

Old Home Day

Saturday, July 18

N E W S A L E M C O M M O N

V E N D O R S

Aerolux
 Lynn Boudreau Jewelry
 Broadband Committee
 Clearview Composting
 Community Network for Children
 John Burk Photography
 Joanne Chapin
 Donna Eaton Art
 Ron Jacobs Crafts
 Shirley Lewis
 Rosemary Lyman Crafts
 Mount Grace Land Trust
 Sheila Murphy Crafts
 New Salem Preserves
 North Quabbin Harvest
 Ron Oliverio Sand Art
 Pam Santucci Pottery
 Sugarbush Farm

PARADE

Vintage Cars
 Lett's Horses
 "Old-Fashioned Comic Book Characters" Float
 Draft Horses
 Old-Fashioned Costume Contest entrants
 Fire trucks from New Salem, Athol, Orange, Petersham, Shutesbury, & Wendell
 Surprises!

"OLD-FASHIONED FUN

During Old Home Day this year, we will be enjoying "good old-fashioned fun".

If you are having old-fashioned fun, you have to have a sack race and a three-legged race and a relay race.



Our relay race will be a potato in the spoon relay.

All these contest will take place in the volleyball court south of the fire station and will be run by Genie Casey and Judy Northrup-Bennett with the help of Mahar Key Club members, Ava Paine, Meghan and Sean Doyle, Aimee Dupont, Hunter and Sophia Apteker, Megan Miller, Emily Inman, and Lauran Henne.

There will also be an old-fashioned wooden hoop and stick contest (see photo) in front of the Old Academy Building/New Salem Academy Museum on Academy Drive. We are planning on having four categories for each of these

contests: Children under 6, 6-10 year olds, 11-15 year olds and 16 year old and over (yes that means adults, too!). Prizes will be coupons for free ice cream cones donated by 202 Grill and Ice Cream Bar next to Herrick's Tavern.

At the beginning of the second set of the K Street Saxophone Quartet, they will be helping us with a musical chairs contest on the lawn next to the band.

We are planning to have a set of good, old-fashioned "Bags" set up next to the Old Academy Building in the playground. Kids of all ages are invited to play!



Lauren Ruch practicing with the wooden hoop and stick.

Now let's get serious old-fashioned fun - hand-cranked ice cream. Eleanor McGinnis has loaned her hand-crank ice cream maker to enable us to provide great home-made ice cream.

The ice cream maker will be set up outside the Stowell Building and people will be invited to contribute 25 cranks. Their return: a free sample of the completed product.

Old-Fashioned Games



Dawn Ward, who has done kids activities at Old Home Days in past years will be doing "old-fashioned" kids games and activities at 1:00 in front of the library. She will have tops, kaleidoscopes, tiddly-winks, Jacob's Ladder, Cat's Cradle string games, button spinners, marbles, jacks, dominoes and more!

Old-Fashioned Memorabilia

Venture upstairs at the Old Academy Building to the New Salem Academy Museum. Opened last year the museum has an old-fashioned classroom and memorabilia from the New Salem Academy which educated students from 1795 to 1968.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION & COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENTS

The Community Garden, under the auspices of the New Salem Agricultural Commission, has been going great guns with over 12 gardeners raising vegetable and flowers in the behind the old Town Hall. This year they were able to obtain a grant to purchase the materials to build a shed that a Franklin County Tech team constructed. They will be conducting a tour of the Community Garden from 10:00-11:00 am.

They will also be holding a plant sale all day up on the Common where they will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful begonia hanging basket donated by Laurenitis Farm.



The Agricultural Commission is seeking to

raise money to enable it to offer workshops to the community on gardening topics.

To that end, they will be holding an Auction of a Cord of Wood! The wood, recently cut and split was donated by Bruce Spencer, who will be the auctioneer. He will deliver it free within 10 miles. The starting bid is \$150.

