



Cavendish Community and Conservation Association

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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(Top left – Sarah Clanton; top right – 3 To The Bar; bottom left – Sensible Shoes; bottom right – part of the crowd watches Chris Kleeman)

2015 was a great summer for music in Cavendish. With seven concerts on the Proctorsville Green, CCCA presented fun and relaxing Wednesday evenings for all to enjoy. There were some new faces on the stage this year, including Sara Clanton (sponsored by CCCA) and The Green Brothers’ Band (sponsored by Good Earth Landscaping). Returning after a five-year absence were the Robinsons (sponsored by Black River Produce). Our regular lineup included Sensible Shoes (sponsored by Vermont Farmstead Cheese), The Voodoo Alien Blues Band (sponsored by CCCA) and Chris Kleeman (sponsored by Okemo Mountain). We concluded the series with “3 To The Bar” (sponsored by Golden Stage Inn) combining some old friends with new, when Graham and Camille Parker joined Jon Clinch at the gazebo. A new treat for us this year was the presence of the “Pizzamobile” from Goodman’s American Pie, who graciously offered to donate a portion of their pizza sales to the Cavendish Community Fund.



A Message from Robin

Dear friends and neighbors - Our summer newsletter goes to print deep in the month of August! It has been a busy time for all of us, and we hope that you have been able to enjoy these beautiful sun filled days and the occasional nourishing rain. We've had a few blustering storms, one of which knocked down all our corn. Gratefully, George was able to save the crop by shoring it up after the wind subsided.

This year marked our tenth anniversary as the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association. We prepared a wonderful dinner for folks who wanted to share in the celebration and we gave Rich Svec a lovely fabric painting by Paulette Martel in appreciation for his dedication to environmental concerns and in particular for his efforts to solarize Cavendish. Deb Markowitz, the secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources made an appearance to congratulate Rich and the CCCA for the work it has done towards conservation and sustainability. Thanks to all who came out and helped make it a special event, your support is what keeps us going.

This Spring the conservation committee and friends planted bushes and trees along the

Black River as it runs between our two villages in a strategic attempt to temper erosion without hindering the movement of flood waters. This is part of a larger plan to bring parcels of land along the river under easements that will allow the waters to swell and diminish without undue restriction that can cause greater damage downstream.

There will be a few new Walk and Talks scheduled for the fall and winter months, so please stay tuned! You can check in on our website: www.cavendishcca.org to find out when and where and the subject of the presentation.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Fall season,

Robin Timko

Applications Now Being Accepted by Cavendish Community Fund

The Cavendish Community Fund is now accepting applications for fall 2015 grant awards. As is the case each year, the fund will accept applications at any time, but will make awards only at certain times of the year. The current deadline is October 1st.

The fund has distributed close to \$30,000 since its inception in 2007. Grants are generally between \$500 and \$1,000 and go to individuals and organizations for projects, programs and events that are artistic, cultural or educational in nature and are primarily for Cavendish citizens and residents.

Please call Barbara Dickey at 226-7187 or Peter LaBelle at 226-7250 for more information or for assistance in submitting an application.

CCCA Presents Composting Workshop



It's great for the garden and it's great for the lawn. Also, composting is soon to be the law. The Vermont State Legislature has passed comprehensive recycling legislation that includes mandatory rules on composting certain food, yard and garden waste. The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association in conjunction with the Town of Cavendish hosted a workshop specifically about composting on May 14th in the town office meeting room.

Master Composter Philip Hammond talked about why composting is worthwhile, how a compost pile works, the ways of composting, and how to make a compost bin. He even brought along a do-it-yourself bin that can be cheaply made. He also had several handouts showing other ways to build them. Also presenting was Hamilton Gillette of the Southern Windsor County Solid Waste Management District who addressed many of the aspects of Vermont Act 148, which mandates recycling, including the composting of food waste.

Both Mr. Hammond and Mr. Gillette have agreed to come back this fall to give another composting workshop. This is an especially pertinent topic since these new rules are beginning to come into effect and we all must

comply. Please watch the media for announcement of the workshop date.

Walk and Talk Series Resumes for 2015



A group examines the contents of a vernal pool in a previous Walk and Talk event

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association members invited everyone to join in a nature walk on Sunday May 3rd with George Clark of the Audubon Society. He guided walkers in looking for our local feathered neighbors as they settle in for a summer of raising their young and he pointed out migratory species as they pass through our area.

