



Windsor Downtown Program Newsletter

WINDSOR VERMONT

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Windsor In the News Dedicated to bringing cool news about Windsor to the Community

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MOUNT ASCUTNEY HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE— Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center has been named a “Gold Star Employer” by a Vermont program that encourages nursing homes to use best practices for recruiting and retaining caregivers. The recognition comes from a program established by the Vermont Health Care Association, in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. Cathy Leone, director of

nursing at Mt. Ascutney Hospital’s nursing home, said it set goals last year for involving direct-care workers in decision-making and problem-solving, and in leadership and care-plan meetings. Monthly in-service sessions were also held. Leone said retention of LNAs improved by 9 percent last year. The nursing home will send a team to the Annual Gold Star Conference on May 6 in Burlington to accept the award.

Do You Know Your Storekeepers?

I thought it would be fun to start introducing you to all our wonderful stores and storekeepers in Windsor. Here are a few. Can you name what store I’m in and who the storekeepers are? See answers on page 7!

Windsor Downtown Program Mission

To revitalize the downtown area and to increase visibility for, and preserve and beautify, Windsor's designated downtown so that residents and visitors will experience this area as a commercially viable and cultural community.

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Picture 1



Picture 2 & Insets



Picture 3



Picture 4

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OLD CONSTITUTION HOUSE— The Agency of Commerce has made the cost savings decision that the Old Constitution House in Windsor will only be open Saturdays and Sundays from May 24 - October 13, or 42 days this season, rather than the usual 100 days when the site was open 5 days a week during the season 2007. This will result in a loss of over 50% of our visitation. It costs the State of Vermont to staff and operate the site under \$60 a day. Or about \$2,500 to staff the site in 2008. Revenue generated at the site in 2007 was \$1,609 and an estimated revenue loss based on % loss attendance will be \$830.00

History Happens At Old Constitution House. History comes alive with the first of several programs organized by 18th century re-enactor Carl Malikowski. Carl and his wife Carolyn will demonstrate a variety of period activities including brewing, cooking, woodworking, and powder-horn carving. Join the fun May 24th and 25th from 11 a.m. - 5p.m.

The 1777 Republic of Vermont Committee has graciously offered to support this and all the other special week-end events at the museum this season.

Other Special week-ends include June 14th & 15th Vermont Days (free admission), July 5th & 6th Constitution Day Celebration, August 16th Bennington Battle Day (free admission), August 30th & 31st History Happens at OCH, and October 11th & 12th History Happens at OCH.

STOUGHTON HOUSE— Folks at Stoughton House are raising \$15,000 to build a memorial garden and park to honor Nancy Worden who was their Administrator for 18 years. The park will be a stamped patio circle with four benches around it and flowers in the

middle on the front lawn. The garden will add to the beauty of Stoughton House and be a welcome sight for residents and visitors to town. Organizers hope to start on the patio as soon as they have raised the money, and have the entire project complete before the snow flies. If you would like to contribute to the Nancy Worden Memorial Park please contact Judi Jarvis at Historic Homes of Runnemedede or email her at

jjarvis05@hhronline.org

CORNISH COLONY MUSEUM— The Cornish Colony Museum is happy to announce that on Thursday, April 24th, the museum acquired the Old Firehouse Building from Gary Neil and Sons.



Escrow closed at Mascoma Bank offices in White River Junction and was made possible through the generous donations of members from around the country that felt the museum was worthy of having a home of its own. Local Windsor contributors included Chittenden Bank, and Seth Warren Real Estate. Mascoma Bank Foundation in Lebanon also supported the fundraising efforts as did a number of Parrish owners throughout the country happy to see a permanent home for the paintings by this famous artist. To celebrate this momentous event, the museum is preparing its most ambitious exhibit titled: "The Power of Place: Landscapes that Define the American Image." Among the prestig-

ious paintings being loaned to the exhibit will be the iconic Maxfield Parrish oil titled "*The Hunt Farm*," a famous landmark in Windsor. The Hood Museum in Hanover is loaning the painting to this important exhibit. Also included in the exhibit is the K.Y. Craft landscape "*Mysterious Mountain*" done for the book cover of the current NY Times Best Seller Books titled, *The Tenth Insight*, shown below.



