

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

It is so hard to believe that another year has sped past at such a rapid rate. YIKES!!! I'm still recovering from hosting thanksgiving to even think about shopping or decorating for Christmas. But of course, there's no rest for the weary – so this week I'll be armed and dangerous with a laptop and a credit card! So the night before thanksgiving when we had 5 kids (yes – grown up kids but kids to us!) arriving from various parts of the world, I ran around like a crazy person to plug in the candles in all 32 windows so when they approached in their car – all the windows would be lit up – all warm and cozy. Some think I'm crazy. Somebody once asked me if I was afraid of the dark.... I said no I'm addicted to lights & Christmas! The crazy things we do to bring back the feelings of home, traditions and the holiday spirit. My mother put lights in the windows so of course now I do it. I find this time of year exhilarating, exhausting and wonderful. But I draw the line at Christmas before Thanksgiving so I limit myself to lights in the windows and that's it.... Until December, then look-out I'm a Christmas elf until the end. There isn't much of anything about it I don't like. I LOVE A FRESH GREEN TREE in my living room. I would have one in EVERY room if my husband

wouldn't ditch me or haul me off to the loony bin. And I'm not throwing any shade to those of you who prefer your Christmas to come out of a box the easy way. I'm sure I'll get there someday when we are too old and decrepit to cut down and put up our own. However you get your holiday groove on is ok by me! Some carols playing in the background, some wine warming in a glass while I wrap in front of a LIT tree and a roaring fire is perfection in my book. Draping garland all over the house and sticking lights on everything that doesn't move is my way of shouting HO HO HO from my rooftop on down! Nothing makes me smile (or sometimes cry – I'm a sloppy sentimental fool) when I drive around and see peoples lights and Christmas decorations all up. It brings back all the wonderful memories from my childhood, my son's childhood and now our new hood in Vermont. I'm wishing you the kind of holidays and warm gooey gushing I feel and experience at this time. If not, come sit by me, it'll seep over and infect you – I'm contagious!

SEE YOU AT THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY FRIDAY DEC 8TH AT 5:30PM!!!!!!

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!
Darcy

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Phoenix Fire Co #6 and Champion Fire Co #5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Phoenix Fire Co of Londonderry and Champion Fire Co of South Londonderry would like to thank all of you for the generous donations sent to the Joint Fundraiser Raffle. The raffle has raised just under \$20,000, which the two fire companies share 50/50, but the donations are still coming in and we hope to reach that goal. The winners of the Cash Prizes are:

FIRST PRIZE	\$500	Robert Badger of Landgrove VT
SECOND PRIZE	\$250	David Greer of Rye NY
THIRD PRIZE	\$100	Sheila Cooley of East Greenwich RI
FOURTH PRIZES	\$50	Thomas Stevenson of Londonderry VT
	\$50	Ruby Bendig of South Londonderry VT
	\$50	Carolyn Scully of Londonderry VT

WHAT IS IN A NAME?

People are cooking with gas now! We have had several clever names suggested for our name change. Stay tuned to see what we pick! Thank you all for the suggestions!

Suggestions thus far:

- Londonderry Aire
- Londonderry Daze
- Derry News
- Doings in Derry
- The Londonderry Updater
- The Dish on Derry
- The Derry Dirt
- The Derry Dispatch
- Londonderry Happenings
- The Londonderry Log
- Londonderry Sifter

Please submit your ideas or requests to derrynews@aol.com. I retain the right to refuse any and all suggestions we don't like. Thank you.

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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

Starting on December 4th there will be a new exhibit by local artist, Esther Fishman. Many of the scenes will be familiar to people who know and love our surrounding landscape. On display will be Esther's wonderful pastels, along with interesting collages, jewelry and ornaments. There will be an artist's reception on Saturday, December 9th from 10:30 to noon and all are invited to see Esther and talk about how she creates her art.

On Saturday, December 16th at 10:30 Casey Junker Baily will present her annual Holiday program for kids of all ages. Casey will read a Christmas classic and children will make decorations for hearth and home or for gift-giving. A surprise visit from Santa is expected. All are welcome!

About 50 video DVDs were recently donated and we invite you to come on over and check them out. Many are well known and well-acted movies and TV series from the not too distant past. If you enjoyed The Beverly Hillbillies, 24, Six Feet Under, Lost, Johnny Carson, Mr. Selfridge, M*A*S*H or Mad Men – you can watch them all again. There are many excellent movies on our shelves - Ladies in Lavender, Ocean's Twelve, We Were Soldiers, The Truman Show, Point Break, The Life of Pi, Sully and many others.

