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ART IN CHOCORUA

Drop by the ArtWorks gallery in Chocorua Village, and you will be greeted by one of the almost fifty local artists whose work in fiber, photography, ceramics, wood, painting, and glass are on offer. More and more people are “discovering” ArtWorks, and making it a regular stop for handmade gifts. Many also take time to wander through the attached antique barn—a local fixture since 1981—run by Jersey Nickerson and her mother, Irene Mitchko.

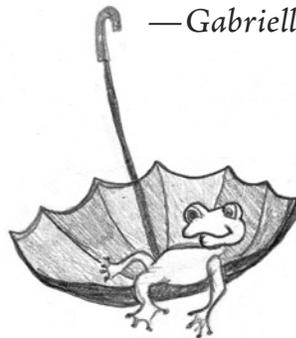
ArtWorks is much like a farmers market for artists from Tamworth and surrounding communities. The idea first came to local artists Myles Grinstead, Peter VanderLaan, and Mary Beth Bliss while talking in a snowy driveway one evening about five years ago. They were noting how many local artists there were, and the need for some way to support them and make more local art available. “We always felt that if we gave the artists a market and a venue, then they would produce more art, and that this would be great,” remembers Bliss.

They started in 2010 with a tent at the Tamworth Farmers Market; a “gallery without walls” that was completely set up and taken down each Saturday for a whole summer. This got a great response from farmers and market-goers. It soon moved to a sturdier all-season space in Grinstead’s pottery gallery in Chocorua, which she opened up to the growing

group of local artists. Then, Jersey and Larry Nickerson offered the use of their 1840s farmhouse at the southern edge of Chocorua Village on Route 16. Many of the artists, led by Myles Grinstead, Ned Eldredge, Mary Beth Bliss and husband, Peter VanderLaan, worked to transform it into the stunning gallery space that you can visit today, opening on Labor Day weekend, 2012. The “gallery without walls” still lives on at the Tamworth Farmers Market each summer. Future ideas include adding activities to nurture and support artists, like workshops and classes for all ages and abilities. Stay tuned!

You can visit ArtWorks on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChocoruaArtWorks and, of course, at the gallery. ArtWorks is always open weekends and in the summertime at the Farmer’s Market. July and August it’s open 7 days a week. There will be a “Spring Cleaning” sale Memorial Day weekend, May 23–26th, in the ArtWorks parking lot. Meet the artists & save up to 40% off on sale items.

—Gabrielle Watson



CARING FOR OUR CEMETERIES

The Tamworth Cemetery Trustees will be hosting a morning of restoration work on Saturday, May 3rd, 9–noon at the Chocorua Cemetery.

Cemetery restoration expert Jessica Felix of Freedom will once again be helping volunteers return fallen and tipped stones to level and plumb, as well as cleaning lichen and debris from gravestones. The work is very satisfying and worthwhile.

Participants are encouraged to bring a shovel for digging, pry bars, wheelbarrows, gallon jugs filled with water, and nylon bristle scrub brushes. Or you can just show up with a pair of work gloves, ready to help out. Bring a bagged lunch and plan on joining the group for a picnic at the end of the morning.

For more information, contact the Cook Memorial Library at 323-8510, or call Mark Albee at 323-7969.

Every year the boy and girl scouts take responsibility for placing new American flags onto veterans’ graves in preparation for Memorial Day. If you would like to join them and lend a hand, meet the boy scouts of Troop 151 at Riverside Cemetery at 7PM on Monday, May 12th, or call Diane Bowles to find out when the girl scouts will be placing flags at the Wonalancet Cemetery.