This work was one of the ones the artist chose to represent her in the essay that will be presented when she is inducted in the Illustrators Hall of Fame this coming June 19th in New York.

Ms. Craft will be present at the opening of our exhibit in Windsor on May 25th and has graciously consented to sign her latest book for attendees who choose to purchase it at the museum gift store.

Get To Know the Cornish Colony! On Wednesday, May 14th, at 7 pm there will be a **FREE** power point presentation at the Windsor High School Auditorium titled *The Cornish Colony: America's Most Important Historic and Artistic Enclave (1890-1930)*. The presentation sponsored by the museum is a free to the community and will preview the National Exhibition on the Cornish Colony that will tour the country and is being curated by Alma Gilbert-Smith. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

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The museum is open Thurs– Sun, 11am-5pm. Admission is \$6 adults; Seniors and students \$4.

CIDER HILL GARDENS AND GALLERY— Spring has finally arrived and May is going to be a busy month at Cider Hill Gardens and Gallery. We kick off our season on Thursday, May 1st and encourage everyone to take a drive up the hill to see all of our wonderful plants or join us for an event. As an added incentive to visit us this season, we created the Cider Hill Green Gardeners Club. For every \$100.00 in plant purchases, you will receive a 10% discount on all plant purchases on your next visit to the gardens. As a member, you will also be invited to participate in "Lunch in the Gardens" with Sarah to discuss all of your gardening questions.

After giving mom breakfast in bed on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, bring her to our gardens for a free plant and guided wild flower walk at 2 PM. And if Mother Nature cooperates, the apple trees will be in blossom to make it truly a magical afternoon.

On Sunday, May 18th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, join us for a free talk on *Designing a Spring Garden*. The talk will include a tour of Gary & Sarah's own gardens with lots of helpful insights and tips. The talk is free, but please give us a call at [800-232-4337](tel:800-232-4337) to pre-register.

You won't want to miss the Memorial Weekend herb sale May 23 - 26th! A great opportunity to purchase a rosemary plant or some new varieties of sage to enhance all of your summer cooking. **For every plant purchase over a \$100.00, you will receive a beautiful 17.5" x 29" Culinary Herbs print by Gary Milek!**

So now that we've given you lots of reasons to stop by, we hope to see you in the gardens this May! And if you wondered what we were doing all winter, be sure to check out our beautiful new website at www.ciderhillgardens.com We are very proud of it!

WINDSOR ROTARY— PENNY SALE! Margo sent in an e-mail that the Rotary Penny Sale went very well. They estimated about 300 people were in attendance, and over 100 prizes were won per round. By the end of the first round the Rotary had already sold \$2,300 worth of tickets! Larry Grace, husband of Lynn Grace who works for the Town of Windsor, was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 Grand Prize. Lynn reports that Larry has already been spending it, new tools are the items of choice!

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS— Windsor County Partners recently released a video that will air on public access TV stations in the area. We are deeply grateful to Wayne Adams for producing it, Steve Giroux at CATV8 for editing it, Marybeth Heiskell and Kate Schineller, past employees and Rick and Troy, WCP Partners for their roles as actors. You can see the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=irl5OVcpbbE

Mentors Needed! Windsor County Partners offers mentoring partnerships to any Windsor County child between 8 and 17 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship. At present, our waiting list totals 15. Youth and adult volunteer mentors from the region are custom matched and meet for about 2 hours each week in the community. All prospective mentors are individually trained after completing a thorough application

process and background checks. Learn more by visiting us on the web at www.WCPartners.org. Contact us at [674-5101](tel:674-5101) or e-mail [Kathy Kinter at Kathy@wcpartners.org](mailto:Kathy@wcpartners.org). *Make a difference in the life of a child today!*

MT ASCUTNEY HOSPITAL & HEALTH CENTER— *Daring to Care* a program that introduces teens to healthcare careers will be holding a summer session. The "Daring to Care" program offers young people instruction in healthcare theory, followed by supervised clinical rotations in various hospital departments. The class begins June 16 and will meet Mondays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. through the summer.

