

middle TOWN NEWS letter

September 2018

Historical Society Events

Sunday, September 16 is the **49th Annual Meeting of the Historical Society, 2 pm**, at the Historical Society Building. Following a delicious dessert buffet, the Annual Meeting will begin with a brief business meeting.

Featured speaker Michele Pagan will give a presentation, **How to Date Your Antique Textiles**, using examples from the Historical Society collection. This demonstration will help you determine the general age of textiles - items such as quilts, bed coverings, flags, etc. - which you may have inherited, may be considering buying, or already own.

Since condition of an object often confuses the eye in estimating its age, we will discuss and demonstrate the keys to identifying the fundamental nature of most textiles. We will also discuss general practices to help preserve your collection of antique textiles.

Michele Pagan is a textile conservator in private practice with a studio in East Dorset. She is a native Vermonter from the Bennington-Rutland area and has recently returned here after 45 years in exile. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, October 7, 2 - 4 pm**, the **Museum Open House** will present photos from the Rogers family and the Gardner -Rogers Homestead, with special guests Helen, Richard, and Jean Rogers. Folks who worked at the Homestead or have any connection to the Homestead are invited to bring photos and memories! All are welcome to hear the rich history of this local resort and guest farm.

Library Challenge Winners!!

Congratulations to the winners of this summer's reading challenges!!

Libraries Rock Bingo - pre-K - age 9

Toy Ukelele - Ashlynn Carr

Lego Star Wars set - Hannah Martelle

Genre Bingo! - Teens/pre-teens (ages 10-18)

Two Movie Tickets & Popcorn - Jack Dickerson

Genre Bingo! - Adults (19+)

\$100 gift certificate to Table 24 - Linda Peavy

Every participant was rewarded with an ice cream from Grant's Village Store. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library who underwrote this summer's library program. Special thanks to Table 24 & the Rutland Movie Theater for their generous donations.

Going Local: Vermont Plants Sunday Afternoons at the Library

The Friends of the Library will present a fourth and last Sunday Afternoon event in its series **Going Local: Vermont Plants** on **September 9 at 2 pm**.

Backyard Beekeeping: *Backyard beekeeping and why there is much more than honey*, presented by Cory Brunner.

Hosted by the Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library, these sessions are FREE and open to the public. The Library is located at 39 West Street. Overflow parking can usually be found at St. Anne's Church. Refreshments will be served.

For information: contact Maureen at 235-1245 or the Library at 235-2435 / middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.



A small group of interested folks attended the FOL third event in the series of Sunday Afternoon Talks, Going Local: Vermont Plants. Richard Alberty holds a turkey mushroom found growing on a tree during the walk in the woods with him.

1st Quarter Property Tax Due Saturday, September 15

Drop off at the Town Office or mail checks, post-marked on or before 9/15: TOWN TREASURER,
PO Box 1022, Middletown Springs, VT 05757



Message from the Town Treasurer

The first Property Tax Installment for 2018/2019 taxes is due before or on Saturday, September 15, 2018. **Taxes will be collected on the 15th from 9 am – 2 pm in the town office.**

IMPORTANT: if you have not received your tax bill, please contact me at mtstreasurer@vermontel.com or leave a message at 235-3256 with your name, mailing address and parcel address.

We've had several new neighbors close on their properties after April 1, and our mailing list has not necessarily been updated with the new owner/ mailing information.

Also, please note: For those of you who have still not received credit or notification of your homestead rebate, please pay the 1st installment of your taxes as listed on your Property Tax Bill. Once we have been notified of your rebate by the State of Vermont, your taxes will be adjusted accordingly and you will be sent an updated property tax bill.

Thank you.

Jenny Talke Munyak, Town Treasurer

VT's Most Dangerous Leftovers *Medication Mail-Back Envelopes at Library*

The VT Department of Health has introduced free prescription medication mail-back envelopes as a safe, simple and secure way to dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications. Up to eight ounces of medications – either in their original containers, or in a sealed bag – can be put in each pre-addressed, pre-paid, 8x11 inch envelope, and mailed off to Stericycle, Inc. for accountable, standardized and secure destruction of the pharmaceutical waste.

