

The Bradford Bridge

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2018 Town of Bradford Balloting Results

Budget Committee for 3 yrs

Marlene L Freyler
Mark Fournier

Cemetery Commission for 3 yrs

5-way Tie

Diane Whalley
Marlene Freyler
George Cilley
Carey Rodd
Thomas Dunne

Moderator for 2 yrs

Brackett Scheffy

Planning Board for 1 yr

Thomas A Dunne Jr

Planning Board for 3 yrs

Carol Meise
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Scholarship Committee for 3 yrs

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Selectman for 3 yrs

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Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 yrs

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Memorial Library for 3 yrs

Ellen Barselle

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Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 yrs

Brett Barselle

Zoning Board for 3 yrs

Denise Renk



Town Meeting 2018 – Town Hall Remains on Hold



Brackett announced the results of the voting “This may make the headlines for The NY Times... five-way tie for Cemetery Commission in Bradford, NH.”

After almost 2 hours of explanations and discussion of how the Bradford Town Hall could be restored, 177 votes were cast by paper ballot, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) (gross budget) for the continued renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall.” Two-thirds majority was needed to pass. At 10:03 pm Moderator Brackett Scheffy announced that the article had failed, 78 in favor and 99 opposed.



Architect Jay Barrett voluntarily attended the entire meeting to answer questions about the Town Hall project.

In later discussion and voting an article passed, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) to do the work required to protect the Town Hall while it remains vacant and idle for an undetermined number of years until funding for the renovation project is secured.”

All line items on the budget passed for a total of \$1,979,356. In other voting, appropriations were passed adding \$196,350 to the budget.



So much knitting

The article requesting that the town adopt a noise ordinance failed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 pm.

Official minutes for the 2018 Bradford Town Meeting can soon be found on bradfordnh.org.

*Kathleen Bigford, Reporter
Mary Keegan-Dayton, Photographer*

Kearsarge Regional School District Balloting Results

Question 1, Budget
\$42,740,601 – *Passed*

Question 2, Special Education Fund, \$25,000 – *Passed*

Question 3, Maintenance Fund, \$50,000 – *Passed*

Moderator, Brackett Scheffy – *Elected*



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Letter from the Editor

I am imagining that anyone who writes this kind of letter wonders who will be reading it and the publication it accompanies.

The prolific feedback requests we all receive is evidence that the requesters want to serve their customers in the best way possible and they want to know who is using their service.

So it is with the Bradford Bridge. We would love to hear from our readers. A simple postcard or email will do. What's great? What's good? What could we do to serve you better?

Check out our new website at www.bradfordbridge.org and enjoy this April issue.

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor
PO Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221
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How Sweet It Is

Nothing says "springtime" more than a whiff of maple vapor pouring out of a sap house. Fourteen-year-old Carter Hasey installed 100 traditional taps on 75 maples on their family farm on



Rowe Mountain this season. Last year, he and his dad custom cut dry wood to fuel the roaring stove. This spring, they collected the sap in a modified rig on the back of a tractor and used gravity to feed the tanks. They are now busy boiling off, filtering, and bottling the sweet rewards, with sister Chloe, acting as expert sampler.

Laurie Buchar

State Road Resurfacing Near Bradford

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has tentatively programmed the state road pavement repair on segments in the town of Bradford for the summer 2018.

Bradford, NH 103, 1.9 miles, 3/4" paver shim from the intersection of NH 114 easterly to Bradford/Warner Town line.

Bradford-Sutton, NH 114, 7.2 miles, 3/4" paver shim from the intersection of NH 103 in Bradford northerly to a pavement joint north of the intersection of Gile Pond Rd in Sutton.

Bears Are Out of Hibernation!!

Young bears especially will be seeking high protein/fat bird seed because this spring there isn't much else out there. Please don't turn a good bear into a bad bear. It is not good in the long run to have them habituated to humans. It's much too hazardous for all concerned.



Ann Eldridge

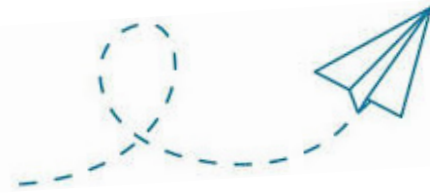
Letter to the Editor:

For those not present at the March 14th Town meeting, know that the bond for restoring the first floor of the Town Hall failed. Rather than voting on a sure thing – both with cost and verifiable result which the bond would have done, allowing for the reoccupation of the building and getting the town employees out of unsafe conditions, 99 of the 177 people present chose to go with a “wish and a prayer” funding method. That is, every year for the next 5 years we will be asked to vote on an appropriation warrant asking for funding to put into a “savings account” to later pay to complete the Town Hall’s first floor. Each year there will be a differing dollar amount asked for in hopes of achieving financially what the bond would have done. I call it a “wish and a prayer” process for this reason.

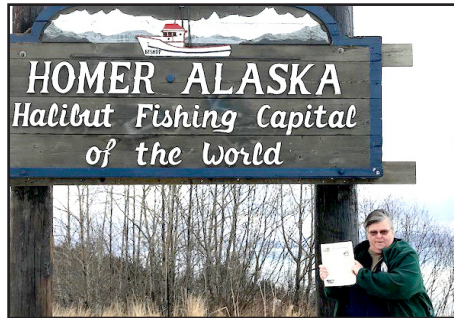
I asked at the meeting what happens if in any one of those ensuing years, the citizens vote either not to fund or reduce the requested amount? The answer was “I don’t know”. And, still unanswered: When we get to the end of year 5, what happens to the building if there are not enough funds to a) repair it and/or b) continue ‘moth-balling’ the building until the necessary funds do somehow arrive?

Under the guise of saving the taxpayers money yet professing support to restore the Town hall, this vote missed the mark on both fronts.

