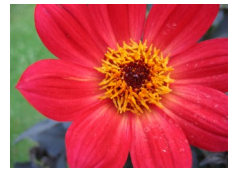




# Whitefield News



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## We own our Library & Community Center!

The Whitefield Library and Community Center is thrilled to announce the final signing on the purchase of the Arlington Grange Hall, and we are extremely appreciative to all donors and volunteers who made this purchase possible.

Work on summer programming for the Library is well underway with Story Hour/Activity Time for children, Game Night for youth and adults, Book Club, and a Knitters & Needles gathering being offered. Our open hours have doubled with the help of our generous volunteers. The hours are: Saturday 10-2 and Wednesday 10-12 and Wednesday now includes evenings 5-7pm.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House is on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10-2. The Open House will include kids activities, music, a white elephant sale, silent auction, exhibitors, a yummy lunch and lots of goodies for sale. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, we are looking for art, crafts, experiences and gift certificates. Any white elephant items can be donated when the library is open. We really appreciate these donations.

Our fundraising efforts continue. Our reach includes you (our generous community), business and organization solicitation, grant applications, and more events. Please check our Events and News links on our Library webpage; as we wish to keep everyone informed of our programs and progress. It's easy to find us at [whitefieldlibrary.org](http://whitefieldlibrary.org) and "like us" on Facebook to read our latest happenings. Come see us at the Library this summer. We're sure you'll leave with a great book and a good feeling that at long last, we have a Library in Whitefield; one that not only serves Whitefield, but our neighbors who come to visit, too.

Volunteers are always needed...in so many ways. Please stop by, email: [info@whitefieldlibrary.org](mailto:info@whitefieldlibrary.org) or talk to one of our volunteers about how you can help.



## July 4<sup>th</sup> in Kings Mills - Whitefield's largest annual event!

The Kings Mills Fire Department was founded in the late 1940's when it became clear there was a growing need of fire service in Whitefield. Kings Mills took on hosting a community day fundraiser each year on July 4<sup>th</sup> to bring the town together and to help raise money to help offset the cost of fire services. The historic event has always had a parade, field games, the fireman's auction, and concessions; as well as other events that came and went over the decades.

Times have changed, but the needs have not. Kings Mills has gone from being a fire department to a satellite station for the current Municipal Whitefield Fire Department leasing our building to the town for fire service. The cost of a single firefighter, after recruitment, purchase of turnout gear, training and equipping them with a SCBA certified air pack, along with ongoing

trainings and radios is approximately \$13,000 per firefighter. The Town of Whitefield has about 15 active firefighters totaling \$195,000 in total manpower costs. The issue

becomes far bigger once the cost of trucks and fuel and all of the additional equipment required for performing firefighting duties safely and properly is factored in. The ongoing goal at the KMFVD is to keep the July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Day Fundraiser alive and running well into the future to help defray some of

these costs and continue helping Whitefield Fire and Rescue.

As you may already know, the parade has been handed over to the town of Whitefield for insurance reasons. However, as mentioned in last month's newsletter, unlike the confusion caused last year, this year's parade will return to its roots with no insurance or registration requirements. *Continued on page 2*



## Celebrating 6 Years of the Whitefield Newsletter!

By Debbie Rogers

July marks the beginning of the 7th year of the Whitefield Newsletter! It was started by the Select Board at the time and spearheaded by Tony Marple and Sue McKeen. The group gathered to create a newsletter that would let our residents know about town issues, events, businesses, and interesting people. Every month, a dedicated group gathered to forge a new issue and look for interesting items for the folks in town. It soon became apparent that this method of

spreading the news was going to be well received.

The initial group; Tony Marple, Dennis Merrill, Sue McKeen, Suzanne Balbo, Jim Torbert, Debbie Rogers and editor Lucy Martin took great joy in creating what has become a regular source for news and events in our town. When the first issue was printed, it was done so by each member donating money to cover the printing costs. Since then, we have developed a loyal group of advertisers that support those

costs. To all our advertisers, we wish to say "Thank You!"

Over the years, the volunteers have changed and we thank them all. Currently, the newsletter is written in part by contributors, but most of the work is done by four members; Sue McKeen, Cheryle Joslyn, Kit Pfeiffer, and myself (although, my job is putting the final piece together, the advertising, and only writing occasionally) with assistance from Kathy Dauphin. Tony still is a huge asset both with articles and photos.

