

Fall Newsletter 2014

September 2014



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 9-16 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 10-21 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 9-23 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 10-28 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 9-2 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 10-7 at 7:00pm

CALLING ALL TRACTOR ENTHUSIASTS!

4th ANNUAL DORSET HOLIDAY TRACTOR PARADE

The parade is held the day after Thanksgiving; the route runs from HN Williams to the Town Green.

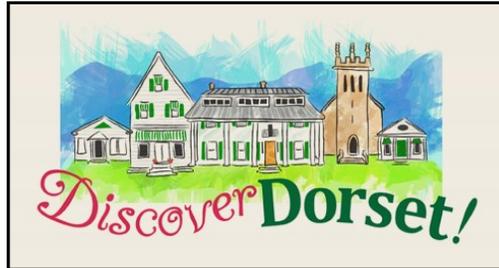
Tractors are decorated with holiday lights to wow the crowds!

Anyone interested in participating can email: mcoop@jkadams.com or call 362-4571 x 3.



Discover Dorset Weekend!

September 6 and 7, 2013



- The Andy Avery Trio Live on the Dorset Village Green 3-5 pm. Dorset Green. Route 30, Dorset, VT
- Firehouse Breakfast—Sunday September 7th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Dorset Fire House.
- Ben Taylor will play a DTF benefit concert at The Dorset Playhouse with opening acts by Bob Stannard & Rick Reddington Saturday September 6th, concert will begin at 6:30 pm



Still time to visit DTF!

August 14th to August 30th

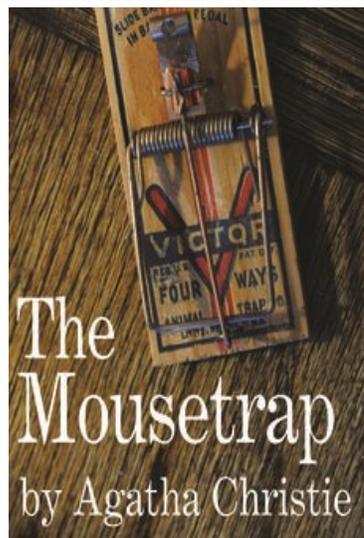
"Blood, gore, black humor, circuitous chatter...the play is substantial and the characters not just cardboard cut-outs. Its wonderfully structured—up there with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" - The Guardian

60th Anniversary Revival of the classic by the master of mystery, Agatha Christie.

All evening performances at 8pm, all matinees at 3pm

Evening performances Wed to Sat. Matinees Wed and Sunday

Call the box office: 867-2223



The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm/
www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org 867-5774 dorsetlibrary@aol.com

Arthur Jones at Dorset Library in August



Son of a farmer and housewife who lived at the top of Dorset's Nichols Hill Road, he still lives nearby.



By his early teens, sketching and watercolor painting were Arthur's constant occupations. His father-told "I can't get milk out of that cow"-always encouraged his art work, even moved a small building from East Dorset to Nichols Hill so Arthur would keep his paints out of the living room. In that 12 x 12-ft. workspace he had a little wiring and some heat as well as a bit of furniture. Later, when people came to look at his paintings, he'd move the furniture out so they could get inside.

The Jones show at the library will extend through the month of August. For more information, you may

Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:



PSST!

First installment of property taxes is due:

Tuesday Sept. 9th

Mail payments to

Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or pay at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT 05253

Late payments are subject to interest

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.

Be sure to visit the Playhouse this Fall!

The Dorset Players, Inc. presents

THE HEIRESS

WRITTEN BY RUTH AND AUGUSTUS GOETZ



October 10-12, and October 17-18 at 7:30 pm
October 19th, at 2:00 pm

Henry James' classic tale of life in *Washington Square* comes to life on stage in *The Heiress* by Ruth and Augustus Goetz. Catherine Sloper, deemed unmarriageable, lives a life of solitude when a handsome yet poor man falls in love with her. Her well to do father, Dr. Sloper, thinks the charming Morris is obviously after the unclever girl's money and forbids the marriage. Will the dashing suitor prove the good doctor right or will love conquer all? Don't miss this Tony Award winning play and find out all the answers!

"THE HEIRESS has a wealth of treasures to bestow; it would be foolish to abstain from one's share in them." — The New York Daily News

Sign up now to play in the ice & snow!



Dorset residents receive discounts off programming at the **Riley Rink**, including camps and season's passes for skating. Hope to see you when the ice opens up!



JISP 2013: Dorset residents are eligible for a 25% discount off the JISP program and equipment rental fees. Simply sign up and pay for the program and the town will reimburse 25%. JISP is a great asset to our community and we hope all families will consider participating.

[Check out www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php](http://www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php) for more info

REMINDER: 2014 SUMMER RECREATION REIMBURSEMENTS
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 15th!

