

the marlboro mixer

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Marlboro, Vermont

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Town House Initiative

Thanks to funding from the Marlboro Alliance, our venerable Town House will be getting some attention in the coming months.

Improvements to the building's function, safety and appearance will include renovation of the front steps, railings and planting beds and an upgrade of electrical service and addition of several new outlets. The Select Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator have all given support and consent to the project. Drawings of the plan are posted at the Town Office.

The project was initiated and planned by a volunteer committee of townspeople who will oversee its progress. The committee is very pleased to have engaged the services of electrician Tim Toussaint to upgrade the electrical service. Dry stone waller Michael Weitzner of Thistle Stone Works will rebuild the steps, railings and retaining walls in the fall. The Town House was built in 1822 with lumber incorporated from the first Congregational Church originally built off Town Hill Road. It was first located across South Road, near the small parking area. It was moved to its present location in 1966.

Formerly used as the Town Clerk's office, it has also been the venue for Marlboro's annual Town Meetings, as well as the annual Historical Society meeting, the Marlboro School's 8th grade Consortium, and the Marlboro Alliance's January Book Swap, July Summer Sale and the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in November, as well as other events.

We hope that these improvements will foster greater use of this important civic space, and greater awareness of this historic building.

Questions can be addressed to project manager, Bob Anderson at windward@sover.net. You can see Michael Weitzner's work at thistlestoneworks.com

Also available by email if requested

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save money!)

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See us at:
marlborovt.us



2016 Scholarship Awards News

The Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Fund supports our town's students. Donations in response to our 2015-16 Appeal Letter totalled a very generous \$5070. This year, the Scholarship Committee met on June 1 at the Marlboro School Library. After reviewing all the applications, we were delighted to award grants totaling \$6350.

These grants will help thirteen elementary students and five high school students to attend summer programs including: Kroka Expeditions, Mahalo Art Center, Green Mt. Development Camp at UVM, Bonnie Stearns Pottery, New England Youth Theatre, Green Mt. Camp for Girls, Brattleboro Parks & Recreation Basketball Camp, Brattleboro Music Center, National Geographic Expeditions and the Governor's Institute.

Grants were also given to nine college-bound students, whose academic achievement and dedication to community make us especially proud: **Rose Bernhardt:** Smith College, **Eric Johansson:** Hamilton College, **Ferne Johansson:** Bennington College, **Mesa Kennedy:** Green Mt. College, **Quinn Oliver:** Clark University, **Mitchell Redfield:** Brandeis University, **Marcus Shapiro:** UVM,

Amanda White: Lesley University, **Karl White:** Juniata College.

Our students depend on you, our community, to support our 2016-17 Scholarship Fund appeal, which begins in the Fall.

Is there any better investment than the education of our community's students?

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The Marlboro Alliance, is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 charitable corporation. Our non-profit umbrella shelters Marlboro Cares, the Marlboro Fair and the Marlboro Mixer. Our Community Events committee, Emergency Fund and Scholarship Fund continue the legacy of our predecessor, the Community Club.

The 2016 Scholarship Committee: Sylvia Johnson, Augusta Bartlett, Francie Marbury and Michelle Holzapfel.

from Marlboro Elementary School

The end of the school year came in a rush! With no snow days our last day was June 9. The weeks leading up to that were filled with the excitement of celebration and anticipation.

On June 7th nine 8th graders graduated. The ceremony, planned entirely by the students with the help of Rachel and Tim, was lovely and unique. It reflected perfectly the personalities of the students who graduated. It was also a testimony to the creativity and hard work of the 7th graders and their parents who came up with the Harry Potter theme; invited Gail Greenleaf, the class speaker; decorated the Outback and prepared the food and served at the reception following the ceremony.

The 8th grade takes up The Big Pencil Challenge each year as they commit to a service project for the school or community. Their goal is to give back to the school and we appreciate it. This year's project is to make the Bottle Redemption Center more secure. Thank you 8th

graders! Now when you drop off your returnables to the Redemption Center you can rest easy that the profits will go towards Junior High field research.

Next year the graduates will move on to the following high schools: **Aiden, Alex, Leander, Logan,** and **Olivia** will attend Brattleboro Union High School. **Alice** and **Eliza** will attend the Putney School. **Soren** will attend the Compass School. Congratulations and best wishes to these students!

