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# The Marlboro Mixer

A FREE newsletter for the town of Marlboro, Vermont.

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## MARLBORO ALLIANCE BENEFIT ANNUAL SUMMER SALE

Town Center, Marlboro, Vermont.  
Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Home-baked goods & beverages; Used clothing for kids, women and men;  
Furniture, books and house wares.

SET-UP: Friday, July 25, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Drop off donations of clean, functioning items. Please ... the sale is not a  
substitute for the landfill. Volunteers will screen donations.  
Sunday, July 27 from 11 to 1, everything is FREE, but donations are  
welcome.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Contact: PAM BURKE, 275-2809.

or sign up online at: [facebook.com/MarlboroAlliance](https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroAlliance)

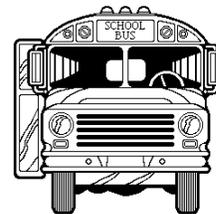
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050948a8ae2ea64-summer1>

## MARLBORO COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER AND RAFFLE! Tuesday, June 24 6:00 PM

Marlboro Meeting House

Everyone is invited.

All dishes, breads, cheeses, and sweets will be gratefully accepted as we  
share in the fun of the evening.



## Notes From Marlboro School by Francie Marbury

The school year wrapped up with the usual flurry of wonderful activity: Hogback Day, the Spring Concert and Art Show, lots of field research trips, including the Junior High trip to Washington, DC, where they stood on the Mall with their banner "Global Warming: It's not fake. Our world's at stake!", work on the new school garden, 8th grade graduation portfolio presentations, Consortium, and Graduation.

At Consortium, graduating students shared their best pieces of writing from the podium of the Town House. It was powerful. The pieces ranged from humorous to informational and fictional to passionately personal and reflective. Each piece gave us insight into the author and together they created the exciting and diverse tapestry that the 8th grade class represents.

These students will head off to high school in the fall. Morgan will attend the Compass School. Andre, Cooper, and Paul will attend Twin Valley High School. Haley heads off to Leland and Gray High School, and Delaney to the Putney School. Lindsey, Zev, Gigi, and Wes will attend Brattleboro Union High School. Please join me in wishing these students success and satisfaction in the challenges ahead. They are ready!

We are also saying good-bye to two treasured staff members. Yvonne Laseter leaves us after six years and Joel Eisenkramer after three years. Both of them have provided invaluable support to our students and they will be greatly missed. Please join me in thanking them and wishing them well.

I can't end the year without expressing appreciation to the Marlboro community which supports the school in so many ways - from passing the budget to volunteering to bringing in flowers to brighten our day. Thank you!

## News From Marlboro Cares by Jennifer Mazur

### Thank you

The Board of Directors of Marlboro Cares wishes to thank Paula Fielding for her many years of service to the community of Marlboro as an active volunteer and Board member of Marlboro Cares. Paula always shared her good humor, great wit, deep compassion, and terrific ideas with the Board and with everyone fortunate to have met her. We will miss her, but wish her a good life in sunny California.

### Welcome

Marlboro Cares is delighted to name Augusta Bartlett and Bob Engel to its Board of Directors. Gussie and Bob, who have been active volunteers, are now willing to share their expertise on the level of planning and coordination of services. We welcome and thank them.

### Plan Ahead and Rest in Peace, Part II

In honor of Paula Fielding, who conceived and planned for this workshop, Marlboro Cares will present a talk on Green Burials in October. Randy Garner will speak on the details of how to go about having a Green Burial, as well as the latest Vermont regulations. The workshop will take place on a Wednesday evening in October, exact date to be announced.

### Senior Lunches

The next Senior Lunch will be held Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the schedule of Marlboro College, no Senior Lunches are held during the summer.

### Continued Services

For rides, errands, referrals, or other non-emergency assistance, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. Someone will return your call within 24 hours.

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MARLBORO COMMUNITY FROM THE FACULTY OF THE MARLBORO SCHOOL:**

At Marlboro School we are raising questions about the SBAC, the new standardized, computer delivered assessment that all 3rd-8th graders will be required to take in the spring of 2015.

