

# Fall Newsletter 2016

September 2016



## Upcoming Meeting

### Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 10-18 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 11-15 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 10-27 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 11-22 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 10-4 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 11-1 at 7:00pm

## REMINDER:

Parents be sure to submit your summer recreation reimbursement forms by November 13th.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Upon Chartering each Vermont Town the Provincial Governor usually reserved land for himself.

Off what Town Road was the Governor's land in Dorset located? (answer on pg. 10)

## Owls Head Town Forest Dedication & Community Hike: Saturday October 1 at 11am

Please join us as the community formally opens the new Owls Head Town Forest on Saturday October 1st at 11:00am at the Town Forest Trailhead off Black Rock Lane.

There will be a short dedication with presentations and then the community is invited to hike to the Gettysburg Quarry, take in the fall colors and see all the hard work done by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) during the summer of 2016. You won't be disappointed. Remember to wear hiking boots, and bring water.

Directions: From Route 30, turn onto Black Rock Lane, turn right on Ken's Camp Road, travel to trail head.

**Please note that Black Rock Lane and Ken's Camp road are private roads, please respect private property.**



Back to School.....

Kindergarten and 5th grade mentors/mentees taking a hike behind the school.



## The Dorset Village Library

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

Please visit the new library website [www.dorsetvillagelibrary.org](http://www.dorsetvillagelibrary.org) and “like” Dorset Village Library on Facebook for up-to-date news and access to our digital services.



### Seline Skoug – October Artist

The featured artist at the Dorset Public Library during the month of October will be Seline Skoug. The public is invited to meet Seline at the opening reception on Saturday, October 8 from 11-1pm. Refreshments will be served. All works are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the library.

Seline's photographs are notable for their sensitive treatment of light and lyrical sense of humor. She began shooting pictures as a young woman during her travels from Norway to St. Croix to the rivers and mountains of Vermont. Along the way, her work was shaped by her appreciation of the natural world and love of people and community. She also has been influenced by the many artists in her family and the artists in the Battenkill Valley.



<http://dorsetvillagelibrary.org/portfolio/seline-skoug-october-artist/>

### Events:

<http://dorsetvillagelibrary.org/events/>

October 8<sup>th</sup> Paranormal Speaker -7pm

October 15<sup>th</sup> Herbalism 101 -3pm

October 28<sup>th</sup> Dead Poets of Dorset (a program in conjunction with the Dorset Historical Society) -check the website for updates

October 29<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party and Haunted House -3pm

October 31<sup>st</sup> Trick or Treating and Haunted House -5pm

**Contact us:** [dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetvillagelibrary@gmail.com) or 802-867-5774

### PUBLIC NOTICES/ REMINDERS:

- ◇ Summer Recreation Program Reimbursement forms are due by November 13th, forms can be picked up at the Town Offices are downloaded at [www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org). Return Forms to the Town Manager's Office.
- ◇ Town Offices will be closed on Monday October 10th for Columbus Day and Friday November 11th for Veterans Day.
- ◇ The Green Mountain Club & USFS have done a lot of trail work on the Mad Tom Notch trail in East Dorset and a new parking area offers a safe place to park. Come check it out!

## Take a hike for a good cause!

# BE BRAVE

## Be Brave Hike-A-Thon

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Hike-A-Thon: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Packet Pick-up: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Basket Bonanza, Food and Drinks, Live Music and More!: 12:30 to 1:30pm

### For registration information, please visit [bebrave.life](http://bebrave.life)

The Be.Brave Hike-A-Thon is a hike held at **Merck Forest** to inform, support, and improve the lives of individuals affected by benign brain tumors and to drive research for a cure. Join as a team (up to ten people), or join as an individual. Set a hiking goal (a certain number of miles, or hours) and get a sponsor to support your efforts. The day will be a fun-filled event, organized by the Be.Brave Foundation. For more information on this event please visit [bebrave.life](http://bebrave.life).

