

# NEW SALEM NEWS - July Newsletter

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## 1794 Meetinghouse July Events

**Paula Bradley & the Twangbusters:** Paula Bradley and the Twangbusters, tearin' up the blues & bop "with a heapin' helpin' of twang" on Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. You probably recognize Bradley's name as the front person of the legendary *Girl Howdy* band.

**Jolly Beggars:** The *Jolly Beggars* perform their tasteful array of rich, traditional Celtic music Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Natraj:** On Sunday July 14th at 4 p.m., *Natraj* will expand the horizons of listeners with Indian classical, West African traditional, and jazz music.

**Alasdair Roberts & Sam Moss:** Alasdair Roberts and Sam Moss will perform lively Scottish ballads, and pre-war American country, blues, and folk on Thursday, July 18th at 7:30 p.m.

**Ecology of Sound:** On Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m., experience African, Native American, Indigenous Peoples, South American, and Brazilian Music in a single power packed interactive performance by *Ecology of Sound*. Children are especially encouraged to attend and participate.

**Tall Heights:** Get a rare chance to hear *Tall Heights*, a fixture in Boston's folk/rock scene and nationally touring act with worldwide fan base on Thursday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m.

**Patty Larkin:** Then on Saturday, July 27th at 7:30 p.m., closing out the regular 2013 Meetinghouse concert season is none other than legendary singer-songwriter and urban-folk/pop phenomenon, Patty Larkin.

**Northern Routes:** Throughout June and July during our 2013 performance season, the 1794 Meetinghouse will present *Northern Routes 2: 4 Adventures in New Music*. The series features the best in adventurous, underground music with performances by artists working across a spectrum of experimental styles, from acoustic fusions of folk and improvisation to electronic textures and soundscapes. Back by popular demand, Northern Routes is in its second year as an adjunct series at the Meetinghouse and is on its way to becoming a perennial feature.

Tickets to the 1794 Meetinghouse range from \$10-\$15 for adults. Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Meetinghouse's secure web site at [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org). You can purchase tickets to all 1794 Meetinghouse performances at Bruce's Browser, 1497 Main Street in Athol, MA. Tickets are also available at the door the day of the show. Doors open 30 minutes before performance times. Tickets are not available by phone. For more information visit [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org). or call [\(978\) 544-5200](tel:9785445200).

### **Old Home Day Update**

As you may or may not know, the theme of this year's Old Home Day is "*It Takes More Than Ten Villages....*". In addition, to our traditional events and contests, this year the Old Academy Building will be open with a New Salem Villages exhibit. Rick Leonard will be reprising his popular *Walking Tour of the Historic Homes of New Salem Center*. The *Inside/Outside Dance Group* will be performing again this year. The New Salem Energy Committee is sponsoring a Solar-Powered Car Race for kids. Kids will make small solar-powered cars from kits and then race them on a 30 foot track. Dale Monette of New Salem, who works for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, will show his well-received presentation on the Quabbin Reservoir "Before and After". A mini-golf course is being created with holes representing each former New Salem village. The *Tequila Amigos*, an Herb-Alpert style band will be playing two sets and the *Mid-Range Trio* will be entertaining at the Pizza Party. The preliminary schedule is attached.

**Looking for Old Home Day Volunteers:** It also takes more than just an Old Home Day Committee to put on an Old Home Day. We are looking for volunteers to donate just ONE hours of their time on Old Home, Saturday, July 20th, to help monitor the mini-golf game, watch the kids in Hamilton Orchard's Apple Bounce House, help with traditional contests and greet people. Please contact either Jane Clukay at 544-2660 or Janet Henderson at 544-3610 or e-mail [nsoldhomeday@gmail.com](mailto:nsoldhomeday@gmail.com) if you can help us out.

**Looking for Old Home Day Vendors:** We are also looking for vendors to display their wares on the Common. Please use the contact information above for more information.

**Looking for Cake Walk Bakers:** Calling for all you bakers to put your best cake to the test in our annual Cake Walk. Bakers make two cakes. One for "cake walkers" to sample and one for them to win. "Walkers" purchase tokens and use them to "vote" for the cakes they love the best and would like to win. A drawing is held at the end and the winner takes the un-sampled cake home. The baker of the cake with the most

cakes wins a prize! If you are interested in baking, call Bonnie Stewart at 610-608-4891. Please call by July 12th.

