



Quarry Bulletin

March - April, 2022



Work Play Day is Back in 2022! ***Read what it's all about.***

May 5th is the day to save! Prior to Covid it had become an annual event, a great day to meet up with neighbors old and new, volunteer for a cleanup team, and just have a good time.

Volunteerism is what makes the Village at Stone Ridge a great place to live and this is an opportunity to give a few hours back to keep our community looking beautiful. This year Buzz McArdle, our Property Chair person is organizing the teams and the sign up is in the clubhouse. We have jobs both indoors and out, whether cleaning in the clubhouse kitchen, library or exercise room, or walking around the trails and property picking up trash, checking on the signs or any other odd jobs that are not done regularly. It's also just a good excuse to get out and socialize. We especially look forward to meeting in person with new neighbors who moved in when all of our social activities were curtailed. Come on down! ;-)



In 2021 a group of socially distancing homeowners spent a couple of hours picking up trash along VSR's roadways. Over the winter, about six bags of trash accumulated. Most of it along Tyngsboro Road. Along with the empty water bottles and chip bags, one full can of coke, a pair of sneakers, and a head of cabbage

2018 ~ Pauline and Skip Giles with Tom and Linda Barry, working hard! Or is that hardly working?



2016 ~ Judy and Rick Culver make the fitness center shine inside and out.

In case you missed this information about use of the clubhouse for social events or a personal rental...

The Clubhouse reopened for social events and rentals starting March 1.

The Clubhouse rental form and agreement has now been updated and revised. It can be found on our website under Resources at: <https://villageatstoneridge.com/forms>
Completed requests with deposit are then sent to Evergreen Management to hold your date. While applying for your rental be sure to check the calendar to be certain the date is available.

Always check the VSR Policies & Procedures for updates. This is the policy for rentals:

The rental of our clubhouse facility is by advance user reservation only and is intended for our residents and their invited families and guests. No one may reserve the clubhouse on behalf of a non-resident. Reservations for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving rentals may only be made six months in advance. Any commercial use of the facility such as for profit “parties,” sales presentations or political events are not permitted. The fee for rental of the clubhouse is waived for funeral receptions of Village residents or close relatives of a resident (mother, father, or child).

Also note that VSR Social Events are planned by and for our residents. While your guests *may be* welcome to come with you; always check with the organizers first. VSR residents always have priority coming to an event that is filled or has a waiting list.

Our recent Spring Happy Hour was March 20th



Cocktails and appetizers, chatting with old friends and new neighbors the Szypkos and Kerwins was just what the doctor ordered after quarantining for the past year. Here's hoping the freedom continue.

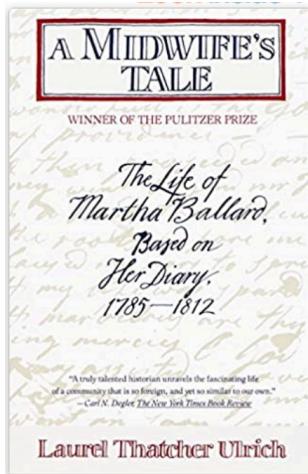




BOOK CLUB NEWS
By Dianne Marston



The VSR Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m.
We will discuss *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812* by Laurel Ulrich.



"Fleshing out this midwife's bare entries with interpretive essays . . . Ulrich marvelously illuminates women's status, the history of medicine and daily life in the early Republic," *[Publisher's Weekly]*

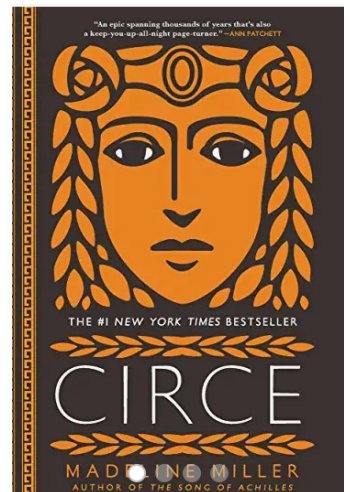
"Drawing on the diaries of one woman in eighteenth-century Maine, this intimate history illuminates the medical practices, household economies, religious rivalries, and sexual mores of the New England frontier.