This year has been a challenge due to the amount of work our members have been doing and will continue to be doing with other commitments. Therefore,

we need your help! Anyone interested in participating as a contributor or working member of the group, would be welcomed with open arms. Also, if you have an idea for us such as a news event, a business article suggestion, any group or project events that are happening, these articles are always of interest to our readers. Please get in touch with us. Thank you for all your support and kind thoughts. We appreciate it and look forward to the next year of the Whitefield Newsletter!



Dennis Merrill, Sue McKeen, Tony Marple, Debbie Rogers and Suzanne Balbo (Jim Torbert & Lucy Martin missing) June 2013



*Fun at the Parade* Cora, Ivy & Kate Parker

We are asking all those who plan on donating to the Fireman's Auction to consider taking an honest look at the items. Look at the reality of our situation and decide if the items you plan to donate will sincerely help us, or have to simply be carried away. For the most part, we get tons of great items and do very well, but always seem to have an overabundance of unwanted furniture to break our backs with at day's end. Also we would ask that people try and refrain from unwanted electronics and kitchen appliances unless in exceptional condition, as most of these items rarely sell, either.

Again this year, we will hold the Second Annual Silent Auction in the engine bay. Some of the treasures we already have will be sure to amaze. Northern Mattress has provided us with a beautiful powered leather recliner. Darling's Waterfront has provided concert tickets, as has Savage Oakes and The North Atlantic Blues Festival. There will be countless gift certificates, as well as other family fun activities like Palace Playland at OOB and York's Wild Animal Kingdom. The Musician's First Choice will have an Ibanez Guitar in the silent auction as well. There are well over 40 items to bid on, and I promise something for every taste. Lists will be available around town soon.

Our community day celebration will still contain all of the family fun and entertainment you have come to expect from Kings Mills. The greatest hand

cut french fries on earth and the famous Fireman's Hot Dogs cooked perfectly over a bed of coals. The Union Hall is already working on the White Elephant Sale and we will be entertained by the musical talents of Well Seasoned., always a crowd pleaser!

Lastly, if you need to make arrangements for auction item pick up or simply have questions about the event, I can be reached during business hours at (207) 624-2268

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## Kickoff for Whitefield Area Map & Guide Slated for June 24th at Sheepscot General

By Bill McKeen

After nearly two years of work by an enthusiastic sub-committee of the Whitefield Economic Development Committee, the Whitefield Area Map & Guide will soon be distributed throughout town and surrounding area.

A combination Wine Tasting and Map Kick-off will take place at Sheepscot General Store on Friday night, June 24th. Join us for some wine, snacks and a copy of the map that is hot-off-the-press!

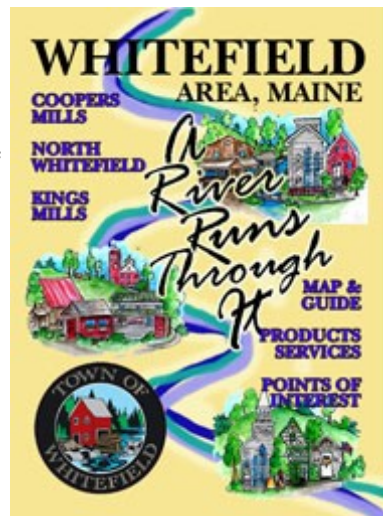
The idea to develop a map and guide originated at Sheepsfoot General Store when visitors to the store would say how much they liked the store, but wondered what other things Whitefield might have to offer.

Members of the Whitefield Economic Development Committee had seen some elaborate colorful maps of other towns in their travels and thought a simple version might expand the committee's efforts to improve the economic climate of Whitefield.

One mission of the committee is to attract new business and development in the community while still preserving its natural rural beauty. Another mission is to help existing businesses already established in Whitefield to improve business. It is hoped that the Whitefield Area Map & Guide may be a step in the right direction to accomplish that.

The map and guide will be distributed free to all and will be published using no taxpayer funds. The printing will be paid for by those who bought ads surrounding the map. In addition, there will be a directory of businesses and services on the back of the map that is free of charge.

The committee is in hopes of following up next year with an expanded version for 2020. Writers, photographers, artists, and Whitefield supporters are all asked to join the present committee for future projects. For more information, contact Bill McKeen at 446-8891.



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## Artist Kevin Misner to unveil parade painting at Kings Mills July 4th celebration

By Sue McKeen

When I visited with Kevin Misner in his Pittston studio, it was like stepping into a Norman Rockwell vignette. Not only has Kevin's technique been inspired by the great artist, but Kevin himself seems to live and breathe the aura of those times.

Last Fall, Kevin was inspired by photos he shot at our Fourth of July celebration. He combined and arranged the images digitally, putting pencil to paper and drawing to canvas, and has produced and captured our community at its best; enjoying a beautiful day at the Fourth of July parade.



