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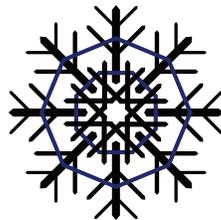
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Marlboro School

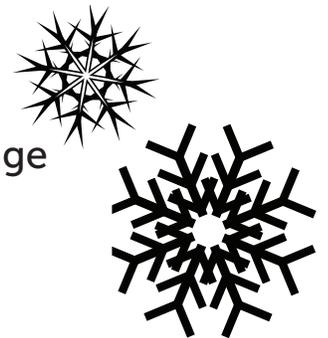
# Winter Bazaar



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, December 5  
9am - 1pm in the Outback**

*Bring the whole family for*  
**Book Fair | Winter Gear Exchange  
Do It Yourself Craft Table  
Bake Sale and Cafe | Games  
Crafters Tables | More!**



## It Takes a Community to Make a Community

The Marlboro Alliance would like to invite to breakfast all the volunteers and donors that help make our community strong. Please plan to drop by the Townhouse on Saturday November 21 sometime between 9 am and 12 noon. We'll have coffee, tea, cider, lots of baked goodies, and a grateful hug or handshake. During this breakfast we encourage you to put your name in for a free raffle of a few meal-themed prizes made with locally produced goods.

This is an event to thank you so, please stop by and let us express our gratitude for your work to help our community!



## From Marlboro School

Gorgeous fall weather has helped us get off to a great start to the school year at Marlboro School. Returning students welcome new students who, in turn, bring an infusion of fresh energy to our school community.

Here's a snapshot from each class.

**Ellen's kindergartners** hosted an Insect Celebration for parents and 3rd-4th grade Reading Buddies. They shared a book they had written, songs, and poems about the insects they had been studying. In addition parent volunteers, Gabe Hulme and Aaron Walsh, met with Ellen to plan for the construction of a shelter in the woods for Forest Kindergarten.

**Judy's Primary class** is studying birds and has been observing them to determine the one characteristic that no other animal has. Can you guess what it is? They visited the Hogback Museum to see stuffed birds up close. They are also reading books by Leo Lionni and using his stories to inspire their own writing.

**Erica's 3rd/4th grade** visited the Food Connects Farm and, among other things, learned about the bee hive. The students had so many questions about these fascinating

### David Tasgal

Marlboro School has been so fortunate to have David Tasgal teach violin to all of our 1st-3rd grade students for the past 15 years. Many students continued with him in the older grades and went on to study and play strings outside of school.

David created his own instructional program, Strings Fun & Easy, which motivated and delighted your children. Their concert pieces sounded professional with David at the piano to support them.

David was unique. His wild hair and outrageous eyebrows framed twinkling eyes and a face full of smiles. He teased his students and joked with them in a way that not many teachers can pull off. Kathy and Lois could always count on David to scrounge some food when the good smells wafted through the halls. He misplaced his keys frequently and was terrible at keeping track of which violin had been assigned to which student. And he was wonderful.

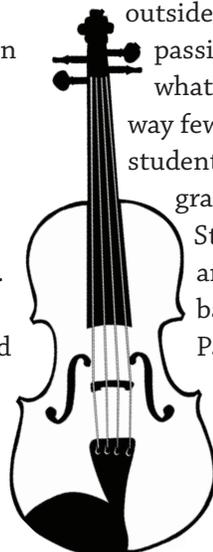
insects that they are extending it into a class research project. What a great way to learn about non-fiction text and to learn how to search for information.

**Pam's 5th/6th grade** class just returned from four days on Cape Cod as they continue Marlboro School's focus on Field Research. Before the trip students were immersed in studying topics such as salt marshes, lighthouses, and whaling. While on the trip they were able to have first hand experiences which resulted in comments such as, "So that's what they mean by 'high tide'!"

**Rachel and Tim's Junior High** took off running with an ice cream booth at the Marlboro Fair and the Cider Sale. They will also be offering Rent a Kid services. All of this focus on fundraising is essential as they begin another two year cycle of Field Research with a week in Washington, DC next spring and Costa Rica the spring of 2017.

So you can see we've been busy. Sadly our happy beginning to the school year was brought to an abrupt end on October 12 by the death of beloved strings teacher, David Tasgal, in a bicycling accident. I've included a tribute to David separately.

