

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Historic Women of Killingworth: Jerusha Benton Parmelee

By Claudette Lagasse, Killingworth Historical Society.

*Editor's Note: This is the second of a series about the Historic Women of Killingworth. In 2001 Sandy Smith proposed making small replicas of Historical Killingworth Women. Each doll was sold for \$15 as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Five dolls were made, one for each year 2001-2005. The first article about Clara Parmelee can be found on HK-now.com (April 27, 2021.) Below is the information that was included with the Jerusha Benton Parmelee doll.*

JERUSHA BENTON PARMELEE  
FARMER'S WIFE...SKILLED SEAMSTRESS...  
AND—  
Our Second "Historic Women of Killingworth" Christmas Doll Ornament – 2002

Meet Jerusha Benton Parmelee... maker of the Killingworth Historical Society's 1861 34-star Union flag.

Jerusha married Lewis Parmelee whose ancestors were the earliest settlers in Killingworth. Jerusha, Lewis, and their children resided in a home located on 441 Route 81. In the 1930's it became known as the Josiah Parmelee Homestead. Today's Killingworth residents will remember this home as being owned by John Hines. It now houses a chair-caning business.

Jerusha and Lewis are buried in the Lovers Lane Cemetery on Lovers Lane.

By 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the nation

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Jesrusha Benton Parmelee doll

## Massive Brush Fire Extinguished

By Olivia Drake, HVFC.

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to Gunger Hill Road for a reported brush fire. Upon arrival, officers determined additional manpower and water would be needed, so crews from Chester, Killingworth, Durham, Haddam Neck, and East Haddam were requested as mutual aid. Deep River provided station coverage at Haddam.

The fire spread through more than a dozen large logs, a pile of tires, and continued to spread, engulfing several tractor-trailers and approximately an acre of woodchips. An excavator was used to break apart and spread the burning woodchips piles for extinguishment.

Crews worked approximately three hours to extinguish the fire.

Water was drafted from a pond on Valley Ridge Road and delivered to the scene by multiple tankers,



totaling approximately 42,000 gallons.

HVFC thanks Haddam and Killingworth auxiliaries for providing drinking water and food during the incident.

Photos by Olivia Drake

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# Higganum Wine and Spirits Moves to Tylerville

By Teri Everett.

(May 17, 2021) Chuck and Teri Everett have owned Higganum Wine and Spirits (HWS) since November 2002. They bought the package store, formerly located at 968 Killingworth Rd, Higganum a year after they had purchased their main store, Teri's Package Store in November 2001.

The move to Tylerville Center, 1610 Saybrook Rd. Haddam, was not an easy decision. Moving across town was not something they took lightly. Change is Progress and they believe this to be true.

HWS is now located next to the Cooking Company on the corner of Bridge Rd. and Saybrook Rd. Haddam.

The Everetts and staff have enjoyed the time spent, nearly 19 years, next to Dino's Pizza. They've made numerous friends from the customers there. They watched families grow, saw children that Teri coached in softball or her Girl Scouts, now become adults with families of their own. Their customers are not just customers they are friends and some are just like family. The Everetts have been local residents since October 1988. Their children attended Burr Elementary and then on to HKMS and HKHS.

They consider the staff part of their extended



family. Between the Everetts and their staff, they are very active in the town. They participate in donation drives like Relay for Life, and donate to many causes in town. "We support one another, any way we can," said Teri.

HWS has morphed too, the new location will carry more craft and specialty beers. HWS is bright and beautiful, fully stocked and ready to greet customers. Brad, the manager, Dave, George and Kim are all look forward to servicing the customers at this new location. HWS opened for a soft opening



on May 14th and met it's goals for the 1st weekend.

HWS as well as Teri's prides themselves on excellent customer service, competitive prices, and over 50% of their products are at state minimum. Both stores offer case discounts and custom orders.

Hours of operation for HWS are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hours of operation for Teri's, which is staying put in Higganum Center, are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Photos courtesy of Teri Everett.

