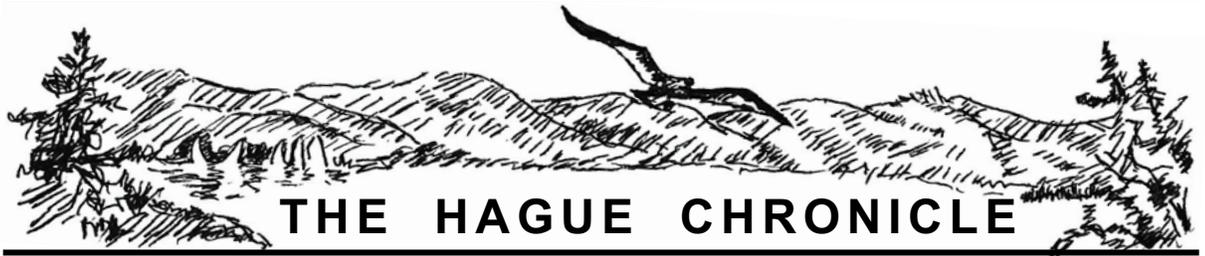


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### HAGUE RESIDENT ON TI SCHOOL BOARD

Marty Fitzgerald of Hague was the top vote getter in the May 2011 Ticonderoga School Board election with 184 votes from Hague and 397 votes from Ticonderoga for a total of 581 votes. John Reale of Ticonderoga with 51 Hague votes and 482 Ti votes for a total of 533 and Paula Besson of Ticonderoga with 39 votes from Hague and 407 votes from Ti for a total of 446 were also elected. Voters defeated the May budget by 56 votes. A new vote was held on June 21, 2011.

### TRIATHLON SAFETY MEASURES STRESSED

Randy Engler, North Country Triathlon founder, asks the public's help in keeping everyone safe during the event on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Hague Beach starting at 7:30 am.

Over 500 competitors and additional spectators will be in the beach area on Saturday. Anyone located on Route 9N is urged to be careful of the racers on foot or bikes – especially as you are coming out of your driveway. Please try to brush any debris (rock and stone) away from driveway entrances next to the road shoulder that might cause a runner or cyclist to fall. Also clear any vehicles that may block the shoulders that the racers will be using for their safety.

If you are planning on coming to Hague Beach to watch the event or to run errands, please understand that the town will be very crowded around that area from about 7 am until 1 pm so plan on slight delays. Since parking spaces are limited, please consider walking or riding a bike to town that day. Cyclists are a favorite target for dogs and to ensure the safety of both, please be sure that all dogs are leashed.

Engler said, "Your overall awareness and patience while the event is going on is greatly appreciated and will help ensure a safe, and fun event for our community."

#### Parlin's Uptown Restaurant to Open

Dinners Tuesday thru Saturday from 5:30 pm

Sunday morning brunch 10 am - 2 pm

Reservations encouraged 518-543-6202

**Hague Fireworks at the Town Beach**  
**Sunday, July 3, 2011 — 9 pm**

### POSTAL SERVICE MEETING

On June 9, 2011, representatives of the USPS met with local residents to discuss how to provide the best service if the Silver Bay Post Office is closed due to the financial distress of the agency. The Post Office is not currently hiring new postmasters when there is a vacancy as is the case in Silver Bay and instead initiates a study in the community. Residents of both Silver Bay, who would be losing the service, and of Hague, who might have to share resources, were present with many questions and suggestions.

The residents in Silver Bay could opt for carrier service but for a postal box or use of a postal facility, a new location would need to be found. If the Hague Post Office was not used, then a "village post office" could be used which is essentially putting the services in a central location - usually a commercial establishment. One possibility would be to have a building at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks serve as a "village" facility. The Post Office will now have to study its data to make a determination.

### SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPOUT ASSISTANCE

The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board has received funding from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to offer half price septic system pumpouts for area residents including those in Sabbath Day Point and Silver Bay who own property within 500 feet of Lake George. This program is aimed at assisting homeowners with water conservation practices and septic system maintenance on their property, and is being performed in partnership with the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Lake George Association (LGA).

It is recommended that a septic system be pumped every 3 - 5 years for maximum benefit to the system, and to minimize health and water quality impacts. SWCD and LGA staff will be present at the pumpout to provide water conservation kits and to answer any questions related to septic system maintenance and lake related issues. Each water conservation kit includes a low-flow toilet bag, low-flow showerhead, low-flow faucet aerator, educational materials and onsite septic system contact information. The goal of this program is to raise awareness of septic system issues on Lake George.

The Lake George Onsite Septic Improvement Program is completely voluntary, and all agencies involved are non-regulatory. Pumpouts will be scheduled from June - September 2011. Funding for this program is limited, so if you are interested in participating please contact Beth Gilles at (518) 668-5773.

## HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB EVENTS

The Senior View Cafe opened again for Americade during the week of June 6, 2011. We served the motorcyclists and local visitors homemade specials every day, rain or shine. The traveling guests were appreciative of the food and the accommodations at the Visitor's Center. They thanked the Seniors for giving them good directions on their way to their next destinations.

On June 28, 2011 we will hold our Senior Appreciation picnic lunch and meeting at noon at the Town Park and Beach -- although if it rains we'll meet at the Community Center. Club President Pat Hintze says, "Come hungry and come ready to play!"

