



Hampton High Road

Take the high road, it is often the one less traveled

December 2017

The Hampton High Road is an unaffiliated, non-political publication. Our mission statement is "To pay tribute to the past, cherish the present, and celebrate the diversity of our community." We are dedicated to publishing material that will inform while promoting goodwill, tolerance, and Hampton's sense of community.

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If you have any news that you would like to share with the community, please submit it to our e-mail address. Ideas include birth, wedding, engagement announcements, obituaries, recipes, DIY and craft projects, old Hampton photos, special collections you may have, or things you want to "swap". Submissions will be included at the discretion of the Editorial Board and may be edited for space considerations.

Editorial Board: Ben and Trudy Brockett, Joan Marquis, Violet Marquis.

Violet May Marquis

May 30, 1938 ~ November 20, 2017



Violet Fitts Marquis returned home to her parents on November 20, 2017, after living bravely, gracefully, and tenaciously with gastric cancer for eight months. She was born on traditional Memorial Day, May 30, 1938 to Robert and Alice (Chapel) Fitts. At the age of 17 years old, she married the love of her life, best friend, and soul mate, Robert Marquis. Happily married for 62 years, the only time they were ever apart was when Bob was in the Army, stationed in Germany.

Violet dedicated the majority of her life to her husband and children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her family was indeed the love and joy of her life. When her children were growing up, she was involved in all school activities with her daughters, including field trips, volunteering in their classrooms, being a member of the PTO, and supplying classroom

Quote of the Month

**NEVER ARGUE WITH
SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES
THEIR OWN LIES.**

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holiday treats. She made homemade Halloween costumes for her daughters which regularly won Best Costume awards at the annual town Halloween party. Both her daughters played 3 sports each year for six years at Parish Hill Middle/High School and Violet attended every single game except one - when she had to have neck surgery. She never missed a game in the 6 years that her grandson, Nick, played at PHMHS, and she never missed an event that grandson Mike and granddaughter Marina participated in. She adored and was immensely proud of her grandchildren, and absolutely delighted in her new great-grandchildren.

Violet enjoyed knitting, playing softball for many years in The Willimantic Womens' League, and was an avid reader. She was an unwavering UConn Men's Basketball fan. Violet and Bob ran The Fire Place, a business which sold antique fire equipment and memorabilia, and amassing an extensive collection of their own. Violet and Bob were well known for their car license plate, VIBOB. Violet was a devoted genealogist - tracing her family and Bob's back through many generations. She also traced the genealogy of many other people.

Violet was committed to preserving the history of the town of Hampton for future generations. She amassed volumes of old photos, postcards, newspapers, and other items in this endeavor. Violet was an avid photographer, always sharing her photos. For many years, she was the official photographer for the Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps. Violet was the main force in producing the Hampton High Road, a monthly newsletter covering the town of Hampton. The goal of the Hampton High Road was to unite the community, keep the history of and present the positive aspects of the town she loved so dearly.

Violet had a great interest in the Plum Island Lighthouse, where her grandfather was the lighthouse keeper and her mother spent her childhood. Two years ago she fulfilled a lifelong dream when she visited the lighthouse with several family members. Violet loved watching

the birds in her window birdfeeder, and feeding the turkeys in her yard. Violet was kind and generous, and an amazingly strong woman.

In addition to her adored and adoring husband, Bob, she will be grieved and greatly missed by her devoted daughters, Trudy (Ben) Brockett and Joan (Jerry Figueroa) Marquis; her grandchildren Nicholas (Jessica) Brockett, Mike (Derek Iverson) Brockett, and Marina Figueroa; her great-grandchildren Kenzie and Jayce Brockett; and her dear sister Barbara (Ian) Cairns. Her cherished cat, Cutie Pie, was a huge comfort to Violet during her illness.

Bob and Violet went to breakfast and lunch every day at Pine Acres Restaurant in Chaplin where they had many special friends. She was especially grateful for dear friend, Casey Mangiafico. Her nurse, Elaine Marchetere, from Day Kimball Hospital Hospice, provided Violet and her family with loving, kind, and compassionate care and support, for which they will be forever grateful. Diane Cook provided pain relief and relaxation with her gentle touch massage.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Hampton-Chaplin Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 98, Hampton, CT 06247. Please do a random act of kindness so that Violet's kindness and generosity live on as her legacy.

A commemoration of Violet's life was held on Friday, November 24, at 10:00 am at the Hampton Congregational Church, 263 Main Street, Hampton. Burial will follow at the Howard Valley Cemetery, South Bigelow Road, Hampton.



Hampton Happenings

Fletcher Memorial Library

P.O. Box 6, 257 Main Street
Hampton, CT 06247 860-455-1086
fletchermemoriallibrary@gmail.com
Library Hours: Wednesday 12-8, Thursday &
Friday 9-12, & Saturday 9-3

When writing out your Christmas list this year, will you please consider a donation to Fletcher Memorial Library as a tax deductible gift? Thank you for your support!

Pat Donahue Art Opening & Reception

Wednesday, December 6th, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Donahue will discuss her life and passion as a painter and will do an oil painting demonstration at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served.

FML Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

Come with your ideas for book selections for 2018. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. New members are always welcome!

Hampton Heritage Quilt Silent Auction

Ongoing – December 9th

The Hampton Heritage Quilt will be on display at the library. Ongoing silent auction for town inspired quilt ends December 9th with an open house at the library. All proceeds to benefit the library. Stop by or contact the library for more information – 860-455-1086 or fletchermemoriallibrary@gmail.com

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 9th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Please join us for refreshments and merry-making. **High bidder for Hampton Heritage Quilt will be awarded at 11:45 am.**

The Hampton Hoot

Wednesday, December 13th @ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on **December 13th** at 6:30 p.m. for the next Hoot. For those who love folk singing and/or playing traditional instruments. Strictly low-key, all about having fun, no talent required! Every second Wednesday! RSVP requested, but not required. Contact:

Jaime@hotstringsguitar.com or 203 218-6199 or call the Library: 860 455-108.

Story Time, Song & Play

Every Friday Morning 10-11 a.m.

Story Time, Song & Play for children (ages 0-5) and their caregivers. This is an interactive program using a variety of musical instruments, rhymes, songs, finger plays, puppets, as well as a story or two. Our goal is to encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Knitting Group

Every Wednesday 12– 3 p.m.

The **Knitting Group** meets every Wednesday from 12-3. Drop in and have a cup of tea/coffee and work on a needlework project, or just come in to socialize. All are welcome!

Drop-In Adult Coloring

Experience the stress-reducing and meditative benefits of coloring. Unwind with creative coloring at the library. Coloring sheets and pencils will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. **Free drop-in program.** For more information, please call the library at 860-455-1086.

December Books

Popular fiction from Isabel Allende and Michael Connelly; literary fiction from Diane Ackerman and Celeste Ng; a new biography of Leonardo da Vinci. Large print books, new DVDs and a raft of YA and juveniles, including new installments of the popular Isle of the Lost, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and Big Nate series.