Sometimes David came to me with concerns about a student — maybe s/he was misbehaving or not practicing enough or needed to switch groups or was so advanced that he wanted the student to have individual instruction outside of school. He cared deeply and was absolutely passionate about supporting each player in whatever way s/he needed. He "got" kids in a way few of us do. He was elated as the number of students who kept with the violin into the older grades grew. Advanced ensembles were formed. Student bands played contra dances at Sing and the string students collaborated with band students to form an orchestra and play Pachelbel Canon in D. It was remarkable!



David's death leaves a huge void. We are filled with sadness. We are all cherishing the many memories we have which will keep David alive in our hearts.

# From the Poetry Studio

By Ann Gengarely

We have had the most luminous fall; red and yellow leaves shimmering against cobalt blue skies; beauty that takes your breath away. Beauty that in many ways leaves us speechless. At the same time, we are witness to so many sad stories both near and far away.

On October 12th, beloved violin teacher, David Tasgal, was fatally injured in a bicycle crash. In my after-school program, two days after David passed away, young students talked about their grieving this terrible loss.

So often grief cannot be captured in ordinary language. The following poem by an 8-year-old that conveys so profoundly the universal emotion of grief and the hope for transformation shows how poetry can express the ineffable.

### Love and Sorrow

I feel sorry for the gray in the world,  
the ashen color of sorrow.  
I wish the smoky gray  
would turn into pearly white,  
the color of dreams,  
the endless beauty.  
I feel grateful for the golden passion  
of love.  
I wish all the gray of the world  
would transform into pearly white,  
the true color it was meant to be.

Lila Blau  
8 years old



## Marlboro Elementary School

### Annual

# Wreath Sale



**Place your order for holiday wreaths by Monday,  
December 1st.**

**Wreath pick up will be at Marlboro Post Office on December 5th  
from 10 am - 12pm**

Alternative pick up times may be arranged if this time does not work for you.

**Wreaths are made by a local craftsperson and come with a  
red ribbon.**

**For more information call Julia  
von Ranson, 254-5587 or e-mail  
jkvonranson@aol.com**

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**Return to school in an envelope marked "wreath orders."  
Marlboro Elementary School, PO Box D, Marlboro, VT  
05344**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**How many:**

14 inch @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

24 inch @ \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

30 inch @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Wreaths** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ (checks made payable to P&F)

## Junior High Fundraising

Marlboro Junior High is raising money for its class trips by collecting returnable bottles and cans. Please bring your returnables to the "Shed" at the WSWMD Recycle Area located at the Marlboro Elementary School. The Junior high is able to get \$.06 per item (20% extra).

Look for details in the next Mixer on more ways to support the junior high class & their Returnable Bottles & Cans Fundraiser.



## Who are Marlboro's Non-profits? What do they do?

As the end of the year approaches, appeals for charitable giving start appearing in our mailboxes. I am President of a local non-profit, the Marlboro School Association, and in response to questions received last year, would like to share some clarifying information about the different missions of three Marlboro organizations that support local educational needs and rely on the generosity of residents.

1) **The Marlboro School Association** (MSA) was formed in 1994 to support the Marlboro Elementary School (MES) on a long-term basis. We decided to create an organization that would raise funds for, and manage, an endowment for MES. Income from the endowment would be used to provide funds for projects and programs at MES. Each year, proceeds from the annual MSA appeal are added to the ever-growing endowment. Each year, the MSA distributes endowment income "to enrich the Marlboro Elementary School students' education beyond that which can fairly and reasonably be raised through local taxes." Only income is distributed, the endowment remains untouched. So any donations made to the MSA increase the endowment, and benefit all future students at the school, not just those who attend the year donations are made.

Some examples of the many projects MSA has supported over the last 20+ years include: funds for P.E. equipment, school internet access, support for special class trips, playground upgrades, the climbing wall, multiple technology improvements, Outback sound systems, reference books, shelving for the library, soundproofing of various classrooms, and several music programs. For more information about MSA, please contact Adrian Segar, [adrian@segar.com](mailto:adrian@segar.com).

2) **The Marlboro Parents & Friends** (P&F) has been in existence for decades. It is an informal association of current parents and any friends who would like to support the school in its day-to-day activities.