At the June meeting there will be sign ups for the Lake Champlain Cruise on July 14, 2011 which is a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Please bring your \$20 for the tickets. You can contact Pat at 543-6502.

## HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB PROJECTS

The Hague Fish & Game Club along with The Hague Sno-Goers have taken over the responsibility of keeping the parking area and roadway into Jabe Pond clean. The Town of Hague and DEC have opened the gate to Jabe and both Clubs will continue to monitor the road and to keep the areas clean. This area has a "carry in, carry out" designation. We encourage all to use the area but remember to take out all trash so it remains pristine. The public's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, July 9, 2011, the Fish & Game Club will be holding their annual steak bake at the Clubhouse off West Hague Road. Please come out and enjoy a nice meal with steaks from Green Mountain, baked potato, corn roll and dessert, still only \$12. Dinner will be served from 3 to 7 pm and is available for either eat-in or take-out. Refreshments, soda pop, water and beer will be available for purchase. A horse shoe tournament will start around 2 pm and a famous local DJ will be spinning your favorites into the night, so come out and join in the fun .  
... Steve Ramant

## BEACH BLAST

A "Beach Blast" Vacation Bible School will be held for youth in grades K-5 on July 7 - 9, 2011 hosted by the Hague Baptist Church. From 6 - 8 pm, there will be games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun at the Hague Town Park. For more information call 543-8899 or 763-5320.

## HVFD REPORTS LIGHT AMERICADE ACTIVITY

While the area experienced a pretty normal number of motorcycle accidents, including a fatality, Hague only responded to a small number of calls related to Americade. There have been several car related calls recently, however.

Our Memorial Day weekend celebration was as usual, a great success, in spite of the weather doing its' best to wash things out. We were astounded at the turn out for the Chicken and Ribs Barbecue at the Firehouse Pavilion. Thanks to one and all who helped make this event such a success.

As usual, we will be providing stand by safety back up for both the June 25th Triathlon and July 3rd Fireworks. Our fire/rescue boat is back in full service, and has responded to two calls already. Safety Officer Jon Hanna warns that Lake George is still cold enough to bring about hypothermia. There were 14 Fire calls in May using 110 man hrs. and 10 Ambulance calls using 94.5 man hrs.

Terri Davis has completed requirements for certification as an Emergency Vehicle Operator. Congratulations Terri. Dave Martucci reports that his brother Mark is home from having open heart surgery, and is on the long road to recovery. Many thanks to DeFranco Landscaping for refreshing our plantings and grounds again this year without even being asked. What a great job!

Our regular July meeting has been rescheduled to July 11, 2011.  
... Joe McCranel

**WARNING:** If you are still feeding birds, STOP.  
(See Chris Ianson's article on page 9).

## JOHN COSTELLO MEMORIAL COFFEEHOUSE

*Flippancy Fest VIII* will be held on the evening of July 22, 2011 at the Hague Town Beach or in case of rain at the Hague Community Center. At this time we are searching for a scholarship recipient and coffeehouse organizer for this special community event. The scholarship is given yearly through Silver Bay YMCA. John Costello was a Hague resident and Silver Bay Emp who passed away in an accident in 2003. He enriched the lives of his family and friends for 19 years. Please join us for an evening of local talent, music, art and refreshments. For more information contact: Karen Costello at 543-6590 or Carolyn Close, Silver Bay YMCA at 543-8833 ext 211.

**VENDORS NEEDED** to sell food [example: hot dogs, coffee, bagels, water, soda] at the Arts and Crafts Fair on August 6 - 7, 2011. Call Mary Keefer at 518-543-6108.

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## MEMORIAL DAY - NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thunder and lightning didn't dampen our spirits and we have plenty of photos by our volunteer photographers to prove it. Right after WOKO Radio's DJ Steve Pelkey urged the marchers to speed it up a little, a huge lightning bolt descended nearly simultaneously with an ear-splitting crack of thunder. In an instant, Steve pulled the power plug as the Cambridge Band kept marching past the judges' stand, their red uniforms drenched and rain falling on the shiny tuba.

We only regret that for safety reasons, we had to cancel the most meaningful part of the day's activities—the Memorial Dedication Service at the beach. Even so, our special guest speaker, WW II Veteran Raymond Tolar said with good grace, "There's always next year!" We do want to express our thanks to everyone who were 'good sports', remaining in the lineup to finish the parade so the Judges were able to pick the winners. To all of you who assembled at the beach waiting to share in the Memorial Service as well, we appreciate your support.

The Memorial Day Parade Committee - Madeline Pelkey, Michael Cherubini, Emily Cobb, Maureen Cherubini, Ray Snyder, Pat Hintze, Joan Steitz, Janet Hanna, Jon Hanna, Diane Faranick and Gladys Graser - extends its appreciation to all who supported, participated and/or attended Hague's Celebration on May 28, 2011. Special thanks go to Hague Town Officials and Staff, Hague Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Steward's Shops, and to the many private donors who contributed to make this event possible.