—Mark Albee,
Tamworth Cemetery Trustee

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February 13th

Jack Rose of the Carroll County Transit (CCT) was in regarding the budget/petition for this organization. CCT did not have the necessary number of signatures by the deadline, but have them now, and are asking the selectmen to accept the petition and place it on the warrant. Rose was asked if they were aware of when the petitions were due and he stated they were. It was a majority decision not to accept the petition to be placed on the ballot at this time. The board apologized, saying it is not an easy decision but a necessary one, as all the other agencies were given the same instructions and deadline. ♦ Selectman Jim Hidden attended the school board meeting and public hearing, where there were not many in attendance. The Economic Development Commission (EDC) pitched the teen leadership program to the school board, but the school board was not interested. He also attended the EDC meeting where they continued to discuss the teen leadership program. ♦ Ned Beecher and the board discussed the Robert Floyd Easement that was signed earlier that day by Floyd and the conservation commission and just needs the selectmen's signatures for final execution. After some discussion of public access, the board signed the easement. ♦ Nelson O'Bryan came to discuss tree cutting at the Fire Tower on Great Hill. The board has seen the trees marked for cutting and has no objections. The question now is where the funds are going to come from. After much discussion it was decided that the tree cutting would wait until next year and that the conservation commission would include the cost in their 2015 budget. ♦ Chris Clyne did a slide presentation on the celebration of Tamworth's bicentennial. She presented these facts from 1966: There were 1,100 residents in Tamworth and 143 students at Brett School. The town budget was \$91,258 and the school budget was \$153,419. The board and the public then watched the slide show. This got many people excited about the planning for the 250th anniversary celebrations in 2016. The board and the public thanked Chris. The presentation is available at the library for anyone who would like to see it. (*Highly recommended!* —editor.) ♦ After a brief recess, Chairman John Roberts opened the public hearing for the 2014 budget. ♦ Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce explained the three different handouts to those in attendance and read the warrant articles. Then the selectmen voted to approve, or not approve, each one.

February 27th

Craig Nichols, State of NH, discussed with the board the certification/review process for 2014, the equalization ratio, and the statistical update. ♦ Parker Roberts was in to discuss the Town House use and moving board and committee meetings to the Town House. He and the board plan on trying to hold some meetings there, beginning in May. ♦ Road Agent Richard Roberts reported that Turkey Street has a soft spot and FR Carroll is coming in the spring to fix

it at no cost to the town. ♦ Hidden attended the planning board meeting where there was a public hearing held for PSNH to install poles and do tree trimming on Hollow Hill Road. Many people at the meeting were not happy with the "zig zagging" poles planned for this road. PSNH was proposing this route from Cleveland Hill Road, because a property owner on Hollow Hill Rd was against running underground power from her property as there would need to be tree trimming and cutting for this as well. The public hearing was continued until the March 26 planning board meeting.

March 13th

Board appointed Selectman Hidden as chairman of the board and decided on their additional appointments. ♦ R. Roberts informed the board that he purchased a drill press with a stand. He presented an agreement with HEB Engineers for the Whittier Road bridge repairs. He asked the board to review, and to approve if they agreed with the terms. ♦ Police Chief Dan Poirier distributed the stats for the month of February. Hidden said Poirier had stopped by his shop with concerns regarding the motion the board made regarding the issuance of pistol permits and RSA 159:26. Poirier said he had received a letter from NH Pro Gun. NHPG says that this RSA clearly states the board cannot create a policy regarding the issuance of pistol permits. Poirier was also concerned with prior minutes of these meetings. J. Roberts stated the board had already approved the minutes. What is printed in the *Civic News* is not what is exactly printed in the minutes. Poirier was given a copy of both sets of minutes he was referring to. After further discussion the board decided to refer the matter to the town attorney for clarification. ♦ Approved and signed a pole license agreement with PSNH for one pole (4/15S) on Ossipee Lake Road, and a letter to the State of NH Liquor Commission regarding the sale of alcohol for Eric Dube.

March 27th

At a 3PM meeting, the board, Pearce, and Don Jutton from Municipal Resources Inc (MRI) met to discuss a proposal for services. Board discussed the needs of the town and the availability of the MRI staff. Jutton explained options available, background of the company, and the staff and resources available to the town. The board agreed to have MRI come in and assist the town during the absence of the current town administrator (Pearce) for a period yet to be determined. ♦ Board approved and signed items including a letter to the State of NH Liquor Commission regarding the sale of alcohol for Prodigal Brewing Company and the MS-232 (report of appropriations actually voted). ♦ At the regular 4PM meeting, Poirier and Town Clerk Kim Trammell both raised issues related to pay. There was extensive discussion. No changes were made to any pay rates. It was decided

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AN INTERVIEW WITH K.A. BRETT PRINCIPAL, KEN HAWKINS

Tamworth is experiencing an interesting point in its history: three of its schools—K.A. Brett School, Bearcamp Valley School, and The Community School—all have new principals or directors this year. Over the course of the next three issues, The Civic News will feature an interview with each of these educators who have recently joined us in Tamworth.

The cheery delight of the main office at Kenneth A. Brett School is an eye opener for those of us who don't often have the occasion to sit still in that bustling space. From the fish tank full of crocheted underwater creatures on Mrs. Brown's desk to the student-made posters on etiquette, the place is colorful and alive with purpose. It was an encouraging introduction to my interview with new principal, Ken Hawkins.

