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Heath Fair Beginnings

"The idea was first suggested by certain Heath youths, George Peon among them, and the idea took pattern from a small town in Wales where we once witnessed such a fair"

—Flora White

The above note in penciled form appears on the back of the Historical Society copy of a typed letter sent to Heath residents in 1916, inviting them to participate in what was to later become the present Heath Fair.

The White sisters, "Miss Flora" and "Miss May," were leaders in Heath activities in those days, and they were the chief instigators of the Heath Historical Society begun in 1900. Their interest in agriculture prompted them to install George Peon in their "farmhouse" to work their farm. Then, through the Historical Society, they initiated the first "Heath Gathering." A copy of this interesting letter from the Committee of the Society is printed below:

"You are cordially invited to cooperate with the Heath Historical Society in trying to make the Heath Gathering, that is planned for the 30th and 31st of August, a marked success.

The object of this gathering is to increase community feeling and to advance community welfare. Addresses will be made by men of national reputation on subjects that concern community life – the farm, the school, the church, the boy and girl, the home, etc.

There will also be music and other forms of entertainment. All this will be generously provided through those who come to us.



On our part it is proposed that we have an exhibition of our farm products and livestock. Your name is solicited as one who is willing to help. Please keep this in mind during the spring and summer and be ready to show on the 30th and 31st of August what you have been doing. Samples of your crops will be wanted in whatever stage of growth they may be at that time.

Your horses and work wagons will be needed for our Work-Team Parade and you are urged to exhibit the best thing in livestock that you have bred on your farm.

If we pull together and do our best, we can make the Heath Gathering of 1916 an event to be long remembered.

Yours very cordially,

The Committee for the Heath Historical Society

Mary Abby White

Mary K. Hicks

Edward P. Guild"

The first Heath Gathering was held on August 30 and 31, 1916. The exhibits of farm and garden produce were displayed in Sawyer Hall, according to Grace Landstrom. Among the prominent speakers who gave talks at this first fair, was the Hon. Dana Malone, then Atty. Gen. of Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a summer resident in Heath.

Following the first Heath Fair in 1916, the Heath Agricultural Society was formed and the Fair became an annual event. From then on it was held on the Dickinson farm in the oak grove and mowing on South Road. Exhibits were displayed under a tent and speakers were attentively listened to under the shade of the oaks. At the



1933 Fair, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr declared in his speech that "a world war within 10 years is inevitable, or even sooner if the Nazis dare challenge France before that time." He praised Pres. Roosevelt for his courageous program for national recovery but doubted its success because of the current state of affairs internationally. Dr. Niebuhr had recently returned from a visit to Germany which he described as a nation gone "hopelessly insane."

In those days there were no outside concessions. It was strictly a Heath agricultural event. The balloon vendor, denied entrance to the grounds, parked on the road and youngsters spread word of his presence with sales quickly following. The parade, always a highlight of the day, would form at the Center and march down South Road to the oak grove. There were always many floats in which both the natives and the summer people participated.

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Hannah Burrington recalls a float in an early parade made up by her husband, Ted. "It needed two men to activate it, one in the rear and one in front. The rear one could activate the tail of a horse, which was made up of binder twine. The body was made of barrel hoops and covered with burlap grain bags. The front man could activate the head, which could move up and down and around. The ears were of stiff carpeting and stood erect. The eyes were black doorknobs and gave the animal a very alert look. He was completely harnessed and hitched to a two-wheel gig that old Sen. Thompson used to use. Oscar Thompson drove the animal and Clyde Varney led him along the parade course. The two men inside the horse will have to remain anonymous. A whip was generously used, which caused comment during the parade."

In 1962 the agricultural society had the opportunity to acquire the present fairgrounds, so it moved and has expanded its facilities and activities to become the big three-day event which now attracts visitors from all parts of New England.

Heath Fire Department Celebrates 75 Years of Service

In celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Heath Fire Department, Earl Gleason continues his story of the fire department's early years.

Firefighting Equipment in the 1940s

The Annual Town Meeting voted to establish a fire department in 1942. A sum of \$100 was raised to run the department.

Soon after the department was formed, a 1935 town truck was made into a handmade fire truck. A wood flatbed body was constructed with a used 500-gallon oil tank for water, and a hose seal borrowed from Shelburne Falls Fire Department. This went with several lengths of one-and-a-half-inch hose that was also mounted on the body, along with the Fitzhenry-Guptill pump. This truck had its problems. Nearly every time it was used it had to go to the repair shop. It never made it through World War II. By 1946 it was unusable and left sitting on several flat tires in the horse shed next to the church on Main Street.

The second Heath fire truck was ordered in 1947 and arrived in 1948. It was a new 1947 Dodge cab and chassis painted dark green. The body from the previous truck was mounted on the chassis and modified by cutting the tank down to 250 gallons. Later a war surplus 500 gallons-per-minute pump was mounted on the front of the truck.

At this time Heath had no fire station, so a stall was rented from Ruby Austin (first house east of the church) to house the new apparatus at a rental charge of \$20 per



year. There was no heat in the shed, so in cold weather the tank had to be drained and the pipes and pump treated with antifreeze. This shed was the home for the green Dodge fire truck (it never got painted red) until about 1960 when it went to the new (and present) town garage and fire station for about two years. The town purchased a used fire apparatus and the green Dodge went back to Mrs. Austin's where it served as the second engine. It was in service until 1976 when it was retired and sold.

State Mutual Aid

Mutual aid provided for the town to have additional resources available in emergencies at no cost to the town. Chief Herbert Ferris, with the assistance of the County Commissioner, arranged for an agreement to be signed by the local selectmen or district heads that fire departments would respond to other departments when needed for emergencies, with apparatus of a certain firefighting capability at no charge to the department requesting aid. Greenfield Fire would be the Command Central. Eventually, Tri-state had 46 member departments. This was formed in about 1947.

—Earl Gleason





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Heath Fair at Twilight

By Scott Prior



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Scott's paintings depict a world that is intimate, simple and personal, where objects are transfixed and transfigured by light. "It wasn't until I saw a lot of Edward Hopper's paintings in one place that I recognized the significance and emotional power of light. That was thirty years ago, and I am still fascinated by the varied and countless effects of light on the tangible world of my experience." (<http://www.scottpriorart.com>)

Proceeds will go to support the Heath Agricultural Society and the continuation of the Heath Fair. Donations may be made through the mail and your print will be reserved. Prints may then be picked up at the Fair. Prints may also be available (remember there are only fifty) if you prefer to make your donation at the Fair.

Please make checks payable to: Heath Agricultural Society (Heath Fair 100th) and mail to P.O. Box 10, Heath, MA 01346. Should you have any questions, please contact Jan Carr at 413-337-5747 or jan.carr1@verizon.net.



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Wild Ramblings

—Bill Lattrell

Connecting the Dots

It is moments like this that make life complete. It is night. There is a silver sliver of the moon rising in the east. Loons laughing fills the night air. The dark night sky is chock-full of stars—so many in fact that is down right overwhelming.

The sheer and vast number of stars in the sky where I currently am in northern Quebec, where there is no ambient light from human civilization, fills me with awe. I am aware of my utter insignificance in a universe that seems endless and yet somehow very connected. I am nothing more than an observer in a rich sea of lights that appear as pinholes on the inky horizon.

Several days prior to this great evening, six men, of whom I am one, traveled to this remote location in search of respite, peace, and good fishing. This is my 15th trip to these great north woods of Quebec. I have come each and every year faithfully, knowing that each trip could be the last. I hope to continue this for years to come, but my advancing age and the sheer magnitude of our personal economics could change that in a heartbeat. Yes, literally a heartbeat.

