

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ♦ Select Board:
- ♦ 2-19 at 6:30pm
- 3-19 at 7:00pm
- ♦ 4-16 at 7:00pm
- Planning:
- ♦ 2-5 at 7:00pm
- ♦ 3-5 at 7:00pm
- ♦ 4-2 at 7:00pm

<u>PUBLIC</u> NOTICE:

Dorset has been selected to work with the Vermont Council on Rural **Development (VCRD)** as part of their Model Communities Program. The program is centered around energy and the climate. VCRD programs are great opportunities for residents and other community members to work toward a common goal and improve their community. Look for meeting dates soon!

Don't like the weather? Wait 5 minutes.....

Dorset has seen some challenging weather this winter. Quite a bit of mixed precipitation and snow has kept the highway department very busy. Throw in strings of below zero with a 50 degree swing in temps and 3" of rain and what do you get? Plugged culverts and flooding of course!

Thursday January 24th was a hectic day for highway and fire departments. Photos: (left) rail trestle near Route 7A, box culvert on Village Street. Kudos to our Highway Department for their hard work!



Congratulations Wilma!

Longtime Dorset resident Wilma Taylor pictured with the Dorset Selectboard. The 2018 Dorset Town Report was dedicated to Wilma for all her contributions to our community.

Wilma is a regular at the Town Offices and is a big help with printing, mailing, organizing, and telling great stories about her 89 years living in Dorset!



Town Reports can be picked up at: HN Williams Store, Dorset Library, Dorset Union Store, East Dorset General Store, Town Offices, Dorset School



There is some exciting news in Dorset for the spring of 2019!

H.N. Williams Store, a Dorset fixture that began in

1840 will be expanding it's facility. The new project recently received it's final permits and is set to break ground in April of 2019. What was once the Rogers Corp shop will be removed and replaced with a new building that will offer an expanded deli, additional food/produce options with extended hours that will save locals on time spent traveling to Manchester. Gasoline and diesel pumps will be added as well. This

is welcome news for anyone who has ever needed milk, eggs, or gas after 6pm in Dorset.

There is also talk of rocking chairs on the front porch of the new building with......ice cream in the summer. It would be hard to think of a better place for such a combination. In the era of cardboard boxes delivered to your home and empty



local store fronts, H.N. Williams has been able to sustain a 179 year old formula by offering a range of goods and a community spirited atmosphere that Dorset is truly fortunate to take part in. The project is set to be completed by September 2019, just in time for tent sale season!

The next time you're in the store be sure to congratulate the Brownlee's on this new venture and thank them for their many contributions to our community.



AUDITIONS FOR THE DORSET PLAYERS

16TH ANNUAL ONE ACT FESTIVAL

February 12 @ 6:30pm

February 13 @ 8:30pm



SAVE THE DATE!

DORSET PLAYERS PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL DPI GOLF OUTING HOSTED BY THE DORSET FIELD CLUB FRIDAY MAY 10TH

Eagle Scout Project gives back to the community:



Pictured above is the new trail head kiosk for the Mad Tom Notch Trail in East Dorset Village. The project was completed as part of an Eagle Scout project by Ethan Lareau, youngest child of John & Ann Marie Lareau. Ethan coordinated with members of the community and the US Forest Service to plan, design, fund-raise, and construct the kiosk over the course of 2017-18. Ethan was able to gather the support of the community to move the project across the finish line. The work is high quality and the interpretative panels tell the history of the area. Did you know the Mad Tom Notch trail used to be a functioning carriage road to Peru Village?

In later years the Notch and the Mad Tom Brook were the site a large lumbering operation owned by Vermont's first millionaire S.L. Griffith of Danby.

Dorset is extremely grateful to Ethan for all is hard work on this project. The kiosk will serve the community for many years. Ethan's ability to carryout the project was impressive and we wish him the very best as he moves on to attend the UVM Forestry program in the fall of 2019. Be sure to put Mad Tom Notch on your list of hikes and check out the kiosk.

Dorset Village Library Update:

Events:

Winter/Valentine's Day Dance!