In 2002 the No Child Left Behind legislation mandated standardized testing and Vermont joined a consortium of four states to develop and administer the NECAP. Initially, Marlboro School did not participate. We did not believe that there was an educational benefit to our students and we saw a lot of downsides, such as loss of instructional time and a negative experience for many students. We also recognized that the stated goal of all students being proficient by 2014 was unreachable and put unrealistic expectations on public schools. Due to external pressure we first administered the assessment in 2006. Many parents opted their children out of the assessment and some continue to do so. We have administered this reading, writing, and math assessment every October, as well as the NECAP science assessment for 4th and 8th graders every May. We continue to question the value of doing so.

Now, with the advent of the Common Core State Standards (which, for the most part, we support), we are faced with a new assessment, the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium). This computer assessment will be administered for the first time in the spring of 2015.

Here's some of what we know about the SBAC:

- students take it online
- content is more challenging than the NECAP
- many tech skills are required
- everyone will need headphones to take the test
- desktop computers with large screens may make it easier for students as there is a lot of information on the screen in different sections of the test
- print versions are available for some students though we don't know precisely what the criteria are for acquiring print versions
- there will be a 3 yr transition in which schools may use a paper version of the test
- the computerized version of the test will adapt (get easier/harder if student is doing well/not so well in responding to the questions)
- we do not currently have sufficient technology necessary to administer this test

Here are some of the questions we have:

- what is the value of administering this test for our school community students, parents, townspeople? (This is the same question we've had all along regarding the NECAP.)
- how much will it cost? (In this time of very tight school budgets, what funds are being diverted from the school to the state and federal governments and the for-profit educational publishing corporations, such as Pearson and Measured Progress, to pay for the development, administration, scoring, and reporting of this assessment?)
- how will the administration of this test impact our time for instruction and for field research, in particular?
- how will preparation for this assessment impact our curriculum?
- will we need to teach keyboarding/technology skills to Kindergarten and Primary students?
- what will we have to give up if we add these elements?
- can parents take the test before their children do?
- will we need training in order to support students in taking the test?
- who will provide this training?
- will we make decisions about buying new computers based on what's needed for the test or based on what we know students need for their learning?
- will we receive funding from the state or federal government to help us upgrade technology?
- what will we tell our students about the importance of taking this assessment?

Along with this conversation was our recognition that we have developed powerful ways for students to demonstrate what they have learned. In the past 10 years we have implemented the following:

- Student Led Conferences for Kindergarten - 8th graders, where students share and reflect on their work with their parents.
- 5th-7th graders reflect on their learning through self-assessments.
- 5th - 8th grade students make public presentations of the results of their field research projects
- 8th graders present graduation portfolios of their recent work based on the Marlboro Realms of Learning to their parents, teachers, the school board, and the principal.

The thoughts above came from our final staff meeting of the year. We will be pondering these questions over the summer. If you have some thoughts, please share them with us. You can call school at 254-2668 or e-mail at [fmarmbury@marlboroschool.net](mailto:fmarmbury@marlboroschool.net).

**Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Awards by Michelle Holzapfel**

32 students + 19 families + 7 colleges + 18 summer programs = \$5400 in awards.

Thanks once again to the generosity of our community our 2013-14 Scholarship Appeal generated sufficient funds to award grants to college, high school and elementary school students.

We're always impressed and inspired by the determination of our students pursuing higher education, even in the face of increasing costs. Congratulations to: Jackson Batchelder: UVM, Anthropology and Sociology, Audrey Batchelder: Bard College, Written Arts, Harrison Johnson: College of Saint Rose, Art and Graphic Design, Ferne Johansson: Bennington College, Rachel Lundsted: UVM, Animal Science, Mesa Kennedy: Green Mountain College, Lloyd Salasin-Deane: UVM, Community and International Development. We wish you all continued success, and we wish we could help more!

At the High School level, we awarded grants to five students. Programs included: Inward Bound, Marlboro College's Pre-College program, Governor's Institute, MedQuest, Keene St. College Soccer Camp.

And at the K-8 level, we were amazed to receive 20 requests, double last year's level! We love to help, and are very pleased that awareness of our Scholarship Fund is robust. We reluctantly sliced the 'pie' a bit thinner, which enabled us to provide grants for students to attend: Putney Grammar School Mt. Bike Camp, Green Mountain Camp for Girls, Harris Center Summer Camp, Woodman Athletics, Hilltop Montessori Summer Camp, Kroka Expeditions, New England Center for Circus Arts, New England Youth Theater, Bonnie Stearns pottery studio, Annie Quest, Brookside Stables and in Marlboro, Ann Gengarely's Poetry Camp and Carie Kowalski's Dance Squad.