Congratulations, also, to all the students as they move into the next grade. For some this means staying in the same classroom as "olders" and for some it means a new classroom and a new teacher.

I can't close without a heartfelt appreciation for Judy Jarzombek Lang who is retiring after 17 years at Marlboro School. Judy knew all about teaching the "whole child" - mind, body, heart, and soul. She was a master of her craft. We will miss her and we wish her all the best!

from the Town Clerk

State Primary Election

On Tuesday August 9th will be the State Primary Election for all State held offices, with winners going on to the General Election in November. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Marlboro Town Office.

Early / absentee ballots will be available by Monday June 27th and can be requested up until 4 pm on Monday August 8th. You can also request early / absentee ballots here <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

The last day to register to vote will be August 3rd until 5 p.m. or you can register with the same deadline at <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>

Please contact me at the Town Office if you have any questions 254 - 2181 or marlborotownclerk@gmail.com 258-2568 or jessweitz72@gmail.com

Justice of the Peace Candidates

Townpeople who wish to place their name on the November ballot to be elected as a Justice of the Peace serving the Town of Marlboro will need to take out a petition from the Town Clerk and get 8 valid signatures from fellow Marlboro voters to be included on the ballot. The deadline is August 12, 2016. There are five incumbent JPs running, but any voter in the town can exercise their right to run for the position. All major and minor political parties can nominate as many JPs as there are positions to be elected (5), and there is no limit to the number of independent petitions that can be filed.

The duties of Justices of the Peace can fall into five categories of responsibilities:

a. **Elections.** Justices of the peace are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections.

b. **Tax Abatement and Appeals.** Justices of the Peace sit as members of the town Board for Abatement of Taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's tax obligation

should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the Peace also serve an important role in the town's tax appeal process. As a member of the Board of Civil Authority, Justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the Listers.

c. **Marriages.** Justices of the peace may solemnize marriages in Vermont.

d. **Oaths and Notary.** Justices of the peace may also administer oaths and is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public. However, the justice of the peace must file with the county clerk in order to act as a notary public (but the fee is waived).

e. **Magistrate.** Justices of the peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

If you have questions, please contact Town Clerk Forrest Holzapfel at 254-2181 or marlborotownclerk@gmail.com



Hogback Hosts “Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont”

*Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 7:00 pm,
Wilmington Memorial Hall*

The Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) invites you to their annual Summer Meeting, this year featuring an illustrated lecture by ski historian Jeremy Davis, founder of the New England Lost Ski Areas Project. Here's how Jeremy describes his talk:

“Today, only fourteen ski areas are open and active in southern Vermont. But hidden amongst the hills and mountains of southern Vermont are the remnants of sixty former ski areas, their slopes returning to forest and their lifts decaying. In this presentation, I look into the over-investment, local competition, weather variation, changing skier habits, insurance costs and just plain bad luck that caused these ski areas to succumb and melt back into the landscape. From larger ski areas like Hogback and Maple Valley, to Clinton Gilbert's farm in Woodstock, where the very first rope tow began operation in the winter of 1934, these once popular ski areas left an indelible trace on the hearts of their ski communities and the history of southern Vermont.”

Come early for a chance to meet and chat with HMCA Directors, your friends and neighbors, and the speaker, Jeremy Davis, who will be selling and autographing his books. Doors open at 6:30. The program starts at 7:00, Wednesday, August 3, Memorial Hall, 14 W. Main St., Wilmington (next to the Crafts Inn just west of the stoplights on Route 9). The program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to support the trails and programs at the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area in Marlboro.

Never heard of the New England Lost Ski Areas Project? Check out their web site: nelsap.org. And of course, check out the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association web site, too: hogbackvt.org, or look for us on Facebook.

Questions? Contact us at hogbackvt@gmail.org.

Volunteer Day on Hogback

Saturday, August 6, 10:00 am

Join us for a morning of sprucing up the mountain! We might be clearing brush from trails. We might be removing small trees that are growing up in some of the historic cellar holes. We might be digging out invasive plant species. We might be cleaning up around some of the old buildings or lift towers to help keep these historic artifacts intact. We haven't picked the projects yet, but we've picked the day and time: Meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 6 for a morning of camaraderie and work in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area.

Bring your own tools or borrow one of ours.