Adult Fiction

Diane Ackerman	The Zookeeper's Wife
Catherine Anderson	The Christmas Room
Isabel Allende	In the Midst of Winter
Ken Bruen	The Ghosts of Galway
Lee Child	The Midnight Line
Michael Connelly	Two Kinds of Truth
Clive Cussler	The Romanov Ransom
Louise Erdrich	Future Home of the Living God
	Hardcore Twenty-Four
Janet Evanovich	Pulse
Felix Francis	The Rooster Bar
John Grisham	The Long, long Trail:
Cynthia Harrod-Eagles	War at Home 1917
Elin Hildebrand	Winter Solstice

Faye Kellerman	Killing Season
Kelly Long	The Amish Christmas Candle & other stories
Attica Locke	Bluebird, Bluebird
Henning Mankell	After the Fire
Alexander McCall Smith	The House of Unexpected Sisters
Celeste Ng	Everything I never told You Little Fires Everywhere
J.L.Oakley	The Jossing Affair
James Patterson	Haunted
Anne Perry	A Christmas Return
Danielle Steel	The Right Time
Dorothy St. James	Asking for Truffle
John Sandford	Deep Freeze
Gabriel Tallent	My Absolute Darling
Eileen Watkins	The Persian Always Meows Twice
Lisa Wingate	Before We Were Yours
Stuart Woods	Barely Legal

Large Print

David Grann	Killers of the Flower Moon
Amor Towles	A Gentleman from Moscow
Diane Ackerman	The Zookeeper's wife
Michael Connelly	The Late Show

Adult Non Fiction

Walter Isaacson	Leonardo da Vinci
Jon Kerstetter	Crossings: A Doctor- Soldier's Story
Bill O'Reilly	Killing England: The Brutal Struggle for American Independence
Jonathan W. Silvertown	Dinner with Darwin: Food, Drink & Evolution

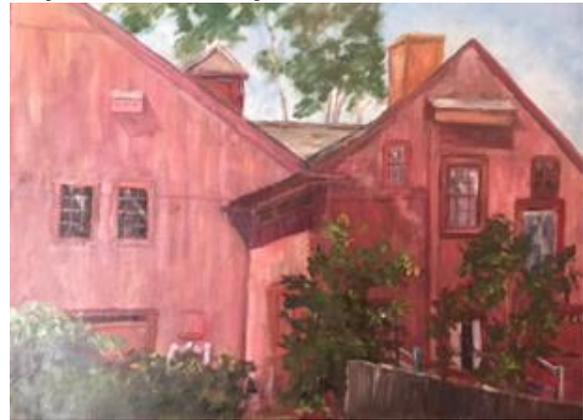
YA & Juveniles

Melissa De La Cruz	Rise of the Isle of the Lost
Chris Grabenstein	Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race
Jeff Kinney	The Getaway (Wimpy Kid series)
Lincoln Pierce	Big Nate: A Good Old- fashioned Wedgie
Dav Pilkey	Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties
Malala Yousafzai	Malala's Magic Pencil (picture book)

DVDs

Angry Birds Movie, Baby Driver, The Big Sick, Homeland: Season 4, Rules Don't Apply

Top Shelf Gallery



The December- January show, "Over the Years," at the Top Shelf Gallery will feature works by local Hampton painter, Pat Donahue. The show opens Dec 1, with an artist's reception Wed. Dec 6 from 4:30- 6 p.m. There will be an oil painting demonstration at 5 p.m., plus wine and refreshments.

Donahue has been painting since 1972. She trained originally with Foster Caddell at his Voluntown studio, before taking art courses at UConn. She paints landscapes and still lifes, and loves to paint plein air in her favorite medium, oils. An award winning artist, she has participated in many juried shows and is a member of the Connecticut Women Artists. She has taught adult education painting classes at Windham High, E.O. Smith and at the Wrights Village Senior Center in Storrs.

Donahue says that painting is about seeing and about capturing the moment. She is fascinated by light and color. She adds that she loves all the impressionists, especially Degas, Monet and Van Gogh.



Hampton Recreation & Community Activities Commission

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN HAMPTON



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 BURNHAM HIBBARD

HOUSE, 1-4 PM Food, music,

SANTA at 2 PM with gifts for kids under 12.

TREE LIGHTING 4 PM Town Hall

CAROLING FOR SENIORS 4:30-6 PM

Bus and song sheets provided

COOKIES AND COCOA FOR CAROLERS 6 PM

Community Center

Holiday Concert

Hampton Recreation Commission presents a holiday concert,

Collegium Musicum“

The Magical Motet History Tour,”

7:30 PM December 2, 2017

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cedar Swamp Rd

Admission: \$10. Accompanied children free

The performers are The University of Connecticut Collegium Musicum. It consists of singers and instrumentalists performing a program, “The Magical Motet History Tour.” Selections will range from the 11th century to the 1930’s. The motet is one of the longest-lived genres in Western music, with origins in the twelfth century and continued use in the present. This concert samples motets from all eras of Western music: medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern — from Perotin to Poulenc — illustrating the incredible variety of musical approaches over more than eight centuries. The concert will be performed with period instruments and techniques. Historically, a collegium musicum was a group of amateur musicians, primarily university students, who met to rehearse and perform for pleasure. Today, recreating a similar culture, members are drawn from UConn students, faculty and surrounding

communities. The students have access to the University’s extensive collection of early instruments. The group is directed by Hampton resident Dr. Eric Rice, who also heads the UConn Music Department.

Concert proceeds will be donated to the church.

<http://web.uconn.edu/erice/> INFO: Gay

Wagner, Hampton Rec Communications, 860-455-9875

Hampton Congregational Church

263 Main Street Hampton CT 06247

Pastor Jinny

860.455.9677 www.hamptonucc.org



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Saturday December 2 9am - 2 pm

Luncheon from 11 am - 1pm

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For more information contact us at 860-455-9677 263 Main Street, Hampton CT



Service of Light - Wednesday, December 20th, 7pm

Christmas eve Service - Sunday, December 24th: Intergenerational Celebration, 10am

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Service, December 24, 7pm

PJ's, Carols and Bells - Sunday, December 31, 10am

For more information or to arrange a ride to any of these services events, please contact Pastor Jinny at [860-455-9677](tel:860-455-9677).

Parish Hill Middle/High School



Winter Band Concert- December 7,
7PM



Winter Choral Concert -December 14,
7:00 PM



Next meeting of the Booster Club will take place on Monday, Dec 4 at 6:00 in Rm 127.

Parish Hill Sports

Middle School Winter Basketball for Middle School begins Jan. 4.

High School

Girls

12/1 V Girls @ Hale-Ray HS, scrimmage -4pm
12/9 V Girls v Plainfield, home -10am
12/12 V Girls v Grasso Tech, Home -5:30
12/15 Girls @ Norwich Tech, Varsity 7pm, JV 5:30
12/19 V Girls v Aerospace, home – 5:30
12/22 Girls @ Putnam, Varsity 7, JV 5:30
12/28 V Girls @ Coventry- 4:30

Boys

12/7 V Boys @ Hale-Ray HS scrimmage -4:30
12/11 V Boys @ Killingly -6pm
12/13 V Boys @ Plainfield -4:30
12/16 Boys v Norwich Tech, Varsity 7pm, JV 5:30
12/19 V Boys v Aerospace, home – 7pm
12/22 Boys v Putnam, Varsity 7, JV 5:30
12/27 Boys @ Lyman Memorial, Varsity 7, JV 5:30
12/28 V Boys @ Coventry- 6pm

Hampton Elementary School

Writing from HES Students

Science with Scotia

By Scotia Thomen-O'Brien

Did you know that another word for fall is autumn? It is the season that comes after summer. Leaves change color in autumn. Green pigments in the leaves go away so the red, orange, and purples can be seen. The green pigment goes away because in autumn the days are shorter and cooler. I think that the leaves are beautiful in autumn.

sMILEs

by Tori Duchesneau

Smile! Did you know that Hampton Elementary School just started a walking program this year in 2017? sMILEs is our school walking plan. If you walk 5 laps that equals a mile. You get a raffle ticket and a charm for every 10 laps. Some prizes for the raffle are a fitbit, small monster trucks, and a scooter. Finally, our walking was over. Do you think we should do it again?

