

# Under the Hump

## SOCIETY BUSINESS

### NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:  
Nov. 16, 7 pm, CBMS

- Wreath sale is underway! Place your order now.
- Annual bake sale is November 12th.

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A PERSON OR PLACE WE CAN USE FOR A MYSTERY PHOTO? IF SO, PLEASE SUBMIT TO A NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEMBER TODAY!

Our next society meeting will be held at Crossett Brook Middle School on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, in the library. We will have the drawing for winners of the quilt raffle during this meeting.

Our program will feature a PowerPoint presentation by Skip Flanders on "Don Fields and the Pony Boys." This will be very interesting and entertaining to hear about a talented group of local musicians and their many travels. We will also serve cider and cider donuts. Please bring a friend and enjoy!

### Dues Reminder

Memberships expire December 31, 2021. Dues for 2022 are being accepted. Please mail your dues to Mark Morse, Treasurer (see back of newsletter), which will help defray postage costs of reminders. The following individuals are paid up through at least 2022, therefore no dues fee is required:

Ada Alger, Connie Dolloff, Judy Douglas, William Doyle, Betty Fuka, Jim & Joyce Gingras, Camille Grace, John Grace, Richard Grace, Harold & Shirley Grout, Anne Hutchinson, Martha Jillson, Brian Lindner, Christian, Alison & Annabeth Magnani, Ethel Montuori, Bill Morse, Mark & Bonnie Morse, Shawn Perry, Chila Russell, Ben Smith, Laura Titus, Mary Whitcomb, Robert & Rhoda Wimble.



### Wreath Sale

Our annual Christmas wreath sale is happening now! Please call Mark at 244-7080 or Donnie at 244-7558 to reserve your order. Wreaths are \$20 each. We will also have mailing boxes available for your convenience at \$4 each. The wreaths are expected to arrive the week of November 8th. These wreaths make wonderful gifts. Cheer up someone's day by surprising them with a wreath!

### Annual Bake Sale

Our Duxbury Historical Society will be holding its annual bake sale outside Waterbury Kinney Drugs on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am until noon. Thanks to our great cooks and bakers, we will have just the items for our traveling deer hunters plus all the rest of you shoppers. There will be baked goods, baked beans, cookies, pies, donuts, brownies and more. Thanks to all of our society members and friends that surprise us each year with great recipes for this fundraiser. Questions? Call Donnie at 244-7558.



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**Archival/Preservation Committee Report**

Members: Eulie Costello, Lori Morse, Bonnie Morse, Mark Morse

The committee met on October 16 and catalogued donations. We also filed several documents within the family files which have been accumulating for several months. We were unable to proceed as our computer acquired a hardware issue (the battery needs replacing) which we hope to have resolved before our next meeting.

**Donated Artifacts/Documents/Ephemera**

- Fairfax Historical Society – Six 3x5 photos of the railroad and road reconstruction taken after the 1927 flood.
- Carol Perry – Hand Tinted Print of Camel's Hump by Sawyer
- Larry Frasier – Civil War Letter written to Jasper Lyman (Duxbury volunteer) by his sister Nancy.

**Monetary Donations**

Robert & Rhoda Wimble      \*      Anonymous

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Our annual summer picnic was held on Sunday, August 15 at the South Duxbury Church property. The weather was beautiful!



Shawn Perry photo.

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Our "Let's Make a Deal" sale was held on Saturday, September 11, and was a whopping success again this year! We made \$1400+ and it was all because of our great workers and the generous shoppers that came and made great deals. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way. Thanks also to our town select board who made the site available for us again this year.



Steve Grace, George Welch, and Don Welch.



Shawn Perry photos.

## D U X B U R Y   C O N S E R V A T I O N

## Duxbury Conservation ~ Early History to Today

Duxbury is a beautiful small town boasting lots of forested land, wildlife, and a wealth of natural resources. Land conservation is largely responsible for Duxbury's quality of life. Duxbury's conservation has been made possible by the generosity of its citizens and efforts of non-profit organizations throughout the years.

To trace the history of Duxbury's conserved landscape it is necessary to start in the early 1900's when Colonel Joseph Battell donated hundreds of acres of his land that became Camel's Hump State Park. The Park offers spectacular views and many opportunities for public recreation and protection of natural resources.

Two non-profit organizations: The Vermont Land Trust and Trust for Public Land have been instrumental in conserving significant amounts of land in Duxbury in modern times to protect valuable natural resources and enhance public recreation. Recently, the Trust for Public Land purchased the 2000+ acre Dowsville Headwaters in South Duxbury to add to the Park. In 2020, Frederick (Pat) Pratt donated 450 acres to the VT Land Trust on Ward Hill for education, research, and careful recreation, including birding. While their efforts are commendable and deeply appreciated, these large, state-wide or regional organizations typically focus on sizable projects with statewide significance.

To address the need for protecting smaller, locally focused areas, the Duxbury Land Trust (DLT) was organized in 1994. The impetus was concern about the potential loss of access to a traditional swimming hole in North Duxbury when an adjoining property was put up for sale. Primarily founded to purchase the swimming hole property, the DLT has gone on to accept donated property and conservation easements and, in some cases purchase, to conserve 493 acres.

