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## Join Us for Dublin Day: July 21

The Town of Dublin invites you to Dublin Day, our annual hometown, fun-filled event on Saturday, July 21st, at Yankee Field on Main Street (Route 101), from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Food, entertainment, music and activities will be ongoing throughout the day. Crafters and artisans will be selling various items.

Times listed below may be subject to change. For more information, contact Dublin Recreation Committee member Jennifer Bergeron at 603-563-8308 or

[jberge@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jberge@myfairpoint.net).

Join us for a fun day! Parking is free and no entrance fee.



### FOOD

**8:00 – 11:00** Coffee, tea, juice, doughnuts sold by Dublin Community Church Sunday School

**10:30 – 3:00** Homemade lemonade sold by Dublin Community Preschool

**11:00 – 3:00** Burgers, hot dogs, soda, chips sold by Dublin Consolidated School PTO. Pizza and Soda sold by Dublin Community Church Sunday School. Other: French fries, fried dough, BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Kettle Corn and Roslyn's Ice Cream Truck

### ENTERTAINMENT AND MUSIC

**10:30 – 11:30** Heart's Accord Barbershop Quartet

**11:00 – 2:00** Sherry the Balloon Lady

**11:00 – 1:00** Silver Lining Youth Circus Company from Temple

**11:30** New Hampshire Police Association Pipes & Drums  
(*new this year!*)

**12:00 – 3:00** Gap Mountain Band (Musicians from Dublin)

**1:00 – 2:00** Magic Show by Fran Ferry (*new this year!*)

**2:00** New Hampshire Dance Institute Performance

**JUNE 30**  
**Fireworks!**  
**Dublin Lake, 9 pm**

**ABOVE:** *Silver Lining Youth Circus Company performers.*  
**LEFT TOP:** *In front of the Rock Climbing Wall: Vira Elder, Carol Clarke, Ken McAleer from the Rec. Committee.*  
**LEFT BOTTOM:** *Pony rides!*

### ACTIVITIES

**7:15** Registration for Terry Dwyer Memorial Dublin 5K Run/Walk Road Race

**8:30** 5K Run/Walk Road Race (awards immediately following)

**9:30** Children's Fun Run

**10:00 – 2:00** Friendly Farm Petting Zoo

**10:00 – 2:00** Dunk Tank – come see who will be dunked this year!

**10:00 – 3:00** Children's Bouncy House

Children's Craft Table staffed by the Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains

Kids Games provided by Dublin Summer Playground

Arts & Crafts booths, Bits & Pieces

24' Portable Rock Climbing Wall (staffed by professionals)

**10:30** Crowning of Miss Dublin (*Look for places to vote around town!*)

**11:00 – 2:00** Pony Rides

**11:00 – 3:00** Face Painting



DUBLIN DAY is sponsored by the Recreation Committee: Vira Elder, Chair; Dan Albert, Jennifer Bergeron, Kelly Blanchette, Mike Caron, Bambi Kierstead, and Ken McAleer (see left top).

Register online at [DublinAdvocate.com](http://DublinAdvocate.com)

# Dublin Public Library

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading Program is under way and everyone is enjoying the chance to reunite with friends in a relaxing atmosphere at the Dublin Public Library. It's not too late to join us as we offer something new and different every week. "Dream Big...Read" is the theme this summer and we are reading wonderful books about the night sky, the patterns of animals and people who only come out at night. We also have many inspiring biographies on display to spark an interest in achieving some wonderful goals or dreams of our own. If you live in Dublin and your children do not have a library card, be sure to ask the librarians how they can get one so they can start reading this summer. The program is offered Wednesday mornings at 10 am through August 8. The library will be closed on July 4. Everyone will have an opportunity to create a craft, board games, check out a book and relax.

## CHAT\*EAT\*READ

Chat\*Eat\*Read begins on Monday, July 9, and will meet each Monday in July from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. R.J. Palacio's first novel, *Wonder*, will be read aloud and talked about. It's a wonderful story about what it feels like to be different. This goes beyond the bullying stories that we read and hear about and gives a deep look into the heart of this very special boy and all the people close to him. Pizza and drinks will be served. This program is offered to children entering 4th grade and up.

Are you on the waiting list? The book everyone is talking about is at the library!