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Flag still in KHS's possession

## Parmelee doll

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had 34 states. Even after the South seceded from the Union and created their own flag (called Stars and Bars), President Abraham Lincoln would not allow any stars to be removed from the flag.

As a patriotic statement of her loyalty to the Union, 61-year old Jerusha hand-stitched a 68" x 41" unusual 34-star flag. Most 1861 Union Flags were in the familiar format of our present day 50-star flag; however, Jerusha elected to make a star design out of the 34 stars. This flag is in the permanent collection of the Killingworth Historical Society.

Jerusha is clothed in typical 1861 rural fashion, holding her flag. She is signed and dated on her left leg.

Photos courtesy of Killingworth Historical Society.

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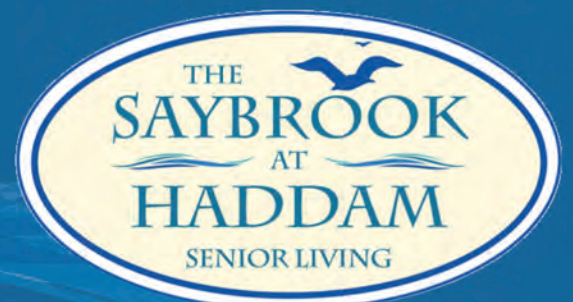
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# Haddam: BOS Meeting Notes for May 10, 2021

By Ed Munster.

This regular meeting of Haddam's Board of Selectmen on May 10, 2021, via GoToMeeting.com, was called to order by First Selectman Bob McGarry at 6:30 p.m. Also in attendance were Selectmen Sean Moriarty and Kate Anderson and Administrative Assistant Joanne Ricciardelli.

**In the Selectman's Update,** FS McGarry reported regarding the Rossi property that he has a meeting with the environmental consultant to review the Phase 2 environmental analysis on the Rossi property. The town will be seeking an extension on the purchase and sale agreement because the due diligence period is running out. McGarry stated that we should hear about the Municipal Brownfield grant of \$1,800,000 for the cleanup of the Scovil Hoe property by mid-June.

**Regarding the two roundabouts in Tylerville** the state will be having an information session for the public on June 8 at 7:00 p.m. When we get the link information on this it will be put on the town website. The work on the roundabouts will begin in the spring of 2023 and continue through the fall of 2024. McGarry pointed out that updates on projects can be found on the website and that people can sign up for alerts on updates when they come in. The sidewalks along Bridge Road will start in the Spring of 2022. The town is seeking construction easements from the property owners for the sidewalks in the center of Haddam. The bids will be closed on May 24 and hopefully this project will take place this year.

**Road improvements:** The detailed list of 20 roads scheduled for various improvements in this year's road plan has been published in HK-now.com.

**Town Budget:** The RSD17 budget passed on May 4th with very low turnout in both towns. The town budget hearing will be a virtual meeting on May 12 and the vote on the budget will take place on May 26 as an in-person yes or no vote on the proposed budget. From the American Rescue Plan the Town is expecting to receive \$808,000. The plan also includes money for counties and Haddam will get additional monies as a share of that.

**Covid-19:** Haddam experienced 74 cases in March 2021 which was the largest monthly total yet. To

date in April the number of cases is 31 and the total for the year has been 380 cases. The new cases are affecting more younger people on average. The rate of positive test cases, hospitalizations and new cases are trending up for the state of CT as a whole. Vaccines are now available for those age 16 and higher.

**Union negotiations** are scheduled with both the Clerical union on March 25 and the Teamsters union on March 30.

**RSD17 report from Jennifer Favalora:** April meetings report, as well as HKMS 7th grade student Lily Austin placed 1st in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in our region and went on to place 2nd for the state. Lily is the first HKMS student to place at the state level. Many of our staff and educators have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 as a result of coordination between CRAHD and Nutmeg Pharmacy as of early April. The Facilities Committee proposed and the BOE agreed to request proposals for an Educational Facility Assessment, a Demographic Study and a Board of Education Master Plan to assess the condition of the district's buildings to guide maintenance and improvements over the next decade.

