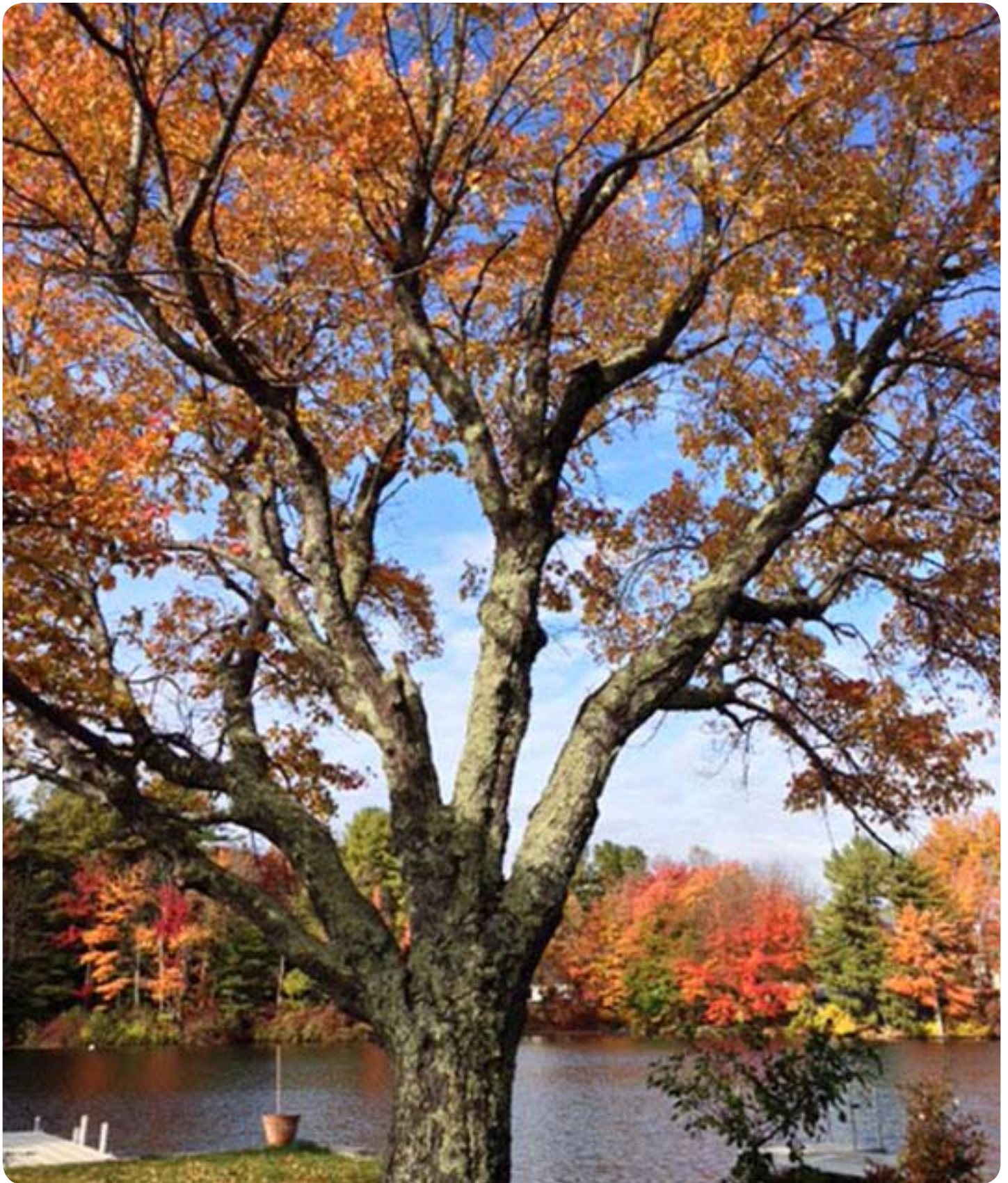


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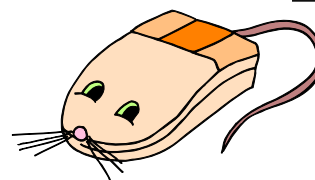
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- Bow Lake Community Club www.bowlakecommunityclub.org
- Bow Lake Sailing www.wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html
- BSA Troop 23 www.straffordscouts.us
- Coe-Brown Northwood Academy www.coebrown.org
- Hill Library <http://www.strafflib.org/>
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- Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club www.straffordswampstompers.org
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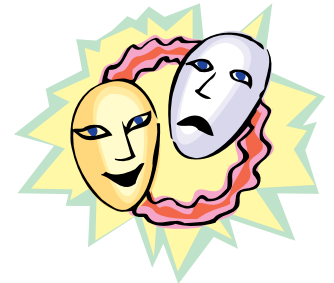
Neighbors helping Neighbors

Strafford Fire & Rescue is hosting its annual Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixings on October 4, 2014, at the Bow Lake Grange Hall from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are now available via telephone to the Bow Lake Station, 664-6863. Ticket price = Adults and Seniors \$15.00; Children 6 and under eat free. Don't miss this delicious night off from cooking.

**STUDENTS PRESENT JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
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Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Theatre will proudly present the award winning musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on October 23, 24, and 25, 2014 at 7 pm in the Gerrish Gym on the CBNA campus. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* tells the Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors which comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Joseph was his father's favorite son, a boy blessed with prophetic dreams. When he is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his

spirit and humanity are continually challenged. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless. The title character of Joseph is played by Junior Isaac Guzofski, and the Narrators of this great story are played by Senior Rachel Dallaire and Junior Janais Axelrod. Other cast members bringing the tale to life include Seniors Olivia Anatone, Hannah Grady, Jordan Roach, Colton Rush, and Alec Schleich; Juniors Jessica Cooper, Claire Hammond, Damian May, Jared Neal, Emily Therrien, and Ryan Wadleigh; Sophomores Cassandra Barnhart, Sierra Brady, Lauren Burrows, William Girard, Joseph Guptill, and Arianna Jones; and Freshmen Zachary Helm, Nina Laramée, Kayla Pollak, and Allison Rose. The production is directed by faculty member Elizabeth Lent with musical direction by David Deardorff and choreography by Kolby Hume. Reserved tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors, and will be available after October 16, 2014, by calling 942-5531, ext. 237; by email to elent@coebrown.org; or at the main office before or after school. This dazzling and entertaining performance is one you don't want to miss.