Hampton Volunteer Fire Department Came to Visit

by Eric Desanto-Wilson

The volunteers taught us how to get out a room if there is a fire. Here is what to do: Check the door with the back of your hand. Check for no heat. If it is hot then go to your window. If the window is not close to the ground then yell out your window. If it is close to the ground then yell out your window.

Friday the Thirteenth
A fictional October story

by Noah Heon

There were red, orange and yellow leaves. The air was crisp. Today a man went missing. It is Friday the thirteenth. Owen and I went looking for him. We came to a yard. There was an old cabin. Then we saw something just for 1 second. It looked like a man but with no face! We saw an old ladder by the side of the house. All of a sudden I heard a boom! The ladder fell but no one was hurt. The missing man wasn't there to be seen and so, I went home.. To this day, the man has not been found!

The Mayflower Crossing
by Ryan Rondeau

Did you think nothing much happened during the Mayflower Ocean Crossing? If you do, then you are wrong. A pastor named John Howland fell overboard when he was taking down the sail during a storm. He would have drowned except the rule was to put out ropes when it was stormy. John Howland grabbed onto a rope and pulled himself on the ship. If he had not done this then we would not have had three presidents; FDR or President H.Bush, or G.W. Bush. John Howland is the 12 great-grandfather to President George W bush and FDR is his sixth great grandson. I think that is interesting because our United States would be different without John Howland's great-grandchildren.

Is it True... Plymouth Rock
By Brett Mayer

Do you think the pilgrims planned to land at Plymouth Rock? No, the plan was to land at the mouth of Hudson River in New York. They landed at Cape Cod, MA. because of a huge storm. They didn't land at Plymouth Rock either. They landed first in Provincetown on Cape Cod and next went to Truro. They soon left for Eastham and later they traveled to Plymouth. I think that if they had landed in New York City history would have changed and New York City would be really different.

Turkey at the First Harvest Feast?
By Cody Bailey

Did you know that the pilgrims did not eat turkey? They ate deer and eel. The pilgrims also ate duck. The Wampanoag hunted five hucks of deer. From my research, hucks of deer are white tailed deer. The pilgrims ate eel because eel are water animals and the Pilgrims lived near marshes and the ocean. We do not think they ate turkey because the only journal diary that historians have does not say anything about turkeys. They ate venison because the Wampanoag taught them how to hunt and also the Wampanoag also brought and cooked the venison during the Harvest Feast.



Hampton Antiquarian and Historical Society

HAMPTON ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The annual Holiday Open House will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at the Burnham Hibbard House Museum, 185 Main St, from 1 to 4 pm. The annual tree lighting on the Town Hall campus will follow.

We will have delicious Holiday inspired snacks with mulled cider and nutmeg spiced egg nog. The Museum will be gaily decorated for the season. Holiday music, played by Jamie Boss, will enhance the atmosphere of the season. For excitement, we expect Santa at 2 pm with gifts for kids under 12 years old.

Our exciting special exhibit will be Uranium glass. Uranium glass is usually glowing green and fits right in with the Holiday décor. It is safe – not radioactive – and has a fascinating history. If you have something you think may be uranium glass, bring it with you and we will shed some light on it.

We look forward to seeing you and kicking off the Holiday season. Please drop in. Happy Holiday!

Pack 93 and Troop 93 Scouting

Submitted by Sam Gailey and Michelle Mlyniec



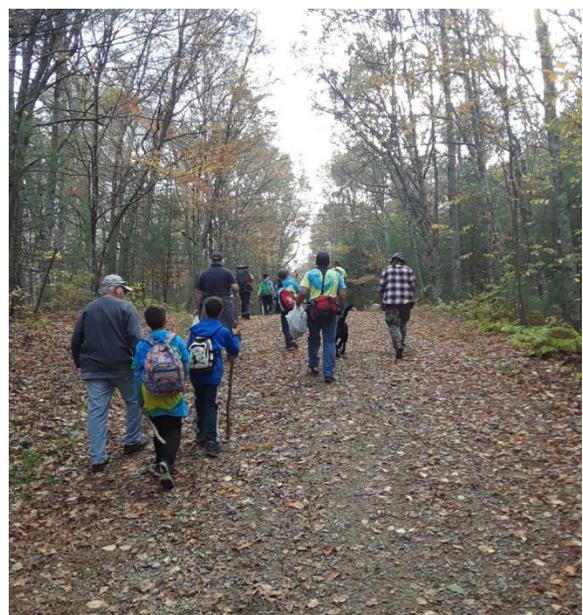
The Boy Scouts of Troop 93 have begun work on getting their Backpacking Merit Badge. Backpacking is one of the more physically demanding Merit Badges, requiring several multi-day hikes, carrying all gear needed on the Scout's back. As part of training for these longer hikes, the Troop did an overnight warm-up hike on the Nipmuck Trail on November 4th and 5th. The Scouts hiked in, cooked and ate meals with the small stoves they'd packed in, and then slept either in tents they'd pitched or the camping lean-to available at the site. Wiser for having their planning and gear tested by cold and rain the next morning, our Scouts will be working up to longer and longer hikes as the year goes on.

On the last weekend of October, nine fourth and fifth grade Webelos held a campout at the Goodwin Forest Youth site. The boys and their parents powered through a vigorous 5-mile hike all the way around Pine Acres Pond, stopping along the way to learn about food pyramids and aquatic ecosystems in the best outdoor classroom nature can provide.

They also enjoyed plenty of running around, shelter-building, man-hunt; a campfire program of songs, skits, and s'mores, and an outdoor worship service. While they were so busy, their leaders mixed in a few lessons on starting campfires, knife safety, outdoor ethics, nature, and outdoor cooking. It was a wonderful weekend.



On November 7th, Pack 93 awarded seven new Cub Scouts the rank of Bobcat at our monthly Pack meeting. Honored this evening were: Cody Bailey, Mason Bright, Samuel Caisse, Zane Finch, David Myers Jr., Hunter Slover, and Ari'el Witt. Congratulations to these boys and their families.



The Cub Scout Pack will hold a Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser on Sunday, January 7th. The boys will work on athletic skill as well as sportsmanship and cheer. Please be on the look-out for Scouts and their pledge sheets. You can sponsor a Scout on a per-pin or flat-rate pledge. Thank you in advance for your support.

The next Cub Scout Pack meeting is December 5th at the Hampton Congregational Church from 6-7 PM.

The Boy Scout Troop meets Tuesday evenings at the Hampton Congregational Church from 7-8:30 PM. The next Court of Honor Ceremony is December 19th. For more information contact:
Cub Scout Pack 93 – Grades K-5 – Michelle Mlyniec, 455.1278 or MMmlyniec@gmail.com
Boy Scout Troop 93 – Grades 6-12 – John Tillinghast, 455.9387 or jwaltill@mindspring.com



Programs at the **CONNECTICUT AUDUBON SOCIETY**
Grassland Bird Conservation Center

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Annual Holiday Nature Store

Now until Friday, December 22

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturday; Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

The Center at Pomfret - 218 Day Rd, will be full of gifts for all ages with "Mother Nature" in mind.

