

# Town of Montgomery Newsletter

JUNE 2023

## **BEE BESIEGED: A HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING**

The Friends of the Montgomery Town Library will host this Vermont Humanities Council program on Thursday, June 8th at 6pm at the Montgomery Town Library, 86 Mountain Road, Montgomery Center. Beekeeping goes back 10,000 years, but bees have been much in the news recently as a multi-pronged scourge has devastated many of the nation's 2.5 million colonies. Meanwhile, hobby beekeeping has grown exponentially in the country. Bill Mares, writer, and a beekeeper for 45 years, will tell of the origins and evolution of beekeeping, with a particular emphasis on his research in Vermont. This event is free and open to the public. Please contact [Friendsmontgomerytownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsmontgomerytownlibrary@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **MCA EVENTS**

>>**Paint and Sip with Amber Harvey:** The first of a monthly summer Paint & Sip series, Amber comes to the MCA on June 24th, 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

>>**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 featuring the extensive collection of paintings from Michael Domina 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.

## **MES MONTGOMERY'S GOT TALENT**

Montgomery's Got Talent and Karaoke students have merged this session and are all working on various skills for the Montgomery's Got Talent show. Tuesday, June 13th at 4pm at Montgomery Elementary School.

Song, Ukelele, dance, and more!

Thank you for all your support for LEAPS Afterschool!

## **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).

## **MONTGOMERY SUMMER SESSIONS**

The Montgomery Rec Center is excited to announce the return of our summer music series for the 2023 season! This will mark the 9th year of hosting this beloved event, which brings families and friends together to enjoy music, food, and fun!

Free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

First Summer Sessions concert scheduled for Thursday, June 29th. Zuko and the Gang. 6-9PM at the Rec Center.

## **MONTGOMERY CARES FOR OUR SENIORS**

Montgomery Cares for our Seniors monthly luncheon. Monday, June 19th at 11:30PM at the PSB.

Reservations required. Contact Sue Willson at 326-4189.

## **YOGA**

>>A new yoga series opens at the Grange. Led by certified yoga instructor Emily. Hatha Level 1&2 focused on alignment based postures, breath work, and meditation. Tuesdays from 9-10AM. \$10 per class.

>>J Mountain Yoga continues Gentle Vinyasa Yoga on Thursdays from 9-10AM at the Grange. \$10 per class.

### **LOCAL RESTAURANT INFO**

#### **THE SNOW SHOE LODGE AND PUB**

The Snow Shoe will be closed from June 1st to the 15th.

#### **THE INN**

1st and 3rd Friday of June, July, Aug, and Labor Day weekend oyster bar, \$2 a shuck.

June 11th is our monthly wine pairing lunch -- 5 wines, 4-course lunch -- \$50pp -- advanced reservations required.

June 18th is our summer cocktail lunch pairing -- 5 cocktails, 4-course lunch -- \$50pp -- advanced RSVP required.

June 25th is the monthly CEA (Celebration of Expressive Arts) come join us at The INN for an artist of the spoken word, a visual artist, and a band. Showtime around 7 pm, dinner starts at 5pm. Tables by reservations.

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### **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.

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).

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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

#### **MEETING DATES**

Select Board -- 6:30PM on June 5th and 19th at PSB ~ Library Board of Trustees -- 6PM on June 12th at Library  
Planning Commission -- 6PM on May 20th at PSB ~ Conservation Commission -- 5:30PM on June 7th 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)