-4948.



Embrace Fall During the 20th Anniversary of Walktober

Fall is the perfect season to celebrate the great outdoors in The Last Green Valley. What better way to embrace the season than by getting out of the house? Partake in at least one of the more than 100 free guided hikes, walks, bikes and paddles during the month of October – Walktober. More than 25 special events are scheduled throughout the months of October and November, all throughout the 35 towns of The Last Green Valley in northeastern Connecticut and south central Massachusetts.

Select from among walks and paddles like: **Willi and the Ghost Train Line** in downtown Willimantic, CT, and reminisce about the streets removed during redevelopment while learning about the Air Line and Ghost Train, so called because of its white color; or perhaps a 2-mile **Sunset Foliage Paddle on the Quinebaug** beginning in Holland, MA, and traversing through scenic countryside along one of the most bucolic sections of the river; or how about one of the nine original Walktober Walks including a **Walking Tour of Taftville**, to celebrate the life and legacy of historian Rene Dugas in whose memory this year's Walktober is dedicated. There is also a unique walk entitled: **HealthQuest 2010 Fit, Fun & Fresh**, which will motivate you to take proactive steps towards a more active lifestyle as you walk along the Quinebaug River in Putnam, CT, and enjoy a complimentary nutritious salad and beverage. History buffs will not want to miss **Voluntown's Civil War Soldiers** in Voluntown, CT, at the Robbins & Kennedy Cemeteries, and take an in-depth look into the personal histories of the 39 Civil War veterans buried there.

The multitude of special events featured during Walktober includes two different corn mazes in Sterling and Thompson, CT, the Brimfield Antique Auto Show in Brimfield, MA, the Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Roseland Cottage in Woodstock, CT, and the Willimantic Art and Co-Op Festival in Willimantic, CT.

There is still more. Also showcased are the abundant farms found throughout The Last Green Valley where you can tag your Christmas tree, pick-your-own seasonal produce and select a farm-fresh turkey in time for the holidays.

Call The Last Green Valley toll-free at (866) 363-7226 for a brochure, or visit our website www.thelastgreenvalley.org to view or download the complete Walktober schedule. This is the perfect time of year to embrace all the fall has to offer right here in The Last Green Valley – It's Where You Live!

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10am - 7pm;
Thursday 10am - 8pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm

Website: www.canterburylibrary.org

Phone: 860/546-9022 **Fax:** 860-546-1142

Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com

Children's Programs:

Music & Movement

Starting Thursday, September 23, 2010
in two session 9:15 & 10:15 AM.

Story Time

Starting Tuesday, October 5, 2010
10:00 AM.

Ladder to Literacy

Starting Wednesday, September 15
10:00 AM.

Lap to Literacy, Nursery Rhyme Time
Starting Monday, October 18, 2010 at
9:30 AM.

Computer Education: Interested in computer classes? Would you like to learn more about Excel, or how to create a PowerPoint presentation? Have you been thinking about creating a MySpace page or joining Face Book to connect with your friends? Have you just purchased a new computer and would like to know how it works? We will create a class or work with you one-on-one. Call us today.

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Faxes sent and received, \$1 per page to send, \$.25 to receive.

How to Start a Business:

Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Find out how to start and grow your small business. A Small Business Development Specialist with the Small Business Administration will provide an

overview of the local, regional, state, and federal programs devoted to increasing access to capital.

Canterbury Stitchers: An afghan, created by the stitchers as a fundraiser, is displayed at the library. Tickets are one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. Drawing is on September 18, 2010 at Old Home Day. The Stitchers meet every Thursday from 6-8 PM.

Citizen Science Volunteers Needed!

Spring 2010 marks the beginning of the second year of Canterbury's participation in the Connecticut Audubon Society's Citizen Science Volunteer Monitoring Program, a partnership with the Canterbury Public Library and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. To register, call 860-928-4948. Canterbury residents' fees are covered by the USFWS grant. Volunteers from other towns are welcome. Training at the CT Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and at the Canterbury Public Library call for dates and times.