Kevin Misner Photo by Sue McKeen

The oil painting, entitled *Anticipation*, will be unveiled at the Fourth of July celebration. Kevin has also generously donated the original pencil rendering of the painting which will be offered at the silent auction. The artwork has such fine definition you will recognize many of your friends.

Kevin describes himself as a self-taught artist who began drawing as a kid and just never stopped. About 12 years ago, he decided to paint full time. His medium is oil, and his technique is old school masters. His use of light gives life and warmth to his work making you feel like you are inside the canvas. He told me he loves getting up every morning and going to his converted chicken barn studio overlooking the Eastern River. Kevin smiles as he says he even dreams about future paintings. Kevin's work is on display at the Bayview Gallery in Brunswick, Scott Bundy Gallery in Kennebunk and Ironbound Gallery in Camden. If a picture speaks a thousand words, Kevin Misner's work takes you home to a time and place we remember with a feeling of warmth and light.

## Town Office News....

Election on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Central Fire Station from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. On the ballot is the RSU 12 budget and the Reestablishment of Board of Appeals Ordinance for the town.

If anyone is interested in being in the tax club, check out the Town Website or call the office at 549-5175 for more information.

One more thing, residents are able to re-register boats online. Any new boat registration must be registered at the town office.

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Stay tuned for upcoming community events in June, July and August...and thank you for your support!!

- \* Ice Cream Social at the Dam
- \* Coffee Hour out on the Water
- \* 4<sup>th</sup> of July Display
- \* Annual Meeting – Community Cookout at the Dam



## At the Hair Works with April Capper

Her love of family and community is part of what defines April Capper, owner of The Hair Works on Grand Army Road. You can see it as she interacts with her family, her clients, and her community.

April was raised in Cahokia, Illinois, which is just east of St. Louis, Missouri. She went to school at Granite City School of Beauty Culture. She moved to Maine in 1987 and fell in love with the state. In 1989 she moved to Jefferson from Bath with her former husband and was working in Augusta at Barden's Beauty Shop. After her first son was born in 1993, she decided she wanted to work closer to home and community and started working at The Hair Works for Darlene Chase. April has also worked at three separate nursing centers over the years as their resident hairstylist. She's always enjoyed working with the elderly and would volunteer at local nursing homes as a teenager.



April Capper and Sue Garcia  
Photo by Cheryle Joslyn

April purchased the Hair Works from Darlene in February 1994, and later bought the building in October 1995 when her parents, sister (and family) and grandmother informed her they would be joining her in Maine. April shared how fortunate she feels that her family wanted to move closer to her and her son. That's what prompted her to purchase the building from the Maldovans. She knew her family needed a place to stay and her little home on Clary Lake was not going to house everyone.

April said, "Over the years this building on the corner of Grand Army and Vigue Road has been a blessing to me. I have been able to run my business, provide a home for my entire family, as well as a home for myself and my boys. At one time I was working fulltime, raising my sons, homeschooling my youngest and taking care of my disabled mother. It was possible to do all of that because it was all being done under the same roof. The support from this community has been amazing. I am in love with Whitefield and its residents. It has been an awesome place to live and work."

When asked what interests and experiences inspired her to enter the field and own her own business, April shared that her mother was placed in a halo brace after surviving a broken neck. April was only 11 years old, and she remembers her Dad trying to shampoo and cut her Mom's hair while she was in the halo brace. She said, "It was awful! He was such a wonderful husband and father, but lousy at cutting and shampooing hair. So, I started to shampoo Mom's hair and decided to try cutting it as well. I knew I couldn't make it look any worse than Daddy had done, and it turns out, it looked pretty good." April said that it was actually her Mom who encouraged her to go to cosmetology school.

The Hair Works is a full-service hair salon. April has tried to add several services over the years, but hair is what she knows and loves, and she's good at it. The Hair Works has a flexible schedule, open Tuesday through Saturday, by appointment, and she has evenings and Saturday morning appointments for those who work during the day.

Unfortunately, one of the challenges of working alone is she's unable to take walk-in clients at the moment. When asked what her biggest concern was running her own business, April said, "Staying on top of my game. This is a constantly changing, fast paced business. I am always searching for more education so I can keep learning and growing as a professional hairstylist – keeping it fresh, creative and fun for my clients and myself." April said she doesn't plan to go anywhere, and you will be able to find her right behind her chair at The Hair Works, looking out of her window at Gary Vogue's Christmas trees. She absolutely wants to grow as a person and as a hairstylist, and Whitefield is where she belongs.