## NEW BOOKS

*The Art of the Sale* by P.D. Broughton  
*Crystal Gardens* by A. Quick  
*The Innocents* by F. Segal  
*The 500* by M. Quirk  
*Abundance* by P. Diamandis  
*Cronkite* by D. Brinkley

## NEW DVDS

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## Yankee Barn Sale

The 31st annual Yankee Barn Sale is set for Saturday, July 28. Employees of Yankee Publishing Inc. and residents of the

local area will be selling their attic treasures at the Yankee Field on Rte. 101, near Peter Pap Oriental Rugs, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Cocker Spaniel Rescue of New England, Inc. will be one of several nonprofits selling items to help support their work. Refreshments will be available in the sales area.

Parking is \$1.00 and entry into the parking area will be from Monument Road. Watch for signs.

In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio stations Saturday morning starting at 7 am. If it should rain, the Barn Sale will be held on Sunday, July 29.

Stop in for great bargains, good food, and lots of fun.

## Historical Society Museum Open

By Rusty Bastedo

The 1841 School House, featuring Dublin Historical Society collections 1800 – 1900, will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 2 pm this summer through Labor Day.

The summer theme is Dublin's Horse-Powered Economy and admission is free, donations accepted. Stop in and learn something new and different about our town!

RUSSELL BASTEDO was formerly New Hampshire State Curator from 1997 to 2009. He is on the staff of the Advocate.

## Summer Music Program

The Dublin Community Church will host guest musicians at the regular worship service, during the summer, at 9:00 am, Sundays through July and August. On July 1 will be the Monadnock Brass Quintet; on July 15 is Lili Hanft, Harpist; on July 22 we'll have Scott Mullet and the Jazz Quartet; and on the 29th are the McKay Brothers on Violin and Cello.

## Walden School Offers Concerts

The Walden School is pleased to be back for its 30th summer on the beautiful campus of the Dublin School. This year we have a wonderfully eclectic lineup of artists, spanning the classical, jazz, and contemporary music worlds and including choral, instrumental, acoustic, and electronic sounds. We hope you'll join us in the Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall. For details, please call 563-8212 or visit our website at [www.waldenschool.org](http://www.waldenschool.org).

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In NHDI's Event on Memorial Day Weekend, students from Mountain Shadows School and several Dublin students from South Meadow School joined with more than 300 schoolchildren from the region and danced their way through several marvelous performances held at the Redfern Art Galley on the campus of Keene State College. You can see New Hampshire Dance Institute perform on Dublin Day, July 21, at Yankee Field, 2 pm.

## Trustees of the Trust Funds Announce Scholarship Winners

By Mary Loftis

Three students from Dublin have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds. The winners were chosen on the basis of academic record, involvement in community service, and financial need.

**Kayla Sandford** will be attending Hillsdale College in Michigan this fall, where she plans to study writing. She is a graduate of the Fairwood Bible Institute and has also taken home-study courses. She is a talented violinist and has worked as a Sunday School teacher, yearbook editor and camp counselor. Kayla is the daughter of Neil and Elaine Sandford.

**Jamie Cornwell** was awarded a scholarship for the second year in a row. She will be a sophomore this fall at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at UNH. During her first year in college, she was involved in community service projects through the Hubbard Hall Council. Jamie is the daughter of Randal Cornwell and April Brothers.

**Stefan Jadaszewski** has received a scholarship for each of his four years at UNH. He is majoring in philosophy with a minor in psychology and has a 3.95 grade point average. During summers and vacations he volunteers with Keene's Samaritans, Inc., an organization aimed at preventing suicide. He has aspirations to pursue a graduate degree to help "those members of our community who are in the greatest social and psychological need." Stefan is the son of Jeannine Dunne and Eric Jadaszewski.

MARY LOFTIS is member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds Scholarship Committee.



## News from the DCF

By Rosemary Mack

The Dublin Community Foundation has recently completed its funding for 2012. Established in 1966, the primary mission of DCF has been to provide financial assistance as needed to ensure that all Dublin children are able to participate in school and community programs. DCF is a private foundation within the meaning of section 509 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This year the Foundation provided funding to assist Dublin youth in the following programs: the Dublin Playground Summer Program, DCS/PTO Literacy Program, Dublin Baseball Boosters, Dublin Community Preschool, Dublin Women's Club, DCS Ski Program, Camp Takodah, Legos Robotic Camp, AAU Baseball, Monadnock Music's Lend an Ear program at DCS, and NH Dance Institute in support of its Dublin participants. DCF also provided partial funding of the Harris Center and Cornucopia's programs at DCS.

