

Dorchester Notes

May, 2012

Busy April comes to end with some brisk days and winds. Hopefully May will be warm (not hot) with a few more showers. Everyone seems busy with final garden chores and looking to begin transplanting but afraid to put out seed. Those lucky enough for greenhouses already have lettuce crops and peas coming up fast. Don't forget to put out hummingbird feeders - we usually see between May 1 and May 15th depending on wind. Don't see any lilacs yet but certainly some budded and ready to explode.

Local Boards and Committees

Dorchester Select Board continues to meet Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the Town Hall. Please contact Select Board Administrative Assistant, Holly Ann Buker at 786-9476 to add items to Agenda. Current Select Board members are Sherman Hallock (Chairperson), Michael Mock (Vice-Chairperson), and Artie Burdette. All members of the public are reminded that Select Board meetings are open and all are welcome to observe. There is usually a time for guests comments, suggestions, or complaints around 7pm at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Dorchester Conservation Commission will meet at Town Hall on May 15 at 7pm. The Commission besides its regular regulatory work is developing a plan to make the Melody Forest (our Dorchester Town Forest) more accessible to the public.

Dorchester Historic Commission will meet on May 1 at 7pm in the Town Office. As the Heritage Commission current meetings are seriously addressing raising money for the Heritage Commission to help the Town Dorchester meet the goal of renovating the Old School House on our Historic Common. The Select Board has already begun this process by requesting and being awarded a Moose Plate Grant - now we must continue the process so the renovations can be completed in a timely manner. Landowners interested in this project are urged to attend these fund raising meetings. The Commission has completed a review and update of Historic District Regulations which will be presented at a public hearing June 13 at 7:15pm at the Town Hall. In addition, the Commission is now developing

procedures to meet its responsibilities as the Town of Dorchester Heritage Commission. Chairperson Sandy Green.

Dorchester Planning Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:15 PM at the Town Hall. Next meeting May 9. The public is welcome to observe.

Cemetery Committee will not have a formal meeting until September unless necessary. Please contact Beth Weick at 786-2366, David Yetman 523-7543 Betty Ann Trought 786-9342 if questions, concerns and/or suggestions. The Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers to work with the Committee particularly interested individuals to help with some work such as walking projected new cemetery sites, assisting with developing plan for new cemetery once site selected, etc. We expect to be walking some prospective Cemetery sites over June and July so give one of Trustees a call if you want to join us.

Local Programs

Pease Public Library, Plymouth

<http://www.peasepubliclibrary.org/pease/>

Now has Downloadable audiobooks & eBooks that can be accessed through <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com> *Please stop by the library if you need assistance from a staff member*

Reading and Movie program ends in May. The Help by Kathryn Stockett. The book discussion will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7pm with the movie to follow on May 9th at 7pm.

Remember Peace Library offers discount passes to many area Museums and attractions so check them out to help keep the kids entertained.

Line Dancing each Sunday at 4pm taught by George Maloof. Starr King UU Fellowship at 101 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth. For questions contact George at 536-1179 or maloof@mail.plymouth.edu

Friday, May 4th, from 6:30-9:00 pm "Energy Exchange" at Long Haul Farm. This informal, potluck affair will include a seed/seedling swap, a discussion on greenhouse construction, and an Local Foods Plymouth (LFP) volunteer meeting. Bring a dish to share (extra

points if it includes a local ingredient!), a seed or seedling to swap, and your enthusiasm. Non-members welcome; BYOB. For more directions to Long Haul Farm, visit their website @ longhaulfarm.org.

Sunday, May 6 1 PM Official Dedication of Grafton County Jail, North Haverhill, NH. Tours available to 5 PM.

Environmental Science Colloquium: Defining, Measuring, Monitoring and Managing the Carrying Capacity of National Parks PSU spring semester Environmental Science Colloquium will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 pm at the Boyd Science Center, Room 001. The talks cover a wide range of topics around environmental science and sustainability. The colloquium is available for graduate credit and we also invite the community to come for free. **May 9: Climate Change and Precipitation: Are Ecosystems at Risk?** Lindsey Rustad, Team Leader/Research Ecologist, Center for Research on Ecosystem Change, USDA Northern Research Station

May 6, 2 to 4pm Annual Tea Party

Each year the Baker Valley and Mascoma Valley Community comes together to enjoy an old fashioned tea party. You remember, women in lovely hats and skirts while the men dress up with bow ties and hats. Lovely china and an elaborate selection of teas and finger foods. It is all reminiscent of those long afternoon calling hours with tea we read about and see in movies. This is a nice event to celebrate with daughters or grand daughters. Though the ladies rule many men seem to enjoy the repast and the fun. Held at Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth Call George Maloof at 536-1179 for tickets.