#### The Dorset School News Network—Rosanna Moran, Principal

##### Riley Rink Ice Skating

This Fall Northshire Skating Academy (NSA) Learn to Skate-USA lessons will begin Wednesday, October 26th, and Sunday, October 30th. Classes will continue through mid-December. Lesson times on Wednesdays are 3:15 pm, 3:45 pm and 4:15 pm with open skate for registered students (and families) starting at 3:15 pm. Sunday lessons are 11:15 am, 11:45 am and 12:15 pm. Please see website for details. <http://www.rileyrink.com/page/show/2131629-nsa-classes>. There is the possibility we could provide bus transportation to the rink. Parents would be responsible for pick up at the rink at 5:00 pm. Online registration is available on our website for fall/winter semesters and JISP. Please contact Martina Grattan at (802) 362-0150 Ext. 208 or [mgrattan@rileyrink.com](mailto:mgrattan@rileyrink.com) if you are interested or for more details.



##### Winter Sports Programs Coming!

For those new to the programs here is some general information. More can be found on the Bromley Outing Club website at <http://bromleyoutingclub.org/boc/programs/jisp/>.

**JISP Program:** The BOC offers all Dorset students in grades 3-8 the opportunity to have reduced price group ski lessons (and rentals) on Tuesday afternoons through the JISP program. School will be dismissed at 12 noon from January-March and the kids are either driven by parents or JISP drivers or they take the bus up the mountain. Lessons are from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm and are taught by trained volunteers. **Transportation home is the responsibility of parents.**

**KAP and Mini-KAP:** There are also programs run by Bromley Mountain instructors for younger children between 4-8 years old.

**Discounted Season Pass:** If your child does not want to be in lessons and is comfortable alone on the mountain, Bromley offers a discounted season passes for all students through the schools.

Riley Rink--offers skating on JISP afternoons as well. The Dorset School provides a bus to Riley Rink, but **transportation at the end of the day is the responsibility of parents.**

## Act 46 Update:

### Update on recent work from committee chair Jon Wilson

In our August meetings we took on some substantial issues that led to meaningful and open discussions. Our deliberation concerning board representation was especially intriguing. The law requires that a study committee must include in its final report a proposal for the size and composition of the new unified district's school board. At our August 3rd meeting we had an excellent discussion that ended in a proposed board structure that all committee members in attendance agreed was a fair compromise. Most committee members agreed that if this future board were larger than 13 members, then it could not effectively govern. Once we agreed that the board should consist of 13 members, we took on the complex task of how each town should be represented.

Some committee members from the less-populated towns were concerned that they would have little influence on a larger board while some committee members from the larger towns were concerned they would be underrepresented if the makeup of the new board was not proportionally based on population. As a history teacher, I found our debate interesting in that it echoed the Great Compromise of 1787 when the framers of the US Constitution devised our legislative structure and determined how each state would be represented in Congress. To see the agreement that the committee reached, please see the FAQ on the following page. Beyond tackling the issue of board representation, the committee made progress in some of the following areas:

- The committee reached an initial verbal agreement in regard to the requirements for closing a school in the new unified district. Our proposed plan states that no school will be closed the first four years after merging and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the new board must approve a school closure thereafter. In the coming meetings, we will finalize the other requirements.
- The committee continues to weigh the pros and cons of merging into a Regional Education District (RED), which would be a part of Supervisory Union, or merging into a Supervisory District (SD) where we would not coexist with other districts in a Supervisory Union. At this time, many of the committee members are leaning towards an SD. In the next month or so, the BRSU office along with our consultant Dan French, will provide financial models that will estimate what the financial costs and benefits could be if we merged into a RED or an SD. These models, along with feedback from community members, will be essential in informing our final recommendation for a RED or an SD.
- We continued to develop plans as to how we will engage our communities in the fall. We agreed that by early September we will have a list of forum dates. In the meantime the committee will communicate its work digitally and through a variety of media outlets.
- The Agency of Education requires that the a study committee creates written goal statements that address Act 46's policy objectives. The committee has spent significant time polishing these statements.
- Principals from the BRSU joined us for our August 16 meeting and discussed what they perceive could be the educational benefits and downsides of merging. Some of the principals stressed how merger could further assist their efforts to share resources.
- For a more complete picture of the work we have done, please review the meeting minutes on our [website](https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy):

