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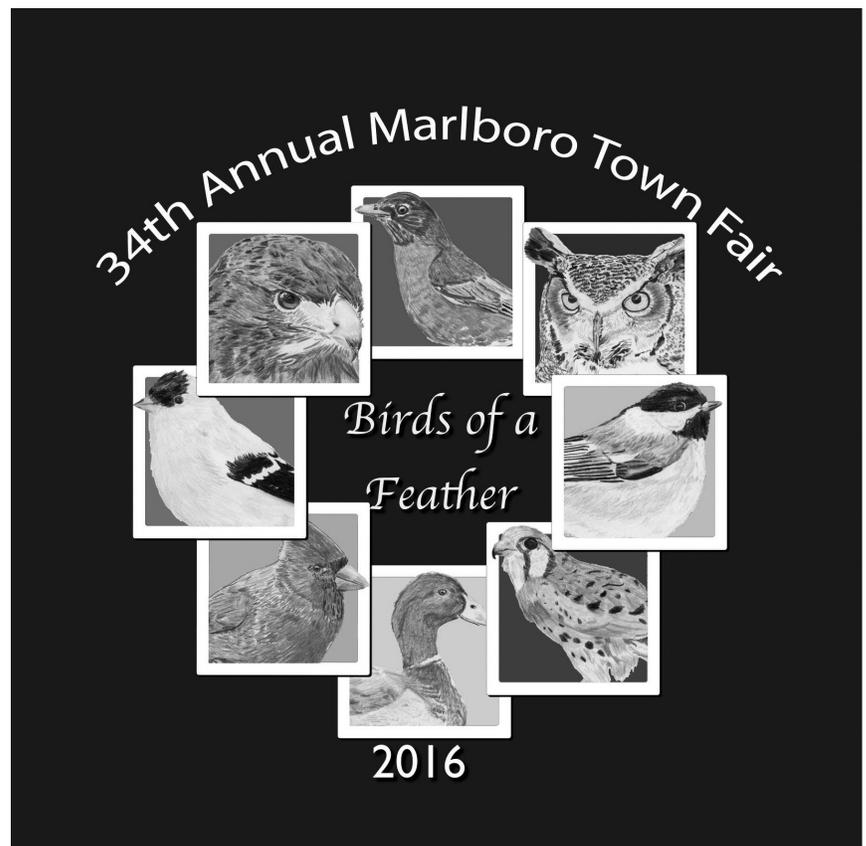
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34th Annual Marlboro Fair - Birds of a Feather Flock Together
Saturday, Sept. 17

We hope to see all our feathered friends at the 34th Annual Marlboro Fair! We have artisans lined up to sell their local wares, Demos from our local talent, and amazing food!

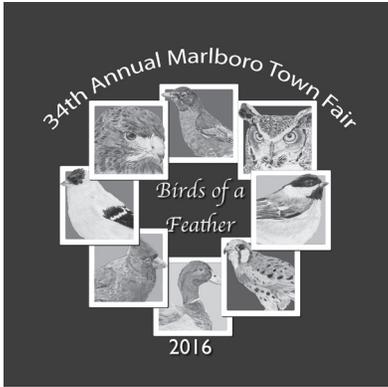
Entry forms for the **Baking Contest** (sponsored by King Arthur Flour) and **Ag Tent** items (veggies, jams, brews, flowers) can be found at the Marlboro Fair site on the Alliance page OR at the Town Office.

Please bring arts and crafts to show what we do in Marlboro! All items will be displayed in the Arts and Crafts tent.

Any questions? Email marlborofair@gmail.com

See page 2 for a schedule of music and events.