Administered by an all-volunteer board of nine Duxbury residents and supported by its members, this non-profit organization provides a beneficial service to the Town of Duxbury and its residents. The DLT is open to accepting land or easements, that meet the organization's mission and priorities, allowing private individuals the opportunity to leave a legacy and assists the Town as a whole.

A primary example of supporting the Town is the acceptance of conservation easements on the former State Farm to meet the requirements of the State Farm Master Plan. Conservation is a key element of that plan and the easements allowed the State to sell the former state farm land that now hosts a middle school, two businesses, and municipal land that provided gravel for several years. Another example of assisting the Town is holding an easement on the 169-acre Duxbury Town Forest.

The mission of the Duxbury Land Trust is to preserve and protect the natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources of the town that contribute to its rural character for the benefit of current and future generations of citizens of the Town of Duxbury and neighboring communities. While all of Duxbury's natural and cultural resources are important, the Duxbury Land Trust focuses particularly on natural areas along the corridors of our rivers, streams, and mountains. By focusing on riparian zones and forested mountain areas, the Duxbury Land Trust can contribute to the important values and services provided by our Town's healthy forests and clean river systems. We welcome your participation.

More information can be found at: [duxburylandtrust.org](http://duxburylandtrust.org) or by contacting Audrey Quackenbush: [audreyq@myfairpoint.net](mailto:audreyq@myfairpoint.net) or 244-7512.

## DUXBURY CONSERVATION

### My Personal Tour of Duxbury's Conserved Lands by Carol Johnson Collins

This August, Audrey Quackenbush, of The Duxbury Land Trust (she and her husband, Alan, are two of the original founders), kindly gave me a personal tour of Duxbury's Conserved Lands. I had wanted to visit our Duxbury Town Forest as soon as I read that we had one, but couldn't get away to join the planned event. I wanted to learn more about land trusts. I wanted to see our conserved lands with my own eyes.

What made the biggest impression on me, was the swimming hole on Ridley Brook. I grew up by The West River in Grafton, Vermont, and later by the brook that ran through our farm's land in West Brattleboro, Vermont. My brothers and I played in and beside the river. It was a most important part of our childhood.

Now, thanks to The Duxbury Land Trust's work to conserve this access for our citizens, our children and families can build their own memories that will carry them forward. The Duxbury Land Trust needs us to get involved as members and/or to consider ways to work together as complementary organizations, because it can't function without our support. Please call Audrey Quackenbush to get involved: 244-7512.

### Panning for Gold (Riverledge Farm, Grafton, VT)

Playing at the river, after chores, was our reward.

I was five years old,  
Bobby, age seven, and Cordy age nine,  
were my brothers.  
Each of us held an important job.

Cordy was the storyteller.  
He was the best one anywhere in the world.  
Everything he'd ever seen or heard or read  
he pulled together into rich, detailed stories  
about gold prospectors.

This was not a mere stream or brook.  
This was a river which  
flowed fast, full and free,  
carrying endless quantities of gold-filled sand  
down to us.

Bobby panned  
using an old cake tin,  
which Mummy let him take to the river.

Curley, that was me, carefully poured the finest  
(almost powdery) sand into jars,  
one by one, capping them, sliding them way-back  
to the back-most space under the ledge  
that stretched itself  
over the river  
flowing free.

May 14, 2001 by Carol Johnson Collins

FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES



Study to shew thyself approved unto God.

Baccalaureate Exercises  
June 4, 1959

Rev. William Graham Vigne

His  
autograph

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DUXBURY SCHOOL  
Baccalaureate and Graduation Service

Organ Prelude  
\*Academic Processional

**Call to Worship:**  
Minister: One thing have I desired of the Lord,  
That will I seek after, that I may  
behold the beauty of the Lord, and  
inquire in his temple.  
People: Send out thy light and thy truth; let  
them lead me; let them bring me unto thy  
holy hill.  
Minister: Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness.  
People: Let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

Invocation  
\*Hymn - Rock of Ages  
The Scripture Lesson  
The Children's Anthem "We Will Gather at the River"  
The Pastoral Prayer  
\*Hymn - Fairest Lord Jesus

Baccalaureate Address  
"Spring Anthem"  
Awarding of Diplomas  
Benediction  
\*Academic Recessional  
Postlude

Rev. William G. Vigne  
Primary Grades  
Mr. Fisk, Mrs. Fraser

Ushers: Martha Morse, William French  
Leaders: Bonnie Sherman, James Dalley

Graduates  
Robert Cain  
Adrian Clark  
Marilyn Dunster

Edward Patterson  
Malcolm Wilder  
Betty Zeno

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed;  
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and  
power.  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and thou alone;  
Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling.  
While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in  
Death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment  
throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.  
Amen.

Fairest Lord Jesus  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.  
Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry hosts;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast. Amen.

Class Motto: Practice, Patience, Perseverance  
Class Colors: Green and White

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**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING - Nov. 16  
CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM**

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