

The Mount Holyoke Club of Franklin County Summer Newsletter 2007 written by Martha

AUGUST MEETING

At the home of Roz Gallie Tufts '52
152A Mt. Hermon Station Road
Northfield, MA

Sunday August 26, 2007

3:00-4:30pm – Nature walk, swim, boat, fish

4:30pm – Talk by Nate Tufts concerning ENERGY CONSERVATION

Our summer potluck picnic will be held at the home and wildlife tree farm of Roz and Nate Tufts. They live in West Northfield on Mt. Hermon Station Road.

Roz has invited us to come as early as 3:00pm to take a nature walk to the Gully, to swim, boat or fish. About 4:30pm we will have a brief meeting and presentation by Nate who will share with us his thoughts and plans concerning Energy Conservation.

Your adult family and friends are very welcome. Please bring a potluck salad, main dish or dessert.

So that Roz will have some idea of how many to prepare, please contact her, Pat Spees, or me.

In preparing for the talk and discussion with Nate you might want to read “Field Notes from a Catastrophe – Man, Nature and Climate Change” by Elizabeth Colbert, a Williamstown resident. This book is the “common read” this summer for all incoming Mount Holyoke students.

- Directions: From 91N, take exit 23. This is Rt. 10. Proceed 2.6 miles to Rt. 142. This is the Mt. Hermon Station Road. They live exactly 9/10th of a mile along the road on the left. A rail fence and a Tree Farm sign mark their home.

QUILTING

July 28, 2007 – at the Greenfield Second Congregational Church

September 15, 2007 – *Second Saturday – at Ashfield’s Sanderson Academy

October 27, 2007 – at the 2nd church

Under the skilled craftsmanship of our co-president, an alumnae quilting group is commencing its 3rd year of activity. Pat Spees FO '03, Director of Mount Holyoke Theater Department’s Costume Shop, recently won 2nd place at the Chesterfield Quilt Exhibit. With her mentoring and tutoring many of us are creating quilting and sewing projects that truly amaze us! Regular participants are Kathleen Steece, Karen Siemering, Margery Heins, Roz Tufts, Mimi Darrow, Crystal McNeil, Eunice Bolaski, Joyce Schaubert, Pat and myself.

Won’t you think about joining us? We try to meet every 4th Saturday of the month at the church. The church offers wonderful space and a delicious pancake breakfast.

Questions? Contact Pat at 628-3834.

- SECOND SATURDAY

Join the quilting group at the Ashfield Elementary School for "Second Saturday"
Incoming students come for the day to make quilts for children who are hospitalized.
Alumnae also come to help with the project. We have a wonderful time getting
acquainted with today's students.

Interested? Details from Pat or Martha.

WINTER MEETING

Plans in formation for our Winter Meeting

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Opera: "Palm Wine Drinkard"

Opera written by Kola Ogunnola after a novel by Amos Tutuola. Produced by
visiting music professor Bode. The opera/play is African in origin. The main character is
from Africa.

Dramaturge – student Caitlin Morse will join us for luncheon at Willits preceding
the 2:00pm performance. She will be assisting the director and doing the sets.

FALL SEMESTER THEATRE SCHEDULE:

"Brecht on Broadway" – A documentary Play
November 8-12, 2007

"Lotte Lanier" – a One Woman Show
November 29-30, 2007

CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB MISSION: Fellowship and networking and the challenge and opportunity of
keeping the name of Mount Holyoke before the community.

Your OFFICERS are:

Co-presidents:

Pat O'Brien Spees FP '03
67 Ranney Corner Road, Ashfield
628-3834

Martha Payne Greene '53
220 High Street, Greenfield
774-5198

Treasurer:

Wendy Marsden '86
3 Grinnell Street, Greenfield
772-2889

Dues are \$15.00

For the year July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 we had 12 dues paying members.
We can do much better than that!

Wendy will be at our August meeting or you can send her your dues at her address above.
Club maintenance and activities include postage, book awards, and minor expenses.

We do not have a product and we do not do fundraising. Our only revenue is our
collection of dues.

Even if you are not an “active” member our dues keep you informed of our Club’s activities.

We welcome YOUR LEADERSHIP and expertise. We would love to have a secretary, membership chair, young alumnae chair, and east county representative. Please consider volunteering.

BOOK AWARDS

This year at graduation our club gave 2 book awards: 1. Stoneleigh Burnham, and; 2. Greenfield High School. (by Wendy Marsden)

There are many high schools in Franklin County. If YOU are interested in doing an award at your neighborhood school, please let me know. This is a wonderful way to keep the name of Mount Holyoke before the community.

ADMISSIONS

Pat Spees attended a workshop this spring given by the Office of Admission. She would like us to realize our opportunity and responsibility to reach out to Franklin County students and interest them in attending our alma mater. Pat will make a short presentation at the August meeting.

ENTERING STUDENTS

From Franklin County two students will be matriculating at college this fall:

1. Sabrina Savinski – Bernardston, MA. Graduated '07 Northfield Mount Herman
2. Emily Sokolosky – Shelburne Falls, MA. Graduated '07 Mohawk.

ALUMNAE new Franklin County:

Kanchana Weekakoon '06 – Sunderland
Alicia Belair '01 – Charlemont
Stefani Foxworth '06 – Sunderland
Jeanne Powers '06 – Sunderland
Kristan Thrane '05 – South Deerfield
Jennifer Stone '99 – Greenfield
Elvetta Brooks '06 – Sunderland

Hope you are having a fund summer!
Hope to see you in Northfield on the 26th of August.

My best to all,
Martha



MARY LYON'S BIRTHPLACE – painted by Edwin Romanzo ©1891

The site is located on the East Buckland Road just over the line from Ashfield in Buckland.

For many years Ernest Pike, who grew up on the adjoining farm, was the caretaker of this special spot. Now the college is responsible for its maintenance. The birthplace is part of our club's heritage. If you would like to visit, you will find a series of signs taking you there from Rt. 116 in Buckland (near the Mohawk Trail Regional School) starting at the East Buckland Road. You might choose to walk in the last ½ mile along the "country road." Happy Adventuring!