### ***Beyond Genocide Exhibit at the Old Academy Building***

The newly restored Old Academy Building (established: 1838) at 3 Academy Drive, now serves the public as a museum and cultural center. Inaugurating its 2013 exhibition season is the award winning series: *Beyond Genocide* by New Salem artist Amy Fagin of *20th Century Illuminations*. It is group of exquisite illuminations inspired by the culture and experiences of numerous countries that have experienced genocide. The July schedule for the exhibit is Saturday, July 6th from 10:00-1:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 11th & 18th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, July 27th from 10:00-1:00 p.m. It will run until August 17th. For more information on the exhibit, call 978-544-2247 or go to [20thcenturyilluminations.com](http://20thcenturyilluminations.com). Tours or visits at other times are available by appointment.

### **New Salem Library News**

**Summer Reading Program:** Each week there will be a specific theme featuring books selected for varying age groups and a fun activity for all.

July 2: *Gnome Sculpting*

July 9: *Cavern of Caves* - Treasure Hunt and Gnome painting

July 16: *Dig into Egypt* - Snake Bracelets and Hieroglyphics

July 23: *Fairies and Elves*

July 30: *Bookworm Bop* - The Bookworm Bop” for ages 4 and up with Mary Jo Maichack plays like a variety show with audience participation. Listeners will also be treated to the story, “The Stonecutter,” help act out the Russian tale, “The Enormous Turnip,” and in costume, a hilarious new tale about a kid who won’t take a bath. Sing-along and laugh to celebrate the “Dig Into Reading” theme for summer reading. This program is free.

### ***WHERE’S THE GNOMAD???***

*Gnomad the Gnome* is roaming this summer and you could win a prize! He'll be in a different spot every week from June 18th to July 30th. Pick up an entry form at the library, fill in the locations where you think the gnome has been spotted (a picture of the gnome in place is provided at library). Entries due August 1st and winners will be announced at the Summer Reading Party in August.

**Worm Bin Raffle:** The New Salem Public Library will be raffling off their Worm Bin in August. Read a book and get a ticket to put in the raffle box to win a Worm Bin!

### ***New Salem Library Kid's Club***

The New Salem Library Kid’s Club would like to thank the New Salem Academy for generously funding our after school program. We would also like to thank Dan Thayer, Reid Van Iderstine, Pat Skaza, Joy Brenneman, Sue Dunbar, Diana Smith, Janet Henderson and Paul Daley for their enthusiastic assistance throughout the year.

### ***Friends of the New Salem Public Library Book Sale***

The Friends of the New Salem Public Library is accepting book donations for our GIANT BOOK SALE on Old Home Day (Saturday, July 20th). Please look over your shelves and collect those gently used books you have read or

want to read but know you never will  
and bring to the library by Saturday, July 13  
PLEASE: No encyclopedias, magazines or moldy books. MANY, MANY THANKS!

### **Free Swim lessons at Lake Mattawa**

Free swimming lessons are being offered to New Salem and Wendell children ages 5 and up. The lessons will be at 10:30 a.m. at Lake Mattawa and will be taught by the staff of the Athol YMCA Aquatics Program. The program will be offered July 8-12th and July 15-19th. You may register for one or two weeks. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday (with Friday for a rain make-up only). Register in person at the Athol YMCA or by calling the YMCA at 978-249-3305. This program is sponsored by the New Salem Recreation Committee.

### **Council on Aging**

**Luncheons:** Luncheons will be on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Gather in the basement of the Town Hall at 10:00 for bingo. At noon lunch is served. Please sign up with Hendra Reidy at 978-544-2178 by Monday before each luncheon. On July 12<sup>th</sup> there will be turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, and chocolate Graham bar. On the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a chef's salad, macaroni salad, Italian bread and fresh fruit.

**Old Home Day Tin Can Auction:** The Council will do a Tin Can Auction again at Old Home Day on Saturday, July 20th. If you would like to contribute a handmade item for the auction or an item for one of our baskets (Chocolate Lovers, Ice Cream Lovers, and Breakfast), please let Hendra know.

