

# NEW SALEM NEWS - June Newsletter

<b>June 1</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting</b>
June 3	Teens and Tweens
June 9	Daniel Shays Rebellion Speaker
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June 12	Council on Aging Luncheon
June 13	Christine Ohlman & Rebel Montez at 1794 Meetinghouse
June 14	Quabbin Valley Pro Musica at 1794 Meetinghouse
June 17	Teens and Tweens at the Library
June 18	Haley Hewitt at the 1794 Meetinghouse
June 20	Tim Eriksen & The Trio de Pumpkintown at the 1794 Meetinghouse
June 21	SRVHS Bus trip through New Salem and Dana
June 21	Hartka-Sinkevych Duo at the 1794 Meetinghouse
June 24	Teens and Tweens at the Library
June 25	Sam Amidon at the 1794 Meetinghouse
June 26	Council on Aging Luncheon
June 27	Tracey Grammer with Jim Henry at the 1794 Meetinghouse
June 28	Jeff Warner at the 1794 Meetinghouse

## 1794 Meetinghouse June Performances

A 1794 Meetinghouse favorite, *Christine Ohlman* and her band *Rebel Montez* will kick off the 1794 Meetinghouse summer concert schedule on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Ohlman, a.k.a. the "Beehive Queen", the longtime lead vocalist on Saturday Night Live has been described as the queen of blue-eyed soul. A champagne reception precedes the concert at 6:45 pm.

June 14: *Quabbin Pro Musica* – The 1794 Meetinghouse's resident chorus, conducted by UMass professor emeritus, Charles Heffernan, will be performing Brahms *Requiem* on Sunday at 4:00 pm.

June 18: *Haley Hewitt* – One of the foremost Celtic harp musicians will be playing Scottish music and traditional music from all around the world on Thursday at 7:30 pm.

June 20: *Tim Eriksen & The Trio de Pumpkintown* – The first show in the *Celebration of American Folk Music Traditions* series, Tim Eriksen and the Trio de Pumpkintown will be performing traditional ballads and folksongs on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

June 21: *Hartka-Sinkevych Duo* – Rebecca Hartka (cello) and Inesa Sinkevych (piano) will perform *1815, 1915, 2015* a selection which celebrates the anniversaries of cello and piano works on Sunday at 4:00 pm. The pair have trained and performed internationally.

June 25: *Sam Amidon* – The second show in the American folk music series features Vermont-born singer/instrumentalist Sam Amidon sharing his take on traditional music on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

June 27: *Tracy Grammer with Jim Henry* – Grammer is a major folk singer/songwriter who has performed around the world. She and Jim Henry will be performing post-

modern folk on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

June 28: *Jeff Warner* – The third show in the American folk music series will not only be a concert of traditional music, but also a presentation on the folksong-collecting work done of his parents, Anne and Frank Warner. This will be an evening event on Sunday at 7:30 pm.

Go to [www.1794meetinghouse.org](http://www.1794meetinghouse.org) for more information and ticket info.

### **Town-Wide Tag Sale Has Over 22 Vendors**

The New Salem Recreation Committee would like to thank Lynn Layton sincerely for her tireless efforts organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Town-Wide Tag Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The successful event had over 22 vendors this year and was able to contribute \$200 to the New Salem Recreation Committee for events.

### **Rabbit Run Thank Yous**

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, over 85 runners from New Salem and around the state participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Rabbit Run. The event raised over \$250 for the Swift River 100 Mile Club.