**RSD17 Budget:** The BOE approved a 2021-22 RSD gross budget of \$42,749,049 which will be brought to referendum in both towns on May 4. This year the Killingworth share of the budget is increasing because Haddam's enrollment is down by 81 students and Killingworth is down by only 28 students. Other budget highlights include that salaries will have only a slight increase of .23% due to a reduction of 5.5 staff and four retirements. The 3.5% increase in cost of health benefits though the CT State Partnership II Plan will be offset by using \$208,000 from the District's Medical Self Insurance fund from when the district was self-insured. There is a significant increase in Special Education of \$902,000 (17%) as a result of tuition, transportation and professional services. The RSD Board in making investments in Covid learning recovery. Additional Federal Coronavirus Grant Funding is expected which will be used to invest in reading and math support staff, expand access to summer school programs, add social-emotional programs for grades 4-12 and upgrade technology and connectivity in the schools. Check the

RSD website for the Adopted BOE Budget on RSD17.org under "District" > "Budget Information."

**Economic Development Commission:** Selectman Kate Anderson reported that the EDC will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Topics she discussed involved a project proposed by Elm Street Ventures to place 80 one- and two-bedroom apartments in Tylerville in two phases of 40 each. This has been reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee but has not yet been approved by Planning and Zoning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

## Dog License and Annual Contest Information

By Scott Brookes, CCTC, Haddam.

**Dog license** renewal is due in June. Please come in and register your dog so that you have the current tag. Our Animal Control Officer will be contacting you, if you are delinquent.

Fees: A neutered or spayed dog \$8.00 – An unneutered or unspayed dog \$19.00 Kennel License is \$51.00 – Beginning July 1, a penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying/neutered certificate are mailed to the Town Clerk at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438, along with your fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. If you have any questions or concerns regarding licensing your dog(s) please call (860-345-8531 x 211 or 212) or email our office townclerk@haddam.org or townclerkasst@haddam.org.

\*\*We will be holding our annual Dog Contest for the number 1 dog tag in Haddam. It is easy to enter, just license your dog(s) during the month of June and your dog will be in the drawing. We will draw a winner in early July. The winning dog will get license number 1, a gift basket and get their picture in the Haddam Bulletin and on HK-now.com and on the Haddam Facebook page.

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Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions, can be found at the project webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTHaddam60-160>

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Mr. Joseph J. Jazwicz by e-mail at [joseph.jazwicz@ct.gov](mailto:joseph.jazwicz@ct.gov) or by phone at 860-594-3487. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 949-2798 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 591765. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via e-mail (preferred) at [DOTProject60-160@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject60-160@ct.gov). Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

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## CAMPUS CORNER

By Merit Pages News.

### Matthew Duval, of Haddam, Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta

WILLIMANTIC, CT (05/13/2021)– Eastern Connecticut State University's History Department inducted 19 students into Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history students, on May 11, 2021.

Among the students was Matthew Duval of Haddam, a junior majoring in Pre-Secondary Education Certification and History.

To be invited into Phi Alpha Theta, students must have junior standing with at least 15 credits in history, 12 of which must be completed at Eastern. Inductees must also have at least a 3.5 grade point average of 3.5 or higher, as well as at least a 3.5 GPA in their history classes.

### Aleksandra Glynn, of Higganum, Graduates from University of Tampa

TAMPA, FL (05/13/2021)– Aleksandra Glynn, of Higganum, graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, May 8. Glynn graduated with a Bach-

elor of Science – B.S. Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice BS.

The virtual commencement ceremony included 1,781 undergraduate and graduate candidates. The ceremony included remarks by UT President Ronald Vaughn, James S. MacLeod, chair of UT's Board of Trustees, the deans of UT's four colleges and student challenge speakers. Each graduate received a personalized video commemorating their achievement.