February 9 6-8pm

The Dorset Library is hosting a winter and Valentine's Day dance party on Saturday February 9th from 6-8pm... This fun, free dance is open to all, including families. There will be heart shaped snacks and dance music (appropriate for all ages... young, medium and old) and even an indoor snowball fight! Bring your old friends, make some new ones... and have a great time!

MILLENNIALS

February 28 6-8pm More information coming soon!

Soup and a movie (date time TBD)

More information coming soon!

The featured artist at the Dorset Public Library during the month of February will be Mary Schwartz.

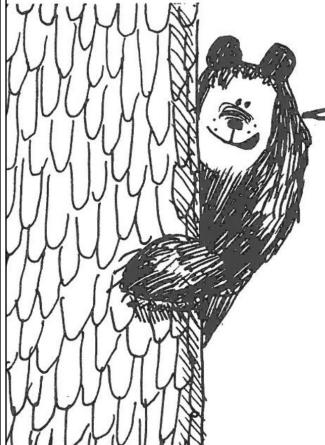
Mary has been honing her skills in egg tempera for the past several years. Originally an oil painter, Mary continues to rely on her interest in the natural world for subject material. Her most recent work includes paintings of the animals

she raised on her family's small farm and views of iconic landscapes such as the Dorset Quarry.



Don't Forget.....

Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:



Property taxes are due:

Tuesday March_ 12тн

Mail payments to Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or in person at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT

PAY TAXES ONLINE AT (fees apply):

www.dorsetvt.org

<u>Late Payment subject to 8% penalty & 1% interest</u> <u>on March</u> 16TH

Also, if you live in VT full time you must file a homestead declaration online at: www.state.vt.us/tax, by April 15th

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.

JISP Reimbursement Reminder:

Dorset Parents:

Don't forget that the Town gives a discount for JISP programs at Bromley, a discount of 25% is reimbursable to Dorset parents whose children participate.



For parents whose children participated in the Riley Rink JISP skating program the same 25% discount applies via reimbursement as well.

To file for your discount download a reimbursement form from our website or pick on up at the Town Offices. Include a copy of your receipt. Website is: www.dorsetvt.org



Update on Planning in Dorset

The Dorset Planning Commission is working with planning staff from the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to craft the required 2019 update to the Dorset Town Plan. During this process demographic and statistical information will be updated along with any additional items that the Planning Commission includes for mapping Dorset's land use in the future. Once the draft is completed the Commission will hold at least one Public Hearing prior to approving the plan and forwarding it along to the Selectboard.

The Planning Commission has also recently awarded a Municipal Planning Grant for a review of pedestrian safety and access in and around Dorset Village. The \$8,000 grant helped to bring in a Transportation Planner from the BCRC to research the current conditions and possible ways to improve them and make the Village more pedestrian and cycling friendly. The Planning Commission worked along with this group help give a background to the project. *Have you ever wondered why grass won't grow on the side of Route 30 near Meadow Lane?* Because of all the foot traffic using the road shoulder to walk. This is just one of the interesting points highlighted by the transportation planner and engineer in the study.

One exciting new concept that came from the study is the idea of linking Church Street to HN Williams through a shared use path or sidewalk. This section of Town is popular with walkers, runners, and cyclists but the road conditions and lack of road shoulder can make it difficult to navigate.

Kudos to the Planning Commission for thinking about small ways we can improve our Village to make it safer and more accessible for residents and visitors who want to leave the car parked and take a nice walk to enjoy living in such a special place. A copy of the final study can be viewed at www.dorsetvt.org





The Planning Commission meets on the First Tuesday of each month at the Town Offices at 7pm. Dorset is fortunate to have such a good group of volunteers working on our Planning Commission!

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MAIL! We mailed 2019 EMERALD LAKE STATE PARK PASSES TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. Thanks to Tara Schatz for allowing us to use this photo on the pass. Tara is a local freelance writer/photographer and blogger, be sure to stop by her site: www.backroadramblers.com



TOWN MEETING WARNING 2019:

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 5th day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLES 2 & 4) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 11th. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 12th.