April's advice is "Do what makes your heart sing. Every day I wake up grateful for my family, my friends, and this community of people. I surround myself with love, fun and laughter. I thoroughly enjoy people. I have the opportunity to make people look and feel great, and that always makes my heart sing. The friendships I have made here are by far my greatest reward. They come to me first as clients, but leave as my friend. Life could never get any better than that."

# JUNE 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

## WHITEFIELD LIBRARY

**SATURDAYS 10-2**, Storytime w/ Activity 10:30-11:30

**WEDNESDAYS 10-12 AND 5-7 PM**

- 1st** **HOME FIREWOOD PRODUCTION BASICS** basics of home firewood production at HVNC
- 3rd** **COOPERS MILLS FIRE DEPT.** All are welcome. No obligation. 7 pm  
**KINGS MILLS FIRE DEPT.**, 7 pm
- 4th** **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm  
**KINGS MILLS UNION HALL BOARD MEETING** - Public Welcome 7 pm
- 6th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10
- 7th** **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-3 pm  
**YOUNG ARTIST ART SHOW & RECEPTION** 5-7pm Sheepscot General will have a fantastic kids Art Show for the month of June. Join us to help welcome these amazing local artist (ages 3-17). The art will be displayed for the whole month of June.
- 8th** **COOPERS MILLS VFD ANNUAL BENEFIT HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**, at Kennebec Valley Horseshoes Courts, Piggery Road, Augusta. Registration 9AM, Games start 10AM. Contact: Garrett Joslyn 485-0044. There are cash prizes, a raffle for horseshoes, a 50-50 Raffle and food at the concession stand. Last year was popular and this year promises to be better
- 9th** **WHITEFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA)**, Whitefield School, 6 pm
- 10th** **WHITEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Town House, 1 pm  
**WHITEFIELD MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPT.**, Fire Station, 7 pm
- 11th** **WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**PTA MEETING**- please join us for our meeting @ 5:30 always the 2nd Tuesday in the school conference room.
- 12th** **RESTORING ATLANTIC SALMON TALK** at Sheepscot General, Maranda Nemeth, will present on the Coopers Mills project and other priority restoration efforts in the Sheepscot; and Dr. Stephen Sutton, will present on that international status of Atlantic salmon populations and how local projects fit into the global context. Free event
- 13th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**RSU SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Chelsea School, 6:30 pm
- 14th** **WHITEFIELD MAP & GUIDE DEBUT** at Sheepscot General 5-7pm Join us for the unveiling of the Whitefield Map & Guide. This map details most of the business in Whitefield. From maple syrup to creameries, this town is an industrious place  
**WINE TASTING w/ DEVENISH WINES** 5-7pm Devenish Wines will be at Sheepscot General to sample some seasonal and new wines. This event is free to anyone 21+.
- 15th** **WHITEFIELD/ALNA FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm  
**DRUMMING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6:30 pm. Open to the public, all ages welcome.  
**FULL MOON PADDLE ON LITTLE DYER POND** 8-10 pm HVNC (207) 389-5150
- 18th** **YIN YOGA AT SHEEPCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm  
**WHITEFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING** 7 pm at the Whitefield Library, all are welcome.
- 19th** **NEW PARENT PLAY GROUP**, Sheepscot General, The playgroup is primarily aimed at 0-2 years old Playgroup will meet in the gallery space at 9 am.  
**PLANNING BOARD**, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 20th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am
- 21st** **OPEN MIC NIGHT FEATURING JAMES LONEY** at Sheepscot General 7-9pm  
**9TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOLSTICE** 5-7pm at Sheepscot General We will provide the ice cream and we ask you to bring a topping to share!
- 22nd** **2ND ANNUAL WHITEFIELD LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE 10-2**  
**COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE**, Sheepscot General, 6 pm. Open to all, acoustic instruments welcome
- 25th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am  
**WOMEN OF WHITEFIELD**, Sheepscot General 10 am  
**SUMMER ADVENTURE SERIES AT HVNC: FAT BIKES** HVNC 4-6 pm through July 30th (207) 389-5150  
**SELECT BOARD**, Fire Station, 6 pm  
**YIN YOGA AT SHEEPCOT GENERAL**, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 26th** **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP MEETING** at the Lions Club in Coopers Mills. Please bring a dish to share. We meet at 12 pm. Contact Debbie Gray 445-4930 or Pat Moody- 549-5666
- 27th** **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP**, Sheepscot General, 10 am

**Do you have an event? Contact: [whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com](mailto:whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com)**

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