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We thank the Marine Leathernecks Color Guard which included Wally Petersen and Steve Ross of Hague, the American Legion, Hague Veterans, including 96-year-old WWII Veteran Anthony Defranco, and the 2nd Continental Artillery Revolutionary Reenactors of Fort Edward. We thank Hague Supervisor Dan Belden for honoring us as Parade Grand Marshall. We thank Jeffery Antonetti and biker friends who together created the Dedication to Our Uncle Sam - Charlie Antonetti. We thank Pastor MacNeil of the Baptist Church, Father O'Kane of the Catholic Church, and Rev. Trembley and Elder Ockkin of the Wesleyan Church for their support. We thank Parade Judges Joyce Barker, Robert Dedrick, and John McDonald, Jr. We thank the LG Sheriff's Department and Hague Fire Department along with Fire Police from Bolton Landing and Horicon for Traffic Control during the Parade. We also appreciate the HVFD for serving that "Best Barbecue in the North" to cap off the day.

We sincerely thank all those who offered helping hands to the Seniors in so many, various ways. Despite the dampening storm, Hague's ninth DAY TO REMEMBER! was truly a day of "Community Spirit". ... Madeline Pelkey and Christine Ianson

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - THE WINNERS ARE

**BEST IN PARADE "ISLAND CAMPING" - HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS**



photo by Seddon Beaty



photo by Chris Ianson

**MOST CREATIVE  
"GO TEAM - LOWES"  
LOWES EMPLOYEES' TEAM**



photo by Paul Stolarsky

**MOST PATRIOTIC  
"AMERICAN FLAG JEEP"  
MITZIE & ED WOOD**



photo by Paul Stolarsky

**MOST HUMOROUS  
"TROUT HOUSE RESORT-40 YRS"  
PATCHETT FAMILY**



photo by Paul Stolarsky

**BEST YOUTH  
"VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL"  
HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**BEST ADIRONDACK THEME—"HAGUE SNO-GOERS"  
(sorry no photo)**

**HONORABLE MENTION  
ADULT "USA - SUPPORT OUR MILITARY" - Hague Fish & Game Club  
YOUTH "LITTLE RASCALS" - Donna Trudeau and Cast**

## **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 5/18/11**

Supervisor Belden and Board Members Edna Frasier, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were present.

A report was given on a meeting with Supervisor Belden, Councilwoman Frasier and Highway Superintendent Don Smith and with Tom Martin and Tad Norton from the DEC regarding Jabe Pond Road. The DEC has an expedited temporary revocable permit (ETRP) which the Board authorized the Supervisor to sign. The Town of Hague would be responsible for maintaining the road. The State would supply the material. The Hague Sno-goers and the Fish & Game Club would make sure the area is kept clean.

The Board voted in favor of waiving the 30-day notice for a summer wine license and has no objection to LTP Holdings, LLC (Uptown Restaurant) being granted a summer restaurant wine license. A letter will be sent to the NYS Liquor Authority.

The Board also amended the 2011 budget by making necessary account transfers.

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING - 6/13/11**

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board Members Dick Gladu, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were present. Mark Martucci is still recovering from surgery.

Supervisor Belden opened a public hearing on a wastewater application at 6:15 pm. The application was approved with conditions suggested by ZEO Cathy Clark. The public hearing was closed at 6:20 pm and the Supervisor started the regular meeting.

Some committee reports were heard including information that there have been some problems getting the work completed in the new Veteran's Memorial Park. The dedication planned for June 18, 2011 has been cancelled. The sidewalks, engraving and benches still are to be done and then the landscaping will be done by DeFranco who had the low bid. The Town bought the flagpole themselves and saved a considerable amount of money.

The Supervisor then asked for public comments. Steve Ramant reported on the maintenance of the Jabe Pond area. Lari Dhein asked about the paving of the Forest Bay Road and the Supervisor noted that it was being held up until funding comes through for the catch basins. Joe McCranels reported that in spite of difficulty with tree removal going on at Rogers Rock Park, over 150 people signed in to use the cross country ski area. Chris Navitsky reported on work with other towns on draft legislation on fertilizers and has sent it to Supervisor Belden who said he would get together with him. Pat Hintze thanked the Board for the use of the Visitor Center during Americade.

Highway Superintendent Don Smith reported that the road to Jabe Pond is passable. The department, along with other towns, has been helping out in Thurman which has had major problems with wash outs. They are also getting ready for the trash cleanup. Councilman Gladu thanked the department for their help with the parade and preparing the playground area saying they have gone "above and beyond."

ZEO Cathy Clark reported that she has started her annual canvassing of the Town for properties that are not meeting the requirements of the Town's Property Maintenance law or that contain junk automobiles. ZEO Clark also suggested a meeting with the Town Board and Eastside Metals and Recycling to discuss using their services. Eastside would pay the Town for scrap metals and accept refrigerators and air conditioners with Freon. Residents would not have to pay for the disposal of appliances. While Casella currently charges for disposal, Eastside would pay.

Councilman Meola reported that the summer Youth Program at Silver Bay will run from June 27 through August 19, 2011 and to date 18 kids have signed up. Applications are available in the Town office.

Councilwoman Frasier reported everything was running smoothly in the sewer districts although there had been a problem when a spoon got down into one of the pumps.

Councilman Meola reported the new playground equipment is in. Thanks to preparation by highway personnel, everything was ready for installation when the equipment arrived. Meola also requested that the Board act on a previous memo indicating the need to remove small dying trees and dead bushes in the Park. The Board approved removal and needs to follow through on the clean up and replanting as well as maintaining any new plantings. The problem with the "goose poop" continues to be an item of concern and will be addressed further when the park employees are there.

Councilman Meola again questioned the committee system since he was not informed about a transfer station meeting and the contract was overdue. The prices for most items remain unchanged although the 50 gal bag went up 25 cents. The new contract was approved with Meola voting against it.