We will have bird feeders and houses, suet, gardening gifts, nature books, children's

games, puzzles, field guides, freshly cut Christmas trees, holiday decorations, freshly made evergreen swags, works by local artists, nature jewelry and more. Stock changes daily.

Winter Art Show Featuring Local Artists

Now through mid-January at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturday; Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

Feast your eyes on the talents of three local artists. Watercolorist David Stumpo, wildlife photographer Nancy Barrett and a special exhibit by photographer Virge Lorents will be featured. There will be a wide variety of artwork on sale for purchase with holiday gift-giving in mind. Free admission.

Wednesday Noon Walks

December 6 thru 27

Join our volunteers for fresh air, exercise, good company and naturalist lessons along the way. Seniors and parents with babes in backpacks welcome. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd.

Free to CAS members; \$3 non-members.

Thursday Morning Walks

December 7 thru 28

8:30 a.m.

Stretch your legs, breathe in that early morning air and look for signs of wildlife on the Bafflin Sanctuary with Fran Barnaski, longtime volunteer, tracker and nature photographer. Bring your camera if you are so inclined. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Free to CAS members; \$5 non-members.

Monthly Bird Walk

Thursday, December 28

1 p.m.

Come out in search of wintering bird species. Andy will look for horned larks, ducks, hawks, sparrows, yellow-bellied sapsuckers and more. Meet at the Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Fee: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.

Owl Walk

Saturday, December 30

7 p.m.

Join us in search of wintering owls; such as screech, barred, and great-horned owls. Most of the calling is done from the road. Meet at the

Center at Pomfret, 218 Day Rd. Program contingent on the weather. Fee: \$5 CAS members; \$10 non-members.



Citizen Science Volunteer Appreciation Night
Wednesday, November 29

7 p.m.

This is our annual event at the Center at Pomfret to thank our Citizen Science volunteers! Enjoy a special presentation on Connecticut's Eagles by Brian Hess from the Conn. DEEP Wildlife Division. RSVP Paula at 860-928-4948 or email paulacoughlin@charter.net

Introductory Winter Tracking Hike

Saturday, December 2

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We're looking for adults who want to become trained wildlife trackers to monitor study sites in Willington, Canterbury, and Woodstock. Learn to find and recognize tracks and document sightings that support local conservation efforts. Winter is a great time to find track and sign of fisher, river otter, mink, fox, bobcat, coyote and more. For registration and info, contact Paula Coughlin, Coordinator at 860-928-4948 or email pcoughlin@charter.net Fee: \$25 CAS members/\$35 non-members.



James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
Potter Road Hampton, CT 06247

Cold Moon Night Hike

Saturday, December 2nd

7:30pm-8:30pm

Let the full moon guide your path as you take a night hike at Goodwin State Forest. Goodwin Guide Kat Gayson will be taking you on a moonlit journey through the forest to bear witness to the changes in nature from day to night. Bring a headlamp or flashlight if desired, they are not necessary. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Program will be followed by a campfire and s'mores.

Cold Moon Campfire

Saturday, December 2nd

8:30pm-9:30pm

Come sit around the fire and warm yourself after the nighttime hike. Join Goodwin Naturalist Jasper Sha around the campfire. Sit and enjoy some s'mores before ending the evening.

A Season at the Grand Canyon

Saturday, December 9th

1:00pm-2:00pm

George Jacobi will read essays and stories from "Inspiration Point", the blog he wrote for the National Park Service last year. He will highlight his experiences as a Grand Canyon blogger, including stories, photos and Q&A.

George Jacobi is active in Joshua's Trust, Trout Unlimited, and Friends of Trail Wood. He is an artist and essayist with a focus on fly fishing and the natural world. His latest piece can be found in *The American Fly Fisher*.

Long Distance Guided Hike

Sunday, December 10th

12:00pm-3:00pm

Enjoy the company of fellow hikers and get some great outdoor exercise. **Expect a 5-7 mile hike.** Goodwin Guide Kat Gayson, will be taking you on this long distance hike as she points out nature tidbits here and there. All are welcome, including friendly dogs.

Senior Walk

Tuesday, December 12th

10:00am-12:30pm

These are easy to moderate walks taken on forest trails. They are a great opportunity to get outside, learn something new and maybe even meet a few new friends. These walks are very popular, and not just for seniors! All are welcome. Hiking sticks

are available to borrow.

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Building a Survival Camp

Saturday, December 16th

10:00am-12:00am

Learn from the survivalist brothers, the Baranskis, about how to set up a short-term (3 day or less) and a long-term campsite. This will include cooking, shelter, and all the things you need to know to survive the wild. Brothers Ed and Fran Baranski have been wandering into the wilderness for years, building their own canoes, doing some more than rigorous camping, and just learning how to survive in nature by their own skill. Now, they want to teach you some of the skills they've learned.

The Reindeer Are Hungry: An Exploratory Walk & Talk on Reindeer Moss

Sunday, December 17th

1:00pm-2:30pm

Come learn about reindeer moss! A brief presentation will introduce this lichen and all of its magical powers. Learn how it grows, where to find it, and what species we're most likely to find at Goodwin. Then we'll take a short walk around the Discovery Loop Trail and map out our findings. We may even find a few more interesting things along the way. The walk will end with an opportunity to take home your very own reindeer moss ornament.

Regan Stacey is a participant in the Master Naturalist Program. She is a practicing artist who holds a B.S. in biology, an M.F.A. in visual studies, and is a self-proclaimed forest whisperer. A lover of the mesic forest – she embraces rock, lichen, moss, ferns, trees and the light that moves through it. When not in the forest, you can find her in the studio making

art or in the kitchen dusting off her pastry chef hat.

Fun for all ages.

Animal Tracking with Mike Grady

Wednesday, December 20nd

12:00pm-2:00pm

Ever wonder what passes by your house when you are not around? How can you find out? Join Connecticut Conservation Ambassador Michael Grady as we step into the world of footprints, scat and animal sign identification. All ages are welcome to attend.

Gardener's Roundtable

Saturday, December 23rd

10:00am-11:30am

This workshop is intended for gardeners of all experience levels. We share best practices and pitfalls for gardening in eastern Connecticut. These monthly workshops cover a wide-range of topics, so please come with your questions, your expertise, and your own stories of success and failure in your gardens.

Nature Crafts: Birdseed Ornaments

Tuesday, December 26th

1:00pm-2:00pm

We often talk about the hibernating mammals deep under the snow in the winter time, but what about the feathery critters we see outside our windows every day? Birds do not hibernate and thus need to find food every day to survive—let's help them out! For both kids and adults, families welcome. **Recommended for children ages 4 and up.**

The Art of the Sit Spot

Thursday, December 28th

4:00-5:30pm

Join Beth Bernard, Program Director at the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center in a unique journey to discover the lost art of the sit spot. This observation tool increases awareness, calms the body and mind, and opens up a world of awesome nature sightings! We will be taking a short hike and participating in exercises that awaken our senses. During our dusk sit spot, we will stay in one spot and let nature come to us. Be dressed for the weather and bring a small mat or towel to sit on if you desire. Age 12-adult.

