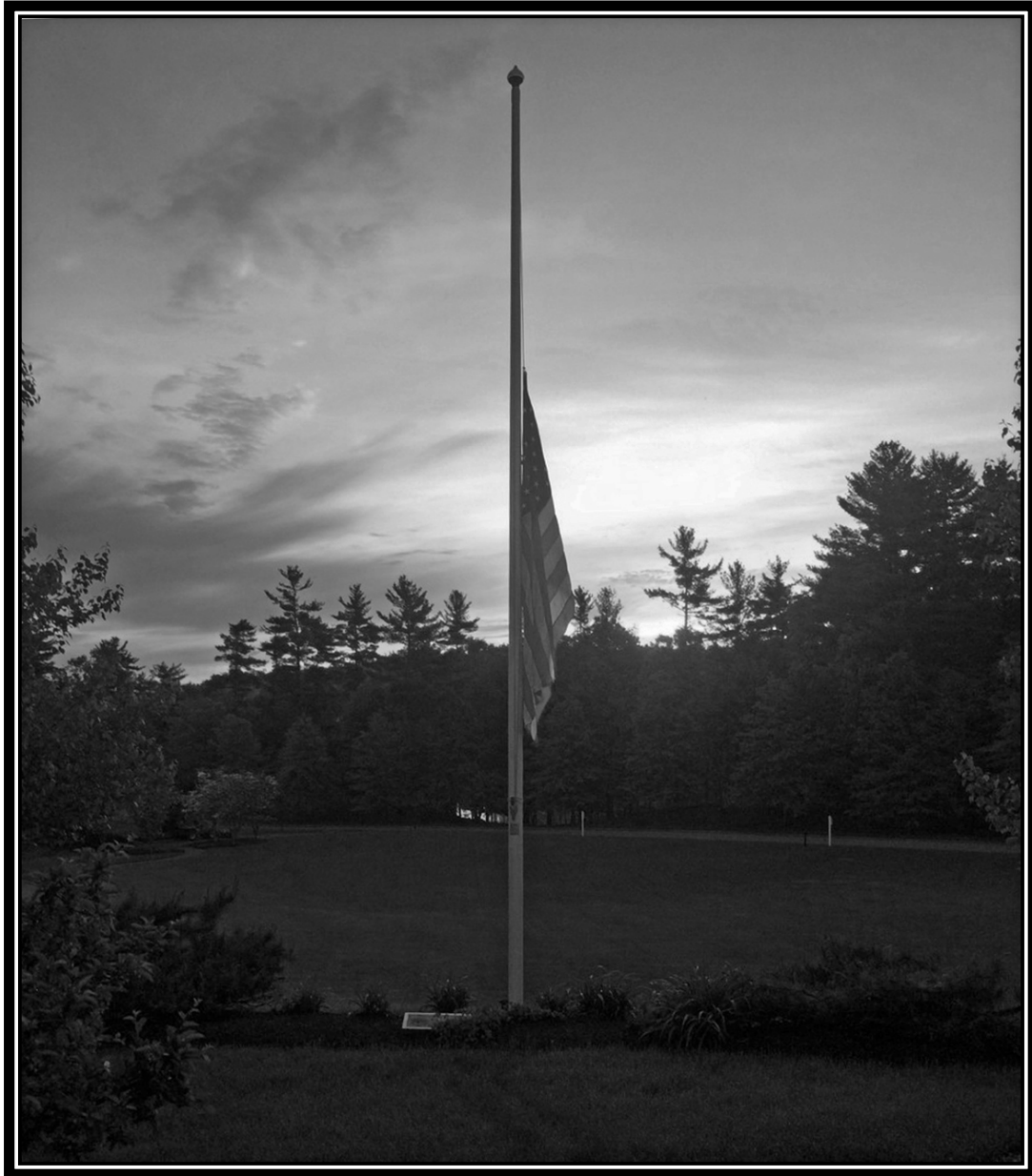



the Village at Stone Ridge

QUARRY BULLETIN

May-June 2014



SUNRISE AT THE VILLAGE

MEMORIAL DAY, 2014

Photo by Frank Bashore

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A large group of Villagers gathered on Memorial Day to remember those who left our midst over the past year and those brave members of our armed forces who gave their lives in battle, and to feast on traditional cookout fare. Thanks go to Frank Bashore (left) for leading the memorial tribute to our neighbors, Jean Einarson and Nany Diaz, greatly missed among us. Thanks also go to Frank for the lovely photo on the cover. He snapped it as he readied the flag at sunrise.