My two sons, Brendan and Liam, their good friend, Danny, my long time good buddy, Smitty, also known as The Marine, and new good friend, Giaco, are sharing this adventure with me. Three of us are younger and three of us are older. We have collectively, and in good humor, decided to have a fishing contest, which will be tallied at the end of our stay in this vast wilderness. Originally it was billed by all as the young guys against the old guys but that morphed into the “young guns” versus the “wise guys.” After all, a little respect never hurt anyone.

This vast forest of Quebec, a province just shy of the size of Alaska, is nothing but overwhelming. The vastness, the beauty, the thousands of lakes left behind by the last Laurentide glacier, the thousands of miles of logging roads, and the bountiful wildlife all are nearly beyond imagination. It is the planet as it should be: free, without human worries, and balanced. It is not hard to lose yourself here. If something from the civilized world was bothering you when you

arrived, it disappears as quickly as a black fly slipping into the dark night.

Our temporary residence is a small cabin at Lac Wetetnagami. This cabin is miles and miles and miles from the small town of Lebel sur Quevillon, over dusty logging roads and then miles over water in a small boat and outboard motor before you arrive at a sandy beach and a terrific view of the lake looking north and west. You haven't seen blue until you've seen a northern Quebec sky on a bright and sunny day. And you haven't seen pink, orange, and salmon colors until you've seen a sunset over Lac Wetetnagami. It is that beautiful—a place where every sound, every color, and every scent seems an order of magnitude beyond anything you have ever experienced before.

There is no luxury here. It is the simplicity of the lifestyle here that makes one imagine that a life without conveniences is, perhaps, something superior. Even the outhouse is charming. With the door open, one can take in the wild world that operates absolutely fabulously without human intervention. During one morning outhouse visit, I was reminded that the Earth would do just fine without us humans. We seem to think, for some odd reason, that we are necessary. We are not.

After an evening of our first day's fishing, Giaco and I brought two beach chairs down to the water's edge. A thin silver crest of a moon hung in the sky. The night was nearly black. The contrast of the millions and millions of bright, white stars that loomed overhead was as powerful an experience as I have ever had. Surveying the sky from southwest to northeast, I was awed by the randomness of the stars' placement. To my left there were bright stars pin-wheeling up from the horizon. Opposite, they were relatively sparse.

Directly overhead, the Milky Way produced so much light that the light emitted from one star was diffused by the light emitted from another star. Only the brightest stars were easily distinguishable. The blurred background of light was the result of looking into the depths of our galaxy. We were looking at light emitted from stars many thousands of years ago. There is something mind shattering when one contemplates time and distance.

To my right there were ample stars, some familiar constellations like Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. I knew if I located these two constellations, finding Polaris, the north star, was made easy. I still try to

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fathom why all the other stars seem to move, while Polaris stays in a fixed position. It is a deep thought, the contemplation of which would be better served on another night.

All of these stars—it would be impossible to count them one by one—could be formed into countless random patterns. I wondered why some were joined into explanations of myths and gods by our human predecessors, while other patterns, easily identified in my mind, went largely forgotten. There seems to be no easy answers to some questions.

Giaco and I were largely quiet. There was really nothing to be said but the obvious. And even that would have been a severe understatement.

Imagine looking into the starry heavens. Loon calls echoing across the waters. Light from the stars shimmering as a reflection on the dark water's surface. All of this without any human distractions. In my mind's eye, this defines perfection. Enough said.

The next day we fished for 12 hours. We worked hard for a modest harvest but our luck was good enough to fill everyone's belly that evening. There was great appreciation for where we were, what we were doing, and who we are—six guys simply seeking refuge from a modern world.

That evening Giacomo and I returned to water's edge. The empty beach chairs were waiting for us. Giacomo had an iPad with him so that we could look at the night's sky and see the named constellations. The iPad, using a built in GPS, could be held up in front of your face and give you the exact name of each constellation. No matter where you turned, it reoriented itself and revealed to us more names of stars and constellations. A lesson in astronomy for sure, which is not without merits, but for this observer, the device lacked imagination. Yes, the technology is stunning but without the ability to create new thoughts, the exercise does not include the wonders of the heavens. It is my imagination that drives me to see new points of view, to examine issues from a new point of view, to write about parts of my life experience yet unexplored.

Nature called. Giacomo had to leave. I was left to my own devices which were, quite simply, a mind full of wonder and not much else. I looked into the dark abyss. Stars filled the night sky and the voids in my mind. My mind went into over-drive and started seeing networks and associations between all of the different stars. The possibilities seemed endless. I imagined that if one were able to connect the bright white dots in the right order, it might unravel the mysteries of the universe. It might reveal laws of nature never before understood. It might even decode our beginnings, our intent, and where the universe was heading. And if one were able to connect the dots in just the right pattern, it might even reveal new dimensions where we could look at our earthly experi-

ence from afar. The amounts of infinite possibilities entering my finite brain were maddening. I thought about my own life: Seemingly unrelated events from my childhood that controlled my behavior now, the subtle observation of an act of kindness that forever changed my actions in the future, or, perhaps, the vast elegance and symmetry of the natural world taken in years ago that now directs my feelings for our planet. Without connecting the dots, few of my present day experiences would have as much value or meaning. My life seems so much richer because I am aware of these related patterns. Giacomo returned and I brought myself back into the here and now.



The next morning, while on Wetetnagami with rod and reel in hand, we watched bald eagles, diving ducks, and loons harvest bounties from this remote lake. The sheer joy of watching other species fish along side of us was beyond words. Each cast, each retrieve seemed to be in slow motion. Each fish caught came into our collective view as a natural act. Our angling was no different than the fishing skills held by other animals sharing these waters that were essential for survival. It was as if each flick of the rod where the bait and hook sank to the bottom, a piece of our past consciousness was put back into place. Some might see this as primitive. For me this way of seeing the world proves to be essential.

That night the stars again filled the sky. And while it is true that I spent more of the evening sharing the day's adventures with the rest of our gang, I did manage to spill out into the evening before resting my head on a pillow in a cabin bunk.

The millions of stars and the endless patterns still bogged my simple mind. But on this evening I approached the dark mysteries of the skies from a different perspective. I no longer wondered if it held all of the necessary answers. From some innate part of my inner soul, I knew that the night sky did, indeed, hold forgotten truths. It is just a matter of connecting the dots and exploring all of the possible combinations. The answer is held in the night's heavens. A lesson lost long ago by most humans. A lesson that we should all remember into eternity.

Author's Note: This was originally written after one of our Canada wilderness trips several years ago. We are about to embark on another trip in wild Quebec at the end of August.

—Bill Lattrell

Celebrating a Very Special 90th Birthday



Alli Thane-Stetson turns 90 on September 1 of this year. Alli was one of the founding fathers/mothers and an early staff reporter of the *Heath Herald*. She wrote an article giving an interesting commentary on the state of farming 33 years ago

that is reproduced below, in celebration of the fullness of Alli's ninety years. Happy Birthday!



