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Time Warp Textiles – The Art of Rescuing Unwanted Fabric & Notions



Photos by Sharon Challenger.

By Sharon Challenger

While combing through Haddam and Killingworth pages on Facebook, I came across a posting by Irene Hatch. She is in the process of starting up a new, local low-priced fabric business, and was reaching out to let the community know about her new venture.

She kindly agreed to answer the following questions for Haddam-Killingworth News.

Q: What was your inspiration to start your fabric thrift online business?

Hatch: Last year I discovered a woman on TikTok who has a fabric thrift store in northern Massachusetts. She started during Covid, selling fabric out of her house and within a year had worked herself up to a profitable storefront in her town, offering low-priced fabric, sewing, and needlework supplies, as well as business workshops, crafting and guest artist classes, etc. She bills herself as “the no-kill shelter for all your unwanted fabric.” I thought, “I could do that too!” There is so much “orphaned” fabric in the world,



and so few reasonably-priced retail options. Plus, the quality of new fabric is just not the same – the weave is inconsistent and it’s almost all synthetic and non-compostable. A lot of it is manufactured unethically and creates tons of waste along with human rights and labor abuse! By rescuing orphaned fabric, I can help keep it out of landfills and provide lower-priced, better-quality fabric to

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HVFC Hosts Open House: Saturday, August 13

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Information Officer

All area residents are invited to Haddam Volunteer Fire Company’s Open House from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13 in front of the former Haddam Elementary School. Come learn about ways we serve the community!

Activities will include:

- Touch-a-Truck (fire truck tours)
- Response demonstrations with “the Jaws of Life”
- Photos with a firefighter
- Meet and greet with Connecticut State Police
- Meet and greet with Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary
- Try on turnout gear
- Tools of the trade
- Membership opportunities
- Free snacks and drinks

We hope to see you there!

DEEP: Fire Danger Level Report & Prevention Tips

Information provided by CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

A heat advisory was recently issued for Connecticut residents. Temperatures, along with high humidity, can make it feel upwards of 100 degrees in cases.

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) Daily Forest Fire Danger report can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report>

Safety Information:

If you visit Connecticut’s parks, forests and open spaces, please use fires with caution and heed the following DEEP recommendations especially during forest fire season:

Obey local laws regarding open fires, including campfires.

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64 Years Ago: Connecticut-Built Nautilus Cross the North Pole; August 3, 1958

By Philip R. Devlin

Given the enduring popularity of Jules Verne's classic novel 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, it should come as no surprise that no fewer than six vessels in the Navy have been named the Nautilus — two ships and four submarines. But the last submarine named Nautilus (SSN-571) was a game-changer. Built during the Cold War in the 1950s, this version of the Nautilus was the first sub ever to be powered by a nuclear reactor. As such, its ability to stay submerged for extremely long periods of time was unprecedented. At 319 feet in length, the Nautilus was much larger than diesel-powered subs and weighed more than 3,000 tons. It rewrote the submarine record book for durability and distance.

Built in Groton in 1951, the sub was christened there by first lady Mamie Eisenhower on January 21, 1954. Its home port was the Naval Submarine Base in Groton as well, the home, too, for many of its crew. By the time it was decommissioned in 1980, it had roamed the seas of the world for more than 25 years and had traveled an incredible 500,000 miles! Today, it is the centerpiece exhibit at the Submarine Force Library, Museum, and Gift Shop at 1 Crystal Lake Road in Groton. More than 250,000 visitors tour the Nautilus annually. The submarine was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1982.

Its most famous voyage happened 64 years ago this week. Having left New London on July 23, 1958, the Nautilus headed to Pearl Harbor. After a layover



in Pearl, SSN-571 then headed north on a secret mission called "Operation Sunshine." As the sub headed north, a water leak developed in the engine room in one of the condensers and threatened the safety of the mission. Commander William Anderson had the Nautilus berth in Seattle while he devised a solution for the leaking condenser. His ingenious solution was to have his crew go out into the city of Seattle to purchase "Bar's Leak" — the tried-and-true solution for fixing a car's leaking radiator. (More than 100 million have been sold to date.)