P&F sponsors fundraisers to raise money for teacher, classroom and program short-term or immediate requests that are beyond the means of the regular budget. P&F also sponsors family events and typically starts off the school

year by hosting the back to school potluck.

Room Parents are another active part of P&F and their primary function is to communicate with the teacher to help coordinate various classroom events and projects. For more information about the P&F, please contact Gretchen Webber [webber.gretchen@gmail.com](mailto:webber.gretchen@gmail.com).

As you can see, MSA supports major school-wide projects, programs, and needs at MES, funding projects with long-term benefits or that would not be possible without MSA's financial support, while P&F concentrates on smaller, immediate needs, including financing and programs for parents and the school community. Together, these two school organizations provide complementary support to our school.

3) Finally the **Marlboro Alliance** (MA) is a non-profit umbrella organization for multiple local programs. For a complete description of everything MA does, see Michelle Holzapfel's article elsewhere in this issue of The Mixer.

Here I'll just mention two ways that MA contributes to education in our town. The first is the MA Scholarship Fund, for which there is an annual fall appeal. This fund provides grants to Marlboro K - 12 students to attend summer camp programs, and to older local students for higher education. In addition, MA occasionally provides some funding for a program or need at MES.

For more information about the Marlboro Alliance, please contact Michelle Holzapfel [dmholzapel@gmail.com](mailto:dmholzapel@gmail.com).

The aim of this article has been to help Marlboro residents understand the complementary roles of these three local non-profits. All Marlboro non-profits, including those not mentioned in this article that support other town needs, make important contributions to our community, and I hope you will continue supporting them with your donations and time in the future.

## From Marlboro Alliance

As the year winds down, several community organizations ask for your support. One of these, 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, Family Crisis Fund and Scholarship Fund continue the legacy of our predecessor, the Community Club.

The Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Fund is an independent effort which supports our town's students. Our fall appeal provides scholarships which help our town's students meet the costs of summer programs and expenses for higher education. We disburse the majority of the funds we raise each year.

Last year's appeal brought in \$3360 which helped ten elementary students and six high school students to attend summer programs. Grants of \$400 were given to six college-bound students. Our grants totaled \$4480. And thanks to our first-ever benefit concert we have a modest buffer against the ups and downs of future giving.

We depend on you, our community, to support the 2015-16 Scholarship Fund appeal. If you've been meaning to give, please make this the year that you do. Every dollar helps. Is there any better investment than the education of our community's students?

You may send your tax-deductible contribution to:  
Marlboro Alliance Box 165 Marlboro, VT 05344  
memo: Scholarship Fund

Or DONATE ONLINE through PayPal at our website:  
[www.marlboroalliance.com](http://www.marlboroalliance.com)

We're on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/>

You can email the MarlboroAlliance: [marlboroalliance@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroalliance@gmail.com)

Guidelines for 2016 scholarships will be posted on our website in March of 2016.

As the amazing beauty of fall fades around us, Megan MacArthur Littlehales of **Lady Moon is offering a Late Fall Special for the month of November!** If you sign up for 2 sessions at the regular rate a 3rd session is just \$15! This is an awesome way to experience Reiki for you or for your animal, or massage for your dog. What a perfect way to regenerate and recharge from fall projects and prep for the winter months ahead! Please call me today for more info and to set up your appointment! 802-254-6955, or email [mml.wellness@gmail.com](mailto:mml.wellness@gmail.com)

### **Ames Hill Orchard's apples are ready!**

Cold nights and sunny days have brought out excellent color and flavor in all of our high quality, high altitude fruit! Our retail outlet at 544 Town Hill Road is open for apple sales by chance or by appointment. Call ahead to 254-3344 or just swing by! We have the delicious and juicy Honeycrisps along with more traditional varieties such as McIntosh, Macoun, Jonagold, and Cortland. We also expect to have our unusual varieties such as Mutsu, Shizuka, Baldwin, Cox's Orange Pippin, Russets and more! You can buy fine, fancy fruit locally grown in your town through Thanksgiving.



**Playgroup** at the Meeting House School in Marlboro is held Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., following the Meeting House School calendar. Parents are welcome to attend with their babies and young children. Sarah RobbGrieco is the contact person for anyone wanting more information or wanting to add their email address to the playgroup mailing list. Sarah can be reached at [scgrieco@hotmail.com](mailto:scgrieco@hotmail.com).