### Richard Vaughn, of Killingworth, Graduates from Assumption University

WORCESTER, MA (05/14/2021)– Richard Vaughn, of Killingworth, was one of nearly 400 graduates to receive a bachelor's degree during Assumption University's 104th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 9, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist George F. Will, Ph.D., delivered what he called the "last Assumption lecture for which you will be a captive audience" to the Class of 2021, in which he urged the graduates to live in

the present while also imagining the past.

### Margareta L. Nystrom, of Killingworth, Graduates from St. Lawrence University

CANTON, NY (05/19/2021)– Margareta L. Nystrom from Killingworth, CT, was one of the more than 450 members of St. Lawrence University's Class of 2021 who earned their degree following the University's Commencement ceremonies, held Sunday, April 18, at Newell Field House in Canton, New York.

Nystrom graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art and art history. Nystrom attended Haddam Killingworth High School.

### Peter Casanova, of Killingworth, named to Winter 2021 Dean's list

MANCHESTER, NH (05/19/2021)– It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates students on being named to the Winter 2021 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May. Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List.

## TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org), [www.townofkillingworth.com](http://www.townofkillingworth.com) or [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See [hk-now.com](http://hk-now.com) for more information on calendar items.

### Thursday, May 27

HKHS Student Art Show – Earth & Fire Art Gallery, Essex 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Haddam ZBA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 28

St. Peter 2021 Tag Sale 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

HKHS Student Art Show – Earth & Fire Art Gallery, Essex 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 29

St. Peter 2021 Tag Sale 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

HKHS Student Art Show – Earth & Fire Art Gallery, Essex 12:00 p.m. –

4:00 p.m.

Virtual Super Saturday Storytime 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join our Saturday Storytimes on our YouTube channel! <https://killingworthlibrary.org>

Day Out with Thomas: Essex Steam Train & Riverboat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thomas the Tank Engine, his buddy Percy, and Sir Topham Hatt are pulling into Essex Station for the "Celebration Tour!" in honor of Thomas' birthday! Thomas & Friends will be here May 29-30 and June 5-6, 2021, with departure times every 45 minutes from 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Passengers select a departure time when purchasing a ticket (ride is approx. 25 minutes), but can enjoy fun-filled family activities all day long!

### Sunday, May 30

Day Out with Thomas: Essex Steam Train & Riverboat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 31

HVFC Auxiliary Chowder Sale 9:00 am - 11:00 am

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold their annual clam chowder sale on Monday, May 31. This event is held across from the town green at the Community Center im-

mediately following the Memorial Day parade. A cup of chowder is \$3; a quart will be sold for \$10. Quarts should be ordered in advance by calling 860-345-8245 and they must be picked up by 11 a.m. in the Community Center kitchen. The Auxiliary has been selling the chowder on Memorial Day since 1969. Members truly appreciate all the help from the Fire Department with preparing and cooking the chowder for the past 50 years!

### Tuesday, June 1

Killingworth Charter Revision Comm. Mtg. (remote access only) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RSD17 BOE Meeting (remote access) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 2

HKHS Student Art Show – Earth & Fire Art Gallery, Essex 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, June 3

Haddam P&Z Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Parmelee Farm Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pond Room, Parmelee Farm

Haddam ZBA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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# Summary of April 2021 BOE Meetings

By Jen Favalora, RSD #17 BOE.

**Class of 2021 Graduation:** The Board of Education set the Graduation Date, and last day of school for all students, as Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Using the latest guidance from the state on indoor and outdoor celebrations, Principal Hayward and her team have several plans in place for prom, commencement and Project Graduation to be celebrated in the most normal ways possible this Spring. The Superintendent re-emphasized that safety and mitigation strategies are especially important for our students right now and asks our communities to aid in the effort to keep our students in school and able to participate in these milestones.