Appropriate tools would be loppers, clippers, hand saws, chain saws, and the like. (Note – if you want to operate a chain saw on an HMCA project you **MUST** wear chaps and head/ear/eye protection. If you don't have safety gear of your own, you can borrow some of ours.) We'll probably meet in the field behind the former Alpenglou (the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop). But check the website or Facebook page before you come just in case we change the meeting place. hogbackvt.org. Or send us an email to let us know you plan to come, and we'll send you a reminder email a few days beforehand that gives specifics on where to meet and what the projects will be. hogbackvt@gmail.com

See you on the mountain!

Public Hearing on Zoning

The Marlboro Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the draft Zoning Regulations in the 2nd half of August at Marlboro Elementary School 5-6 pm. Notice of the exact date will be posted at the Town Office, Town website, and the Front Porch Forum.

from the Select Board

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned. The board appointed **Ashley Bies** to a four-year term to March, 2020 on the Conservation Commission.

There are still three vacancies to be filled: Energy Coordinator, Rescue Inc. Representative and Town Representative to the Senior Solutions Advisory Board. Descriptions can be found in the Municipal Directory on the Town Website marlborovt.us.

The board submitted another letter to the State Transportation Committee requesting an expansion of the area to be covered in the proposed speed reduction on Route 9 near the school. At this writing no answer has been received.

The board and other town officials collaborated in the final draft of the Local Emergency Operations Plan written with the assistance of Planner, Alyssa Sabetto of Windham Regional Commission.

The board voted to adopt the Amendment to the Marlboro Traffic Ordinance which would allow the Town to accept a percentage of fines collected by the State for speeding violations that occur on Route 9 in Marlboro. The ordinance amendment will take effect July 11, 2016 unless a petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of Marlboro is filed with the Town Clerk by June 25, 2016 asking for a vote to disapprove the ordinance amendment. If a petition is received, the Marlboro Select Board will warn a special meeting and the voters may vote on that question. Currently, the Town accepts a percentage of fines for speeding violations only on Town roads.

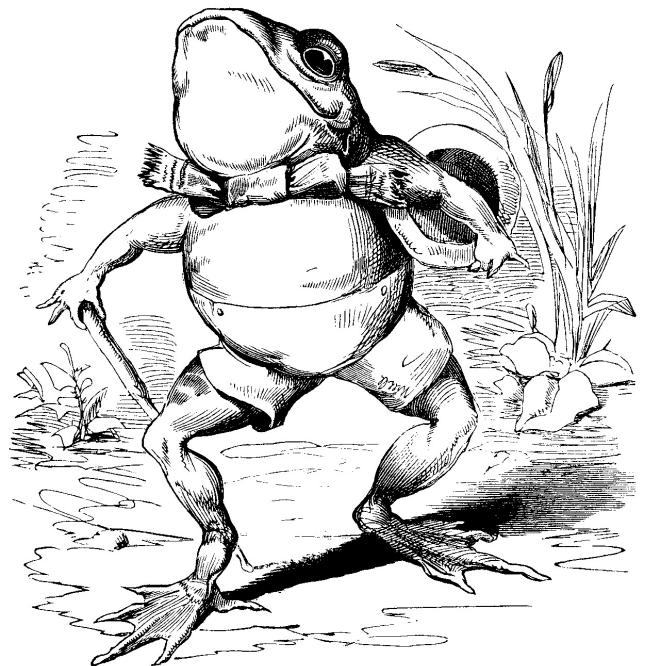
The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period at the beginning of every meeting for unscheduled open public comment. Contact the Board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344. Please contact Marcia Hamilton (m8rcia@gmail.com) to be added to the agenda. Visit the website: marlborovt.us.

from the Meeting House School

The Meeting House School has ended the 2015-2016 school year. We had such a delightful year in which many new friends were made, confidence in ones own abilities grew and new skills in math and literacy were acquired.

We ended the year with an all school potluck lunch after our graduation ceremony for the six children who were moving on to Kindergarten. Leaving their preschool teacher, the children walked over the Rainbow Bridge to their new teacher for next year. It was such a joyful and fun filled day!

We look forward to the 2016-2017 school year. We are accepting enrollment through out the summer. Meeting House School serves children 3-5 years old. We are open Monday- Thursday. If you would like information regarding our sweet little preschool program please call 257-9929 or email luvlyluna2008@gmail.com Enjoy the summer, Everyone!



from the School Board

Over last twelve months our board members and a group of committed town volunteers on our Act 46 sub-committee have learned many things and we want to share that information with our community.

