

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

COFFEE KLATCH WITH OUR COMMUNITY NURSE

Seniors of all ages! Come join us at the monthly Coffee Klatch for Seniors at the Thetford Center Community Center on Wed., Dec. 14 from 10 to 11:30AM. We'll have coffee, teas, hot chocolate, treats and social time with friends and neighbors. This free event is sponsored by TEN and the Community Nurse of Thetford. Call if you need a ride (333-4077).

Please share the news of this event with someone you know who might like to join us. Caregivers, a family member, or ride-givers are most welcome too.

Pril Hall for TEN and CNT

TEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

This most wonderful time of year is perfect for enjoying a delicious, festive repast presented by Thetford Elder Network. You're invited! Doors will open by 11:30am at the North Thetford church on Thurs., Dec. 15. You'll be served baked spiral ham, scalloped potatoes, roasted squash with sage and cranberries, peas 'n' onions, fruit crisp, and a beverage. To add to the pleasure, Serenata—our local trio of fine and folk musicians, will treat us to a range of songs. You'll be inspired to go home and deck the halls!

TEN Luncheons are offered monthly on mostly the fourth Thursdays (earlier this December due to the holiday), and sponsored by Senior Solutions. Donations are gratefully accepted.

To volunteer for a specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY RAFFLE to benefit Latham Library. Wonderful prizes have been donated by area business for the benefit of a community treasure. Tickets are \$2 each, 6 for \$10, or 15 for \$20.

Choose from these prize baskets:

- "Cozy Country Kitchen": Vaughan Farms maple syrup, King Arthur Flour pancake mix, gift card to Price Chopper, Long Wind Farm tomatoes, beef from Tensen Farms, Apple cookbook, and willow basket.
- "Welcoming Family Room": Stave puzzle, gift certificate to Long River Gallery, gift card to Lyme Hardware, gift from Baker's Store, Better Homes & Gardens home decorating book, family frame set.
- "Master Bedroom Suite Retreat": gift certificate to FH Clothing, Red Kite candy, framed watercolor by local artist Marla Ianello, warm fiction novel, herbal teas.
- "Going Crazy In All Of My Rooms - Must Escape!": Dinner at Carpenter & Main restaurant in Norwich, certificate to Chili's restaurant in West Lebanon, gas cards, gift certificate to Fresco's Deli in Post Mills, and a book on tree houses.

Purchase tickets at Latham Library, or with any Library Trustee: Polly Cole, Tara Durkee, Pam Fein, Beth Fernandez, Marla Ianello, Diana Kimball-Anderson, Megan O'Dell, Matt Sanger, and Merit Scottford.

Drawing to be held on Dec. 10! Winners will be notified by phone.

MAGIC CARD NIGHT: Mon., Dec. 12, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. The library now owns several decks of Magic cards, so come play even if you do not have your own cards!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes with Tots: A playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am.

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and an occasional craft for preschoolers.

Knitting Group Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

Friday afterschool activities for grades 4-6 run every Friday that TES is in session through the school year, with the exception of Ski Fridays. Children in grades 4-6 (this is a change from last year) are welcome to walk to the library from school to participate. Stories, crafts, games, and other activities will be offered, and a snack will be served. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

PEABODY LIBRARY

ANNUAL HOLIDAY READINGS Wed., Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm. Join Peter Blodgett for a night of holiday stories from different traditions to help you get in the spirit of the season! Light refreshments will be served.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday afterschool activities run every week that TES is in session through the school year, unless otherwise noted. Children in grades K-3 (this is a change from last year) are welcome to ride Bus #2, with a note from home, from TES to the Peabody Library on Wednesdays. Stories, crafts, games, and other activities will be offered, and a snack will be served. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm. *There will be NO program on Wed., Dec. 21.*

For more info, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

PARISH PLAYERS

Please drop by the Eclipse Grange on Thetford Hill Sat., Dec. 10, any time between 11am and 5pm to share your Parish Players memories & stories

ON CAMERA for an oral history of our exceptional theater community.

Bring Parish friends, collaborators & conspirators to jog the memories and fire up some good roasts! Cider & nibbles included. No dress code, unless you want to hit the costume attic before jumping on camera. No preparation required.

From our footage, we will create a video for our **50th Celebration GALA on APRIL 1, 2017** (save the date!) and an archive to share our oral history with future generations.

RSVPs appreciated but not required: Samantha sdavidsongreen@gmail.com or 310-866-0503. Produced by Samantha Davidson Green & Alex Cherington. Questions, comments & suggestions welcome.

If you can't make Dec. 10th, please be in touch so we can find another time to capture your story.

Thank you and see you at the Grange!

Samantha Davidson Green

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Since our November meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, we will discuss the book which was scheduled for that date, John Le Carré's memoir *The Pigeon Tunnel*. If anyone is interested, there is an excellent recent biography of John Le Carré by Adam Sisman which is also well worth reading.

Our meeting will take place in Thetford's Latham Library at 7 pm on Tues., Dec. 27th. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

You can find the book at your library, from your bookseller, or at bookfinder.com.

EDM Landman MD



Christmas Entertainment

— AND —

TREE!

POST MILLS, VERMONT,

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26TH, 1881.

PROGRAMME

POST MILLS CORNET BAND, - - - - - "Tona Quick Step."
SINGING, - - - - - "Merrily Coming," by Sabbath School Children.
REMARKS, - - - - - By Rev. Mr. McColum.
RECITATION, - - - - - Miss Myrtie Lyon.
POST MILLS CORNET BAND, - - - - - Waltz, Birthday.
DIALOGUE, - - - - - By Eight little Girls, "Blessed are the Peace Makers."
SINGING, - - - - - "Angel Voices."
RECITATION, - - - - - By Master Edward Dodge.
DIALOGUE, - - - - - By Seven Boys, "True Manliness."
POST MILLS CORNET BAND, - Quick Step, "When you and I were young, Maggie."
RECITATION, - - - - - By Sunday School Children.
"SINGING 'ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE," - - - - - By Sunday School Children.
DIALOGUE, - - - - - "Ten Little Lazy Boys."
DIALOGUE, - - - - - By Eight Young Ladies, "Goddess of Liberty."
POST MILLS CORNET BAND. - - - - - "Forest Polka."
SINGING, - - - - - "Little Reapers," by Children.
BROOM DRILL, - - - - -

DISTRIBUTION OF PRESENTS.

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or by calling me at 356-4542 by the 29th of the month. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received, and may need to edit for space. There may not be room for late submissions (but I do my best). Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French

A flier for a Christmas program in Post Mills, 1881.

From the Marian Fitzgerald collection at the Thetford Historical Society