George Clark is a retired biology teacher from the University of Connecticut. He is the coordinator of and contributing author to the second atlas of the Breeding Birds of Vermont. He is a member of the Vermont statewide birds records committee and on the steering committee of the Mascoma chapter of the Audubon Society in New Hampshire. He is the study leader for an Introduction to Birding course in Dartmouth's continuing Education program this year.

The walk began at Crow's Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville. It took a few hours and was relatively easy, mostly following back roads but with some side ventures into pastures and fields. May is the best time to see migrating birds. By

June they have calmed down and are busy nesting. Mr. Clark pointed out the different habitats and what birds are apt to be nesting there.

If you have an idea for an Energy workshop topic or for a Walk and Talk event, please contact Robin Timko at 226-7736.

Is it Time for You to “Go Solar”?



Solarize Makes \$ense promotes home solar

This past year saw the installation of a 148 KW solar array in Cavendish. The municipal buildings started using solar generated electricity at the beginning of 2015 and will now see substantial reductions in electric costs.

Meanwhile, the Cavendish Energy Committee has turned its attention to residential solar and has set a goal to double the number of solar installations on homes in town. The program currently underway is called “Solarize Makes \$ense” and is sponsored by Vital Communities, a nonprofit organization based in White River Junction that brings together citizens, organizations, and municipalities in the Upper Valley of VT and NH to take on issues where an independent voice and regional approach are essential. The Solarize program is one such collaborative effort. Any homeowner who has interest in installing solar panels to generate electricity, but who doesn’t know where to start, can get a free solar evaluation

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through this program. For more information about Solarize, please call Peter LaBelle at (802) 226-7250 or call Mary Ormrod at (802) 226-7783. The program will run only until September 30th so please act now.

Once the Solarize program is complete, the Energy Committee will be working with solar professionals in Vermont to put together a Community Solar solution. Those people who cannot take advantage of solar panels on their roof or in their yard, including condo owners and home renters, can join with a group of like minded people in town to “go solar” through a Community Solar solution. Watch for publicity on this project that will be coming out soon.

Keep Taking Photos – 2016 Calendar Contest Concludes; 2017 Begins



The Fence in Winter

The 2016 Cavendish Calendars are now in production and will be soon available for purchase. Thanks to all of the sponsors that have made the 2016 Calendar possible: The Castle, Black River Produce, Six Loose Ladies, Golden Stage Inn, Fletcher Farm School, Green Mountain Snow Fleas, Cavendish Canine Camp, Fitzgerald’s Property Services, Singleton’s Store, The Book Nook, The Village Clipper, Beacon Pest Control and Chimney Cleaning, Living Authentically, Meadowbrook Campground, Todd Swisher Painter, Triton

Builders, and Black River Health Center.

The 2016 photo contest was another success with several unique pictures receiving awards. In addition to the calendar contest, all submissions are scrutinized by a panel of judges who determine winners based on theme, color and composition. There were three categories for judging and the winners are:

Best in Show: Belle McKnight for her photo "New Camper;"

5 to 12 Age Group: Claire Palmer for her photo "Is it Spring Yet?"

13 to 18 Age Group: Emery Benoit for her photo "Bumblebee on a Lilac"

Each winner receives a prize from the CCCA.

In the calendar contest the public is allowed to review all selections and vote for their favorites. Twelve pictures are selected to grace the pages of the next year's calendar and one picture is selected for the cover. The 2016 calendar selections are:

January - Susan Rogers "January Ice"

February - Tim O'Donoghue "Look Out Below"

March - Hans Schrag "Vacationing in Cavendish"

April - Gail Veheyen "Cow Selfie"

May - Gary McGillicot "Feed Me"

June - Winston Churchill "Harbinger of Summer"

July - Belle McKnight "New Camper"

August - Cheryl Leiner "After the Rain"

September - Pat Moore "Proctorsville Sunrise"

October - Jonathan Rice "Are You Lost"

November - Nancy Kelley "Stick Season"

December - Peter LaBelle "The Fence in Winter"

Spring is not that far off and the next calendar photo contest will begin once the snow melts. Please watch the media for an announcement of the 2017 calendar contest.

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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