**2021-22 School Calendar:** Superintendent Dr. Hageman recommended, and the Board agreed, to revise the 2021-2022 School Calendar to align RSD17's Spring Break with our neighboring school districts. Spring Break will now begin on April 15, 2022 and continue through the following week. This change also affected the last day of school which is now scheduled for June 14, 2022.

**The Effect of the Pandemic on Learning:** The Curriculum Subcommittee gave an in-depth update on

the most recent metrics on student learning in relation to the pandemic. Cumulatively, learning loss for K-8 has been measured at approximately 10% lower than in previous years, with highs and lows varying between grades and between subjects. Additionally, it has been noted that students who were already in need of intervention support now require more intensive intervention for longer durations of time. At the high school, more students have been struggling with Math, English and Social Studies courses than in typical years. The district will continue to bridge the gaps through intervention and coaching, and plans are forming for summer learning programs for younger students and summer credit recovery programs for high school students.

**Diversity Committee:** The District Diversity Leadership Team reported on their plans to hire a consultant to facilitate conversations throughout the district on diversity and equity. This collaboration would support discussion and learning sessions with the Superintendent and Board of Education members, serve as a thought partner for the District Diversity Leadership Team and would provide professional development sessions for administrators and

staff to enhance ongoing efforts to address equity and increased cultural competence through teaching and learning.

**KES K-1 Playground:** The Facilities Subcommittee recommended, and the Board agreed, to install a new playground at KES for Grades K-1. The KES playground for that age group was removed last summer due to safety concerns resulting from the yearly inspection. The new playground, which will cost approximately \$25,000, is slated to be installed before the next school year begins.

**2020-2021 Budget:** The Finance Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, to remove \$169,205.19 from the Superintendent's 2021-2022 budget and purchase these items from the 2020-2021 year-end fund balance. These one-time expenditures include replacing textbooks, worn furniture and broken equipment, as well as updating technology in various schools. Website: You can read the April 19th presentation on student learning on our RSD17.org website under District > Board of Education > BOE Meeting Schedules and Minutes > Policy Subcommittee > Accelerating Learning In The Face Of A Pandemic.

## HEALTH

### Middlesex Health Modifies Visitor Policy

By Amanda Falcone, Public Relations Director.

Middlesex Health has changed its visitor policy.

All Middlesex Health departments that care for patients who are not hospitalized, including all ambulatory services, will now allow one visitor per patient. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, visitors were not allowed at these locations.

Middlesex is also now allowing hospitalized patients and patients who are having surgery to have one visitor at a time during normal visiting hours. Previously, these patients were only designated one visitor for the length of their stay.

Emergency Department patients can now have one visitor at a time 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Patients on respiratory precautions, such as presumed or confirmed COVID-19 patients, will not be al-

lowed visitors.

There are some exceptions to these rules. They include:

- Visitors making compassionate care visits (If a patient qualifies for compassionate care visits, they can have two visitors at the same time.)
- Visitors making disability care visits
- Birthing partners for Pregnancy and Birth Center patients
- Pediatric patients (They are allowed both parents at their bedside.)
- Clergy visits (Members of the clergy should not visit patients who are on special respiratory precautions unless it is a compassionate visit.)

Visitors under these special circumstances may visit 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Visiting hours at Middlesex Hospital, located at 28 Crescent Street in Middletown, are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays — with the exception of its inpatient mental health care unit. Visiting hours for this unit are 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. every day.

If visitors enter the hospital during established visiting hours, they can stay

until 7:30 p.m. If they arrive outside of visiting hours, they will be instructed to visit during visiting hours unless they meet one of the exceptions listed.

Those visiting hospitalized patients during established visiting hours should check in at the hospital lobby. Anyone arriving for a special exception visit when the lobby is closed

should report to the Emergency Department main entrance.

Emergency Department visitors can enter through the Emergency Department entrance.

All visitors, regardless of the location that they are visiting, must wear a mask and be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.