You Buy it...We Loan it. Purchase books or movies that you want at our % discount. The material is shipped to us shelf ready. You get it first and for as long as you need it. When you return it is then ready to be loaned out to others. You get the tax deduction we do the work.

- * Best selling books
- * New and Popular Movies on DVD
- * Television Shows on DVD
- * Books on CD
- * Choose a favorite author/movie actor
- * Save as much as 45% on your purchases
- * Check with the staff for suggestions
- * All donations must meet the final approval of the Library Director

Library Passes

State Museums: Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years). Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine; Prudence Crandall Museum; Sloane-Stanley Museum; Henry Whitfield State Museum. **Wadsworth Atheneum:** Free

admission for 2 adults and 2 children
Mystic Aquarium: Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children. **Higgins Armory Museum:** Free admission for up to 4 adults and/or children. **Roger Williams Park Zoo Pass:** Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors, and /or children. Includes a 10% discount on zoo retail items. **Connecticut Parks Pass:** No Child Left Inside Initiative. Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children at Dinosaur, Fort Trumbull & Gillette Castle State parks. Covers parking at all four state beaches as well as, several inland parks. **New The Denison Homestead:** Free admission for two adults and two children. **New Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut:** ½-price museum pass. Currently, half price admission is \$3.00.

Book Discussion 2010 Join us each month for an engaging book discussion. Call either library to reserve a copy of the book. All discussions start at 7:05.

Wednesday, September 15th
Scotland Library

A Pearl in the Storm
by Tori Murden McClure

Monday, October 18th
Canterbury

The Glass Castle:
A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

Wednesday, November 17th
Scotland

29 Gifts: How a Month of Giving Can Change Your Life by Cami Walker

Monday, December 20th
Canterbury

Holiday party & book selection for 2011

Young Adult Group: Choose books, music, games, and movies for the library, plan programs you would like to attend. Join the Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC).

September 9th

Book Decorating & Pizza
Cover your textbooks or bring notebooks to stamp & color.

September 23rd & October 3rd

Food Thursday!

October 21st

Duct Tape Crafts
Wallets, notebook, Cover,
Pocketbooks, etc.

Finnish American Heritage Society

The monthly meetings of the FAHS continue with the spring-summer schedule of Thursday evenings at 7:00 at the Hall, located at 76 North Canterbury Road. There is a social hour with refreshments at 6:00 pm and all are welcome to join us for either meetings or events. NOTE: the October meeting will be on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00.

Recent events at the Hall included the annual Chicken Barbeque in May (with thanks to all who participated either with preparing & cooking food and all who came to enjoy a delicious supper); the Giant Yard Sale and Woodcarving Exhibition in June. In July, AURA Hall and FAHS enjoyed our annual picnic.

Coming events at the Hall (the community is always welcome to participate) include the Wine Tasting Social and Silent Auction on September 17th which is always a fun event; this year will feature Cabot Cheeses and wines coordinated by Big Gary's. The Silent Auction features a variety of items from local and distant contributors and it is such fun to see who bids and wins! For tickets, contact the Hall or Stan Karro, Chair at swkbrklyn@aol.com.

FAHS will participate in the Canterbury Old Home Day with a booth on the Green showcasing recent projects and with items for sale. We welcome you to stop by and enjoy coffee and pulla. On the following weekend, Saturday, September 25th, FAHS will have the traditional Finnish Tori (open air market) with a variety of craft and farm products for sale, including loaves of pulla, homemade jellies & jams. Shop for the Holidays and stay for lunch.