Marlboro Fair Schedule of Events

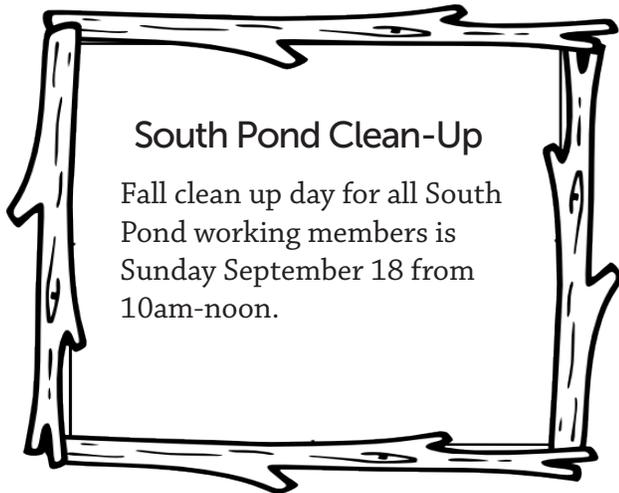


Our stage line-up for the day:

10:00 Fair Opens – Ill Wind Ensemble
10:30 The Faints
11:00 David Post
11:30 Julia Slone Roberts
12:00 The Moondogs
12:30 The MacArthurs
1:00 The Incurable Semantics
1:30 Jesse Lepkoff and Friends
2:00 The Outlandish Landsharks
2:30 Archer Parks
3:00 Wait Wait, Tell Me!
(Marlboro History game)
3:30 Raffle
4:00 Fair Song

And of course back by popular demand:

12:30 Skillet toss—Game Arena
1:30 Egg toss—To one side of Game Arena
1:30-2:30 Bike Rodeo timed trials—
behind the Kids Tent
2:30 Nail pounding—Game Arena
3:00 Bike Rodeo ends
3:45 Tug of War—in front of stage



from Marlboro Cares

We are happy to announce that our Senior Lunches will be starting in September this year. Many thanks to Ben in the kitchen at the college for offering this opportunity. The lunches are held on the first Friday of the month in the Student Center at the College at 11:30am. A donation of \$3 is requested. Please leave a message at 258-3030 by 6pm on the Monday before the lunch to make a reservation. If you cannot make it after signing up, please call back to cancel as we sometimes have a waiting list. Let us know if you need a ride.

Senior Lunch Schedule

| 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------|------------|
| September 2 | February 3 |
| October 7 | March 3 |
| November 4 | April 7 |
| December 2 | May 5 |

Please note that there is no lunch in January because the college is closed.

Marlboro Cares continues to offer rides and referrals for services and assistance. Call 258-3030 at least two days before and leave a message. Someone will call you back.

from the Select Board

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

Town Officials Wanted: 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. There are also vacancies on the Hogback Preservation Commission for terms expiring in 2018 and 2019. Please contact the select board if you are interested in being considered for one of the openings.

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. The area would cover the distance roughly from Staver Road to the curve near the intersection with South Road. The Traffic Engineer's recommendation for speed reduction was accepted by the Traffic Committee and it responded favorably at a hearing August 3 in Montpelier.

As the select board letter to the Transportation Committee indicated, Marlboro has been trying to have the State reduce the speed by the school for 30 years.

The Traffic Ordinance amendment took effect July 11, 2016. It will allow the Town to accept a percentage of fines collected by the State for speeding violations that occur on VT Route 9 in Marlboro. The Town already receives a portion of fines collected on Town roads.

The board and neighbors along South Road met and walked along the road to inspect the

Japanese Knot Weed and discuss controlling it with Tom Groves who had submitted an estimate to the Town for work along Town Roads. Tom Groves will also work with individuals as requested to help control the weed on private property.

The board authorized an increase in benefits for employee Short Term Disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Life Insurance at no cost to employees and no additional cost to the Town. The new insurance will be administered through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

A Connectivity Committee was organized at a select board meeting with the following officers: Ty Gibbons, Chair; Brian Whitehouse, Vice Chair and M. Shelley, Secretary. They identified two main goals: ensuring all Town residents have Internet access and "getting past DSL and preparing for the future." They will follow the Open Meeting Law, warn their meetings and post the minutes. There are about five or six members of the committee.

If anyone has an interest in joining the effort, please contact Ty Gibbons at tgselectboard@gmail.com.

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 or 802 490-0347 to be added to the agenda. Visit the website: marlborovt.us.