The Dorset School

Dorset 2014-2015 School Calendar						
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8/25 - Prof. Dev. #1 (BRSUam/School pm) 8/26 - Prof. Dev. #2 (School) 8/27 - 1st day of school						
September 2014						
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10/3 - Prnt/Tchr Conf. - no school 10/17 - Prof. Dev. #3 - no school						
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11/11 - Veterans Day - no school 11/26 - 11/28 - Thanksgiving Recess						
December 2014						
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12/22 - 12/31 - Holiday Recess						
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1/1 - 1/2 - Holiday Recess 1/5 - School re-opens 1/19 - MLK, Jr. Day - no school						

The Dorset School—130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251—Rosanna Moran, Principal

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers for the Hazardous Household Waste Day on **Sat. Oct. 11th** from **8am to noon** at the **Dorset School**. Jobs include: traffic control, attendee registration, collecting donations etc. Call 362-4571 x 3 if interested.

Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the recording of all land records, maintaining all vital records, supervising elections, issuing fish & wildlife licenses, dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

Be sure to register to vote for the November 2014 election cycle:

Recent Property Transfers (June 2014 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Paid:	Assessed:
Donovan	Black	31 Old Route 7	\$275,000	\$352,700
W. May	Garone	394 Kelleher Rd	\$520,000	\$767,300
Campanella	Goff & Drunsic	324 Pauls Way	\$470,000	\$547,100
Cron	Wormser	23 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$387,000	\$308,800
Combe	Dorset Hill Prop LLC	o Dorset Hill Rd (land)	\$85,000	\$114,200
Chapman	Chapman Cooper LLC	194 Cheney Rd	\$100,000	\$206,300
Johnson	Gilborn	93 Pleasant Street	\$240,000	\$226,200
Bowen Estate	Harrington	61 Pleasant Street	\$93,000	\$225,900
Knowles	Barrows Cottage LLC	284 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$75,000	\$118,700
Wharton	Velenchik	810 Green Peak Orchard	\$530,000	\$904,300
Tilney	Gapshi	o Danby Mtn. Rd (land)	\$36,105	\$61,200
Llewellyn LLC	Gapshi	372 Danby Mtn. Rd	\$398,895	\$676,300
Cote	Hong	78 Church Street	\$395,000	\$377,700

Questions? Call 362-4571 x 2 , Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, CMC, CVC

Around Town.....We want your pictures! Email them to: townmanager@gmail.com



The "Don't Leave Band" plays the First Dorset Quarry Concert on July 12th

15 Cool Things

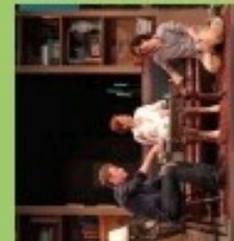
to do in Dorset on a summer weekend

1 Walk to the Pinnacle. A stone tower erected c. 1910 as a "folly" by Countess Cecelia de Nottbeck, the Pinnacle is a 15-minute walk from the Dorset Green on Church Street. Beautiful views from this monument.

2 Feed a 3-lb brook trout. No experience needed. There are huge trout in a pond at Mettowee Mill Nursery. Fish food is available at the pond for 10 cents.

3 Visit the Norcross-West quarry, the oldest marble quarry in North America, now an internationally known swimming hole. Take a swim if you dare.

4 Ride your bicycle up Dorset's mountain biking trail, which starts one tenth of a mile south of Church Street on the Dorset West Road.



5 Check out what's on stage at The Dorset Playhouse, on Cheney Road. Originally built from old barns in 1929, the Playhouse was completely renovated in 2001. Dorset Theatre Festival presents world-class productions with award-winning professional actors and directors throughout the summer.

6 Find just the thing you were looking for. For a small town, there is a wide range of village-scale shops, offering things like kitchen supplies, hardware, work-clothes, knitting supplies, sandwiches, ice cream, pre-owned clothes, oriental rugs, handmade pottery, original artwork, and more. Some of Dorset's businesses have been in continuous operation for more than a century. What you won't find: fast food outlets, supermarkets, chain stores. **The Farmers' Market** is Sundays from 10:00 to 2:00.

7 Admire the stained-glass windows in the Dorset Church, 143 Church Street. The windows on the east and west sides were designed by local artists to evoke Dorset's gardens and hillsides. Two windows were made by the famous Tiffany studios. The church was built of Dorset marble in 1910.



8 Find Bill W's grave. Bill Wilson, the iconic co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, was born in East Dorset and is buried in the East Dorset cemetery.



9 Visit the Dorset Historical Society to learn about the marble and pottery industries in our town. This year, the Society's exhibits highlight the artists and inventors of Dorset. Buy a copy of the Walking and Driving Guide to Dorset, and take the self-guided tours. Check out the five state historic markers scattered around the town.

