



TOWN OF MONTGOMERY NEWSLETTER

May 2024

SPRING BIRD WALK

Sponsored by the Montgomery, Richford, Enosburg & Bakersfield Conservation Commissions.

Sunday, May 26th from 8AM-1PM at the Richford Elementary School. Free to the public.

Curious about birds but overwhelmed by the amount of species you see and songs you hear? Are there just many little brown birds? Join this event designed to teach you tools and strategies to observe and identify local bird species.

Pre-registration required by emailing richfordconservation@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

A brief, respectful recognition of Montgomery's veterans.

Roll call, wreath laying, Military Honors by Enosburg American Legion Post 42.

Followed by light refreshments served at the Village Green.

Sunday, May 26th at 12PM at the Montgomery Center Upper Cemetary.

MCA EVENTS**

>>**GALLERY EXHIBIT: MES Student Art Show: May 10th-19th**<<

Gallery Exhibit of the Montgomery Elementary School k-8 Student body creative works. Curated by MES Art Teacher and MCA Director Melissa Haberman. Gallery Hours Fridays and Saturdays from 10AM-4PM, Sundays from 12-4PM.

Seeking volunteers to docent the Gallery on weekends. 2-hour and 4-hour shift options available.

Sign up online at www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/volunteer

>>**CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: Mixed Media Mondays: May 6th & 20th from 10-11AM**<<

Creative learning for ages 5+. \$22/class. Register online at www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/classes-and-workshops

>>**SKILLS WORKSHOP: Birch Bark Basketry: May 19th from 9AM-4PM**<<

Full day course on constructing a straight-weave basket from raw birch bark. \$90. Scholarships available with application submission.

Register online at www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/classes-and-workshops

>>RAFFLE ITEMS<<

The MCA fundraiser raffle draw has been extended to May 31st. You can purchase raffle tickets to win a 2-night Golf & Stay Package at Jay Peak Resort. Tickets are \$20 each or 2 for \$30.

Also available are 50/50 Raffle tickets. Split the pot with the MCA. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Purchase your tickets at www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/category/raffle-tickets

Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets go towards the Final Phase of Exterior Restoration Initiative which entails the reinstallation of the restored historic glass windows.

****If you have accessibility needs, please contact the Board of Directors at montgomerycenterarts@gmail.com at least 3 days prior to an event so that we can coordinate accommodations for access.**

Early June events...

FARMERS' MARKET

The annual MHS Farmers' Market returns this summer from June 29th-September 28th. Every Saturday from 9:30AM-1PM

Interested vendors should contact prathhall@gmail.com for information on rates and booth requirements.

THE BIRCHWOOD RHODODENDRON BLOOM

The second annual opening of The Birchwood will be **Friday, June 7th through Thursday June 13th**. Created by landscape designer

Robert Gillmore and donated to the non-profit Evergreen Foundation; admission is \$7 per person, FREE for children 12 and under.

Experience the annual bloom of over 700 of the 1200 rhododendron bushes on display along the 1/2 mile path on this magnificent property in the Northern Green Mountains on Hazen's Notch Road. Proceeds go towards the Friends of the Montgomery Town Library.

For more information, visit www.evergreenfoundationnh.org/BirchwoodWoodlandGarden/EvergreenWoodlandGarden.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

The INN reopens on May 16th.

May 19th -- Brunch Luncheon -- 5 drinks, 4-course meal -- \$55 per person -- reservation required

May 26th -- first CEA of the season. Restaurant opens at 5PM, show starts at 7PM. Featuring JD Designs and live music by Jeannie Miller and the Millers

The Black Lantern reopens on Wednesday, May 8th with Trivia Night followed by regular hours Wednesday-Saturday at 5PM. New Summer menus.

The Belfry is closed for Spring cleaning and reopens on Friday, May 17th.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

If you have an event, meeting, workshop, public opportunity, or otherwise that you would like added to the monthly newsletter, please email me a brief description at sdoll.vt@gmail.com.

I do my best to solicit submissions monthly via email to the community leaders who have contacted me previously, and I take the time to try to find information on public platforms that may be relevant, but I am not responsible for absent content if it is not submitted directly. The purpose of this newsletter is to spread awareness of local opportunities for community members.

Please email your submission by the 28th of the month to be included.

MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 8:30AM-5PM

Tuesdays: 9AM-3PM

Wednesdays: 8:30AM-3PM

Thursdays: 8:30AM-3PM

Fridays: 9AM-11:30PM

CLOSED MAY 27TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY

MEETING DATES

Select Board -- 6:30PM on May 6th and 20th at PSB ~ Library Board of Trustees -- 6PM on May 13th at Library
Planning Commission -- 6PM on May 14th at PSB ~ Conservation Commission -- 5:30PM on May 1st 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