Years ago, young girls volunteered as "candy strippers" to get an introduction to nursing. These days, the Daring to Care program includes boys as well, and graduates have an interest in all sorts of medical careers. For information, contact [Wanda Pockett, RN at 674-7440](mailto:Wanda.Pockett@mtascutneyhospital.com).

Healthier Living. Living with a chronic health condition can decrease quality of life — pain, fatigue and financial problems are just some of the possible consequences. Nearly one in two Americans has a condition such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, migraines or back pain. Why not learn to live happier, healthier, productive lives even with a chronic illness? "Healthier Living" is a FREE six-week workshop aimed at helping people cope, and offer "real-life skills for living a full, healthy life." The free series starts May 13 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and will run for six consecutive Tuesdays. Call [Steve Knisely at 674-7324](tel:674-7324), for information.

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Golfing! After a successful debut last fall, the MAH Classic Golf Tournament returns earlier this year with a spring date at the same location — the scenic Highland Course at the Quechee Club. The MAH Classic will tee off on Friday, May 16, at 10 a.m. "Golfers enjoyed the fall event, but many told us that spring is when they're really eager to get out on the course," said Robin Shaffer, Director of Development at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. This year proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new surgical table that will allow the hospital to expand its orthopedic surgical procedures. The MAH Classic entry fee is \$150 per player, and 120 spots are available this year. Deadline for registration is May 2. For information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, call 674-7210 or e-mail mahclassic@hitchcock.org.

MUCH ADO AROUND VERMONT— Much Ado Around Vermont begins the 2008 season of Fun/Fund Raisers for 4 not-for profit organizations with KENTUCKY DERBY DAY, Saturday, May 3, before the Race begins (4-ish). Mint Juleps & elegant hors d'oeuvres, with memories of the last time "we" were at the races. Discreet side bets if you must. Where? Juniper Hill Inn. Want should you wear?! Ascot Heath elegant with a Kentucky flair and your best hat! Limited to 50 guests, \$30 per person, \$50 for 2, better yet, for a group of 5 or more for \$20each. For reservations please contact Kay at 484-7283.

WINDSOR WINE & SPIRITS— Spring has arrived, FINALLY! Rice has been to two industry wine tastings and brought in six new wines this month alone. Because we are still in a seasonal transition, Rice went with three

new Merlots and three whites.

Beers! With summer coming soon Rice now carries beers from the microbreweries of Ommegang, Rogue, Allagash, Berkshire, Stone, Dogfish, Trout River, Hook & Ladder, Blue Moon and Shipyard. He also stocks imports from England, Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and the Czech Republic.

Come in and look over the chilled selection of lagers, ales, pilsners, IPA's, stouts, wheats, and others.

Deal of the Month- Rice has a slightly unusual Deal of the Month for you. He has been selling a limited quantity French Pinot Noir for the last 4 weeks at \$9.99/bottle. There are only 16 bottles left, so Rice is offering them at a maximum of two bottles per person for \$8.99/bottle if you mention the deal of the month discount at check-out.

Learn more about this wine by reading Rice's Windsor Wine and Spirits newsletter! E-mail him at windsor.wine@verizon.net or call 674-2775.

MEALS ON WHEELS— "Meals on Wheels of Windsor is looking for volunteers for noontime deliveries, Mondays and Wednesdays, in the Windsor area. Normal routes take between one half hour to forty five minutes and start at 11 AM or so. Interested parties please call Pauline at 436-2179 for additional information".

WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY— The Friends of the Windsor Library have a "Book Nook" at the Knave of Hearts Museum Coffee Shop, located below the Cornish Colony Museum. Book sales benefit the Library and range in price from \$1.00-\$5.00. The Knave of Hearts Museum Coffee Shop is open Tues-Sat 10-4 and Sun 12-4. You can call Beth Carlson for more details at 674-2957.

