

LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS

To all Lamoille Neighbors Members: Due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will hold our ANNUAL MEETING via "Zoom" on October 21st, 2020 from 5 to 6 p.m. These are unusual times, but we will try to make this a fun hour to be together. According to our bylaws, the board and officers will be elected one month prior to the annual meeting and will be announced at the annual meeting.

Lamoille Neighbors' **Board of Directors**: Maxine Adams, Lisa Dimondstein, Kathy Geiersbach, Ellen Gibs, Joan Greene, Sue Moore, Olea Smith-Kaland, Michael Wickenden

Slate of Officers: President: Lisa Dimondstein, Vice President: Joan Greene, Secretary: Olea Smith-Kaland, Treasurer: Michael Wickenden

If any member would like to become a nominee for any of these offices, please send your name to the Nominating Committee: Maxine Adams(<u>maxineladams@gmail.com</u>) or Ellen Gibs(<u>esgibs@yahoo.com</u>) before the September Board meeting 9/16/20. The Governing Members (the Board) will vote on the final slate.

Get out your popcorn and we'll see you at the ANNUAL MEETING

- Outdoor safe music event, Saturday September 19th, 2PM with local talented musician, Debbie Yacovone. Debbie has been playing the guitar since she was twelve years old! She loves to sing Americana and folk songs. She has been bringing music to long term care homes for many years and it's her favorite thing to do! This will be a safe event and chairs will be set up more than 6 feet apart. Please wear your mask until seated. Sign up on the website, e-mail lamoilleneighbors@gmail.com or call 802-585-1233.
- i Phone Photography Capturing the Beauty of Autumn. Wednesday September 23rd and 30th 1-2:30 on Zoom with instructor Nan Carle Beauregard. The iPhone camera is a powerful tool with which YOU can take excellent photos! This short course is an opportunity to discover the power of iPhone photography and how you can take photos that make you say 'wow I took that!" And, it's a great opportunity to capture this moment in time in Vermont. In this interactive workshop participants will take photos and learn to improve their iPhone photos over two sessions. Come and focus your "iPhone eye" as a photographer! All levels of skill and experience are welcomed. This will be a Zoom experience and we will be sharing photos for feedback. Topics of discussion will include: The basics of the iPhone camera, focus and exposure, composition, hints on landscape and portrait photography, easy editing tips for exploring your own style. Please sign up on the website, email lamoilleneighbors@gmail.com or call 802-585-1233 if you're interested in attending this class.

- Small outdoor gathering for conversation, October 2nd 1:30-2:30 PM on Olea's lawn. We enjoyed "seeing" each other so much that we decided to have one more gathering for conversation while the weather is still nice. We will set up chairs over 6 feet apart and ask that you wear masks until you are seated. To register go to the website under events and sign up, call 802-585-1233 or e-mail lamoilleneighbors@gamil.com.
- October 13th, Second Tuesday speaker series on Zoom from 7-8 PM. "Where Are All the Great Women Artists? " August Burns will give a surprising and thought-provoking take on Art History. Inspired by the #metoo movement, it's time to challenge our assumptions and reclaim women's place in the tradition of great Western art. August Burns is an award-winning portrait and figurative painter who seeks to capture the character and essence of her subjects through her art. Her paintings and drawings have been exhibited in galleries and shows throughout the United States. In 2016, she was selected to paint the official portrait of Governor Peter Shumlin, which now hangs in the Vermont State House in Montpelier. August works out of her studio in Middlesex, Vermont.



Elizabeth Nourse, Two Women, 1892

- Ongoing Zoom yoga with Faith Bieler. Members and volunteers are welcome to attend. Thursday's at 9AM. Please e-mail <u>lisadimondstein@me.com</u> if you're interested.
- Article discussion group on Zoom, every other week. Wednesdays at 9AM. This is an open group. If you'd like to join email esgibs@yahoo.com.
- Sneak preview for second Tuesday speaker series on Zoom from 7-8PM: November 10th, Vermont Storyteller Bill Schubart. December 8th Roger Hill on weather mechanics of a warming climate.



On August 27th we had another great outdoor gathering for conversation with 11 participants. Thank you, Olea, for your inviting outdoor space and to Judy and John Clark who make us laugh.



Welcome our new board member and acting treasurer for the next fiscal year, Michael Wickenden.

Michael moved to Hyde Park in 1977, where he and wife #1 built Tenney Hill Farm, raised 2 children, beef cattle, bees and much of their own organic food. He taught at Stowe Middle-High School for 15 years. He then worked in Vermont's electrical energy efficiency field as a consultant to the Public Utility Commission and ultimately as the Regulatory Director of Efficiency Vermont. He retired in 2016. He still resides on the same farm, aging well with wife #2 and still raising bees and vegetables. He joined Lamoille Neighbors in its early days and has served on the Finance Committee for the past 8 months.