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NEW: The State of NH now requires that the Town Clerk enter Drivers License numbers when processing titles/title applications. Please have your license available for the Town Clerk.

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED on the following days in October & November: Monday, October 13, 2014 – Columbus Day; Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – General Election Day; and Thursday, November 27, 2014 - Thanksgiving Day.

THE (STATE) GENERAL ELECTION will be held at the Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The polls will be open for voting from 8 am to 7 pm.

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR STATE GENERAL

ELECTION and SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS—You may register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular business hours on or before Thursday, October 23, 2014. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11 to 11:30 am at the Strafford Town Hall. If you have not registered to vote by October 25 and wish to vote at the State General Election, you may register at the polling place on Election Day, November 4.

For further information or questions, please contact Diane Waldron, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102. Town Clerk business hours are listed on the “Contacts” page of the *Calendar*.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST IN STRAFFORD

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Saturday, October 25, 2014, between 11 and 11:30 am for additions and corrections of checklist per RSA 654:27, 28. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8 II. If you are registering as a new voter, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.

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***RUSSIAN ICONOGRAPHY:
1,000 YEARS OF TRADITION***

On Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 am, The Bow Lake Baptist Church will present an Interactive Presentation with Marina Forbes entitled *Russian Iconography: 1,000 Years of Tradition*. The presentation will take place at 9:30 am after a Pot Luck Breakfast which will start at 9 am.