They also will be having a "Bouquet" Tin Can Auction. People of all ages are asked to

donate a bouquet - flowers, wildflowers, herbs, foliage – anything goes! There will be a special area set up at their booth to display the bouquets. There will be Ball jars for those who need them for their bouquets. Each bouquet will go home with a lucky winner! The winners will be announced immediately after the auction of the cord of wood at 1:00 pm.

R E C Y C L I N G

Recycling, of course, is good for our planet. But it is also good for the Town. The less trash that the Town has to "transfer", the less the expense to the taxpayers!

We are continuing our emphasis on recycling and we are striving to get as much of the Old Home Day refuse recycled so that there is only **ONE** barrel of non-recyclable, non-compostable trash to take the Transfer Station. There will be recycling bins on the Common, particularly near the lunch areas We are asking people to put cans and plastic bottles in one bin and compost products in another bin. We have asked all those selling food to use compostable utensils that would be disposed of in the bins marked "Compost".

Many thanks to the Franklin County Solid Waste District for loaning us recycling bins and signage.

The town-owned 1794 Meetinghouse needs its roof replaced before next winter and its shutters repaired. The board of the 1794 Meetinghouse, that leases the building for its concerts, has embarked on a "Raise the Roof" fundraising campaign to tackle this challenge. They have already raised a goodly amount (check their progress on the "thermometer" sign in front of the building.

They are resurrecting the former Old Home Day tradition of having a chicken dinner on Old Home Day to bring in money for the repairs.

Lisa Dewitt of the Continental Plate, which has done fundraising dinners for other non-profits, such as the North Quabbin Citizens Advocacy and Medicine for Mammals, will be putting out a great spread consisting of barbecued chicken, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, a green salad, and potato salads (one

with her special chipotle sauce). There will also be a vegetarian option. Of course, there will be scrumptious desserts including cheesecakes and pies.

The barbeque will be held on the Common. In the event of rain, the dinner will be moved to the old Town Hall.

The tickets are \$15 and can be obtained at the New Salem General Store or at the event. Interested parties are asked to contact Lynn Boudreau at 978-544-7490 to reserve tickets and help gauge how many chickens to buy!.

The 1794 Meetinghouse will also present The Jolly Beggars performing Scottish and Irish music at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for 13-17 year-olds and children are free. They are available at the New Salem General Store at the door or online at

www.1794meetinghouse.org

Library Kindle Raffle



The Friends of the Library are holding a raffle of a Kindle (a 4GB, 6" touchscreen eReader with WiFi) plus a \$25 Amazon gift card. The Kindle Raffle Basket is now on display at the New Salem Library and will be on display at Old Home Day.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from Friends of the Library board members or at the New Salem General Store.

Drawing to be held on Old Home Day at 1:00 pm. You do not need to be present to win.

THE K STREET SAXOPHONE QUARTET



Thanks to a grant from the Massachusetts and New Salem Cultural Councils, The K Street Saxophone Quartet will be performing two sets at this year’s Old Home Day. The group is comprised of four saxophonist who have many years of experience playing in numerous ensemble and genres. It is this diverse musical background that gives the group its vibrancy.

Members include Adam Scotera, soprano saxophone, Cliff White, alto saxophone, Ted Freeman, tenor saxophone and Robert Dworak, baritone saxophone. The quartet is in its third year with performances ranging from outdoor concerts to art openings and receptions.

A typical K Street Saxophone Quartet program includes tunes from “The Great American Songbook”, ragtime, jazz standards, Latin mambo and perhaps a march or light classical fare. Composers represented would include Joplin, Jobim, Gershwin, Ellington, Mancini, Lennon/McCartney, Mozart and more. Although somewhat unusual in its instrumentation the sonorous sound of four saxophones (without a rhythm section) playing lively well-arrange music is delightfully engaging.

K-9 Dog Demo



There will be K-9 Police Dog Demonstration behind the old Town Hall from 10:00-10:30 pm. You will see the dogs’ skills in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery and handler protection. This is a special event you will not want to miss!

The CAKE WALK!

