

Winter Newsletter 2014

December 2014



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 12-16 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 1-20 at 7:00pm

- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 12-30 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 1-27 at 6:00pm

- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 12-2 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 1-6 at 7:00pm (at Dorset School)

Did you know?

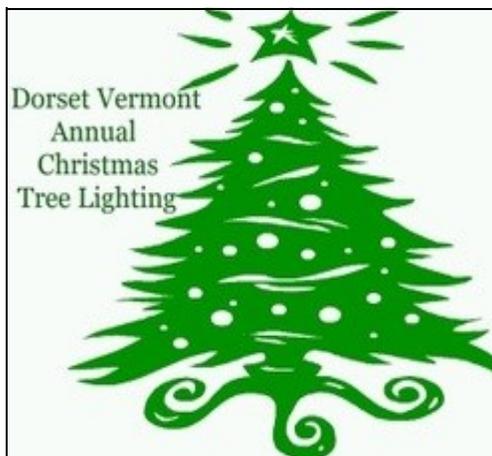
Over the course of a typical winter the Dorset Highway Department work nearly 800 hours of overtime keeping Dorset's roads free of salt & ice. Road related issue? Call 362-5244



Season's Greetings from Dorset!



The 5th Annual Dorset Tractor Parade: Friday November 28th, around 12 decorated tractors pattered down to Church Street from H.N. Williams much to the delight of those in attendance.



DORSET TREE LIGHTING:

Wednesday December 3, 2014
@ 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Dorset Green & Dorset Church

Come One, Come All to the Annual Dorset VT Christmas Tree Lighting Carol Sing Along & Chilli / Soup Pot Luck!

Bring your flashlight for the sing-a-long and we'll have Carol Books! Join in with the Long Trail

School Chorus as they sing holiday favorites along with members of the Dorset Church Choir!

Bring your favorite Chilli or Soup for the Pot Luck Dinner following the Tree Lighting at the Dorset Church. Breads and Drink will be provided.

Help Conserve the Dorset Town Forest!

THE OWLS HEAD TOWN FOREST PROJECT:

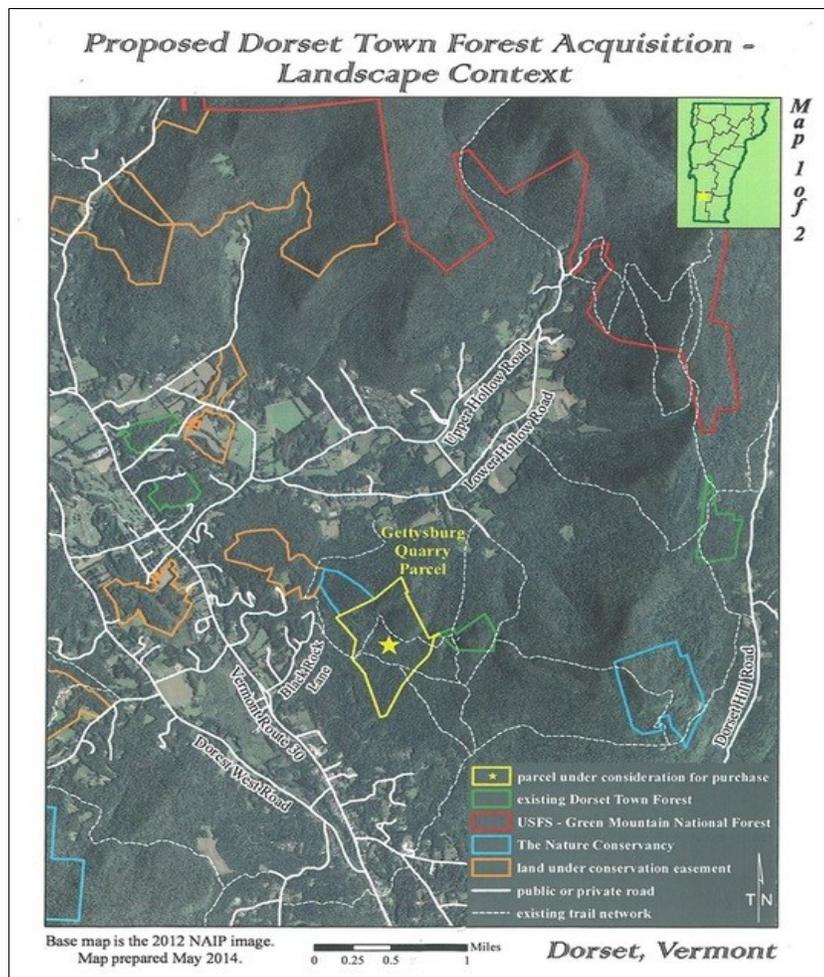
The Gettysburg Quarry property is home to a fantastic marble quarry, the hiking trail to Gilbert Lookout at Owls Head, and many rare plants and natural communities.