The following article is reprinted from the August/September 1984 issue of the Heath Herald

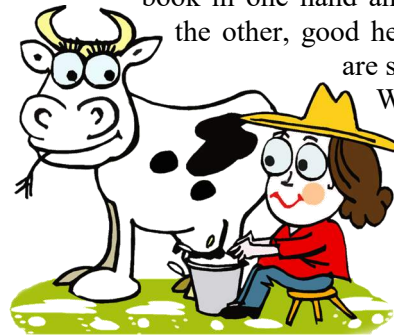
Dairy Farming—Then and Now

Our life in Heath began on Memorial Day, 1958. We bought our farm [on Jacobs Road] from Arthur and Phyllis Volland who, with Phyllis's parents, the Chamberlains, had raised milking Shorthorn cattle. We were reminiscing about this the other day and trying to recall the number of dairy farmers Heath had at that time.

We came up with 19 farms. Ted Burrington on Burrington Hill had recently sold his cattle but on the next farm, where Art Schwenger presently lives [corner of Burrington Hill Schoolhouse Road], Ron and Ruth Corey were farming. Ralph and Rachel Sumner had cows not far away, and also Frank and Edith Gleason where Walt Gleason now farms [Bassett Road]. Then there was Oscar Landstrom and Bob Law on the Law place [end of Town Farm Road] and Belle Dickinson and her family on the Dickinson place [South Road just south of the Center]. Down the road in the Center were Dana and Carol Malone. The Peons on the present Howland place [East Main] had just stopped farming. David Giard was in East Heath, and Oscar and Howard Thompson were where Bill and Brenda Clark are now [Branch Hill Road]. There were two Sessions farms; Ralph toward the South and Richard, North on 8A. There were two Lively farms on Number Nine Road; Medric, Frederick's father and Roland, Paul's father. There are three Crowningshield farms: Herbert, where the Rodriguez family summers [8A North]; Arthur, where Fred and Esther now farm [West Branch Road]; and Ken and Grace where Grace lives [8A North]. John Hillman had cattle where Doug Wilkins lives [Underwood Hill Road]; and Luis and Eva Pazmino on Sumner Stetson Road where the Levine family is now. Jadwiga Rouba was on Sadaga Road and Howard Hurd was on Number Nine at the Gulleban place. Doug and Nada Stetson later bought Ron Cory's farm but at that time they had a chicken ranch on the present Cromarty place [Branch Hill Road].

This is how dairy farming has dwindled in Heath in 26 years – from nineteen to six. Now we are the Sessions, Fred Lively, Fred and Arthur Crowningshield, Walt Gleason, Earl Gleason, Ern and Alli Thane.

In comparison, I'd like to add that around 1960 milk sold for about \$3.60 per cwt; now it sells for around \$14 per cwt. Grain was \$3.70 a bag and now fluctuates around \$10. The Gleason's told me they bought a baler in 1956 for \$1400. Now the same machine costs \$6950. Earl also mentioned that Ern and I are the last people to start a farm in Heath and who have still managed to keep going. How – I don't know, when we recall how little we knew about farming when we came here. But, with a book in one hand and a milking machine in the other, good health and hard labor, we are still here.



Will small farms disappear from Heath as they have from so many other towns? How wonderful it would be to see more young people go into farming full-time.

We've had so many great experiences we would've missed if we had stayed in suburbia [Maynard, Mass].

—Alli Thane

Charlemont Forum

The Charlemont Forum is presented each summer to offer residents of the hilltowns a chance to explore topics of civic concern. The next forum event is set for Aug. 8, and the topic is: "Democracy: What is it and why is it worth fighting for."



Featured will be Austin Sarat, professor of jurisprudence and political science at Amherst College. He will touch on what voters need to know before entering the voting booth and explore to what extent our founders' democratic impulses still inform our government's priorities. In the wake of the contentious 2016 elections, we believe Sarat's insights will be informative and timely. As always, audience participation will be an important part of the evening.

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The Solomon Temple Barn: Showcasing Two Centuries of Heath Agricultural History

Solomon Temple married first wife, Thankful Taylor, in 1769 or '70; by 1771 Solomon had a new wife, Abigail Hayden. The new couple moved to Avery Brook Road where what we now know as the Solomon Temple Barn was built, and where it remained for nearly two centuries.

In 1993, the barn was donated by the Rev. Richard Gary and his wife Dorothy to the Heath Historical Society. In the spring of that year, a new foundation was laid at the Heath Fairgrounds; in the fall, the barn was meticulously dismantled, with each piece's original location noted for reassembly in its new home. In May of 1994, in the culmination of the effort and support of well over a hundred people—Society members, community members, and businesses—the barn was reassembled on its current site at the Heath Fairgrounds, and dedicated to the preservation of Heath agricultural artifacts, and the education of future generations about the farming culture of Heath.



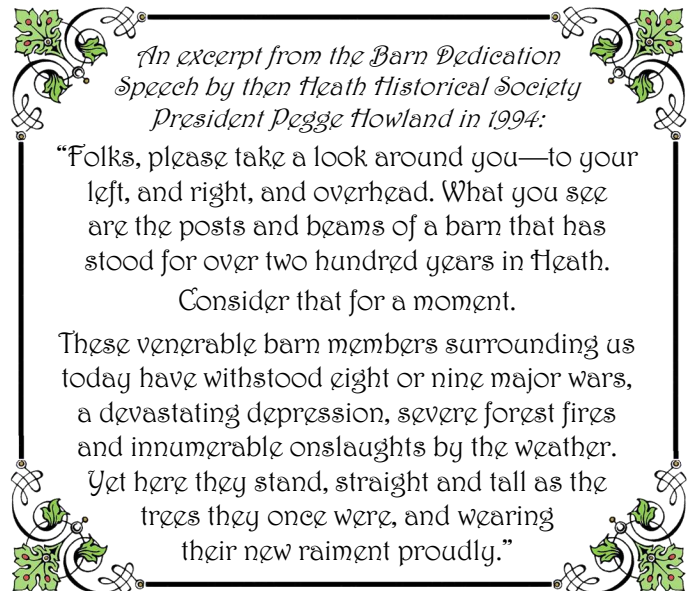
Photo by Chris Luis-Schultz

Today's Solomon Temple Barn Museum contains a variety of historic farm tools, looms, spinning wheels and agricultural machinery. Also on display during the Fair will be an exhibit of the photographs of well-known Heath resident Howard Dickinson, and a beautiful quilt handmade by a group of talented "Heathans" led by Eileen Lively. This quilt will be the first prize in the Historical Society's annual raffle; second prize is a half gallon of maple syrup donated by Smith Sugaring of Heath, third prize will be a piece of hand-woven cloth donated by Sue Gruen.

Winners will be announced in the afternoon on the last day of the Fair (you need not be present to win.) Raffle tickets will be sold at the Barn; Heath related publications as well as the *Patterns of Life* adult coloring book (featuring twenty original designs based on objects from the Society's collection) will also be available for purchase.

Look for the Historical Society's organizational entry in the Exhibition Hall during the Fair.

—Chris Luis-Schultz



Dining with History One, Two and Three-Room Schoolhouses of Heath

Sixty or so people enjoyed the Historical Society's latest edition of Dining with History on June 3—a tribute to schooling here in Heath. Letters were read, stories shared, and three extremely well behaved students (Kaylin Sumner, Sophia Mason and Joe Mason) took to the stage, much to the delight of the audience. Nostalgia ran high as thoughts of ever-changing school opportunities swirled in our heads, even as we as a town confronted the last school year of the Heath Elementary School on Jacobs Road.

As we recognize that change is inevitable, how wonderful it is to realize that advice offered in the 1880s still holds true today:

"To parents and teachers, we would say, give the children your best endeavors; teach them to think for themselves; do not weary or get impatient if they ask many questions which have regard to useful information. It shows that they have active, inquiring minds that are seeking for knowledge. Such minds are the hope of the children, and of the world."