- **Article 1.** To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.
- Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows: Moderator, Town 1 year term Selectman—1 year term Selectman—1 year term First Constable—1 year term Town Agent—1 year term
- Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 10, 2019 and March 10, 2020. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 14, 2019 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 14, 2020?
- **Article 4**. Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian Ballot.
- Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?
- **Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- **Article 7**. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?
- **Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?
- **Article 9**. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- **Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- **Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- **Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- **Article 13**. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- **Article 14**. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- **Article 15**. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?
- **Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?
- **Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks?
- **Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the property maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse? By Petition
- **Article 21:** To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this 15th day of January, 2019. By the Dorset Select Board.

DORSET PLAYHOUSE LINEUP:



by A.R. Gurney
Friday, March 1 & 8 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 2 & 9 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 3 & 10 at 2 pm

Greg (Jim Young) and Kate (Tracy Hughes) have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career as a financial trader is winding down, while

Kate's career, as a public-school English teacher, is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog (Maya Redington) he found in the park—or that has found him—bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her name tag. A street-smart mixture of Lab and Poodle, Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. She offers Greg an escape from the frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog. The marriage is put in serious jeopardy until, after a series of hilarious and touching complications, Greg and Kate learn to compromise, and Sylvia becomes a valued part of their lives. Also in the cast are are veteran Dorset Players Lynne Marcus, Todd Hjelt and Elisabeth Hazelton.

16th Annual One Act Festival Produced by Lynne Worth

Friday, March 29 & April 5 at 7:30pm



Saturday, March 30 & April 6 at 7:30pm Sunday, March 31 & April 7 at 2pm

Each year the Dorset Players offers its members an opportunity to try their hand at directing or acting without committing themselves to a "big" production. Directors choose their play and cast it accordingly. This year we are adding a second weekend to this popular production.

Ticket prices: Adult: \$15 Youth: \$8 (18 & under) Tickets are available online at DorsetPlayers.org

Oklahoma!

by Rodgers and Hammerstein Friday, May 17 & 24 at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 18 & 25 at 7:30 pm Sunday, May 19 & 26 at 2 pm

Ticket prices: Adult: \$30 Member \$25 Youth \$12 (18 & under) Tickets are available online at DorsetPlayers.org

Your Support Is Needed... And Greatly Appreciated

We love our theatre and love producing shows and workshops and we also spend a lot of time and money just keeping the roof over our heads. You can help by attending shows, becoming a member or a sponsor or just donating to our building fund. Every little bit helps. Send donations to **Dorset Players, Inc., P.O. Box 521, Dorset, VT 05251**



3270 Route 315 Rupert, VT 05768 802-394-7836 www.merckforest.org

Upcoming Events:



FOREST MAKERS: Soap Felting Workshop

February 9 @ 1:00 pm = 3:00 pm \$30

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Our **Soap Felting Workshop** is offered Saturday, February 9, from 1 pm to 3. Attendees will felt three bars of Kirk's 100% Pure Coconut Castile soap, scented or unscented, using natural-colored wool with natural- and brightly-colored wool and silk. One of these handmade scrubbies (or the set of three) would be a luxurious — and personal — gift for a loved one. Fee (\$30/person) in-

GUIDED HIKE: Full Snow Moon

February 16 @ 4:00 pm = 5:30 pm \$5

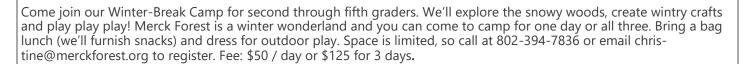
Join us on a staff-guided hike in the evening landscape to view the full Snow Moon.

This hike will be of moderate difficulty; participants must have appropriate footgear, headlamps, water and snacks. Reservations are requested; fee: \$5 per person.

Held weather-permitting.



February 19 @ 9:00 am - February 21 @ 3:00 pm \$50 - \$125







February 23 @ 4:00 pm = 6:00 pm \$5

Whooo's looking for company in our late winter landscape? Well, the Barred owls are, the Great Horned owls, and whooo knows whooo else. If we're lucky we'll be able to listen in on the conversation of one or another feathered couple. We'll start in the Visitor Center with a presentation featuring owls native to the Northeast, then we'll hike out in hopes of finding some courting couples.

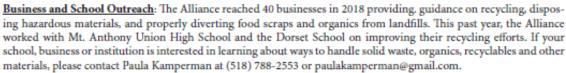
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Winter 2018-2019 Newsletter from the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) includes the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland.

