



Our Vision: *CCCA is committed to a vibrant Cavendish/Proctorsville community that supports its human and natural resources, building a legacy of health, integrity and vitality for future generations.*

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Butterfly Concerto – by Hans Schrag – the June 2018 selection

The annual Cavendish Community and Conservation calendar will be on sale very soon. The calendar celebrates the community of Cavendish and the beauty of all things therein. We accept photos from any Cavendish full or part-time resident and then choose twelve to represent our town for each month of the year. Rules for submission are on our website. The 2018 calendar is now in production and will soon be here for the holidays. Watch for it.



A Message from Robin

Dear friends and neighbors –

I recently interviewed Sasha Petrycki. Sasha is an environmental science major at Franklin Pierce University in Keene, New Hampshire and has grown up in Proctorsville, Vermont.



Robin: Please tell us about your interest in the environment and how this interest began.

Sasha: I grew up being outside all the time but I never really knew how everything functioned in the natural world. Classes showed me there is so much that is crucial to our survival. The environment can't really fix itself from what
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we've done, and the same with creatures too. I am not sure which part or area I will get involved with but I am interested in research, finding ways to help the environment. The world was here before we were here and it deserves to be treated with respect, it is not just here for our use. My interest in the environment began when I moved to Cavendish from Long Island and I would play outside all day. I've known for a long time that I don't want a desk job! I remember every Arbor Day in elementary school we got little trees to plant. On Labor Day we partnered up and collected trash; I thought that was a great way to have not only a sense of community but also that this is a way of doing good. Our town is small, but it has some great nooks and crannies, like above the school there are trails, this shows that we are a very nature kind of people. My house is right next to the river. I love the river. We would swim right off the trestle and when the creek was high in my back yard we used to swim there too.

Robin: Do you feel that the State of Vermont is doing a good job regarding the environment?

Sasha: I haven't heard too much but I think it's great that we don't have billboards; it's a fun fact. I also think honestly that our state is the most advanced in clean energy.

Robin: Have you found that your peers are also concerned for the environment?

Sasha: In the school I am in now (Franklin Pierce) we hike, we are in nature. People who aren't in my major enjoy the natural world too. I don't think they understand the pain the earth is going through. They value it but don't involve themselves. I think I appreciate nature more maybe because I came from the city, but people who grew up here might take it for granted.

Robin: What we might do as an organization to help the environment?

Sasha: Just making people aware is really beneficial. If you are going for kids, a day camp, or activity that would be fun for them. Games and activities are great for getting people involved. For older kids it's a bit tougher because if they aren't interested they may not change. I am vice president of Pierce Environmental Club (you can find us on Instagram) and we've done walks in the winter looking for snowshoe hare tracks. We also made bird feeders out of oranges and the next thing I knew, there were bird feeders all over campus, I thought that was great. We have also started an orientation meeting for incoming freshmen about local trails, composting and other environmental topics.

Robin Timko

Walk and Talk Series Continues

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will sponsor a presentation this winter on raptors with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) Nature Center. Details are being worked out and will be published soon. Please watch the local papers for an announcement. Other presentations are in the planning stages to continue the CCCA Walk and Talk series of workshops and events. This is a popular series and we are excited to keep it going.

The Sustainability Committee of the CCCA would love to hear your ideas for Walk and Talk events.

If you have an event idea, please contact Robin Timko at 226-7736. Or talk to any member of the committee. Members include Tim O'Donoghue, Claire Walker and Sarah Stowell. The committee has been presenting these talks for over five years now and has many more ideas. But we need to hear from
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the community – that means you – about what you want to see and hear. Please call with your thoughts and with any suggestions, we welcome them all.



A previous VINS Presentation in Cavendish

Cavendish Community Fund Celebrates Ten Years in 2017



The Cavendish Community Fund was very busy during 2017. It was ten years ago that a small group of citizens discussed and framed the beginnings of the Fund. A small brochure was printed and a fundraising dinner was held at the Golden Stage Inn. From that beginning a very successful, but very small local fund emerged to give Cavendish a new sense of community.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary, the organizers undertook to change the face of the Fund by commissioning a new logo to better project the mission. The arms outstretched are all encompassing and meant to convey that the Cavendish Community Fund is all about bringing the community together.