(Frank is our resident flag-tender and we appreciate his faithfulness in this duty.)

Barbara Leary and Joan Roy were the Social Committee members in charge of the event and all other members in attendance pitched in to set up, keep things moving, and clean up. Our chefs, Dom DeFronzo and Jack Gilmartin (right) manned the grill, and no one left hungry.



The Village Chorus provided a patriotic song and led all in a rousing sing-along of Armed Forces anthems. Ruth Coleman got the singers organized and as usual Ruthann Dillon and Donn Hill (below) led and accompanied with enthusiasm and skill. Special kudos to the three divas: Susan Hill, Wendy Wolfberg, and Dianne Marston.



LANDSCAPING NEWS

Spring brings all the beauty of our Village to the forefront. The Landscaping Committee is always working on fine-tuning the details involved with keeping up our spectacular natural surroundings. Lately they have been particularly busy with the project I am sure all of you have noticed: redoing the area in front of the clubhouse. The project began with consultations with the landscaper chosen to do this job, Weston Nurseries. A plan was approved and the work began last month. Throughout the process, members of the Committee worked closely with the landscaper. The work will be completed soon when decorative rocks will be placed. It already is looking wonderful, and it will be fun to watch the plantings as they fill in and beautify the clubhouse in all the seasons ahead. As an added bonus, Jim Connolly, Garden Center Manager of Weston Nurseries gave a wonderful presentation at the clubhouse for all interested residents on Twelve Exciting Perennials and Annuals for 2014 and also instructed attendees on how to properly plant containers. It was well attended by about 40 residents.



Barbara West, second from left, and Judy Premru, right, consult with Weston Nursery personnel.



Jim Connolly from Weston Nurseries



Louise Tahmouh worked with the landscapers as they were installing our new clubhouse plantings.

THE VILLAGE GOES WESTERN

By Anonymous



The clubhouse was rocking on May 2. Or was that the **Long Branch Saloon**? You wondered if Matt Dillon or Annie Oakley might stop by as just about all the local cowpokes were dressed like they were coming in from a roundup. After seein' a few of them dusty riders (notably "Texas Jack" Gilmartin, right)



mosey on in, we was all mighty thankful for the town ordinance that your six shooters be checked at the saloon door.

At first there was disappointment that the planned guest performer, Patsy Cline, fell ill and old Doc Adams couldn't get her up for it. However,



Larry Anzivino and Joan Roy showin' their stuff.

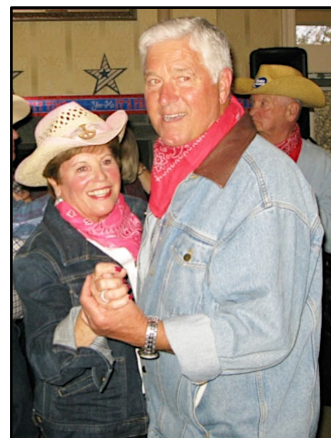
Marshall Giles rode out on his horse and rounded up **The American Country Music Band** and they went and gave us an evenin' of good ole fashioned barn dancin'.

Folks kicked the mud (and other stuff) off their boots and were doing a do-si-do here and an allemande left there. At the end of the evenin' we rode off onto the plains sayin' that it may have been the best dern event in the ole clubhouse yet.

A big tip of our ten-gallon hats to Marshall Giles, and his sidekick Pauline (aka Miss Kitty) (below, right) for a great night of feelin' young and wild again. Heck, they even brought in hay for our horses.



Social Committee members, Ann Sullivan, Joan Roy, Dorothy Moran, Gail Sergenian, and Barbara Tobiason enjoy the fun.