2018 and 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Events: In 2018 BCSWA held household hazardous waste events in Bennington, Searsburg, Stamford and Dorset. 484 households participated along with several businesses. The Alliance will hold the next event on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Bennington Transfer Station at 904 Houghton Lane in Bennington from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the 13 Alliance towns.





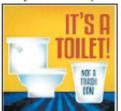


Visit Your Transfer Station: There are seven transfer stations serving the Alliance including the Bennington, Sunderland and Northshire Transfer Stations operated by Casella and the Pownal, Searsburg, Shaftsbury and Stamford Transfer Stations operated by and serving those towns. Transfer stations accept food wastes and several accept batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and E-Waste among other materials. For more information on services provided by the transfer stations, visit http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/.

Reduce Your Waste During the Holidays: Visit http://foodshift.net/blog/8-tips-reduce-waste-thanksgiving/ on ways to reduce food waste during the holidays. Better meal planning, creative cooking with leftovers, composting, and giving

extra food to those in need can all help reduce waste and save money. The BCSWA website also has a new section on donating food to food pantries. For the holidays, using recycled wrapping paper, avoiding unnecessary packaging, sending electronic cards instead of paper cards and other planning can save a lot of waste at this time of year.

Sharps: If you use sharps including needles, and need to dispose of them, visit our web page on how to seal them in a sturdy container for disposal. Sharps can't be recycled and are dangerous if not disposed of properly.



Be Careful What You Put Down the Drain: Many materials, especially household hazardous waste, should NOT be poured down the drain, either to a septic tank or field or to wastewater treatment plants. These chemicals are toxic, will kill the organisms that break down waste, and will enter surface and groundwater supplies. Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet should also be avoided as these have been shown to harm fish and amphibians. Visit http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/sludge-septage-residual-waste/ for more information that will protect our water supplies.

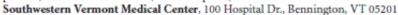
Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, E-Waste, Textiles and Paint: Many retail stores are accepting alkaline and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, including both tubes and CFLS and latex and oil based paint for FREE! Goodwill in Bennington accepts clothing and has trucks on weekends in Arlington and Manchester for donations of clothing. There are textile boxes located all over Bennington County, including at the transfer stations, where you can donate clothing. Goodwill also accepts donations of clothing and other items. Visit them at www. goodwill-berkshires.com. Several of the transfer stations accept E-Waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other materials. Visit www.bcswavt.org to find locations for disposing these materials.

<u>Pharmaceuticals:</u> There are several locations to drop off pharmaceuticals including:

Bennington Police Department, 118 South St., Bennington, VT 05201; Open 24/7; Accepting pills and patches; Phone: 802-442-1030

Manchester Police Department, Public Safety Facility, 6041 Main St., Manchester Center, VT 05255; Open 24/7 Accepting pills and patches; Phone: 802-362-2022

Bennington County Sheriff, 811 US Route 7, Bennington, VT 05201; Open M-F 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Accepting pills and patches; Phone: 802-442-4900 (ask for dispatch)



Phone: 802-442-6361; Open 24/7; Accepting Pills, Patches, Liquids, Aerosols

You can also order FREE envelopes to mail back up to 8 ounces of unwanted medicine from: http://www.healthvermont.gov/free-prescription-medication-mail-back-envelopes

Next BCSWA Board Meeting: The next BCSWA board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Arlington Town Hall 3828 Vermont Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250. An agenda will be at www.bcswavt.org at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Need More Information? Visit www.bcswavt.org to find information on recycling, composting, disposing prescription drugs, and services offered by waste haulers or contact Michael S. Batcher at (802) 442-0713 x 2 or mbatcher@bcrcvt.org.



February 2019

Residents & Business Owners invited to join or give input to the Raptor Lane Steering Committee:

The Dorset Selectboard is seeking applicants from the community to serve on the Raptor Lane Steering Committee. This is a great opportunity for those looking to become more involved with the community to address our needs.

The Town of Dorset recently acquired 308 acres located off Route 30 near JK Adams. The land is currently held as a subdivision with eight (8) lots total. Seven (7) of the lots range in acreage from 11 acres to 30 acres. Lot 8 is 160 acres in size. The property abuts the recently expanded Owls Head Town Forest. The Selectboard has visited the site and created a very preliminary list of potential options for the property.