## From Marlboro Cares

### Flu Clinic Saturday November 7th

Marlboro Cares in conjunction with VT-NH Visiting Nurses and Hospice will hold a Flu Clinic on Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Marlboro Elementary School. Cost is free to Seniors with their Medicare Cards. Cost for everyone else is \$25.00.

Walk-ins are welcome, but if you would like to have a scheduled appointment, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. Please call 2 days in advance for a ride to the Clinic.

### Senior Lunches

The next Senior lunch will be held November 6, 2015. These wonderful events are more popular and more fun than ever. However, as seating is limited by the room's capacity, reservations are necessary. Please call 258-3030 by Monday, November 2nd to reserve your place. The following lunch will be held Friday, December 4th, when we will be entertained by Singcrony. The deadline for reservations for December's lunch is Monday, November 30th.

It is fine to reserve ahead of time for more than one luncheon, however we do request that if you can not make the lunch, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030 to let us know. There have been waiting lists for the last few lunches, so we would like to give your place to someone else, if you can't make it.

Senior Lunches are held at 11:30 a.m. in the Coffee Shop at Marlboro College, still for a charge of only \$3.00. Any resident of Marlboro over the age of 60 is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a delicious meal, an interesting talk or music, and a good time with your neighbors. Please call for a ride 2 days ahead.

### 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.

## From the Selectboard

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned. Please note the meetings in November and December will be on the first and third Thursdays instead of the second and fourth Thursdays because of the holidays. The dates the board will be meeting will be November 5 and 19; December 3, and 17. There may be a meeting scheduled December 30 if needed for year-end matters.

The Board met Marlboro College President Kevin Quigley and discussed matters of mutual interest. They will get together periodically as issues and events arise..

The Board met with Brattleboro's Town Manager to discuss sharing animal control officer services. It appears unlikely what Brattleboro has to offer will work for Marlboro. The board will check with the new ACO in Newfane to see about sharing services. If you or someone you know is interested in taking on ACO responsibilities in Marlboro, please contact the select board.

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](mailto:marlboroselectboard@gmail.com) or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344. Visit the website: [marlborovt.us](http://marlborovt.us).



**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

### **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

**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

### **Health and Wellness**

**Lady Moon Holistic Health**; 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

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

### **Music & Music Repairs**

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

**Russell O**, 254-2651, Drum repair and lessons

Plumbing, Heating, Wood

**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

### **Professional Services**

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

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

**802-254-2651 Malcolm Moore**, 254-5664, surveygmls@gmail.com Green Mountain Land Surveying

**Kate Tarlow Morgan**, 257 0855 or katetarlowmorgan@gmail.com Editorial Skills, Stretch Coach/Prevention

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

**Donald Sherefkin**, AIA 254-9736. Architectural Services, sherefkin@gmail.com



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Next Deadline  
Dec. 15 for  
the Jan. / Feb. Mixer

## November and December Calendar

*Friday, October 30, 4pm*

**The Hope and Promise of DUI and other Drug Courts: Talk by Robert Sand.** Ragle Hall, Serkin Center, Marlboro College.

*Sunday, November 1, 3pm*

**Music for a Sunday Afternoon: Original jazz by Marty Ehrlich and Matan Rubinstein.** Ragle Hall, Serkin Center, Marlboro College.

*Friday, Nov. 6*

**Senior Lunch** 11:30 a.m. in the Coffee Shop at Marlboro College

*Saturday, Nov. 7*

**Flu Clinic** 9:30 to 11:30am at the Marlboro Elementary School.

*Friday, November 13, 4pm*

**An Incurable Pain: Discussion of Islamic perspectives on addiction** by Amer Latif. Ragle Hall, Serkin Center, Marlboro College

*Sunday, November 15, 4pm*

**Music for a Sunday Afternoon: Jazz masters Matthew Shipp and Michael Bisio.** Ragle Hall, Serkin Center, Marlboro College

*Saturday, Nov. 21*

**Volunteer Breakfast** 9:00 a.m. till noon at the Townhouse

*Friday, Dec. 4*

**Senior Lunch** 11:30 a.m. in the Coffee Shop at Marlboro College

*Saturday, December 5*

**Marlboro School Winter Bazaar** 9am - 1pm in the Outback