The mail-back program builds on the success of Prescription Drug Take Back Days and drug disposal kiosks located around the state. Vermonters turned in **nearly 6,000 pounds of medications** at Take Back Day earlier this year. The mail-back program is important because, while not everyone has the time to get to a drop off location, almost everyone has medications they no longer need. Many people who misused prescription pain relievers first got them from a friend's or relative's medicine cabinet. One key to prevention is to rid homes of all unneeded medications.

Pick up a mail-back envelope at the Town Library. Visit www.healthvermont.gov to learn more about the program, including what can and cannot be mailed.

Community Calendar



It's the time of year to (re)subscribe to the Community Calendar! The "birthday calendar" is a long-standing tradition that lists many residents' birthdays as well as notices of the town's boards and committee regular meetings. Subscribers have the option of including all family members' birthdays and anniversaries. Advertising Sponsors underwrite the production costs of the calendar and their ads highlight many of the businesses in town.

Library Trustees will be reaching out to current and new residents, as well as local businesses. If you do not hear from someone or want to save them a call, please contact a Trustee with your calendar information, or use the [re-order form](#) in the calendar and drop or mail it to the Library.

Subscribers: Calendars are \$8.00 in advance OR \$10.00 upon delivery. All calendars must be pre-ordered. Birthday and anniversary listings are included in price (optional but encouraged).

NEW & RETURNING Sponsors: Please support the Middletown Springs Community Calendar with an ad. Your payment includes an advertisement block on the calendar visible for all 12 months, and one copy of the calendar. Also included: your family's birthdays and anniversaries (optional).

The **DEADLINE** for all submissions is September 24, 2018.

Contact People:

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The calendar helps strengthen our community and the funds raised will be used to support the town library, its collection and programming.

Thank you in advance for your support!

FOL Meeting

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **Tuesday, September 18 at 7 pm** for their regular monthly meeting. All interested are welcome to attend. More info - call Maureen at 235-1245.



VT Reads 2018

Bread and Roses, Too



Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson, is an historical fiction that tells the story of the 1912 “Bread and Roses” strike in the Lawrence, Massachusetts textile mills through the eyes of an Italian-American girl and a runaway boy. The novel relates the journey of Rosa, who, along with Jake and other children, are sent temporarily out of harm’s way to foster families in Barre, Vermont, as happened during the actual strike. The book takes its name from the strikers’ banners that proclaimed, “We want bread and roses, too.”

As in past years, the Library has received 25 copies of the book which will be circulated as broadly as possible during the months of September and October. Written as a young adult novel, this book will lend itself well to the Library’s famous **Inter-generational Book Discussion**. This near-annual event, anticipated by many, both old & young, will be held **Tuesday, October 16 at 7pm**, at the Library. There will most definitely be cookies! as well as a hearty discussion. If past trends hold, the insights shared from the various age-related vantage points will be both unique and inspiring. All are welcome.

Students & their teachers in the upper grades at MSES have begun reading already. Stop in to the Library and pick up a copy to read. Return it as soon as you are done so it can circulate widely before the October 16 discussion. Additional activities are in the works and details will be forthcoming on Front Porch Forum, October’s Town Newsletter, and posters around the village.

For more information, contact the Library at 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Reel Fiction

Friday, September 21, at 7 pm

The Library is showing the movie *High Fidelity*, in which Rob, a record store owner and compulsive list maker, recounts his top five breakups, including the one in progress. Starring John Cusack, Iben Hjejle, and Jack Black, released in 2000, it is rated R for language and some sexual content. The movie is based on Nick Hornby’s wise and hilarious eponymous novel about love, heartbreak, and rock and roll. Want to read the book first? Several copies are available at the Library to borrow.