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## **Tale Trail is Installed**

**Date/Time: September 1**

**Admission: Free (Donations gratefully accepted)**

Spaced at intervals along the Discovery Trail, the TALE TRAIL features pages from Anthony D. Frederick's Around One Log, a picture book about a rotting log and the creatures who make it their home. Come for a hike with your little ones, read the story, and introduce them to the woods around you.

## **BE BRAVE Hike-a-thon Fundraiser**

**Date/Time: Sunday, October 2**

The Be Brave Hike-A-Thon is a hike to assist individuals affected by benign brain tumors and to support research for a cure. Join as a team or join as an individual. Set a hiking goal – between 1-4 hours – and get sponsors to support your efforts. Additional events for the day include a Scavenger Hunt, Silent Auction, Basket Bonanza, Food & Beverage Sales, and a performance by Pop recording artist, singer and songwriter BRIELLE.

Check the BeBrave website for additional details and to register or donate at [bebrave.life](http://bebrave.life).

## **Thoreau Cabin Recreation: Site Work & Foundation**

**Date/Time: October 15/16**

**Fee: TBD**

In honor of the Bicentennial of Henry David Thoreau's birth, we will -- with your help -- construct a replica of the cabin Thoreau built on the banks of Walden Pond. This is the first in our series of workshops: the crew will clear the site and lay the foundation for the cabin. Participation is limited to ten people.

## **Building Fairy Houses**

**Date/Time: October 22**

**Fee: TBD**

You and your child will reconnoiter in the woods, collecting materials for a magical creation. Chris Hubbard will conduct this workshop.

**Merck Forest & Farmland Center · PO Box 86 · 3270 Route 315 · Rupert VT 05768**  
**802-394-7836 · fax 802-394-2519 · e-mail [info@merckforest.org](mailto:info@merckforest.org)**

## Don't miss the fall HHW Day in Dorset

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

For Residents & Small Businesses of  
Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate,  
Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford



**Saturday October 1, 2016**

**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Dorset School  
130 School Dr.,  
Dorset, VT 05251

**The collection is free for residents. Proof of residency will be required. Small businesses must pre-register and prepay for the amount delivered by September 23, 2016.**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. **Examples** include:

Cleaners (Drain, Bathroom, Toilet, Oven, Carpet, Upholstery), Bleach, Disinfectants	Oil Based & Latex Paint, Lead Based Paint	Gasoline, Kerosene
Glues, Adhesives, Resins	Stains, Varnishes, Turpentine, Shellac	Antifreeze, Brake, Transmission, Radiator, Wiper Fluids
Floor, Metal, Furniture Polishes	Wood Preservatives, Fillers, Putty, Adhesives	Engine Degreaser, Cleaners
Hobby/Art Supplies, Photo Chemicals	Paint Stripper, Thinner, Solvents	Car Cleaners, Wax, Polishes
Mercury Items, including switches, thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps	Acids, Alcohol, Lighter Fluid	Pesticides, insect sprays, no-pest strips, flea and tick control;
Nail Polish or Remover, Perfume, Hairsprays and Aerosols, Air Fresheners	Roofing tar, Creosote	Herbicides, Fungicides, Fertilizers
Alkaline and rechargeable batteries, Auto and Mower Batteries	Creosote, Asphalt, Driveway Sealer	Muriatic Acid, Naphtha, Camphor, Mothballs
Pool chemicals	1 and 20 pound propane tanks	Fire extinguishers

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:** Used motor oil, radioactive materials, smoke and CO<sub>2</sub> detectors, sharps (i.e. needles), tires, explosives (ammunition/fireworks), pressurized cylinders, furniture, bulky items, mattresses, scrap metal, appliances, electronic waste.