Happy Birthday

<u>August</u> Jack Anderson Marilyn May Anne Shackett Don Shackett Nancy Trella Valerie Valcour <u>September</u> Judy Clark Simoine Cormier Ken Geiersbach Diane Szlachetka Donna Stafford

More You Tube music from member/volunteer John Dudley

Lazy Bones - Leon Redbone https://youtu.be/TvOD6-iXIDI Keep on Trying - Poco https://youtu.be/-QSfGHXEFFE Keep Me in Your Heart - Warren Zevon https://youtu.be/cjPivgTHfLU American Tune - Paul Simon https://youtu.be/uU Q rqUvEk Ain't Misbehaving - Fats Waller https://youtu.be/a7IR KdoJI4 The Circle Game – Joni Mitchell https://youtu.be/Pzt29_nzxpQ Slip Sliding Away - Paul Simon https://youtu.be/qXOvaQzndSM If - Bread https://youtu.be/HoWxACG47Ec What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong https://youtu.be/uW5oS93ZVCI I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter - Fats Domino https://youtu.be/HA7pZ6zwwok

I'd love to hear from members or volunteers if you have art, poetry, recipes, music or essays to share with Lamoille Neighbors for our newsletter. Don't be shy! This is a great way to share with this accepting community.

E-mail <u>lisadimondstein@me.com</u> or send to Lamoille neighbors at PO BOX 404, Hyde Park, Vermont 05655

Voting Information for Lamoille County, by member and volunteer Beth Springston

There are lots of options available this year for safe and easy voting. Remember - every vote matters. Make a voting plan - and help your neighbors make a plan. Lamoille Neighbors' volunteers are available to help any way you need. Here's a rundown of what's available.

<u>Registering to Vote</u> - you can register to vote in Vermont up to and on the day of election. You can register online at <u>https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/</u>. If you don't like that option, you can print out a paper registration form and mail it in, or you can go to your town clerk's office and fill out a registration form.

<u>Voting Absentee : Mailing it in -</u> Absentee ballots will be mailed and should be received by all active voters between Sept. 21 and Oct 1. (This is new, you don't even have to request the ballot.) How do you know if you're classified as an active voter? If you have voted just once in the last four years, you are one. Follow their instructions to complete it and mail it in as soon as you have decided your vote. REMEMBER TO SIGN THE OUTSIDE ENVELOPE ! If you choose this option, the state suggests you mail it in by Oct. 26. It must be received by election day. To update or verify your mailing address, go to https://mvp.vermont.gov.

<u>Voting Absentee:</u> <u>Dropping it off</u> - Voters do not have to use the US Postal Service to send in their mail-in ballot. You can deliver your voted ballot to your local town clerk's office before the election. Many town clerks will have a drop off ballot box available or you can simply hand it in during business hours.

<u>Early Voting in person</u> - starts Sept. 19, 45 days before the election - check with your Town Clerk's office (see below) for location and hours.

<u>Election Day Voting in person</u> - on November 3 - check with your Town Clerk's office (see below) for location and hours.

<u>Candidate Information</u> - A list of all candidates who have filed in Vermont can be found at <u>https://</u> <u>sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-info-resources/candidates/</u>. For information about the candidates, various media websites such as VT Digger have Candidate Voter Guides.

<u>Town Clerk Information</u>-some of the offices are not open during this pandemic for in person visits but have systems for you to drop off your ballot.

Hyde Park: Kim Moulton, Clerk-Treasurer 344 VT. Rte. 15 West Hyde Park, VT. 05655, TEL: 888-2300, HRS: M-F 8-4 & Closed Monday before elections

Morrisville/Morristown: Sara Haskins, Clerk-Treasurer 43 Portland St. Morrisville; P.O. Box 748 Morrisville 05661, TEL: 888-6370, HRS: M-Th 8-4; F 8-1

Stowe: Lisa Walker, Clerk-Treasurer 67 Main St; P.O. Box 730 Stowe 05672, TEL: 253-6133 HRS: M-F 8-4:30

Johnson: Rosemary Audibert, Clerk-Treasurer 293 Lower Main West; PO Bx 383 Johnson 05656. TEL. 635-2611, M-F 7:30-4.

Interesting Links: Just click on the red text.

Behold Vermont, From Above These aerial images by Vermont photographer, Caleb Kenna, stunning in their abstraction, evoke a powerful sense of transcendence and tranquility.

Art in the Sand Jim Denevan uses the beach to create stunning large-scale art. What started as a hobby over 20 years ago has resulted in worldwide recognition, and he's created masterworks from Russia to Chile to Australia.

2020 NEA Jaazz Master Tribute Concert Archived version of concert on August 20th

Green Mountain Review The review is an award-winning literary magazine based at Northern Vermont University. On the "read" tab there are many works of poetry, fiction and essays. And they also have "The Social Distance Reading Series" to explore.

Green Mountain Club Event/Workshop Recordings Learn about beavers, loons, walking the Long Trail, etc..

HeART and Home Celebrating Inclusive Communities, an on line exhibit 2020. This partnership between the Fair Housing Project of CVOEO, ONE Arts and the T. W. Wood Gallery invites artists to explore what makes a community thrive in the context of fair housing and inclusivity.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS AND BENEFACTORS



Join this exciting movement as a Lamoille Neighbors member, click <u>HERE</u> As a volunteer, click <u>HERE</u> As a donor, click <u>HERE</u>

Or any combination of the above! Volunteers can be members and members can be volunteers and anyone can be a donor.