October will be a busy month with an open house at FAHS as part of The Last Green Valley Walktober celebration; stop by for a tour of the Hall, see the archive collection of Finnish artifacts, visit a working sauna, and enjoy refreshments. Learn more about Finland's contribution to the world at the Theme Dinner on Saturday, October 16th. Each table will highlight a specific aspect of Finnish culture; the main course will be provided by FAHS. For further information, visit our website at www.fahs-ct.org. The weekend of October 29th-31st there are two events:

FinnFunn in Troy, NH (visit www.fahs-ct.org and click on the FinnFunn Weekend tab for information and registration/lodging information). The second event is the Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th at 2 pm at the Hall. All children, young and old are welcome to come and show off their costumes!

November schedule includes a membership meeting; December 4th is the Holiday Pot-luck luncheon followed by the Pikkujoulu Christmas Party at 1:30pm-includes music, holiday decorations and a visit from Santa (and perhaps Mrs. Claus). Sunday, December 5th is the Finnish Independence and Sibelius Day celebration.

Calendar

(all are welcome-you do not need to be a member to come to meetings or events)

- September 2nd Thursday 7pm
Membership Meeting
- 17th Friday 7pm-9pm
Wine Tasting Social
- 18th Saturday 10am-2pm
Canterbury Old Home Day
- 25th Saturday 9am-2pm
Tori/Open Air Market
- October 7th Thursday 7pm
Membership Meeting
- 9th Saturday 10am-2pm
Walktober Open House
- 16th Saturday 7pm
Theme Dinner
- 30th Saturday 2pm
Children's Halloween Party
- November 7th Sunday 1:30pm
Membership Meeting
- December 4th Saturday 11am
Membership Meeting
Noon - Pot Luck Luncheon
1:30pm - Pikkujoulu
Christmas Party
- 5th Sunday 1pm
Finnish Independence &
Sibelius Day

The Hall is available for rental for events. For more information, e-mail hallrental@fahs-ct.org or call 860-546-6671. Please visit our website at www.fahs-ct.org for more information.

CES PTO

Welcome back and we hope you had a great summer! The CES PTO is planning a fun-filled year for the students and their families. We love to see new faces and volunteers are always needed. Please plan on attending one of our meetings to learn about all the ways we benefit our children. Our first two meetings of the school year will be September 8th at 6:30 pm and October 13th at 3:30 pm in the CES library. Babysitting is provided.

Schedule of events for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year

September: Meadow Farms fall fundraiser (mid-September) and Welcome Back Family Fun Night at Skate Inn on Sunday, 9/19 from 5:30-7:30 pm. \$7/pp for admission, skate rental, pizza and soda. Also, if you did your summer reading, you'll be invited to our Governor's Reading Challenge book giveaway where you can choose a free book to take home.

October: Kittery Outlets Bus Trip on Sunday, October 10th; departs CES at 7:00 am and returns 7:30 pm. Start your holiday shopping or shop for yourself and bring some friends. Seats are \$35/pp and are on a first come, first served basis. Contact Christine Bright at twobeautifulboys@yahoo.com to reserve your seat!

Halloween Night — Trunk or Treat at the Canterbury Town Hall. Check our our website at www.canterbury-trunkortreat.com for all the details! Ralph Watson DJ and Beach Dreams ice cream truck will be there!

December: NYC Bus Trip on Saturday, December 11th. Experience NYC during the holidays—sightsee, take in a Broadway show, or just window shop—the day is yours. Departs the Town Hall at 7:00 am and returns at 9:00 pm. Seats are \$40/pp and are on a first come, first served basis. Contact Kelly Chykov at klchyk@aol.com to reserve your seat!

2010-2011 Officers: MaryEllen Green, President; Christine Bright & Kelly Chykov, Vice Presidents; Lisa LaPoint, Treasurer; and Donna Green & Sheila Thetreat, Co-Secretary.

Friends of the Canterbury Public Library

It has been a busy year, and the Friends of the Canterbury Public Library are proud to announce plans for the next few months. As always, our goal is to continue raising funds to support a future library renovation, purchase items not covered by the library's regular budget, and promote library programs.

