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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall.

Selectmen:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We wish you all a safe and healthy new year.

Welcome new School Committee member Marcella Bush. She replaced Jennifer Sahn, who moved out of the area. Marcella will need to run for office in November of 2016 if she wishes to continue.

Egremont has received its designation as A Green Community. With that designation Egremont was awarded a grant in the amount of \$138,570. These grant funds must be used to implement energy efficiency and renewable or alternate energy projects. A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Sustainability Coordinator Juliette Haas for her hard work in obtaining this designation.

Tax Collector:

**Real Estate &
Personal Property Tax
FY 2016 – 3rd Quarter**

Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills have been mailed with A payment due date of February 1st, 2016. The new tax rate is \$9.19 per \$1,000. When submitting your payment(s) please be sure to include the bottom half of your bill. Payments are due in the tax collector's office no later than February 1st, 2016. There is no grace period.

Please note: Questions concerning your tax assessment MUST be directed to the Board of Assessors. 413-528-0182 ext 14 or assessors@egremont-ma.gov

On Line Banking - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for payments. Go to the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov and click on pay your bills on line.

Follow the instructions from that point. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card.

Office hours of the Tax Collector 7am-3pm Monday thru Friday. 413-528-0182 ext. 12, Or email collector@egremont-ma.gov

Historical Commission:

The Historical Commission meets the first Saturday morning of every month on the 2nd floor of the Library in the Archives. As we settle into winter, January's meeting on the 2nd will find us reflecting on our actions of the past year and thinking of plans for the future so we invite you to come and help us make our new year's plans, or send us your ideas.

And in historic New England tradition, the darkest days of February signal the mending and making of handwork projects so this year, after our Saturday, February 6th meeting, we are joining with the Library to make old fashioned Valentines in the afternoon. A short talk on the history of chocolate in New England will start us off; and supplies, instruction, and samples will be provided.

Conservation Commission:

Happy New Year.

Two important new things since the last newsletter. We now have our own Town email address: concom@egremont-ma.gov. Late last fall we decided we needed to improve how residents could contact us with questions about proposed projects. We still have our Town Hall extension, and one can drop off queries at Town Hall. But we determined having an email address had several benefits. First, that address is monitored daily, and any message is disseminated to all members of the Conservation Commission, which improves response time. Second, this email will begin a record of a resident's request/question better than voicemail. We encourage

everyone to use this email address as the first step in any query.

Not too early to begin spring cleaning—actually, more of a cleanup of open files. We are just beginning to review all files we have marked as “Open”, the majority of which appear to be open OOCs (Orders of Conditions). Generally, OOCs are documents defining a particular project, the applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, and certain steps that the applicant must take to satisfactorily complete the OOC. Satisfactory completion includes the ConCom signing off on the project. What’s important for property owners to note is that an OOC is attached to the property deed in perpetuity and will be on the deed at the time of any future transfer, until signed off on.

The ConCom suggests that property owners who have come before the Commission in the past might be well advised to confirm that there is no unfinished business remaining as a lien on their deed(s).

Agricultural Commission:

What ate my chicken?

The Ag commission is delving into the question as to what might be happening to the death of some local chickens. The second in our series of questions concerning local agriculture.

Keep a flock long enough and sooner or later you’ll be asking yourself, “What killed my chicken?” Sometimes identification is easy, like the time a fox grabbed a rooster right before my eyes. But every now and then it’s not always easy to tell, mostly because not all predators “are created equal”. The best you can do is try to examine where, how, and when a bird turns up dead or missing.

The killing typically happens during loud squawks after which we discover a gruesome murder scene as if Ozzy Osborne paid a visit. It is disheartening to see a headless chicken killed by a predator.

So, what animals are chicken predators? Unfortunately, unless the animal is a rabbit or chipmunk your chicken is in danger. Members of the weasel family, including fisher cat and mink, kill just for the fun of killing. Often, the chickens' bodies are bloodied. If birds are not eaten but are missing their heads, the predator is a hawk, or an owl. If you notice that internal organs have been

eaten it’s most likely a raccoon. They love to get to a portion of the hen where the eggs are forming. Foxes typically “steal” the bird and drag it to their den to share the meal with their loved ones. Mr. Skunk in general does not go after adult birds. They will however target small chicks and consume their abdomens. Their big focus is on the eggs left in the nest so keep an eye and collect the eggs daily. How can you tell if one has stopped by? A lingering skunky smell is a good indicator.

Enjoy your chickens but be prepared to share the bounty with wild life.

Technology Committee:

As 2015 draws to a close, we want to let you know where things stand and what we are doing to bring broadband service to our town.

