

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

This Rots! Demystifying Compost, Sat., May 19, 11am-1pm, an outdoor hands-on workshop with Cat Buxton. Park at Thetford Center Community Building, Route 113.

Reduce your trash size and smell, feed the soil and save money by composting. This class will cover the best ways to manage yard waste and integrate a compost system into your home kitchen and garden without a lot of fuss. Learn about the spectrum of possible and practical compost pile ingredients and compost bins, the conflicting lists of dos and don'ts, and compost's role in managing soil health and climate health. Cat's enthusiastic approach to composting will activate your interest and demystify the process. Please register with mb.gravityhill@gmail.com.

Soil Saver compost bins will be available for \$35 to class participants, one per household. They're as much as \$120 online! You must reserve a bin in advance. To do so, contact Ham Gillett at the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District at hgillett@swcrpc.org.

Mary Bryant

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"The Last Dam Program," the fourth and final offering in our "As Old As The Hills" series, takes place on Thurs., May 3rd, at 7pm.

Heather Morse and Andrew White from the Corps of Engineers Ranger's Station will speak about the history of the Union Village Dam: construction, changes to land use and the landscape upstream, and the dam's role in the flood control system of the Connecticut River Valley. They will also discuss ongoing efforts to repair several locations within the Dam area, following last July's destructive storm.

Join us at the former schoolhouse in Union Village, next to the Methodist church. All THS programs are open to everyone and are free, though donations are gratefully accepted. Questions? Please contact the Historical Society at 785-2068. See you there!

Martha Howard

OPEN FIELDS MEDIIEVAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 11AM-4PM
THETFORD HILL GREEN

During this annual family-friendly festival, the Green comes alive with the sights and sounds of a Medieval village. A King & Queen, knights and ladies, peasants, craftsmen, shepherds, and farmers gather to celebrate the age via music, dance, games of skill and chance, food, parades, storytelling, Benny the Dragon, and feats of juggling and acrobatics. Costumes are encouraged.

Our festival is rain or shine! Learn more at VTMedFest.com.

PARISH PLAYERS

"Out of Our Father's House" is a play based on Eve Merriam's book *Growing Up Female in America*, featuring female luminaries such as the founder of the suffragette movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the labor organizer "Mother" Mary Jones. Stories of six extraordinary women are told through their letters and diaries and are surprisingly relevant in today's #MeToo America.

Performances are May 17-20 and 24-26 at 7:30pm and May 21 and 27 at 3pm. Reserve tickets at parishplayers.org or at 785-4344. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students \$10.

Katherine Morton

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Sunday hours have ended for the season. They will start up again in October.

The **spring book sale** is Sat., May 26 from 9:00-3:00! Books for children and adults, movies, music, etc. all at great prices. Bag sale from 1-3pm. This time we will have a huge selection of comic books and graphic novels!

Privacy on the Internet Workshop Thurs., May 17 at 7pm. Learn about personal data security in today's online world. Topics include an overview of personal data and social media, privacy policies, terms of service, regulatory protections, and techniques and tools for regaining control.

Local Author Reading Mon., May 21 at 7pm. Samara Spelman, currently a freshman at Thetford Academy, wrote her first book, *The Changers*, soon after graduating from sixth grade and has continued to write ever since. Come hear Samara read from *The Changers*. Books will be available for purchase.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes for Tots is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesday mornings at 10am.

Storytime Fridays at 10:30am. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All ages are welcome!

Afterschool activities for kids in grades 4-6 run every Friday that Thetford Elementary School is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities.

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

Chess Club will be happening every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30,

unless noted! Fifth graders and up are welcome to come play and get some tips from an expert.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Boogie for Books: Peabody Library's fifth annual dance party fundraiser will be held on Fri., June 1 from 7-10pm at the East Thetford Pavilion. Music, food, and family friendly fun, all to benefit the oldest continually operating library building in Vermont. Thetford/Norwich band LOCO PARENTIS will play rock and roll favorites so come ready to boogie for books! \$15/person, \$25/family suggested donation includes snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB.

Afterschool activities for children in grades K-3 run every Wednesday that TES is in session, unless noted. Kids may take the bus from TES to the library for stories, games, crafts and other fun activities! Pickup time is 4:30.

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

Emily Zollo

COMMUNITY NURSE

Office Hours: Wednesdays 1-3, Upper Valley Pediatrics, East Thetford (corner of Rt 5 and Rt 113).

We provide blood pressure checks, medication review, assistance with caregiving resources and managing health challenges. Please call or email for an appointment.

*Cindy Grigel RN, Community Nurse
802-738-9066; fax 802-785-4709
communitynursethetford@gmail.com*

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

TEN'S MAY LUNCHEON

Come to the North Thetford Church Thurs., May 24, at 11:30 for a scrumptious lunch: fajitas that you can put together as you like, beans with red rice and favorite dressings, a salad or other veggie, ice cream and cookies. We'll enjoy a great meal and the news and stories shared by folks in our community.

Senior Solutions sponsors the TEN Luncheons, held monthly on fourth

Thursdays (except near holidays.) Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks.

Could you help with one specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

We're glad to be part of an enthusiastic team who make these fun events possible. We appreciate our diners, regular and new!

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Join us May 9th for the second Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch, held at the Thetford Community Center. Free coffee, tea, treats, conversation and community! Call Pril Hall if you need a ride at 333-4077.

Pril Dorman Hall

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to the **One Act Play class** for winning the State Drama Festival with their performance of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* [abridged]! They are the first TA one-act play to advance to the New England Festival in eight years.

Introducing Thetford Academy's first-ever **Day of Giving!** From 8am to 8pm on May 9, join us as we celebrate our talented faculty, highlight academic programs, and share campus news. Follow us online and we'll tell you what to look for (videos! contests! giveaways!) and share all the ways you can support TA. Let's make May 9 the #MostGenerousDayatTA!

ODW Day, May 9: Students will volunteer their time to work in the community to raise money for the AFCA Greenhouse Work Project for Girls in Zimbabwe.

We will celebrate our highest academic achieving students at the **Honors Celebration** on May 9.

The Musical Theater Class presents the **Spring Musical:** *Annie*, at 7 p.m. in the Martha Jane Rich Theater from May 17-19.

May 25 is **Field Day**. A fun spring afternoon for students to enjoy the weather and each other as we wind down the school year.

Seniors and guests will enjoy dinner and dancing at **Senior Prom**. Only the beginning of the exciting festivities for the Class of 2018 as graduation approaches.

May 28 is **Memorial Day**, no school.

TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., May 10, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of Thetford's informal nonfiction book discussion group will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill on Tues., May 29th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Women and Power: A Manifesto*, by Mary Beard, Professor of Classics at Cambridge University in England. The book is based on lectures she gave in 2014 and 2017, entitled *The Public Voice of Women and Women in Power*. We previously enjoyed discussing another of her books, *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain (gmlc.overdrive.com) or New Hampshire (nh.overdrive.com) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at bookfinder.com. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

EDM Landman MD

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send *brief* submissions 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). I welcome your feedback.

Susanna French