Book Club News

By Dianne Marston

Our Village has much to offer to those who are fortunate enough to live here. Among those offerings is a very active and lively Book Club. Well, lively in the sense that our *brains and hearts* are engaged in the sharing of our common reading experiences. Book Club is not actually a “club,” but just a group of people who like to read and discuss books. No membership or attendance is required! However, we are able to become better acquainted with one another during our “refreshment time” and especially through the thoughtful interactions during the discussion of the chosen book. All Villagers are welcome to come!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 26. At that time we will be discussing a book by one of our favorite authors, Barbara Kingsolver. *Flight Behavior* is set in rural Appalachia.

Dellarobia Turnbow – on the run from her stifling life – charges up the mountain above her husband’s family farm and stumbles onto a “valley of fire” filled with millions of monarch butterflies. The town’s parishioners, then the international media, deem this vision miraculous. But when Ovid, a scientist who studies monarch



behavior, sets up a lab on the Turnbow farm, he learns that the butterflies’ presence signals systemic disorder – and Dellarobia’s in-laws’ logging plans won’t help. Kingsolver gives equal weight to climate science and human need, to forces both biological and biblical. Her concept of family encompasses all living beings and *Flight Behavior* gracefully, urgently contributes to the dialogue of survival on this swiftly tilting planet.” --*Mari Malcolm*

At our August 7 meeting the featured book is *Orphan Train* by Christine Baker Kline. “On the coast of Maine lives a wealthy ninety-one year old woman named Vivian Daly. From Vivian’s early childhood in Ireland, to New York City, comes her passage on the Orphan Trains in 1929. A journey that will take her to Minnesota, from one home to another, never really knowing what home feels like, as she is treated like a slave and seldom has enough of anything, much less affection or love.

Now in the year 2011, a seventeen-year-old girl named Molly Ayer meets the elderly woman. Told in beautifully evocative prose, the story unfolds in alternate perspectives, revealing what has happened to each of them, and how the parallel lines of their lives now converge to spotlight the similarities between them. The novel demonstrates how wonderfully unexpected moments can happen in a life, even in one that is full of turbulence, pain, and loss.” *Laurel-Rain Snow*

VILLAGE MEETING SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES



The Village meeting on May 1 featured Westford resident, Jose Ramirez (left). Well known for many years as an active participant in town activities, he came to the

clubhouse to speak about his life story as a refugee from Cuba in Operation Peter Pan in the 1960s and the book he has written about that experience, *Defining Moments: A Cuban Exile's Story About Discovery and the Search for a Better Future.* Thanks to Joyce Minosh for organizing these interesting and eye opening presentations. The next will be on June 8 when George Leslie, owner of The Butterfly Place will speak.



Groovy Movies

By Gail Sergenian

Still Mine

We had never heard of this film before we rented it. What a gem! It stars James Cromwell as Craig Morrison and Genevieve Bujold as Irene, his wife. They play a real Canadian couple in their 80's who are struggling to prevent the problems of aging from interfering with their independence and way of life.

Irene is exhibiting increasing signs of dementia, and Craig decides to build a new home (by hand) on their 2,000 acres that will be easier for them to manage. Two of their seven children who live nearby offer to help, but Craig insists on doing it alone. He confronts legal building code battles in the same dignified, stubborn manner with which he has lived his life.

The couple is still very much in love, and while the countryside in New Brunswick is stunning, the relationship between the two of them is even more beautiful. Whether they relate to each other with gentleness, sensuality, humor, or frustration, you know that they are truly committed to each other until death do them part. This is a superbly-acted, unforgettably moving, love story.

Thank
You

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight shines on two groups who have worked tirelessly this spring to make our Village more beautiful. The Landscape Committee comprised of **Barbara and Tom West, Chairs, and Paula Townsend, Ed Kern, Edythe Salzman, Gail Eddy, Jack Bilodeau, Judy Premru, Kathy Abate, Lorraine and Phil MacPherson, Louise Tahmoush, Nancy Sharpe, Phyllis Duggan, Rosalie Johnson, Sharon Erickson, Steve and Clara Currier, and Tink Nussbum**, have been actively involved in planning and overseeing the installation of the new plantings in front of the clubhouse (see related article on page 3) as well as their usual work of evaluating and managing all the existing plantings around the Village. Thanks so much to all of them!