In brief, Act 46 was passed into law June 2015. The goals of the law are to create equities amongst all Vermont schools while each school strives for educational excellence for all its students. The way in which the law asks schools to do this is to consolidate on the administrative level. Multiple towns boards would come together to oversee multiple schools as one collective, supportive, and cohesive group. Schools are neither being asked to close nor are Marlboro students being asked to attend schools in other towns - these are common concerns and misconceptions of the law. The idea is that school districts collaborate with other districts that are structurally the same as they are, ie, the district of Marlboro is a K-8th grade school with 9-12 choice. Because of this component of the law, our board and members of our Act 46 sub-committee, have reached out to many districts with a variety of operating structures that surround our borders and have even considered like districts much further afield, as few of our neighbors share our same structure. We have had many helpful and productive conversations. So what does all this mean? Well, to be perfectly honest, we don't fully know yet and are still working on it! What we do know is that Act 46's stated purpose is not to remove the programming that we know and love but instead to enrich the opportunities for our students through collaboration. With expansion of opportunities for our students, one might ask, how will this growth be financially supported? Our board is committed to finding ways to expand choices for our students at a cost that is affordable and sustainable for the long term. Of course, some variables are hard to control, such as rising healthcare costs, but with multi-board collaboration, there should be cost savings. The state is providing tax incentives for districts that merge and are operational by 2019.

In our many Act 46 committee Meetings, School Board conversations, and in the town survey, it is clear that folks are concerned about losing choice for our 9-12 grade students. This has helped to guide our conversations with other boards. Having choice for our high school students

attracts families to live in Marlboro and contribute to our community. Other aspects of the survey that have helped guide us have to do with town voice, community participation in our school, exploration of additional opportunities for our junior high students, and a desire for more control over our taxes. The Board and the Act 46 committee realize its survey could have been better in many ways - based on our current understanding of the law - nevertheless the committee and board are grateful to those of you who responded to the surveys. Thank you! After all the conversations, analysis, meetings, and consultations with state officials, the Marlboro board will be moving forward in two directions. On Monday June 6th, the Marlboro Board met with the boards of Dover and Wardsboro at MES and all voted to enter into a formal study group together to explore forming a collective school board of the three towns. This process will be interactive within all three towns over the next six months. Public meetings will be held in all three towns, and video recordings of all meetings will be posted to the WCSU website. Simultaneously, we will be studying a proposal for forming an Alternative structure which maintains Marlboro's current structure and autonomy. At the end of the formal study committee with Dover and Wardsboro the Marlboro School Board will vote on whether to bring the three town merger to the voters of Marlboro (anticipated March, 2017), or whether to pursue the Alternative Structure.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the board members, come to our monthly regular meetings, please check the WCSU website, <http://www.windhamcentral.org> for meeting dates, minutes, and other information about Act 46).

Lastly, the Marlboro School Board would like to thank Steven John for his many years of service as Superintendent of WCSU. He has been a tremendous leader and will be missed. His successor, Bill Anton, former Dover School principal, takes office on July 1st, and we look forward to working with him in the years to come!

In Growth & Learning, Douglas Korb, Celena Romo, Carol Ann Lobo-Johnson, Dan MacArthur & Lauren Poster

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Artisans

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

Lucy Gratwick Fine Handweaving 257-0181 Functional hand-woven apparel

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918 lavignephototheory.blogspot.com

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

Photography, Pet Portaiture & Animal REIKI 860-716-1049, rebeccawhitney8@yahoo.com.

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

Malcolm Wright, The Turnpike Road Pottery theturnpikeroad.com, 254-2168

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

Jess Weitz, Photography/Web Design jessweitz.com, jessweitz72@gmail.com

Carpentry, Furniture, House Painting, Landscaping

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

Bob Kreitzer, Custom hardwood frames & more, 464-5992 whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net

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

Brent Seabrook: Carpentry: Design, Build, Restore, Refinish. 464-5169

Sunrise House Painting and Landscaping. 257-7184 SunrisePaintersVT.com

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

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

Food and Beverages

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

Pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409 or Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVernon.com

Whetstone CiderWorks, Artisan Hard Cider whetstoneciderworks@gmail.com, 254-5306

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

General Services

Alcan power equip: lawn equipment, chainsaws, generators-sales & service 348-7898

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

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

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

Jerry Lundsted, 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Jon May: Full Throttle Lawn Care,landscaping, excavator work + more. 829-0487 or 464-8216

Racine House Cleaning & Caretaking: Madonna & Jane Racine, 20+ years of experience. To make an appointment, call 802.257.4467.