Long Distance Guided Hike

Sunday, December 31st

12:00pm-3:00pm

Enjoy the company of fellow hikers and get some great outdoor exercise. Goodwin Guide Elaine Koza has completed all the New England 4000+ foot elevation hikes, and has hiked all the highest peaks in the 48 contiguous states. Elaine hikes with her Australian Sheppard, Shalee. All are welcome, including friendly dogs.

Winter programming is provided to you by the Friends of Goodwin Forest, in partnership with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. Give back to Goodwin and enrich someone's life.

Goodwin Conservation Center is looking for volunteers who have knowledge about various conservation-related topics and the desire to share that knowledge with others.

Teaching experience is recommended but is not required. For more information, contact Jasper

Sha at jasper.sha@ct.gov.

Geocaching at Goodwin

If you love mixing technology and the outdoors, geocaching may be the perfect activity for you.

It involves searching for hidden objects in the landscape with coordinates and clues. Goodwin State Forest is home to a few geocaches. Try and find the secret treasure! Go to

<https://coord.info/GC19ZHE>

Dressing for the Cold

Proper clothing for winter programs is ***ESSENTIAL***. Wear warm coats and extra layers (more than you think you need!). Cotton socks have little insulation value and absorb moisture.

Once wet, cotton loses all insulation value, making your feet even colder. Wool socks, when wet, wick the water away from your feet, keeping your feet warm and dry. Socks are the most important part of winter attire! Please come prepared for outdoor programs.



PFLAG Hampton

Hampton Community Center

178 Main Street, Hampton, CT

Third Tuesday of Every Month, 6:30 pm

[pflaghampton on facebook](#)

pflaghampton@gmail.com

How Allies Can Support LGBTQ People

Holidays can be a sad and stressful time for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer. It is especially difficult for those who are estranged from their families because of who they are and who they love.

How can you help? Tips from

<https://nathanbelyeu.com/2015/11/27/holidays-are-hard-how-to-help-an-lgbtq-person-coping-with-family-rejection-this-holiday-season/> :

1. Sometimes all I need is a hug. A big tight hug. You may not have to say a word. Just looking into my eyes and giving me a loving hug may be exactly what I need. (but don't forget some people don't like hugs! So of course, use your best judgment on this one)
2. Ask me how I am- and really mean it. You don't have to launch into a big speech about how you understand how hard this time of year is for someone like me. Just ask me how I am- and mean it. Maybe follow up with a "How are you really?" to make sure that I know you are looking for more than just a platitude.
3. Ask me to join your celebration! Please don't assume that I have somewhere to go on the holidays. It may be that I don't. And I am not likely to speak up and tell you that I don't have anywhere to go. (I mean no one likes to intrude). So take the initiative. Ask me to join you. And make me feel like I am genuinely wanted.
4. Create a space for my sadness. This time of year is doubly hard because in addition to feeling sad I feel guilty for feeling sad. I mean I am supposed to feel thankful, and jolly, and all those other holiday'ish feelings- right? Let me know you are here for me- no matter what. If I am happy or if I am sad. Let me know my

feelings are valid and you won't judge me no matter how I feel.

5. Just say hello. Maybe you don't live near me and you can't offer to have me share your Thanksgiving meal or your Christmas feast, or maybe you can't give me a hug in person. Send me a text, a facebook message, or an email. Skype me, or do a Google Hangout- you know- all that fun stuff families like to do when they are separated on the holidays to show they care.



Potluck and Movie Nights

Please join us for potluck and movie nights. Bring a dish to share, enjoy some fellowship, and watch a great movie. A \$5 donation includes dessert and beverage.

Potluck and Movie nights are held at 5:00 PM at the Hampton Community Center, 178 Main Street, Hampton.

Dates:

December 16, 2017

January 13, 2018

February 10, 2018 - Valentine Music Night

March 10, 2018

April 14, 2018

CHIN CHAT



The World According to Tanner, Manny, and Mr. Bubbles

"You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him." – W. Bruce Cameron (author, A Dog's Journey)



Good News in the Neighborhood

Birthdays

December 12 – Becky LaFontaine

13 – Joan Marquis

22 – Neal Moon

27 – Mary Margaret Petix

29 – Morris Burr

Kay Gaines

30 – Bryce Kilburn

Anniversary

December 13 – Lenore & Stuart Case

26 – John & Eleni Yanouzas

All-Conference Cross-Country Honors

At the end of the Parish Hill Cross Country team's season, the varsity girls came in 10th in the state, while the boys came in 8th-breaking school placement records. Both boys' and girls' teams finished 2nd in the Connecticut River Athletic League (CRAL) league championship. Several runners won All-Conference Honors.

Girls' All-Conference honors went to Kelsey Zator, Nicolette Cordy, and Lucy Hawsche. Boys' team All-Conference honors were award to Skyler Sears, Jacob Perez, and Angelo Pinto.

Parish Hill Honor Roll - 2017-2018 Q1

Grade 12 High Honors - Maxell Landeck, Thomas Lehoux, Phoebe Miller, Vanessa Surridge

Grade 12 Honors - Thomas Merasco, Maria Tomas

Grade 11 High Honors - Aliyah Tomas

Grade 11 Honors - Kyleigh Horan, Cyrus Sprague

Grade 10 High Honors - Maximilien Blanchard, Ethan Dunn

Grade 10 Honors - Amelia Chokas

Grade 9 High Honors - Kaysie-Marie Dupuis, Brent Freed, Nicholas Meister

Grade 8 High Honors - Hannah Bell, Vivian Rowntree

Grade 8 Honors - Jory King, Tori Nurnberg

Grade 7 Honors - Jaidyn Armstrong, Brett Burlingame, Kendall Crawford, Caleb Evans, Ethan Jacobson, Nathanael Studer

Heating Assistance

Applications for energy assistance for the 2017-2018 heating season are now being accepted by the Access Community Action Agency. Program eligibility is determined by total household gross income and is available for all heated households using oil, kerosene, propane, wood, coal, electric, or natural gas heat, except motor homes and campers.

Residents can contact Access in Willimantic at 860-450-7400 or in Danielson at 860-412-1600 to make an appointment to determine eligibility and to find out what documentation they will need to bring to their appointments. Appointments are currently available during the agency's normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with new extended hours until 6 p.m. on every other Monday twice a month. Households that have received energy assistance in the past must reapply and bring in updated documentation to be eligible for the new heating season.

Answer to November **WHERE ARE WE?**
Parker Road from South Brook Road



“Down by the Old Mill Stream” A Walk in Hemlock Glen with Nick Bellantoni

Hampton's history is hidden everywhere. Drivers traveling down Hemlock Glen Road or over the bridge on Old King's Highway can clearly see the remains of an old mill pond on the side of the road. But they may not know that they are driving through a significant archeological site. In 2007, the area was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Hemlock Glen Archeological District. It includes the visible remnants of three dams, a gristmill and another mill that performed a variety of machining operations. On October 10, 2017, Nick Bellantoni, retired State Archeologist, led a well-attended walk through this unique area as part of the Last Green Valley's Walktober initiative.