In September the Egremont Select Board established an Ad Hoc Technology Committee to review options for broadband internet services for the Town and to make a recommendation back to the Select Board. Three prospective providers presented proposals to the town: WiredWest (WW), FiberConnect LLC, and Matrix Design Group, Inc. WW is a non-profit multi-town cooperative working toward a regional solution for broadband. FiberConnect is a local commercial startup venture, and Matrix Design Group is a national corporation, in business for about 20 years constructing broadband systems and other related services.

During the last three months, the Technology Committee has heard presentations from these providers and reviewed their proposals. We have analyzed and discussed factors such as construction and “light up” schedule; construction approach and project plan; cost to the Town and Town responsibilities; legal terms, rights, and plant ownership; subscriber services and costs; customer service operations; technology and topology; experience of providers and credibility of proposals; and risks and issues. A few details still require clarification, but much has been ascertained.

As you probably know, a few weeks ago a dispute erupted between WW and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI). MBI is the state agency administering \$40 million in state funding and providing certain other services for broadband in underserved western Massachusetts communities.

If you have been following the news reports and email traffic on the dispute, you may have formed an opinion on the issues that were raised, or which

side is right or wrong. But regardless of what any of us may think, the plain fact is that for now MBI is withholding state funds from WW, and it could take months to resolve the dispute.

Here's the good news: The Technology Committee is taking a pragmatic approach, and the WW-MBI dispute is not slowing progress. We are actively pursuing three alternative options--the proposals from FiberConnect and Matrix, and an independent approach similar to what Alford, Otis, and a few other towns are doing. We are also working with MBI to understand what state funding and services would be available under these alternative options. This does not mean that we would not consider WW if it gets back on track in a reasonable timeframe, but for now we are looking only at the remaining viable options.

Recently there was some NeighborNet email discussion about a broadband survey that was sent out, and whether that survey would delay the work of the Technology Committee. The answer is no, the survey is not interrupting our work at all. That survey was put together by a town resident, who, like the rest of us, is eager to see things move forward. But the survey was done without input or review by members of the Technology Committee, and in no way is that survey affecting our work.

So what should you expect as we enter into the new year? None of the broadband options is "best" in every respect. Therefore, the Technology Committee must weigh the tradeoffs and find the right balance between getting the job done as quickly as possible, providing good services at reasonable costs for subscribers, ensuring sustainable ongoing operations, and meeting Town financial and legal obligations. We expect that within the first several weeks of 2016 the committee will complete its fact finding and analyses. The committee will then make its recommendation to the Egremont Select Board, which will make the final decision on how the Town will proceed. Once the Select Board determines a specific course of action, it will be possible to estimate when broadband service will be "lit up."

The Technology Committee generally meets at 4:00pm on Thursday afternoons at Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016.

Fire Department:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>	
<i>/Location</i>	<i>/Type</i>		
10/31/15	12:07 PM	157	
Under Mountain Rd			Alarm/CO
10/31/15	3:42	158	
Bash Bish Falls Mt Wash.			Lost Hiker
10/31/15	8:33 PM	159	
East St. Mt. Washington			Alarm/False
11/ 1/15	2:22 AM	160	
Lakeside DR			Alarm /CO
11/ 2/15	6:21 PM	161	
7 Brookdale Rd.			Medical
11/6/15	10:33 AM	162	
Mt. Washington Rd.			Alarm/ Fire/False
11/ 6/14	1:10 PM	163	
Pumpkin Hollow Rd.			Alarm/Fire/False
11/ 6/15	6:16 PM	164	
Shun Toll Rd.			Alarm/False
11/ 7/15	12:48 PM	165	
Monument Mt.GB			Mutual Aid /Rescue
11/ 7/15	5:42 PM	166	
East St. Mt. Washington			Alarm/Cancelled
11/ 7/15	10:14 PM	167	
Millard RD			Medical
11/16/15	12:22 PM	168	
Guilder Hollow Rd.			Alarm/Med/False
11/24/15	5:08 PM	169	
Farm Ln.			Alarm/Fire
11/28/15	5:38 PM	170	
73 Main St.			Alarm/Fire/False
11/28/15	7:36 PM	171	
Creamery Rd.			Medical
11/30/15	4:55 AM	172	
Under Mountain Rd.			Medical
12/ 1/15	10:11 AM	173	
Egremont Plain Rd.			Medical
12/ 5/15	10:02 AM	174	
Under Mountain Rd.			Medical
12/ 7/15	9:01 PM	175	
Main St.			Medical
12/ 8/15	2:56 PM	176	
Baldwin Hill E			Medical
12/ 9/15	8:52 AM	177	

Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
12/12/15 1:50 PM 178	
Mt. Washington Rd.	Medical
12/17/15 12:26 PM 179	
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
12/17/15 7:14 PM 180	
Main St.	Vehicle Fire
12/18/15 10:00 AM 181	
Main St.	Service Call
12/19/15 4:05 PM 182	
Pine Crest Hill St.	Medical
12/21/15 9:17 AM 183	
Creamery Rd.	Alarm/False
12/22/15 11:22 AM 184	
Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical

It has been a very busy fall for the members of the Egremont Fire Department. We have answered fire calls, medical calls and rescue calls. Our Tuesday night drills included air packs drills, live car fire drills, ladder drills, rope rescue drills and medical training.

On Halloween weekend, Deputy Chief Schneider, Lt. Keefner, Lt. Sierau, and Medical Officer Katzenstein participated in a very extensive, two day rope rescue tech class with members of GBFD. The following weekend, our rope rescue team and equipment were called to Great Barrington to assist GBFD with a rescue call on Monument Mountain.

All of our members are Medical First Responders. We are fortunate to have several members with more advanced emergency medical training. To help us better serve the community, Jeremy Van Deusen, a paramedic, and David Katzenstein, an EMT, trained us in the use of Naloxone and the use of Epi Pens. Medical Officer Katzenstein has been working with Fairview Hospital to hammer out an agreement to allow us to carry and administer these drugs. We expect to carry both drugs on Rescue 8 in the near future..

Some members attended a class sponsored by GBFD and SBVAS on firefighter down CPR. A great number of firefighter deaths

are attributed to heart attacks. This class was also attended by firefighters from Alford FD, Stockbridge FD and Monterey FD.

We have also been busy researching new air packs. We have had demos from Scott and MSA. A group from the Egremont Fire Department, with the aid of Sandra Martin and Juliette Haas, are pursuing and filling out a FEMA Grant application for the air packs.

Due to a malfunction in the fire suppression system in the auditorium at Mount Everett High School, the Sheffield building inspector is requiring the school to have firefighters and apparatus on scene during all performances. There have been seven details to date with more scheduled after the holiday break. We have provided manpower and Tanker 5. Sheffield FD has been providing manpower and an engine.

It's that time of year again. Once again, led by Jess Myers and our Support Group, we were all able to sit down and have a nice Christmas dinner at the fire house with our families. The Egremont Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support this past year.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board has continued work on the creation of village and rural districts. We have met again with members of the Historical Commission and have received some specific requests for this proposed bylaw change. We will review their suggestions and meet with the Historical Commission.

The board has applied for a District Local Technical Assistance Program (DLTA) grant from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to assist us in drafting a bylaw to create Priority Preservation Areas of the corridors, roads and highways leading into the north and south villages - Route 23, Egremont/Sheffield Road, Routes 71 and 41, and Boice Road. This potential corridor protection is a result of our work for the village and rural districts; citizens suggested it during an informational session and later members of town boards encouraged it. As

part of this DLTA application we also have asked for assistance in developing a questionnaire to get citizens' input on appropriate uses for these corridors.

Please feel free to attend Planning Board meetings. We typically meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm on the second floor of Town Hall. However, the schedule sometimes changes (our first meeting of 2016 will be January 4) so please check postings first.

Library:

Have you seen the adult coloring book craze on the news and in bookstores and other retail shops? It has definitely struck a chord with many adults and children alike. EFL's adult coloring book event in the Fall was a great success. Join us again on Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. We have a variety of wonderful adult coloring books and beautiful coloring pencils. All ages are welcomed! Please call 528-1474 to register.

Game Night is Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for some genuine, good fun! Please call to register so we have enough snacks and refreshments. Call us at 528-1474 or email EGRLibrary@egremont-ma.gov

Our non-fiction book club continues with *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson on Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. There are a few spots left. Please call if you're interested in joining us. Egremont Free Library provides the book. From the publisher.... *Just Mercy* is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice. Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's

coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. ?

In collaboration with the Egremont Historical Commission, Egremont Free Library will host a short talk on the history of chocolate in New England on Saturday, February 6 at 12:30 p.m. In celebration of Valentine's Day, we will also create classic Valentine's crafts. Supplies, instruction and of course CHOCOLATE will be provided. Please register so we have plenty of supplies (and chocolate) for all who attend. Register by calling the library at 528-1474 or email EGRLibrary@egremont-ma.gov.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As a reminder, EFL is part of the Central Western Massachusetts Automated Sharing System (C/W MARS), a very long-winded way of saying if you check out items from GB or Sheffield, you may drop them off at the Egremont Free Library's book drop or bring them in during library hours (or you can return EFL items at participating libraries, which includes GB and Sheffield). It's a convenient way of returning your items. EFL loans books to libraries as far away as Worcester through the interlibrary loan system. EFL can also get ANY book (or DVD, audio book, etc.) your heart desires. We can order items for you, or you can order them and have them sent to Egremont Free Library for pick-up. It's an amazing system. If you would like to learn more about how to access this incredible service, feel free to call the library.