Six graduating seniors were awarded higher education scholarships: Kayla Sandford, Alex Horn, Hilary Bourgoine, Nicholas Jadaszewski, Caleb Mattson, and Caroline Clater.

DCF would like to thank the many Dublin residents whose generous donations made these contributions possible.

ROSEMARY MACK is president of the DCF.

## Neighbors of the Mountain: Save the Date

On Sunday, August 19, Monadnock Eastern Slope Association (MESA) will hold its Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper. The featured speaker, Steve Hooper of Rabbit Ear Films, will discuss their documentary film currently in production called "Monadnock: The Mountain That Stands Alone," based on the recent book. Please visit [www.mesa-nh.org](http://www.mesa-nh.org) for more information.



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## Dublin Celebrates More Graduates



**Andrew James Fox** was inducted into the National German Honors Society and graduated from ConVal High School June 9, 2012. He will be going to Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, IL, and then to A School in Texas training to be a hospital corpsman.

**Alden Werden** graduated from ConVal on June 9. He played on the JV Golf team and is completing an internship at the Bond Wellness Center in Peterborough. After a summer of travel with his family, Alden plans a career in healthcare.



On Sunday, June 3, **Molly Levene** graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, MA. At the final all-school meeting, Molly was awarded the Schubert Key prize, which is awarded annually to a member of the senior class who has excelled in varsity athletics and who has exemplified the qualities of sound character, cheerfulness and good sportsmanship on the athletic field. Molly will attend Bates College in the fall.

**Eric Leland Floyd** earned Bachelor of Science (cum laude) in Finance with minor in International Business & Economics from Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics, University of Delaware. He will join J.P. Morgan Chase in July. He is the grandson of Doris Meiklejohn.

**Ashley Jane Fitch** has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with minor in Film & Video Studies from University of Central Washington. She is the granddaughter of Harry Meiklejohn.

## Dublin Consolidated School News

By May Clark

We ended school so early this year that it seems like ages ago that our wonderful fifth grade class had their end of year celebration and we all packed up for the summer break. We hired our new kindergarten teacher just as school ended. She is Lauren Mann, who has been teaching in Greenfield for six years. We are



### Congratulations DCA Class of 2012!

On May 26, 2012, at the Dublin Christian Academy Commencement, sixteen graduates received their diplomas, including Caroline Clater (far right, front) of Dublin, who was presented with the "Leadership Award" by Kevin Moody, President of Dublin Christian Academy.

lucky to have her, and are excited for the fall, when we will have her in our kindergarten room for a half-day program. Emily Brnger will be back with a first/second grade multi-age class, and Susan Ellingwood will have grade 3. The fourth and fifth graders will be together again too.

We got lots of support from our community this year, and we want to thank everybody who helped out with events at school and with the fund raising events for Emily Brnger. Thanks go to our PTO and all our parents, as well as our community volunteers. As always, the Dublin Community Foundation, the Riding and Walking Club, Monadnock Rotary, and the Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds have supported us financially in all sorts of ways.

Our Cornucopia garden is quite beautiful this year, in spite of the odds. If anyone wants to play in the dirt and help water, weed, or harvest, we would be glad to have you join us!

Dublin Summer Playground is under way at DCS by now, and will run through August 10. We wish everyone a restful and peaceful summer. You'll hear from us again in the fall!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS and can be reached at [mclark@conval.edu](mailto:mclark@conval.edu).

### Recycling Notice

In observance of Independence Day, the Dublin Transfer Station / Recycling Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, and will re-open for residents on Thursday, July 5th.

– Tom Kennedy, Superintendent, Dublin Transfer Station



## A New Yoga Class in Dublin

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Top row L-R: Nancy Jackson, Karen Bunch, Barbara Summers, Louise Werden, Louisa Birch and Jinnie Russell. Front row L-R: Joan Griffin, Grisel Levene and Alice McKenna. Marney Bean is missing.

## The Flower People Are At It Again

By Virginia Russell

Just in time for Memorial Day, volunteers from the Garden Club of Dublin and the town of Dublin came together to fill the hayracks and urns in the town center, and the planters at the town's signs.

