

VERNON COMMUNITY NEWS

Vernon's Free eNewsletter; Editor: Bronna Zlochiver; Contact: news4vernon@gmail.com

November 2015

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SAVE THE DATE—IMPORTANT EVENTS IN AND AROUND VERNON

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| Nov 2, 6:30 pm | Selectboard Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard room |
| Nov 3, 10:00 am | Trip to Pete's Seafood & Salvation Army, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 3, 6:30 pm | Selectboard Budget Review Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard room |
| Nov 4, 9:00 am | Keene Shopping Trip, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 4, 4:40 pm | Vernon Free Library Trustees Regular Meeting, Town Office Building, library |
| Nov 6, 10:30 am | Visit to Franklin Tech, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 7, 3:30 pm | Winchester Bean & Dog Supper, cost = \$9, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 9, 10:45 am | Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 9, 6:00 pm | Board of Abatement Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard room |
| Nov 9, 6:30 pm | Vernon School Board Meeting, Vernon Elementary School, lounge |
| Nov 10, 8:30 am | Visit to King Arthur Flour Bakery & Store, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 10, 6:30 pm | Planning Commission Public Forum on Gas Power Plant, Vernon Elementary School, cafeteria |
| Nov 11, 10:45 am | Dummerston Lunch, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 11, 2:30 pm | Town Bus Event Transportation Planning Meeting, Town Office Building, lower level |
| Nov 12, 10:30 am | Newfane Lunch, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 14, 4:00 pm | Bernardston Roast Beef Dinner, cost = \$10, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 15, 1:30 pm | Neil Simon's <i>California Suite</i> presented by Vermont Theatre Company at Dummerston Grange, cost = \$12, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 16, 6:40 pm | Selectboard Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard room |
| Nov 17, 8:00 am | Visit to Proctor Marble Company, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 18, 9:00 am | Brattleboro Shopping Trip, no lunch, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 19, 6:30 pm | Vernon Voters Alliance Meeting, Town Office Building, lower level |
| Nov 20, 8:00 am | Lebanon, NH Shopping Trip, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 23, 7:00 am | Trip to see Newport, RI mansions, the bus will leave at 7:00 am sharp from the Town Office Building, snow date for this trip will be Nov 24, same time and place, call Reita to ride the bus, 254-2694 |
| Nov 23, 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting, Vernon Elementary School, lounge |

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NEWS FROM VERNON'S CHURCHES

Vernon Advent Christian Church, located at 4554 Fort Bridgman Road at the VT/MA state line, meets every Sunday at 9:15 am for Sunday School classes for all ages. Morning worship begins at 10:30 am and Youth Group and Intercessory Prayer meet at 6:00 pm. Adult Bible study begins every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church and other Bible study meetings are held throughout the week. The building is handicapped accessible. Email: accvernon@together.net; website: www.vernonadventchristianchurch.com; and FaceBook: Vernon AC Church.

Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 1002 Fort Bridgman Road, Vernon, VT, meets every Saturday at 9:40 am for Sabbath School classes for all ages. Church service begins at 11:15 am. All are welcome. Pastor Art Miller. [802-490-0751](tel:802-490-0751).

Singer and songwriter Jaclynn Huse will give a concert Saturday, November 14, 6:30 pm at the Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church. Jaclynn, who is a wife and mother, enjoys sharing her experience. Everyone is invited to attend this free event where an offering will be taken. The theme of the concert is "Ready."

Vernon Union Church, located at 2631 Fort Bridgman Road (next to Vernon Hall), Vernon, VT. Sunday morning prayer time is: 8:00am followed by Bible study at: 9:00am. Morning worship begins at: 10:00 am, followed by a social hour. Childcare is available. Thursday prayer time each week at: 4:00 to 5:00pm. Rev. Terry Robinson is the interim minister as a pastoral search continues. He can be reached at: 802-258-2228. The church is fully handicapped accessible. Church phone: 802-257-8523.

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The Home Repair Program through the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust helps homeowners address critical health and safety issues as well as increase the energy efficiency of their homes. Through low-cost loans, flexible terms, and support with identifying a contractor and project oversight, the Home Repair Program may be just the help you need. The program covers:

- Rehabilitation to resolve health and safety issues such as roof, plumbing, electric, and heating repairs;
- Well and septic repairs or replacement;
- Rehabilitation needed to meet housing quality standards or correct municipal or state code violations;
- Access modification for elderly or disabled homeowners through collaboration with the Vermont Center for Independent Living;
- Energy efficiency improvements.

The Home Repair Program staff will help you:

- Fill out your application;
- Determine the scope of work;
- Obtain bids from contractors;
- Monitor the construction process.

To get started visit <http://www.w-wht.org/homeownership-center/rehab-loan-program/> or call Tara at 802-246-2119.

This program is generously funded by a VCDP grant awarded by the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs. We also are grateful for funding from the towns of Brattleboro, Rockingham, Weathersfield, Putney, Newfane, Dummerston, and Ludlow, as well as a generous grant from Neighborworks America.

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LOCAL THEATRE NEWS

The Vermont Theatre Company will present *California Suite* by Neil Simon November 6-8 and 12-15 at the Evening Star Grange in Dummerston, VT. This comedy is made up of four playlets set in Suite 203-04 in the Beverly Hills Hotel. Go to <http://www.vermonttheatrecompany.org> for information on ticket prices and show times.

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Branch River Theatre presents Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* November 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at 8:00 pm and November 8 at 2:00 pm at the Community House of Marlborough at 160 Main Street, Route 101, Marlborough, NH 03455. Go to <http://www.branchrivertheatre.org/now-playing.html> for information on ticket prices and directions to the theatre.