Water Commission:

A continuing effort is being made in leak detection across the system. Thank you for your patience while we work to make the system more efficient.

Our billing statements have a new look - there is a history report available and the payment stub looks a bit different. Interest charges will be instituted in accordance with state law and assessed on past due amounts beginning with the January 2016 billing. Please make an effort to bring your account up to date to avoid these charges.

As always, if you have any questions, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

Sustainability Coordinator:

Egremont, we did it!!! Six years of planning and 18 months of actual leg work, in late December we received the fantastic news that Egremont's grant application to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) had been approved and that we are now a designated Green Community. We already knew that this is a community which embraces all things "green", judging from all of those solar panels on roofs around town and our excellent recycling rates, but now it is official – Egremont has joined an elite group of cities and towns across the Commonwealth to receive the honorary title of Green Community.

In addition to the title, Egremont will receive \$138,570 to pursue future green initiatives. These funds will go towards replacing inefficient municipal energy systems or other avenues to save energy through conservation. So instead of having to go to voters at town meeting to request \$35,000 to replace a 25 year old furnace in a town building, these grants funds will cover those costs. Or instead of having to request Egremont tax dollars for capital improvements to use less energy to heat or cool a building, the grant funds can be used for that purpose. Taxpayers will not only save money from these up-front costs, but the energy savings they will deliver will be operational costs the town will save for many years to come.

There are many people to thank for this achievement: thank you Board of Selectmen Bruce Turner, Charlie Flynn and Mary Brazie for your vision, thank you Finance Committee for your unanimous support, thank you Planning Board for your assistance on the required solar overlay by-law, thank you Egremont Green Committee for your hard work, creativity and drive, and extra special thanks to Jim Barry, regional representative at the DOER.

Much of the focus of the Green Community program is given to the financial savings through energy efficiency and conservation. But a very large part of the honor of the designation is that we as a community are demonstrating what we can do locally to fight

climate change. With every reduction of CO2 into the atmosphere there is cleaner air which leads to healthier people in a healthier community. While international leaders at the recent Paris Climate Conference addressed this issue on a much larger level here in Egremont we can now proudly say that we are just as committed to work towards a sustainability future for the inhabitants of this planet.

Board of Health:

The Egremont Board of Health has partnered with the Berkshire County Public Health Alliance to take part in the national "Get Cuffed" program to assist individuals in our community who may suffer from elevated hypertension, or high blood pressure. The clinics will be held at Town Hall and dates will be announced via the town's email list and other media outlets.

The "Get Cuffed" program is not your usual blood pressure clinic. These are informative sessions structured to help people not only identify the presence of hypertension, but to understand the ill effects associated with the disease and the important steps one can take to address it. Please call Juliette Haas, Director of the Egremont Board of Health at (413) 528-0182 x 22 for more information and for the yet to be determined dates of the sessions.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &
by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month
at 2pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday
8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday &
Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as
posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday
evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth

Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &

Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday

7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays

6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to

3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-

8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon

or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to

1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to

4pm

Water Department - Meetings second Thursday

3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near,

Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we

missed asking you and you wish to be included,

please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -

camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-

Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration

413-528-1232

www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing

413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects

195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)

413-528-5383

www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lessons, summer programs

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and
supplies.
Tom & Liz Marino
413-528-9465
www.lizmarinorughooking.com
Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.
413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell
Books
<http://blaize.com/>
413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
413-644-9979
www.CosmicResonance.com

Peter Goldberg, Diplomat of Acupuncture
Natural alternatives For Pain Management
www.berkshirepainmanagement.com
413-281-6384

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor
44 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-9654
healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -
Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month cardio
for Egremont residents
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
www.zorncorefitness.com zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-0828
kbyoga@gmail.com

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household
consignment shop
413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
wood veneer sales
413-644-9696

Toull Construction - Jobs large and small.
Lord St. Pierre
413-528-5548

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Jack Buckley
413-528-1982
413-446-1982

Glen: Home repairs, property maintenance, carpentry.
475-434-0686

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking
Field Mowing
413-528-0102
pager 413-261-2150