Sue McKeivitt



How Far Do We Go?



Betsy Fowler recently traveled to Alaska to see her daughter and grandson. The Bradford Bridge went with her. Here they are in Homer.



Art and Paula Fraser and family share the Bradford Bridge on a recent visit in Paris.

No matter how far we go, we always like staying connected to home. Do you take your Bridge along on vacation? We want to know how far the Bradford Bridge has travelled! Send us pictures of the places you have been!

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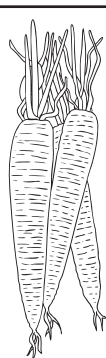
‘BEAVER DECEIVERS’ ARE COMING TO BRADFORD

The Bradford Conservation Commission will be hosting a presentation by Skip Lisle of Grafton, VT on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Memorial Library on West Main Street in Bradford. Mr. Lisle will be speaking about and showing slides of beavers, their lives, and the role they play in wetland environments. As the largest rodent in North America, beavers have transformed our landscape by nature of their unique lifestyle. The ecosystem beavers create is essential for the survival of many different species.



Mr. Lisle is the inventor of ‘Beaver Deceivers’ which are structures put in beaver ponds to protect culverts and road crossings from flooding due to beaver activity. ‘Beaver Deceivers’ are a humane, economical, and permanent solution to a problem that otherwise can become very expensive and never ending. We have several sites in Bradford where we would like to see Beaver Deceivers installed in the near future.

Please join us for this entertaining and informative free presentation. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.



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A Thank You from the Town Clerk:

Well we had quite a day for Town Election with the snow storm. I just want to say that it would not have been possible to pull it all off without the help of many people. Town's people continuously offered their help with the set up the week prior straight through the Election Day.

We had a great team of ballot clerks who helped out. Thank you to Bob Toppi, Denise Renk, Beth Rodd, Tom Marshall, Tandy Hartford and Steve Pierce. It was much appreciated that you all came to help and adjusted your day to make sure the whole day was covered.

Bob Toppi, Beth Rodd, Tandy Hartford and Karen Hambleton all stayed to help count the write-in votes and there were quite a few to count.

Thank you to the Checklist Supervisors; Judy Marshall, Jackye Pehrson and Sandy Paul who are always smiling and help new voters register. They also provide food and drinks for the election officials and I know I greatly appreciate the cookies.

Thank you to the Bradford PD who makes sure the peace is kept. It's a long day for you to just be standing there with us.

Thank you to Richie Marshall who shovel the walkways for us.

Thank you to Barry Wheeler for constantly plowing the parking lot.

Thank you to the Highway guys for getting all the election equipment and for setting up the ballot booths.

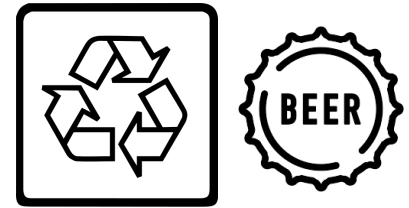
Thank you to Amelia Dohrn the Deputy. This was her first election and I feel like she did a great job. There were various tasks that she helped with throughout the day. The Town Clerk's office was open during the election so she was also running up and downstairs to help customers and answer the phone for the office.

Thank you to Brackett Scheffy and Fred Hubley who are in charge of making sure everything goes smoothly with the Accutvote machine. They are also on top off all the RSA's pertaining to the election. They also help in any other areas needed.

Thank you to all of those who came out in the snow to vote. The storm, unfortunately, made it so many voters were not able to come out. However, we did have 265 voters come in and 26 absentee ballots were cast making a total of 291 ballots cast for the 2018 Town Election.

It truly takes many hands to make an election go smoothly. People were thanking me the entire day but the truth is without the help of so many people it would not have been possible. I really appreciate so many willing to come together to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Melissa Cloutier



Steel Recycling

Steel can be recycled time and time again without loss of quality. Bradford residents are asked to bring their steel cans, lids, aerosol cans, jar covers, beer bottle caps, chewing tobacco covers, and many other large and small steel items into the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center for recycling.



There are labeled steel recycling barrels near the compactor for the smaller steel items and a roll off container in the yard for larger steel items. Recycling steel in this way helps to reduce the tipping fees for compactor trash disposal. Recycled steel can be found in a variety of products, including bicycle frames, pipes, train tracks, ship hulls, cars, bridges, paper clips, and hardware.

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*Lois Kilnapp –
Transfer Station Manager*



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Kasey Mathews, who received her Masters from Boston College, lives in rural NH with her husband and two children. A former elementary school teacher, Kasey now shares her passion for 'finding the magic in your life' as a book writing, speaking and transformational life coach.

Copies of Kasey's books will be available at the luncheon.

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To All Area Women,

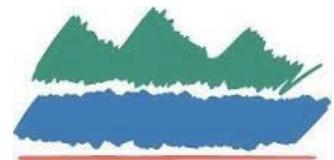
As the crisp white snow envelops us in New Hampshire, the Committee for the Lake Sunapee Region VNA Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon is already meeting to plan for the 2018 luncheon on Wednesday, May 16th at Colby-Sawyer College. We are very excited about this year's "salute to moms", so get your pink on as the room will be beautiful shades of pink!

Last year's speaker Dr. Marion J. Hardy, U.S. Air Force Veteran told us that she has spoken to groups all over the world and never been to an event such as ours with so much inspiration, hope, fun, laughter and sense of purpose. She had a great time as did our guests and the women we honored in 2017. Nominations are being accepted until April 20th for the 2018 award. Please send to Cathy Raymond, Development Director at LSRVNA (107 Newport Road, New London, NH 03257).