We're always looking for new members to join. Memberships start at \$5 for an individual membership, \$15 for a family, \$50 for our patron membership, and \$100 for a lifetime membership. You can pick up an application at the library or email any questions to canterburylibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

Please stop in at a meeting to see the Friends in action. Our next few meetings will take place on October 14th and

January 13th at 7:00pm. All meetings are held in the library! We always are in need of fresh ideas.

We will be holding book sale on Saturday, October 23rd in the community room. Come and stock up on new titles for your winter reading! If you have any books to donate to the Friends' sale, please bring them to the library – call ahead of time if you have a large amount to donate. Keep in mind that we don't accept textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, VHS tapes, or magazines.

The Friends will also have a booth set up at Old Home Day on September 18th. Please stop by the event and pay us a visit. We'll have books for sale, and we

can answer any of your questions about membership and the library as a whole. Old Home Day will also be your last chance to purchase tickets for the afghan drawing. The Canterbury Stitches kindly donated a beautiful hand-knitted afghan to the Friends. Tickets are only a \$1 donation, and all of the funds will go toward improving the library. The drawing will take place at 3:00pm on September 18th, be sure to get your tickets soon!

We are also selling heavy-duty canvas bags perfect for carrying your books home from the library. The bags are cream with green handles, and they're on sale at the library for \$10. Please stop in to pick up a bag & support our work.

Canterbury Boy Scouts

BSA Troop 86 had a great summer. Thanks to everyone who donated bottles and cans to the troop at the transfer station the boys were able to take 2 fully paid & very nice trips this summer. Their first trip was to a tourmaline mine in Maine where Ricky Ross found a rock filled with crystals valued at \$80. They then traveled to New Hampshire where they climbed part of Mt. Washington, did lots of hiking and visited many other places. Trip no. 2 was even more exciting. The troop went to Washington D.C. where they saw the Boy Scout's 100th Anniversary parade and several Smithsonian museums. They experienced the storm that left half of D.C. without power and still made it back to their hotel without incident. From there, the troop traveled to Quantico's Marine Museum then on Fredericksburg where they visited several historical sites on their way to the Boy Scout Jamboree. This particular Jamboree is the last one to be held at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. From the

jamboree, they traveled up the Shenandoah Valley's Skyline Drive, visited Shenandoah Caverns & Luray Caverns for some truly awesome sights. Their final stop was Gettysburg for some very informative tours and learning experiences. We all agreed that given the time, we could have spent a week at Gettysburg alone.

New Scouts Wanted

BSA Troop 86 is currently looking for new scouts. Boy Scouts is open to all boys from age 11 to 18 years old or are in the 6th grade. Meetings will begin on Sept. 9th at Baldwin School in the old town hall on the right under the overpass. Our meetings run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekly. We try to take one meeting per month to do something special with the boys. We have gone bowling, done movie nights, shooting, bike rides, night hikes, and anything else the boys have wanted to do.

Call Cindy Phillips at 860-546-9208 for more information or to sign your son up.

Cub Scouts in Desperate Need of Help

Pack 86 is in desperate need of a new Cub master and Committee Chairman. If we can't fill these positions, there won't be any Cub Scout program in Canterbury this year. Our current leader stepped down back in May and we haven't been able to fill her shoes and now we are desperate and need to fill these 2 positions to keep our pack running.

These positions work together to run Canterbury's Cub Scout program. 90% of this work involves signing up boys and den leaders and working with the den leaders to ensure they have successful meetings. The largest activity this position includes is a monthly pack meeting for all of the boys. It's not a lot of work but it's a very rewarding position. Training will be provided.

What is Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts is a great program for boys from grades 1 thru 5 which teaches them about the outdoors, science, and many other subjects in a fun and hands on manner. It also teaches our boys how to be good citizens and about service to others. These boys love their programs and want to see it continue. Would you please help us? Please call Cindy Phillips at 860-546-9208 for more info.

Editor's Note

The next issue will be published in January 2011. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before January 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.