

# Town of Montgomery Newsletter

MAY 2023

## **GREEN UP DAY**

The Montgomery Conservation Commission sponsors the Annual Green Up Day. Bags available to pick up at the Village Green or Public Library. May 6th trash drop off at the Town Garage. Refreshments served starting at 10:30AM at the Town Garage.

## **ORCHARD PLANTING AND "KNOWING KNOTWEED" WORKSHOP**

On Saturday May 13th between 10 - 2pm the Montgomery Conservation Commission is inviting all community members to help create a community planted fruit and nut orchard on land gifted to us by Gordon Jewett. All planting supplies will be on hand, address is 251 Fuller Bridge Rd Montgomery (Village). We will also have information on "Knowing Knotweed". Please register at: <https://forms.gle/Kim3HLf7VUjQowVY7> or for more details please contact: [Montgomeryconservation@gmail.com](mailto:Montgomeryconservation@gmail.com) or contact Carissa at (802) 326-6728. This project is being supported by: Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Urban & Community Forestry Program, and the U.S. Forest Service and our local watershed supporters, the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee.

## **MCA EVENTS**

>>Adult Beginners Ballet Barre with mat floor warm up: A 60 minute class starting with a 15 minute mat warm-up with a combination of Yoga and Pilates, then transition to the Ballet Barres for a true Beginners Ballet Barre focusing on center lines, correct use of the muscles for the movement, and breathe. Mats required, Ballet Slippers or socks for the barre. Registration, fee, information contact Ballet Arts on Facebook Messenger or email Kathleen at [kjmc75@icloud.com](mailto:kjmc75@icloud.com).

>>Paint and Sip with Amber Harvey: The first of a monthly summer Paint & Sip series, Amber comes to the MCA on May 27, 4:00pm-6:00pm. Cost \$35 and includes all painting materials. (Canvas, easels, paint, pallets, paint brushes).

We ask that you arrive on time or at least 15 minutes before the start of the class to pick your seats. Even earlier is fine!

To RSVP, more info, pay over the phone with debit/credit card call/email.

[Artzyharvey@gmail.com](mailto:Artzyharvey@gmail.com) / 802-595-2360

>>Montgomery Elementary School Student Art Show: A Gallery Show featuring the collected work of the MES student body. May 12,13,14,19,20,20. Hours: Friday And Saturday 10AM-4PM Sundays 12-4PM

>>Launch of Online Art Auction: The Red Barn Studio and Gentlemanly Pursuits Antiques will be Teaming up and co-hosting "A Weekend of ART: A Weekend of Art Music and Antiques for Sale and Silent Auction" in June to benefit the restoration of the MCA building. In anticipation of this event, an online auction will launch in May to show the curated selection of works up for sale. Auction launch date TBA. Stay tuned to the MCA website and FB page for updates on this exciting event.

## **MONTGOMERY CORNHOLE**

Cornhole Tournament! Bring your own bags! Round Robin to double elimination. Guaranteed 6 games! Pre-registration by May 1st to Bob at [greycomyn6@gmail.com](mailto:greycomyn6@gmail.com). Day of game registration at 10 AM on Saturday, May 6.

Bags fly at 11AM. Refreshment sales and raffles sponsored by MES PTO. \$50 per team.

All funds go to Montgomery Elementary. Trophies and cash payout to 1st and 2nd place.

(If you do not have bags, bags will be provided).

## **HAZEN'S NOTCH CONSERVATION TRUST (HNCT)**

We are pleased to introduce the Hazen's Notch Conservation Trust (HNCT), a local non-profit land trust with a focus on the conservation of forests, wildlife habitats, natural areas, farmland, soil and water resources, undeveloped open space, and non-motorized recreational trails in the Town of Montgomery.

Montgomery has benefited enormously from the conservation of numerous, high elevation forest tracts by the Green Mountain Club, the Vermont Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy. These large parcels form a vital core of significant conservation land in our area; however, most local land ownership consists of smaller parcels. These smaller parcels are critical to the quality of natural resources, ecological health, and scenic beauty of Montgomery and the surrounding area.

A local land trust provides owners of moderate to smaller land parcels an opportunity to conserve their properties in a way that meets their needs and preserves the natural landscape for the future. These conserved lands also provide the public with opportunities for low-impact recreation while enjoying nature's beauty.