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It comes with mixed results for all of us. We have seen a big box store that has said masks not required, but we are a pharmacy and we deal with a whole range of individuals with various health conditions. We do know the major mechanism of infection is airborne transmission.

I am sure you are aware masks are an inconvenience to our vaccinated staff; but masks are respectful to those who have these conditions. Since even with vaccinations there is a risk of transmitting the virus. We have decided to take a higher standard. For the time being we will continue to wear masks in your presence.

We suggest masks be worn in our store, but for those vaccinated patrons who don't chose to wear a mask, please keep a social distance to those that are wearing a mask.

If you haven't been vaccinated and are physically able, please adhere to the mask wearing policy, as we all count on each other in our community.

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## May 2021 Garden Blog: Gardens of Remembrance

By Terry Twigg.

War and flowers aren't a combination that comes immediately to mind, and yet each of the two world wars has come to be associated with a particular flower. In decades past, it seemed almost everybody knew these stories, but more recently I've been surprised by the blank looks on so many faces, particularly young ones. I think they're worth retelling here, in time for Memorial Day.

### A Poppy in Your Lapel

In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

Generations of school children grew up reciting these words, with, we hope, some understanding of their meaning. The poem is In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae, a Canadian army doctor working in Western European battlefields in 1915. He may have written it after witnessing the death of a close friend. The cornfields-turned-battlegrounds-turned-cemeteries, famously churned into muddy quagmires by constant shelling, sprouted innumerable red corn poppies. Some people theorized that their abundance was due to alteration of the soil chemistry by the blood and bodies buried there, but a more likely explanation is that the shells brought thousands of dormant seeds to the surface, where they could sprout. After the poem was published, red poppies became an enduring sym-

bol of remembrance of all the lives lost in war.

A patch of poppies thrived next to the barn at my last house. A previous owner told me they had been planted by her father, a WWI veteran, upon his return from the war. He planted the "wrong" kind—orange perennial poppies rather than annual red corn poppies-- but I treasured them, and carefully transplanted some to my Haddam garden when I moved, in honor of his service and that of so many others. They have multiplied, so, if you'd like to grow a piece of history, some of the descendants of his poppies will be available at the Garden Club's booth at the town tag sale.

Meanwhile, give generously to veterans' groups when they offer paper poppies for sale, and wear the flowers with gratitude.

### "The World's Greatest Desire"

In the late 1930's, the famous French rose hybridizer Frances Meilland of the House of Meilland realized that another war was inevitable. He chose the most promising seedling from his most recent breeding experiments, No. 3-35-40, and packed off budwood to growers in Italy, Switzerland and the United States. According to legend, the last few reserves of stock were smuggled out in diplomatic pouches, on the last plane to leave France before the German occupation. Not a minute too soon; acres upon acres of rose trial fields were soon plowed under and planted with potatoes and cabbages to feed a hungry populace.

The seedlings shipped elsewhere in Europe suffered during the war years, but the ones that reached the United States were carefully cultivated. No. 3-35-40, a large-flowered, creamy yellow variety blushed with pink, and with better disease resistance than most tea rose hybrids, lived up to its early promise.

For five years, the growers painstakingly propagated it, and by 1945, as the end of the war drew near, they had enough stock for a commercial launch.

But what to call it? 3-35-40's formal cultivar name was "Madame A. Meilland," in honor of Frances Meilland's mother, but it still lacked a trade name. Because Meilland believed Field Marshall Alan Brooke (later Viscount Alanbrooke) was the chief architect of the British Army's strategy in Europe, he offered to name the rose in Brooke's honor. Brooke declined, saying his name would soon be forgotten (he was probably right: could you have named him?). He had a better idea.

And so the breeders set a date for the commercial launch of the new rose. When they chose April 29, 1945, they could not have known that would be the date on which Berlin would fall to the Allies, effectively ending the war in Europe. The release, accidentally but perfectly timed, stated

We are persuaded that this greatest new rose of our time should be named for the world's greatest desire: Peace.

