

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK JUST-SPRING LUNCHEON!

Come to the Just-Spring Luncheon on Thurs., March 28, at 11:30am, in the North Thetford Church, brought to you by TEN! Celebrate the coming of green things with us over a meal of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes & carrots, a beverage, and bread pudding! We can trade news, meet new friends, and enjoy being out'n'about.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks. To volunteer for one specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

We're grateful to all who make these delicious events possible--volunteers, our chef, and you, our diners!

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

We postponed the February Coffee Klatch due to weather, and had a good turnout the following week. And now on to March.... the second Wednesday is coming up March 13th, and our Senior Coffee Klatch will be held 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center community center.

We won't have Coffee Klatch if the schools are closed. If schools are "delayed opening" we will have Coffee Klatch. The best website for checking on school closings has been VPR.net (see below). Look for Thetford under Orange County. If it isn't there, school is open. vpr.net/apps/school-closings/

You can also call me that morning for a ride or to see if we are on or not, 802-222-7885. (No answer after 9am means the coffee is happening.)

We may postpone a week if we have to cancel the 13th. You can give me a call at the number above to find out, or check the signs around town and the list serve if you have access to that. We hope to see you there!

Pril Hall

THETFORD LIBRARIES LATHAM LIBRARY

In the Art Gallery (Latham Library Lower Level) Landscape paintings in watercolor and oil by Jennifer Brown and Jean Gerber will be on display through the end of March.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Unplugged Game Night Thurs., March 7, 5:00-7:00pm. Every first Thursday of the month, come play one of our games or bring your own. All unplugged games and all ages welcome! Pizza will be provided! If you would like pizza, please RSVP to librarians@thetfordlibrary.org.

Storytime Fridays start 11:00 am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

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

Afterschool activities for students in grades 4-6 run every Friday that TES is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities. Students younger than grade 4 must be accompanied by an adult or high school student while in the library. All movies will be rated G or PG and are open to fourth graders and up (younger with an adult or teen guardian). Popcorn will be served.

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

Winter Book Discussion Mon., March 11 at 7:00 pm. *The Submission* by Amy Waldman. Books available to borrow at Latham Library. All are welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Annual Celtic Music Concert Wed., March 20 at 7:00pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little late at Peabody Library's annual Celtic Concert

with Jakeza! Jakeza (Samantha Moffatt and Clément Demers) returns to Peabody library to share duets of traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, and France and a few newer pieces. Free admission, donations for the musicians accepted.

Gardening Success with Vegetables Workshop Wed., March 27 at 7:00pm. Join Janet Taylor of Crossroad Farm for her annual spring gardening workshop at the Peabody Library. All are welcome.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

Afterschool Wednesdays run every week that TES is in session. Students in grades K-3 may take the school bus from TES to the Peabody Library for stories, activities, and a snack. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook [@thetfordlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/thetfordlibraries).

Emily Zollo

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Celebrate the natural world and our place in it by watching a lively selection of award-winning films from the acclaimed Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival. This event is the premier nature film competition celebrating the world's best science, conservation and wildlife films.

Sunday, March 10th, 3-5:15pm, including a short intermission with snacks) at TA's Martha J. Rich Theater. Free! All ages welcome.

Enthusiastically sponsored by the Thetford & West Fairlee Conservation Commissions. For more information, please call Libby at 333-9308 or Peggy at 333-4155.

Judy Harvey

PARISH PLAYERS

AUDITIONS MARCH 6

Directed by Jonathan Verge, five women will be cast for the Parish Players full-length production of "5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche." Auditions will be at the Briggs Opera House in WRJ on March 6th from 5-7 pm and on March 7th at the Eclipse Grange Theater on Thetford Hill, from 6-9 pm. Come audition, or consider working backstage!

Katherine Morton

TIMBRE DRUMS ENSEMBLE

The Parish Players is excited to host a Timbre Drums Ensemble World Beat Drum, Dance, & Song Workshop from 1-3 pm on March 23rd followed by a performance featuring the workshop students at 4 pm.

The Timbre Drums Ensemble teaches African style drum, dance and song harkening from the Yoruba people, Mande traditional drum and dance, and Cuban musical traditions.

Drums provided for workshops by Timbre Drums. No experience necessary and all are welcome. The workshop fee is \$25 and the performance is by donation.

Please make your reservations for the workshop early as space is limited by calling 802-785-4344 or via email to linda@Lyme.com.

Linda Neubelt

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 March 26 from 7-8pm.

We will be discussing *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke In the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh.

During Smarsh's turbulent childhood in Kansas in the 1980s and 1990s, the forces of cyclical poverty and the country's changing economic policies solidified her family's place among the working poor. By telling the story of her life and the lives of the people she loves, Smarsh challenges us to

look more closely at the class divide in our country and examine the myths about people thought to be less because they earn less. Her personal history affirms the corrosive impact intergenerational poverty can have on individuals, families, and communities.

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? Call me at 356-4542 or send *brief* submissions to thetford@pendane.com 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

Thetford photographer Gladys Estabrook photographed Oliver Randall's maple sugaring business in the 1940s.

Top and middle: Randall and his helpers brought buckets of sap to a sledge-mounted tank. When the tank was full, it was returned to the sugarhouse. **Bottom:** At a Thetford Academy "sugar on snow" celebration, Randall showed Charlotte Judd and a friend different grades of maple syrup, which a syrup maker used to determine the grade of his own product. This may have been the July 9, 1948, party held to raise money for new Thetford Academy facilities after a fire in 1942 destroyed the original buildings. Snow had been preserved in a freezer through the spring especially for the party.

Photos courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society