Leading the enthusiastic group of workers was Louise Werden, chairman of the project for the Garden Club of Dublin. There were two carloads of plants, soil, water, shovels, fertilizer, gloves and wheelbarrows — everything one would need for the planting on May 24th. Placed at each container were the specific plants, soil, water and a carefully drawn diagram of where the plants would go in the containers. When the volunteers arrived each container was easy to plant and the racks were consistent.

Planning for this day started in February, when the color schemes, plant selection and volunteer lists were compiled.

This year the hayracks are brimming with masses of yellow and blue flowers and plant varieties that have been successful in past years. The results are spectacular!

Not only was it well organized before and during the project, but volunteers have been enlisted to deadhead, water and care for the plants until the fall.

A big thank you to all who participated in this wonderful community project, which started in 2002 in celebration of Dublin's Sesquibicentennial (250th anniversary).

To volunteer, please call Louise Werden at 563-8143.

JINNIE RUSSELL handles public relations for the Garden Club of Dublin.

**Dublin Christian Academy Essay Contest** on "How Can I Make a Difference in My Community?" will award tuition to the winner for the 2012-2013 school year. Entry forms are available on at [www.dublinchristian.org](http://www.dublinchristian.org). Deadline is July 31, 2012.

— Eric Moody, Dean of Students, DCA



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## Dreaded Invasive: Japanese Knotweed

By Rusty Bastedo

**2012** has been a banner year for Japanese Knotweed in Dublin. As of early June, the plant, which resembles bamboo, is standing six feet tall in many parts of Dublin. The plant spreads rapidly, as with poison ivy and other vines, putting out new shoots every 12 inches or so in a straight line. Without *Advocate* readers' efforts, many of our roadways may be blighted with thick carpets of foliage on both sides of our highways before fall.

*Advocate* readers can help slow Japanese Knotweed's advance by an initial hand cutting *now*, using either a scythe or a brush hook for the work. Do *not* use a mower or tractor on Japanese Knotweed, as this simply spreads the plant from one place to another. Your hand cutting will weaken the plant, making it more susceptible to later eradication.

If readers do not wish to hand cut this invasive, please report your observations of stands of the plant to the Dublin Conservation Commission, at Town Hall. The Commission is working to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, with State of New Hampshire advice and with State-licensed eradicators. The weed killers used are powerful and should not be used by individuals without advice on how to spray the undersides of leaves and stems.

Jack Lewis, for the Conservation Commission, states we "agreed to fund spraying of a homeowner's stand of knotweed in August or September only if the property owner had cut down their stand in June and had let us know when they had done it, so that we could take a look and determine

what would be eligible for spraying. We will only be spraying infestations that have been cut early this summer, and will be spraying on a 'first cut and notified, first sprayed' basis until our budgeted money runs out." Contact the Conservation Commission, c/o Dublin Town Hall.

For readers unfamiliar with Japanese Knotweed, there are good-sized stands of the plant on Route 101 west of Friendly Farm and just beyond MacVeagh Road. A stand of the plant that was treated and killed by spraying in August-September 2011 can be seen across from Carr's Store,



1. Knotweed cut, not sprayed.
2. Cut, sprayed.
3. Cut, sprayed, removed.

at Route 101/Route 137 North. Look for the brown stalks and you will see dead Japanese Knotweed.

We reiterate, Japanese Knotweed is an insidious invasive that has no natural predators. Without treatment and left undisturbed it will take over large parts of Dublin, as it has in other parts of New Hampshire.

RUSSELL BASTEDO was formerly New Hampshire State Curator from 1997 to 2009. He is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

**Dublin honored our veterans and servicemen** on May 28. Here Peter Shonk is surrounded by the Sea Cadets on Memorial Day in our village center.

Lt. Peter Shonk USNR was a member of the Naval Air Corp from 1941-1945. He was assigned to the "Big E," the *USS Enterprise* as a fighter pilot flying the F4Fs and the F6Fs, also known as the Hellcats. On his tour of duty he flew about 75 missions from the *Enterprise*.

The Dublin-based Sea Cadets include Chief Petty Officer Zach Letourneau, Cadet Sarah Letourneau, Cadet Jacob Weidner, Cadet Benjamin Graves, and Cadet Nicholas Graves. The other cadets are from neighboring towns.



