

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

Happy post labor day. I hope you all had a great summer and wrangled whatever hot, sweaty joy you could out of it. I do love this time of year – the cooler nights, the breeze during the day, the whisper of what’s to come.

There are a few people that come into the life of a community and leave it a better place than when they found it. A somebody that touches the lives of generations; young and old, local and flatlander, rich and poor. Patty Wiley was one of those people. We mourn the loss of her and offer thanks for having had her for so long.

I would like to thank the Select Board and Town for the 4 way stop at the Main St/Route 100/Middletown intersection. The lack of accidents, vehicles hitting our house and screeching tires is a HUGE IMPROVEMENT!! And now that The Corner has opened and is now booming (congrats Corner!), the traffic in and out - of the vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle and motorcycle variety, is helped by the clarity of 4 stop signs. Its nice when the hood, business and traffic can all be helped and kept safe by these improvements. It’s also nice to give thanks where it is due – job well done!

I believe we have waxing and waning gibbous moons in September – put your fleece on and head outside and look up – I’m betting the view will be the best ever and a lovely peaceful gaze. I had to look up gibbous - it refers to the moons shape – not a full circle but bigger than a half moon. My astrology lesson for the month!

Darcy Duval

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## PATRICIA WILEY 1932 - 2019

Patricia Ellen Wiley LONDONDERRY — Patricia Ellen Wiley passed away peacefully on Aug. 19, 2019. Patty was born in 1932 and was a lifelong resident of Londonderry. She attended Londonderry's primary and middle schools and graduated from Chester High School in 1950. Patty married John D. Wiley in 1955 and moved from North Main Street in Londonderry to Main Street in South Londonderry, where she lived for more than 60 years as she tended to family, gardens and the house as she and John raised their son, John D. Wiley Jr. Patty was fondly known as the Old Witch of Main Street in honor of her extravagant Halloween haunted houses where hundreds of local children were scared and delighted by Patty's gang of ghouls and goblins every October. In fact, Patty loved all holidays and celebrated them each with great excitement and fanfare. Patty was a lifelong member of South Londonderry's Champion 5 Fire Department, served as the secretary and other roles for many years and is remembered for her quick wit and orderly scene control at fires and other emergency events. She was a trustee emeritus with the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, instrumental in the development of LAHS photography collection and was the proud owner of one of the best-known collections of historical Londonderry photos and other memorabilia. Patty served as a cemetery commissioner in Londonderry for more than a couple of decades and was an active member of the First Baptist Church in South Londonderry where she ran the Sunday school programs for many years. Her contributions to local, civic and historical organizations are too numerous to count. Some of Patty's favorite pastimes included Sunday drives with family and friends and attending car shows with her husband where they showed off their immaculate 1947 Plymouth Deluxe; unrestored and in original condition, it won many awards. Patty was predeceased by her husband, John; and her parents Gordon and Catherine Wilder. She is survived by her son, John D. Wiley Jr. and wife Claudia, of Landgrove; her grandchildren Kaitlyn Lewis and husband Spencer and great-granddaughter Eloise, of Mechanicville, NY, Leah Dames and husband Zackere and great-granddaughter Ayla, of Melrose, NY, Caleb Wiley and wife Sarah and great-grandson son Dean, of Dorset, and their mother, Jacqueline Wiley, of South Londonderry. Patty's beloved sister and best friend Katherine "Kay" Farina and Kay's daughters Kathy and Susan and their families also survive Patty. The family would also like to thank the many people who helped take care of John and Patty, including the fine staff at Our House Too in Rutland and the nurses and volunteers of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice. **A memorial service celebrating Patty's life will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church at 62 Crescent St. in South Londonderry.** Memorial contributions may be made to the Champion Fire Company 5, P.O. Box 5, South Londonderry, VT 05155; or the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, P.O. Box 366, Londonderry, VT 05148.

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## LVRS

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is proud to offer an Emergency Medical Responder Course in the Fall of 2019. EMR's are often the first medical professionals to arrive on the scene of a medical emergency and their competence is a key link in the chain of patient care. The course is approximately sixty hours of classroom training and will be limited to twenty students. It is open to students who are sixteen years of age on or after December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It will cover basic patient care including the topics of Airway, Assessment, CPR, Medical Emergencies, Cardiac Emergencies, Trauma, Special Populations and EMS Operations.