Bellantoni believes Nipmuck Indians may have been the first to make use of the river as it runs through the gorge in Hemlock Glen for fishing and hunting. What is known for certain due to an archeological study is that beginning in the mid-18th century the Little River powered multiple small mills that were vital to the growth of the fledgling rural outpost of Windham Village, now Hampton.

The Little River is a tributary of the Shetucket River in the Thames River drainage basin. In a study of the archeological district, Michael S. Raber wrote, “Above Old Kings Highway, the Little River falls 45-50 feet over a distance of about one quarter mile through Hemlock Glen. The steep gradient of the river through Hemlock Glen made it an attractive locality to develop waterpower privileges”. (Quoted from “Hemlock Glen Archeological District, Hampton, Connecticut” in the newsletter of the New England Chapter of the Society for Industrial Archeology, available online)

Mills were crucial to every early New England agrarian settlement. Farmers needed them to grind their grain, saw their lumber, tan their leather, make their pins, process their

wool, separate their clover seed and meet a variety of other needs. Eric Sloane wrote, "The smallest village had more water-powered mills than the average person may now see in a lifetime. . . Any chore that could be made lighter by water or wind power became work for the miller."

Water-powered mills sprouted up nearly as soon as the first settlers came to the Windham Village, now Hampton, area in 1709. As early as 1718, Windham Village had a gristmill for grinding grain and a sawmill along Cedar Swamp Brook on the south side of Route 6. The first major concentration of mills was in Howard Valley. Hemlock Glen was the village's second mill center, with its first mill dating to 1744.

Like many New England rivers, the Little River provided limited and unreliable water power through most of the year. Raber wrote, "the river discharge at a mill site could be a hundred times greater in wet months than dry ones. A mill proprietor had to decide between building a power system that would generate a lot of power during a part of the year or a lesser amount throughout most of the year." The survival of these small industries depended on access to adequate water when it was required. It was equally important to control the flow. Too little power would not run the mills. Too much could damage the wheels.

In response, mill owners built several dams in succession along the river, creating mill ponds that stored water to be released as needed and shared by all the mill owners through complex legal agreements. Raber describes the Hemlock Glen district as "an excellent example of multi-pond storage arrangements requiring close cooperation among 19th century mill owners . . . they had to agree on periods of use and hours of release and discharge".

The varied purposes of each mill formed the basis for these agreements. For example, timber would have been transported to the sawmill during late winter or early spring when the frozen ground made it easier for oxen teams to pull the logs on sleds. The mill then

ran in April and May, when grain was not yet ready for the gristmill. Water from the storage ponds would then be available later in the year when grain was harvested.

The earliest mill in the glen was the Fuller-Badger-Rockwell sawmill, built around 1744, just north of Route 97. (Its name reflects the succession of owners.) As was typical of sawmills, it ran from late winter through early spring. Bellantoni explained that sawmills were usually built down low from the road so gravity would make moving the heavy logs from a sled or wagon to the mill easier.

The sawmill's dam still stands. The resulting pond is currently about 400' long, but would have been larger during the years when the mill operated, covering over nine acres of flooded lowland. Because the mill owners cooperated in sharing the river's resources, stored water from this pond was released according to an agreed-upon schedule to power the mills downriver.

South of the sawmill sits the Badger-Moseley dam. The mill's dam still retains a pond, and several people on the walk remember swimming there in the past, although it has since filled in and become overgrown. Bellantoni said that the repaired dam was much higher while the mills were in operation than at present. The remains of the headrace and sluiceway, which carried water diverted from the pond into Moseley's factory, are still visible. The sluiceway probably funneled the water over the top of an overshot wheel. Archeological evidence indicates the wheel was located inside the mill rather than outside.

It was common for mills to serve multiple purposes and the Moseley mill was a good example. Pins were one product, and John Sokolowski, who owns the property, has found old-fashioned baby diaper pins here. It also helped produce German silver spoons and may have been one of the first producers of automobile spark plugs in the country. A blacksmith's shop operated in this area from the mid-18th century. There was also a clover mill, which separated clover seed for farmers to

sow in their fields. They plowed the clover under to enrich the soil as a precursor to chemical fertilizers.

The most readily visible ruins in the glen are downriver of the Moseley mill, directly on the north side of the Old King's Highway bridge. A gristmill operated there beginning in 1745. The dam still retains a pond that is gradually filling in. Bellantoni believes this mill also had an overshot wheel like the Moseley mill, with water pouring from the pond through an elevated wooden flume onto the top of wheel. It would produce 3 – 4 horsepower and operate for about eight months of the year. The mill operated until 1925 and the building was still visible in the Connecticut aerial survey of 1934.

Town records document a tanning mill near the gristmill. Although the exact location is unknown, Raber believes it was either west of the gristmill pond or directly below it. Tanning processes animal hides to produce leather. A bark mill for extracting tannin used to treat the hides adjoined the mill, as well as a shoemaker's shop. Tanning was a dirty, smelly process. Ballantoni said, "You're talking stench – those things stunk. This area probably had a permanent odor." Because of the odor, tanning mills were often located outside the most populated areas of the town.

In 1867, there were 17 mills in Hampton, including two gristmills and five sawmills. Increased industrialization led to larger, more productive mills along more powerful rivers in towns like Willimantic, Putnam and Sprague. Although some of these small, rural mills remained in use into the early 20th century, they gradually died out. By 1890, only eight mills remained in Hampton. By the 1920's, there were none.

As the mills ceased operation, the buildings fell into disrepair and gradually vanished. Their wooden structures crumbled. Nature claimed them. They became overgrown. Hurricanes and floods washed them away and turned some of the stone foundations and dams to rubble, leaving others diminished versions of their former selves. Their iron was scavenged and taken for the war efforts during

World Wars I and II. One of the most popular songs of the early 20th century used the dying mills as a nostalgic symbol of a time gone by.

"The old mill wheel is silent and has fallen down,
The old oak tree has withered and lies there on the ground;
While you and I are sweethearts the same as days of yore;
Although we've been together, forty years and more.
Down by the old mill stream where I first met you."

Tell Taylor

Around the Bend

We walked along together, thinking time would never end,
But one day you went on ahead, and slipped around the bend.
And though it seems that losing you is more than I can bear,
As I continue on the walk, I know that you'll be there.
You will be there in the dark of night, stars twinkling like your eyes,
You will be there in the morning mist when the sun begins to rise.
You will be there when the lilacs bloom and their fragrance fills the air,
You will be there when the soft wind blows and gently stirs my hair.
You will be there in the gentle rain, and in the phoebe's call,
You will be there when the maple trees turn crimson in the fall.
You will be there when the snow flies and winter winds are cold,
And always you will be with me, held closely in my soul.
And someday when my life is done, I, too, will round the bend,
And you'll be there with open arms, and I'll be home again.