The New Salem Recreation Committee would like to give a big thank you to Carla Halpern for heading up the Rabbit Run race this year. She would like to thank the Recreation Committee for their support and the following people:

Registration, set up and race monitors: Jean Derderian, Lisa and Mailande DeWitt, Bo and Janet Henderson, Elina, Gareth and Sonya Gordon-Halpern, Hugh Field, Jen Potee, Deb Rolski, Lucien Rolski, Carol Trossett, Fran Wisnewski

Publicity: Nan Meade and Christine Morin

Support: Jerry Houle (DCR), Marcy Helems (NSPD)

In addition, she would like to thank the New Salem sponsors: The 1794 Meetinghouse, Breezeway Farm, John DeWitt Business & Consulting, West River Builders, and Whittier Plumbing & Heating. Other sponsors include the Blind Pig, Dean's Beans, Deja Brew, Diemand Farm, Fran's Designer Outlet, Hannaford, Herrick's Tavern, The Humble Baker, Kimball-Cooke, Lyman Signs, Orange Oil, Pete's Tire Barn, Stan's Fine Wines & Liquor, Trailhead, Wal-Mart, Witty's Funeral Home, and WJDF.

### **Old Home Day Committee Looking for Old-Fashioned Fun Games Volunteers**

The theme of this year's Old Home Day on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is *Old-Fashioned Fun*.

*Volunteers:* We are looking for volunteers who will help out for about 30 minutes on Old Home Day with old-fashioned events or games. If you would like to help, email [nsoldhomeday@gmail.com](mailto:nsoldhomeday@gmail.com) or call 978-544-3410 or 978-544-2660. We will match you up with an activity of event of your choice.

*Vendors:* Also, as always, we are looking for vendors. It is only \$10 for a 10' by 10' spot, if pre-registered, or \$15 on the day of the event. A registration form with all the detail is attached.

*Cake Walk:* Interested cake bakers, please contact Sunday Lefebvre 978-575-0116.

Save the date: **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **New Salem Agriculture Commission**

The New Salem Agriculture Commission is meeting on June 11 at 6:00 pm in the

library. All are welcome to attend. Come share your ideas about future programs relating to subjects such as food, farming, and gardening.

### **The New Salem Community Garden**

Just a quick note to invite anyone who has perennials that need to be split to give Sandy Spiewak a call at 413-219-4458. The community garden is having its 2nd annual plant sale fundraiser at Old Home Day, and we appreciate all the plants you can spare. If you have vegetable plants to donate to our Giving Garden, please contact Sandy asap, as we are preparing a more visible community growing area this year! Thank you very, very much for all of your support! This is proving to be an exciting year for the 12 of us! We hope to see you visiting our tiny growing paradise behind the old town hall!

### **New Salem Library News**

*Museum Passes:* The New Salem Public Library has received two more museum passes as donations from the Clark Institute in Williamstown and the Brattleboro Museum in Brattleboro VT. Please check the availability of these and our other passes, purchased by the Friends of the New Salem Public Library, at the front desk. The Friends of the New Salem Public Library have also recently funded a Butterfly Museum Pass. It should be here soon!

*Teens and Tweens Club:* We have a Wii game system and lots of games for you to unwind with. Want to sew? We have the sewing machine and some fabric for you to work with. Want to march in New Salem Old Home Day? Come help us design a float! And in July? Come make your own video games with Travis Bigley. He designed his first game when he was 11. He'll be here July 1st, 15th and 29<sup>th</sup>. Call 978-544-6334 for more information.

*Pizza and Pages:* TBA.

*Green Club for Kids:* TBA

*Book Discussion Group:* TBA.

*Computer Help:* Sue Dunbar is available for one-on-one computer help anytime, but especially on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Please ask Sue if you are having a computer problem or would like to learn a computer program, such as Excel.

### **Friends of the New Salem Library News**

Time to get ready for the Giant Book Sale sponsored by the Friends at Old Home Day in July. Take a look at your book shelves and pick out all the old books you've already read or those new ones you will never get to. You can drop them off at the library between June 27th and July 11th. That will give us time to put them in order before the sale and not have them pile up too high for too long in the library. We accept all books (except those that are moldy or torn), CD's DVD's and books on tape. NO magazines or encyclopedias, please. We especially like to have a wide assortment of children's books. So now is the time to clean out those books you have been collecting throughout the year. And many thanks!

*Beverages Available:* The Friends of the New Salem Public Library remind you that we have coffee, tea, cocoa, and cider available to patrons. Check out the Keurig machine and offerings on the table next to Diana's window. Donations are gratefully accepted for these beverages.

