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## Council on Aging Luncheon

On Friday, February 10th, we will meet at the Stowell Building Senior Center at 10 for coffee and visiting. At noon we will serve tacos for lunch. Please let Hendra Reidy know if you are coming. (968-544-2178).

Busy Bees continue to meet on Wednesday at the Stowell Building from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., when the weather allows!! Please bring your project and join us.

## New Salem/Wendell School Committee

The New Salem/Wendell School Committee will meet Thursday February 2 at the Swift River School. The full committee meets at 7:00. The policy committee meets at 6:30.

## Dale Monette: Projected Photo Imagery

Friday, Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m., Wendell Free Library

Quabbin educator and photographer Dale Monette of New Salem takes DCR images from the Quabbin Reservoir archives shot in the 1930s during the Reservoir construction era and recreates these photos from the same location in present day settings. Come see how the houses and scenes looked during the construction period, compared to what it looks like now, some 80 years later. Many never-seen-before images from the DCR Archives are included. The photos give a sense of what everyday life was like in the four Quabbin Valley towns that would soon be no more. If you were here for Dale's Quabbin Wildlife Photo presentation last year then you know you are in for a very special treat! Please arrive early as the room will fill up quickly! Sponsored by the Wendell Cultural Council and The Friends of the Wendell Free Library. Supported in part by the New Salem Academy. Contact the Wendell library, [978-544-3559](tel:978-544-3559).

## Free Weekly Playgroup

Come and enjoy stories, songs and craft activities with your child(ren) and other families from your community at the Swift River School on Tuesdays, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. This Playgroup, facilitated by Emily Joseph, is intended for children 0-5 years of age and is sponsored by the Swift River School and Union #28 Community Network for Children. Program not held during school closures. See the CNC Website for program and event schedules. <https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/home>. For more information please contact Gillian Budine, [\(978\) 544-5157](tel:978-544-5157) or email [budine@erving.com](mailto:budine@erving.com).

## Talk, Read & Play

Talk, Read & Play is a free home-visiting program for families with children two years old and younger who live in New Salem, Wendell, Shutesbury, Leverett and Erving. Help build the foundation for your child's learning. Participants will receive free books, toys and learning materials. When children talk, read and play, they build skills that prepare them for a lifetime of success. To participate in this free program or ask questions, call [978-](tel:978-544-5157)

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## **Come one and all to make 2017 Old Home Day a fun event**

It's time to organize for Old Home Day! Please join us at the New Salem Library on Sat., Feb. 4, at 10a.m. to lay the groundwork for this July's Old Home Day, New Salem's most important community-wide event. Old Home Day's long-time director and creative spirit, Jane Clukay, has moved to Connecticut after more than 15 years at the helm. We'll need to rally to fill her big shoes and make this fun-filled event a success for all the town organizations that participate.

Please come with your ideas and plans for 2017. If your group is planning to be a part of our 2017 Old Home Day (July 15, 2017) and you can't attend the February 4 meeting, please contact Janet Henderson or email Judy Bennett ([connectionswork4u@hotmail.com](mailto:connectionswork4u@hotmail.com)) so we can include you on the activity list.

## **One Hundred and One Visual Haiku by Amy Fagin: Seriously Light-hearted**

4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, New Salem Public Library.

One Hundred and One Visual Haiku, Volume One, a full-color, limited edition book, assembles recent art by world-traveling homebody Amy Fagin, illustrator and artist. Fagin will make a presentation about visual haiku and autograph her new book, limited to 101 copies February 14. One Hundred and One Visual Haiku, Volume One, presents the opening illuminations in Fagin's "seriously light-hearted" series of "daily and concise meditations on life, in general." Highland Press of Athol produced the book. The limited edition book retails for seventy-five dollars and is available online at [www.visualhaiku.graphics](http://www.visualhaiku.graphics) or for purchase at the February 14 reception in New Salem. Fagin's other websites are [www.beyondgenocide.net](http://www.beyondgenocide.net) and [www.20thcenturyilluminations.com](http://www.20thcenturyilluminations.com). Contact Marcia Gagliardi, [haley.antique@verizon.net](mailto:haley.antique@verizon.net) or [978.249.9400](tel:978.249.9400).