The HNCT is working with local landowners and collaborating with other conservation organizations to identify opportunities for protecting important natural areas. The HNCT is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, charitable organization. For more information about how to support the Trust or to become involved, please visit <https://hnct.org/> or contact us at [hazensnotchvt@gmail.com](mailto:hazensnotchvt@gmail.com).

## **LOCAL RESTAURANT INFO**

### **THE BELFRY**

The Belfry is closed for the annual Spring cleaning & repairs from April 23rd-May 11th; reopening on May 12th.

### **THE BLACK LANTERN**

The Lantern will be closed for annual mud season vacation & Spring cleaning from April 26th- May 9th; reopening on May 10th.

### **THE INN**

The INN reopens May 18th.

The first outdoor (hopefully) wine tasting is May 21; \$50 a person, 4 course lunch with 5 wines, advanced RSVP required.

First CEA of 2023: May 28th at 7PM, \$0 admission, donation appreciated- all donations go directly to the artists. Artists are: Poet & Author Martha Zweig; local felt artist Carolyn Kittell; local band The Gary Wade Trio, 2 guitars and 1 harmonica covering Beatles, Stones, Allman Bros, Dylan, The Dead, and some originals. Restaurant opens at 5PM, show starts at 7PM.

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## **GRAND OPENING IN JUNE : EVERGREEN FOUNDATION BIRCHWOOD PUBLIC GARDEN**

The Birchwood, Vermont's newest public garden, opens for the first time June 9-11, when almost 700 of its more than 1,200 rhododendrons will be in bloom. Named for its hundreds of white birches, the naturalistic seven-acre garden on Hazen's Notch Road also offers stunning close views of the northernmost Green Mountains. The Birchwood was created by landscape designer Robert Gillmore, who donated it to the non-profit Evergreen Foundation in 2022. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, the Birchwood will be described by interpretive signs along a half-mile of paths. The Birchwood Opening benefits the non-profit FRIENDS OF THE MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY. Admission is \$7 per person, children 12 and under are FREE, no dogs or pets allowed to preserve the delicate landscaping. Gardens are not wheelchair accessible, but are gently graded. For more information, check the Evergreen's website at [www.evergreenfoundationnh.org](http://www.evergreenfoundationnh.org) or email the Foundation at [evergreenfoundationnh@gmail.com](mailto:evergreenfoundationnh@gmail.com).

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## **HISTORICAL EXHIBIT**

FRIENDS OF THE MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY presents an exhibit of images and text on the life of General Montgomery displayed in the halls of the PSB. The town of Montgomery was named for Major General Richard Montgomery, who was killed in the American Revolution. A colorful new exhibit on his "short, ironic life" has been mounted in the town Public Safety Building on Mountain Road. Montgomery was killed while leading the American assault on the British fortress of Quebec in a raging blizzard in December, 1775. This exhibit recounts Montgomery's short ironic life in eight 11-by-17-inch wall panels illustrated with historic pictures of the general and photographs of Montgomery Place, the estate built by his widow on the Hudson River, in New York. A full-size reproduction of the dramatic oil painting, *The Death of Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775*, by John Trumbull, the so-called "painter of the Revolution" whose subjects included George Washington and other Founding Fathers, is also on exhibit. The exhibit may be viewed whenever the library (802-326-3113) or the town clerk's office (802-326-4719) are open. The exhibit is free but donations to support the library are welcome.

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## **MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS**

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Mondays: 9AM-12PM; 1PM-6PM [closed for lunch from 12-1PM]

Tuesdays: 9AM-3PM

Wednesdays: 9AM-3PM

Thursdays: 9AM-3PM

Fridays: 9AM-1PM

Closed May 29th for Memorial Day.

### **MEETING DATES**

Select Board -- 6:30PM on May 1st and 15th at PSB ~ Library Board of Trustees -- 6PM on May 8th at Library  
Planning Commission -- 6PM on May 16th at PSB ~ Conservation Commission -- 5:30PM on May 3rd at PSB

Most meetings are in person at this time, with some hybrid zoom options available.

A link to online forums can be found on the municipal website [montgomeryvt.us/groups/gov](http://montgomeryvt.us/groups/gov)