Annual Perennial Swap. Once again, it is time to start thinning out our perennial beds. The Windsor Public Library's annual perennial swap will be held Saturday, May 24th beginning at 9 am. This is a chance to meet with your fellow gardening neighbors and add to



those perennial beds as well. Even if you are just starting out with creating your own flower beds, come by. You need not bring something in order to pick some things up and vice versa. We do ask when you drop items off, that you label them as to their common name and color of bloom. Any extra plants will be left near the curb when the library closes at 1 pm. This program is free and open to the public.

From the Young Adult area, Sarah would like everyone to know that there is a **new** Young Adult book blog at <http://wplbookyak.blogspot.com> It's a place for teens to share thoughts about books. This will be linked to the library website soon.

Also, the children's room had a string art program see picture below!

The library is open Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to 8 pm, Friday from 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. For information or questions, please call the library at

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Windsor Downtown Program Updates

PARKING STUDY COMMITTEE



Paul Belaski, Jason Gaddis, John Campbell, Bob Haight and Bill Ballantyne at a recent parking meeting.

The parking study committee has been meeting, collecting parking data, and gathering information. We are organizing a community forum to present information collected to date and discuss concepts of parking design along with practical information such as what legal restrictions may limit our options. The meeting outline will be as follows:

- Introductions
- Conceptual overview of parking
 - principles of good design
 - regulations (what can/can't be done)

- pros and cons of too much/too little
- streetscape and how parking style and location affects/improves/deters development and sustaining a vibrant community...
- Presentation of information collected to date
- Coordination, explanation and assignment of community parking count study and volunteers

"the strength of a downtown is measured in the vitality of its side streets."

We plan to have the meeting from 6-7pm on either Wednesday June 4th or Thursday June 5th. If you have a preference for a date please e-mail rose at rosalie.wilson@earthlink.net

WINDSOR AREA DRUG TASK FORCE

We had a great meeting this week. Our first project is to establish a Community Watch Program with an initial focus on alleyways and popular hang out spots in and around Main Street, River Street and State Street. We are

developing a logo and informational materials for the program. We hope to have a community meeting to present an overview of the Community Watch Program towards the end of May/Early June. During the information session we will schedule a follow up date with those in attendance for an hour long training session with those who would like to become actively involved.

WELCOME TO WINDSOR

The Welcome to Windsor Project is underway. At the moment Judy is working on a proposal for the walking tour narrative and Steve, Jason and Ann have been focused on signage at the Southern end of town while American Precision Museum is exploring new landscaping. Brush removal for the sign and pruning of trees down to the stream are expected to start soon and be complete by May 24th. More info to come!

Windsor Improvement Corporation and Town Project Updates

WAYPOINT CENTER

I got a tour of the Waypoint Center yesterday. It is beautiful! What a wonderful, open space that we will have in our midst. Town Administration has advised that it will be discussing the future of the Waypoint Center internally and will then have a meeting

with all parties interested and associated with the Waypoint Center. The town and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission thanks everyone for their patience on this issue.

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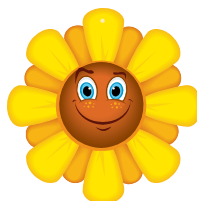
674-2556. Please note that last month there was an error in the library e-mail address, it should read windsorlibrary@comcast.net

FRIENDS & COMPANY— Gina has some exciting news... Friends & Co. is getting tech-y on us! Our very own Gina now offers Webkinz... cool interactive web/plush cuties. What is a webkinz you ask? Well, come to Friends & Co and find out. It starts with selecting your pet, plugging in its secret code, and naming it, and this is just the beginning... If you're not so tech-y, Jibbitz are still the buzz- jewelry for you shoes (at least the ones with the holes in them!) Also soft-serve on Main street is starting up for year two! **Friends & Co will have a brand new crunchy creamee machine, one of only three in Vermont** which infuses delicious flavors into the cone. Other ice cream delights are in the pipeline, isn't summer great?!