He ordered the crew to don civilian clothes and to buy as

much "Bar's Leak" as they could find at service stations and automotive supply stores in Seattle. They returned with 140 bottles! Half of that supply was dumped into the system, and it worked! The leak was fixed. Next stop: the North Pole.

As the Nautilus approached the North Pole, it had to submerge to pass under the ice. While submerged and traveling at about 500 feet in depth, the 116 man crew became the first known human beings to say that they had literally been "on top of the world" on 3 August 1958 at 2315 hours.

They were the first mariners to say that they had reached 90 degrees North. As the submarine passed 90 degrees North, Commander Anderson uttered these famous words: "For the world, our country, and the Navy—the North Pole." The sub was under the ice for 96 straight hours and covered 1,830 miles before surfacing off the northeast coast of Greenland. The Nautilus then headed to port in England briefly before returning to New London. The entire crew received a Presidential Unit Citation—the first one ever given to servicemen not at war.

The importance of the polar exploration in 1958 cannot be overestimated. It was a major morale booster for the country, as just one year earlier the Soviet Union had put the first ever satellite into space—the Sputnik. The Soviets did not have a nuclear submarine in their arsenal. We did. It was superb, and it was made in and stationed in Connecticut!



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Get Out! Summer at the Museum is Back and It's Free!

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"CT Summer at the Museum" returned for a second summer season as of June 29, 2022. Governor Ned Lamont established this program in 2021, funding it through \$15 million received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The purpose is to give children a way to be enriched and engaged during the summer in spite of the Covid 19 pandemic. One child under the age of 18 and one accompanying adult get free admission to many

museums throughout Connecticut. Please check this website: ctvisit.com/articles/Connecticut-summer-museum-2022-free-admission-kids for a full list of participating museums and details. This program continues through September 4, 2022.

My son and I have had a lot of fun going to local attractions as well as some further out. So far, we have ridden the Essex Steam Train (usually \$40, but free!), gone to the Mystic Aquarium (\$63, but free!) and visited Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine in East Granby (\$15, but free!). We highly recommend the Old Newgate Prison as the guides tell a fascinating albeit disturbing story and you do get a guided tour of the copper mine.

But be prepared to duck; some tunnels are only 4' high. Next up, we plan to go to Mystic Seaport (\$50, but free!) and the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks (\$36, but free!). Finally, we will probably go back to the Essex Steam Train, but add the boat ride which will be a savings of \$80.

Once this program is over for the summer, please remember that Brainerd Memorial Library has a museum pass program offering free or discounted admission to many museums and attractions throughout the state. Check the website brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org for a list of the passes and guidelines.

Jenny Law, Higganum

BRAINERD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Upcoming Events at Haddam's Brainerd Memorial Library

By Brainerd Memorial Library

Crafting Connections: Mandala Sea Star, Monday August 22, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: A mandala is a complex abstract design that is usually circular in form. In fact, "mandala" is a Sanskrit word that means "circle." Mandalas generally have one identifiable center point, from which emanates an array of symbols, shapes and forms. In this class, we will be using art canvases, acrylic paints and mandala dotting tools to create a sea star shape. Space is limited to 24 participants. This program is limited to participants ages 16 and up. Please click to register or call (860) 345-2204.