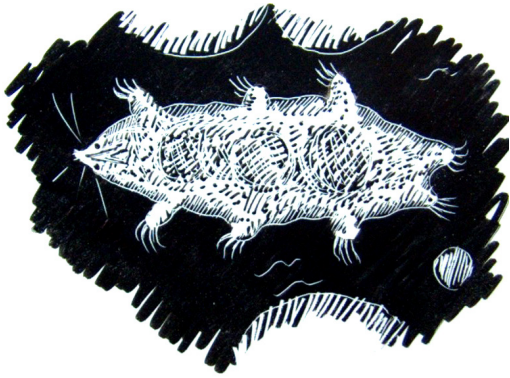
We hope you will mark your calendars for a special day that honors women and raises funds for the Pediatric Services of the LSRVNA. By the way, this is our 19th year ... amazing! What a great time to honor moms so near to Mother's Day; and we each have a mom or we wouldn't be on this earth. Bring your mom, daughter, grandmother, sister (you get the idea) ... and celebrate with us! Tables or single tickets available by calling 526-4077.

Look forward to seeing you and meanwhile, be well, safe and happy.

*Gail Matthews
Wilmot, NH*



Outside



Black bears usually shake off their winter torpor at the beginning of April. I've been hunting a different kind of bear for weeks now. I was reading about moss and came across a reference to 'water bears', also called 'moss piglets'. Black bears are not always easy to find but it seemed that water bears, though microscopic, by their reported ubiquitousness, would be easier. Hunting requires patience, stealth, luck, and some knowledge of your intended prey. Though armed with a bit of knowledge, I found that I'm sadly deficient in the other three factors.

Water bears are more properly named 'tardigrades' of the phyla Tardigrada, a name also given to the tree sloths. Tardigrade translates to 'slow-walking animal'. There are at least a thousand species of these aquatic macroinvertebrates. Measuring 0.1-0.5mm in length, they are often transparent and sometimes colorful. Equipped with micro muscles, twin micro eyes, and eight stumpy micro legs brandishing curved micro claws, they lack skeletal structure and have no need of one. Some have two drinking straws attached to their pointy faces and some have circular surprised-looking mouths ringed with teeth that send sustenance to their visible innards. Who would not wish to see one for themselves?

Tardigrades can be found in any habitat with moisture – tops of mountains, bottoms of oceans, and under 600 feet of ice, for instance. More

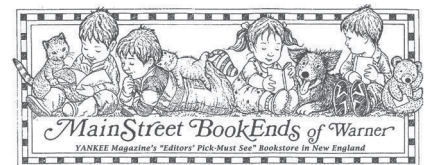
accessible hangouts are found in moss and it was in these jungles with a 30X scope that I stalked them, hoping to observe them at home in their native habitat. I searched the glistening, glassy moss forests. And searched. And searched. Neither track nor scat could I find. I took a tree stand approach and waited. Impatient, I began crashing through the watery underbrush with my hand lens hoping to flush my prey. Or anything at all. Finally, detaining more and varied mosses, I began inundating the swamps and scanning the floodwaters.

My aching retinas were about to resign when I finally found a water bear. He (or she) was whitish and just barely visible to the naked eye. A behemoth among bears. At 100X he became a distinct personality, circling about in apparent confusion. He did not look particularly alien to me and yet based on some rather astonishing attributes; some theorize that these plentiful gummy bears blew in from another planet. A drying tardigrade can quickly form what is called a 'tun', a little kernel of suspended metabolism. This extreme form of hibernation is called cryptobiosis. In other life forms this is known as Death. Fragile in their wet state, water bears are nearly impervious to disaster when in the tun state.

Listen to this - a tardigrade tun can survive: heat to 325 degrees F., freezing to near absolute zero or -400 degrees F., resistance to 1000 times more radiation than would kill us, suspension in a vacuum, noxious chemicals, boiling in alcohol, atmospheric pressure in excess of 6000 psi, and can be revived from decades of desiccation in museum displays. Fifteen minutes cozying up with a drop of water and water bears are ready to pick up where they left off. Tardigrades are thought to be unrelated to any other organism on this planet though there are similarities to nematodes.

The black bear is a noble creature, not so numerous as the water bear and even harder to locate if they do not wish to be found. Black bears lead complicated lives that we can in part sympathize with as fellow mammals. The lives of water bears, however, are carried out on a scale far remote from our sight and imaginations and yet they accomplish a great deal without so much as two brain cells to rub together. They succeed in all the things furred bears and humans do – feed themselves, locate a mate, and make provisions for the next generation. And they can do something black bears and humans don't perhaps do as well – survive pretty much anything.

Ann Eldridge



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Local Feast Seasonal Recipes from Local Produce

Spring Greens

Spring is here, the cold weather is almost over, and I'm yearning for spring temps, spring flowers and more importantly spring foods. It'll be sometime before vegetables start popping up in my garden, but lucky for us Sweet Beet Market will soon be bursting at the seams with colorful spring foods like fiddlehead ferns, pea shoots, micro-greens, herbs, and ramps. For those of us who are just tuning in to ramps, what exactly are they and why are they so awesome? Ramps are a wild onion that grow during the spring in Eastern Canada and the U.S. They're sometimes referred to as wild leeks, and taste like a balanced mixture of garlic and onion. They look a lot like scallions, but are pungent, to say the very least.



I'm craving lighter and fresher dishes full of spring flavors. This recipe uses ramps, peas and asparagus, but you can substitute any spring vegetable.