The second group is the Tree Subcommittee consisting of **Judy Premru, Frank Bashore, Bill Townsend, Paul Currier and Larry Tobiason**. You will find an article on page 8 about their work. We appreciate the thoughtful planning that has already gone into their work and look forward to seeing their plans implemented in the future.



"Treeman" Tobiason at work

Signs seen around town – Courtesy of Bob Eddy

In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At the electric company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."

In a restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

And finally:

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

Tree Study Committee Formed

By Larry Tobiason

The Tree Study Sub-Committee has been formed to evaluate tree care within the Village and to recommend to the Board of Trustees a plan for removal, replacement, and short and long-term management. The Committee consists of **Judy Premru, Frank Bashore, Bill Townsend, Paul Currier and Larry Tobiason**. This Committee was not formed as a regulatory group but as an information gathering Committee to help us preserve existing ornamental trees, forest trees, tree screens, open vistas, and identify hazardous tree locations.

A series of walks by the Committee and a professional tree care advisor helped determine priorities such as: work that could be done by volunteers during Work/Play Day and other such events over time, and a contract-out component consisting of tree removal, tree relocation, and replacement in some cases of those that exhibit declining health. Priorities were set and budgets prepared for the next three years that will help set in motion ongoing care and maintenance programs. Results gathered each year of the preceding year's activities will be used to guide future maintenance objectives.

The aim of the Tree Study Committee is to help balance volunteer abilities, contract services, and budgeted money available. It is the Committee's plan to present these findings during a Board of Trustee Village walk-around the first week of June followed by a presentation at the June Board meeting.

Trustee Policy: Tree & Shrub Removal

This policy shall apply to trees in all areas of the Village. Trees shall be removed from the Village only with approval of the Property Committee. Requests for removal shall be submitted in writing to the Property Committee stating the reason for removal. Where appropriate, the Property Committee shall seek comments from abutters before making its decision. The Property Committee shall notify the Board of its decisions.



Requests for removal of healthy trees for convenience may be granted on a case-by-case basis, but the removal costs will be the responsibility of the requesting unit owner. Unit owners have the right to appeal any decision to the Board of Trustees. The Trails Sub-committee may approve removal of trees along wooded trails. Requests for removal of shrubs shall be submitted to the Landscape Committee for review and approval in accordance with established Board policy for the planting of shrubs.

The Board of Trustees requests that this policy be observed without exception.

WORK/PLAY DAY – SAVING MONEY ONE VOLUNTEER AT A TIME

Work/Play Day once again was a great success, thanks to the leadership of Property Committee Chair, **Buzz McArdle**, and an enthusiastic and energetic crew. Of course the day was topped off with a fun cookout (grill manned by **Dom DeFronzo, Peter Abate, and Jack Gilmartin** – thanks!) and an exciting viewing of the Kentucky Derby. Tom West emerged as a lucky winner. Thanks to all who participated – your efforts are noticed and appreciated!



Buzz power washes a patio.



Vicki Rauktys and Gail Eddy show off their trash haul.



Paul Currier and Jack Bilodeau repair a storm drain.



A happy Tom West collects his Derby winnings!

Andersen Wooden Window Grills- Love'm or Hate'm

By Buzz McArdle

It's springtime and window washing season is here! Have you tried to remove your wooden Andersen window grills? Did you break them? Well, you are not alone. There is an installation procedure to be found on the Andersen web site, as well as ordering instructions for new grills.

The secret is to open the metal grill fastener at the end of each frame, then align the grid and press firmly over the fastener. **DO NOT LIFT THEM FROM THE CENTER OF THE GRID.**

To remove the grill, use a cake knife (or flat putty knife) and place the blade under the grill at the intersection of where the grill inserts into the sash. Twist the knife and the grill frame will pop out. Do not force it or you could break the window. To re-install, make sure you have cocked the fastener out, and press firmly on the grill at the fastener point.