### **Friends of Historic New Salem Presents Daniel Shays Rebellion Speaker**

On Tuesday June 9, the Friends of Historic New Salem will be presenting Dennis Picard of director of Storrowton Village in West Springfield who will be presenting *A Little Rebellion, Now and Then: A History of the Daniel Shays Rebellion* about the farmer, turned Revolutionary War soldier, turned rebel. This event is part of their History series and will take place at the Old Academy Building at 7:00 pm.

### **Council on Aging News**

*Luncheons and bingo:* In June we will meet twice at the Town Hall, gathering at 10:00 am for Bingo and coffee with lunch at noon. Please call Hendra Reidy to reserve a spot. (978-544-2178). On Friday, June 12th, the lunch will be lasagna with meat sauce, California veggies, Italian bread, and a ginger cookie. On Friday, June 26th, the lunch will be lentil soup, turkey with gravy, scalloped potatoes, and applesauce.

*Old Home Day:* On July 18th the Council will hold its annual Tin Can Auction. If you have a hand-made item for our auction, please call Judy Jewett (978-544-2216) or Hendra Reidy (978-544-2178). We will be putting three baskets together: Chocolate, Breakfast, and Family Fun. If you have an item to contribute for the baskets, please let us know.

*Busy Bs:* We continue to meet on Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Stowell Building. Bring your sewing project and join us.

### **Swift River Valley Historical Society Schedules Hikes and Bus Trips in Quabbin**

Limited spaces so contact the office immediately by phone (978-544-6882) or email at megansrvhs@gmail.com.

*Bus Trip #1:* Sunday, June 21st bus trip through New Salem & Dana, depart from SRVHS 11:00 am.

*Bus Trip #2:* Sunday, October 4th Prescott bus trip, depart from SRVHS at 11:00 am.

*Hike #3:* Sunday, October 18th, hike to Indian Kitchen & plane crash site, meet at gate 40, 11:00 am.

Hikes are free; a \$25 per person donation is asked for bus trips, space reserved in advance. Send checks to: Swift River Valley Historical Society (SRVHS) at P.O. Box 22, New Salem, MA 01355.

## **TOWN NOTICES**

### **Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 1 will take place at 7:00 pm in the New Salem Town Hall at 15 South Main Street. There are 36 items on the warrant. Article 5 concerns the broadband access for the town.

### **Tax Collector's Office Closed Through June 4 to June 18**

Tax Collector's Office will be closed Thursday June 4 through Thursday June 18

-Mailed in money orders will be accepted in lieu of in person cash payments during this period of time.

- Money orders or checks may be placed in the black tax payment drop box located in front of the Town Hall.
- Money orders or checks may also be mailed to the Tax Collector, 24 S. Main St., and New Salem, MA 01355
- Payments for current bills may be made online at [unitaxonline.com](http://unitaxonline.com)
- If you have questions email [newsalemtax@aol.com](mailto:newsalemtax@aol.com) and the Tax Collector will get back to you as soon as possible.

**New Salem Transfer Station News**

*Winners:* The winners for April on the cleanup New Salem contest were Sue and Bob Jillson. They won a package of 10 Trash Bags for cleaning up the side of the road. If you are interested in trying to win some free bags, talk to Bob at the Transfer Station and he will let you know what you need to do to try and win. Thank you Sue and Bob for caring about keeping your town clean.

*Suggestion Box at Transfer Station:* There will be a suggestion box at the New Salem Transfer Station. If you have any suggestions for ways to improve the Transfer Station just leave it in the box.

**Selectboard News**

*Selectboard Meetings:* The Selectboard normally meets at 7:00 pm. on every other Monday at the Stowell Building. If the Monday is a holiday, the Selectboard meet on the Tuesday of that week. To verify a meeting date, contact the Town Coordinator at 544-6437.

**UP & COMING**

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| July 18    | New Salem Old Home Day   |
| October 4  | SRVHS Prescott bus trip  |
| October 18 | SRVHS Hike to Indian Kitchen and plane crash site from Gate 40 |

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