SPAGHETTI WITH SPRING VEGETABLES & RAMP PESTO

Serves 4

- 1 pound spaghetti, cooked based on package directions
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 cups of ramps
- 1 cup of peas (blanched)
- 1 cup asparagus (cut into 1" pieces & blanched)
- 2 cups grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 tablespoons of chopped basil
- 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley
- 1/2 cups ramp pesto - recipe follows

DIRECTIONS: Cook the spaghetti according to directions on the package. While the pasta is cooking cut the ramps, separating the tops and bottoms. Heat a large saute pan over medium heat, add the olive oil. When

hot, add the ramp bottoms along with a pinch of salt and saute' until tender, approx 3-4 minutes, add the ramp tops and saute' until wilted. Add the

peas and asparagus. Add the spaghetti and 3/4 cup of pasta water, and toss well. Remove from the heat, add parmesan, pesto, salt and pepper (to taste) and toss again. Finish with fresh parsley, basil and parmesan cheese.

RAMP PESTO

Serves 4-6

There will be some pesto left over that can be used to mix onto roasted veggies, put on sandwiches, or use in salads.

- 1 bunch of ramps
- 1/2 cup walnuts (toasted)
- 1/3 cup olive oil, or a little bit more
- 1/2 cup parmigiano reggiano cheese
- Salt & Pepper
- Squirt of lemon

DIRECTIONS: Wash and cut off the leaves of the ramps. Optional step: blanche the ramp leaves in boiling water. Some say this makes the pesto more bright and vibrant. I think it's plenty beautiful either way. Chop the ramps and walnuts just a bit and put them in your food processor. Add most of the cheese (save a sprinkle for serving) and a good dash of salt and pepper. Pouring the olive oil in slowly, process contents until they combine and look, well... pesto-y. Taste for seasoning and add a good squirt of lemon.

Barbara Bridgewater

Barbara Bridgewater and Tracey Quigley operate a local personal chef and catering service, Feast of New Hampshire, feastofnh.com.

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Legislative Update

The NH Legislature meets from January through March. We are now halfway through our second year. On Thursday, March 21, we had “crossover day”. This is the day all surviving bills from the Senate and House must be reported out to the other body for study. Below are some examples of House bills that are on their way to the Senate.

HB 628 Establishing a Family Medical Leave Insurance Program. After many years of discussion and debate, the House passed this bill by a 175 to 156 vote. If you’ve ever had to care for an ill family member, you know how important this legislation is. Funded by a percentage of contributions from employees’ paychecks, this bill will provide families with support in times of family emergencies. The bill now moves onto the Senate for further study.

HB 1313 Under current law you can carry a loaded firearm in your motor vehicle without a license or permit. This bill extends the law to cover OHRV’s and snowmobiles.

HB 1802 This bill requires towns which collect Statewide Educational Property Taxes (Swept) in excess of their adequacy needs to return the excess funds to the state. This bill would send a total of \$30,000,000 to the general fund for redistribution to less affluent towns for property tax relief. Currently, towns keep these funds and can spend them as they wish. This bill was deemed “inexpedient to legislate” or ITL.

HB 1543 This bill is an attempt to suppress voting rights for students. It would require that out of town students who live in NH ten to twelve months a year, have a NH driver’s license and registration. This would require students, who live here and contribute to the economy to essentially be “taxed” to vote. This bill failed.

HB 1707, 1680 and 1721 would make it more difficult for a woman to choose an abortion.

Attempts to make requirements onerous were rejected. It is generally thought that every medical procedure is best left to the judgment of medical professionals and the standards of accepted medical practice. Medical professionals and women deserve privacy in determining issues related to maternal well being and the legislature should not involve itself in these complex, personal issues.

HB 1586 This bill bars marriage between parties if a sexual relation between them would have been a criminal act if they were not married. Marriage cannot paper over a sexual assault, rape or statutory rape.

These are samples of the types of bills that come before us every day. If you have a particular interest in a subject or wish to have a bill written to address some concern, please contact me. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Rep. Beth Rodd
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Thank you to these hardy volunteers who brought the 2018 Winter Carnival to Brown Shattuck Park on Saturday, February 24.

Vendor Fair - Bradford Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 30, 2018. 4:30-9:30pm, Brown Shattuck Field

The Bradford Independence Day Celebration will be hosting a vendor fair of local crafters and artisans. If you would like a booth at the celebration please contact Devin Pendleton at BradfordNHcelebration@gmail.com for more information and an application. Space is limited and applications are due by May 15,2018.

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Town Board Reports

Board of Selectmen

Recording Secretary Laurie Colburn was appointed as Recording Secretary for the Selectmen, Planning and Zoning Boards and the Budget Committee.

Highway Department John Pfeifle noted the effectiveness of the Road Agent and team in managing the budget. Bradford spends an average of \$7.65/mile compared to neighboring communities; Sutton \$8.23/mile, Warner \$12.53/mile, Newbury \$12.48/mile, New London \$19.70/mile, and Washington \$8.98/mile.

Grant Application Jim Bibbo presented a certification document for the grant being written to fund the elevator in Town Hall. The Board signed the certification.

Town Hall Tours Selectman Pfeifle complemented the quality of the tours of the Town Hall conducted on March 3rd and the impressive amount of work that had been completed. He felt the event was well attended and included project supporters, those who had not supported it, as well as those who sought to learn more about the renovation activity.

Board Chair Jim Bibbo was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Board for Selectmen for the coming year.

Possible Lawsuit A question was raised about what the process would be if the Town was named in a lawsuit. Selectman Bibbo responded that the Town would engage its legal representative and likely go to court. The Town's liability insurance provides some protection against financial impact.

Thank you Sonny Harris John Pfeifle took a moment to thank Sonny Harris for his service to the Town and Select Board, stating, "I want to take a moment of the Town's time to thank

Sonny for his help these past 5 years with me and the past 6 years with the Town. His knowledge of the town, forest, lands, soil and people is unmatched in town. His concern for all citizens goes the extra mile. Bradford needs his continued leadership and guidance. Nothing against either of his opponents, both good smart guys. I hope they stay involved in town affairs. Please understand I feel Sonny's quiet help is unmatched and needed ..."