Excerpt from the Town of Heath Annual Report, 1883-1884



Photos by Art Schwenger

Heath Agricultural Society.

Somehow, that time is already upon us: The Heath Fair. Has it really been a year since the last? It is remarkable how quickly time passes—and perhaps a little frightening. Nevertheless, our beloved Heath Fair fast approaches, and this year it will be the 100th!

100 years of Heath Fair—100 years of celebrating communities whose considerable commitment to the land have created the ‘agriculture’ that is so fundamental to our community’s identity and health. I suppose that by the standards of some, 100 years puts the Heath Fair in its late adolescence, or early twenties: Cummington, Marshfield, and others north and east of us have double, or more than double the depth of our history. However, they don’t have what Heath has.

The Heath Fair takes place perched upon a beautiful hill that sets the stage for a small, personal, engaging, and meaningful celebration of Heath and its sister communities. Here, at the top of the world, we will be comforted once more by the sounds, smells, and sights of our famous Heath Fair. And this year, being the 100th Anniversary, the Heath Agricultural Society has worked yet harder to bring you a fair that continues to celebrate our heritage while also celebrating itself.

August 18, 19, and 20 will mark the weekend of this year’s 100th Anniversary Celebration. There will be the square dances, Fireman’s barbecue, fireworks, exhibits, animals, music, a speakers’ tent, and fried dough just like you would hope to find. There will be your friends, family, familiar faces, and future acquaintances waiting for you; and there will be memories to be made, memories to share, and 100 years of memories and cultural experiences to reflect upon.

There will be all your old favorite events plus a raffle for a hot air balloon ride, an historical retrospective of the past 100 years that includes a documentary film about the Heath Fair, a goat parade, zucchini races, a firefighters muster, an oxen parade, a roaming barbershop quartet, a circus arts performance, and an ice cream social. Please see the Heath Fair website, www.heathfair.org, for information and ongoing updates.

The Heath Fair is never a thing one could feel good about missing—so don’t miss it! Be at this fair and make it yet more than it might’ve been. Soak it up, enjoy it, love it...Don’t let yard work, shopping, or a rainy day interfere with your attendance. Join us at this year’s 100th Anniversary.

And as you look ahead and plan to attend this fair consider how you might help. The Heath Agricultural Society is looking for new members to help organize the

fair and we are looking for people to help during the Fair: parking, the food booth, selling T-Shirts in the Exhibit Hall, helping setup goat pens—there are LOTS of ways to help and the Heath Agricultural Society has LOTS of need!

Lastly, I wish to thank some of those whose commitment to the fair has been longstanding and fundamentally important to its viability and success. We have the Clark family, who single-handedly organize the oxen and horse pulls, tirelessly working them all weekend, in addition to running the tractor and truck pulls. The Freemans, who for years have taken on the arduous task of keeping the grounds mowed. We are very fortunate to have Conrad and Kathy Halberg, and Shirley and Bradley Tombs, all invaluable in so many ways. Speaking of invaluable, there’s Bob Delisle, who lights up the grounds, keeps the water flowing, and populates the Heath Agricultural Tent with working old-time farm tools and interesting activities. We are also fortunate to have Art Schwenger who serves so ably as master of ceremonies and doubles as one of our fair photographers.

There are so many other contributors to thank and appreciate that to try to list all the names would invariably leave someone out.

There are superintendents who year after year fill the agricultural barns, who manage the exhibit hall, and who run the other judging events.

There are those who show up faithfully week after week before the fair to get the grounds, flowers, and buildings in order. Others are working well ahead of the fair to arrange for our popular vendors, the fair music and other attractions, and to layout the midway.

There are also those providing artwork, signage, posters, T-shirts, and the publications needed both at the fair and for advertising. Others are working with media outlets to make sure the word gets out about the fair. And, there are the ones keeping the books and keeping the meeting records, which keep us on track as we work towards each year’s fair.

During the fair, volunteers always show up to help keep us safe, and to help in the food booths, at the gate, and in the parking lot.

When the fair is over and we can all breathe again, it will be amazing to look back and understand the scope of what was accomplished and to appreciate everyone who helped to make it happen. Thank you all for helping to make the 100th the best fair ever!

See you at the 100th,
Justin Lively, President





Thanks to Doug Mason, Art Schwenger, Larry Sampson, the Gleasons, Eric Sumner, and all who gathered and shared their Heath Fair photographs.



LIBRARY LINES

—Donald Purington

Be sure to stop by the Friends of the Heath Library Book Sale Tent on the Heath Fair midway. Thousands of used books, DVDs, and audio books are there for the taking at rock-bottom prices. There will also be a raffle with many prizes, including local maple syrup, and a baby quilt.

Paintings by Don Dekker will be on display at the Heath Library during the month of August. A reception will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 11 a.m. View the paintings during our regular hours, including the Saturday morning of the Heath Fair weekend.

The Summer Reading Program is winding down in August. Please help your children bring their Reading Log to the library from August 19 to September 3 to receive prizes and free raffle tickets. Preschool Story Hour resumes in September, dates to be announced.

A Few of the New Items at the Library

Use the *New Titles* link on the Library website to see all the new items added to our collection in the previous two weeks.

Fiction Books for Adults: *Same Beach, Next Year* by Dorothea Benton Frank, *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookshop* by Matthew Sullivan, *Camino Island* by John Grisham, *The Templar's Last Secret* by Martin Walker

Non-fiction Books for Adults: *The Tree Doctor* by Dan Prendergast, *Obama: The Call of History* by Peter Baker, *Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton's Doomed Campaign* by Jonathan Allen,

Audio Books on CD: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, *Camino Island* by John Grisham, *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance

Books for Young/Teen Readers: *The Trials of Apollo: The Dark Prophecy* by Rick Riordan, *The Curious Kid's Science Book* by Asia Citro,

Children's Picture Books/Boardbooks: *From Seed to Sunflower* by Mari Schuh, *Thank You Bugs: Pollinators are Our Friends* by Dawn Pape, *This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World* by Matt Lamothe

Heath Arts Exhibition Update

Planners of the second Heath Arts Exhibition expect more participants to show their work this year. The exhibit will run from September 2 through September 9, at the Heath Community Hall. A reception, to which all are invited to attend, will be held from at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday September 3. Mark your calendars. Refreshments will be provided.

Last year the exhibit featured 25 local artists exhibiting paintings in many mediums: photography, sculpture, glassware, felt, and furniture. Over 200 people attended the show during the week. Patricia Raviele played harp during the reception.

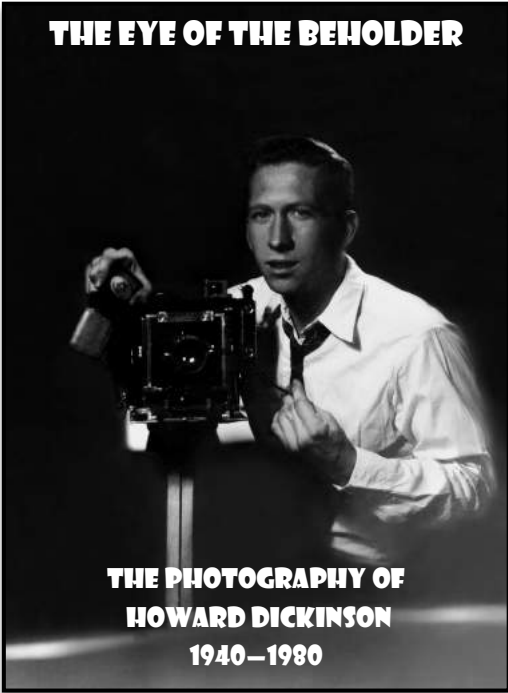
This year at least 30 local artists are expected to exhibit their work. The submissions will be as diverse as last year including paintings, photography and sculpture. The exhibit showcases the range of talent and artistic expression of Heath residents. Works by both professional and amateur artists will be on display.