As Mr. Hawkins led me into his office, he turned up the heat for the visit as we moved to the small conference table (a gesture I appreciated as both mindful of resources and courteous). In introducing myself, my connection to The Community School came up and created an instant "small world" moment: Ken's cousin is an alumna of TCS, and my former student. Their shared grandparents were from Holderness and were teachers, early influences on this man who has made education not only a vocation, but a passion.

Ken's early teaching was at Portsmouth Middle School, where he hooked his 8th graders on earth science by tapping into the simple pleasure of "blowing things up" in the lab. Ken's own biggest influence was a biology teacher, Mr. Miller, who didn't have a wacky or outrageous personality, but was so clearly into the subject of environmental science that Ken was determined to be a science teacher.

When Ken and his wife, Michelle, had their first child, Jack, seven years into his teaching career, Ken determined it was time to add administrative work into his repertoire; he served as an assistant principal at Sanborn High, while teaching anatomy and physiology, all with a newborn! This sort of efficient juggling served him well in future posts, and seems to be helping him settle in here. And though he's clearly in love with his children, including Owen and Kate, who followed Jack, he's glad not to be juggling newborns in the work mix any longer.

Early in our interview, I threw out the loaded question about philosophy of education. The response was measured in that Ken said if he had to write an essay about his philosophy of education, he'd have to write in pencil: the more he learns, the more he grows and adjusts his viewpoint. He's using this same insight to settle into an unfamiliar school in a community new to him, and adopting an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach to learning about the people and programs that make up our school. He seems to be a quick learner, and was able to speak familiarly about individual students—their personalities, strengths, interests, and skills—and about several strong programs in place, including the potential for the new technology

initiative around the KUNO tablets.

While discussing the KUNOs, one of those interesting interview shifts took place as Ken leaned in enthusiastically and threw out examples of the myriad ways these little tablets can be quite potent learning tools that not only excite students, but can pull together whole swaths of knowledge and skills into real-world applications. One potential project is the creation of a complex multi-media oral history of Tamworth, work adaptable to any learner at any age, and a wonderful gift to our community. Ken was visibly excited by the potential, knowing that our town has a rich heritage we could lose if we can't somehow capture parts of it.

This is a community that Mr. Hawkins is fast growing to love, though he's still making a long commute to and from Kittery, Maine, each day. While this provides a nice opportunity to broaden horizons (he just finished listening to *Moby Dick*) or, with the useful addition of hands-free phones technology, catch up on parent contact and business calls, it is a stretch. One thing he does know is that our town is a special place and that the constant and present level of togetherness he regularly witnesses in our community is something you don't find very often.

—Lianne Prentice

THE TAMWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT offers ongoing classes in Tai Chi, step aerobics, "Living Strong" for older adults, and yoga. There is also a summer program for Tamworth children during July & August. Contact Parker Roberts at 323-7582 for program information.

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SPRING CLEANING IN TAMWORTH

Now that the weather is finally warming in Tamworth, spring cleaning can begin! There are many ways to get rid of unwanted items without throwing them into the trash. Here, in alphabetical order, are a few examples.

BATTERIES: Auto batteries can be dropped at NAPA for recycling; rechargeable batteries are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in late July/early August; common household batteries can be safely put in the trash.

BOOKS: Cook Library accepts books in good condition (no text books, musty/dusty volumes, condensed books, or books on tape, please). For larger quantities, check with the library first. Before discarding old books, contact Agape Ministries (across from Pizza Barn on Route 16), by calling 539-4456 or emailing agapehomestead@yahoo.com. If books cannot be given away, some can be recycled, but many cannot—even if covers are removed—because publishing paper may have clay content too high to recycle. Check with Glenn at the Transfer Station.

CLOTHING: Clean, used clothing can be donated to local rummage sales, dropped at Agape Ministries, or in the Planet Aid collection box next to the NH Country Store in Chocorua or NAPA in Ossipee. See planetaid.org or call 888-893-0648. Travelers to Greater Portland or Concord will find easy access to Goodwill stores including some drive-up locations. Check goodwillnne.org.

eWASTE remains a hot topic, as we all generate our share of electronic waste that should not be thrown into the trash. At present, there is nothing on the horizon like the collection in Tamworth a few years ago. Contact dennis@tamwireless.net for more information.

FOOD: Non-perishable foods that have not gone past their sell-by dates and seasonal fresh produce are accepted at local food pantries: St. Andrews-in-the-Valley whenever the church is open (pantry hours are 10–noon, Tues. & Fri.) and at Agape Ministries (M-W-F, 1–3PM).