Traditional Russian icon painting has been a living and evolving art form for more than 1,000 years. This illustrated presentation by Marina Forbes deals with the spiritual and secular significance of Russian religious art from the 10th Century to present day. Icon-making involves the painting of stylized religious images on wood using traditional natural materials and techniques which are determined by longstanding conventions. Using a slide show and numerous exhibits, including examples of her own work, Forbes examines the history of icon painting in Russia and the unique nature of the icon as a sacred object and a product of an artistic tradition. Participants may bring personal icons for examination and comments.

Presenter Marina Forbes is a lecturer, historian and award-winning artist who has written extensively on Russian traditional arts, history and the rich tapestry of Russian culture. She is licensed with the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and is featured on the NH Council on the Arts Rosters for Arts in Education and Traditional Arts. Each year, Marina leads cultural tours to Russia where she regularly

updates her scholarship, gathering photos and documents, visiting craft factories, GULAG sites and monasteries, and interviewing journalists, political figures and scholars on the current state of affairs in Russia. Marina has a distinctive ability to generate energy and enthusiasm in the audience and to bring the rich fabric of traditional Russian art and folklore to life for children of all ages through memorable and thought-provoking programs.

This program is free and open to the public, and it was made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council www.nhhc.org. The Program will start at 9:30 am. We hope you will join us for breakfast at 9:00 am. Please bring a dish to share. For more info please call (603) 332-2255 for Marina Forbes or 332-6265 for coordinator Joan Nelson.



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LIBRARY LINES

Bob and Barbara are back! If you would like a part in the next radio show featuring Strafford's Dynamite Corners event, please contact straflib@metrocast.net writing "Bob & Barbara" in the subject line.

Open Mic Night continues October 24 at 7 pm for family friendly comedy, poetry, acoustic music, and strum-along.

The Hill Library has posted an opening for Director in <http://nhlibraryjobline.blogspot.com/> position starting January 1, 2015.

Next Trustee meeting is Wednesday, October 8, at 6 pm at Hill Library. We look for input on Library hours, staffing, and finances. If you need transportation, call 664 2800.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public. Come in for these October events: Cartoon and Drawing Club October 7 & 21 from 5-7 pm; Book Club Thursday October 23 at 6:30 pm; Open Mic Night October 24 at 7 pm; Sew & Chat Sunday October 26 at 2 pm.

A second wood carving program is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 pm. Rochester's Adrian Beaulieu will show and explain his carving of song birds, ducks, and caricatures. He has won several awards for his work.

Preschool story hours will be conducted by new volunteer Marisa McCutcheon beginning this month. Marisa is enthusiastic, and I expect to see a successful series

of these events for our little people. Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in October.

Nancy and Bill Baxter stopped by the Library to say goodbye on their way to Delaware where they are moving to be nearer their children. Nancy volunteered at the Library from 2001 to 2014 and was also a Library Trustee. An avid reader, Nancy was active in the Hill Library Book Club and kept us on track. She is a wonderful asset and will be greatly missed. Bon Voyage!

Volunteer Dolly Pauliukounis has been helping us prepare Herb Cilley's nature book collection for general circulation. We are listing them in the State-wide library catalog list (NHUPAC). We hope to complete this special project soon.

Summer Reading program participation was way up from past years. We had 4 dozen readers including some adults. Our two educational science programs drew 28 adults and 59 children. We are grateful for the wonderful assistance given by Dina Gosselin on this project. Hundreds of books were read, and prizes were awarded during the gala Library party on August 16, which was funded by the Strafford Library Association, our friends group.

Sea stories are personal favorites. Captain Edward Beach, primarily known for his titles about submarines, wrote The Wreck of the Memphis (nonfiction). U.S.S. Memphis was a battle cruiser anchored off Santo Domingo when it was

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The latest chapter in my Strafford history book project is about Ellen Pinkham who lived in the Ham Tavern with her husband Charles. Her 1914 diary is filled with details about weather and farm life in the horse drawn era prior to rural availability of tar roads and electricity. Many Crown Point residents are mentioned. I am looking for more Strafford stories and pictures to write about.