Tim Racine Logging & Excavating: For a free estimate, call 802.257.4467.

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Tim Whitney, 464-3216, DBA as Another Pair of Hands, property maintenance, handyman, laborer

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A&J Heating LLC, Aaron Diamondstone 254-2246. solar hot water and all heating systems

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

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

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Next Deadline
August. 15 for
the Sept / Oct Mixer

July / August Calendar

Saturday, July 23, 9am to 3pm

Marlboro Alliance Summer Sale
at Marlboro Town Center

Wednesday, August 3, 7pm

Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont
Wilmington Memorial Hall

Saturday, August 6, 10am

Volunteer Day on Hogback

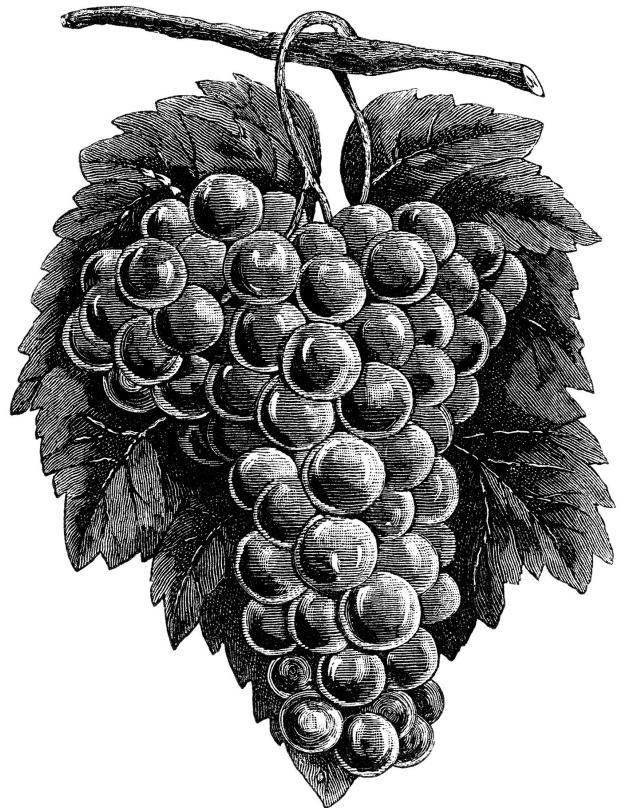
Tuesday, August 9, 10am – 7pm

State Primary Election

Friday, August 12

**Last Day to submit petition to be on the ballot
for Justice of the Peace**

*Marlboro Historical Society and Marlboro School
Summer Library schedules available on the insert*



Marlboro School Summer Library

9 - Noon on Tuesdays

June 1 **Summer Reading Challenge**

June 14 **Summer fun with Jess**

June 21 **Farmers with Ron**

July 5 **Story Yoga with Jess**

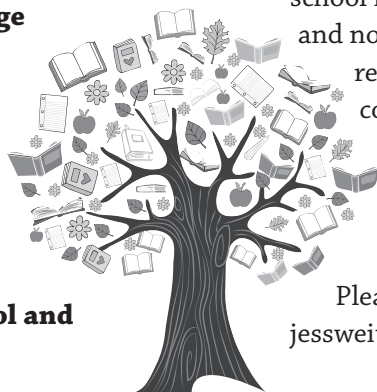
July 12 **Big machines with Ron**

July 19 **CLiF Book Give Away**

July 26 **Where have you been?**

August 9 **Animals with Wendy**

August 16 **Getting ready for school and Ice Cream party!**



The open library hours will include book check out and return, a storytime at 10am, an ongoing art table, and snacks. Board games and Magic cards for older kids too. Playground and sandbox available as well as bike path in woods!

There is an ongoing children's/adult book swap on the school ramp - please bring good quality, recent fiction and nonfiction to swap with your neighbors for summer reading! Feel free to stop in anytime but keep boxes covered in case of rain.

All welcome - you do not need to go to Marlboro school to enjoy!