Councilman Meola added Jamie Patchett to his recommendation to the Board to serve as a lifeguard.

The Board selected Bob Whitaker to fill in the position on the Planning Board when John Brown's resignation is received. There were three qualified candidates and they will keep the applications on file. Councilman Meola noted that although the committee was supposed to make written recommendations to the Board, he did not receive it.

The Oktoberfest Committee recommended that the event be expanded. Since the tent will be up for the entire weekend, there is opportunity to have more activities to attract visitors to stay in Town – what the Chamber calls "more heads in beds." On Friday, September 24, 2011 they would like to have local music in the park until 10 pm. On Saturday, September 25, 2011 the Oktoberfest will run from noon to 5 pm. Then on Sunday the tent could be used for an ecumenical service or some type of breakfast. The Town will get a 2 day beer license to cover both Friday and Saturday.

Councilwoman Frasier noted that Oktoberfest should be able to cover all their expenses. Last year they were given an additional \$1500 to be carried over to this year's budget. The 2011 budget for \$4000, less the \$1500, leaves \$2500 for the Committee from the Town. They have planned a \$2 per person charge and along with the shirt and mug inventory that is already paid for should ensure all expenses are covered this year.

A request for proposals will be sent out for staining the wastewater treatment center and will be in the Times of Ti in July.

The Board will advertise the Town of Hague in the Warren County Guide in the amount of \$885 and have a full page ad in the Warren County Group Travel Planner for \$250. The Town paid this amount last year and the Chamber didn't pick it up this year. Since money that is given to the Chamber of Commerce is for promotion, it will be deducted from the \$11,000 per year that the Town gives to the Chamber from the bed tax income.

Supervisor Belden reported he had an application for a grant to get matching funds to clean the beach and boat slip area. He will get help from Dave Wick of WC Soil and Water to make up the plans and from Dave Decker of the LG Watershed to write the grant.

Councilman Meola suggested that the Board get rid of the old copier that is just sitting in the building taking up space. ZEO Clark noted that first you have to have someone erase the hard drive which could have personal information in it.

Councilman Gladu continues his contact with the cell tower company and cell service provider and reported that everything is set and that it really should be available this week!

### **ZONING BOARD – 5/26/11**

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Bill Pittman, Chris Navitsky, Lyndsay Mydlarz and Maureen Cherubini were present. There is one vacancy.

The Board deemed three applications for variance approval as complete, scheduled public hearings for the next meeting on June 23, 2011 at 7 pm and conducted a joint site visit with Planning Board members of all the properties.

### **PLANNING BOARD – 6/2/11**

Chairman EJ Siwek and Board Members Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark, John Brown and Pam Peterson were present. Richard Frasier was absent.

#### WILSON/FLOOR (25.1-1-17 & 18) Summit Drive & Route 8 (OCI)

The application for a Major Subdivision of two parcels was approved last month with conditions requiring a "Site Plan review if there are any substantial modifications to the current plans regarding septic placement, storm water design, percentage of clearing or location of driveway." When any individual lots are developed, the plans will be subject to review by the LGPC and the ZEO so the condition placed on the subdivision was not necessary and EJ Siwek withdrew his motion from the previous meeting. The public hearing was continued to next month.

#### STANFORD (43.13-1-29) 7 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

The applicant placed a 6' x 8' shed on his property 2' from the side line and 11' from the front line and is seeking an after-the-fact variance for the setbacks. A motion to recommend to

the ZBA that the motion be denied was not approved. A motion then to recommend that the Zoning Board approve the application was passed 4 – 2 (Cherubini, Fitzgerald, Brown, Siwek; Clark, Peterson).

#### LARTER (93.8-1-23) 24 Delaware Ave. (TR-1R)

The applicants are requesting an area variance from the shoreline setback to add 19 sq. ft to an existing porch. The setback from the Lake to the structure would remain at 29' 6". The Planning Board recommended to the ZBA that an area variance for the 19 sq ft be approved.

A Site plan application has also been submitted for an 86 sq. ft. addition to the north side of the same porch. The Board approved the Site Plan on the condition that it was not to become living space unless they returned to the Planning Board. Since the addition of the 86 sq ft was minor, they waived any public hearing.

#### BEATY (26.18-1-1.2) 9250 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicants intend to replace a seasonal home with new construction requiring an area variance for an added 80 sq. ft to the existing footprint, within 50 ft. of the shoreline. They would also like to relocate the lakeside covered porch 3 ft to the south with an area that is 16 sq. ft smaller. A total of 25% increase in square footage is proposed meeting a condition placed on this parcel in a 2001 subdivision approval. The Board recommended approval of the area variance to the ZBA including the replacement of the house and porch as indicated on the proposed prints.

The next discussion centered around a 150 Sq. Ft. (3' high) retaining wall within 50 ft. of the Lake proposed to add an absorption area for stormwater controls. Pam Peterson questioned how this type of retaining wall will actually work since it slopes toward the Lake and why it needs to go as far as proposed. She noted that grass is not that absorbent and shrubs could be used. Mr. Beaty noted that the primary benefit is to get the land where it is more level. ZEO Clark noted that the wall will be constructed with crushed rock and filter cloth. The stormwater will be contained better by grass than the rocks there now. The application has been sent to the LGPC, the WC Planning Board and the APA. The Board voted to recommend to the ZBA that they approve the wall as designed by an engineer with the intention of maximizing stormwater control. It was further recommended that they investigate native vegetation for maximum absorption.