Recently the Dorset Conservation Commission set out to conserve the Gettysburg Quarry property (255 acres) by having the Town purchase the land to expand the current Town Forest on Owls Head (30 acres). The cost for the purchase of the land and establishment of a maintenance fund is tabbed at \$650,000.

In 2014 the Town received \$398,500 in grant funding from the United States Forest Service Community Forest & Open Space Program/ and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board. In addition we have raised \$57,000 from private donations and pledges.

PLEASE HELP US RAISE THE \$194,500 NEEDED TO FINISH OUR PROJECT AND CONSERVE THIS PROPERTY FOREVER!

Call 362-4571 x 3 or email: townmanager@gmail.com to get a pledge sheet or make a tax deductible donation



Gettysburg Quarry



The Dorset Village Library



December 1st – Holiday Story and Crafts Special Holiday Event!

Please join us at the Dorset Library on December 1 at 3:30 pm for a reading of *The Night Before Christmas* followed by a craft! We will make paper chains to help count down the days until Christmas. All supplies will be provided. Please call the library at 802-867-5774 for more information.

December 18 – Lego Club and Story Time!

Artist of the month: November



The featured artist at the Dorset Public Library during the month of November was Gloria Palmer. Gloria Palmer has dabbled in various artistic projects for years but within the past five years turned her focus to watercolor painting. She held her first art show in March of 2013 and since then has kept this passion going. She also works with fiber creating beautiful hand hooked pillows, rugs and wall hangings from hand-dyed wool fabric cut into strips. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, her family moved to Manchester, Vermont in 1974. She attended schools locally, graduating from Burr and Burton Academy, and then went on to Mount Holyoke College. When not painting, Gloria works full-time for Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning as its executive director. She is the mother of two grown daughters and currently resides in East Rupert, Vermont.

Library Hours: M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm/

Contact us: 867-5774 or dorsetlibrary@aol.com

The Dorset School & Events

4th Annual

Dorset School Holiday Craft Fair



• BOGO Free Raffle Ticket before 11am •

• Unique artisan gifts for everyone on your holiday list, including yourself •

• Christmas trees • Homemade goodies and a gourmet lunch of salads, soups & breads •

1st Annual Bake Off Competition 11am

Gift Certificates for 1st Place Winner • Local Celebrity Chef Judges

The Craft Fair is bigger and better this year, with over 40 artisan vendors, offering unique, locally made gift items including: jewelry, scarves, hats, wraps, handbags; beaded, sewn, felted, woolen & Alpaca knits including up-cycled & repurposed clothing; leather & beaded accessories; ornaments, wreaths & Christmas trees; kitchen & home items including candles, decorated & fused glass, pottery & ceramics, wooden cutting boards, utensils, boxes & bowls and painted chicken art; specialty foods like honey, jams, pickles, spices, Sriracha hot sauce, and maple products; and for pampering those we cherish, organic body care and beautiful soaps.

TAKE THE KIDS FOR A TRAIN RIDE WITH ELVES!

Get your tickets to the elf express! Saturday December 20, leaving from the train depot at RK Miles at varied times throughout the day.

Visit: www.manchesterlionsElfTrain.com to purchase your tickets before they sell out!

Event sponsored by the Manchester Lions Club, Manchester Designer Outlets and RK Miles.