Important Dates

September 26th Absentee/Early ballots available for November General Election

October 7th Property Tax Due Date is, tax payments post marked by the 7th are acceptable

October 10th Town Office closed in observance of Columbus Day

November 2nd at 5 pm is the deadline to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the November General Election

November 7th Absentee ballots available until 4 pm

November 8th General Election, polls open 7 am to 7 pm

Timeline for the town of Marlboro

1,000 years ago: The Western Abenaki Indians have lived and evolved in Vermont for 9,000 years already, and by this time have begun sustainable agriculture in the valleys around the Marlboro area. The tribe's existence combined agriculture and hunting, and was structured closely around the cycle of the seasons. The 17th and 18th century arrival of Europeans meant constant war and the eventual flight of the Western Abenaki to Canada.

1761: Marlborough chartered by the Crown of England under George III. The land first surveyed in 1762 and a "map" is made.

Spring 1763: The first European settlers arrive, mostly from Massachusetts and Connecticut. They seek religious freedom and land to work on, despite the known and unknown challenges. The entire family worked unceasingly in order to survive. Abel Stockwell and Francis Whitmore and their families are the first to homestead. They lived on opposite sides of town, and each thought they were the first and only settlers. Abel and Francis met while hunting in the woods one day, found out they were not alone, and commiserated on the hardships of their existence.

1768: First child born in the town to Aaron and Patience Stockwell.

1771: First marriage in the town, Perez Stockwell marries Dinah Fay.

1772: Col. William Williams builds the first sawmill. Other mills followed (flour for bread, boards for building)

1773: The first burial is recorded.

1775: Town Meeting is held for the first time and every year thereafter.

1777: About 40 families live throughout the town.

1778: Marlborough joins the state of Vermont. The first meetinghouse built in Marlborough.

By 1780: The major town roads are laid out, both within town and stretching out into other towns.

1820: The town population reaches its all-time peak of 1,300 people, but also begins its one hundred year long decline.

1822: The Town House is built from timbers of original meeting house; the structure is moved twice before reaching its present location.

1830's: Rapid settlement and relentless clearing of trees during the previous 40 years results in eroding land and lack of water in streams. Coupled with a long stretch of bad weather, many head westward. Land parcels are consolidated under one owner, resulting in large farms,

perfect for the current moneymaker – sheep farming.

1840: Reported to the Marlboro listers: 201 horses; 2,067 cows; and 3,925 sheep. The human population is approximately 1,000. Also in 1840, the bottom drops out of the wool market, and sheep farming is superceded during the next decade by dairy farming.

1844: The Marlboro town center develops closer to its current configuration of small buildings clustering around the Marlboro Meeting House. A second town center, West Marlboro, with church, post office, and store has already been established at Adams Crossroad (its present name).

1850: The town population drops more as big mill towns in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut beckon with decent wages and a steady paycheck. By 1850 the railroad line from Massachusetts has begun to flood local markets with basic staple goods that are cheaper than can be produced here, causing further economic aggravation.

1861: Marlboro High School started in the town center.

1865: Reverend E.H. Newton finished compiling his History of Marlborough, Vermont. George Houghton, Civil War photographer from Brattleboro, takes the first known photograph of Marlboro.

1869: There are 16 school districts in the town, each district generally has its own one-room schoolhouse. The families of each district financially supported the schools. The teacher boarded with the families in his or her district during the school year.

1884: The population is around 500 people. Of the 192 households in Marlboro, 161 are farms ranging in size from 10 to 617 acres. 68 of the farms produce maple syrup. Marlboro's other occupations are listed as: two cattle dealers and one breeder, one lumberman, one blacksmith, two mechanics, two carpenters, and one thresher. In town there were three mills, one blacksmith shop, and one tavern. Farms in Marlboro and Windham County are abandoned in increasing numbers.

1886: Telephone subscribers are reminded to pay yearly dues by E.P. Adams. Tourism and recreation increasingly attracts urban visitors to this area in the summers. Ames Hill in particular is a quite fashionable place to build summer homes, as it offers breathtaking views east to Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire and south down the Connecticut River Valley.

1892: Town Office created in the Town House.

1908: The store in Marlboro Center owned by Merton

Baxter becomes the post office.