Reel Fiction is a book & movie discussion group, meeting periodically. Come to one, come to many. Have an idea for a future “Reel Fiction” title? Contact the Library: 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Fabric Dyeing

Sunday, September 23, 1 - 4pm

Learn the basics and then try your hand at fabric dyeing, Jen Datolli will discuss and demonstrate basic fabric dyeing as well as various specific techniques such as shabori, patterns, stripes, symmetrical images, etc. Bring some items to dye such as white cotton shirts or handkerchiefs. Dyed cotton tea towels make great gifts! Another option is to re-dye stained cotton items, like cloth napkins, to give them a second life. The dye is mixed for cotton so make sure items are all cotton for best results. This program is free and open to adults.

This is the first in a periodic series of adult craft workshops which will be hosted at the Library by various local crafters & artisans. On occasion, the workshops may be opened to teens as well. To sign up, or if you have an idea for a future topic or would like to share your specific craft or talent, please contact the Library: 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

Fall into a Good Book

Recent NEW ADDITIONS to the Library

Adult Fiction

Punishment She Deserves by Elizabeth George
Perfect Couple by Elin Hilderbrand
Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang
Crooked Staircase by Dean Koontz
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
When We Found Home by Susan Mallery
Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber
17th Suspect by James Patterson
Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck
Taste for Vengeance by Martin Walker
Ghosted by Rosie Walsh
Summer Wives by Beatrix Williams

Adult Non-Fiction

Soul of America by Jon Meacham
Why We Sleep by Matthew Walker
How to Change Your Mind by Michael Pollan
Calypso by David Sedaris
The Great Cities in History, ed. by John Norwich

Teen/Young Adult

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyem

Picture Books

I Walk With Vanessa by Keroscoet
Julien is a Mermaid by Jessica Love
Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Library is open:

Mon, Tues, Wed 2-7, Fri 10-2, Sat 10-12.
Stop in and check out a book today.

Happy Reading!

Calendar of Events

September

Planning Commission	Mon 3	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 4	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 5	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 6	7 pm	MSHS
VT Plants Talk	Sun 9	2 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 11	6:30 pm	Firehouse
School Board	Thurs 13	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 13	7 pm	Town Office
Property Tax Due	Sat 15	9 am - 2 pm	Town Office
MSHS Annual Meeting	Sun 16	2 pm	MSHS
First Response	Sun 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Toddler Time starts	Mon 17	9:30 am	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 18	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 20	7 pm	Library
Reel Fiction Movie	Fri 21	7 pm	Library
Fabric Dyeing	Sun 23	1 - 4 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 25	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 26	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 27	7 pm	Town Office

October

Planning Commission	Mon 1	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 2	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 3	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 4	7 pm	MSHS
MSHS Open House	Sun 7	2 - 4 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 9	6:30 pm	Firehouse
School Board	Thurs 11	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 11	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 16	6:30 pm	Firehouse
VT Reads Discussion	Tues 16	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 18	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 23	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 24	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 25	7 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 30	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Halloween Rest Stop	Wed 31	5 - 7 pm	Library

Calendar Events – subject to change.

When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

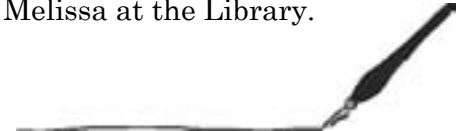
TOWN NEWSLETTER

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

This supplements and enhances the Town website & Front Porch Forum and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted to FPF or the Town website or is sent free via email to those who sign up. It is also available in hard copy, delivered by USPS, to those who subscribe for \$6 a year postage. Copies are posted at the Town Office, Grant's Village Store, and the Library.

Questions: Call 235-2435, or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.



Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
PO Box 1206

Middletown Springs, VT 05757

middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of the month
for inclusion in upcoming issue.

Toddler Time at the Library

Join Melissa & Martha for Stories and Songs on
Mondays at 9:30 am.

Two 5-week sessions:

Sept 17 - Oct 29 (not 10/8)

Nov 19 - Dec 17

For little children and their caregivers, come to one... come to them all! Free and Open to the Public. More info: 235-2435