May 12 REIKI I Plymouth, NH, 10 AM to 4 PM, \$165 A healthy lunch is included. Wear Comfortable clothes. Gayle Hannan at 603-726-3755 with your questions.

Saturday, May 12, 7 to 9 pm Dave Jacke “Creating Edible Ecosystems”

Imagine your property reaching its full potential of ecological bounty. Creating your own oasis of edible fruits, flowers and medicinal herbs that require minimum work with maximum yield is possible. If

designing a landscape with beneficial insects, food production and natural beauty interests you, this “free” presentation by award winning author Dave Jacke is a must! This public presentation is ideal for gardeners, landscapers and anyone interested in home-scale ecological food production. The information contained in Jacke’s lecture is suitable for gardeners ranging in experience from novice to master and the techniques are adaptable for large scale farms as well as container gardening applications. This “free” public presentation will be held at Boyd Hall Room 144 on the campus of Plymouth State University. This event is made possible by generous donations from: The Office of Environmental Sustainability @ Plymouth State University, PSU Common Ground Club, PAREI and Thomas Roberts Salon. For more information please contact D Acres at info@dacres.org or 786.2366.

Chamber Music Concert

You are cordially invited to the Camerata New England Piano Trio Chamber Music

Concert to be held on Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at the Austin-Nelson home at

2 Ridge Road in Hanover NH. This concert features the E Flat Piano Trio -

Franz Schubert and Piano Trio by Mozard performed by Jae Lee, violin, Linda

Galvan, cello and Evelyn Zuckerman, piano. Sumptuous Hors de'Oeuvres and Fine

Wines. \$40.00 per person. To reserve your place, call 802-785-4833 or email:

info@cameratanewengland.org

D Acres: Please check the D Acres web site www.dacres.org for constantly updated information or call 786-2366 for more information or to register for events. D Acres is making every effort to keeps fees down so that all may learn together. Remember that fees can be waived due to economic constraints and some scholarships may be available for financial assistance contact Josh, Regina or Beth.

Friday, May 4 6pm Pizza and a Movie

Cinco De Mayo Hula Hoop Making! **Saturday, May 5 at**

1:00pm Cinco de Mayo Hip shaking workshop party with All-Star Stacey Lucas

Sunday, May 6th

6:30am Bird Identification walk with Len Reitsma

9am Natural History walk with Northman Parr

10am to 1:30pm Farm Feast Breakfast Sliding scale all you can eat breakfast or local farm food.

Open Trails with Tour around 1:30pm

Thursday May 10th 7pm Knitting Group. Beginners welcome. Free

Saturday, May 12 at 7to 9pm

Join us for an evening with Dave Jacke, noted permaculture activist and author the two volume classic "Edible Forest Gardens." Boyd 144 at Plymouth State University 17 High St., Plymouth, NH

Sunday, May 13

Open Trails

Book Club 4pm The Dirty Life; A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love by Kristin Kimball

Book club meets every two months to discuss mostly non-fiction books selected by members. Bring a book to suggest reading. Free

Thursday May 17 at 5:30pm Cooking seasonally with Regina. Join us for Regina's monthly cooking class where we will prepare (and eat) a delicious meal with seasonal ingredients from the farm. \$8 class fee.

Saturday, May 19

1 to 3pm Plant Identification Walk Learn to identify spring wild flowers on a walk in the woods with Maria Weick. Free.

1 to 3pm Transplanting with Beth Learn the techniques of successfully transplanting seedlings to outdoor garden beds. \$8 workshop fee.

Sunday, May 20

Trails Open

Friday, May 25

Bring a dish to share at our monthly community potluck, and a talent to share or an ear to lend to local musicians, poets, storytellers and other performers at the open mic following.

Saturday, May 26

10am to Noon Dandelion/Country Winemaking Learn how to make this traditional country beverage. Workshop fee \$8.

Sunday, May 27

Trails Open

Monthly Volunteer Day 10AM to 4PM Work with staff in gardens, office or kitchen. Farm fresh luncheon. Please let us know you are coming 786-2366

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