The final part of the application was for Type 1 Site plan approval for new construction within 100 ft of Lake. The Site plan was approved as presented with distances remaining the same and a public hearing was waived since they have done a responsible job in planning and there would not be significant interest in a public hearing.

#### LTP HOLDING, LLC –UPTOWN STORE (43.5-1-5) 9819 Graphite Mt. Rd.

ZEO Clark reported that new information had been received and the application has been submitted to the County. Outdoor seating has been removed and there are 34 interior seats. [They have received a variance from NYS Fire Prevention for 37 seats.]

## WITH THE LGA

The Lake George Association (LGA) continues to support efforts to eradicate the Emerald Ash Borer which threatens the more than 900 million ash trees in Upstate New York and the timber and lumber business that they support. For more information on what you can do to help, see their website <[lakegeorgeassociation.org](http://lakegeorgeassociation.org)> and find in the menus: What We Do/Invasive Species/Forest Pests.

Another invasive species that the LGA is asking the public to be on the lookout for is Yellow Iris. "Early detection and a rapid response for removal is the key to the successful eradication of any new lake invader," said Emily DeBolt, LGA's director of education. For information on this invasive plant search for "yellow iris" on their website.

The LGA is able to support these many lake-saving initiatives through support of its members and fund-raising events. One such event is the annual gala taking place this year on Friday, July 15, 2011 at Erlowest in Lake George. This event sells out early so tickets should be secured soon.

## LGLC ACTIVITIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold two events on Saturday, June 25, 2011. The first, from 9 am – 1 pm, is a paddle in the Northwest Bay brook and marsh which promises to please any wetlands birder or casual canoer/kayaker. The LGLC staff will leisurely lead the way as the group winds its way through these protected waters while learning about native wetland inhabitants. Participants should bring their own canoe or kayak and a lunch.

The second event that day will be held at the LGLC office in Bolton Landing from 2 – 3:30 pm. A talk, led by Leslie Karasin of the Wildlife Conservation Society, will examine the topic of ecological connectivity in the Northern Forest. Learn about what makes this area important for connectivity, what connectivity is, and how you can help protect it.

The LGLC will also host an Art Talk series this summer to promote local arts in conjunction with its Art Raffle for the Last Great Shoreline fundraiser.

The series of talks, covering a range of art mediums and topics, will be held every Wednesday in July and August, at the Macionis Family Center for Conservation. All programs will start at 5 pm and run for about an hour. The office will be open until 8 pm for viewing and selling of art. Refreshments will be served.

The first program on July 6, 2011 will be presented by Bernie Brown, of Bernard R. Brown Fine Art. Mr. Brown focuses his attention on paintings of Lake George and the Adirondacks, specializing in nineteenth and early twentieth century American paintings. He will bring some of his Lake George and Hudson River School paintings and discuss the artwork and artists. Pieces will also be available for purchase, with a portion of proceeds to benefit LGLC.

On July 13, 2011, Mark Perry, of Sweet Pea Farms, will talk on "Bringing Nature Alive – Painting and Photography" while the program on July 20, 2011 will be given by Sara Pfau on "Creative LG Jewelry."

## PERFORMANCES AT THE SEMBRICH

At 1:30 pm on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, a group of teenage performers from Manhattan's Citywide Youth Opera will present a concert at the Museum. The afternoon's events will include a talk given by Andreas Andrade, a longtime singer and executive director of the Citywide Youth Opera. The cost is \$10.

Andrade said he's particularly excited about Citywide Youth Opera's performance at The Sembrich because of his own ties to the opera legend, Marcella Sembrich. "While Madame Sembrich can be included among the legendary singers who made an operatic debut while still in their teens, it is also significant that I began my vocal training with Annamary Dickey, one of Madame Sembrich's last students in her final years at the Juilliard School," said Andrade. "Miss Dickey related several anecdotes of her time under Madame Sembrich's tutelage and spent two summers at Bolton Landing, performing in the very space where my pupils will be singing on June 29th, and they'll be singing some of the very same repertoire Madame Sembrich assigned Miss Dickey."

He added that a special guest appearance will be made by Patrice Munsel, the youngest star performer to be contracted by the Metropolitan Opera during its entire history.

Additional upcoming events include a celebration of the 100th birthday of the great Italian-American composer, Gian Carlo Menotti on July 7, 2011 with Opera Saratoga in an evening that will include a performance of Menotti's effervescent comic buffa "The Telephone." On July 21-23, 2011, the Sembrich pairs a reading of Jon Marans' Pulitzer-nominated play "Old Wicked Songs," with a performance of Robert Schumann's *Dichterliebe*.

In addition to serving as a concert hall throughout the season, the museum also houses memorabilia from Madame Sembrich's stage career, as well as antique furniture and fine art collected from her travels throughout Europe.

The Sembrich Museum is located at 4800 Lake Shore Drive. The museum is open daily through Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5:30 p.m. For more information see <[www.thesembrich.org](http://www.thesembrich.org)> or contact the office at (518) 644-2431 or the museum at (518) 644-9839.