10 Drive to the top of Nichols Hill Road and admire the view. It's like looking at Dorset from a helicopter. If you enjoy unpaved roads, walk or drive the Dorset Hollow loop.



11 Dip your toes in the "secret swimming hole," in Cutler Park, off Peace Street. Farther down the trail, cross the river on a bridge with one hand-rail.

12 Take your pick. Depending on the week, month, weather and other factors, various fruits and berries are ready for you to pick. For the latest information, go to www.pick-yourtown.org/vt. Find Bennington County, and check what's ripe. Be sure to wipe the juice off your chin.



13 Get out your bird book and binoculars, and count the number of bird species you see. At least 100 different kinds of birds call Dorset home during the summer months. At twilight, watch the bats fly overhead, feasting on gnats and mosquitoes.

14 How do you spell "jodhpur"? If you're in Dorset between July 1 and August 10, **check out the famous Vermont Summer Festival Horse Show** in East Dorset. If you'd rather hike than watch horses, ask an innkeeper for the nearest walking trail.



15 Plan your next visit to Dorset by touring Dorset's one-of-a-kind inns, B&B's and restaurants. There's a map on the other side, showing all of the inns and dining spots in Dorset, as well as the other features on this list.



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15 cool things

to do in Dorset on a summer weekend



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OWLS HEAD TOWN FOREST PROJECT RECEIVES PARTIAL FUNDING!

This summer the Town of Dorset/ Conservation Commission received a grant from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and the United States Forest Community Forest Program. The grants total nearly \$400,000 and will help with the potential purchase of the Gettysburg Quarry property in an effort to expand the Owls Head Town Forest.

This project is vital to keeping public access to Owls head open and available. The project will also help to preserve public access to Gettysburg Quarry. The remainder of the funds needed to purchase the property will come from private donations given by the community. Fundraising events will be listed in the near future.



DORSET MARBLE HOUSE PROJECT FALL 2014 WORKSHOPS:

- **Sound in Nature: An Outdoor Exploration in Music and Sound with David Rothenberg August 23rd & 24th, 2014**
- **Butt in the Chair Poetry Workshop, Unlimited Data for All Writers September 5th to 7th, 2014**
- **Turning Your Life Into Art: A Workshop in Fiction, Memoir and Screenplay with Charles Salzberg & Ross Klavan, October 3rd-5th, 2014**
- **Shapeless Experience, Formal Shapes: A Workshop in Poetry, Fiction and Memoir with Tim Tomlinson, co-founder of the New York Writers Workshop, October 17th-19th 2014**
- **- See more at: <http://blog.dorsetvt.com/workshops-at-the-marble-house-project-august-23rd-october-19th/>**



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The Dorset School will be welcoming up to 20 new students this year. Back to School Started August 27th

Fall Events in Dorset



The Maple Leaf Half Marathon and Len Kowler 5K Run and Fun Walk

The premier half-marathon in Manchester and the Mountains

Saturday September 6th

at 8:00am. The Maple Leaf Half Marathon and 5K will run on Saturday, September 6, 2014, in beautiful Manchester, Vermont. The organization and amenities are top notch, and the course is scenic and wonderful. There is something for everyone in this rural Vermont classic tour. It is one of those "must do" end of summer races in New England. Manchester, Vermont is a year-round sports and recreation destination in the heart of the Green Mountain National Forest



2nd Annual Southern VT Sprint Triathlon

Sunday August 24th at 8am

The race begins with an 8 mile bike ride to Emerald Lake State Park followed by a 1/4 mile swim in Emerald Lake. Participants will then ride their bikes back to Hunter Park and finish the race with a 5K starting at Hunter Park, down route 30 and back through the Manchester Rec Park. Event to benefit the Riley Rink, visit www.rileyrink.com for more info.



Aug 21: "The History of New England Braided Rugs." Tracie Salmon of Dorset will speak and demonstrate how-to-make your own rug. Third Thursday Lunch Series. 12 pm at Bley House.

Sept 6 - 7: Dorset Days. Watch for details.

Sept 18: "Bears!" by Forrest Hammond, Black Bear Project leader for the VT Fish and Wildlife Dept. Third Thursday Lunch Series. 12 pm at Bley House.

Oct 16: "Edward Hopper in Vermont," by Bonnie Clause of Royalton, VT. Third Thursday Lunch Series. 12 pm at Bley House.

Oct. 29: ANNUAL MEETING. 6 PM at They Bley House

Nov 20: "Don't Scratch Too Deep" by Terry Tyler. Third Thursday Lunch Series. 12 pm at Bley House.

Dec 6: Holiday Open House and opening of The Holiday exhibit. Saturday 1 - 3.

Dec 18: "Thomas Jefferson in Vermont and his Role in Vermont Statehood" by Sydney N. Stokes Jr. Third Thursday Lunch Series. 12 pm at Bley House.

Dorset Historical Society
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