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## Bahai's Honor 1912 Event

*The Gammons prepare for August celebrations.*

By Margaret Gurney

According to Ruthie and Phil Gammons, stewards of the Baha'i Center next to the Dublin General Store, this will be no ordinary summer for the Baha'i community in Dublin. The religious community will be celebrating the 1912 visit made by Abdu'l-Baha in July/August of that year, when he spoke to a standing-room only crowd in the Dublin Community Church, which was at that time a Unitarian Church.

Phil, who has a background in both IT and a degree in agriculture (master gardener through UNH), is the caretaker proper, and Ruthie, a former college professor in substance abuse prevention and healthcare education, doubles as the Baha'i's office manager

for nine states (Maine through Pennsylvania). They were selected to inhabit the historic Dublin Inn bought by Gisu (Mohadjer) and Robert Cook and donated to the national Baha'i community. The Inn was dedicated in 2005, when John Harris, speaking for Dublin, welcomed its restoration to the fine Federal example of architecture that it represents (while humorously bemoaning its pull from the tax roll).

"We were thrilled to be asked to come here," Ruthie told me. "When we drove around the lake, and saw the mountain, came down the hill and saw Yankee and the church, we knew it was meant to be."

Before the Gammons moved here from Connecticut, they were in Chicago for several years, surrounded by thousands of Baha'is, yet moved here into a Yankee community of just a few followers of Baha'u'llah, who founded the Baha'i faith in Persia in 1844.

The tenets of the world religion have allowed the Gammons to earn the respect of those who know them. Ruthie and Phil understand theirs is not a mainstream religion, but they light up when sharing its values, which believe in the vision for world peace, which was one of Abdu'l Baha's main topics when he spoke here in 1912.

The Gammons explained that another tenet of the Baha'i faith is that "world peace will not come until women take their rightful place on the world stage."

One of the women in America who became devoted to the teachings of Baha'u'llah was Agnes Parsons, a socialite from Washington, DC, who also owned a home on Windmill Hill Road that has long since burned down.

When Baha'u'llah died in 1892, Abdu'l-Baha replaced him, carrying the legacy of his father's vision, and was invited to America

by the fledgling American Baha'i community of which Agnes Parsons was an early member. Abdu'l-Baha was invited to Dublin as a guest in her home, and he also stayed in the old Dublin Inn, now known as the Baha'i Center.

So the Centenary celebration in Dublin is almost upon us, and now we know why. A film is being made following the footsteps of Abdu'l-Baha across this country in 1912. On August 5 at 3 pm, the filmmaker, Dr. Anne Perry will speak on "Abdu'l-Baha in Dublin," at the Baha'i Center on Main St.

And on August 12, Gisu Mohadjer, whose family donated the old tavern to the Baha'i community, will speak at the Annual Commemoration at 3 pm in the Dublin Community Church. Open to the public, this service will commemorate Abdu'l Baha's talk with devotions and music, followed by a reception at the historic Dublin Inn.

Many Baha'is, their families and friends will reunite for the special occasion.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the Advocate.



Ruthie and Phil Gammons, stewards of the Baha'i Center, formerly known as the historic Dublin Inn or French's Tavern, are proud to honor the Federal-style building by retaining its historical features, important as the building is to both Baha'i history and Dublin's history (refer to Dublin Historical Society's newsletter, April 2001).



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## A Study in Contrasts

By Ramona Branch

Mary Langen is a renaissance woman if ever there was one. She admits she “loves contrasts” which is evident in her life choices. Mary spent her childhood in New Jersey, and then she decided to attend Brigham Young University where she could ski to her heart’s content. In the mid-1980s Mary moved to New Hampshire and went to work for the *Monadnock Ledger Transcript* as an editor and journalist. She then moved into technical publishing, becoming editor in chief of two *Helmers* publications that covered the bar code industry in the U.S. and Europe.

By this time Mary was firmly planted in the technology industry and was itching to live in the Southwest. She moved to Austin, Texas, as marketing director for a bar code company and subsequently worked for AMD and Motorola in the semiconductor industry.

In the spring of 2002, Mary bought her house on Cobb Meadow Road with the idea

that she would spend her summers in Dublin and winters in Austin. By the end of the summer she loved Dublin so much she decided to stay here and make Dublin her permanent home. She continued to work for Motorola for a year and a half while she started to fix up her new home.

During this time Mary met Dan Myshrall and the two were married in December 2006 on a sailboat anchored off Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. The couple is pursuing a sustainable lifestyle and grows much of their own organic food. They enjoy hanging out with their Catahoula Leopard dogs, Festus and Jack.