## SEMBRICH SUMMER FILM SERIES

The Sembrich Museum begins its annual summer film series at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 27, 2011 with the Woody Allen musical comedy, "Everyone Says I Love You." This 1996 breezy musical comedy, filmed on location in Manhattan, features an all-star cast, song classics from the 20's and elaborate musical numbers.

On July 11, 2011 the 2010 movie "Mao's Last Dancer", an epic true story of a boy's inspirational journey from poverty in rural China to international stardom as a world-class dancer will be shown. The series is free and takes place at the Bolton Free Library on Route 9N.



This group doesn't really qualify as "historical" but they *are* carrying on the tradition of maintaining the Hague Heritage Cemetery at the corner of Route 9N and Pine Orchard Road. The cemetery is the resting place of some citizens

who fought in the Revolutionary War and others whose names ring the bells of Hague history. The majority date back to the early to mid-1800's. Ethel Andrus, former Hague historian, used to have a small group who worked in the cemetery from time to time and she and others organized the fund raising and installation of the split rail fence that surrounds the graveyard.

In an undated document, it states that "when the old, neglected cemetery . . . at Hague . . . was deeded to the State by its owner . . . neighbors studied the inscriptions on the still remaining gravestones, hoping to find one that has long been legendary on Lake George. It records the death of a young woman with as her epitaph, "Lord, she was thin". It is said that her family had ordered the stonecutter to carve ,"Lord, she was Thine", but he did not leave room for the final e. It turned out, however, that the epitaph in question is on a tombstone at an old cemetery in Bolton Landing-on-Lake George."

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

"Tourism: Motels, Cottages, Campgrounds . . . and more!" will be presented at the Historical Society's annual meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. We look forward to sharing with the public the results of our research and hope you'll join us for an interesting evening. All are welcome!



Available that evening will be our new historical photo coasters, notecards, copies of postcards from the Museum's collection, and raffle tickets for a copy of "Adirondack Ice". Should you wish to join the Society and support our efforts, dues of \$5 may also be paid that evening.

Hope to see you there!

... Pat McDonough

### 1759 BRITISH CAPTURE OF FORT TI

Re-enactors portraying French and British soldiers of the Seven Year's War, also known as the French and Indian War, will converge upon Fort Ticonderoga on Saturday and Sunday, June 25—26 to recreate the tumultuous and chaotic events by which General Amherst's British army captured this vital Fort. Visitors will experience the life of British soldiers and besieged French soldiers recreated around them, with all the sights and sounds they would have encountered at Fort Ticonderoga in the summer of 1759.

Highlights of the weekend include: reenactments, artillery and musket demonstrations; a talk by author Russ Bellico, a Hague summer resident, on his book, "*Empires in the Mountains*;" and historic music and merchants. Admission to this reenactment weekend is included in the price of general admission to the Fort.

### ACTIVITIES AROUND AT THE KING'S GARDEN

The summer season in the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga is alive with activities and programs for all ages and the gardens are teeming with plants.

Families are invited to explore the theories of color and design at 1:30 pm every Tuesday in July and August. Watercolor painting is offered in July and floral design in August.

On July 20, 2011 local herbalist Nancy Wotton Scarzello will present a program explaining how colonists used plants to make teas, salves, poultices and more for healing and disease prevention. Scarzello will also conduct the adult workshop "The Art of Making Tea" on July 6, 2011 for those registering in advance. There is a \$25 fee for the workshop.

The annual Kings Garden Party will take place on Sunday, July 10, 2011 at the Pavilion from 5 - 7 pm. This year's theme is "Art in Bloom" and the sponsor of the party is Hacker Boat Company, Inc. Throughout the event guests will have the opportunity to watch artists capture the beauty of the 100-year old gardens. Prizes will be awarded for special attire; there will be a fabulous array of tea and culinary treats; and classic guitar with John Charles Cook and a silent auction will be featured. Tickets for the event are \$50 available by contacting Fort Ticonderoga for reservations or to have an invitation sent.

On Saturday, July 23, 2010 a Community Clambake will be held on the grounds of the King's Garden. The event sponsored by Glens Falls National Bank will bring together people from communities surrounding the Fort for an afternoon of fun, friendship and wonderful food! The Clambake will feature clams, clam chowder, grilled barbequed chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, choice of chocolate chip cookie or watermelon and iced tea, lemonade or water. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for children 10 and under. Contact the Fort for tickets.

Additional information about these programs or tickets is available at <[www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org)> or at 518-585-2821.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**A SPECIAL THANKS:** From Jim DeLarm who expresses his gratitude for all the efforts of the Senior Citizens and other supportive friends in Hague for the celebration in remembrance of the life of his wife, Patricia.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Zachary Vickerson, son of Amanda and Tom Vickerson of Niskayuna, NY and Hague, who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Zach is a junior at Niskayuna High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Horticulture Club, Track & Field, Ski Team, and Debate Team. He is also a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club where he races a laser and teaches sailing to kids ages 3 - 15.

For his Eagle project, Zach put together a team of scouts to help build a Chicken Coop for the working gardens of the not-for-profit-group "Roots and Wisdom". Participants in the program of "Roots and Wisdom" learn about sustainable agriculture, hunger, nutrition, and diversity

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Lauren Mayne Barth, daughter of Tracey and John Barth of Williston, VT and Hague, on her graduation from Champlain Valley Union High School. While at CVU, Lauren participated in soccer, Nordic skiing and sailing. She looks forward to continuing sports when she goes to University of Vermont in the fall to pursue a career in the medical field.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** For Julia Corscaden Beaty, at the Valley View Chapel on July 16, 2011 at 3 pm. Reception following at the Northern Lake George Yacht Club at 4:30 pm.

### GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES

Grace Memorial Chapel in Sabbath Day Point is celebrating it's 127th year in 2011 with eleven summer season services from the last Sunday in June until the first Sunday in September. The services begin at 9:30 am and will be conducted by The Rev. Neil Van Heest on June 26; The Rev. Gerard Van Heest on July 3; The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn on July 10; The Rev. Dr. Carl Schroeder on July 17; The Rev. Dr. Peter Berry on July 24 with communion and the Chapel's Annual Meeting directly after the service and The Rev. David Mangiante on July 31.

The Chapel also welcomes back the Silver Bay String Quartet on the evening of Saturday, July 9 at 7:30 pm for evening music program. Concerts at the chapel have a connection to it's history as the architect also designed Carnegie Hall!

### Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

#### May 14 - June 17, 2011

It has rained 8" in 18 days during the past month. Six of those storms have been day-long downpours with an inch of rain each. All this water has made trees and plants (especially the grass) grow by leaps and bounds. The blackflies have come and are mostly gone but the mosquitos and nosee'ems are quite fierce in early morning hours and at dusk. .

There were 8 days of hot (80-90 degree) weather during this period with June 6th reaching 94 degrees. Summer arrives on June 21st - then the daylight slowly begins to decrease until next December 21. Sunrise is currently at 5:14 am, sunset occurs at 8:37 pm and the next full moon will be July 15, 2011

## ALEX'S LEMONDADE STAND



Kristen McDonough reports that her Lemonade Stand at the Memorial Day festivities was a big success. She was proud to send checks totaling \$135 to the Lemonade Stand Foundation. She thanks her many "customers" for their generous support of this worthwhile cause.

## TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The theme of this year's President's Party is "Life is Short-- Eat Dessert First!" This annual program of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will be held on June 30, 2011 at 5:30 pm at Emerald's Restaurant in Ticonderoga. Following the social time, strawberry shortcake will be served, followed by the dinner entree. A basket of Summer Credible Edibles (and beverages) will be raffled. Stand-up comedian Vince Gerardi will entertain the diners. Ticket are \$28 and available from board members or by calling 518-585-7015. The event is open to the public. Reservations must be made or tickets purchased by June 28th.

The summer season opens on July 6, 2011 with the Wednesday morning free Arts Trek program of Debbie O'Carroll's Yankee Doodle Magic Theater. Debbie will also present a workshop on making magic tricks that colonial children might have used at the Heritage Museum at 9 am the same day. For further information on the Festival Guild, call the number above.

## LOCAL SUMMER RENTALS

As a service to our readers, we are again publishing summer rental information. These listings will be our last for this season.

**DOCK SPACE:** Dock space available for rent in Hague – call 543-6801.

**HOUSE IN SILVER BAY:** Sleeps 6, Lakefront. Call Martha Soliday at 860-283-5559.

**LARGE HOME:** Sleeps 12 – includes dish washer, micro wave, large kitchen, large living room, cable TV, Internet, washing machine, dryer, outside grill, large yard, 2 1/2 baths, 1/2 block to private sandy beach, room for a 20' boat. Call 551-265-5352.

**FIVE BEDROOM LAKEFRONT HOUSE:** Includes a dock for up to a 20' boat and a level lawn to sandy beach 25' from front steps. Located immediately north of Hague Town Beach and Park. Walk to store and shops. Available week of July 16 - 23, 2011. To see pictures and additional details go to <LakeGeorgeRentalHouse.com> or call 802-425-2600.

**HOUSE WITH DOCK:** Has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Sleeps up to 8. With dock for rent weekly from Saturday to Saturday. Check website <adkbyowner.com/listings/VR6979> or call 518-543-6089.

## VISITING THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

by Dottie Henry

Since I have been living in Saratoga Springs I have done many interesting things. However, on Saturday, June 11, 2011, I topped the list!

Recently I was asked by a WWII veteran who lives in the same complex if I would be interested in joining a group of veterans of that war for a one-day trip to Washington to visit the WWII Memorial. Since I thought the trip was a bus trip I immediately declined the invitation. However, when he informed me that we'd be flying, I told him to sign me up!

There were four of us from the complex where I live and two from Ballston Spa who met us here at 6:30 am. We boarded a van and were escorted out of town as far as the Northway, by a Saratoga police patrol and escorted the rest of the way to Albany by four Patriot Guard Riders (motorcyclists) through a driving rain to the Albany Airport where we met with 29 other veterans from the capital district.

We were greeted by an honor guard and a reception, including a school band and a few speakers, which took place in the baggage room that was set up for the occasion. We were each given a disposable camera and a t-shirt with Honor Flight across the front (I assume so they could keep track of us!). Many wheelchairs were involved as a volunteer "guardian" was assigned to each veteran. Mine was a very nice young off-duty policeman who not only volunteered his time, but also paid his own way. He pushed me around in Washington and in the airports.

We boarded the plane in Albany and flew to Baltimore International Airport, where another large group of people greeted us. We then boarded a large super deluxe bus which took us to Washington and gave us a delightful box lunch.

