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Tom Sweet Art Show

By Genevieve Keller

During the whole month of September there will be a wonderful art show at Sheepscoot General Store. The artist is Whitefield resident, Tom Sweet. Maybe you have seen him walking around town; he walks several miles most days. Or maybe you have wondered about and admired the totem poles at the end of his driveway on the Jefferson Road. The show at Sheepscoot General will give you an opportunity to see Tom's work up close, and you may meet Tom there on September 14th, 4:00 – 6:00pm.

Artwork always resonates on a deeper level when we understand what an artist intended. Here is a little background about Tom's work in his own words:

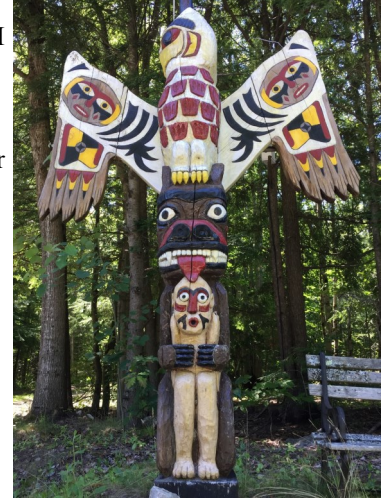
"I started wood carving in the mid 60's. I became interested in the art of the Native American Indians of the Pacific Northwest from reading a book about them. I have specialized in carving their totems for many



years, but also enjoyed carving many other original designs of my own."

"I also have always enjoyed drawing and painting since childhood. Much of my artwork could not be viewed as traditional or realistic, but it represents my interpretations of what I see and feel about things around me."

"Much of my lifetime body of work is too large or immovable; such as the murals on my walls, to be shown at this exhibit. Anyone interested in viewing these would be welcome to visit my home on three Sunday afternoons during the month of September between 2:00pm – 4:00pm, at 65 Jefferson Road in Whitefield." These Sundays are: 9/9, 9/16, and 9/23."



Tom is an inquisitive individual. Many of his carvings bring to life a unique vision he sees within a piece of wood when he starts carving. Tom is also curious about what people think of his work. Tom will be numbering each *Continued on Pg. 2*

Whitefield Library

By Cheryle Joslyn

From a simple handwritten request to the Whitefield Select Board, one young boy's wish has come true.

Twenty three dedicated volunteers have continued to help bring "Citizen Quinn's" dream into a reality. Whitefield Library welcomed many new patrons this summer and hosted two fun-

filled and well attended events. With much appreciation to our community, we stocked our shelves with over 5000 books for readers of all ages! The large yellow building at the top of Grand Army Hill is once again alive and growing! Now that we



Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

have been officially approved as a 501c3 Nonprofit, we have big plans in motion. Come join us as we launch into our next adventure. Yes, "Citizen Quinn", you too can grow up with a Library in your community, and your volunteers are working diligently to make that happen. We need all the help we can get to assure our success.

Call everyone you know to tell them Whitefield Library is OPEN and GROWING! Big hopes for what's ahead. We will remain open every Wednesday and Saturday 10-12

until "freeze-up", and we are planning a Book Sale Day event! Please stop by, borrow a book, check us out, and ask what we are doing, and how you can help. We would love to see our numbers grow. After all, Whitefield is a great place to grow up!



Photo by Jane McMorro

Sweet from Pg. 1 piece so that anyone viewing his work may note their favorite, and with a few words write down why they chose the piece.

This show runs the full month of September at Sheepscoot General. On September 14th come meet Tom from 4:00 – 6:00pm and stay for pizza and music.



Tom Sweet - Art Show
Sheepscoot General Store
September 4 - 30, 2018



Reminder: slow down, drive with caution, and enjoy our Whitefield sights!

Town Rains on the 4th of July parade

by Tony Marple

Town officials misinterpreted advice from the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) risk management staff as an insurance requirement. The advice was a list of recommendations from MMA based on their experience with other towns and cities. The town buys its liability coverage through MMA, but was not required to implement these recommendations.

Until several years ago, the Kings Mills Volunteer Fire Department (KMVFD) insured the parade, but it became too expensive, and the town took it over. While there are some safety issues that should be considered to protect parade goers, the town dealt with the issue way too late and did a poor job communicating. Some of the rules were unnecessary and poor communication compounded the problem. An unneeded requirement that participants provide proof of their liability coverage was a major deterrent. The parade was the shortest in memory and the board accepts responsibility.

The parade itself has previously been a spontaneous, unmanaged event as it should be, but the other Kings Mills events are managed by KMVFD and are an important fund raiser for them. A poor parade crowd will reduce their fundraising and that's one more reason to revitalize the parade. The parade is an iconic Whitefield event that shows the town's unique character. Therefore, the board formed a committee to revitalize the parade for future years.

The Parade Committee will contact a variety of people and organizations and encourage them to participate next year. Safety considerations will be communicated well in advance of the next parade. Sue McKeen will chair the committee; which includes Erik Ekholm, Natasha Mayers, Nicole Ripley, Bill McKeen, Karen McCormick, Randy Brann, and Dolly Burns. If you have input, please attend a meeting or call Sue at 446-7473. Meeting dates will be posted on the town website.

We apologize for the confusion we created, but look forward to seeing you at next year's parade.