## **Library Book Discussion**

The New Salem Public Library Book Discussion Group will be discussing *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Books, including audio, are available at the front desk. The book discussion will be on February 22.

## **An introduction to 3D Printing**

Sunday February 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the New Salem Public Library. This program is free and designed for technology lovers 7-14. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop. To register call Diana Smith at [978-544-6334](tel:978-544-6334). There is a limit of 17 participants. "This program is supported in part by a grant from the New Salem Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

## **Aromatherapy 101 with Kim Larkin**

February 26 at 2:00 p.m. A presentation on the history and health benefits of essential oils as well as healing botanicals. The talk explores the findings of ancient cultures and how they were at the forefront of natural healing remedies using plants and their essences. The hands-on portion of the program allows participants to make healthy bath salts, a dream pillow, and more. Join us for an afternoon of education, creativity and relaxation. This program is free and open to all. The library's phone number is (978) 544-6334. "This program is supported in part by a grant from the New Salem Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

## **Friends of the New Salem Public Library**

The Friends of the New Salem Public Library will be hosting the second 2017 "Reading Aloud for Grownups" program on February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The Friends invite you to a fun experience, where two readers, Dee Waterman and Connie Congdon, both from Amherst, are sure to entertain and enlighten the audience with their individual readings of a chosen short story.

Dee Waterman is well known in the area for her theatrical performances in local plays at UMass, Hampshire Shakespeare Company, and Arena Civic Theatre as well as numerous parts in musicals at the 1794

Meetinghouse in New Salem. Connie Congdon, a local playwright and poet with a love of fantasy, has her MFA in theater from UMass and is currently Playwright in Residence at Amherst College.

Wine, cheese, coffee, tea and special desserts will be offered during the program. The Friends are appreciative of any donations, but the program is free and requires no preregistration. There is a "snow date" of February 15. For questions or additional information, call [\(978\) 544-2611](tel:9785442611).

The Friends of the New Salem Public Library wish to thank everyone who has donated so far to their 2017 Annual Appeal and to remind library patrons that it is not too late to contribute! Forms (printed in the 2016 Winter newsletter) and envelopes are available in the library by the Friends' News Bulletin Board, or simply mail a check made out to Friends of the New Salem Public Library, P.O. Box 5, New Salem, MA 01355. Your generous contributions support our local library by enabling the Friends to buy extra books, furniture and equipment as well as sponsor interesting and entertaining programs for adults and children. Thank you again, for your continued support! All donations are tax deductible.

The Friends wish to remind everyone that there is a wonderful selection of used paperback and hardcover books for sale on the "Ongoing Book Sale" racks by both library entrances. Price lists are posted and sale books can be purchased by paying a member of the library staff. Also, the "Book Closet" located in the back right of the children's section is overflowing with great fiction, non-fiction, gardening, cooking, travel and any other type of book imaginable, as well as DVDs. Be sure to check it out and purchase good used books (or DVDs) at very reasonable prices to keep at home or share with friends!

Upcoming programs from the Friends of the New Salem Public Library include two Massachusetts author nights, so be sure to mark your calendars now. The first is scheduled to be held on March 23rd featuring the book, *Dingers: The 101 Most Memorable Home Runs in Baseball History* by Joshua Shifrin and Tommy Shea. The second, co-sponsored with the Agricultural Commission, is to be held on April 13th, highlighting the book, *Gardening is Murder* by Neal Sanders.

## **Active Bystanders training: Creating Safety in Contentious Times**

Wendell Library Friday, February 24, 6:00 to -8:00 p.m. Presented by Quabbin Mediation.

If you are a bystander witnessing a harmful situation, you have a choice to make. Do you do something? What do you do? Training Active Bystanders (TAB) helps participants recognize when they are bystanders, analyze situations, and evaluate the consequences for everyone involved. It teaches how bystanders can interrupt harm doing and generate positive actions by others. The workshop stresses safety and helps participants develop a variety of intervention techniques and helps participants create action plans to break the inhibitors in the future when they encounter harm being done.

Pre-register by calling the Wendell Free Library [978-544-3559](tel:9785443559). For more information, contact Quabbin Mediation [\(978\) 544-6142](tel:9785446142) [info@quabbinmediation.org](mailto:info@quabbinmediation.org) [www.trainingactivebystanders.org](http://www.trainingactivebystanders.org) Sharon Tracy of New Salem is one of the trainers and curriculum co-author.