Ron Brazie Jr - Full service property maintenance
and management.
413-717-2889

Jenna Brazie - gardening/weeding
413-854-3277

L&M Lawn Services: Michael Harrigan
Mowing and lawn care. Discounts for elderly.
413-528-3866

Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance
to construction clean-up, ironing, polishing,
organizing, window washing with free screen
cleaning.
413-854-7417 bonbonz75@yahoo.com

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course
413-528-1262
www.catamountski.com

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales
William Pitt Sotheby's
413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920
anitaschilling@gmail.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service
90 Creamery Road
413-528-3266 flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel
& Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330
www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer
Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That Get
Results. 413-644-9700
helen@agencywithoutwalls.com

RJR Enterprises - Roger Meyer
Audio/Video, "Home Entertainment"
Sales-Service-Installation
413-931-1027

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall
PC repairs - Networking - Internet
413-528-5415
Matthew.wall@yahoo.com

Dellea.biz Computer Services - Arthur Dellea
<http://www.dellea.biz>
413-528-1141

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts
with nature. Eric F. Ives
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and
exclusionary work.
413-528-9813 413-250-5094

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop
and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont 413-
528-0445 www.brooksidequiltworks.com

Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sewing, much
more
Sue Delmolino Ives
413-644-0229 susandelmolino@yahoo.com

Stitched by JessaLu - Jessica Meyer
Handmade bags for your "Stuff"!
www.stitchedbyjessalu.com

Berkshire Sewn - Mary Gifford
berkshiresewn@gmail.com
413-528-3040

Gregory Cherin Photography
South Egremont 1-917-991-0553
info@gregorycherin.com
www.gregorycherin.com

Berkshire South Regional Community Center
15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA
413-528-2810 www.berkshiresouth.org
Non-profit community organization serving 17
towns throughout the Southern Berkshires.
Providing a variety of educational, recreational
and cultural programs for all ages - from early
childhood to senior citizens - and partners with
several local organizations.

Gogel & Gogel - Law Firm
Business law & litigation
40 Main Street
413-528-2698
www.gogel-gogel.com

Chloe Wosczyzna's travels: to view go to
www.studleyofegremont.com

House To House Hauling & Recycling
Trash hauling services and roll-off containers
services. 413-528-0943

Jana's new book, *The Twelfth Stone* is a pick for
the Kids' Winter Indie Next list! Get it from your
local independent bookseller and support the
locals! and it's a finalist in ForeWord Reviews
Book of the Year Award! Jana is the very first
Writer-In Residence at Herman Melville's beloved
Arrowhead. www.mobydick.org Jana's new book,
Thomas & Autumn is available now!
www.crowfliespress.com
413-528-0943 www.janalaiz.com

I Search for You

Stan Farnum

Written 10 years ago at the passing of Stan's wife

*I just awoke from a shadow filled dream but the
dream was all softness, for you were there. It's
only the turning of the night into tomorrow and so
I sit by the window. I think a whisper from the
moon awoke me for it fills the lower edge of
Heaven and its star children make lace of the
trees against the sky. Sometimes when I awake at
night, I think of you and tonight you fill my
thoughts, for you were there when I slept. I walk
again down the long sweet path of time.*

*Many times I watched you there when you didn't
know, and I loved you. I saw the sunlight in your
hair and the little curl that always escaped and
nodded to me as you passed, and you were
beautiful. I saw you raise your arms to the blue of
the morning sky and there in lovely silhouette
capture all that is woman, for there you were little
girl innocence, mother of earth – the secret of
time. I saw the proud tilt of your head when you
smiled and I looked into the window of your
thoughts when your eyes turned to mine. I held
your hand even as you held my heart and I hold it
still.*

*The whisper of the night wind outside the screen
is the haunting voice of memory and I hold my
straining breath to hear, for somewhere there
along the darkening way the tides of time have
carried you afar – and though we walked together
down through all the long years, the soft
remembered touch is gone. The moon beyond the
window has nearly fallen behind the mountain
and it grows dark. Are you still there? – I search
for you – I search for you...*

*Once when all the world was young
For you and me,
And sorrow yet unborn no shadow cast,
Your hand in mine forever I had dreamed
Nor thought to ever lose your touch. It
seemed.
My love would hold you fast.
All adreaming down the years we looked – we
two alone.
Nor thought the weave of love to wear.
Oh phantom mists of time that blind the
captured heart,
How soon you cast the tarot cards
Upon a love so fair.
And so as life's full circle comes to close,
Where have you gone?
Within this mask of age I still abide,
My heart still full as when our world was
young,
Some words of love for you still gone unsung,
In vain I search for where you hide.*



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