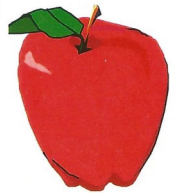
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Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"

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(Do you know Whitefield's oldest citizen?)



Last call for the name of the oldest person in Whitefield! If you know of a Whitefield citizen who was born before May 18, 1926, please contact the Town Office at [549-5175](tel:549-5175) by [September 20](#).

A Message from our Principal:

"Dear Whitefield Elementary School Parents,

Last spring I was nominated by a large, diverse selection team to become the new principal of the Whitefield Elementary School and I accepted the position with great enthusiasm and positive anticipation for the journey ahead. In July, I began at the school, meeting with staff, students, parents and community members and what I have clearly seen throughout the summer is a fervent desire to rewrite the negative perceptions of the school and assure that all of the positive elements of WES shine through. I was hoping to begin that process on Monday, August 27th with WES staff members and then greet all students on the 28th, the first day of the 2018-2019 school year. However, a health issue will prevent me from doing so right away. On Wednesday, August 23rd, I underwent emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage. The surgery went well and I am now out of the hospital but my doctor will not allow me to return to school until after some further rest and recuperation. Once that date is determined, we will certainly let everyone know. Until then, I will rely on the amazing responsiveness and professionalism of the WES and RSU#12 staffs to "carry the ball" until my return.

Mark Deblois"

(Well wishes, Mr. Deblois, and speedy recovery from your surgery. Everyone is looking forward to your return!)



Coopers Mills Dam Removal Project Update

The demolition work began right on schedule at Coopers Mills Dam on July 17th after the crews installed all required water pollution controls. On July 25th, the dam was officially breached and water gushed downstream. Finally, on August 8th, the dam was completely removed and the Sheepscot River was restored to its historical channel.

Throughout the dewatering and demolition, diligent measures were taken to ensure minimal impact on existing river life. Scientists relocated freshwater mussels outside the project area to ensure their survival. Biologists from Maine Department of Marine Resources regularly inspected the site to confirm no fish were harmed during the demolition process. The project crew of SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC maintained controls to minimize turbidity and sedimentation downstream.

The Coopers Mills Dam was identified by the state as an important historic resource, and therefore, the removal was required to be documented. A professional photographer was consistently on site in order to record each dam removal segment. All photos will be provided to the Town of Whitefield and the Maine State Historic Preservation Office.

The project is smoothly progressing and staying on schedule. Into September, the two new dry hydrant installations will be completed. Enhancements to the site; including a viewing platform, stabilization of old mill walls, and education signage on the history and fisheries of the river will also be constructed and installed.

The content of the sign has been compiled with collaboration between the Whitefield citizen committee and ASF.



Photo by Tim Swan taken August 8th during dam removal process

The viewing platform and other site features will incorporate the historic stones and boulders from the dam. The remainder of overall construction will stabilize the area with native plant vegetation.

A dedication event will be held at the site following the completion of the project later this fall. Details will be announced, but all are welcome to attend.

Maranda Nemeth (Midcoast Conservancy in partnership with Atlantic Salmon Federation & The Nature Conservancy)

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SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

- 1st **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 3rd **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm
KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT., 7 pm
- 4th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 5th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 6th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 7th **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 1-3 pm
- 8th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 9th **MAINE APPLE SUNDAY AT BAILEY'S ORCHARD - ALL DAY EVENT - FREE APPLE SQUARES WHILE THEY LAST! APPLE PRIZE DRAWINGS.**
WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA), Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 10th **WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 11th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
PTA MEETING- please join us for our meeting @ 7:00 (always the 2nd Tues. of the month). We need all of our community to remain functioning for our children.
- 12th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 1:00 pm Town House
- 13th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th **TOM SWEET ART MONTH & MEET THE ARTIST**: Month of September & Friday, 4-6pm
 We are excited to host Tom Sweet's art for the whole month of September. "Meet the Artist" reception. Select pieces will be for sale. Don't miss this once in a lifetime show. At Sheepscot General
WINE TASTING WITH SO PO WINE CO: Friday, 4-6pm Colleen from South Portland Wine Co will be on hand to offer a tasting of some new and seasonal wines. At Sheepscot General
OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH WALTER WEYMOUTH: 7-9pm We are excited to welcome back Walter Weymouth to end our summer outdoor concerts. The local Pittston native will take our hay wagon stage. At Sheepscot General
- 15th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
DRUMMING CIRCLE, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.
- 18th **SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 19th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
PLANNING BOARD, Fire Station, 6:00 pm
- 20th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 21st **OPEN MIC NIGHT** 7-9pm Join us for music. Sheepscot General, 7-9 pm. Come early for pizza night starting at 5pm.
- 22nd **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 23rd **FULL MOON PADDLE**, 7-9 pm, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson
- 25th **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
SELECT BOARD, Fire Station, 6 pm
YIN YOGA AT SHEEPSCOT GENERAL, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 26th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 27th **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 29th **WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AT THE ARLINGTON GRANGE 10-12 PM**
- 30th **ANNUAL MEETING & OPEN HOUSE, KINGS MILLS UNION HALL**, Sept. 30th (3 - 5pm)
RACE THROUGH THE WOODS TRAIL RACE Join us for the 8th annual Race Through The Woods trail race, sponsored by First National Bank, on Sunday, September 30th at Hidden Valley Nature Center in Jefferson. For more info call (207) 389-5150

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