Because of this year's unprecedented level of requests, we now have less reserved in our 'rainy day' account. We'll hope for our community's continued support in response to our 2014 Appeal Letter this Fall. The Marlboro Alliance is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit corporation. All contributions to the Marlboro Alliance are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We are an all-volunteer organization.

For the Scholarship Committee: Sylvia Johnson, Gussie Bartlett, Michelle Holzapfel (254-2908). Questions? Marlboro Alliance, P.O. Box 165, Marlboro, Vermont 05344 or [marlboroalliance@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroalliance@gmail.com)

## **2014 Marlboro Town Fair : Fair Play!**

Fair Play! Come by the Muster Field on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 for the 32nd annual Marlboro Community Fair. We will again be hosting a baking contest and presenting awards for best agricultural displays and arts & crafts. Come stop by the kids' activity tent and relax in the tea tent as you enjoy the sounds of music from the stage.

This year we are pleased to announce a new part to the day: Artisans' Alley. We will be setting aside space for local artisans and merchants to sell their wares. Everything's 'fair game' except for prepared foods (in order to keep space available for the various non-profits in town who will be selling food). If you are interested in joining Artisans' Alley please contact us at [marlborofair@gmail.com](mailto:marlborofair@gmail.com), in order to receive an application and secure your spot. There will be a \$35 fee to reserve your 10x10 space and space is limited - first come, first served. Please bring your own tent & table.

Back by popular demand, we will be continuing with last year's excellent 'Makers of Marlboro' event and having hands-on demos at the Fair. If you would like to be one of this year's Makers please contact us by August 1st to reserve your space. There is no charge for demos and we will provide a space for you.

The Fair fare is still only \$5. That's more than fair.

It'll be fun, whether fair or foul (there will be fowl at the fair, that's fairly obvious.)

2014

Marlboro Historical Society

Collins Cemetery

Annual Meeting:

Mills Along Butterfield

Needham Cemetery

S.E. Corner of Marlboro

Schoolhouses

**Marlboro Historical Society News****by Forrest Holzapfel**

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the construction of Newton House by the Reverend EH Newton. We will be celebrating at our Annual Meeting on July 17th as we walk through time with photographs and documents about Newton House presented by Forrest Holzapfel & Malcom Moore.

We will once again be leading Saturday morning walks to numerous historic locations around town throughout the summer and will be representing our town at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, Vermont on June 21 & 22nd. The theme is "Arts & Artists", and we will be displaying many works from our wealth of talented artists in Marlboro.

Our summer schedule & membership information will be arriving in mailboxes soon, and look for notifications about upcoming events on Front Porch Forum.

**Emergency Shelter Volunteers Needed**

In response to Tropical Storm Irene, the Red Cross has opened and staffed 13 regional shelters across the state. The Marlboro Emergency Management Committee is interested in staffing just such a shelter in Marlboro and hopes to recruit a committee of shelter volunteers to address emergency shelter needs in our town in case of another disaster.

The first step is to identify 10 to 20 volunteers who would be needed to open and staff a local shelter in the unlikely event of another disaster. The Red Cross will provide a half day training in how to set up, run, and close a shelter during a disaster. In addition, the Red Cross provides each community with cots, blankets, water, emergency radio, lighting and signage necessary to open a shelter and be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours.

Volunteers will need to commit to "drill" their shelter once annually and report in the town's Annual Report that initial trainings and annual drills were successfully completed.

If you have an interest in possibly volunteering to help with such a shelter in case of another emergency, please contact:

Felicia Tober  
[tobernet@gmail.com](mailto:tobernet@gmail.com)  
 254-8038

We hope to be able to schedule the half day training in early fall.

I'm looking forward to hearing from interested community members. Thank you,  
 Felicia Tober

**WORDS FROM THE POETRY STUDIO**

Every year Marlboro Elementary School publishes a magazine, *Paper Feelings*, in which each student has the opportunity to select for publication his or her favorite poem. To imagine that this year's issue of *Paper Feelings* is our 35th edition truly fills me with gratitude; not only for the staff and the school board, but also for the Marlboro community at large--all the parents, grandparents, former students whose support of poetry in a world where the arts in the schools has diminished is truly extraordinary. It is with this gratitude that I share a few poems from our recent *Paper Feelings*.

