

NEW SALEM NEWS - MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Schoenberg Concert Event

Emmy Award Winning Composer Steven Schoenberg and Grammy Award Winning Cellist (with the Paul Winter Consort) Eugene Friesen will be performing a Benefit Concert for Stavros Center for Independent Living on Friday, March 16, 2012, 8:00 p.m. at Sweeney Concert Hall, Smith College, Northampton, MA. Tickets and details: <http://www.stavros.org/events.html>

Library Doings

March 3rd: Dr. Seuss birthday party at 10:30 a.m. Come celebrate the life of the famous Dr. Seuss. Fun activities, readings from your favorite Dr. Seuss books, and, of course, BIRTHDAY CAKE.

March 6th: *Pizza and Pages* book discussion group featuring the book *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. Come enjoy a lively discussion group and delicious pizza on Tuesday evening from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The pizza is courtesy of the New Salem General Store.

March 6th & 13th: *Basket Weaving* with Lori Flye from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Library. A sign-up sheet is located inside a sample of the basket you will be creating.

March 7th: *Reading Aloud for Grown-Ups*, an event sponsored by the Friends of the New Salem Public Library features readers Dee Waterman and Joey Lavallo at 7:30 p.m. Join a neighborly gathering of conviviality; listen to a story, enjoy yummy refreshments provided by Jan Borden, and sip a hot cup of tea or coffee. Snow date is March 14th.

March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th: *Tales and Tunes* at the New Salem Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays with facilitator, Julie Stepanek.

!!!! Saturday March 10th!!!! The Library will have extended hours.

March 10th: A presentation entitled, *Remembering Our Past, The Road to Freedom*, will be given at 1:30 p.m. This is a special one hour program tracing the Franklin County Abolitionist movement through the story of the Leavitt/ Dorsey family in 1880's Charlemont, MA. The story presented by Bambi Miller and Mary Boehmer starts with their ancestors' role in the Underground Railroad using old letters, town records, deeds, books, daguerreotypes and memorabilia. There will be a Q & A period along with refreshments.

March 10th: *Library for All Seasons* featuring stories and activities focusing on *World Folktales and Fables Week*.

March 13th, 20th, 27th, & April 3rd: *Nature Detectives*, a children's program featuring Dawn Marvin Ward will be presented (rain or shine!) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Explore the wonders of the world of nature.

March 13th: Tracking Tricks

March 20th: Who's Hiding There?

March 27th: Animal Architects

April 3rd: Nature Hike/Mural

Pre-registration is required. Contact Gillian Budine, Community Network for Children Program Coordinator at [978-544-5157](tel:978-544-5157) or Budine@erving.com by March 12th. Please provide the name of your child, age, and phone number. If they are riding the bus from Swift River School a note must be provided to the school.

Council on Aging

Our March luncheon will be held on Friday, March 9th, at the Stowell Building. We will gather about 10:00 a.m. for Bingo with lunch at noon. The menu is beef stew or corn chowder with a variety of sandwiches, salad, and dessert. The cost will be \$5 per person. Please call Hendra Reidy ([978-544-2178](tel:978-544-2178)) by the Monday before the luncheon to sign up.

The COA is holding a coffee hour at the Library from 10:00-12:00 each Saturday. Please look for us there!

Wine and Bourbon Tasting at New Salem General Store

On Friday, March 23rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Mary from Baystate Wines will host a wine tasting with Viu Manent Secreto wines at the New Salem General Store. Also on tap, Jesse James traditionally made Kentucky bourbon.

Paul Sihvonen-Binder was the winner of the February Pizza Raffle. "Like" the New Salem General Store on Facebook to enter the monthly drawing.

Interest in New Salem

The Selectboard received a letter from a student majoring in Elementary Education at Bethany Lutheran Collage in Mankato, Minnesota. She is seeking information on New Salem in the form of stories, pamphlets, pictures and letters from the citizens of town; they will be used for a social studies teaching course project. If you are interested in sending any information to her, the address is listed below:

Thalia Pollard
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Community Network for Children

Our playgroups and story hours are happening regularly in all five towns in our school union nearly every day of the week! Check out the *New Salem Tales and Tunes* at the New Salem Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays with facilitator, Julie Stepanek.

Also this month:

Happiest Baby on the Block parent/caregiver workshop - Tuesday, March 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Erving Elementary School. Free dinner and child care provided with registration. Call Gillian, CNC Coordinator, at [978-544-5157](tel:978-544-5157) to register.

Toileting Tips parent/caregiver workshop - Tuesday, March 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Swift River School, New Salem. Free dinner and child care provided with registration. Call Gillian, CNC Coordinator, at [978-544-5157](tel:978-544-5157) to register.

Things That Go! Pajama Story Time with Shutesbury's own Jennifer Swender - Sunday, March 25 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Erving Public Library. No registration required.

Franklin County Area Early Education and Care Family Resource Fair - Saturday, March 24 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at First Church, 43 Silver Street, Greenfield. Tom Ricardi and his *Birds of Prey* will be there to entertain!

Any questions or to be on our mailing list, please call [978-544-5157](tel:978-544-5157) and speak to Jessica or Gillian!

TOWN BUSINESS

Architect Interviews for Feasibility Studies

The Architect Selection Committee will be interviewing architectural firms for the Town Hall and Fire Station feasibility studies on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will take place at the Stowell Building.

Selectboard Meetings

The Selectboard will meet on the following days in February. Meetings are held in the Stowell Building, 19 South Main Street.

Monday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

New Salem Republican Primary

The New Salem Republican Primary voting will be held on March 6th at the Old Library.

Annual Town Elections

The annual town election will be held on Monday, May 7th. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, March 16th. The last day to submit papers to the registrar of voters for certification is Monday, March 19th.

Old Home Day

Save the date: Saturday, July 21, 2012.

Town-Wide Tag Sale

Save the date: Saturday, May 5, 2012. Details to follow soon.

Hilltown Brewfest

Save the Date: Saturday, September 8, 2012.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Trashion/Re-Fashion Ball

Petersham Cultural Council's presents the North Quabbin's first *Trashion/Re-Fashion Ball* at the Petersham Town Hall, Saturday, March 31st from 6:00-10:00 p.m. There will be a costume making clinic from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 p.m. onward. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to pay for future Cultural Council events. Refreshments will be available. Prizes will be awarded to adults and teens for the silliest, most inventive and most glamorous outfits. In addition to fun gift baskets, the Cultural Council will offer prizes donated by local businesses, including Picasso restaurant in Barre, The Petersham Country Store, and Lazy Mary's of Hardwick. Other businesses in the Quabbin Regional and Mahar Regional school districts wishing to donate prizes can contact Ms. Fraser at rebekah.fraser@gmail.com. See attached flyer for more detailed information.

Lyme Disease

See attached document for information forwarded by the Board of Health about Lyme Disease.

Important March Celebrations

National Women's History Month

Dr. Seuss Birthday (March 3)

International Women's Day (March 10)

World Folktales and Fables Week (Second Week in March)

Teen Art Tech Weeks (Third and Fourth Weeks in March)

World Day for Water (March 22)

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