Since then, Peace has become one of the world's most widely grown roses (over one hundred million have been sold), and many other varieties claim it as one of their parents. One perfect Peace rose was given to each delegate of the newly formed United Nations when Germany formally surrendered, and again at the U.N.'s inaugural meeting later in 1945. I don't give tea roses much room in my gardens, because most are susceptible to disease, and are difficult to grow successfully without chemicals. Even though Peace is more disease resistant than most, my previous plantings failed. But, just for this one rose, I'm going to try again.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF HADDAM APPROVAL OF THE HADDAM WETLAND AGENT

On May 17th, 2021 the Wetland Agent approved the following application:

To approve a wetlands permit for the grading for a proposed single family residence within the Upland Review Area located at Collins Lane, and shown on Assessors Map 12 Lot 13.

Said Applications are on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office, of the Town Office Building.

### TOWN OF HADDAM DECISIONS OF THE HADDAM WETLAND COMMISSION

On May 17th, 2021 the Wetland Commission approved the following application:

To approve a wetlands permit to install a 2 section floating dock at 276 Silverspring Drive, and shown on Assessors Map 35-13 Lot 57.

Said Applications are on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office, of the Town Office Building.

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM

Notice is hereby given that the financial statements of the Town of Haddam for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 have been received by the Haddam Town Clerk. These statements are on file in the Haddam Town Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Scott R. Brookes, CCTC  
Haddam Town Clerk

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## HKHS Baseball Defeats Old Lyme 6-5

By Mark Brookes, Coach.

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Baseball team defeated Lyme-Old Lyme High School in Old Lyme on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Alec Erskine won his 5th game on the mound for HK. Luke DiMauro and Caven Burrell each had 2 hits and Lucas Kamoen drove in 2 runs with a single in the 5th for the Cougars. Colbe Andrews had 3 hits and 2 RBI for Old Lyme.

HK 0 0 0 1 4 1 0 6 10 0  
OL 1 0 0 4 0 0 0 5 10 4

Batteries: HK – Alec Erskine and Nick Glynn. OL – Tait Sawden, Casey Hurtgen(7) and Alex Roth. WP Erskine LP Sawden

Records: HK 14-4, OL 7-11

Photos by Sharon DiMauro.



Alec Erskine, senior



Matt Pray, senior

## HADDAM LAND TRUST

### Connecticut Trails Day – Swan Hill hike

By Terry Twigg.

The Haddam Land Trust invites everyone to join us hiking up Swan Hill at 10 a.m. on June 5. The hike, led by Peter Baird, is part of the Connecticut Trails Day 2021 event, sponsored by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. The trail is approximately 2.2 miles, and your efforts will be rewarded by the Connecticut River views at the top.

In years past, walk-ins were permitted, but due to Covid, preregistration is required this

year. Please visit [tinyurl.com/bzwjbs28](http://tinyurl.com/bzwjbs28) to register (Note: registration doesn't begin until May 20). Also, only 15 people may hike in one group. If the 10 a.m. hike fills up, and more people want to participate, a second hike later in the day will be scheduled. Questions? Contact Terry Twigg, [ttwigg@comcast.net](mailto:ttwigg@comcast.net)

Photo by Peter Baird.



## Softball Defeats Old Saybrook 8-2

By Jeffrey Talbott, Coach.

The Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Softball team defeated Old Saybrook in Old Saybrook on Monday, May 17, 2021 by a score of 8-2. HK got a 2 run homer from Ella McGlynn and Ivy McNiel had 3 doubles, two runs score and an rbi to pace HK to their 14th win of the year against 1 defeat. Kaleigh Bodak added two hits, scored two runs and had 1 rbi for the Cougars. Bella Richwine was the winning pitcher, now 6-0, while

Chris Lombardi took the loss for OS, which is now 3-12.

Line score  
HK 0 0 4 0 4 0 0 8/10/2  
OS 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2/4/2

Batteries: HK. Bella Richwine and Madison LaTouche. Old Saybrook Chris Lombardi and Ella Hagerstown.