There are more two bookcases full of antique books in our book loft and they are for sale. Most of these limited-edition books were printed in the late 1800s or early 1900s. The library would like to use these book shelves for other purposes so we hope that you will stop by and make an offer for these clothbound and beautifully illustrated books.

Calling all artists – if any of you are in the need of frames – local artist Nancy Tips has donated a bunch of frames that she no longer needs. Stop in and make an offer; all sales will be donated to library coffers.

Library Hours are: Mon. Wed. Fri. from 10 to noon & 1 to 5; additional hours on Wed. are from 7 to 9 pm and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Library is located at 15 Old School Street in South Londonderry and our hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to noon & 1 to 5 pm with additional hours on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

Our phone number is 824-3371 or you can email us

southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

Mary K. Butera
Librarian Director

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DEC 8th 5:30pm COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE Sponsored by the Londonderry Rotary and Susie Wyman, the Mountain Marketplace Holiday Tree will be lighted at 5:30pm on Friday, December 8th. There will be caroling by The Nordic Harmonii, an appearance by Santa and much holiday cheer. An open house will immediately follow at Neighborhood Connections, located next to the Londonderry Post Office. Bring the children for home-made cookies and hot chocolate.



GIVING TREE TAGS ARE HERE! Want to make a child's Holiday dream come true? Come by our offices and choose a GIFT TAG which outlines the age of the child, size of a clothing item and/or special request for a gift. You are requested to return the wrapped gift along with tag to the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

DEC 8th – 9am-2pm VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS TO ASSIST WITH HEALTHCARE AND MEDICARE ENROLLMENT Rose Ann McCarthy from Valley Health Connections will be at Neighborhood Connections from 9-2pm to register Vermont residents for 2018 healthcare, Medicare as well as Supplemental Plans. She will be taking appointments on December 8th. Call Rose Ann directly at (802) 885-1616 to make an appointment. Valley Health Connections is a certified navigator organization for Vermont Health Connect and can assist you with enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan, Medicaid or even Medicare.

DEC 15th 6:30PM - MOVIE TIME: SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY with Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren Doreen and Carlene, local advocates for the environment and other important issues, will host the screening of this award-winning documentary. Few things on Earth are as vital and miraculous as seeds. According to seedthemovie.com, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared as biotech chemical companies control the majority of seeds. Farmers, scientists, lawyers and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In this harrowing and heartening story, these heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.

This screening is open to all and presented at no charge, but please register at 824-4343 to attend.

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DEC 11th 11 AM THE RECOVERY AND RE-EVALUATION OF AMERICAN MARTEN SUBJECT OF FISH & WILDLIFE LECTURE



The American Marten is the subject of a presentation by Katy Crumley, Fish and Wildlife Specialist with The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department at 11am on Monday, December 11th at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Katy has been working seasonally with the Department since 2015. As a Fish and Wildlife Specialist her primary role includes the management of field-based marten and lynx monitoring and camera database management.

Martens, with long, slender bodies, pointed faces, small prominent ears, short legs and long furry tails are roughly the size of their more aquatic relative, the mink. They are on Vermont's endangered species list with a recovery plan adopted in 1990 at the outset of their re-introduction effort. Katy will discuss the history of this effort, Department attempts to evaluate the success, and monitoring activities to date. The work she is doing will help the Department better understand Vermont's marten population and implement conservation measures to ensure the future of this important species.

This lecture is offered at no charge, but please calls 824-4343 if you would like to attend.

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COLLECTION OF ITEMS WHICH CAN'T BE PURCHASED WITH 3SQUARESVT

Neighborhood Connections will once again collect items which can not be purchased with food stamps for distribution as Holiday Gift Bags. Below is a list of these non-perishable items. Please drop your purchases off at NC before December 15th. And....Thank You.

WOMEN

Tampons/Pads
Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, hand cream
Razors & shaving cream
Deodorant

MEN

Razors & shaving cream
Deodorant
Shampoo
Soap

PETS

Dog food – canned & dry
Dog treats
Cat food – canned & dry
Cat treats
Kitty litter
Dog & Cat flea treatments
Gift Certificate to Vet

FAMILIES

Sandwich bags
toothpaste & toothbrushes
soap
laundry detergent
Dryer sheets
paper towels
dish detergent
sponges & brillo pads
nail files & clippers
hairbrushes & combs
Toilet paper & kleenex
garbage bags & plastic wrap

KIDS

Diapers
Baby wipes
Diaper rash ointment

Thank You to Vermont Community Foundation

Neighborhood Connections would like to thank the Lyman Orton Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation for their recent grant for annual support. These monies will go to provide much-needed help to our neighbors in the community.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based organization serving individuals and families in the mountain towns of south-central Vermont with particular emphasis on those most vulnerable. We respond to community-identified needs with a range of social services and health-related programs.