WINDSOR ALUMNI WEEK-END— Folks are busy organizing the annual Alumni Week-end festivities and this year they are looking at making it a longer and bigger event than before! When? Alumni Day will take place June 14th this year. Activities will include the parade, a road race, a "Flag Day" arts and crafts sale at the Episcopal Church, food, music, games on the common and Jill Spencer-White's annual yard sale. There will also be individual class reunions. This year's parade float theme is "the 50 states." Five floats are already in the works, get ready!

WINDSOR IN BLOOM— The Trustees of the Windsor Public Library are organizing their third Windsor In Bloom fundraiser and street beautification event. Last year's Windsor In Bloom resulted in over 70 flower boxes and gardens! If you would like to participate in Windsor In Bloom please call the Windsor Public Library at 674-2556 or call Sugarbush Florist at 674-6554. It only takes \$10 to plant and maintain a flower box, and at the end of the season prizes will be awarded for care, quality, persistence in gardening, and appreciation by the community.

To top it off, this year the organizers will be hosting a presentation on flower box planter design that will air on Windsor On Air. Participants will be notified of the dates and times it will be on TV.



WINDSOR CONNECTION RESOURCE CENTER— Melina called to say the Resource Center is having a Community Block Party and Open House on Friday, June 6th.

The event will kick off with music from Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Quartet at 3, followed by Black Beans Salsa Band at 4, Tad Davis at 5 and Open Mic at 6.

There will be an outdoor tent, and Railroad Avenue will be closed to traffic. The event will feature free food, tasting samples from various area restaurants, dancing performances by Dancers' Corner, face painting, arts and crafts, and games. Raffles with prizes for 10 & under, 19-11, families,

and adults will be drawn. Prices for tickets will range from 25¢ to \$1.00.

There is a sign up sheet for the open mic session at Windsor Mercantile. There will also be opportunities from community groups, organizations and resources to have tables and talk with the public about what they do. If we're lucky we might even get a guided tour of Windsor Station Restaurant and guided tours of the Windsor Connection Resource Center! Melina welcomes any suggestions and assistance in organizing the block party. Please e-mail her at melina.hill.walker@hitchcock.org or call at 674-2900.

CONCERTATO SINGERS— Come see Paul Belaski sing! The Concertato Singers, a 16-voice chamber vocal ensemble associated with the Handel Society, will present a program of unaccompanied choral music at 3:00 p.m. on May 11 in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 30 Union Street, Windsor, VT.

The program will include pieces by renaissance composers di Lasso and Morales, as well as 20th and 21st century works by Elgar, Hindemith, Thieman, Stevens, and Whitacre.

The Concertato Singers annually participate in benefit concerts for regional charities and non-profit organizations and serve as representatives of the Handel Society. There is no charge for the May 11 concert, but a freewill offering to support the Windsor Community Food Shelf will be gratefully accepted. For more information, contact (603) 646-3414.

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***IT'S HARD WORK BEING A PARENT
LET US HELP YOU!!!***



Strengthening Families Program

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP), is a family skills training program designed to improve family relationships and parenting skills. This is a terrific opportunity for families to learn and practice new skills and effective techniques.

Free Child Care!! Prizes for Kids!!

All parents/guardians are invited to attend this Free Family Program.

*7-week training program Mondays and Thursdays 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

May 26, 2008 through July 10, 2008

* 5:30 - 6:00 Free Dinner for Your Family

* 6:00 - 7:00 Parent Training and Child Training (children 6-11)

* 7:00 - 8:00 Family Training

* Free Child Care Provided

* \$ Incentive for Completion

* Prizes for Kids

Families Learn

* Communication Skills

* Problem-Solving Skills

* Effective Discipline

Location

Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

289 County Road

Windsor, VT 05089

To register, please call Janine 674-7327

For questions, please call Janine at 674-7327 or Jill at 674-7224

Limited availability - groups must be limited to 10 families

Do You Know Your Storekeepers?

Picture 1: Jered Condon, NL Wilson Outfitters, State Street

Picture 2 and Inserts: Paul Bogosian, Abraham's Books and Art Supplies, State Street

Picture 3: NL Wilson Outfitters, State Street

Picture 4: Darren Goodrich and Penny Brault, Windsor Fleming Foodmart, Main Street