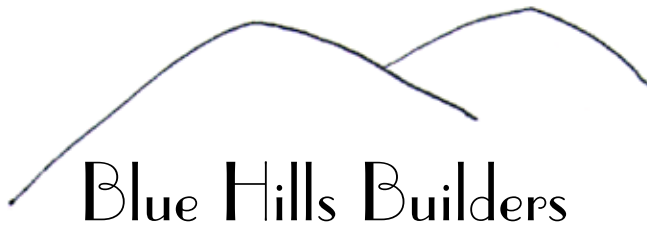


STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Our season officially started when we held our first meeting on September 11, 2014. We have several months of hard work ahead of us. By the time you read this, our volunteers will have been out on the trails doing our routine maintenance and inspection. We also have some major repairs scheduled. Trail work officially started on September 21 this year and usually runs through mid-November. We meet Sunday mornings at the Bow Lake Grange Hall at 9 am. Contact Club President Shawn Barry at 969-4705 or Trail Master Kerry Omand at 664-2558 for more info on what we do and how you can help. As a side note, Coe-Brown students can receive Community Service hours by volunteering with the Club.



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 7 pm at Nippo Lake Golf Club. We will also be holding our annual Fall Social on Thursday, October 23, which will be held at Nippo as well from 7-9 pm. For more info on our trail work, meetings, Club sportswear, trail rides and more, check out our website at www.straffordswampstompers.org.



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Ready Rides continues to recruit volunteer drivers, 25 years old or older, who could offer a few hours now and then to provide rides so people can continue to live in their own homes. We will continue to offer a training session for the convenience of new drivers. Please bring your driver's license, car registration, and proof of automobile insurance. Currently the Northwood Congregational Church has graciously agreed to continue to "parent" Ready Rides.



STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

October is the time for our annual family pasta supper, an event of fellowship, a gathering before the busy holiday season arrives. All members and their families are invited to attend on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 6 pm in the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Don't forget to bring the food you signed up for; your own plates, cups and utensils; and your items to sell on the Country Store Table, our fun Club mini-fundraiser.

STRAFFORD PTO NEWS

The Strafford School PTO would like to thank everyone who attended the Open House and volunteered to "Jump In" to help us this year! We had a great planning meeting for Pumpkin Hollow and are excited to welcome our new committee members. Pumpkin Hollow will be held at Strafford School on October 25, 2014, from 4 to 7 pm. Please join us for this annual event! Stay tuned for details about a Barnes and Noble fundraiser in November and our Christmas Craft Fair!



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Happy Fall!

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN STRAFFORD

"A crafts fair all over Strafford!"

On Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 9 am to 4 pm, at more than twenty locations, the *Christmas in Strafford* event takes place in homes, studios, The Bow Lake Grange Hall, and Waldron Store. All will be piled high with beautiful hand-crafted products. Please note that The Bow Lake Grange Hall will only be open on Saturday the 6th with many crafters and the opportunity to enjoy a lunch of homemade soups, stews, and chowders. Every location is a welcoming place filled with beautiful items and good cheer! Be sure to follow the map to each stop, and be ready to spend a fun day (or two!) in Strafford! The map is available on November 1 in the *Strafford Community Calendar*, downloadable at the CIS website, and available in local businesses.

While you're shopping and enjoying the hospitality, be sure to buy raffle tickets. The 2014 raffle will feature "Sampler Gift Baskets" filled with our crafters' handcrafted items! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Raffle tickets can be purchased on Saturday and Sunday at each stop. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit local families.

Crafter Information

There is still time to join the fair at the Waldron Store, The Bow Lake Grange Hall, or your own Strafford address. Call Diane Waldron at 664-9396 for information.