1914: A grasshopper invasion ruins crops all over town. Most year-round residents still live in the 19th century manner of subsistence farming, and barter with their goods for other groceries they can't produce themselves. Through the Great Depression many families sell their property to city folks and move on.

1926 – 31: At South Pond, Shelter Camp for boys runs June — August. The camp founders said: "We try to mimic the Indian in his plain living and we try to emulate the old pioneer in his desire to overcome obstacles and to live at peace with our fellows."

1931: First, the Meeting House (church) burns to the ground. The story goes that the storekeeper Merton Baxter, whose store was across the road from the church, charged for water from his well for those who attempted to put the fire out. Later, his store was struck by lightning and no one came to his aid.

1933: The Meeting House is rebuilt as a near replica of the earlier structure. Baxter's Store is never rebuilt.

1934: The Marlboro section of Route 9, called the Molly Stark Trail, is blacktopped, thereby promoting travel to and through the town.

1937: Electricity finally reaches Marlboro from the adjacent towns of Brattleboro and Halifax.

1940: The town population scrapes bottom: 225 residents.

1946: Marlboro College is started with students on the GI Bill. The location of the college is an old dairy farm. Farming is increasingly obsolete in town.

1947: Hogback Ski Area opens and attracts out-of-state skiers.

1950: The Marlboro Music Festival and its famous founders Rudolf Serkin, Blanche Moyses, and Adolf Busch come to Marlboro. The festival brings new culture, revenue to the town and strife from the locals.

1954: The Marlboro Elementary School (MES) is built on Route 9, and all the one-room schoolhouses consolidate into this central building.

1960 - 70: By the year 1970 many college students ("back-to-the-landers" and hippies) become full-time residents and boost the population to around 600.

1970's – 2000: The population grows to approximately 1,000 people.

Fall Work Parties on Hogback

This fall we'll start the fourth year of a 10-year plan to increase the variety and improve the quality of wildlife habitat in the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area. We're clearing five major ski slopes, one every two years, then letting the slopes regrow into the kind of dense, woody underbrush known as "early successional habitat." Hence the name, the ESH project.

A temporary side-benefit of the project is that for the first year or two after cutting, the slopes are wide open – creating great views for hikers and nice terrain for backcountry skiers. When the new growth gets so high that it impedes human recreation, it has reached the perfect stage for use by nesting birds, small mammals and the like. The hikers and skiers move on to the next, more recently opened slope, and the wildlife moves in.

Help us make it all happen! We're trying to accomplish this with volunteers rather than with a fund drive. If you can wield loppers, haul brush, or operate a chain saw, we can use your help.

We'll have five work parties this fall. They all start at 9:00 and end by noon. Meet near the white A-frame building (the former Alpenglo ski lodge) on the south side of Route 9 near the 100-mile view. Bring your own favorite clearing tool (loppers, hand saw, chain-saw), or borrow one of ours. Note – if you use a chain saw on an HMCA project, you MUST wear chaps and head/ear/eye protection. If you don't have a set of your own safety equipment, you can borrow one of ours.

Sunday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day weekend)

Sunday, Sept 18

Monday, Oct 10 (Columbus Day weekend)

Sunday, Oct 23

Saturday, Nov 12 (Veteran's Day weekend)

To learn more about the project, visit our website and click on the ESH Project tab at the top of the page.
<http://www.hogbackvt.org/>

Questions? Contact us at hogbackvt@gmail.com.

Marlboro School Readies for the 2016-2017 School Year

We are still enjoying the last days of summer - but school is already a busy place. Behind the Outback construction has begun on our **Compost Center** which we hope to have up and running at the start of school. Local craftsman, Jerry Lundsted, and school parent volunteer, Erik vonRanson, are heading up this effort. We will be able to compost much of the school's food waste and the students in the North and South El classrooms will keep the system running smoothly as they learn important lessons about the science of composting.