Brown Memorial Library

Librarian's Report Library patronage was higher during the month of February. Children's materials loaned was also up. The interlibrary loan system continues to be down across the state.

Water Testing Results of volatile compound analysis returned from DES were good. The water is safe to use.

Library Director Trustees will post the position on the NH Library website, Brown Memorial Library website, and the Kearsarge Shopper.

Boiler Following an inspection, H. R. Clough Company has been contacted to complete the work of adding a missing secondary switch to the boiler.

Summer Reading Program Reading Rocks! Laurie Buchar has requested \$500.00 dollars for the Program, which will include several musicians and performers. Trustees agreed this would be a good use of money for the library.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Variance Application Following a discussion, it was agreed that clarification and revisions in the application and instructions were needed. Specifically, it was noted that it should be clear that the applicant must demonstrate unnecessary hardship and that it is not the Board's job to construct an argument to demonstrate. Ken Parys will draft a new application.

Planning Board

Alternate Carol Meise was voted in as an alternate member of the Board (and subsequently elected to a three-year term).

Public Hearing For a Motor Vehicle Junkyard on County Road Map 9, Lot 45 owned by William C. Heselton. A list of possible conditions of site plan approval was compiled based on suggestions from NH Department of Environmental Services, civil and environmental engineers from AECOM Engineering and members of the Planning Board. The Board discussed and voted on each one individually, considered comments from the public, the applicant's engineer and attorney, and Board members. Several were amended and some were excluded and a final list of conditions was approved.

A motion to approve the application for the site plan dated 10.23.17, with the proposed conditions established on the meeting dated 2.27.18, was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

The conditions of approval will be added to the plan.

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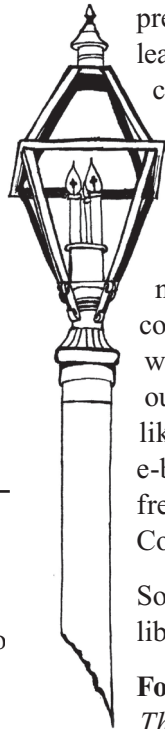

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Brown Memorial Library

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Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 8:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday 11:00am – 3:00pm

LIBRARY CLOSED
on Easter Sunday. 🐇

FREE SCREENING. Join us on Thursday, April 5 at 7pm for a screening of *PAINTING THE MODERN GARDEN: Monet to Matisse*, a film in the Exhibition on Screen series from Sevenarts. The film guides us around an exquisite exhibition at the Royal Academy of the Arts in London, then takes us to France, and the garden in Giverny that inspired France's great impressionist. As the film bleeds into painting and back again, the results are "impressive".

BOOK DISCUSSION. The April discussion (on Wednesday the 18th at 7pm) is on *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. Howard Frank Moshier called it "one of the greatest and most cherished American novels of the twentieth century. Tracing the lives, loves, and aspirations of two couples who move between Vermont and Wisconsin, it is a work of quiet majesty, deep compassion, and powerful insight into the alchemy of friendship and marriage." Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

BEAVER PROGRAM. The Bradford Conservation Commission hosts a program on *Beaver Deceivers* by Skip Lisle. Mr. Lisle has developed a method to keep beavers in residence (they are so important to wetlands) yet

prevent unwanted flooding. Come learn more about these fascinating creatures on Friday, April 20 at 7pm, here at the library.

TEEN ALERT! Come in to the library to try your hand at making origami stars and check out the new books in our "Young Adult" collection. Don't see the book you want? Just ask! We are happy to try our best to get any book you would like to read. You can also download e-books and digital audiobooks for free with New Hampshire Overdrive. Come in to get your user number.

Some of the books added to your library in March –

For Adults:

The Future of Humanity / Michio Kaku
An American Marriage / Tayari Jones
Less than a Treason / Dana Stabenow
Still Me / Jojo Moyes
A Distant Heart / Sonali Dev
Don't Skip Out on Me / Willy Vlautin

For Children & Teens:

The Heart and Mind of Frances Pauley / April Stevens
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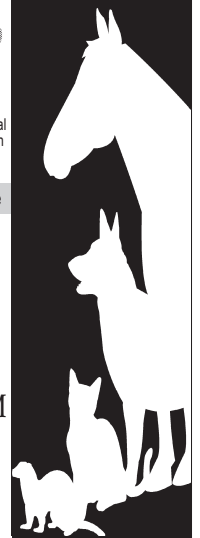
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Bradford's Cornerstones in the 21st Century

Main Street – Then and Now



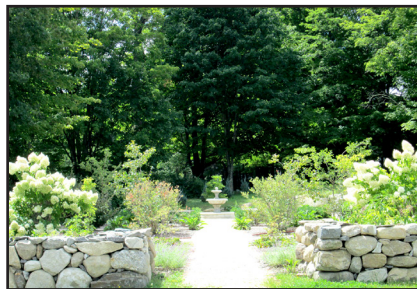
The old Bradford Inn on West Main is the new home of the Sweet Beet Market.

This Cornerstone is difficult to explain as it has changed as the Town has changed. Even in the 'early days' when the Town Hall was on Rowe Mountain Road businesses were located along what is now Bradford's main street. The historical 1850 map of the Town shows the Bradford Hotel and a grist mill at the west end, a law office, church and shops along the way to the Raymond House at the east end where Lafayette stopped during his visit to Bradford.

When the railroad came through Bradford in the 1850's additional shops were opened to accommodate residents and travelers and the Town Hall was relocated to a plot across from the church. During the early 20th century, gas stations and auto repair businesses were added, and Bradford became the shopping hub for surrounding towns as well. With the relocation of Routes 114 and 103 by the State in the 1960's, Bradford became one of the very few rural towns with not one, but two traffic lights.