The trip was sponsored by the Leatherstocking Honor Flight whose goal is to get as many veterans of WWII to visit the Memorial as possible. Our first stop in Washington was the WWII Memorial, which was dedicated in 2004. It was magnificent and I can certainly understand why it is called "Jewel of the Mall". This huge Memorial unifies the Mall joining the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial in a continuous vista. The fifty-six columns adorned with oak and wheat wreaths made of bronze represent the contribution of the states and territories towards the war effort. The pillars are joined by a bronze sculpted rope symbolizing the bonding of a nation. We spent quite a bit of time at the memorial and then visited the Iwo Jima memorial. From there we drove past the Women's Memorial and then on to Arlington Cemetery where we watched the Changing of the Guard, which was very impressive.

We had our box supper on the bus back to Baltimore and at the airport we were summoned to Mail Call. We all received letters from friends and relatives who had been contacted. That was a huge surprise and very moving. It was a wonderful day, planned to perfection, and I was so glad to be a part of it. It was quite an undertaking to take thirty-four men and one woman on such a trip. I am grateful to all those people who had a part in planning and executing it.

*Dottie Henry served as a sergeant and a secretary to the Base Commander of the Third Air Force Headquarters in Tampa Florida during WWII.*

## BEAR IN THE BACKYARD

by Christine M. Ianson



*Photo courtesy Yves Darves - Borno*

Josee and Yves Darves-Borno got a big surprise before breakfast on June 7, 2011. Yves' view of the backyard through the kitchen window includes the lawn where two birdfeeders stand high above the ground on metal iron posts. Yves had designed them to keep thieving squirrels and chipmunks from being able to raid the birdseed. But he hadn't figured on a bear.

That morning a black bear destroyed one of the clear barrel-shaped water-cooler sized bottles that Yves had fitted through a metal pipe high off the ground to form a slippery barrier between the birdfeeder mounted above it and the ground. Yves said after he cleaned up the mess, "He broke that thing up so much there remained nothing but splinters." The next evening the bear appeared again. No slow learner, that bear—this time he got his supper more easily by *bending* the tall metal pole to the ground. Josee was asked, "Weren't you afraid?" She just smiled with a shake of her head and said, "No, but I'll look around before I hang out the laundry."

Josee and Yves live on Dodd Hill Rd. Their nearby neighbor Joe McCranels reported that a bear has been raiding his birdhouse, too. The DeFranco's have also reported that a bear was seen "eating a great deal of birdseed." The Snyders on New Hague Rd. have had a bear visiting them, too, this month. Could it have been the same bear? Before you panic at the thought of black bears heading to your house, consider some of the "bear facts."

Yes, occasionally a bear's behavior becomes dangerous. From the DEC manual, "Class 1 animals which cannot be easily broken from their bad behavior should be destroyed. However, this level of behavior can easily be distinguished from instances of bears damaging bird feeders, which is considered a Class 3 behavior and is the most common complaint reported in New York."

First, don't feed the bears. If a bear shows up at your bird feeder, you're feeding the bear unintentionally. Second, it's not only illegal to feed bears on purpose, but also unintentionally.

For more information search "Black Bear" at: [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html) .

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### JUNE

- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 25 7 am – 1 pm North Country Triathlon
- 25 – 26 Fort Ti Reenactment and programs
- 28 noon Senior Picnic Lunch
- 28 7 pm Hague Historical Society
- 30 5:30 pm Ti Festival Guild Party

#### LOOKING FOR MORE EVENTS?

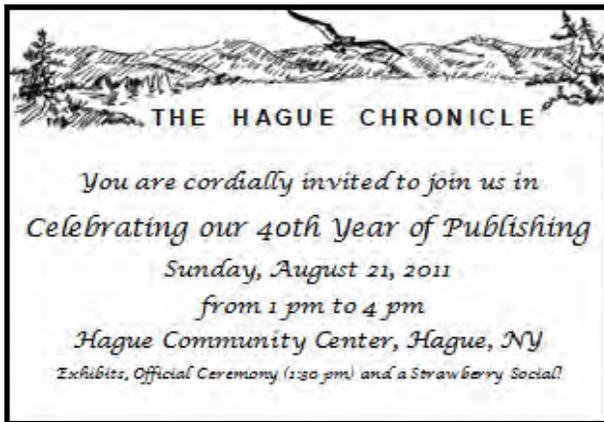
There are lots of events going on in our area in the summer. While we can't list them all, here are some websites of interest:

**“Warren County Connection,”** the publication of the Cornell Coop Extension <<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/>> Click on Publications and scroll down to June 2011

**Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC)**  
<<http://www.larac.org/>>

**North Warren Chamber of Commerce**  
<<http://www.northwarren.com/>>  
Scroll down for events. Also go to: Stay & Visit/Events & Entertainment/Calendar

**Hague Chamber of Commerce**  
<<http://www.visithague.com/events.asp>>



#### JULY

- 3 9 pm Fireworks in the Park
- 7 – 9 6 – 8 pm Baptist Church “Beach Blast”
- 9 7:30 pm Silver Bay Quartet at Grace Chapel
- 9 3 – 7 pm Fish & Game Club Steak Bake
- 10 5 – 7 pm King’s Garden Party at Fort Ti
- 15 News deadline for July issue
- 20 1:30 pm King’s Garden Workshop
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed out
- 22 evening Flippancy Fest VIII
- 23 Community Clambake at King’s Gardens

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**  
**July 1 thru September 1**

Wednesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm



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