The Manchester Lions Club presents

THE ELF EXPRESS

Saturday, December 20 – Sunday, December 21

r.k. Miles Depot Station – Manchester Center, VT

Trains depart: 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 Daily

Adults (13 and over): \$25.00

Children (2-12): \$20.00

Under 2: Free (Must sit on parent's lap)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com or Manchester & the Mountains Chamber

TRAIN DEPOT MADE POSSIBLE BY:

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Dorset Players Winter 2014-15!



Miracle on 34th Street

December 5-6 & 12-13, 2014 – 7:30 pm

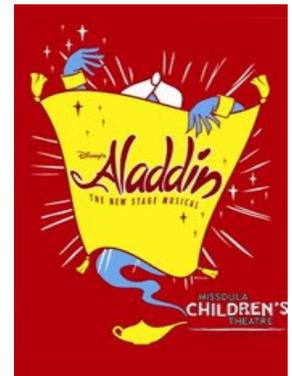
December 7 & 14- 2 pm

This production was adapted by the Mountain Community Theater from the novel by Valentine Davies. It follows the movie that has become a Christmas Classic.

A little girl discovers dreams do come true if you really believe. Six-year-old Susan has doubts about childhood's most enduring miracle – Santa Claus. Her mother told her the “secret” about Santa a long time ago, so Susan doesn't expect to receive the most important gifts on her Christmas list. But after meeting a special department store Santa who's convinced he's the real thing, Susan is given the most precious gift of all – something to believe in.- *Written by Robert Lynch*

Aladdin (Missoula Children's Theatre)

Feb 7, 2015 at 3 and 7 PM

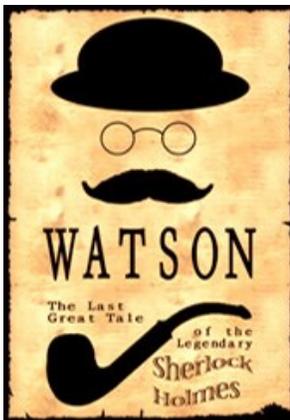


Watson – The Last Great Tale of the Legendary Sherlock Holmes

Written By Jamie L. Robledo

March 6-7 & 13-14, 2015 – 7:30 pm

March 8 & 15, 2015 – 2 pm



Literature's most famous second fiddle finally gets his due in this slapstick farce from writer **Jaime Robledo**. Casting Watson as the beleaguered babysitter to Holmes' twitchy drug addict, this re-imagining sends the duo on a globe-hopping adventure to prevent—or maybe cause—a world war. When Queen Victoria charges the illustrious sleuth with delivering a puzzle box to a political summit, Holmes is quick to accept, and almost quicker to get distracted by both his penchant for drugs and Irene Adler. Thus, the newly-wed Watson must bid adieu to his loyal wife Mary and assist his comrade on an adventure that spans London, Vienna, and Budapest via handsome cab, hot-air balloon, and horseback. Popping up in this madcap adventure are classic Conan Doyle characters such as brother Mycroft Holmes and love interest Irene Adler, as well as an unexpected appearance by none other than Sigmund Freud. All the while, members of Moriarty's criminal network tirelessly pursue the duo—at least, according to the ramblings of the paranoid sleuth who will undoubtedly end up taking all the credit.

Winter Recreation 2014-15!

Spend some time at the Riley Rink! Dorset residents get a 25% discount to most Riley Rink programs!

Visit the rink website to register: www.rileyrink.com



Register NOW for School Skate

Riley Rink at Hunter Park Hunter Park Road | Manchester, Vermont

802-362-0150 | Toll Free: 866-866-2086 info@hunterpark.com



The Junior Instructional Snowsports Program (JISP) was started in 1951 to give local school children an inexpensive way to learn to ski. Today the Bromley Outing Club teaches over 700 local students per week to ski and snowboard. The program also offers one-on-one classes for special needs athletes.

Classes are divided according to their ability and are taught by volunteer instructors who are trained by the BOC coaching staff.

The BOC offers classes in beginner skiing and snowboarding through racing, freestyle and snowboard competitions for all levels of students.