Mary is currently employed at PC Connection full-time and is a partner in a software company with roots in Seattle and Switzerland. When not working she loves



sailing, scuba diving and reading books on science, energy issues and the environment. She says she keeps her fondness for Texas alive by driving to Keene for a good tamale and a margarita.

In the past, Mary has traveled for business, but now is happy to be off the road. This means she has time to serve as Chairman of Dublin’s Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mary concluded our interview by saying, “There are a couple weird things about me...I still have two grapefruit trees that I grew from seeds when I was a child, and I enter contests and sweepstakes for fun and win all sorts of crazy things.”

RAMONA BRANCH is a freelance writer and editor and is on the staff of the Advocate.

## A Dublin Coincidence

By Jill Lawler

At the annual staff appreciation reception for the ConVal School District, Dublin residents Mike Elkavitch and Tim Clark were among the retirees recognized. However, a surprise appearance by Steve Baldwin represented the most unusual Dublin connection.

Steve, who is retired after serving as Hancock’s police chief, recently felt drawn to check out metal-detecting equipment, as he was intrigued by the possibilities of looking for treasure.

Armed with a trowel, colander and metal detector, Steve started at the Women’s Club Beach where he got a strong reading that he was near gold. Scooping down six inches into the muck, he came up with an object that was covered with years of accumulation. Jackie Hobbs cleaned it off where they detected “PHS,” the year 1965, and the initials “M.M.W.”

With the help of Kate Westcott at CVHS and an old yearbook, Steve was surprised to learn that he had discovered the high school ring of his Dublin neighbor, Marsha Whitney.

For her part, Marsha explained that she lost the ring almost as soon as she got it. It had been lurking under the sand of the Women’s Club Beach for 47 years waiting for this odd coincidence to reunite it with its owner.

JILL LAWLER, retired ConVal English teacher, works as a consultant for the National Writing Project in New Hampshire.



Fletcher Wilson, M.D. (left), Pamela Stetzer, M.D. and David R. Levene, M.D., surrounded by the cast of MCH babies

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## Au Revoir – For a While at Least!

By Mary Loftis

Carol and Dick Stephens are embarking on a new life adventure, one that includes France, a country that has long captured their imaginations. They have sold their lovely post and beam home in Dublin, a private paradise developed over the past two decades on the site of a former gravel pit off Brush Brook Road. Soon they will leave for an extended stay in the apartment they purchased in Nyons, which is located in Provence two hours south of Lyon.

The groundwork has been laid for this move. Over the course of the past seven years, the Stephens have been spending a number of months in France every year. Carol said that her French is now good enough so that she can converse with the contractors who have been slowly renovating their apartment. She laughingly said that the scenarios described in Peter Mayle’s book, *A Year in Provence*, accurately describe the charms and frustrations she and Dick have encountered.

Carol started the website [www.chezprovence.com](http://www.chezprovence.com) in 2006 to provide travel advice and France-related information. She and Dick can help travelers find rentals as well as navigate the Paris metro, among many other things.

The Stephens’ long-term plans are still in flux. They may decide to become full-time residents of France, where the ethic of “food, family and friends” is very appealing. Nonetheless, Carol says,



they think of Dublin as home, a place where “we have loved our friends and our life.”

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the Advocate.

## Re-Purposing

By Jeanne Sterling

Mid-fall of last year, we planted a sorry-looking rosebush that I purchased from Job Lots. I think it cost all of \$4.00. There might have been one or two ready-to-drop leaves, but that was the only sign of life.



Anyway, the hole was dug, compost mixed in and the sad little twig was set into the spot.

This spring, much to my surprise and delight, green shoots appeared and some rather healthy looking leaves. Eventually, one or two buds developed and I felt pretty pleased with myself for rescuing this mangy-looking plant. I watched the buds start to show their color: a peach-melba pink edge with a creamy ivory flower. Gorgeous! However, the next time I glanced at the bush, it had been invaded by those dratted Japanese beetles! The leaves were now a lacy poof, and each flower held a family of beetles, munching away on the spectacular petals. What to do?! I don’t spray for bugs, but was sorely tempted to this time around.

After mulling over several possible solutions, Aha!