After numerous attempts to **lower the speed limit** on Route 9 in front of the school, success is ours! Thanks to the efforts of Sue Burt, grandmother to students Roxanne and Cyrus, the Marlboro Select Board, and legislative representatives, Emily Long, Becca Balint, and Mollie Burke the speed limit will soon be lowered to 40mph from Staver Road to beyond the big curve after South Road. You will also notice that a lot of brush and trees have been removed west of the entrance to the school. This improves visibility both for passing motorists and for folks exiting the school parking lot. Thanks to Andrea Howe for organizing this and to Sally White, Phil Howe, and Bob and Nancy Anderson and more (see below).

The Year of the Book! Thanks to the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) and parent volunteer Jess Weitz the

students will receive books for their home libraries, and our classrooms and school library will also receive lots of new books guaranteed to excite all of our student readers. The book give aways throughout the year will be accompanied by special programs by authors and illustrators. CLiF also sponsored our Tuesday morning Summer Library Program along with support from the Marlboro Alliance.

The beginning of the school year is the time to welcome new students and staff. We look forward to doing this in person at the New Year's Eve BBQ on August 29. In Kindergarten, we welcome Astrid, Jacob, Ninah, Juniper, Payson, Milo, Vera, Molly, Dalia, Porter, and their families. Most of the students and their families are new to our school community, while Jacob, Ninah, and Dalia have older siblings already at Marlboro School. In Primary we welcome Duncan and his older brother, Rory, will join us in North El. Matt will also be a new student in North El. We anticipate 82 students as the school year begins.

We also welcome several **new staff members**. Pam Maile joins us as the Primary teacher and Domenick Ottomaneli and Mae Star Salinsky will join us as paraeducators.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Many of you have noticed the tree and brush cutting at Marlboro Elementary School. This has been done by several volunteers to increase the visibility of Marlboro School, and for increased visibility when arriving or leaving the school or recycle center.

A huge THANK YOU to the following volunteers: Bob Anderson (use of his equipment, including tractor, winch, chipper, chain saw and numerous hand tools), Phil Howe and chain saw (expert with chain saw and tree felling), Forrest Holzafpel, Michelle Holzafpel, Sally White, Andrea Howe, and Ben Mousseau.



Marlboro South Branch School students with their teacher, 1917. *Courtesy Marlboro Historical Society*

Marlboro Town Services Want to list your business or skills here? Eemail meg@megmccarthy.com

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 lavignephotography.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

Mark Littlehales -Boat building, repair, maintenance & woodwork for the home. jmark@sover.net, 254-6955

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@RamblingBrookFarmVermon.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

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

Health and Wellness

Lady Moon Healing Hands; Megan MacArthur Littlehales; Reiki for all beings, Massage for dogs; 254-6955 mml.wellness@gmail.com

Refilling Your Well Counseling, Robin White 802-254-2246 www.refillingyourwell.com

Susan Kunhardt, Birth Doula

supporting your birth with respect and joy susank.doula@gmail.com vermontdoula.wordpress.com

Yoga & Yoga Dance 254-7724 kel@sover.net Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin

Heating, Firewood

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

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

Gary MacArthur, 257-7026, Solar PV & hot water systems, gwmaca@gmail.com

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

Music & Music Repairs

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages all styles. gregsbues18@yahoo.com

Russell Horton Drum lessons- private & groups, Drum-set and/or Hand Drums, Drum sales and repair, mrmmbira@gmail.com 802-254-2651

Professional Services

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

Joslyn Haineswood/Owl's Nest Registered home preschool / childcare. After school & vacation care 258-7837 or Owlsnestpreschol@gmail.com

Russell Horton: audio & small appliance repair, computer repairs & upgrades, software & operating tutoring, the.computa.buddha@gmail.com 254-2651

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Next Deadline
October 15 for
the Nov / Dec Mixer

September / October Calendar

Friday, September 2, 11:30am

Senior Lunch at the Marlboro College Student Center

Saturday, September 17, 10am –4pm

Marlboro Town Fair at the Muster Field

Sunday, September 18, 10am –noon

South Pond Cleanup Day for all working members

Monday, September 26

Absentee / early ballots available
for the November General Election

Friday, October 7

Property taxes due

Friday, October 7, 11:30am

Senior Lunch at the Marlboro College Student Center

Thursday, October 10

Columbus Day Town offices closed