The deadline to be included on the map is October 4. Registrations received with payment after the deadline will be listed on the website only—christmasinstrafford.com.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church continues to extend an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month pot luck breakfast. This gathering is designed for women of all ages to enjoy the fellowship of one another as well as giving the opportunity, through the easy channel of food, to become better acquainted. There is no charge, no homework, no deadline and no lists, but we do ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. Each breakfast features a new (and brief) speaker. Breakfast begins at 9 am on the first Saturday of every month in the Idlepines Room of the Church. Place settings and beverages are provided. Welcome! Come and enjoy.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB

Ducks over the Dam. The day started out with the Boy Scouts hosting a pancake breakfast at the Grange Hall. Yum! Once breakfast was served and bellies were full, the Scouts helped out setting up our event. At 1:00 pm 918 ducks toppled over the Waldron's Pontoon Boat into Bow Lake for the annual Ducks Over the Dam Race. The ducks wobbled their way to the finish line with Fred Trethewey's duck reaching the Dam ahead of all others winning the first place prize of \$300. Karen Zander and Bernie Metzger's duck was close behind taking 2nd place with a prize of \$150.00; followed by the duck of Gwen and Frank Wilson's for the 3rd place prize of \$75.00. Music played in the background, the grill was fired up for those Maple Leaf Hot Dogs, and kids were winning prizes chucking the duck. Fun was had by all. Congratulations to all the winners; and loads of thanks to all who purchased ducks, helped out with the activities, and came to enjoy the afternoon with us. We hope to see you next year.

What's next? Chili & Chowder Challenge! Mark your calendars to be at the Bowl Lake Grange Hall on October 11, from 5 to 7 pm. Crock pots will line the Hall with enticing entrees from local cooks and restaurants who will be competing for the coveted Chili & Chowder Challenge Crown. Just kidding—the Crown is really a "Winner's Apron" along with a cash prize. If you have a chili or chowder recipe you'd like to enter, call Sheilah 664-5551 or

stop in at Sheilah's Deli across from the Grange Hall. Space is limited so get your entries in early. Adults can eat their way through all the entries, a crisp garden salad, and sweet corn bread for just \$9 for ages 12 and over; the price drops to \$5 for kids 5-11 years old; and for those little ones under 5, well they eat for free. There are always hotdogs available for non-chili/chowder eaters. Come join in the fun and cast your votes for who you believe cooked up the best chili and the best chowder.

Boo!! The doors will creak open at the Grange Hall on Trick or Treat night, Thursday, October 30, to welcome all the ghosts, goblins, princesses, and Batmen with candy and cider. We can't wait to see your costumes. Believe me, the adults have as much fun as the kids.

We are so sad to report there will be no Halloween Dinner Show this year. Stay tuned, however, as we will see more of the Lakeside Players in the future so check out their articles in the *Calendar* for their next stellar performance.

What's new at The Grange Hall? We now have a new water filter system that is fabulous and have replaced the old round tables with newer easier to handle ones enhancing your event hosting experience. There are many ways to support the BLCC – keep your membership current, attend events, rent the Hall for your own family event or make a donation.

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**WHERE TO FIND THE
STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Here are the locations where you can find a copy of the *Strafford Community Calendar*: Elf's; Hill Library; Post Office; Strafford Town Hall; Strafford School; Isinglass Store; K & J's Diner; Sheilah's Deli & Market; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Garage; Northwood Physical Therapy; and online at www.straffordcommunitycalendar.com.

Beginning with the November issue, online readers of the *Strafford Community Calendar* will have the opportunity to enjoy the same experience as those who read our printed version. It will be posted in PDF format, complete with ads and working links, on our website. We will print instructions for accessing the online version in the November issue and on our website.



MUSEUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Strafford Library Association (Hill Library's "friends group") offers a \$500.00 per calendar year fund for reimbursement on admission fees to any museum in New England. A family can request up to \$25.00 per visit per year (amount not to exceed the actual admission fees). All you need to do following a visit to a museum is fill out a reimbursement request form (which will include the patron's library card number) and submit it at the circulation desk in the Library, together with the receipt from your visit which shows the full cost, number of attendees, and the date. Requests made after the \$500 fund is depleted will not be processed. The required form will be available at Hill Library or can be downloaded from the Library's website—www.strafflib.org. There are hundreds of museums throughout New England. Visit the following websites for more information: <http://www.museumlink.com>; <http://visitnewengland.com>; or HistoricNewEngland.org.

STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Strafford Library Association's regular meeting will be held at Hill Library on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:00 pm. We are a "friends" group so all friends of Hill Library are welcome. Please join us.



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At the September 8, 2014, Town of Strafford Republican Committee meeting, we heard from Republican candidates seeking the two seats representing the towns of Strafford and New Durham in the New Hampshire House. Kurt Wuelper and David Bickford were selected in the September Primary. Visit our website for more information about the candidates and their political views—<http://straffordtownrepublicans.wordpress.com/>.

Please join us October 13, 2014, at Hill Library at 6:30 pm where we will hear from Tim Dillon, Executive Council candidate. We will also talk about the upcoming General Election on November 4, 2014.

NORTHWOOD MEMORY CAFÉ

The Northwood Memory Café meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Ma's & Mine Restaurant, 188 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood (just west of Hannaford supermarket). Memory Cafés are grass roots gatherings where people with questions about memory issues can share information or just laugh about their own observations. Join us on October 15. For more information, call Lucy Silva at 603-942-9848. Contact person: Lucy Silva P. O. Box 170, Northwood, NH 03261.

BSA TROOP 23 HAPPENINGS

Scouting in Strafford is gearing up for the busy 2014-2015 year. One of the Troop 23 goals for this year is an increased community service presence. For the month of October, we have two events planned. The first is clean-up of the Grange Hall. This will happen on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 10:00 am. Our other service event is one we need your help with planning. The Troop would like to do clean-up work on some of the many small cemeteries scattered about Town. We would like to do this on Saturday, October 25, again starting at 10:00 am. If you know of any places that could use this type of work that day, please contact us at StraffordTroop23@gmail.com, and someone will get back to you right away. Please watch this space each month for updates on Troop activities; and thank you for supporting Scouting in Strafford!



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Fall is here, with all that entails -- putting our gardens to bed, decorating our homes for Halloween and Thanksgiving, and planning for next year's Garden Club activities. After a rousing success with our first Blueberry Pancake Breakfast this past July, we will definitely host another one next year! Be on the lookout for details about that, as well as our very popular annual Plant Sale in May, and other interesting SGC events to come.


This year we are planting a Princeton Elm tree as a living memorial to Bob Brownell, in honor of long-time faithful Garden Club member, Shirley Brownell. These New American Elms are the most Dutch Elm Disease tolerant Elms ever tested and released by the USDA National Arboretum Research Team. Over the past 12 years, we have helped to repopulate Strafford with these elegant trees, as part of the Stephen R. Steinmuller Memorial Tree Program, a joint project of the BLCOA and SGC.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 6, at 1:00 pm, downstairs at the Grange Hall. Remember, "dues are due" in October, so be sure to bring \$10 to renew your membership for another exciting year. After tending to business, we will move to Norma Bishop's home where she will teach us how to make pots for our spring Plant Sale. Guests and new members are always welcome!



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BIG TREE

Late last spring you couldn't help but notice the Horse Chestnuts in full bloom. One in particular caught my eye. It was right in my neighbor's yard. How could I have ignored it all these years? In checking the Big Tree register, I realized Strafford didn't have a champion Horse Chestnut. A call to our Strafford Big Tree coordinators, Dolly & Dennis Theriault, got the tree measured. In the process we had a good chat with our new neighbors, Ginny and Jim Keddy. They are the new owners of the old JoAlCo horse farm and are thrilled to have a champion tree in their yard.