~T. M. Brockett

In Memoriam

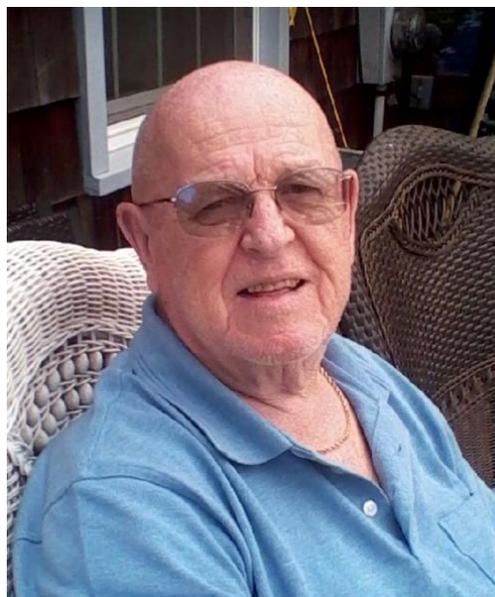
Clarence E. Pike - 61, of Hampton passed away Monday, November 6, 2017 at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam from respiratory problems. He was born September 2, 1956, son of the late Charles and Virginia Pike. A lifelong resident of Hampton, he graduated from Parish Hill High School in 1974. Clarence worked at Pikes Sawmill with his dad all his life. He is survived by siblings, Daniel, Alice Pike Lee, Charles, Jr. , William and Norma Pike, two nieces, one nephew, and six grand nieces and nephews. Clarence: you will be sadly missed by your family, extended family and so many friends. Till we meet again! Services will be private. www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

Florence (Burell) Maschka - Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Friend. Also answers to Ma, Gee Ma, Gee Gee Ma, Original Nanny, Motheratti, and Roadrunner. She has been found baking and delivering hand made apple pies, cakes, brownies, and 18 loaves of bread on Sunday afternoons to friends, family and neighbors. She has also been seen picking up and delivering mail for those infirmed and visiting patients in nursing homes providing comfort and pleasant conversation. Her lawn and gardens are also places she spent a great deal of time.

Her leaving has left a great void in the lives of her family and friends. If she has touched your life, please smile and remember her fondly. She departed 22 days before the anniversary of her 94th lap around the sun.

A Mass was held on the 18th of November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Hampton at 11:00 am with a reception to follow at the Scotland Vol. Fire Dept, on Brook Rd in Scotland from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Come and toast the host whether just out from under the sheets, from under a car, or from under a cow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



Philip Lee Russell

November 2, 1934 ~ November 25, 2017

It is with great sadness that the family of Philip Lee Russell of Hampton announce that he went to be with his Lord on Saturday, November 25, 2017 after recently celebrating his 83rd birthday. Phil was born in Milo, Maine on November 2, 1934, the eldest son of the late Gordon & Rebecca (Ricker) Russell. He graduated from Farmington High School, class of 1952. From there he served in the Korean Conflict from 1954-56. Years later Phil met and married the love of his life Louise (Root) Russell and they had 53 wonderful years together. In 1971 he built their home in Hampton, CT where he resided for the rest of his life. They have three children who loved and cherished him, John (Sylvia) Russell of Hampton, CT, Vaughn (BJ – William) Russell of Mulberry, FL and Gayle (Carl) LaFlamme of Danielson, CT. He was an amazing Papa to three grandchildren, Ryan Russell, Wilfred LaFlamme and Zoey LaFlamme. Phil leaves behind three sisters and a brother, Carolyn Zima of Burlington, CT, Janis (George) Jones of Wilton, ME, Sharon (Dave) Pollard, of Columbia, SC and Gregory (Linda) Russell of Medford, ME. He also leaves behind 11 nieces and nephews. Phil worked for the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection as a Conservation Officer. A job which he loved and retired from after 20 years

of service in 1986. Phil was a proud member of the Masons and was a member of Moriah Lodge #15 and Moosup Lodge #113. He was an active member till recently to the Rhode Island Shrine Motor Corp., and the American Legion. He was a member of the Hampton Congregational Church and a past member of the Hampton Fire Department. In lieu of flowers we are asking that donations be made to Shrines Children's Hospital c/o Rhode Island Shrine Motor Corp Attn: John Adams, 1 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI 02905 in Phil's name. Calling hours will be Sunday December 3, 2017 from 2-4 pm at Potter Funeral Home 456 Jackson St. (Rte.195) Willimantic, CT and the Funeral Service will be Monday December 4, 2017 at 11 am at Potter Funeral Home.



John E. Trowbridge, 70, of Hampton, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford on November 21, 1947, son of the late John P. and Mary (Ryan) Trowbridge.

He was the beloved husband of 47 years to Marjorie (Morse) Trowbridge, the love of his life, married March 21, 1970. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, David Trowbridge, his wife Julie and their daughter Rachel of Hampton, CT, daughter Rebecca Trowbridge and her children Alex, Katie and Ian of Woodstock, CT, siblings Peg Cutler of Woodstock, CT, Jim Trowbridge and his wife Cathy of Eastford, CT, Tom Trowbridge and his

wife Phyllis of Brooklyn, CT, Mary Lu Loving, her husband Jeff of Conifer, CO, as well as several nieces and nephews.

John always considered Hampton his home. In 1965, he graduated from Marionapolis Prep School. In 1971 he graduated from UCONN with a degree in Civil Engineering. During the late 1960's, John spent summers fighting forest fires in Alaska, then in 1971 moved with Marjorie and newborn son, David, to Alaska to work for Alaska Architectural and Engineering in Fairbanks where they lived in the old Eskimo Museum. In 1972 he returned to home in Hampton and started his Logging business. He built his house in 1980, where he and his crews supplied the 50 thousand board feet of locally grown logs. Pikes Sawmill moved their sawmill up to the property and sawed the logs into lumber. It took 1 ton of nails hammered by the hands of family and friends to build the house.

John was the owner of Trowbridge Forest Products, working with his son David. For over 45 years, he led the industry in innovation both in equipment and markets. Being one of the first logging companies to export logs to Canada and overseas. In addition, he supplied wood to Mystic Seaport for the ships "Morgan" and "Amistad" which were used for masts, spores and planking. His business was built on integrity and honesty. Most importantly John cared. He cared about the men who worked for him, the resource and the landowners who trusted their forestland to him.

John was a loving father, caring husband and proud grandfather. His love for the outdoors was demonstrated in every aspect of his life. His memory will continue in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Memorial service will be December 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Hampton Congregational Church, 263 Main Street, Hampton, CT 06247. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hampton Congregational Church. Share a memory at www.smithandwalkerfh.com.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

C B Jewett Diary - 1883

December 1- Pleasant. Father went up to the Jos. Martin place to apprise the damage caused by the RR fire. He was gone about 4 hours this afternoon. Frank P and I went out hunting this afternoon, got 2 quail.

December 2 - Snowed this forenoon, has cleared off cold. I went over to Aunt Maria's this afternoon. Frank went with me, met the boys on the Hill.

December 3 - Clear, but a very cold day. Father worked for AJ, drew some lumber from the mill to his house. I have a headache tonight. Louise has gone to the dancing school the first they have held.

December 4 - Pleasant, has thawed some today. Father took the young sow up to Abington. I walked home tonight.

December 5 - Thawed some last night, is cloudy today. Father went to the blacksmith shop. Lola came home with me tonight.

December 6 - Pleasant, was muddy, has froze tonight. Father drew three loads of walnut wood to the RR. Lester Holt is here tonight.

December 7 - Pleasant. Father drew two loads of walnut wood to the RR. I am up to Myron Palmer's tonight. Came upon the last train.

December 8 - Cloudy today, has sprinkled some. Father drew a load of logs to the mill for AJ. I came down on the last train, leave cut wood at the door most of the day. We drew a few logs to the mill.

December 9 - Pleasant, is some cooler tonight. Frank Martin and his wife visited here tonight.