Please contact Jess Weitz with questions
jessweitz72@gmail.com

summer in marlboro

Marlboro Alliance

A

Summer Sale

**Saturday, July 23 from 9am to 3pm
Town Center, Marlboro, Vermont**

Home-baked goods & beverages; Used clothing for the whole family; Furniture, books and housewares.

Silent Auction on the Very Best Stuff

SET-UP DAY Friday, July 22 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Drop off donations of clean, usable, functioning items and stay to help if you can.

On Sunday, everything is FREE.

We need your help with set-up, baking, sales, and clean-up.

Please sign-up online at <http://tinyurl.com/z8vub8p>

or at the Post Office, or contact :

Pam Burke pam.burke@gmail.com 275-2809

Bake Sale: Polli Moryl pjmoryl2@gmail.com

The Summer Sale is a fundraiser for the Marlboro Alliance. All proceeds from the sale support the community through organizations such as the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Meetinghouse School and Meetinghouse, the Marlboro Mixer, Marlboro Cares, Reformer Christmas Stocking, the Women's Freedom Center, Deerfield Valley Heating Assistance, local food shelves and our in-Town Emergency Fund.

2016

Summer Program

Open Saturdays from 2pm until 5pm
July 9th through August 20th

July 3

sunday 2 - 4

Ice Cream Social

Hosted by Donald Sherekin 254-9736
At Newton House

July 14

thursday 7 pm

Annual Meeting

Presented by Forrest Holzapfel 258-2568
Town House at 7:00 pm

July 16

saturday 9am

Hillside Millsite

Led by Forrest Holzapfel 258-2568
Meet at Newton House at 9:00 am

July 30

saturday 9 am

Whitaker Farm Road Walk

Led by Malcolm Moore 254-5664
Meet at Newton House at 9:00

Aug 6

saturday 9am

Adams Crossroad

Led by Marcia Hamilton 490-0347
Meet at Newton House at 9:00

Aug 13

saturday 9 am

Old Turnpike Walk

Led by Liz Vick 254-7060
Meet at Newton House at 9:00

Aug 20

saturday 9 am

Genealogy Basics

Hosted by Dan Dennis 257-1431
Meet at Newton House at 9:00

Marlboro Historical Society

Come to the Marlboro Fair

Saturday
September 17
2016

The theme for the
34th Annual Marlboro Fair is

Birds of a Feather

Plan your fall migration to the Fair at the Musterfield on Ames Hill Road on Saturday, September 17 to gather with friends both old and new, and revel in the talents of our community.

This year we are highlighting **the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum with Mike Clough**. He will have demonstrations throughout the day where you can learn about his feathered friends (owls, hawks etc) and see other critters in his current collection. You can take a look here: http://www.vermontmuseum.org/website_2013_006.htm

You'll be happy as a lark listening to **live music** on center stage or winging your way through the Arts and Crafts and Agriculture tents. We are looking for locals to bring their artwork, veggies, jams, flower bouquets etc. for display. King Arthur Flour is awarding prizes for the best baked goods. Don't chicken out – enter the contest! All baked goods go on sale after the prizes are announced so everyone can share in sweet delights.

Keep an eagle eye out for amazing wares that **local artisans** will have for sale. This year we will have some space in the Arts and Crafts Tent and/or the Community tent, so please contact the Fair if you are willing to sell your locally made handcrafts or if you are willing to do a demonstration of your craft. We know that Jeremy Matt will be back with his forge work.

Put a feather in your cap by participating in **family-friendly games** throughout the day: Skillet and egg toss, tug of war, nail pounding, and other favorites. Don't forget to visit the Kids Tent where there is special fun for our youth. New this year: a photography stand where you and your friends can take pictures of yourselves in fine feather.

If you're feeling a bit peckish after all the fun and games, restore your energy at the **Food Tent** where lunch is served. Then hop on over to **Jill & Patty's Tea Tent** where you can pass an hour or two with friends in a relaxed atmosphere while having tea and scones. Don't be a silly goose and forget to nibble on roasted corn served by the Marlboro Alliance or ice cream served by the Junior High.

More news to come this summer, so watch Front Porch Forum, like our Facebook page to see regular notifications or contact the Fair Committee at marlborofair@gmail.com. We can also be found on the Marlboro Alliance page at <http://www.marlboroalliance.com/#!/marlboro-fair/ch48>

Birds of a feather flock together – so mark your calendars now and we'll see you at the Fair on Saturday, September 17th!