The Town has recently commissioned an engineering study that will review the property for:

- Multiple units of planned housing;
- Relocation of Municipal Offices with inclusion of space for emergency services and community events;
- Educational/ Non-profit institutions;

Recreational options including a multi-use path(s);

This is an exciting time for Dorset, we have a unique opportunity to address the needs of our community through this project. The mission of the Steering Committee will be to review the many options, review the needs identified in the recent Northshire Economic Development Study, solicit input from the public and make recommendations to the Selectboard. The Committee will consist of nine (9) people, 5 representative from Town boards and commissions and 4 at large members from the community.

If you live in Dorset, work in Dorset, or just care about Dorset we hope you will consider participating on this Committee or giving us input!

Anyone interested in joining the committee is encouraged to contact the Town Manager's Office at 362-4571 x 3 or townmanager@gmail.com. Applicants should craft a short letter of interest about their connection to the community and what they can contribute to this process.

Deadline for response: March 12, 2019

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 dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

Recent Property Transfers (Sept. 2018 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Shortsleeve	Appelman	402 Benedict Rd	\$25,000	\$37,500
Faulkner	Ardovino	3500 Route 30	\$300,000	\$491,200
Ramsvig	Berntsen	176 Kent Hill Rd	\$520,000	\$517,700
Schwindt	Bicking	293 McNamara	\$355,000	\$325,300
Marks	Breezy North LLC	744 Black Rock Ln	\$335,000	\$381,500
Nicolosi	Worth	o Morse Hill Rd (land)	\$50,000	\$118,000
Stratton	Epstein	o Dorset West Rd	\$210,000	\$165,000
Kalinsky	Falvo	575 Owls Head Hill Ln	\$850,000	\$998,900
Babington	Gottdeiner	474 Lower Hollow Rd	\$510,000	\$446,500
Read	Holcomb	150 Read Farm Ln	\$505,000	\$510,400
Peterson	Lang	242 Barrows Heights	\$335,000	\$459,000
McBurney	Lange	o Goodwood Ln	\$77,500	\$119,400
Stewart	Molitor	138 Sugar House Ln	\$538,000	\$654,600
Ams	Morton	517 Lower Hollow Rd	\$470,000	\$472,900
Morritt	Walker	395 Red Tail Lane	\$965,000	\$746,600

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

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2019



LONG TRAIL IB ART SHOW

Exhibit Dates: March 14-31, 2019
Opening Reception: March 14, 2019 (Time TBD)

Long Trail Students Only—No Application Necessary
Artwork Drop-off: March 8-13, 2019
Post-show Artwork Pickup: April 1-5, 2019

ART FROM THE SCHOOLS

Exhibit Dates: April 13-May 12, 2019 Opening Reception: April 13, 2019; 12-2PM Students Only—No Application Needed Artwork Drop-off Dates: April 1-12, 2019 Artwork Pickup Dates: May 13-19, 2019

Southern Vermont Arts Center

930 SVAC Drive Manchester, VT 05254 (802) 362-1405

Town of Dorset

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Email: townmanager@gmail.com

Website: www.dorsetvt.org

SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST 24 & 25, 2019

DORSET HOLLOW 5K/10K

LOST CAT 50K

WWW.RUNDORSET.COM



Things to do!

Winter and Valentine's Day Dance!!



Saturday, February 9th

6-8pm

at the Dorset Village Library

Decades of dance music appropriate for all ages (everyone is welcome).

Dancing! Heart shaped snacks!

Fun! Indoor snowball fight! c



PO Box 52 · Route 30 at Kent Hill Road Dorset, VT 05251 USA · 802-867

-0331 Email: info@dorsetvthistory.org

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

Third Thursday Lunchtime Lectures

All Lectures are Held at The Bley House Museum Unless Otherwise Noted

February 21 — Brian Knight — Snow Boarding in Southern Vermont

March 21 — Michael Cepuran — Old Barns

April 18 — Terry Tyler/Judy Harwood — Old Gas Stations in Dorset

May 16 — Judy Hayward — Preservation of Old Houses



Sundays: 10am to 2pm at JK ADAMS in Dorset.