FREecycle works to keep good, usable stuff out of landfills. Post unwanted items on Freecycle, select recipient, set time and place for pickup. Go to freecycle.org and then click on 'Browse Groups.' There is a Freecycle group in Conway. Or, give usable things away on the Tamworth Exchange, the online news and information source for Tamworth. To subscribe, go to groups.yahoo.com and search for "tamworthexchange."

FURNITURE: Habitat for Humanity picks up items including furniture, upholstered items, and lamps on Saturdays during the warmer months, but they do not accept most particle board items. See MWV-Habitat.org or call 356-3832. Agape Ministries also accepts furniture and is able to pick up.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: The UUFES Used Thrift Shop in Tamworth Village accepts clean, working items. Donations can be dropped on Saturdays from 9–noon during the farmers markets. The shop is in the basement at ground level in the rear of the church. Contact Bobbi

Hoyt at goodharborb@hotmail.com or 986-9702. Agape Ministries accepts household goods of all sorts: building materials, toys, books, bikes, CDs, VHS tapes, books on tape, and working electronics. TVs must have accessory hookup capability.

MEDICATIONS: Flushing old pills puts them into our water supply. Hold onto them for Drug Enforcement Drug Take Back Days, held in the spring and fall. No questions or paperwork required. See: deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

PAINT & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Latex paint is not hazardous—mix with sawdust or kitty litter, let it dry, and take to the Transfer Station. Intact compact fluorescent lights ARE hazardous and should be taken to the HHW collection site. Oil-based paints and stains in good condition can be given away or held in original containers for HHW. Each household can bring ten gallons or fifty pounds to HHW. More information about what is accepted at HHW collection sites is available at lakesrpc.org/services_hhw.asp.

RECYCLING: The Tamworth Transfer Station has an excellent recycling program for glass, plastics, paper, cardboard, metals, and more. If you are unfamiliar with how Tamworth recycling works, just ask one of our knowledgeable and helpful Transfer Station attendants to guide you, or go to tamworthnh.org → Regulations & Applications → Ordinances → Transfer Station Guidelines for details. If you have a big load, pack in layers so unloading can be done in one continuous loop through the station—cardboard, paper, commingled, aluminum, glass, trash, demolition debris, and metal recycling. A little effort makes a big tax impact. The station can dispose of a ton of glass or commingled plastic and metal for \$30/ton, but recyclables in rubbish cost \$85/ton.

—Sue Stowbridge

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to investigate a wage and classification study so that all town employees are treated fairly and so that the town is paying on an even scale. ♦ The board revisited pistol permits. Selectman Steve Gray feels it was a simple failure to communicate. The police chief is doing background checks, and there is no longer an issue. Background checks will be done on new and renewal permits. ♦ Hidden stated he had attended the Grace Field Enhancement Committee, established to pursue the warrant article from 2013 naming the ball fields on Durrell Road the "Roy Grace Memorial Park." They discussed an updated score board and will meet again in April. ♦ The meeting reconvened at 7:04PM in Freedom where the board met with CarePlus, and representatives from the towns of Freedom, Madison, Effingham, Ossipee, and Eaton to discuss regional ambulance services. CarePlus did a PowerPoint presentation and then held a discussion with the towns. All six towns were in agreement with creating a committee to research options.

TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sundays**
Live From The Lyceum. Featured musician at 1:30, followed by song circle & jam session at 2:30. Tamworth Lyceum in Tamworth Village. Concert listings are at www.tamworthlumber.com.
- Sundays**
Dinner Bell, 5PM at St. Andrew's Church.
- Mondays**
Cook Memorial Library now open Mondays, 10–2.
- Tuesdays & Fridays**
Community Food Center at St. Andrew's Church, open 10–12. Call 960-4067.
- Tuesdays**
Storytime for young children. 10:30–11:30, CML.
- Tuesdays**
Fiber arts group meets bi-weekly 10–11:30. Remick Museum. Free. Call 323-7591.
- Wednesdays**
TCNA sponsored weight loss group. Free. Cook Library, 5:30PM. Call 323-8511 for details.
- Wednesdays**
Meditation and discussion on non-violent communication. Alternating Wednesdays, Unitarian Church, 6:30PM. beverly@sethausten.com FMI.
- Wednesdays**
First and third Wednesday of each month. Prayer shawl group meets at Chocorua Community Church, 1–2:30. Join for fellowship and knitting.
- Thursdays, through June 12th**
The Farmers' Table lunch at The Community School. By donation. Starts at noon. Call ahead: 323-7000.
- Thursdays**
Community arts group. Remick Museum 2:30–4. Bring your own supplies.
- Thursdays, May 1st, 15th, & 29th; June 12th & 26th**
Tamworth Select Board meets, Town Office, 4PM.
- Saturday, May 3rd**
Valley Pride Day trash pick-up. Registration at Brett School parking lot from 8:30–10.
- Saturday, May 3rd**
Graveyard Restoration. See page 1 for details.
- Saturday, May 3rd**
Cook Memorial Library book sale. 10–12.
- Saturdays, May 3rd & June 7th**
Bean Supper. South Tamworth United Methodist Church hosts at Runnells Hall. Adults \$7, children \$4. Two settings: 5 & 5:45PM.
- Wednesdays, May 7th, 14th, & 21st**
Bird walks sponsored by the Tamworth Conservation Commission. Meet at the Town House at 7AM, rain or shine, but not in a deluge. Call 387-7869.
- Wednesday, May 7th**
Tamworth Historical Society presents "White Mountain Huts: past & future." CML, 7PM.
- Thursday, May 8th**
Plants of the Field & Forest. Wild edible, medicinal, & tree ID walk at Remick Museum, 11–12:30.
- Saturdays, starting May 10th**
Tamworth Farmers Market, 9–1, rain or shine. Unitarian Church parking lot. New website: www.tamworthfarmersmarket.org.
- Sunday, May 11th**
Tamworth Fire Club Mothers' Day Breakfast at Runnells Hall, 7-10:30AM. Tamworth Fire Club fundraiser. Adults \$6; children \$3; under 3 free.
- Monday, May 12th**
Preschool Story hour. Remick Museum 10–11.
- Monday, May 12th**
Carroll County Altrusa meets. 6PM, Runnells Hall.
- Fridays, May 16th & June 20th**
Potluck dinner. Chocorua Comm. Church. 6pm.
- Friday, May 16th & Saturday, May 17th**
Tamworth Community Guild Rummage Sale. 6–8PM on Friday; 9–12 on Saturday at the Town House. Drop donations Monday-Friday at noon. 986-6046.
- Saturday, May 17th**
The Community School Spring Fair and plant sale at the school, 9-2. Call 323-7000 for details.
- Saturday, May 17th & Sunday, May 18th**
Inter-tribal Powwow. Tamworth Camping Area on Depot Road. 10–5 both days. 603-617-5852. Adults \$3; ages 13–17 \$2; 12 & under are free.
- Monday, May 19th**
Homeschool class: sheep & wool. Remick Museum, 10–12. Call 323-7591 to pre-register.
- Sunday, May 25th**
Tamworth Outing Club presents "Contradance" at the Tamworth Lyceum at 1:30PM.
- Friday, May 30th**
Farm-to-Table dinner at Remick Museum. Seatings at 5:30 & 7PM. Adults \$12, children 12 & under \$8. BYOB. Call 323-7591.
- Saturday, May 31st**
Barnyard Basics: raising chickens. Remick Museum. Age 18 & up. Call 323-7591 to register.
- Saturday, May 31st**
Altrusa & Cook Library plant and book sale at the library. 9–1. Perennials, raffle, and more!
- Saturday, June 7th**
The Barnstormers hosts Marion Cleveland Cohen Memorial Golf Tournament at Indian Mound Golf Club. 323-2933 or barnstormerstheatre.org.
- Saturday, June 21st**
K.A. Brett PTA Golf Tournament at Indian Mound Golf Course. For info contact Donna Ulitz at 323-7271 x304 or Heidi King at 323-7433.
- Saturday, June 21st**
Summer Solstice contradance at the Tamworth Town House, 7:30-10:30pm. Hosted by Tamworth Outing Club. Family price is \$15; adults \$7.
- Saturday, June 21st**
"Frost Heaves." Yankee humor at The Barnstormers. Reservations: barnstormerstheatre.org or 323-8500.

Send calendar items to TCNcalendar@gmail.com. Submissions for the July 1st TCN are due by June 10th.

SHARE IN CHOCORUA LIBRARY'S LIVING HISTORY PROJECT

The Chocorua Public Library invites you to "Show us your photographs! Tell us your stories!" of life in Chocorua Village from the 1950s to today. Do you remember Harriet Atwood's Chocorua column in the Carroll County Independent? Did you buy your groceries at the Chocorua Market or bring your car to Elliott's Auto Center? Many adults recall eating ice cream and reading comic books as children at Pascoe's General Store. What do you remember about living in Chocorua?