Coordinating the event again this year are Eileen Lively, Suzanne Hannay, and Harry W. Hallman.

This exhibit is supported in part by the Heath Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



AUGUST 1 TO 5



THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF
HOWARD DICKINSON
1940–1980

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 4 TO 6 P.M.
SATURDAY 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

SPONSORED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE HEATH CULTURAL COUNCIL
AND THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL



Town Nurse

—*Claire Rabbitt, RN*

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Every year I attend a program to learn the latest recommendations on immunizations for vaccine preventable diseases. Although I focus on influenza in my position as Town Nurse, I want to encourage families to take advantage of all available immunizations as a first line of defense against up to 14 infectious diseases. From birth to old age, disease prevention improves the quality of life and reduces health care costs. As a preschool child 70 years ago, I received small pox vaccine, and DPT, and later in school was among the first to get the polio vaccine, but my siblings and I all suffered through chicken pox, and measles. I contracted mumps and rubella when I was in nursing school, but fortunately did not have complications; however, I missed school for two weeks. Since that time, new vaccinations have been developed, making some diseases more and more rare.

Vaccination rates are reasonably good in the United States, but there are still areas where clusters of families are not getting vaccinated, including here in Western MA. There were significant outbreaks of measles in 2014 and this past year mumps cases have increased. If the majority of the population is vaccinated, the few that are not vaccinated are also protected, because they are not exposed, but disease may be only a plane ride away.

HPV, Human Papillomavirus, was not something I ever heard of in nursing school, but I am surprised to learn it is now the most common sexually transmitted disease in the US. According to the CDC, 70% of Americans have HPV, 14 million are newly infected each year, and it causes more cases of oral cancer than tobacco, and is the cause of a large percentage of cervical cancers. The latest recommendation of the CDC is all boys and girls age eleven and twelve receive a two dose HPV vaccine and women and men up to age 26, not previously vaccinated, get the vaccine as well.

For adolescents, there are two meningococcal vaccines that protect against five types of meningococcal disease, fatal to 15 percent of those infected. Approximately 20 percent of survivors will have permanent disabilities. In recent years there have been numerous outbreaks on college campuses.

As a new school year approaches, I encourage getting recommended vaccines for all children without a medical contraindication. I also advise adults to keep up-to-date on immunizations so as to enjoy good health throughout their lives.

Heath Veterans Memorial Committee Update

The Heath Veterans Memorial Committee (Bob Bourke, Peter Smith and Dave Howland in attendance) met Friday, June 30, 2017 at the Memorial Site in the Center to review the memorial building progress.

Under consideration are flags on or around the center stone. Reference was made to the memorial in Bernardston, MA, with its combination of small war decals and flags, but no recommendations were made. Further discussion will take place.

Plaques have been ordered from A.M. Tech. Inc. for each stone as recommended by the Peterborough Marble and Granite Works. A new flagpole was received in early July, expected to be set mid-July or after. Other site work is also underway.

Editor's Note: Be sure to look at the exciting progress being made as you pass through the center of town.



HEATH LADIES* AID FAIR

At Heath Union Church,
Lower Level
Saturday, July 29,
10 until 2 p.m.

Baked Foods
Practical and Fancy Items
Raffle: 60X80" Quilt
Drawing: **Heath Fair**
Sunday, August 20 at 2 p.m.

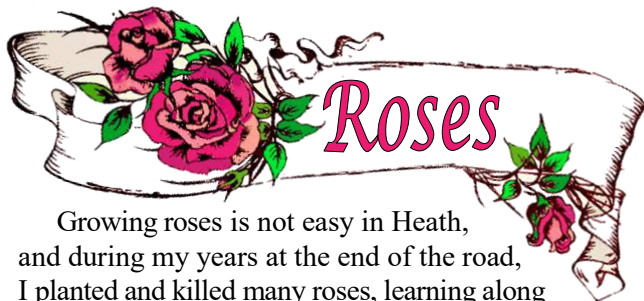
Proceeds benefit
scholarship fund

***HEATH LADIES,
AIDING SINCE 1924**



Green Thoughts

—Pat Leuchtman



Growing roses is not easy in Heath, and during my years at the end of the road, I planted and killed many roses, learning along the way which were the hardiest.

I began by planting *Passionate Nymph's Thigh* next to the front door. I thought a passionate nymph would have to be a hardy creature, and so she proved to be, living right under the roof line where the enormous icicles formed and fell, battering the rose for over 30 years.

In the beginning, I was mostly interested in 'antique' roses because I thought they were so romantic. Many of them were strong roses, created in an age when it was fragrance and hardiness without the help of magic potions that were important to hybridizers. Some of those roses died, but the *Queen of Denmark*, *Celestial*, *Mme Legras de St. German*, *Madame Plantier*, *Fantin-Latour*, *Ispahan* and *Leda* and others continued on. I also paid attention to *Griffith Buck* roses, bred to be cold hardy. *Applejack* was an exuberant rose that bloomed where it welcomed us home, or greeted visitors just as they made the turn in front of the house. I chose *Mount Blanc* among another sturdy rugosas, and then I added *Farm Girls*, roses from some of the other farms in town like *Rachel's Rose*, given to me by Rachel Sumner shortly before she died.

Now that I am in Greenfield where I do not have to worry quite so much about bitter winters, I have planted newer roses.

In 2009 I visited the *Peggy Rockefeller Garden* in the *New York Botanical Garden (NYBG)* and met *Peter Kukielski* who was the curator of the garden. He was in charge of a major renovation of the garden, which included tripling the number of roses. Peter answered my amazement at this accomplishment by explaining, with a laugh, "I planted them closer together." Because a new state law forbade most of the poisons and chemicals routinely used in rose gardens, Peter was also turning it into the largest organically grown rose garden in the country.

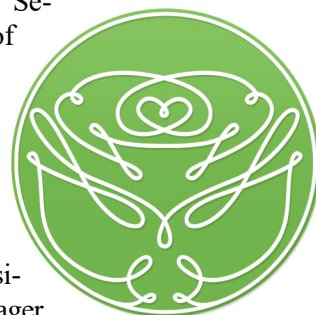
Among the roses he planted were *Kordes* roses. *Kordes* is a German hybridizer. More than 20 years earlier, Germany had outlawed those chemicals and began hybridizing for disease resistance and long blooming seasons. I have added some of those beautiful *Kordes* roses to my new garden where they have come through two winters with ease.

Peter also used *Earth-Kind* roses. I was familiar with *Earth-Kind* roses, but when I saw that name on a label, I thought it was just a marketing ploy. Not so. Years before, *Texas A&M* set up a test garden, planting a number of roses and caring for them for one year, then giving them no further care for nine years. Those that did well were named *Earth-Kind* roses because they were disease resistant and did not need additional irrigation. The *Fairy* rose is one of the *Earth-Kind* roses that had been appreciated by gardeners long before. The list also included *Carefree Beauty*, a *Buck* rose, *Knock-Out* and *New Dawn*.