Last winter, I had purchased herbs and spices contained in a fine net bag from Harvest Thyme here in town. The bag has a draw-string closure. Problem solved! I covered the most mature bud with the bag, cinched the drawstring and waited for the bud to blossom. Patiently (which I have little of), I exchanged one bud for another throughout the season. Each time, rewarded with a fragrant and beautiful rose.

All in all, 14 roses bloomed in the bag, one at a time. I need more bags.

JEANNE STERLING is the advertising coordinator for the Advocate.

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### Proposed Changes in the Tax Code

The lame duck Congress faces a sluggish economy and a budget deficit; with the Tax Code and huge spending cuts on the cliff. They have five weeks to address these problems. They may:

- Extend the existing laws one year and spend the time working on reform.
- Raise some new revenue.
- Let the current tax cuts expire so that all taxes are raised.
- Haircut all itemized deductions.

A number of significant changes to Federal estate and gift laws have been proposed. If enacted, they would dramatically reduce the effectiveness of strategies currently available to reduce estate tax liability at death. The proposed changes primarily impact individuals and families with assets in excess of \$2 million. Whether the new Tax Code changes occur in 2012 or 2013, they will almost certainly include new restrictions on Exemptions, GRATS, Grantor Trusts and Dynasty Trusts.

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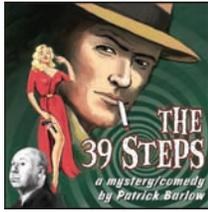
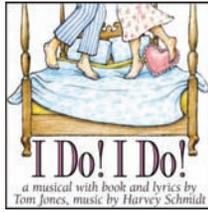
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## Peterborough Players Opens Season 79

By Fred Leventhal

The Peterborough Players opened its 79th season with the world premiere of Jack Neary's comedy *Auld Lang Syne*, starring Gordon Clapp as a gangster with unsavory intentions, whose life is changed by his encounter with a South Boston housewife, played by Peterborough resident Kathy Manfre. The play will be performed until Sunday, July 1. This will be followed from July 4 to 15 by the celebrated musical *I Do! I Do!* Based on the play *The Fourposter*,



this two-character work takes a young couple from their wedding night through 50 years of shared life, exploring the foibles of marriage through a romantic

musical score composed by the same team who wrote *The Fantasticks*. Kirby Ward, who delighted audiences in the 2009 Players production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, performs opposite his real-life wife, Beverly Ward.

A highlight of the season is the production of *The 39 Steps*, performed from July

18 to 29. A long-run hit in New York and London, this magical comedy/thriller was adapted from the original John Buchan novel by way of the classic 1935 Alfred Hitchcock movie (the most celebrated of five film versions). Part spy story, part theatrical extravaganza, the play includes over 150 characters, most of whom are played by a talented cast of four actors, including Players favorites, Tom Frey, Bridget Beirne, and Kraig Swartz. Watch for an on-stage plane crash, plus other features of *The Thirty Nine Steps*, such as missing fingers and handcuffs.

The first play for children of all ages, performed by the young actors of the Second Company, will be *A Duck Called Ugly*, adapted from the Hans Christian Anderson story, *The Ugly Duckling*. Performances are on July 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 10:30 am. For tickets to all performances, phone the Players Box Office at 924-7585.

FRED LEVENTHAL has served as a Trustee of the Peterborough Players since 2006.

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### Peter's Pondering

I'm having a problem with traffic circles, or roundabouts as they're sometimes called. They're apt to be too small as to diameter. The one on Route 101 in Peterborough next to Shaw's is a case in point.

Should there be minimum sizes based on traffic volume and number of entrances and exits? If there isn't space enough for a big-enough circle, better to have stop signs or traffic lights.

PETER HEWITT retired to RiverMead along with several other Dublin residents.



Cobb Meadow School students eagerly welcome the school's new resident, Glory, a 22-year-old horse. Cobb Meadow School, a Waldorf preschool and kindergarten for boys and girls ages 3 to 6, is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year.

## Dublin Community Center Update

Plans are moving forward with the Dublin Community Center. We have been working hard to prepare for construction. Many people ask about the details of the project. As we have done in the past, we will continue to answer those inquiries through the *Dublin Advocate*, and through personal contact. Please don't hesitate to call one of the board members, or start a conversation when you see us. **One question has been: Since "Phase One" of the project is complete, what will "Phase Two" involve?**

☛ Phase Two of the project includes rebuilding the whole interior of the building. The building has been gutted and is ready for its new personality. There will be new windows, walls and flooring, all new wiring, heating, and plumbing systems, and installation of a septic system. (The septic system is scheduled for late June.) The second floor will have two apartments. The third floor will be unused.