The Chocorua Public Library is gathering photos and stories to archive and to preserve the history of the families, individuals, businesses, events, arts, and culture of the past sixty years. They are interviewing people of all ages to record stories and remembrances of life in the village as it was and as it is today.

One memorable story is about Postmaster Walter Fortier, who is now ninety-two years old. On Christmas Eve, if a package was still in the post

office and it looked like a Christmas present, Walter would personally deliver the package to your house. In our community, people knew and cared for one another. And they still do. Though the businesses and family names may have changed over the years, the spirit of family and friendship still goes on. The library wants to document this living history.

Come and tell your stories. Bring in your family albums or a box of photos. Let Marion Posner and the Living History staff look at them with you and get your help in identifying people in the pictures. The Chocorua Public Library is open on Sundays from 1-5, and on Mondays and Thursdays from 1-7. A special email has been set up so you can send in your photos and stories to chocorualivinghistory@gmail.com. For more information call the library at 323-8610. The Chocorua Public Library is located at 125 Deer Hill Road, just east of Route 16.

—Kent Schneider

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ALTRUSA

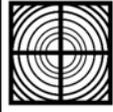
The Carroll County chapter of Altrusa International is actively seeking new members. Altrusa International is a non-profit organization which seeks to better our community by encouraging volunteerism. There is a strong emphasis on literacy, but our members serve in many different ways. Within the last few months, our members have participated in the Making Strides Against Cancer Walk, co-hosted a Christmas party for area foster children and their families, offered free magazine subscriptions to local schools, shopped for the Tamworth Christmas Project, and volunteered in many different capacities. Future activities will include working with the local Habitat for Humanity "Women's Build" project, and joining the Cook Memorial Library in a plant sale.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at Runnell's Hall in Chocorua. Anyone interested in

becoming a member is encouraged to attend our orientation meeting on May 5th or visit our website at carrollcountyaltrusa.blogspot.com.

For more information, e-mail carrollcountyaltrusa@yahoo.com or call Cathy at 662-8605.

—Cathy Sholtanis



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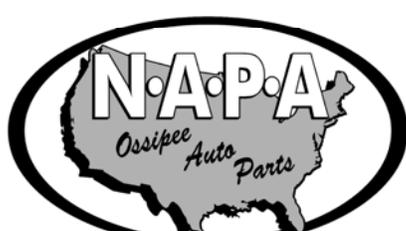
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SUGARING SORROWS AT RED GABLES FARM

As I write this on April 12th, “sorrows” might be too strong a word, given the forecast for a few cold nights next week. But during the very cold month of March, it all seemed like doom and gloom for the sugaring season, so here are a few numbers to help put the season in perspective.

This year we tapped trees during the second week of March, and it seemed late, since we have gotten used to tapping in mid-February the last few years. But a mid-March start is not unusual if you look back ten years to see that six years got rolling from March 7th to the 17th.

The trouble with this year was the extreme cold right through March. By the end of March, our 525 buckets had only given us enough sap for eighteen gallons of syrup. By contrast, last year (an excellent year) at the end of March we had produced 171 gallons. That was almost enough contrast to keep me from getting out of bed, but then the Goddess of Sap made a campaign swing through Tamworth in early April, showering her blessings on local sugar houses. In twelve days we went from eighteen gallons to nearly 100, with a few more to follow.

Although certainly not the 210 gallons of last year, it is not the lost season so many of us had feared.

—Bob Streeter

UPDATING TAMWORTH'S EMERGENCY PLAN

The Tamworth Community Nurse (TCNA) is in the process of updating Tamworth's emergency response list and operations plan and would like your help.

The emergency response list would be used by TCNA and Tamworth Rescue to ensure everyone's safety in the event of a natural disaster (ice storm, forest fire, etc.). If you or someone you know would benefit from being on this list, please contact TCNA. You may live alone, live in an isolated rural setting, or have medical issues. Or you may just want the peace of mind that someone knows how to reach you in an emergency situation. Please call or e-mail with your name, physical address, and phone number. Include information such as wheelchair or oxygen use.

As we reevaluate our emergency operations plan, we would like to update our list of resources. If you have a medical background and would be willing to help in the case of a town-wide emergency, please email or call us with your contact information and your medical credentials.

To contact TCNA, call 323-8511 or email tamworth-nurses@yahoo.com.

With everyone's help, Tamworth will be well prepared when the next natural disaster hits town.

—Jo Anne Rainville RN