Between 1785 and 1812 a midwife and healer named Martha Ballard kept a diary that recorded her arduous work (in 27 years she attended 816 births) as well as her domestic life in Hallowell, Maine. On the basis of that diary, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich gives us an intimate and densely imagined portrait, not only of the industrious and reticent Martha Ballard but of her society. At once lively and impeccably scholarly, *A Midwife's Tale* is a triumph of history on a human scale." *[Amazon]*

On May 26 we will discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

"Think a novel based on Greek mythology isn't for you? Just wait. Miller's spell builds slowly, but by the last page you'll be in awe. In prose of dreamlike simplicity, she reimagines the myth of Circe, the sun god's unloved daughter who went on to invent witchcraft and enchant Homer's Odysseus. The ancient stories and characters are reshaped by truths that modern women can finally speak about sisterhood and sexism, rape and rage, and most exquisitely, motherhood." —*People*

"Spellbinding. . . in Miller's conception, Circe is the hero of her own epic. . . Miller has created a daring feminist take on a classic narrative; although the setting is a mystical world of gods, monsters, and nymphs, the protagonist at its heart is like any of us. A free woman, the author seems to be saying, must be willing to forsake the trappings of birthright and rank in order to claim her destiny, whether thousands of years ago or today." —*O Magazine*



Book group extra ...

~ Submitted by Sandy Kelly

The March book discussion was based on the book *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. The group enjoyed our discussion so much we decided to watch the original 1948 *Hamlet* movie adaption with Sir Laurence Olivier in all its black and white glory.

Marsha Wyman provided her lovely basement with large screen tv for those of us who could make it. Laughter ensued when we talked about how those of us who had to read Hamlet in middle or high school really did not appreciate the famous sayings or humor in the movie. If you were never a fan of Shakespeare it may be a fun time to revisit him with this *old* movie. Ahem, I mean *seasoned* movie.



l-r: Sandy Kelly, Judy Premru, Nancy Sharpe, Clara Currier, Denise Roach, Anna Ernemark, Diane Marston, Linda Anzivino, Sarah Crissey, Louise Tahmoush and Marsha Wyman after watching Hamlet.

A Worthy Volunteer Cause

VSR has its own defibrillator in the clubhouse and we are now planning a date to retrain interested residents and especially would love to welcome more volunteers to be trained in how to use the defibrillator and perform emergency CPR. Fortunately, no one has ever needed to call in the past, but isn't it great to know help is there if you need a hand before the ambulance can get to you. In the past it was determined it takes about 8 minutes for an ambulance crew to arrive and every minute counts when you really need it.

Last time we resulted with 15 CPR certified neighbors who also learned to use the defibrillator.

Once again, we are offering a class for recertification to be held Wednesday, May 11th at 7 pm in the clubhouse.

We still have room for a few more volunteers and we already have two newcomers signed up. This training is free and the certification cards will be paid for by VSR. Please come and join us.

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The Difference our Volunteers Make...

Thank you to...

Buzz McArdle for planning and all those who have signed up for Work, Play Day. We can still use more helpers and encourage all to join in. It's fun. The sign-up sheet is in the mailroom. The more the merrier.

Questions contact vsrsecretary@gmail.com



The VSR Trustees have agreed to continue meetings via Zoom until further notice. We appreciate the increased attendance and hope it helps our residents who prefer to tune in from home. Next meeting is April 26th at 7pm.

Save these Dates

April 24 10 am - Drop in Continental Breakfast

May 30- noon Memorial Day Cookout

June 8 - 5pm Ladies Night at Bamboo
4pm Men's Steak & Ale Night at VSR

June 26 4pm Happy Hour at the Quarry

July 4, 2pm Annual Ice Cream

July 23 6pm Hawaiian Happy Hour

Social Events to look forward to...

Sign up for the **Sunday Continental Breakfast** is now in the mailroom. Come down for coffee, a drink, pastries, fresh fruit and conversation. This event is no charge, donations will be accepted.

Memorial Day Cookout

Hot dogs and hamburgers, assorted salads, watermelon, ice cream and BYOB. \$10 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle.



*No VSR turkey
will be served*

The Quarry Bulletin is looking for contributors. In the past we have had recipes, movie reviews, articles about travel and we welcome new ideas.

Please consider joining our team.



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All are invited to mail articles and photos of interest to our neighbors for consideration.

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