**Another important question: How will people enter the building, and where will they park?**

☛ This is part of Phase Three, which includes grading the back area for parking and walkways. We plan to have cars travel on

a one-way loop around the building. Cars will enter through the church driveway and exit onto Route 101 between the Community Center and the Yankee building. The main handicap-accessible entrance will be in the rear of the building along with parking for 15 vehicles. The Dublin Church and the Community Center have agreed to share parking space. We've planned a second handicap-accessible entrance at the front corner of the building as you enter the driveway. The existing "front" door will be functional.

Fundraising is ongoing. Your interest is welcomed.

COMMUNITY CENTER board members: Nancy Cayford, Vira Elder, Bruce Fox, Betsey Harris, Nancy Jackson, Bruce Simpson and David Wolpe.

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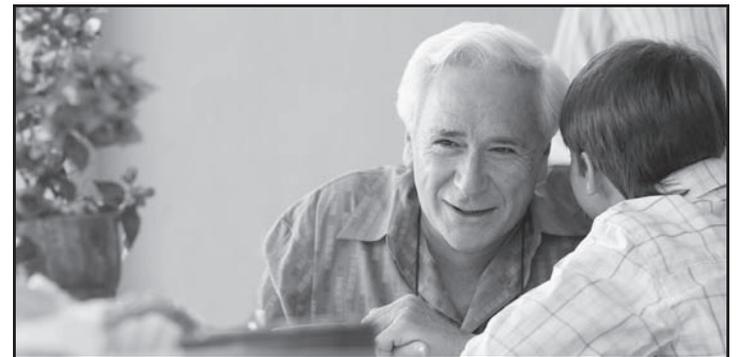


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**JULY 2012 — TOWN EVENTS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>DS</b> Walden: Classical Guitar, 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	<b>3</b> <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	<b>4</b> <b>HAPPY FOURTH!</b> <b>DPL</b> closed; Transfer Station closed; <b>PP</b> "I Do! I Do!" through July 15	<b>5</b> Transfer Station open; <b>DPL</b> Beekeepers 7 pm; <b>TH</b> Planning Board 7 pm	<b>6</b> <b>DS</b> Walden: Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> <b>DHS</b> Museum open 12-2 Saturdays through Labor Day
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	<b>10</b> <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Faculty Moderators, 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> Summer Reading Program 10 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>DHS</b> event at School House Museum 6 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Violin and piano, 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Chat*Eat* Read 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Faculty Moderators, 7:30 pm	<b>18</b> <b>DPL</b> Summer Reading Prgm 10 am; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm; <b>DC</b> Walden: Open House, 5-6:30 pm; <b>PP</b> "The 39 Steps" through July 29	<b>19</b> <b>DPL</b> FDPL Meeting 6 pm; <b>TH</b> Planning Board 7 pm	<b>20</b> <b>DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Faculty Ensemble, 7:30 pm	<b>21</b> <b>DUBLIN DAY!</b> Local Food Growers Tour
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Chat*Eat* Read 6:30 pm	<b>24</b> <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Student Composers Forum, 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> <b>DPL</b> Summer Reading Program 10 am; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> <b>TH</b> ZBA 7 pm	<b>27</b> <b>DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm; <b>DS</b> The Walden School Players, 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> <b>Yankee Barn Sale;</b> <b>BC</b> Interfaith Devotions 12:30 pm
<b>29</b> <b>DS</b> Walden: Composer-in-Residence Presentation, 7:30 pm	<b>30</b> <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Chat*Eat* Read 6:30 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Festival Week Composers Forum, 7:30 pm	<b>31</b> <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>DS</b> Walden: Festival Week Composers Forum, 7:30 pm	<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>BC</b> Baha'i Center <b>DCA</b> Dublin Christian Academy <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church	<b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School <b>DGS</b> Dublin General Store <b>DHS</b> Dublin Historical Society <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library	<b>DS</b> Dublin School / Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall <b>DWC</b> Dublin Women's Club <b>PP</b> Peterborough Players <b>TH</b> Town Hall <b>ZBA</b> Zoning Board of Adjustment	

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