-Ann Gengarelly

**Me**

Me and my soul.  
My soul can never turn black.  
It's always as bright as a bouquet of flowers.  
In my soul animals never die.  
They live free in a beautiful green pasture roaming through the tall  
grass with peace and happiness.  
My face is a mirror of my soul.  
If you look deep into my blue blue eyes,  
you will see the colors of the rainbow.  
If you look at the deep red of my smile,  
you will know that it will calm my baby someday.  
And that is me.

Althea Holzapfel  
3rd/4th grade

**Opa**

Your voice always made me smile,  
your thick accent was rich with joy and happiness,  
the spontaneous bursts into songs sent ripples of  
laughter into the hearts of everyone around.  
I remember the day when I found out.  
It struck my heart like a sledge hammer strikes  
a brick wall,  
numbing all emotion.  
How could this be?  
No tears came,  
not until I remembered,  
I remembered the singing,  
the song.  
I remembered your warm kind laughter.  
I thought of all you had done,  
and I cried,  
silently,  
knowing I would never hear your voice again.

Morgan Brooke-de Bock  
8th grade

**A Life of Questions**

As I wander through life I wonder.  
I wonder if I am alone.  
If people see me the way I see myself.  
If people think the way I do.  
Whether they know the true me.  
Of if the mirror image of me  
is smudged by their own emotions.

Merou Rosner  
4th/5th grade

**His Book**

*inspired by Deidre Scherer's Fabric Art Portraits*

He sits,  
and looks  
as he flips through the pages  
of his book,  
his book looks as old as he is, if not older.  
His book is thick,  
full of stained pages.  
He is very gentle as he flips the pages in the  
delicate  
book with his old soft gentle hands.  
He looks like he knows his book by heart.  
He sits wisely and looks,  
he looks at his book like it's part of him.

Walker Sargent,  
7th grade

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!****JUNE**

24<sup>th</sup> ...Marlboro Town Supper (p.1)

**JULY**

5<sup>th</sup> ...Historical Society Ice Cream Social (p.5)

17<sup>th</sup> ...Historical Society Annual Meeting (p.5)

26<sup>th</sup> ....Annual Summer Sale (p.1)

**AUGUST**

Nothing on the calendar...let's hope you all throw lots of parties

**SEPTEMBER**

13<sup>TH</sup> ....MARLBORO FAIR

**Municipal Meetings:**

(unless posted otherwise)

Select Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays at 5pm

School Board:  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6pm

Board of Listers:  
Wednesdays at 7pm

Planning Commission: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday at 5pm

Town Auditors: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday at 3:30pm

Development Review  
Board: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues at 7pm

Fire Company: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday at 7pm

Marlboro Energy  
Committee: 3rd Thurs at  
7:00pm , MES

Conservation  
Commission: 1st Monday  
at 7:00

**Marlboro Select Board Report**

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned.

The board submitted two Better Back Roads grant applications, one for \$4,000 and one for \$10,000 for two specific trouble spots, one on MacArthur Road and one on the Augur Hole Road. At this writing, the grants are still pending.

The Select Board made the following appointments: **Hollis Carlisle** to the one-year unexpired Auditor position vacated by the resignation of **Keely Eastley**; **Mike Andreotta** to the Rescue Inc. Board to represent Marlboro. The opening was created by the resignation of **Allison Turner** who, for many years, served the Town on the Rescue Inc. Board.

There is still a vacancy for Animal Control Officer. The board is asking interested candidates to submit a letter of interest and resume by email to marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by mail to Marlboro Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

The Board adopted an updated Local Emergency Operation Plan and submitted it to Windham Regional Commission.