Peter explained the new cultivation regime. He said they used 'Rose Tone' three times a year because it is all organic and supplies all 16 essential nutrients. They supplemented this with some foliar feeding using seaweed extracts and fish emulsions. They also used compost from the *NYBG* compost pile and mulched with chopped leaves twice a year. I confess I am not completely following this regime in my new garden, but my garden is not an important public garden where everyone expects perfection. At the same time, I think all of us gardeners know that preparing and enriching the soil with compost before planting, and keeping new plants sufficiently watered the first year is good practice for any plant.

Peter went on to write a book, *Roses Without Chemicals: 150 disease-free varieties that will change the way you grow roses*. This is an excellent book for anyone who is thinking about which roses would be best to plant. He also went on to be the first president of *American Rose Trials for Sustainability (A.R.T.S.)*. This organization was founded in 2012, the same year that the familiar *All American Rose Selections (AARS)* went out of business, in part because gardeners were not planting as many roses because they were considered too fussy and too much work.

In June I visited *Michael Schwartz* who is the new president of *A.R.T.S.* and trial manager for *A.R.T.S.* and *Earth-Kind* rose trials at the *Naugatuck Valley Community College* in Connecticut. Roses are sent to the trials by the rose breeders who think roses they have could be winners. It



was wonderful to think that the hillsides of rose trials were being repeated in 10 other locations around the country, with climates that were colder or dryer or wetter than others. Several of the test sites are in public parks and botanical gardens that are open to the public.

Michael showed me his roses, planted in blocks that are being repeated in those other sites. He pointed out the Knock Out rose and Carefree Beauty rose, which are well-known tough, long-blooming roses, that are used as reference points for the development of the trial roses. The Earth-Kind trials go on for longer than the A.R.T.S. trials which have chosen their winners for 2018. Three of the Master Roses which won the trials in four climate regions are Double 10, an orange hybrid tea, Icecap, a white with superior disease resistance, and Peachy Knock Out, a shrub rose with delicate pink and white blossoms.

I hope the day has come when, even in Heath, gardeners will not think planting a rose bush is a waste of time and cause of aggravation.

For full information about the A.R.T.S. organization and trials visit:

www.americanrosetrialsforsustainability.org.

A nursery that offers Earth-Kind roses can be found at www.chambleerose.com. Chamblee's also offers a number of the Kordes roses that are not easy to find in the U.S.

Heath Elementary School

Student Council Report

School Committee Meeting, June 14, 2017

The following is a speech made by Hailey Von Rosenvinge, Treasurer of the Student Council, Kaylin Sumner, secretary of the Student Council and Umi Burnes, the President of the Heath School Student Council:

We have 12 members in grades 1-6. We meet every week with Miss Gary during our lunch.



We began the school year with a number of goals for the student council. Our first goal was to create a new school shirt. We had a Logo contest for all students and had many students offer their ideas for the new shirt. Two students, Kaylin Sumner and Madison White won for their individual designs. So we decided to put Kaylin's logo on the front and Madison's on the back.

We are very excited about the new shirt. It expresses our students' love and gratitude to Heath School. This shirt has great meaning as the drawings and words celebrate the 20 years of Heath School. Our council and PTP are giving every student a new T-shirt to keep and on Friday all of our students will be wearing them as we visit the Montshire Museum on an all-school field trip.

Our new shirt has a very positive message and one that speaks to Heath School's legacy. On the front is Heath School, drawn as the roots of a beautiful tree, stating, "Heath School, the roots for 20 years", and on the back, hands drawn together with the phrase, "20 years of bringing families together." These were created by students who love Heath School, and wanted others to know how special Heath is.

We wanted to make this school year special like always. As the year went on and our school closing became official, we were determined to have the best school year ever! So we gave extra effort towards our Spirit Ideas. Some of our favorites were Pajama Day, Bring Your Favorite Stuffie Day, Summer Hat Day, and Wear Different Shoes Day. I would say our staff and students tried really hard to participate in our Spirit Days.

We had our annual Cookie Swap and Movie Night where we watched Finding Dori and Stickman as we sold and ate cookies!!

We wanted to continue to build our relationship with our town and elders. We had a Senior Luncheon and our Drama Club's *Into the Woods* production that, even with the Friday night show snowed out, Saturday and Sunday had a great showing!

We continued our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program this spring and worked at different elders' homes. One elder wrote this card, "Thank you very much for cleaning up my yard. It is so nice to know our local children reach out to the community members and offer help, especially to elders like me- age 96"!

Our student council events helped keep our school community focused on helping others and having fun. As a council, we wanted to build a strong positive school climate and give the students an opportunity to say thanks to our town, especially our elders, who support us in so many ways. As a council, we tried to make sure we filled the year with events that the students would enjoy and show school and community pride. I think we made really good progress towards these goals!

Our Heath School Student Council would like to thank a few people. We would like to thank the Heath Task Force for their thoughtful, careful, and compassionate work. We would like to thank our school committee members: Budge Litchfield and Bob Gruen for their help in supporting our school and our town during this challenging time. We would also like to thank our superin-

tendent, Mr. Buoniconti who continues to support our school community through this difficult transition. We would like to present these three people the original Heath School T- Shirts as a special thank you.

And finally, we want to thank our Heath School principal, Mr. PH [Mr. Porter-Henry], the staff, our parents, and the community for helping making this year the best year ever!



Photo by Art Schwenger

Tim Lively and Jessie Porter-Henry model Heath School T-Shirts old and new

Individual thoughts on how student council has helped each of us grow:

Hailey; "It has been an honor to serve as the treasurer of the Heath School Student Council. It taught me responsibility, organization, and to build a better community."

Kaylin; "It has been an honor to be the Heath student council secretary. Being secretary has taught me organization, patience, and how to quickly take notes."

Umi; "It was such an honor to be elected as Student Council President. It taught me leadership skills and responsibility. It was a very good experience I can use later on in life."

Hailey; "And Umi, you were a really patient listener, especially with the little ones."

Umi; "Thank you Hailey, and thank you [School Board] for allowing us to present our Heath School Student Council Report."

Heath school students will now be attending Hawlemont School in Charlemont this fall.

—Hailey Von Rosenvinge, Kaylin Sumner, Umi Burns



Photo by Art Schwenger

Heath community members celebrate departing Heath Elementary School students.

The Way We Love to Eat



Along with all of the things we love about the Heath Fair—the music, the crafts, the animals, the square dancing, the book sale, the entries, the parade, the friends—food has to be right up at the top of the list. After all, it is one of the few times during the year that we get to go out to eat in Heath and have such a variety of delicious choices. My sister and I often joke about being sure to balance your weekend diet with all four of the fair food groups: sugar, salt, caffeine and fat. It is not uncommon to see someone walking down the midway with a dreamy eyed look as they bite into some of the Hager's warm fried dough, dripping with maple cream. And how often do you see someone settling into the main tent to enjoy the music, gripping a cup of ice-cold hand-squeezed lemonade in one hand and a large order of Ed's French fries in the other?



Families gather around plates of barbeque chicken washed down with fireman's root beer. A Friday night crowd starts the fair off at the church's ham and bean supper, while the Sunday crowd enjoys their first moments at the fair eating blueberry pancakes. Throughout the weekend, there is a steady line at the main food booth where fair goers can treat themselves to a grass-fed local hamburger, a veggie wrap loaded with local produce, or a piece of homemade pie with Snow's ice cream, and a cup of Pierce Brothers coffee. Rather than offering a recipe this month, let's go out to eat while we can! A listing of the food you will find on the midway this year follows.



Bon Appetit!