Another phase of the celebration was to give away free ice cream at a Cavendish Summer Concert. That idea almost got washed away when the weather refused to cooperate and two concerts in a row were canceled for rain.



Dr. Gene Bont scoops ice cream at the concert

That ice cream had to stay in the freezer for several weeks until a really nice evening opened up. But it finally happened, and while people listened to a terrific concert by Yankee Chank, the got to enjoy free cups of delicious Wilcox ice cream.

Meanwhile, and appropriately to its mission, the Fund distributed several grants during the spring. Denise Gebroe of DG Bodyworks coordinated the first annual Cavendish Firefighters' Olympics on the green in Proctorsville. This was a very successful event and the Fund is proud to have been part of it. The firefighters and spectators had lots of fun. Ellen Cameron for the CTES 3rd Grade submitted a grant application to engage the services of the Weston Playhouse, which assisted the third graders to conceive, write, produce and act in a play. This is an ongoing project for the third grade and the Fund was

very happy to help again this year.

Several years ago, the Fund created an endowment with the Vermont Community Foundation and would like to remind everyone to consider planned giving as a way to accomplish your charitable giving goals. Please remember that the Cavendish Community Fund is a uniquely local non-profit organization that can prosper with your help.

The Fund is open to applications for support at any time, although grants are usually made twice each year – in the spring and in the fall. You can find information on applying for a grant by calling the numbers below, or on the web at <http://www.cavendishccca.org> under the Community Fund tab.

Please call Barbara Dickey at 226-7187 or Peter LaBelle at 226-7250 for more information on any aspect of the Fund, the Fund endowment, or for assistance in submitting an application. The Cavendish Community Fund qualifies as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so gifts to the Community Fund are tax deductible.

Cavendish Energy Committee Upcoming Events

In 2015 the Cavendish Energy Committee helped run a program called Solarize Upper Valley. A non-profit headquartered in White River Junction called Vital Communities coordinated that project and Cavendish successfully doubled the number of homes in town with solar installations. During the past year the same non-profit coordinated another project called Weatherize, and Cavendish again benefitted, now from an increase in the number of homes that were weatherized.

The Cavendish Energy Committee is now

looking to run a number of workshops during the coming year. They have successfully presented on many topics in the past and will renew some for those who may have missed them. But also, there are some new topics planned too.

The first such presentation will cover the timely topic of Composting and will occur on September 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office meeting room.

We now have state mandated composting and the Cavendish transfer station has a place for compostable materials. The presentation will cover the new rules and ways to meet those rules. There are many problems with implementation of the new rules and many solutions too.

Hamilton Gillett of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Office and Cat Buxton of Grow More, Waste Less, Food Systems Consulting will give us the latest information. They will also have with them Soil Saver composters (while supplies last) at a HUGE discount of \$40 to anyone who attends the workshop. They retail for up to \$125. They will also have Sure Close food scrap pails for \$5.



Backyard Composters

The next workshop, scheduled for October, will cover heat pumps; both air-to-air and ground source pumps just in time for the heating season. In November we plan to

discuss biomass as a heat source, and supply advantages/problems. In January we will talk about Weatherization, continuing to build on previous weatherize events and programs. In February a special guest will tell us all about hydroponics - why not have fresh vegetables all year round? And finally, in March we'll hear about Electric Vehicles and what incentives still exist.



Hydroponics for the home

Please watch the newspapers for publicity on exact times and places for the workshops. If you have any ideas for energy related workshops that might interest you, or if you want to find out more about the Energy Committee, please contact Pete LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

The Energy Committee meets on the second Wednesday each month at noon in the Town Office meeting room. Please stop by.

Keep Taking Photos for the 2019 Calendar



*December 2017 selection "Patiently Waiting"
taken on Davis Road by Cheryl Leiner.*

As reported in the cover story above, the 2018 calendars are on their way. But that doesn't mean that you should stop taking photos! We will be accepting photos for the 2019 calendar before you know it. Photos can be submitted for the next calendar beginning May 1st and will be accepted until at least May 31st. We've been publishing these calendars for well over ten years and expect to continue.

So take your best shot! And send it to us. We may well use it. For more information, please go to our website or call Robin at 226-7736, or Cheryl at 226-7820.

Join us as a Member of CCCA!

Dues are a nominal \$35 per year for full membership. In order to join CCCA, please fill out the information below and send with a check payable to Cavendish Community and Conservation Association to:

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