Steamboats on the Connecticut River, Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m. Local author Erik Hesselberg will discuss his new book *Night Boat to New York: Steamboats on the Connecticut, 1824-1931*, a meticulously researched account of steamboat days on the Connecticut River, and their circuit from Hartford to New York City. Unlike the steamboats of Western waters, these vessels "were long, sleek craft, with sharp prows cutting a neat wake" as they

traveled down the river at night to make port in New York by daybreak. Erik Hesselberg has been writing about the Connecticut River for more than 20 years as an environmental reporter for the Middletown Press and as executive editor of Shore Line Newspapers in Guilford. He was a regular contributor to the Hartford Courant and continues to write about the Connecticut River on his blog, voicesontheriver.com

Save the Date! Saturday, September 24, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Brainerd Library fundraiser: Swallows Cruise returns. Join us on Connecticut River Tours to witness the amazing tree swallows migrating flocks. Gourmet snacks and adult beverages will be

included. More details and tickets on sale soon.

For our young patrons...

Drop-In Lego Club: 1st & 3rd Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. — on our back lawn

Toddler Tunes: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. — on our back lawn

Check our website for details www.brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org

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Thursday, August 11

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. (See Aug. 4 above for details.)

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Time to Talk About Books – Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. We know you have to do it – so let's get together and work on those school reading book discussion guides! Pizza and soda will be provided. For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so please register in advance. 860 663-2000.

Haddam Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Friday, August 12

Higganum Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. It's Everyone's Birthday! Music by Mark Peryga. FOOD TRUCK - TACOS FLORES.



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CT Summer at the Museum – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Saturday, August 13

Killingworth Library Book & Bake Sale 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Model Boat Race against Deep River Library 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Participants in our Pirates Ahoy programs will be competing in model boat races against teams from Deep River Public Library! The event will be held at Deep River Public Library, at 150 Main Street in Deep River.

HVFC: Open House & "Touch a Truck" event 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Haddam Elementary School. All area residents are invited to Haddam Volunteer Fire Company's Open House from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13 in front of the former Haddam Elementary School. Come learn about ways we serve the community! Activities will include Touch-a-Truck (fire truck tours), Response demonstrations with "the Jaws of Life," Photos with a firefighter, Meet and greet with Connecticut State Police, Meet and greet with Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, Try on turnout gear, Tools of the trade, Membership opportunities, Free snacks and drinks. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, August 14

CT Summer at the Museum – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Killingworth Car Cruises – Parmelee Farm 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Killingworth Summer Concert Series – Parmelee Farm 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 15

15th John P. Hine Memorial Golf Tournament – Clinton Country Club. 9:00 a.m. For more information and to sign up to play, please visit the Killingworth library's website killingworthlibrary.org/.

Children's Kindness Camp August 15 – 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Early drop-off and late pick-up

available) First Congregational Church of Haddam.

Lego Club – Brainerd Memorial Library 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Haddam Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m.

Killingworth Charter Revision meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16

Children's Kindness Camp August 15 – 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (see Monday for details)

RSD #17 BOE meeting IF NEEDED 7:00 p.m. HKIMS
Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. Registration is required. Pirate Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays – please sign up for either the morning OR evening session, not both in the same day. (See Aug. 4 above for details)

Summer Storytime at Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Killingworth Planning & Zoning meeting 7:00 p.m. (remote).

Wednesday, August 17

Children's Kindness Camp August 15 – 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (see Monday for details)

CT Summer at the Museum – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Science Wednesdays for Tiny Thinkers – Killingworth Library 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Haddam Board of Finance meeting (if needed) 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 18

Children's Kindness Camp August 15 – 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (see Monday for details)

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Killingworth Mystery Book Club 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss *Before She Disappeared* by Lisa Gardner.

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.



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Coming Attractions: Art and Music at The Buttonwood Tree in September and October

By Anne-Marie Cannata McEwen,
Executive Director, The Buttonwood Tree

The Buttonwood Tree at 605 Main Street in Middletown announces the following art and musical events coming up in September and October:

Violinist Chris Murphy on Friday, September 9. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20. For 25 years, and with no sign of slowing, violinist Chris Murphy has made a living by writing, performing and recording original music. For Murphy, the path forward is charted by looking backward, to the troubadours and minstrels of ages past. Forget the exaggerated reports of the music industry's demise. It's only the record industry, a relative blip in the history of putting tones in sequence, that's suffering. Music, and the opportunity to make a life's work out of it, is not going anywhere. "In another era," Murphy says, "I would have played square dances, and loved it. I would have been a court musician at Versailles in the 17th Century, or a violinist in a circus orchestra." For Chris Murphy, inspiration spans eras and aesthetics, but the fundamentals are the same.