## **FY2017 Real Estate and Personal Property 3rd Quarter Tax Bills Due**

The 3rd and 4th quarter Fiscal Year 2017 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills were mailed out in December. This is to remind you that FY2017 3rd Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are now due and payable. The due date for the 3rd quarter bills is February 1, 2017. Payments received after that date will be charged interest and fees.

If you have questions regarding your bill you may call [\(978\) 544-5775](tel:9785445775) and leave a message stating your name, phone number and the address of your property. You may also email your request for information to [newsalemtax@aol.com](mailto:newsalemtax@aol.com). Questions regarding the assessed value of your property, abatements or exemptions should be directed to the Assessors at [\(978\) 544-5814](tel:9785445814).

Non-cash payments may be deposited in the tax payment drop box located in front of the town hall or mailed to the Tax Collector's office at 24 S. Main St., New Salem, MA 01355. Please do not postdate checks. Payments may also be scheduled or paid online at [www.unitaxonline.com](http://www.unitaxonline.com). Cash payments (exact change only, please) may

be made during the Tax Collector's office hours at 24 S. Main Street on Tuesdays 5-7pm and Thursdays 10am-Noon.

Assessment information and abatement forms can be found on the Assessors or Tax Collector pages at the town website at [www.newsalem-massachusetts.org](http://www.newsalem-massachusetts.org).

## **Reminder from the Board of Assessors**

Form Of List Reminder (March 1 Deadline)

The Assessors' Office in each Massachusetts town is required to collect information on second homes, rental properties, businesses and all other taxable personal property located within town. More information is attached. Forms are available from the assessor's office (978-544-5814) and on our website. <http://newsalem-massachusetts.org/townoffices/assessors.html>.

## **Detached Apartment Planning Board meeting**

The Planning Board is considering proposing a change to the Zoning Bylaw to allow for detached accessory apartments, including "tiny houses." Anyone interested in assisting the Board in devising policy regarding this issue is invited to attend our next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 1, at the Stowell Building, 19 South Main St. We would like to hear your opinions and ideas on this matter. You may also send your comments to [planningboard@newsalem-massachusetts.org](mailto:planningboard@newsalem-massachusetts.org).

## **Town Election**

Information about the May 1 election, including deadlines for filing, is attached.

## **New Salem Democrats To Elect Delegates To State Convention**

Registered Democrats in New Salem will be holding a caucus at the Meeting Room in the Stowell Building on Sunday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. to elect 1 delegate and 1 alternate for the 2017 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will gather to adopt a new Party Platform. The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 3, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

"Our caucuses are a great opportunity to strengthen our Party's organization and to welcome new participants who are interested in getting involved in our Party," commented Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Gus Bickford. "Delegates will be voting on our Party Platform in Lowell, and we want to make sure that every Democrat has a voice in this process. This is a time for all of us to come together and speak to our shared Democratic values." You'll see a lot of party leaders at the event!

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in New Salem, and the Democratic Committee welcomes all eligible participants. Any person who is not 18 years of age at the time of the caucus but will be 18 by the 2018 Primary date (September 11, 2018) may pre-register to vote with their City or Town Clerk. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. In the spirit of inclusion, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be add-on delegates, either at their caucus or online at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org)

## **Teens and Tweens**

The New Salem Tween and Teen Program continues to meet at the library on Wednesdays at 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Upcoming programs include pizza making for teens and a guitar playing demo. Join us for fun, snacks and activities.

## **'Music Night at the White Dove Bistro' Debuts**

The Central Congregational Church of New Salem announced the debut of "Music Night at the White Dove Bistro" on Saturday, February 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. in New Salem. February 11 opening night features The Tectonics and Bo and Janet Henderson of The Reprobate Blues Band; 'White Dove Bistro' will open 6-10 p.m. for Music Nights every second Saturday of the month, with new acts and new menu items monthly. For more information, see the attachment or contact John DeWitt at [978-544-1866](tel:978-544-1866) or [john@jwdewitt.com](mailto:john@jwdewitt.com).