Since the Cornerstones were chosen in 1991, Main Street has continued to change. The grocery, farm and hardware stores are closed, and several structures have burned. On the positive side other businesses have replaced some of those that moved or closed. The railroad building, once home to a busy farm supply store, is undergoing renovations and when completed will provide additional commercial space, but vacant lots and structures remain where stores once served local and area shoppers.

East Main Street has new sidewalks and a gracious garden, lovingly created by the current owners on a site where a house burned and was not rebuilt. Across the street a building that was once a tin shop and for many years housed the Stewart Agency, is once again the Tin Shop, home of the Bradford Historical Society. The former elementary school was transformed into the Bradford Area Community Center by means of a federal grant and many hours of volunteer efforts. It now temporarily houses the Town Offices.



Garden on East Main

The site of the Bradford Hotel at the west end of Main Street experienced several owners and names over the years, sat vacant for a time, and is being rebuilt and restored for the Kearsarge Hub, the Sweet Beet market, an artist's studio, and soon a café and community kitchen. A Historic Property Assessment, prepared by Planning Consultant Christopher Closs in 2007, stated, "As a corridor, West Main Street represents one of the better-preserved surviving 19th century village residential districts in rural New Hampshire."

Six of the 21 Cornerstones are on West Main Street. The Lafayette monument on the east end is still maintained by the Town. At the west end, the Brick Mill continues in private ownership and its future is dependent on the good will of the owners, the inn across the street is being given new life, Brown Memorial Library and the Community Church are well protected for the future. Preservation of the sixth, Bradford's Town Hall remains uncertain. Restoration has begun, but is on hold until additional funds are allocated to complete the project.

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Scholarships

Town of Bradford Scholarship 2018

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants for the 2018 scholarship. Originated in 1964, the town scholarship has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education. In order to apply for the scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

- Live in Bradford.
- Be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
- Submit a typewritten application telling the committee about academic goals, extracurricular and community activities, and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals.

Applications should be mailed to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, Bradford Town Hall, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221-0436 no later than April 30, 2017. Upon selection, please include a digital photograph for use in local newspapers and in the Bradford Annual Report.

The Bradford Women's Club

The Bradford Women's Club is pleased to announce that we are presenting two scholarships this year: BWC Annual Scholarship and BWC Jane M Lucas Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships are available to any female attending a college or technical school living in Bradford, Newbury, or Sutton. Applications are available at the Guidance Dept., Kearsarge Regional High School. The ending date is April 30. If you have any questions, call Jackye Pehrson, 938-5951.

Bar Harbor Bankshares

Bar Harbor Bank and Trust/Lake Sunapee Bank is pleased to announce the availability of a \$1,500 scholarship for high school graduating seniors who are going on to college. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2018. Applications are available at any branch of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust and Lake Sunapee Bank, and can also be found online at www.bhbt.com.

This new scholarship is for income-eligible applicants who have attended a technical career program as part of their high school curriculum. Only those students residing in the following NH counties are eligible: Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Sullivan.

There is the potential for 15 awards of \$1,500 each. From qualified applicants, one student will be chosen per technical center. The eligible NH technical centers include: Concord Regional Technical Center, Manchester School of Technology, Milford High School & Applied Technology Center, Nashua Technology Center North, Nashua Technology Center South, Sugar River Valley RTC Claremont, Sugar River Valley RTC Newport, and Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Center.

Application requirements include a personal statement describing career aspirations and college choice, explanation of leadership and community service, high school transcript, copy of FAFSA, and the completed one-page scholarship application. This scholarship, offered by Bar Harbor Bankshares, is being administered by the Maine Community Foundation. For questions, please contact the Foundation at 207-667-9735.

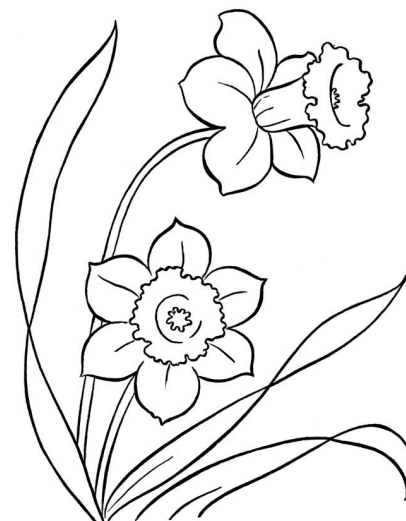
Obituaries



Betsy L Allen

Betsy L Allen, 76, died Tuesday, February 6, 2018, with her family at her side. Betsy was born in Brighton, MA on August 25, 1941 to Millard and Gladys (Demont) Allen. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by husband of 47 years, Robert J. Allen, brother Robert D. Allen and daughter Catherine Allen.

Betsy loved all things crafts, cooking and spending time with her family. Betsy was the official keeper of family memories. She is survived by her daughter Louise and her husband John Ayers; son James and his wife Dawn; and son Daniel. She also leaves her grandchildren Rebecca, Tara, Justin, Deirdre, Joshua, Tyler and Adam; and great-grandchildren Hunter, Jaylee, Liam, Ryan and Ethan. Betsy is also survived by her brother Herb and his wife Marie Allen; her sister Patricia and her husband Frank Quimby; her brother James Allen; and many nieces, nephews, and their families.





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Obituaries

Benjamin S Saxby

Benjamin S Saxby of Venice, Florida, formerly of Bradford, passed away unexpectedly in December 2017. He was born on August 22, 1971. He graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and attended Castleton State College in Vermont and New England College in Henniker, NH.

While in school he was very active in lacrosse and rugby. He loved skiing, fishing, and boating, especially sailing out of Kittery with his dad.