ONGOING CONCESSIONS

The Upper Food Booth

Local burgers, hotdogs, pie, ice cream, veggie wraps,
Pine Hill donuts, Pierce Brother coffee, grilled cheese

The Lower Food Booth

Local burgers, hotdogs, breakfast sandwiches, Pine
Hill donuts, and Pierce Brothers Coffee

On the Midway

Ed's French Fries
Cliff's Smokin' Backyard BBQ
Mo's Fudge Factor
Hager's Farm Market Fried Dough
with Maple Cream
Girard's Sugarhouse
Sub-King
M + G Kettle Korn
The Fresh Squeezed Lemonade
Zager Taqueria
The Scoop Shack
Berkshire Pizzeria



SPECIAL FOOD EVENTS

Church Ham and Bean Supper, Friday 5 to 6 p.m.

Ham, baked beans, potato salad, brown bread, cookie bar

Firefighters Lobster Special for the 100th

Friday night, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Lobster & clams with corn on the cob and ice cold water

Breakfast Sandwiches, Saturday 9 to 11 a.m.

Upper and lower fair food booths,

Egg, cheese, sausage on an English muffin

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, Sunday 9 to 11 a.m.

Upper Food Booth

Blueberry pancakes and sausage,
served with Heath maple syrup

Firefighters Chicken BBQ

Saturday & Sunday at noon

Half a chicken, coleslaw, corn, roll, cookies, and
Firemen's homemade root beer

Free Ice Cream Social, Sunday 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Heath Agricultural Society



—Deb Porter

NATURE NOTE

Reasons to Like LICHENS



Let's take a closer look at those unassuming patches and tufts that cover things like rock walls, old barns, and rotting trees.

They are varied in shape, ranging from the flat encrusting lichens, some of which look like sunbursts or snowflakes, to the aptly named Old Man's Beard to the red-topped British Soldier Lichen. Some have fruiting bodies that look like tiny vases or bowls. They



sometimes look like splashes of paint on a rock with bright colors like orange, yellow, lime green, or turquoise. They often look other worldly.

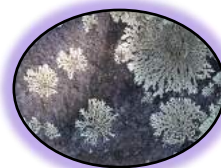
Lichens are a partnership (symbiosis) between a fungus and an alga. The fungi provide structure and the algae provide food through photosynthesis. This partnership allows lichens to live in a wide range of environments that fungi and algae alone wouldn't be capable of.



Some uses of lichens:

- Food for wildlife like turkey and deer (some human cultures also use them for food)
- Dyes, especially for woolen fabrics and rugs
- Fixatives or scents in perfume making
- Nesting material for wildlife like hummingbirds and flying squirrels
- Pollution monitoring—most species are extremely sensitive to pollutants so are used as indicators of air quality
- Soil formation—lichens gradually break down the rocks they grow on, making minerals available
- Medicine—many species have antibiotic properties. Research is ongoing for their use in fighting cancer and viral infections.
- Convert carbon dioxide to oxygen—the partnership with a fungus allows the alga to inhabit places that most plants wouldn't be able to, thus increasing the amount of photosynthesis in our world.

Beautiful, interesting, and useful—all good reasons to like lichens!



—Susan Draxler



Obituary

ROBERT L. SESSIONS (1954 - 2017)

HEATH - Robert L. Sessions, 63, passed away on Tuesday (6-13-17) at home. Born on March 27, 1954 in Greenfield, he was the son of Richard and Ellen (Hillman) Sessions. He was married to the former Sarah Clark, who predeceased him.

Robert was a machine operator at Bete Fog Nozzle in Greenfield. He enjoyed the outdoors, working on vehicles, snowmobiling, and 4-wheeling. He also enjoyed viewing photos from his wildlife game camera.

Survivors include two daughters: Heather and Christine Sessions, both of Heath; his granddaughter Leah Carey; his brother Richard Sessions, Jr; two sisters: Sarah Bernard and Grace Volanger and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Robert was predeceased by siblings: Eugene and Allen Sessions, and Luella Bigelow.

Funeral services for Robert were held at the Charlemont Federated Church, with Rev. Cara Hochhalter officiating. Burial followed in Center Cemetery, Heath.



Heath Union Evangelical Church

The Rev. James Koyama, Minister
Dennis Ainsworth, Organist
Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.

All are welcome

Please join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 6 p.m., held at the home of Dennis Ainsworth, 215 Ed Clark Road, Colrain. Anyone interested in carpooling should meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Koyama is in town on Thursdays, with office hours at the church in the afternoon. You can also contact him on his cell phone anytime: 808-282-6711.

For information call Rev. Koyama
or a member of the Board of Deacons:

Hilma Sumner, Chair ...337-4845
Ruth Johnson337-4367
Walter Gleason337-4479

Church phone: 337-4019 to leave a message
Find us on Facebook @ Heath Union Evangelical Church

Our building facilities are available for private events.
Call Esther Gallup for details: 337-5367.

Church News

We continue to enjoy good attendance at our summer concerts. The next concert will be on Saturday, July 29 at 4 p.m. when we shall have the pleasure of hearing



Alan Durfee, accomplished organist. Mr. Durfee is currently the president of the board of the Arcadia Players Baroque Orchestra and a professor emeritus at Mt. Holyoke College. Then on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. we will host the men's gospel quartet, 4Ds and 1 G, from Greenfield.

Our worship services, which are open to everyone, are at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning with three upcoming exceptions. July 30 we will be joining with the Charlemont Federated Church in an outdoor service at the Steven and Nancy Thane residence in the Dell, 90 8A. The service will begin at 9:45 a.m. On Heath Fair Sunday, August 20, our service will be held under the entertainment tent on the fairgrounds beginning at 9 a.m. And September 10 the church will hold its annual outdoor service and potluck picnic at the Richard and Hilma Sumner's home, 219 8A. All are invited to attend any of these special services and events.

The choir will continue to contribute to every service throughout the summer and will be performing special music at the Fair. Following the communion service on September 3 we will host our bimonthly potluck lunch, which is a time of engaging in conversation while enjoying the many culinary contributions that have been provided.

As you make plans for your Heath Fair activities, don't forget the church's delicious Ham and Bean supper on Friday evening, August 18, 5:30 p.m. until gone. All items are prepared by our own folks and served fresh. This continues to be one of the church's biggest fundraisers of the year. We look forward to seeing you at any and all of our various activities in the upcoming weeks.

—Hilma Sumner

Heath's Monthly Precipitation

Observed by Heath School Staff and Students

	Rain
May	2½"
June	5¼"

The big surprise in the past two months was some snow on Mother's day, with snow amounts reported anywhere from ½ to 2 inches. There were also a lot of wet days in the past two month's making it tough for anyone to cut down hay.

—Tim Lively

HEATH ONLINE

Take some time to visit the town's website at www.townofheath.org for meeting minutes, school information, and more. You may contact the Selectboard as a whole or an individual via this email address:

BOS@townofheath.org

Firefighters Special for the Heath Fair 100th

100 pounds of lobster for the 100th to make up 75 one-plus pound lobster dinners with steamers, corn on the cob, and ice cold water. Friday night at the fairgrounds. Only 75 tickets available.



PAY PER THROW

All residents need a transfer station permit (cost \$15) for use of the transfer station, and trash bag stickers (\$1.50 each) for discarding trash. Please recycle what you can. Purchase trash stickers and permits at the Heath Post Office during normal business hours.



Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 23 at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register between August 21 and September 15. During that time, online registration will be open:

www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

Paper registration forms will be available at participating town offices, transfer stations, and in ads in the Greenfield Recorder.