#### ***"Ernest Hemingway" Visits***

On July 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. after the Council on Aging luncheon, Richard Clark will perform as Ernest Hemingway. This performance is funded by the New Salem Cultural Council and is **open to everyone**. Richard's poster says: "Relieve with Ernest those days from World War I through the inauguration of John F. Kennedy. The tragedies and triumphs, the joys and sorrows, the sacred and the profane, the loves and losses... The life force of the master craftsman considered by his peers as the 'greatest writer since Shakespeare'" Clark has been performing for over 30 years in New England regional theater and New York Theater. **Let your neighbors know about this free performance.**

### **Community Network for Children Summer Programs**

If you are interested in more information about any of the events listed below, please call or email Gillian Budine, Coordinator, 978-544-5157 or Budine@erving.com. You can also access information at our website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/> or find us on Facebook at "Community Network for Children".

Playgroups and story hours happen weekly and are intended for children 0-5 years of age. Come and enjoy time with your child(ren) and other families and caregivers from your community! See below for more information about all of the playgroups and story hours happening in our school union during July and August.

### *Wendell Playgroup*

Location: Wendell Free Library, 7 Wendell Depot Road, Wendell

Day and Time: Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Summer session: July 10th – August 21. Begins again on September 11th.

### *Leverett Story Hour*

Location: Leverett Public Library, 75 Montague Road, Leverett

Day and Time: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Summer session: July 10th – August 21. Begins again on September 11th.

### *Summer Playgroup at Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center*

Location: 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield

Day and Time: Fridays, July 12 – August 23, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

**Free.** Meet up with friends and enjoy some outdoor time this summer! We will take strolls on the trails, work on art projects, play with water and other sensory materials and notice nature with the help of the playgroup facilitator and other special guests. Best for children 0-8 years old. Open to the public. No registration necessary.

### *Shutesbury Story Hour*

Location: M.N. Spear Memorial Library, 10 Cooleyville Road, Shutesbury

Day and Time: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Summer session sponsored by Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library: July 1 – August 26.

### **Hilltown Brewfest**

The Hilltown Brewfest planning is underway for its 6th annual fest being held on September 7th. Three bands have confirmed: *The Boothill Express*, *Evenspeak* and *Boston Blackthorne*. Check out the Brewfest website at <http://www.hilltownbrewfest.com/> or check them out on Facebook for up to date information, advance tickets and information.

### **Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation – Great Park Pursuit!**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation has launched its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Great Park Pursuit (GPP), a summer-long series of free family adventures in Massachusetts state parks. GPP teams design six personalized Park Pursuit adventures from hundreds of parks and programs. Teams take their own “GPP Squirrel” mascot along, snap a photo with the mascot and post their adventures online. To join the GPP which runs through August 24<sup>th</sup>, log onto <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/gpp> for more information.

## **TOWN NOTICES**

### **Selectboard Meetings**

The selectboard will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8 and July 22 at the Stowell Building. Kathy Soule-Regine of the Website Committee will be making the Selectboard meeting minutes available on the New Salem website at [www.newsalem-massachusetts.org](http://www.newsalem-massachusetts.org). Only approved minutes will be posted on the website therefore they may not be immediately available after a scheduled meeting.

## **FY2014 Preliminary Real Estate & Personal Property 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tax Notice**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Fiscal Year 2014 Preliminary Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills were mailed out by June 30. This is to remind you that FY2014 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are now due and payable. The due date for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter's bills is August 1, 2013. Payments received after that date will be charged interest and fees.

If you have questions regarding your bill you may call 978-544-5775 and leave a message stating your name, phone number and the address of your property. You may also email your request for information to [newsalemtax@aol.com](mailto:newsalemtax@aol.com). Questions regarding the assessed value of your property, abatements or exemptions should be directed to the Assessors at 978-544-5814.

Non-cash payments may be deposited in the tax payment drop box located in front of the town hall or mailed to the Tax Collector's office at 24 South Main St., New Salem, MA 01355. Payments may also be scheduled or paid online at [www.unitaxonline.com](http://www.unitaxonline.com) or through the online tax payment link on the Town of New Salem website at [www.newsalem-massachusetts.org](http://www.newsalem-massachusetts.org). Cash payments may be made during the Tax Collector's office hours at 24 South Main Street on Tuesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

Assessment information and abatement forms can be found on the Assessors and Tax Collector pages at the town website at [www.newsalem-massachusetts.org](http://www.newsalem-massachusetts.org).

## **UP & COMING**

September 6-8,13-15	<i>The County Fair</i> by Johnson & Lichtenberg at Meetinghouse
September 7	Hilltown Brewfest
September 21	<a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste Day</a>
October 19	<a href="#">Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Day</a>

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