

middle TOWN NEWS letter

October 2018

Historical Open House

The Historical Society invites everyone to an open discussion about The Homestead at the **Museum Open House on Sunday, October 8, 2-4 pm**, with slides from the Rogers family album, old postcards, brochures and rate cards, and with special guests Helen, Richard, and Jean Rogers. Please bring pictures, stories, and memories to share! Refreshments will be served.

The historic 1791 Gardner farm on North St. became "Englewood on the Hill" in 1900 when Asa & Lillian Gardner began taking in summer guests. The Gardners' daughter, Jesse, and her husband, Frank Rogers, took over the business in the mid-1930s and changed the name to "Gardners" and eventually the "Gardner-Rogers Homestead."

On the 500-acre working dairy farm, summer guests could join in farm activities and enjoy delicious fresh food, clean Vermont air, and quiet country nights. They could play tennis and shuffleboard, walk the back roads, go picnicking, hike Spruce Knob, swim in the Poultney River, and golf in Rutland or at Lake St. Catherine. They could take drives to Lake Champlain, historic sites like Ft. Ticonderoga, the Hubbardton Battlefield or President Coolidge's birthplace in Plymouth. Evenings were filled with cookouts, campfires, and sing-alongs around the piano.

Frank sold real estate in town for years, introducing families like the Kenneys, the Ritchies, and Ed & Carolyn Roach to Middletown Springs. He managed the Homestead farm until about 1960 when he turned over the dairy operation to Ed Baker. Frank and Jesse continued to run the Homestead for a few more years. They sold the place to the Stensgaards in the late 1960s and retired to their home on South St. The Homestead is gone but the memories live on for many Middletowners.

Museum exhibits on Middletown Springs history and demonstrations of collections care projects will be on view during the Open House. Admission is free and the building is handicap-accessible.

For more information, call David Wright at 235-2376 or Pat Hemenway at 235-2421.



Pumpkin Fest!!

Come to the first Annual Pumpkin Fest at the Library, **Saturday, October 27, 1-3 pm**, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Rain date: Sunday, October 28, 1-3 pm.

Come and enjoy some family-friendly activities to celebrate everything pumpkin!

- Pumpkin art: carving and painting
- Halloween crafts and games
- Stories and snacks

Activities are geared toward children, ages 2 to 12. Each child will receive one pumpkin to carve and/or paint. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.

Optional: Leave your newly decorated or carved pumpkin friend at the library, where it will join with other pumpkin friends to greet eager trick-or-treaters on Halloween night!

For more information, contact Claudia Gonda at 235-2535 or gondagang2@verizon.net.



Halloween Rest Stop
Wednesday, October 31
5-7pm
at the Library

**Warm up, Catch your breath,
Have a snack, Select a book
to keep as your TREAT!!**

Big Dumpster Day



Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on Saturday, October 6, 6 am - 12 noon at the Town property at 577 West Street. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are acceptable. **NO CONTRACTORS**, please.

Large waste will be charged a \$5-per-vehicle fee; scrap metal may be disposed of free of charge.

VT Reads 2018

Bread and Roses, Too



The historical novel *Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Paterson, 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, is 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."

An **Inter-generational Book Discussion** will be held **Tuesday, October 16, at 7 pm**, 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 are reading the book as well and plan to attend the **Author Talk with Katherine Paterson at the Rutland Library on Wednesday, November 7, at 7 pm**. As part of the Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesday programs, this event is also free and open to the public.

Stop in to the Library and pick up a copy to read. Return it as soon as you are finished so it can circulate widely before the October 16 discussion.

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



4-H Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 13, 5-8 pm

Middletown Springs members of the Otter Creek 4-H Club invite you to their Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, at the **Clarendon Grange Hall** on Moulton Ave. in Clarendon. Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert, beverage, and spaghetti & meatballs. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 & under, \$12 for take-out orders.

General Election



Tuesday, November 6
Polls open 7 am-7 pm
at the Historical Society

Needle Felting

After a successful afternoon fabric dyeing, the Library is excited to offer a second adult crafting session! Wendy Herrick and Beth Miller will lead an exploration in wool felting on Sunday, October 20, 1 - 4 pm. You will be shown how to make a little animal or an ornament to hang in your window or decorate your tree.

Please bring a felting needle and some wool roving of various colors. These can be found at Michael's or many places online. For more information about the workshop or supplies, please contact Wendy Herrick at 235-3999 or email her via the Library. Also please RSVP to the Library to let us know how many to expect. Contact the Library at middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or 235-2435.

Toddler Time at the Library

Join Melissa & Martha for Stories and Songs on **Mondays at 10:30 am**

[note corrected time]

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 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com



Knitting Circle

Knitting begins again after a summer hiatus. Join novice-to-experienced knitters the **first Monday of the month (7-9 pm), October through May**, at the library for inspiration, technical support, and quiet conversation. More info - call Lois at 235-2374.

FOL Meeting

Friends of the Library will meet at the Library on **Tuesday, October 9, at 7 pm** for their regular monthly meeting, which will include planning for the Pumpkin Fest. All interested are welcome to attend. More info - call Maureen at 235-1245.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2-7 pm
Friday 10 am-2 pm
Saturday 10 am-noon

235-2435

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Calendar of Events

October

Planning Commission	Mon 1	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 1	7-9 pm	Library
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
Friends of the Library	Tues 9	7 pm	Library
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
Needle Felting	Sun 21	1 -3 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
Pumpkin Fest!	Sat 27	1 - 3 pm	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 30	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Halloween Rest Stop	Wed 31	5 - 7 pm	Library

November

Historical Society	Thurs 1	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 5	4 pm	Town Office
Knitting Circle	Mon 5	7-9 pm	Library
General Election	Tues 6	7 am-7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 6	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 7	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs 8	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 8	7 pm	Town Office
Spaghetti Dinner	Fri 9	tba	School
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 13	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 15	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 18	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Toddler Time re-starts	Mon 19	9:30 am	Library
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 20	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 27	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 28	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 29	7 pm	Town Office

Calendar Events – subject to change.

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

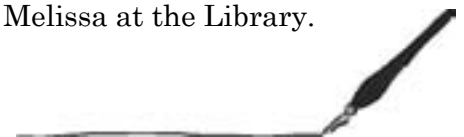
TOWN NEWSLETTER

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.

LAST CALL to order a 2019 Community CALENDAR!

Calendars are \$8 in advance or \$10 after they've arrived. ALL requests must be received by October 15 so that we know how many calendars to order. Listing your family's birthdays and anniversaries is optional but encouraged. (Click here for the [form](#).)

Business Sponsors: ad info is due - ASAP!

Contact us at the Library: 235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com or stop by during open hours.