Sponsored By the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and Markets

For more information or to pre-register a business contact Michael Batcher at [mbatcher@bcrcvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrcvt.org) or (802) 442-0713 x 2

## What's going on at the Dorset Marble House Project?



ART-Seed Performances by Sam Moses and LeVan Hawkins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016 6PM TO 7PM

Sam Moss is a Boston based songwriter and string player. His work rambles through various off-shoots of Americana, from original and interpreted folk songs, to pastoral and occasionally jagged instrumental guitar. In May 2016 he will release *Fable*, his ninth solo album. Moss has released two albums with the old-time group, *The Howling Kettles*, and compiled *Imaginational Anthem Volume Five* for Tompkins Square Records. He is the recipient of a MacDowell Colony fellowship, and his work has been featured in *No Depression*, *Pitchfork*, *The FADER*, *Paste*, and *Daytrotter*, among others.

**LeVan D. Hawkins is a poet, essayist, & performance artist who has performed his published work at venues such as Links Hall, Highways Performance Space, USC, UCLA Hammer Museum, Disney Hall Redcat Theater, Henry Miller Library, Dixon Place Theater (NYC), New York International Fringe Festival, & Dartmouth College.**

For more info visit: **Marble House Project 1161 Dorset West Road Dorset, VT 05251**  
[www.marblehouseproject.org](http://www.marblehouseproject.org)

**Southern Vermont  
ARTS CENTER**

**halloween  
on the hill**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FROM 2PM - 4PM**

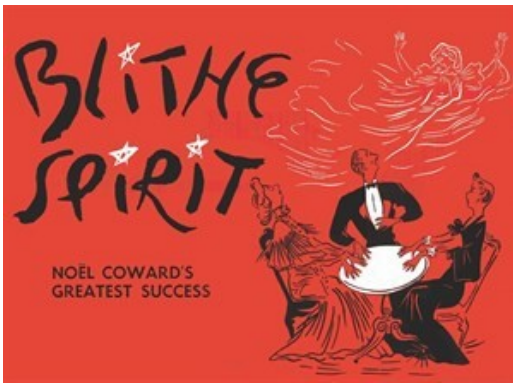
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## Dorset Players Future Lineup!



### **BLITHE SPIRIT:**

Performances are October 7,8,14 &15, 2016 at 7:30pm and October 9 & 16 at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [dorsetplayers.org](http://dorsetplayers.org) or call the office 802-867-5570, 9-1, M-F.

Noel Coward's comic play concerns a novelist who invites an eccentric medium and clairvoyant, Madame Arcati, to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book. His scheme backfires when he is haunted by the ghost of his temperamental first wife after the séance as she makes continual attempts to disrupt his marriage to his second wife who cannot see or hear the ghost.

Director by Dom Degnon has cast the following: Mona Wightman as Madame Arcati, Christy Vogel as Elivira, the ghost, Elisabeth as Ruth, the current wife, Janet Groom as Mrs. Bradman, neighbor and séance guest, Erin Norton as Edith, the maid, Evan Pringle as Charles, the husband and Mike Cutler as Dr. Bradman, séance guest.

**BAH HUMBUG** by Rebecca Ryland, Music by Bill Francoeur

Directed by Jennifer Repinski

December 2 & 9, 2016 at 7:30pm and December 3,4,10,11 at 2pm

*(Special Event)*

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**

December 17, 2016 at 7:30pm and December 18 at 2pm

Presented by Shakespeare on Main Street

**DORSET**  **Players**



[www.dorsetplayers.org](http://www.dorsetplayers.org)

The Dorset Players, Inc.