Ben loved family and friends and was always ready for the next party. He could often be found having a great time cooking for everyone, telling a story from one of his numerous adventures. Ben loved to be outdoors, whether he was taking an ATV out for a ride or staying homebound to nurture his interest in plants and gardening. He was also a talented artist and an enthusiastic music fan.

Ben was extremely passionate in his love of animals. It didn't matter if it was the home pet or a wild critter...if it needed help, he was always there. Throughout his lifetime, he had an assortment of pets: small rodents, fish, a monkey, iguanas, cats, and dogs. His devoted Jack Russell terriers, Rocky and Rambo, were always with him at home or at work, riding in the truck or on the back of the fork lift.

Ben was fortunate enough to work at Mote Marine in Sarasota, FL under a government program where he was able to help rescue injured and sick sea animals. He was also part of the team that went out in the boat to capture fresh meals for both the sick and healthy animals. He enjoyed putting on his diving gear and getting into the aquarium tank with the sharks and other fish when it was time to clean the tank.

Ben had worked for Contoocook Artesian Well Co when he lived in

NH. After he moved to Florida, he worked for another well company and was soon encouraged to start his own. He partnered with Cathy Glen and they started Saxby Well Drilling. After the economy slowed down in 2008, Ben added a second business, Saxby Marine. He bought and sold boats, as well as refurbishing and fabricating fiberglass.

Ben is survived by his life partner Marty Kiger of Venice, FL; his parents Jarna and Gary Perkins of Venice, FL; Paul and Jean Saxby of Bradford; brothers Jamie Perkins of Rochester, NH; Daniel Saxby of Frenchboro, ME; Matt Coe of Northwood, NH; Peter Coe of Sanford, ME; aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life open house for Ben will take place on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 1 – 5pm in the Valley Room at Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH.

Thomas Arthur Pehrson

Thomas Arthur Pehrson, 78, of Bradford, died February 16, 2018, at home. Thomas entered Heaven and into the arms of his deceased son, Thomas Chester Pehrson (1969-1989). Standing by his side was his loyal English Mastiff, Maulie.

Born Jan. 2, 1940 in Cambridge, MA, Thomas attended Arlington High School and Northeast University. He served in the US Navy on the DD709 Hugh Purvis. He held Master Electrician licenses in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He was Vice President of Operations for Videograph and a pioneer of video tape for the Patriots, Red Sox, MA State Police and schools in the area. He worked for Polaroid Corp and Village Electric and in his own company Tom Pehrson Electric.

Tom loved sports and sports teams. He was a member of the DD "Romeos" (who met every day for coffee in Bradford), a member of the American

Legion, & The Hugh Purvis's ships reunion committee. He was a member of the Westford Fire Department in Westford, MA and a certified EMT for 27 years. He participated in the Thomas C. Memorial golf tournament for 29 years.

Tom and his wife Jackye took in 52 teenagers who needed help, love and guidance, but only six were fosters. Tom is survived by Jackye; his daughter, Tina and son-in-law, Andrew Levell of Hillsboro; his brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Susan Pehrson of Bradford. The Patriquins, Rochons, Browns and Morales/Martin were cherished as family members. He and his BFF, Ted MacLeod were friends for 45 years. Tom had many "grandchildren": Erica, Tim, Kayla, Maria, JJ, Daryl, Mandy, Miguel, Amy, Nick, Tiffany, Phillip, Sarah, Rachael, Kayla, Laura, Tristan, Nina and Brian and "great-grandchildren": Connor, Jackson, Adelyn, Riley, McKensie, Gabby, & Gaven. His nephew and nieces, Kyle, Marancy and Melaney were very close along with the Weast and Larose Family.

Donations may be made in his name to the Bradford Fire & Rescue Squad, 97 W. Main St., Bradford, NH 03221 or the Henniker Rescue Squad P.O. Box 216 Maple St., Henniker, NH 03242. Please visit: holtwoodburyfh.com.



Community Events Calendar

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.



APRIL 2018

Sunday, April 1st

Library Closed

Monday, April 2nd

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driving School
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, April 3rd

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
1:30 pm Watercolor Class
3:30 pm Driving School

Wednesday, April 4th

3:30 pm Driving School
6:00 pm Yoga
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, April 5th

12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
7:00 pm Free Film "Painting the Modern Garden", BML

Friday, April 6th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
11:30 am 1st Friday Brunch with "Your Hit Parade" 50/50 raffle, door prizes

Monday, April 9th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge
3:30 pm Driving School
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
1:30 pm Watercolor Class
3:30 pm Driving School
7:00 pm Planning Board
7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection

Wednesday, April 11th

1:00 pm Knitting Group
3:30 pm Driving School
6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, April 12th

12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
4:30 pm BACC/P&R Committees

Friday, April 13th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
9:30 am Foot Care Clinic at N. Ridge Apts. call for appt: 526-4077

Monday, April 16th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driving School
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
1:30 pm Watercolor Class
3:00 pm Driving School

Wednesday, April 18th

3:00 pm Driving School
6:00 pm Yoga
7:00 pm Book Discussion, BML

Thursday, April 19th

10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic at MVSC
11:00 pm Volunteer Appreciation
1:00 pm Mahjong Group

Friday, April 20th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
10:00 am Friday Movie, "Wonder"
12:00 pm Noon Brunch
7:00 pm "Beaver Deceiver" presentation, BLM

Monday, April 23rd

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driving School
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, April 24th

9:30 am Foot Care Clinic at Warner Pharmacy, call for appt. at 526-4077
10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group
2:00 pm Watercolor Class
3:30 pm Driving School
7:00 pm Planning Board

Wednesday, April 25th

10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic, Warner Senior Room by LSVNA
3:30 pm Driving School
6:00 pm Yoga
6:00 pm PJ StoryTime, BML