December 10 - Is warm and pleasant. Father got the oxen shod and drew a load of wood from the swamp. Began making foundation for a henhouse. Louise has gone to the dancing school.

December 11-Cloudy. Father drew two loads of walnut wood to the RR.

December 12 - Pleasant and mild, is freezing hard tonight. Father drew two loads of walnut wood to the RR.

December 13 - Pleasant and mild. Father drew one load of walnut wood. Mr. Sanger

called in this forenoon. One of the wagon fills was broken in Mr. McMahan's yard.

December 14 - Cloudy, sprinkled some. Father drew one load of oak wood to the RR. I warmed Young Pike's hand this afternoon.

December 15 - Clear and very cold, only two above zero at half past 1 o'clock tonight. Father drew three loads of oak wood to the RR. Will and I cut wood at the door. There was a school meeting tonight to see about opening the school for singing school. It was voted to not open it for other than school purposes.

December 16 - Cloudy, squally, has been very cold. Father tapped his boots. I oiled up my little clock today.

December 17 - It has snowed part of the time most all day, about three inches of snow fell. I am staying to Mr. Snows tonight.

December 18 - Snowed most all the forenoon, is snowing tonight. Things went all right to school today. I am to Mr. Snows tonight.

December 19 - Snowed most all day, there is 6 to 7 inches of snow. I am to Mr. Snows tonight.

December 20 - Cloudy all day, is snowing tonight. I am to Mr. Snows tonight.

December 21 - Snowed most all day, has cleared off tonight. The snow is about 1 foot deep. Father called over to the school and brought me home.

December 22 - Has been blustering, drifted bad today. Will and I cut wood at the door. I got a pair of overalls. Father drew a load of walnut wood to the RR for LO Mathewson.

December 23 - Has been a very cold day, thermometer stood at 18 degree below zero this morning. I am to Mr. Snows tonight. Father brought me over.

December 24 - Cloudy, rather foggy, 4 inches of snow last night. I have a very bad cold. I broke some part of my watch in winding it tonight. I am staying with Mr. Snow's folks tonight.

December 25 - Cloudy all day, is snowing tonight. Father came over after me, I had such a cold I did not go home. School did not keep today. I am to Mr. Snows today.

December 26 - Pleasant this forenoon, clouded this afternoon. Pleasant tonight. My cold is better today.

December 27 - Has been foggy and showery all day, it has thundered and lightning all the evening.

December 28 - The wind has blown very hard all day. It has been a very cold day. Father got the oxen and horse sharpened. Mr. Sanger called in his afternoon.

December 29 - Has been very pleasant, not very cold. Mr. Hatch of Windham visited here today. We let him have 8 pks of our beans, he left a pk of his. A J and T Hewling is making Father an ox shed. I sent by A Albro and got my watch home with a new spring. Got my rubber boots patched.

December 30 - Cloudy and not very cold. Father brought me over to Mr. Snows tonight. I went over to see Mr. Ladd.

December 31 - Cloudy, not very cold. William Pike was turned out of the school today. Mr. Ladd visited my school this forenoon.



The Violet

Down in a green and shady bed,
A modest violet grew,
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,
As if to hide from view.

And yet it was a lovely flower,
Its colours bright and fair;
It might have graced a rosy bower,
Instead of hiding there.

Yet there it was content to bloom,
In modest tints arrayed;
And there diffused its sweet perfume,
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go,
This pretty flower to see;
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

~Jane Taylor



Note: 1. * Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.

2. ** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.

December 1

Mawlid an Nabi * - **Islam**

December 3-24

Advent - **Christian**

December 6

Saint Nicholas Day - **Christian**

December 8

Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) ** - **Buddhist**

Immaculate Conception of Mary - **Catholic Christian**

December 12

Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Catholic Christian**

December 13-20

Hanukkah * - **Jewish**

December 16-25

Posadas Navidenas - **Hispanic Christian**

December 21

Solstice

Yule - **Christian**

Yule * - **Wicca/Pagan** northern hemisphere

Litha * - **Wicca/Pagan** southern hemisphere

December 24

Christmas Eve - **Christian**

December 25

Christmas * - **Christian**

Feast of the Nativity ** - **Orthodox Christian**

December 26

Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet

Zarathushtra) ** - **Zoroastrian**

St Stephen's Day - **Christian**

December 28

Holy Innocents - **Christian**

December 31

Watch Night - **Christian**

Holy Family - **Catholic Christian**



Jill Barton

Always Take the High Road

We at the Hampton High Road have made the very difficult decision that this will be our last edition.

In the summer of 2011, a group of friends sat around my kitchen table drinking coffee. We discussed the huge amount of historical material my mother had amassed to preserve Hampton's history for generations to come. She had not been able to find a publication that had room to share the history that she was so passionate about. Hampton was also enduring a particularly contentious time. So our motley crew - Anne Bladen and Jill Barton, Joan Marquis, my mother (Violet Marquis), and my husband, Ben, and I decided to create our own publication.

We created a newspaper that shared the wonderful history of Hampton through historical documents of different time periods. We informed Hampton residents of community events and activities that would bring people together to get to know each other. We had wonderful conversations and interviews with many of our older folks, and have been able to record their life experiences and the life of Hampton that they experienced. Many of these people have now passed away, and we are happy to have recorded their stories for future generations. We also tried to serve the community by reminding people how wonderful our town and its residents really are.

We worked to be a source that encouraged unity, not division. So in October, 2011, our first edition went out. To our delight, the Hampton High Road was well-received and we were met with a great deal of enthusiasm.

As time went by, things gradually changed in our lives. Anne and Jill moved to Mansfield. As much as they loved Hampton, they felt it was in the best interest of their children to move to a town that insured that their children would be educated in their community. Even so, they continued to participate in the High Road. Jill continued to create crossword puzzles for us until her illness prevented her from continuing. A year ago, we suffered the devastation of her death.

As we look back over the last six years, we take pride in the fact that we have never had to fundraise, take donations, or charge for advertisements. We accomplished this by having a primarily email distribution. However, every month, my mother did copy and deliver, at her own expense, many copies of the High Road to shut-ins or people who did not have computers/email. We are also proud to be the only Hampton newspaper to be completely volunteer - through all the time and work we devoted, not one of us took a salary.

In the last few years, the paper was produced primarily by my mother and me. It was time consuming and sometimes overwhelming, but it was indeed a labor of love. Knowing how many people enjoyed the High Road each month made it all worthwhile. But now, my mother has died. I am without my dear friend, my partner-in-crime, my side kick, my inspiration for our paper. Practically, it would be extremely difficult to continue the High Road without my mother's help. More importantly, my broken heart has no desire to press on without her.

We are very proud of this little newspaper we created. When we began, we didn't imagine that our subscribers would grow from about 50 to almost 500. We never expected to produce the High Road for over 6 years and 74 editions. We never would have expected how much happiness the High Road

would bring us, and how we would help people come together both in joyous times and during tragedies. We never would have envisioned how much love and support would surround my mother during her final illness. We have been so blessed to share a little bit of your lives with you, and hopefully, to put a little positivity out into the community.

So as we distribute the last issue of the Hampton High Road, we thank every one of our supporters, our encouragers, our friends and neighbors, those who shared with us parts of their lives and histories, those who make Hampton what it is. We are a strong, courageous, kind, and close-knit community. At the High Road, we have been blessed to take this journey with you and will always treasure the memories. Be well, my friends, and always take the high road.