What would Old Home Day be without the Cake Walk! For those of you who have not enjoyed a previous Cake Walk, it consists of cake tasting and cake voting and cake winning.

The event will be held in the **air-conditioned** Stowell Building this year (next to the old Town Hall) at 1:00 pm – just in time for dessert!

Enthusiastic cake bakers prepare two cakes. One is for sampling and one is for the winner of the cake. How do you win a cake? Interested parties purchase tickets and write their contact information on the ticket. They then proceed to sample the cakes and put their tickets in the container in front of the cake they would like to win.

At 2:00 p.m., time is up! A ticket is drawn from each container and that person who purchased that ticket, wins that cake! The cake that has the most amount of tickets in its container wins a \$50 gift certificate to the North Quabbin Harvest Co-op in Orange.

**Red, White & Blue Café
Expands Menu**

The Red, White & Blue Café will be open from 11:00-1:00 pm in the basement of the Central Congregational Church. The Café will again feature its scrumptious Lobster Rolls. Several new items will be available this year, including a curried chicken salad with cranberries and pecans of a bulky roll, veggie burgers on a roll and chipotle potato salad as a side. Hot dogs and grilled cheese, beverages and chips round out the menu. Seating will be available in the church basement and on the church lawn.

**If there is serious rain,
the vendors will be
invited to relocate to
the Town Hall and the
band will be relocated
to the 1794
Meetinghouse.**

SCHEDULE

7:00-10:00	Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station
8:00-4:00	New Salem Academy Museum Exhibit Upstairs at the Old Academy Building
9:00	AMC Walk into the Quabbin meet behind the old Town Hall
9:00	Mount Grace Land Trust West Hill Trail Hike meet behind Town Hall
10:00-2:00	Library Book Sale at the Library
10:00-2:00	Vendors on the Common
10:00-2:00	Community Garden Plant Sale & Agricultural Commission Bouquet Tin Can Auction on Common
10:00-3:00	1794 Meetinghouse Silent Auction on the 1794 Meetinghouse Lawn
10:00-2:00	Congregational Church Bake Sale at the Church
10:00-2:00	Council on Aging – Tin Can Auction on the Common
10:00-10:30	K-9 Police Dog Demonstration behind old Town Hall
10:00-11:00	Hay Bale Treasure Hunt in Playground
10:00-11:00	Tour of Community Garden behind the old Town Hall
10:15-10:45	Tricycle Race in front of the Library
11:00-11:45	Inside/Out Dance Company behind old Town Hall
11:00-11:45	Jumptown Skydivers land behind old Town Hall
11:00-1:00	Congregational Church "Red, White & Blue Lunch Café" in the Church basement
11:00-2:30	Firemen's Lunch at the Fire Station
12:00	Parade up South Main Street
12:15	Costume Contest Judging in front of Library
12:30	Pie-eating Contest on the lawn next to the band
12:30-2:00	Cross-cut Saw Contest on the Common
12:30-1:30	K Street Saxophone Quartet* - First Set - Old Academy Building Lawn
1:00-2:00	Old-Fashioned Kid Activities - Dawn Ward in front of the Library
1:00-2:00	Cake Walk at the Stowell Building
1:00	Auction of a Cord of Wood at Agricultural Commission Booth
1:30-2:00	Junction 135 Barbershop Quartet on the Common
1:30-2:30	"Old-Fashioned Contests" at Volleyball Field
1:30-2:30	Music with Kids – Bob Ellison in front of the Library
2:00	Basketball Shoot-Out at the Recreation Field below the Fire station
2:00	Tour of the Solar Panel Installation meets at the Library
2:30-3:30	K Street Saxophone Quartet* - Second Set – Old Academy Building Lawn
6:00	Chicken Barbeque for 1794 Meetinghouse's "Raise the Roof" Fundraising Campaign
7:30	The Jolly Beggars Concert at the 179 Meetinghouse

** Thanks to the New Salem and Massachusetts Cultural Councils!*