104 Cheney Road

Dorset, Vermont 05251

802.867.5570



## 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.

- ◆ **DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION: WED. November 2nd at 5pm**
- ◆ The Town Clerk Sandy Pinsonault can be contacted at 802-362-4571 x 2

### Recent Property Transfers (June 2015 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Sorenson	Bernadete & Giner	195 Mystic Lane	\$485,000	\$455,500
Angstrieich	Brand	Lot 4 Windward Hill	\$147,500	\$203,000
Rukat	Custard	1221 Kirby Hollow Rd	\$208,500	\$174,800
O'Keefe	Foley	225 Dusty Hollow Rd	\$460,000	\$525,800
Arbolino	Gilfedder	96 Mt. Aeolus Ln	\$327,500	\$389,200
Williams	Ives	1150 Nichols Hill Rd.	\$2,500,000	\$1,681,400
Johnson	McCullough	425 Green Peak Orch.	\$310,000	\$435,100
Lynch	Peterson	249 Meadow Lane	\$330,000	\$545,500
Loughlin	Rumbold	687 Nichols Hill Rd	\$342,000	\$426,800
Hangen	Woods	291 Eagle Ridge	\$460,000	\$487,400

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

### Town of Dorset—Vacant Position(s) - Board of Listers

In anticipation of available openings on the Dorset Board of Listers the Dorset Selectboard seeks letters of interest from residents interested in filling the role of Lister.

**What is a Lister?** A Lister is an official elected by the citizens of a municipality in which the Lister resides. In Dorset, Listers are part time positions, generally weekly hours vary from 16 to 25 hours per week. Compensation is an hourly wage. Work schedule can be flexible.

**What does a Lister do?** Listers are responsible for preparing the Town's Grand List. The primary responsibility of the Lister is to determine the fair market value all real property.

**Qualifications:** Must be a Dorset resident (required), Proficiency with Computers (required), Ability to work with the public/customer service skills, Experience or understanding of property appraisal methods, Experience or understanding of assessment and tax computation.

Interested residents can send a letter of interest to: Town Manager's Office PO Box 715 E. Dorset, VT 05253 or hand deliver to the Town Offices.



**Around Town:** Long Trail Students explore the Gettysburg Quarry, new addition to Owls Head Town Forest in Dorset.

We want your pictures of Dorset!

Please consider sending picture to the Town to be placed in the annual Town Report in the spring. Email to:

townmanager@gmail.com

## Town of Dorset

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Website: [www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org)

A yellow rectangular sign with red and green text. At the top, "SUPER BINGO" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, "\$20,000" is written in green. Underneath, "CAIRO SHRINERS" is in green, followed by the dates "5/7, 6/4, 8/13, 10/15" in green. At the bottom, "Here at Riley Rink!" is written in red. On either side of the text are two identical illustrations of a Shriners' star and crescent emblem.

## Fall Events in and around Dorset



The Ice is coming soon.....

### Upcoming Events:

Sept 24: Southshire Roller Derby

Oct 2: Antiques in Vermont

Oct 7-9: Arms Fair & Sportsman Show

Oct 15: Cairo Shriners Super Bingo!

Be sure to visit [www.rileyrink.com](http://www.rileyrink.com) to learn about 2016-17:

- Hockey leagues & programs
- Skating programs
- Seasons Passes
- Event Space & more!



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT DHS:

#### Lunchtime Lectures:

**October 20** — John C. Pitcher —  
**Nature Journaling on the Dorset Marsh**

**November 17** — Chip Stokes — **Ekwanok and Its Relationship With Manchester**

**December 15** — TBA — **Tour of the Holiday Exhibit**

*Come for a behind the scenes tour of our annual holiday exhibit, which will feature the trees, gifts, music and food of four eras.*

#### Other Events:

**October 26** — Annual Meeting

**December 4** — Holiday Open House

PO Box 52 · Route 30 at Kent Hill Road  
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E-mail: [info@dorsetvthistory.org](mailto:info@dorsetvthistory.org)

— Open Hours —  
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10-4 p.m.**  
**Saturday, 10-2 p.m.**

[www.dorsetvthistory.org](http://www.dorsetvthistory.org)