The collection is free for Heath residents. Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call 413-772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. See a complete list of acceptable items at:

www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be disposed of in the trash. At the 2017 Hazardous Waste Collection Event, only mercury-containing items such as thermostats and thermometers will be accepted; fluorescent bulbs will not be accepted at this collection. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Heath Transfer Station; hand to attendant. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

Reduce trash by **composting**: "Earth Machine" compost bins (\$45) and "Sure-Close" compost pails (\$5) are available at the Solid Waste District office in Greenfield: call for hours. Cash or checks only.

FCSWM

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District
For more information about recycling or programs, contact the district office at 413-772-2438;
Email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org;
or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired:
711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

The District is an equal opportunity provider.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR**ONGOING**

- Jul 29 **LADIES AID FAIR**
Heath Union Church, Lower Level
10 until 2 p.m.
- Jul 29 **HEATH CHURCH ORGAN CONCERT**
4 p.m., Heath Union Church
- Jul 29 **HEATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**
5:30 p.m., potluck dinner followed by program, "Music of the Gaslight Era".
Community Hall
- Jul 29 **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**
"*The Eye of the Beholder*," photography by
Howard Dickinson, Heath Community Hall
Open Saturday July 29 and Saturday August 5
10 a.m. to noon;
Open weekdays July 31-Aug 4, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Jul 30 **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION**
"*The Eye of the Beholder*," photography by
Howard Dickinson, Heath Community Hall
Reception 2 to 4 p.m., exhibit open until 6 p.m.
- Aug 12 **DON DEKKER ART RECEPTION**
11 a.m., Heath Library
Exhibit on display during month of August
- Aug 18 **HEATH FAIR 100TH**
Heath Fairgrounds, Hosmer Rd
18 Friday, 5 to 11 p.m.
19 Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
20 Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Aug 21 to Sep 15 **PREREGISTRATION PERIOD FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
See page 21 for information
- Sep 2 to 9 **HEATH ARTS EXHIBITION**
Heath Community Hall
Saturday, September 2 and 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Reception Sunday, September 3. 2 to 4 p.m.
Weekdays, Monday-Friday 4 to 6 p.m.
- Sep 23 **HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY**
Greenfield Community College
One College Drive, Greenfield
Orange Transfer Station
6 Prospect St, Orange

SENIOR OPEN ART

Monday, 2 to 5 p.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall. Open to all. Contact Eileen McVay-Lively at 337-4742 with questions.

FOOT CLINIC FOR SENIORS

Third Tuesday of each month in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall.

Contact Eileen McVay-Lively at 337-4742 to set up an appointment and/or arrange transportation.

SENIOR BROWN BAG LUNCH

First Thursday of each month, dessert & games.

11:45 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall.

HEALTHY BONES AND BALANCE

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, 10 to 11 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall. Helps prevent falls & osteoporosis, for ages 55 and over.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall

Weight loss through developing a healthier lifestyle.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Third Thursday of each month, 11:45 a.m. in the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall.

A count is required by the Monday before the scheduled meal. Please sign up at the Senior Center, downstairs in the Community Hall or call Margo Newton at 337-8580.

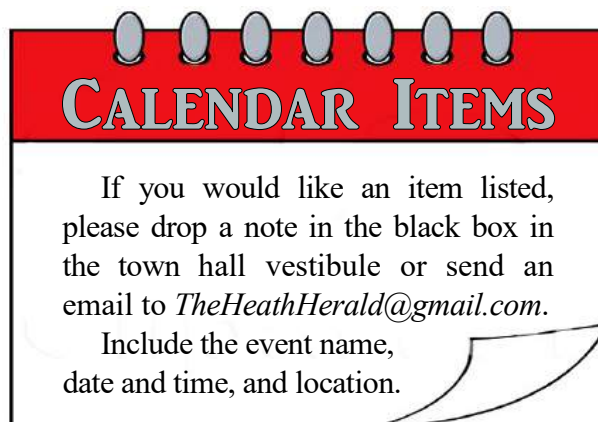
TAI CHI

Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. upstairs in the Community Hall.

YOGA

Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m. upstairs in the Community Hall, led by Kate Peppard.

Scheduled activities will not take place on holidays or days with school weather closures/delays.



CALENDAR ITEMS

If you would like an item listed, please drop a note in the black box in the town hall vestibule or send an email to TheHeathHerald@gmail.com.

Include the event name, date and time, and location.

HEATH TOWN OFFICES

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www.townofheath.org

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bos@townofheath.org
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with
exceptions posted in Sawyer Hall

Selectboard, bos@townofheath.org

Tuesday 7 p.m., Sawyer Hall
Sheila Litchfield, Chair, 413-337-4957
Brian DeVriese, 413-337-5525
Robyn Provost-Carlson, 413-337-5316

Town Clerk, Hilma Sumner

townclerk@townofheath.org
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 11 a.m.
Monday 3:30 to 5 p.m. or call for appointment,
413-337-4845

Accountant, Tracey Baronas

accountant@townofheath.org
Monday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (varies)
413-337-4934, ext. 5

Tax Collector, Elizabeth Nichols

taxcollector@townofheath.org
Monday 4 to 6 p.m.
or call for appointment 413-337-6665
413-337-4934, ext. 2 / Fax: 413-337-8542

Treasurer, Kristi Narktowicz

Monday 3:30 p.m. (varies) or
email to knartowicz@gmail.com

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Assessors

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Alice Wozniak, Assistant Assessor, 413-337-4949
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Claire Rabbitt, North Cemetery, 413-337-8309
Eric Sumner, South Cemetery, 413-337-5330
Matthew Lively, Sexton, 413-337-4331
Hilma Sumner, Burial Agent, 413-337-4845

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Dennis Peters, 413-337-4014
Ellen Jenkins, 413-337-5353
Bernard "Buck" den Ouden, 413-337-4002
Jessica Van Steensburg, 413-339-4904

Historical Commission

Margaret Freeman, Chair, 413-337-4854

COMMUNITY

Public Library, Don Purington, Director

Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Library Assistant
www.heathlibrary.org, heath.library@gmail.com
Monday 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday noon to 7 p.m.,
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
413-337-4934, ext. 7

Post Office Manager, Charlene Reynolds

Monday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
413-337-4934, ext. 4

School

Heath Elementary School Principal

Jesse Porter-Henry, 413-337-5307

MTRSD School Committee Representatives

Budge Litchfield, 413-337-4957

Kenneth Rocke, 413-337-5753

Franklin County Technical School Representative

Art Schwenger, 413-625-2526

Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt, RN

Office hours, Senior Center, 413-337-4847
Tuesday 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Voice mailbox: 413-337-4934, ext. 109
Home phone: 413-337-8309

Senior Center/Community Hall, 413-337-4847

Eileen Lively, Senior Coordinator, 413-337-4742

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Animal Control Officer: Ed Grinnell

413-834-2951 or 911 for an emergency

Highway Department, Mike Shattuck,

Transportation Supervisor, 413-337-4462

Police Department, Melinda Herzig, Chief

Office hours: Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m.
413-337-4934, ext. 108

Transfer Station, Ken Erho, Attendant

Wednesday, noon to 4 p.m. **all year**

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **all year**

Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **June 5 to October 30**

Volunteer Fire Department

Ken Gilbert, Chief, 413-337-4461



**If it's old,
works well
and has a
purpose
in life,
don't
change it.**

—Carroll Stowe

REMINDER FROM HEATH POLICE CHIEF

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Dispatch at 911 for emergencies,
or for non-emergencies, please call
their business number at 413-625-8200.



Thank you, Melinda Herzig



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