The cost of this program is \$85 for ten days of lessons throughout the season. There are numerous Sunday afternoons that the students can ski or ride at Bromley on their JISP pass and two exchange days at Stratton.

DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RILEY RINK PROGRAMS!

THE TOWN OFFERS A 25% REIMBURSEABLE DISCOUNT FOR JISP!

VISIT WWW.DORSETVT.ORG/RECREATION.PHP FOR INFO!

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.

- ◆ Stop by the Town Clerk's Office to register to vote, Town Meeting will occur March 2, 2015
- ◆ Voting takes place at the Dorset School at 130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251
- ◆ After **January 1st 2014**, Dogs living in the Town of Dorset will need to be registered with the Town Clerk's Office.

Recent Property Transfers (Sept 2014 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:
Crisp Trust	Whittemore & Hube	550 Lower Hollow Rd	\$397,500
DiFeo	Reed & Mahon	46 Lower Hollow Rd	\$405,000
Fratrich	Bryant	939 Kirby Hollow Rd	\$185,000
Hancock Trust	Hershberg & Ross	1354 Danby Mtn Rd	\$1,525,000
Lijoi	Thurrott	937 Route 30	\$215,000
McCready	Gottlieb	3458 Route 30	\$505,000
Tarantino	Star Wind Turbines	Lot E Hills Ct	\$300,000
Meachem	Gaccione	241 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$285,000

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

Manchester Rescue Squad, Inc.

An independent non-profit organization providing emergency medical services to 5 towns in the Northshire.

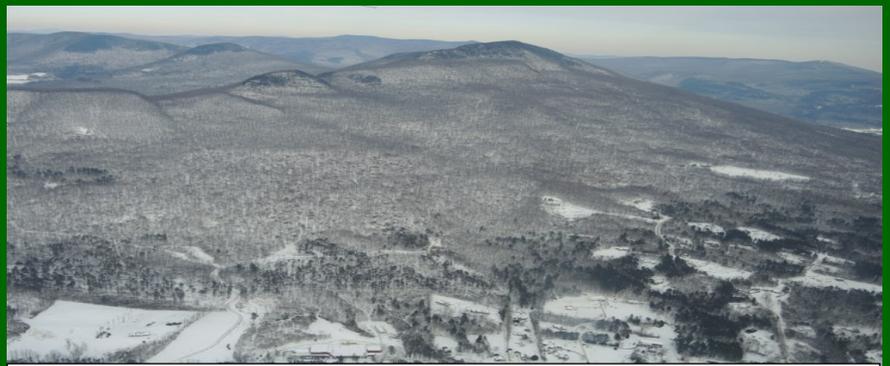


The Squad has been serving the area since 1964, and responds to around 1,200 calls in the fives towns it serves. The squad is currently working on their annual fundraising campaign which helps to provide the vital services to Dorset. Be sure to visit: www.manchesterresquad.org to learn more about how to support or become more involved in the Manchester Rescue Squad.

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Aerial view of Owls Head & Green Peak

Dorset Historical Society Update



Upcoming Event:

December 6: Holiday Open House and Opening of Holiday Exhibit

1 to 3 PM at Bley House.

New Collection Notebook: Kent Neighborhood Historic District

In 1978, after several years of work, the Kent Neighborhood Historic District became part of the National Register of Historic Places, the first section of Dorset to be so designated. The Neighborhood includes thirteen houses, and a historic marker, all along a section of the Dorset West Road, as well as a portion of Nichols Hill Road. Some houses within the Neighborhood boundaries are not included in the Historic District because they were built too recently.



The marble marker on the left, notes the site of the first Dorset Convention, the site where the first discussions between groups of Vermonters (before they were actually Vermonters).

Be sure to check out the Dorset Historical Society website to read the rest of the piece on the Kent Neighborhood Historic District: www.dorsetvthistory.org

Dorset Historical Society
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Dorset, VT 05251 USA · 802-867-0331 E-mail: info@dorsetvthistory.org

— Open Hours —

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10-4 p.m.
Saturday, 10-2 p.m.