## DEATHS

### Glenn R. Hunter

Glenn R. Hunter, 71, of Killingworth, passed away on Friday, May 7, 2021.

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# HK Hall of Fame 2021 Online Auction

By Elaine Jackson, HK Hall of Fame.

This year's HK Hall of Fame silent Auction is online. Proceeds to benefit the Eric Auer/Patsy Kamercia Civic Achievement Award. A \$500 award is given out each year to a senior who meets the requirements of this award.

The auction will be from May 5, 2021-June 5, 2021. Pick up and payment of items on June 8, from 6-7 and June 9 from 6-7 at St James Parish Hall, 501 Killingworth Rd, Higganum.

The link to the Online Auction is: [www.32auctions.com/hkhalloffame2021auction](http://www.32auctions.com/hkhalloffame2021auction)

Items for bid: gift certificates, cord of wood, bird-house, gift baskets, pottery, quilt, and many more.

Donations can also be made to HK Hall of Fame, PO Box 24, Higganum CT 06441. Any questions, please contact Elaine Jackson, [elainejack835@gmail.com](mailto:elainejack835@gmail.com) or Lisa Wiese, [lisawiese713@gmail.com](mailto:lisawiese713@gmail.com) Thank you for your support.



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2. 1 cord of wood
3. 2 Kickback Rocker(color Pewter) Chairs
4. 3 yards Bark Mulch delivered from Town & Country Nurseries-
5. \$100 Gift Card from the Cooking Company
6. Sterling Vineyards California Assortment-
7. Summer Themed Basket-
8. \$30 Agway Gift Certificate
9. Handmade Quilt
10. Pottery vase/container
11. \$50 Gift Card Dairy Barn
12. \$50 Gift Card Dairy Barn
13. Winterberry Tree Farm- Christmas tree
14. \$75 Gift Certificate Gelston House
15. \$50 Gift Certificate – Jacks Country Restaurant
16. \$50 Gift Certificate- AJ's Pizza
17. \$75 Gift Certificate – Higganum Village Market
18. CT River Museum- 1 year family membership
19. \$50 Gift Certificate to Higgies
20. Lyman Orchards 3 pie certificates-
21. Essex Steam Train Certificate- family of Four for Train and Boat
22. \$25 Dunkin Donuts Gift card
23. PEACE Belt – Handmade
24. \$50 Gift Card Coyote Blue
25. \$50 Gift Certificate to Avon
26. Bluebird House
27. Bluebird House

## TO THE EDITOR

### FDA Eliminates flavoring in tobacco products

*The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. Received May 13, 2021.*

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago, the FDA announced its long-awaited decision to eliminate menthol flavoring in cigarettes and all flavors in cigars. In doing this, they are bringing to an end a decades-long deference to the tobacco industry, which has repeatedly demonstrated its willingness to profit from products that

result in death. While we applaud this FDA action, it doesn't mean the fight is over here in Connecticut.

Eliminating menthol in cigarettes and all flavors in cigars will help combat the health disparities intentionally driven by Big Tobacco's predatory practices to addict youth, Black, LGBTQ, and low-income communities for decades. This is an important step forward; but it is not a perfect solution. It will take quite some time to be implemented as the rules process takes place. Additionally, this is just a first step, not the end game. It's critical we don't stop now, and that Connecticut lawmakers do what we know is best to protect our communities from Big Tobacco's deadly products.

As a cancer survivor, I have a vested interest in

the health of state residents, of all ages and across all communities. With tobacco use being the number one cause of preventable death and responsible for one-third of all cancer deaths, we must continue our efforts at the state level to tackle tobacco use, including passing SB 326 to end the sale of ALL flavored tobacco products.

Please contact your state legislators and urge them to vote in support of SB 326. This law is critical to the health and well-being of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Donna Rogers, Higganum  
Volunteer, American Cancer Society  
Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

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