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Pioneer Valley Regional School's fall play this year is *A Walk in Our Shoes* by Kes Rooks, a Pioneer Valley Senior from Vernon. Kes plans to study screenwriting in college next year. Show dates and times are Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm, Friday, November 20 at 7:00 pm; and Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 pm.

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In December, Chris, Michelle, and Bri Rooks will be performing in Ja'Duke's production of *A Christmas Carol, The Musical*. There will be six performances at the Yankee Candle Theater at the Yankee Candle Flagship Store in South Deerfield, MA: December 11 at 7:00 pm, December 12 and 13 at 2:00 pm, December 18 at 7:00 pm, December 19 and 20 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale here: http://dancestudio-pro.com/apps/buy_tickets.php?id=zaqlxajd29jd253ff7c4a924f609jasdklj21dx53ff7c4a9256d.

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"HUNTING" DOWN HISTORY (part 3)

by Barbara Emery Moseley

Samuel Hunt (1703-1770) was the father of "our" Jonathan, along with six other children. Samuel owned a prosperous tavern on Northfield's broad Main Street. It also served as an inn and stagecoach stop. Residents, hearing the piercing notes of the coach horn that announced the arrival of the Boston Stage, would gather there. The delivery of mail and newspapers was welcome, but it was the travelers themselves who brought the "late-breaking news" from the city.

After the coach's pause that allowed its passengers and horses time for food and drink, it continued its northward journey, using the crude road along the east bank of the river. Likely, the next stop was Charleston, NH, where "our" Jonathan's older brother, Samuel, was also an innkeeper and active in the town and county, including being its first sheriff.

Local travel was on foot or horseback, along rutted roads and paths. There were no bridges and horse and foot travelers alike crossed the river at fords. Lacking dams, the Connecticut River was shallow and slow moving, except during the "highwater" of springtime. Northfield, having land on both sides of the river, had two ferries to connect its east and west parts. That convenience was to come to Vernon many years later.

The British government rewarded men who had fought during the French and Indian Wars with grants of land apart from their own settlement property. Therefore, Jonathan's father, Samuel, became a grantee of a large parcel in Guilford. Jonathan and his brother Elisha cleared some of the first land there, on behalf of their father.

As sheriff, Jonathan was the chief executive officer of the county, charged with seeing that laws were enforced and peace was preserved. Guilford had a high population of "Yorkers", people who favored the New York government over that of an evolving Vermont. Unrest was growing throughout the colonies, as well.

Soon, in Northfield, the sound of the coach horn would herald the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party.

To use an old saying, "The fat was in the fire," and Jonathan would be faced with a rebellion close to home.

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Do you know ...

An ad for butter in the March 18, 1960, *Post Rider*:

**IGA TABLE-RITE
Creamery BUTTER
WITH THIS AD 53C lb.**

Regularly 69c lb. OFFER EXPIRES MARCH 22

**Northfield FOOD MART
MAIN STREET, NORTHFIELD, MASS.**

Today, butter costs over \$3.00 per pound.

[Thanks to Heather Frost for compiling these monthly history facts.]

NOVEMBER 2015

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WINTER HOURS

November 3, 2015—March 31, 2016
Monday 1—6 pm
Tuesday 9 – noon & 1—**5** pm
Wednesday 1—**5** pm
Thursday 1 –6 pm
Friday CLOSED
Saturday 9—12 noon

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kathy Korb

Janis Pereira (Chair)

Dawn Petrovsky

David Webb

Bronna Zlochiver

PROGRAMS

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Call Kris to arrange a class.

KNITTING GROUP

Every Wednesday @ 1 pm

READING GROUP

2nd Thursday of the month @ 5pm

RHYME TIME

Every Monday @ 10:30 am for ages 0 to 5 years old

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

4 times a month - check website for dates and times

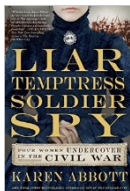


will be changing to **WINTER HOURS**
beginning Nov. 3.

Hours are as indicated above.

(Changes are in red.)

NOVEMBER READING GROUP SELECTION:



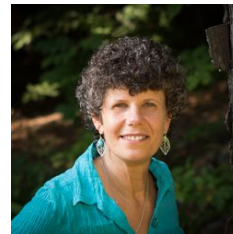
LIAR, TEMPTRESS, SOLDIER, SPY:

Four Women Undercover in the Civil War
by Karen Abbott

The READING GROUP meets next on Thursday,
November 12 at 5pm in the library.

Join the discussion!

MEET THE AUTHOR!



LYNN LEVINE

will be at

VERNON FREE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 @ 1 pm

Lynn Levine was born in Brooklyn and moved to Vermont in 1974. Four years later, having received her master's degree in forestry from the University of Massachusetts, Lynn became the first female consulting forester in New England. Throughout her career, she has been passionate about protecting the integrity of the forest.

For the past 32 years, Lynn has been an environmental educator, tracker, as well as a consulting forester to private landowners, managing over 15,000 acres of land. She has been a consultant to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), creating a middle school environmental citizenship program, and to Project Tree. In the past two years, she has created five interpretive trails including Treasured Trees through Brattleboro and most recently, Woodlands Interpretive Trail. This latter trail includes a mp3 download for auditory information (maybe the 1st of its kind).

Lynn has taken thousands of people into the forest to share her love of nature and has inspired young people and adults to connect with the woods. She has found that teaching tracking is one powerful way to spark and enhance that bond.



*Please join Sally Brassor, Integrative
Nutrition Health Coach, for a free talk on:*

**The Myth of the Low Fat Diet &
Why Most Diets Fail**

Sunday, November 8

2:00-3:30 pm

Vernon Town Office Building, lower level



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