The select board and planning commission signed a joint recommendation to the Public Service Board concerning the proposed AT&T telecommunication facility on Snow Mountain off Route 9. The boards recommend approval of the project but have concerns they would like addressed in the Application for Certificate of Public Good. They are concerned with the height of the tower and requested it be built to 120 feet but be able to extend to a height of 140 feet if need be to accommodate future co-location of other apparatus. The boards understand the proposed total height with antenna would be 124 feet. They request the color of the pole be the standard matte gray, as proposed to AT&T.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten-minute period for unscheduled open public comment. You may contact the select board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

# Marlboro Town Services

Want to list your business or skills here? Call or email

Lance C. Shader, 464-5676, Attorney at Law

Malcolm Moore, 254-5664,  
[surveygmls@gmail.com](mailto:surveygmls@gmail.com)  
Green Mountain Land Surveying

Boat building, repair, maintenance &  
woodwork for the home. [jmark@sover.net](mailto:jmark@sover.net), 254-  
6955

Mountain Meadow Farm: 348-7344  
Organic Beef; Composted manure

Kevin Hamilton: 257-5666  
Softwood shavings; maple syrup; cordwood

Russell Horton 254-2651, Drum repair and  
lessons

Applewoods Studio and Gallery, 254-2908  
Turned vessels and wood furniture

Wylie Carlisle 579-8311  
Landscaping and lawn services

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Absolute Computer Solutions, 413-388-8041 (in  
Marlboro)

Jerry Lundsted 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Whetstone Ledges Farm 257-7328  
Maple syrup, seasonal produce, berries

Green Power, 2063 Route 9, Small engine sales  
and repair

John May: lawn care, landscaping, excavator  
work and more. 579-8890

Lucy Gratwick Fine Hand-weaving 257-0181  
Functional hand-woven apparel

Donald Sherefkin, AIA 254-9736. Architectural

Services, [sherefkin@gmail.com](mailto:sherefkin@gmail.com)

Yoga & YogaDance 254-7724 <[kel@sover.net](mailto:kel@sover.net)>  
Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin.

Nat Waring Woodworking 257-4100, custom  
furniture, built-in cabinets, corian countertops

Brian McNeice—Bonvue Farm. Pastured poultry  
& 100% grass-fed beef. 258-2296

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages  
all styles. [gregsblues18@yahoo.com](mailto:gregsblues18@yahoo.com)

Walt's Chain Saw Carvings, Walter F. Ridel, 1947  
Auger Hole Rd. 348-7162

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Custom hardwood frames & more, Bob Kreitzer  
464-5992 [whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net](mailto:whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net)

Alcan power equip--lawn equipment,  
chainsaws, generators-sales & service [348-7898](tel:348-7898)

Dave Matt: firewood, hay, maple syrup 464-9788

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Restore, Refinish. 464-5169

A&J Heating LLC, Aaron Diamondstone 254-2246.  
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Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special  
events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

David Johnson, lawn mowing & odd jobs. 464-  
5891

Skunk's Tree Service 802.598.4434.

The Poetry Studio- 257-8972  
Poetry classes for young people and adults

Whetstone CiderWorks, Artisan Hard Cider  
[whetstoneciderworks@gmail.com](mailto:whetstoneciderworks@gmail.com), 254-5306

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water systems, [gwmaca@gmail.com](mailto:gwmaca@gmail.com)

Refilling Your Well Counseling, Robin  
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[www.refillingyourwell.com](http://www.refillingyourwell.com)

Jorge Romo, Renovation, New  
Construction, Painting, Roofing, Drywall,  
Tile 251-0214

Malcolm Wright, The Turnpike Road  
Pottery. [theturnpikeroad.com](http://theturnpikeroad.com), 254-2168

Sunrise House Painting and Landscaping.  
257-7184 [SunrisePaintersVT.com](http://SunrisePaintersVT.com)

Allen Warner - 464-2099 Painting, Small  
Carpentry, Pressure Washing, Lawn  
Mowing & small snow removal

Ames Hill Storage, LLC Heated winter  
storage. 802-254-2501

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918  
[lavignephotography.blogspot.com](http://lavignephotography.blogspot.com)

Pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409  
or [Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVermont.com](mailto:Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVermont.com)

Adirondack Chairs, Picnic Tables, Trellises,  
etc., made to order. Fred Bisbee, 464-0297

Photography, Pet Portaiture & Animal  
REIKI  
860-716-1049, [rebeccawhitney8@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccawhitney8@yahoo.com).

Meg McCarthy Design 275-7212, graphic  
design, web design in Wordpress and  
Joomla

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**NEXT DEADLINE: August 15<sup>th</sup> for the September/October Mixer**

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