To order new grills you will need to know the model number of your window. Ours is # 3056. The model number of your window is stamped on the bottom of the screen. You will need to take the screen off to find it. We (all VSR) have Andersen Model 200 Series Tilt Sash manufactured around April, 2001. The grill replacement cost is about \$25 per grill. The Anderson web site link is http://parts.andersenwindows.com/items_w_dh_200tw_grl.html

ISRAELI DINNER – AN UNUSUAL AND FUN EVENING

Village residents feasted on beet ravioli, fennel and



mint with sweated pecans salad, black rice and peppers, salmon sevice with grilled eggplant and burned sherry tomatoes, and a banana dessert at the festive Israeli dinner at

the clubhouse on May 7. After helping prepare the delicious tapas treats, everyone dug in and enjoyed. Thanks to Joyce Minosh for arranging this fun event!

Our chef (above) for the evening explains the procedure. Joyce Minosh, Clara Currier, Mary Ellen Tisdale, and Tink Nussbum (from above left) get their hands dirty.



2014 IRRIGATION SPRINKLER REPAIR PROCEDURES

By Doug Craib and Bob Eddy, Co-Chairmen, Sprinkler Sub-Committee

The three wells that furnish water to the Village sprinkler system were activated for the season on May 7th, and routine operations have begun. Again this year, the sprinklers for each zone will continue to be on longer and will run every other day. According to the experts, this is better for the turf. The Irrigation Sub-Committee has established some procedures to deal with the damage and failures that occur within a system of this size and complexity.

Residents should report all problems with the irrigation system to Sarah Carr at **Evergreen Management, Inc.** The preferred method of reporting problems is by email at scarr@evergreenmgt.com. You can also report by telephone to (800) 973-4300 or (603) 622-7000. If you call after normal working hours please do not request that the answering service page a repairman unless there is an emergency such as a broken sprinkler pipe that is gushing or a major leak. Evergreen will refer all sprinkler problems to the Irrigation Sub-Committee who will evaluate the situation, correct it if they can, refer it to Morin's Landscaping for repair, or place it on a repair backlog list for future correction as funds become available. Items given to Morin's for repair will normally be corrected during Morin's weekly maintenance visit. Evergreen will provide feedback to the resident as to the corrective action taken. Please help us to maintain this complex system by adhering to the above procedures.



Did you know that there is a bridge group that meets at the clubhouse every Tuesday at 2 p.m. They are looking for new players! Talk to one of the above players for more information. Left to right: Nancy Sharpe, Peg Mullen (a ringer – guest to the Village), Frank and Joyce Minosh.

Planting Policy

By Barbara West, Property Comm. Co-Chair

Planting of annuals, bulbs, and perennials appropriate to the setting in established beds does not require prior approval. The Unit Owner is responsible for maintaining these plantings, e.g. watering, weeding and fall clean up. Installation of additional bush/shrubs and landscaping is subject to the approval of the Landscape Committee and shall be at the Unit Owner's expense and subject to standards as to location, use and maintenance established by the Board from time to time. No bush/shrub removal is allowed without the Landscape Committee's approval.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Our community has a reputation for being “active” and highly social. We certainly proved that the first week in May when there were four events to entertain us in the span of four days! From the cerebral (Village Meeting with Jose Ramirez) to the wild and crazy (Country Western Night), from Work and Play to pure play (Happy Hour), we had it all on offer. These activities don’t happen without lots of planning and work. But the fun they offer is a great reward for all the effort. Would you like to join those who plan and put on our fun times? Join the Social Committee and put your stamp on life in the Village. The Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. Contact Clara Currier, (Chair) for more information, or just show up. You will be most welcome!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

4th of July Cookout ??? Stay tuned for further announcements about this.

September 1 – Labor Day Cookout

October 18 – Murder
Mystery Night

Who dunnit? Come to our first Murder Mystery event and find out!



Editor’s Note:
Did you enjoy the talk given by author

David Brody on his book *The Westford Knight*? There is now a copy of David’s movie, *The American Templars*, in the library. Thanks, Bob Eddy!

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