Thursday, April 26th

12:00 pm Senior Dining
1:00 pm Mahjong Group

Friday, April 27th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness

Monday, April 30th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness
1:00 pm Bridge
3:30 pm Driving School
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
10:30 am Play Group, BML
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC
7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 2nd Monday/month

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BLM, 3rd Tuesday/month
7:00 pm Fish & Game Club
1st Tuesday each month
7:00 pm Planning Board, BACC
2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Library Trustees, BLM
1st Wednesday/month
7:00 pm Zoning Board, BACC
1st Wednesday/month

Thursdays

6:00 pm Cemetery Commission
2nd Thursday/month;
call 938-2119

Fridays

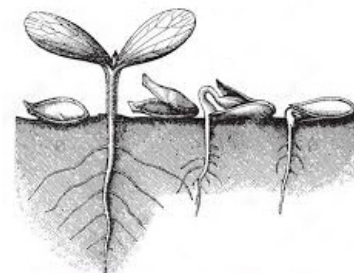
11:30 am First Friday Brunch, MVSC
call 938-2104 for reservations

Other

Historical Society Tin Shop, East Main Street; by appointment, call 938-2078

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BML	Brown Memorial Library
FGC	Fish & Game Club
KAP	Kearsarge Area Preschool
KLC	Kearsarge Learning Center
KRES	Bradford Elementary School
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
TH	Bradford Town Hall
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment





Bradford Community Church

88 West Main St, Bradford, NH
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March 2018 Events

Special Event, Seniors 65 and up–
Sit down Dinner, Saturday, April 21 at
5 pm with music by Chuck Schubert.

**Sunday Worship Services and
Kingdom Builders (Sunday School)–**
10 am every Sunday.

Special Worship Services in April
April 1 – Easter Sunrise Service to be
held on the deck of the Applesseed
Restaurant at 7 am. Coffee, cocoa and
breakfast goodies to follow the service.
At 10 am Easter Worship Service with
the Resurrection Message, Special
Easter Music by our Praise Team &
Band, Time with God’s Children.
Children will be receiving a special
Easter goodie bag.

April 8 – Communion will be held.

April 15 – Ben from Camp Sentinel
will do Time with God’s Children.

April 29 – Youth Group will do a
Mission Moment on Compassion Int’l

Weekly Activities

High School Youth Group– Saturday
April 7 meeting at 8 am to travel to
Rise Again to hand out clothing to
refugees. Regular meetings on Sunday,
April 8, 15, 22, 29.

New Middle School Youth Group–
meeting on Sundays at 11:15 am in the
church office building.

Mom’s Group– Wednesdays at 9:30 -
10:30 am in the church office building.
Childcare provided.

Wednesday Night Prayer– At 6 pm
every week in the sanctuary.

Men’s Breakfast– Saturday April 7 at
8 am in the church office building. At
9:45 am, Painting the Friendship
Room.

Sister to Sister– Saturday, April 14 at
8:30 am in the church office building.

The Bradford Food Pantry– Open
Wednesday, April 18, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Area Events

WARNER

Mainstreet Bookends

Enjoy the “New Works” 2018 Art Show
in The Gallery - Showcase of the work
of over 30 local artists, in all mediums!

Sunday, April 8 at 4 pm BookEnds
BookGroup will discuss “Poisonwood
Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver. All
Welcome.

Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm MainStreet
BookEnds and CRVNA are pleased to
present “What Matters Most?” Pre-reg-
istration is required.

Sunday, April 22 at 2 pm in The Gallery
- Celebration of the release of profes-
sional storyteller Simon Brooks' first
book of Folk and Fairy Tales “Under the
Oaken Bough”. All Welcome.

Sunday, April 29 at 2 pm - Celebration
of the release of their new book and
collaboration with local children's
authors Deborah Bruss & Matt Forrest
Esenwine “Don't Ask a Dinosaur”.

Mainstreet Warner, Inc

Friday, April 13 at 7 pm Screening of
the documentary, “This Changes
Everything”, an Avi Lewis film
inspired by the book by Naomi Klein.

Schoodac's Coffee Shop

Open Mic every Sunday from noon to
5 pm.

2018 Annual Indoor Flea Market

Saturday, April 14 from 9 am - 2 pm
inside Town Hall on Main Street in
Warner. Call 456-2289 for information.

NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER

Saturday, April 7, Hopkinton Town
Library, Contoocook, 1:30 - 2:30 pm:
Introduction to Permaculture: Sustain-
able, Resilient and Responsible. Free
program.

**KEARSARGE REGIONAL
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Library, Warner

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New Exhibit at Brown Memorial Library

The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibition opening in April, 2018, *Flowers and More*, by watercolor artist, Susan E. Smith of Bradford.

Susan grew up in Southern California in Orange Grove Country. At the age of three, she discovered “color” and says she was never the same. At age four she discovered the paintings of Van Gogh, Thomas Hart Benton and Gauguin while browsing the Encyclopedia Britannica. At nine she won Walt Disney awards in art. Susan studied art at Citrus College and San Jose State in California. In New England, she received a BA in Visual Arts and Education at New England College in Henniker, NH. She has been an Art Teacher (K-12), Head Start Art Teacher, Artist in Residence in Vermont, and a teacher in Very Special Arts-NH.

In *Flowers and More*, Susan describes her subject: “As anyone can probably tell, I like flowers and I also like color. Many people start with a drawing and color it in. My approach is the opposite. I start with the color and the lines appear. The image builds from there.”



Flowers and More continues thru June in the barrier-free Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford. The library is open: Mon: 10-8; Wed: 1-7; Sat: 10-3; Sun: 11-3. For more information, call: 938-5562.



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