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Editor's Note:

In September, there will be a new editor of the New Salem Newsletter. This is a good opportunity to consider making changes to the content, format, policies of the Newsletter (it's also good to see what other towns are doing (!). We could put links to these newsletters at the end of our newsletter. :) If you are interested in seeing changes in the newsletter, I would suggest you talk to friends in other town's about their newsletters and/or check them out online.

Petersham: petershamcommon.com/news

Shutesbury: shutesbury.org/newsletter

Warwick: warwickma.org, select link to Newsletter

Wendell: Wendell has a listserv.

Shutesbury's newsletter is done by the Town Clerk.

Others are done by the Public Library or the Friends of the Library

Goodbye

I will sign off by saying that I will miss doing the New Salem Newsletter. I actually enjoyed doing it, so I did not consider it work. I felt it was very important that people find out the facts about what was going on, instead of relying on secondary sources. I hope the newsletter will be expanded and fill an even more important role in the town.

Yours,

Jane Clukay

OLD HOME DAY WINNERS AND THANK YOU'S

The Old Home Day Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who, as we were "saluting" them this year, were volunteering. :)

Old-Fashioned Contests:

Sack Race

7 and under - Brian Coveli

8-14 years - Aliwah Santana

Spoon Race

7 and under - Brian Coveli

8-14 years - Astha Bernard

Wheelbarrow Race

8-14 years - Astha Bernard and Carra Fitzgerald

Traditional Contests:

The coordinator of the traditional contests has not been able to get access to the contest envelopes to obtain the names of the winners. But the gift certificates are coming (!) and the names of the winners will be in the next newsletter.

1794 Meetinghouse Quilt Raffle: Elizabeth Devlin

Ami Fagin Print Raffle: David Gauthier

New Salem Library News

Lego Club: The Lego Club will be held on Saturday, August 13th from 12:30-2:00 pm. This program is offered at the same time the second Saturday of each month.

Teens and Tweens: You must pre-register for this program by Every Wednesday, snacks, computers, games, movies, all free - only for 11 to 18 year olds from any town. Call [978-544-6334](tel:978-544-6334) for information.

Coloring for Adults: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm come to the library to relax and color with your friends. Adults are discovering that coloring isn't just for kids anymore, and it's a great way to reduce stress. Pictures and pencils provided.

Free Lunch: Lunch is from 1:00-1:30 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all summer long. There are programs for little kids on Tuesdays and teens meet right after lunch on Wednesdays.

Friends of the New Salem Public Library

Old Home Day Update: The Friends of the New Salem Public Library would like to thank everyone for supporting our recent book sale and raffle at New Salem Old Home Day on July 16th. This year's winner of the Kindle Fire/Tablet and Amazon gift certificate is Gioia Palmieri of Durham, North Carolina. The "Friends" appreciate the generous donations of books, DVDs and CDs, as well as the many people who volunteered their time.

Ongoing Used Book Sale: The Friends of the New Salem Public Library have an "ongoing" used book sale at the New Salem Public Library, where good hardcover and paperback books can be purchased for very reasonable prices (from \$1 to \$2 for adult titles and .50 to \$1.00 for children's books). The sale books are located in both entrances to the library as well as the "Book Closet" in the back right of the children's section. They can be purchased by paying a member of the library staff. It's a great place to find books to bring with you on a summer vacation!

Book Donations: The "Friends" also seeks small donations of books (adult and children's) throughout the year in order to replenish our ongoing sale or to be used by the library. Any books not kept will be donated to "Big Hearted Books".

Council on Aging News

Luncheons: We will meet downstairs in the Town Hall at 10:00 am for coffee, Bingo and visiting with lunch to follow at noon. Please call Hendra Reidy to sign up ([978-544-2178](tel:978-544-2178)). On Friday, August 12th, we will have Chicken Jambalaya with brown rice, California Vegetable Blend, whole wheat bread, and a chocolate brownie. On Friday, August 26th, we will serve steak and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, green beans, a Sub roll, and blueberry Buckle.

Busy B's:

We continue to meet every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Senior Center in the Stowell

Building. Bring your project or just come and check on what others are making. Feel free to drop in.

New Salem Agricultural Commission and Community Garden News

Thank you to those who supported our beautiful fundraising endeavors at Old Home Day, it was great fun! Particular thanks to Laurenitis Farm for donating our hanging basket to raffle and Lyn and Jeff Adams for providing our tent. We had eight beautiful flower bouquets to raffle thanks to ladies in town who grow many lovely flowers. A special thank you to Bruce Spencer for donating a cord of wood which was auctioned. Our gardeners made the Community Garden shine, and tours were well received. A lot of preparation was well worth the many compliments! Thank you everyone!

Please stop by and help yourself to any ripe vegetables in this marked garden (pink posts outline the space).

New Meditation Class

A new meditation class is being offered at the While Elephant Studio, 19 West Main Street in Orange by New Salem resident, Jo Ellen Boskind. The class will begin on Monday July 25 and continue on August 1, 15 and 22. We will meet as always from 6:30-8:00 pm. We will focus our discussion on ways of bringing compassion and calm to difficult situations. The cost is \$40 for the course and \$12 for drop-in. To register please contact Jo Ellen at [978-249-0929](tel:978-249-0929) or by email at jboskind@westmass.com.

Talk, Read & Play

Talk, Read & Play is a free home-visiting program for families with children two years old and younger who live in New Salem, Wendell, Shutesbury, Leverett and Erving. Help build the foundation for your child's learning. Participants will receive free books, toys and learning materials. When children talk, read and play, they build skills that prepare them for a lifetime of success. To participate in this free program or have questions call [978-544-5157](tel:978-544-5157). Find flyer and more details at the Community Network for Children's website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren>

TOWN NOTICES

Town Selectboard

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.

LOCAL

18th Annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival

The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 2016 10:00-5:00 pm both days. Shine or Rain Location: Forster's Farm, 60 Chestnut Hill Rd. Orange, MA 01364, No Pets Allowed Travel and Shuttle Info, Schedule of Events and List of Exhibitors at: www.garlicandarts.org. Admission: Only \$5 per day for Adults, \$8 for a weekend pass. Kids 12 and under free.

UPCOMING

September 24-25.

18th Garlic and Arts Festival

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