

# Town of Montgomery Newsletter

September 2023

## **UMATR RIVER CLEAN-UP**

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee invites you to help clean-up the River Walk Park and Swimming Hole. 10:30AM-12PM at Riverwalk Park. Give back and get a gift certificate to a local business! More information on this and other UMATR Events at [www.umatrwildandscenic.org/events](http://www.umatrwildandscenic.org/events)

## **MONTGOMERY FARMER'S MARKET**

The Montgomery Farmer's Market continues into September on the Pratt Hall Lawn. Open every Saturday from 9:30AM-1PM through September 16th. Featuring local vendors selling their home goods, local meats and cheeses, jams and baked goods, soaps and essential oils, maple products and more. Vermont musician Michael Stridesberg will be performing live at the finale Market on September 16th.

## **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.

## **MONTGOMERY VARIETY SHOW RETURNS**

The Annual Variety Show is back, by popular demand!  
Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th at 6PM at the Town Hall.  
To sign up with your talent or skit, please email [varietyshowmontgomeryvt@gmail.com](mailto:varietyshowmontgomeryvt@gmail.com)

## **MCA EVENTS\*\***

- >>**Children's Movement Workshop:** September 9th from 9-10AM.  
For 8-10 year olds with Ballet Arts Instructor Kathleen McCloskey. Suggested donation \$12.
- >>**T'ai Chi Chih:** September 9th (at 10:30AM), 13th, 15th, 20th, & 27th from 10-11AM  
A mindfulness moving meditation with Wendy Howard. Suggested donation \$10.
- >>**Adult Barre Ballet:** September 9th from 12-1PM  
Taught by Kathleen McCloskey, a 60-minute Beginners Ballet Barre with Pilates to Grande Battements. Suggested donation \$12.
- >>**Folded Bark Basket-making with Justin Sutera:** September 16th from 10AM-4PM  
Learn how to craft with bark from our Northern Forests to create beautiful and functional baskets. Class fee \$100.
- >>**Ecstatic Dance Party:** September 23rd from 7-9PM  
Fall Equinox dance and movement gathering. Free; all ages welcome.
- >>**Plein Air Painting Workshop with Dennis Lucas:** September 30th from 10AM-3PM  
Outdoor, open air painting workshop along the Trout River. Supplies provided. Class fee \$75.
- >>**GALLERY EXHIBIT: Altered Landscapes of Alan Morse:** Open Gallery hours Saturdays 12-4PM; Sundays 1-4PM.  
A month long exhibit of interpretive landscapes and imaginative, whimsical paintings. Artist's talk on September 10th at 2PM.
- >>**CALL-TO-ARTISTS -- The People's Art Show:** Deadline for submissions September 17th  
A free, non-juried, uncensored exhibition celebrating all forms of creativity, diversity, and imagination in our community and beyond.  
**\*\*If you have accessibility needs, please contact the Board of Directors at [montgomerycenterarts@gmail.com](mailto:montgomerycenterarts@gmail.com) at least 3 days prior to an event so that we can coordinate accommodations for access.**  
**Art is for everyone, and in this old building we want to help facilitate inclusion to the best of our ability.\*\***

For more information on classes, workshops, Gallery Shows, and submitting your artwork, visit our website at [www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/programsandevents](http://www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/programsandevents)

### **LOCAL RESTAURANT INFO**

#### **THE BLACK LANTERN INN**

Wednesday through Saturday, open at 5PM.

Autumn seasonal menu coming soon.

#### **THE INN**

September 10th - Italian Wine Tasting @ 12pm. 5 wines, 4-course lunch \$50. Call to make a reservation.

September 17th - Autumn Cocktail Tasting @ 12pm. 5 drinks, 4-course lunch \$50. Call to make a reservation.

September 24th - Season Finale CEA, live poet, live art, and live music (Missisquoi River Band)! Dinner starts at 5pm, show starts at 7pm.

Restaurant closed for private event on September 29th.

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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: 8:30AM-5PM

Tuesdays: 9AM-3PM

Wednesdays: 8:30AM-3PM

Thursdays: 8:30AM-3PM

Fridays: 9AM-11:30PM

#### **MEETING DATES**

Select Board -- 6:30PM on September 4th and 18th at PSB ~ Library Board of Trustees -- 6PM on September 11th at Library  
Planning Commission -- 6PM on September 12th at PSB ~ Conservation Commission -- 5:30PM on September 6th at PSB

Friend's of the Library (a non-municipal fundraising organization) meets at 5:30PM on September 28th at Library. Public welcome.

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