Gloria Dawson

Interim Executive Director, Neighborhood Connections

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LONDONDERRY TRI MOUNTAIN CLUB



Londonderry Area tri Mountain Club Members Randee Keith (center) and Joan Dayton (right) donate 350 packaged Rice and Bean meals to Margaret Barton (left) of the Londonderry Food Shelf. These meals were packaged at Vermont district 45 Lions Fall Cabinet Meeting held in Colchester. All Vt. Lions Clubs who participated in the afternoon service project brought the meals back to their local areas for distribution. The Tri-Mtn Lions are proud to announce that we are the local Representatives for Vision USA. This is a service to provide free eye exams to those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of an eye exam and cannot afford to pay for it, you may qualify for Vision USA. To find out more contact either Joan Dayton : jdayton_520@comcast.net or Randee Keith 802-824-6750.

Your local Lions are helping in our community. Would you like to join us?

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The “Hearts & Voices” Performance
Series presents

Contemporary Folk Artist Elizabeth Rogers



Elizabeth Rogers has a voice that is often compared to Joan Baez. Liz started out singing opera, later branching out into jazz, a cappella and folk music. After performing with various groups, she has evolved into a solo performer and writer and she has created much of the material she performs.

She has produced two albums to critical acclaim and samples of her music can be found on her website, elizabethrogers.com.

This is the second time that Liz has donated her remarkable talent to the H&V Series and she will once again be accompanied by her friend and Grammy-winning cellist.

Eugene Friesen

Sunday, December 10, 4 PM
Old Parish Church in Weston

Patrons are asked to donate \$10 each which will help 3 local food pantries combat food insecurity in So. Vermont.

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UVM Master Gardener Registration!

The UVM Extension Master Gardener Program has opened registration for this year's Online Master Gardener Course.

UVM

faculty & green industry experts teach a diverse range of horticultural topics to help you create healthy, sustainable home landscapes & grow your own food. Offered statewide, non-credit.

Course Details:

- The online course starts January 17 and runs through the week of April 25.
- Participants will also be invited to an in-person Master Gardener class during the summer (TBD).
- 14 online modules, with access to materials for two months after the course is finished.
- Choose to become a certified Master Gardener (Track 1) or take the course only and earn a Certificate of Home Horticulture (Track 2).
- Instructors use a combination of videos, live webinars, discussion forums and weekly activities to guide your learning.

Registration: The course costs are \$425 for Track 1 (\$30 per module) or \$475 for Track 2 (\$33.00 per module)

Learn more and register @ go.uvm.edu/emg

Questions? Contact master.gardener@uvm.edu or 802-656-9562.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, please register by December 18th.

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LONDONDERRY TRANSFER STATION

Annual Londonderry Transfer Station Permits are required to use the transfer station. They are NOT to be confused with the new Punch Cards.

Your current 2017 permit is valid through December 31, 2017. **2018 permits will be available in November and can ONLY BE PURCHASED at Londonderry Town Office** in person or by mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Resident permits cost \$10, Commercial/Contractor/Caretaker permits cost \$25.

Punch cards will be effective October 2nd. They are on sale now and can be purchased at Peru, Weston, Windham and Londonderry Town offices in person or by mail with a SASE or in person at Londonderry Hardware and Weston Marketplace.

Please send questions to londonrecycle@vermontel.net

Londonderry Town Office Holiday closures: December 25th and January 1st

VT ALERT

If you haven't already signed up for VT Alert, this would be a good time. Londonderry is now authorized to send customized alerts, and several individuals here have received training to use the system. From the VT Alert web page: "The free service allows the public to sign up for notifications about severe weather, road conditions, emergency situations, and more. Users choose which alerts they wish to receive and how they receive them. Delivery systems include text, e-mail, telephone, and others."

You can enroll in VT Alert here: www.vtalert.gov.

Article Submission Information If your group or organization has community news to share, and you would like to submit an article to The Monthly for publication, please contact us via email at derrynews@aol.com. For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23rd of each month. Due to space limitations it is up to our discretion to edit any and all submissions and/or reject submissions. The articles and information enclosed do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Town of Londonderry or its board members

Bone Builders meet FREE at the Twitchell Bldg every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m

TOWN EMAIL LIST The town has established an Email/distribution list to send important and emergency information to town residents and property owners. If you have not submitted your email address, please consider doing so. Your information will not be shared with anyone. Call the town office at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net

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