The tree actually turned out to be two trunks growing together, so only the larger trunk was measured. It has a

circumference of 99 inches (so you can imagine how big it looked with the two trunks). The tree is 42 feet tall and has an average crown spread of 54 feet. We got to use the Big Tree Program's brand new laser range finder to measure the height, but backed up the figure with the trusty clinometer to be sure. This is the first Horse Chestnut to be measured in Strafford. You may know of one that is larger. Just put a measuring tape around it at about four and a half feet. If it is larger, call Carolyn Page at 664-2934 or email at carolynenzpage@gmail.com. We'd love to have some more big tree activity in Strafford.



At left, Dennis and Dolly Theriault with JoAlCo Road's "Big Tree."



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 Poison Control..... 1-800-562-8236
 All Emergencies.....911
 Fire Department Business Line 664-2915

Town Hall..... 664-2192

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 Tuesday..... 1:00–7:00

Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

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Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday9:00–noon

Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

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Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library..... 664-2800

Monday..... 2:00–6:00
 Tuesday..... Noon–8:00
 Wednesday..... 10:00–Noon & 2:00–8:00
 Thursday..... 2:00–8:00
 Saturday..... 10:00–2:00

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3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford..... 664-7750

Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

Crown Point Baptist Church..... 509-2224

274 First Crown Point Rd.

Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church..... 942-8716

Rte. 4, Northwood

Sunday Mass..... 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass..... 6:00 p.m.

Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C. 942-7116

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Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m.

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Calendar of Events

October 2014

1	Wed	10:30 am 5-6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Story Hour at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> (every Wed. in October). Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.). Fire Department EMS training.
2	Thur	8-10 am 7:30 pm	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday). Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
3	Fri	7:30 pm	AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
4	Sat	9:00 am 9:30 am 4-7 pm	Pot Luck Breakfast at Bow Lake Baptist Church. Russian Iconography by Marina Forbes at Bow Lake Baptist Church; see article. Prime Rib Dinner at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Strafford Fire & Rescue; see article.
5	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
6	Mon	1:00 pm 5:30-7 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday). Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall. Fire Department Business Meeting.
7	Tues	5-7 pm 6:15 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
8	Wed	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School library. Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library. Wood Carving at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
9	Thur	7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
11	Sat	10:00 am 5-7 pm	Boy Scouts clean up at Bow Lake Grange Hall. Chili & Chowder Challenge at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see BLCC article.
13	Mon	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Columbus Day (observed); no School; Town Hall and Library closed. Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article. Fire Department training.
14	Tues	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Parent Conferences at School. Selectmen meeting at Town Hall. Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
15	Wed	10:30a-12p	DEADLINE for November Strafford Community Calendar. Memory Café in Northwood; see article.
16	Thur	7:00 pm	Strafford Library Association meeting at Hill Library.
20	Mon	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations. Fire Department Officers Meeting.
21	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
22	Wed	7:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
23	Thur	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7-9 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . Coe-Brown Theater presents <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> ; see article. Strafford Swamp Stompers Fall Social at Nippo; see article.
24	Fri	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Open Mic Night at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . Coe-Brown Theater presents <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> ; see article.
25	Sat	10:00 am 11-11:30 am 4-7 pm 7:00 pm	Boy Scouts clean up cemeteries. Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall. PTO <i>Pumpkin Hollow</i> at Strafford School. Coe-Brown Theater presents <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> ; see article.
26	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
27	Mon	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Strafford Women's Club members' family pasta supper and country store table; see article. Fire Department Work Session at respective stations. SAU 44 meeting in Northwood office.
28	Tues	6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
30	Thur	5-8 pm	Trick or Treat Night in Strafford; be sure to visit the Grange Hall, too.
31	Fri		Happy Halloween ; see Thursday, October 30.