The course is an excellent introduction to EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for those who want to learn what to do in the case of a medical emergency and who would like to volunteer as licensed professionals. It will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 9:00 pm and will run from September 25<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> with State testing to follow. The fee for the course is \$350.00, which will be reimbursed by LVRS for students who become licensed and who join LVRS as full members. **Any one with questions can call Kevin Beattie, LVRS Public Relations Officer, at 802-548-8246**

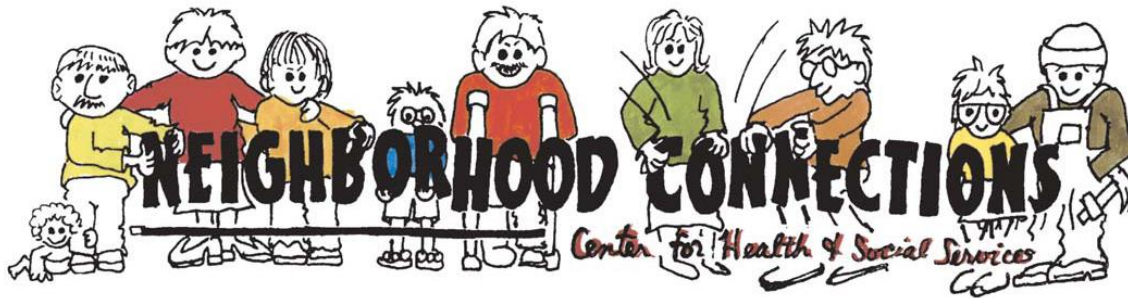
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## Backyard Woods Course

The Vermont Backyard Woods program is 6 week **online** course that is designed for homeowners with less than 25 acres who want to learn more about the woods in their backyard: what's in it, who (wildlife) uses it, and how they can become better caretakers of it. This is an introductory level course, designed to give homeowners basic tools and skills. September 30<sup>th</sup>- November 8<sup>th</sup> \$30 per family before September 22, or \$40 on Sept. 23 or after. To learn more and register: [go.uvm.edu/woods19](http://go.uvm.edu/woods19)

For any questions or to request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact GWEN KOZLOWSKI | Outreach & Education Coordinator, VT Urban & Community Forestry Program at [gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu](mailto:gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu), 802-651-8343 ext 506 or 1-800-571-0668, by September 9, 2019,

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## **BONE BUILDERS - Mondays & Thursdays 9-10 AM**

**TAI-CHI with Doreen Fabiano, certified instructor** - Tai Chi offers excellent health benefits for all ages and lessens risk of falls by improving balance. Tai Chi improves: awareness, focus, balance, mindfulness and assists in strengthening of body, mind and spirit. Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 AM Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Oct 14<sup>th</sup> for beginners and Thursdays 10-30-11:30AM Sept 12-Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for intermediate levels.

**PARIS TO PITTSBURGH - Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> 7PM-** Join Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, two climate conscious community members, for the viewing of the National Geographic Documentary brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. "THE CLIMATE FOR CHANGE IS NOW"

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS will be at the PERU FAIR Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> We are looking for volunteers from the community to help out during the day! We are in need of small pumpkins for the fair!! Call 824-4343 if you can volunteer or donate pumpkins!!

**IRA planning** with Ron Thiessen, CPA, CFP Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> 5:15-6:30PM  
Ron will highlight the coming storm looming over your IRA planning and dissect the SECURE Act. Thiessen will strip away the legalese and provide tips on how to prepare and minimize the damage.

Please call 824 4343 to make your reservation.

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## Wantastiquet Rotary

The Rotary was pleased to participate and support Neighborhood Connections for the Chocolate, Cheese & Chile Fest!

We have many events up and coming – hope to see you there!

**Mountain Valley Golf Open:** To be held Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at Tater Hill, Rotary is a Hole Sponsor and will be volunteering at the money hole.

**Magic Mountain Red Line Scramble:** September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-12 AM, The Red Line Scramble is one of the toughest tests for mountain running. Straight up Red Line double black diamond trail here at Magic. 1-mile, 1500 vertical feet. On the web: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1024877371055202/> or search “Red Line Scramble” on Facebook. Sponsored by Kitchens of Vermont in Manchester, VT. Proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Londonderry, VT

**Peru Fair:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 4:00, come support the Rotary and buy yummy Bisque at the Peru Fair

Check back for upcoming dates for Food Drive and decommissioning of Flags and Flower Boxes.

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### Londonderry Conservation Commission River Walk and Talk

Please join us on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at The Depot in South Londonderry for a brief walk and talk about Vermont rivers. Shayne Jaquith, watershed restoration manager, from The Nature Conservancy, will present a program on the physical nature of our rivers. The discussion will touch on historic and current stressors that affect flood resiliency, water quality and instream and floodplain habitat and what is being done by TNC and its partners to restore Vermont rivers.

Serious human alteration to rivers of the Northeast dates back to early European colonization. The dredging and straightening of rivers to accommodate human activities has had significant impact on their stability. Active management to control rivers and protect societal investments continues to this day. However, a growing understanding of the natural processes that maintain rivers is bringing about a change in our approach to river management. As climate change results in an increased frequency and magnitude of flood events and the biodiversity that relies in-part on healthy river and floodplain systems it is more important than ever that we develop a societal understanding of how we can live alongside these natural systems.

The Londonderry Conservation Commission in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy will sponsor this free program and invites the community to come along and learn more about the rivers of Vermont!

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## Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's

### **Connecting to Our history: New Acquisitions Show**

Sept. 7th -October 12, 2019 open Wed. and Sat. from 10-2 pm  
Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's Custer Sharp House  
2461 Middletown Rd. Londonderry, VT. 05148.

We never know what treasures our kind donors will find to pass along for our archives. For our Fall exhibit, we've chosen to highlight three special "acquisition" stories.

**Ms Ela....Art comes home:** Bernadine's oil painting of Ms. Ela comes home to where it was created. One of Bernadine's large oil painting was donated to us by Mr. Brickman. Our archives include two earlier versions of this painting (pencil and print of her watercolor) and all three will be on display. We can't find a record of the woman's name in Bernadine's papers, so we want your opinion. Who do you think is Ms. Ela? We will have some pictures and newspaper clippings of local people to stimulate your memories from 1970s when Bernadine painted her.

### **The Story behind the Baptist Church Mural.**

Sometimes it's just a postcard that helps to unravel a story. The Hajec family of Chenango Forks, NY donated several items but the one that caught our attention was Albert Schwartz's artist card. He mentioned the South Londonderry Baptist Church mural. Come find out about the story behind the mural and see some of the related ephemera. Included in the exhibit is a 3 photograph display by Deb Holton Smith (on loan from the Baptist Church) so you can begin to see the brilliance of the mural. This mural was unfortunately lost when the Baptist Church burned down.

### **Lowell Lake Cabins**

Nancy Willets shared some picture postcards of the named Lowell Lake cabins on Facebook...then she kindly donated them to us. Come see them for yourself. Did you stay in one of them in years past? Do you have a story about someone who worked there or who knew one of the several owners?

### **Special Offering: South Londonderry Panorama**

Thanks to the public's support of the Dine- around this summer. We have been able to edit and print 9 additional (unframed) prints of the Everett Vaile's iconic 1905 South Londonderry Panorama. They are offered for a donation of \$225, during this exhibit.

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## MAGIC MOUNTAIN EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> & SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM-2PM

### **VOLUNTEER DAYS!**

Clear trails and prep lodge for winter! Lunch/refreshments provided!

### **SEPTEMBER 21 NOON ON ALPINE BREWGRASS FEST AT SUNSHINE CORNER**

What’s a better combination than down home Vermont craft beers and bluegrass music—all in the beautiful alpine fall foliage setting of Magic Mountain?

The afternoon will be spent up on Magic’s Sunshine Corner—all accessible by the mid-mtn Green Lift (by Red Bull—gives you wings) with yoga, live music, great views and fine-tasting craft brews. There will also be grilled food (Sausage & Peppers, Deep River Snacks, Hot Dogs). Johnny Davis and 6 Feet Deep at 1p; The Terrible Mountain String Band 3-4:30. Then the show goes down to the Tavern for dinner and Winter Animals from 5:30-7p and none other than Saints & Liars live on the EQX stage at 7:30-9:30. Local brews and local blue grass just the way we love it!

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind all-day BrewGrass festival setting high on mountain and down in the lodge. \$15 chair lift ride to the festival. Free to 19/20 season pass holders (bring your 19/20 pass email receipt). No open toed-shoes for the lift ride. **No charge for the music!**

**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](mailto:derrynews@aol.com). For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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 [townclerk@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townclerk@londonderryvt.org)

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**go.uvm.edu/emg**

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