Nick Anderson & Shady Creek on Saturday, September 10. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$15. Based on his farm in Plainfield, Connecticut, Nick Anderson & Shady Creek play Bluegrass music that keeps the traditional sound alive and well. Entertaining audiences with the "high lonesome sound" has been a passion for Nick and has helped keep the band together through numerous changes for more than thirty years. The band has played a variety of festivals, fairs and concert venues throughout the Northeast and Canada. Nick is considered one of the top bluegrass singers in New England.

Violinist Luca Ciarla on Friday, September 23. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$30. A native of Termoli, Italy, Luca began playing violin and piano at the age of eight. By twelve he was studying at the conservatory and few years later began exploring jazz and improvisation. He received

his violin degree in 1993 and then studied at the Fiesole School of Music and the Scuola di Alto perfezionamento of Saluzzo. In 1996 Luca moved to the United States to pursue a Master's degree at Indiana University and to study jazz with David Baker. A creative and surprising violinist, Luca Ciarla easily transcends the boundaries among genres to trace an innovative musical path, a magical acoustic seduction in perfect balance between written compositions and improvisation, traditional and contemporary sounds.

Halley Neal on Friday, September 30. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20. Halley Neal is a folk-pop singer and songwriter based in Nashville, Tennessee. Inspired by artists like Joni Mitchell and Shawn Colvin, Halley's sound combines inspirations of folk music from the 70's and late 90's. Graduating from Berklee College of Music in 2019, Halley was chosen from the graduates to perform a song at Berklee's Commencement Concert at Agganis Arena. The concert honored the 2019 Berklee honorary doctorates, Missy Elliot, Justin Timberlake and Alex Lacamoire, who all attended the show. In her final semester at Berklee, Halley collaborated with artist Plot Twist and her former band Rose & Kennedy to write and release a single called "Lover," which shortly after gained notable traction on Tik Tok.

Showcase by artist Alex Ranniello for the month of September. A reception will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is no admission for this event, but donations are encouraged. Alex Ranniello is a studio painter and mural artist based in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Outside his role as a studio artist, he's had both multifaceted and widespread community involvement in the Arts across Connecticut. Since 2016, he has served as an arts program administrator, gallery assistant manager, workshop assistant, curator, guest speaker, visiting artist, event team manager, juror, and above all- an

advocate for the arts. His academic education includes a Bachelor's degree in Painting & Drawing in 2017 including dual minors in Ceramics & Art History; he achieved his Master's in Marketing & Communications from the University of Hartford in 2021.

The Night Shakers on Saturday, October 8. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20. Based in Deep River, The Night Shakers play a unique blend of vintage blues — upbeat, jazzy and Chicago-style jump blues. Legendary blues artists like Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Bessie Smith, Howling Wolf, Buddy Guy, Katie Webster and Freddie King are all represented, along with lesser-known artists who helped shape the genre, and newer musicians who've kept the blues flame burning through the decades. The Night Shakers' music appeals to a wide variety of ages — whether for listening, toe-tapping or dancing — and they can spice their repertoire with tasty jump and jazz blues. Their love of vintage Chicago-style blues inspires their arrangements and performances, giving audiences a tasty helping of authentic roots music. They play regularly across Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island.

For information on the events listed above, please see www.Buttonwood.org for show details or call (860) 347-4957 or email: TheButtonwoodTree@gmail.com

KILLINGWORTH PUBLIC SAFETY

KVFC Hosts T-Shirt & Hat Sale to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

By Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company

"Thank you" to everyone who came out to support Killingworth Fire Company on Saturday July 30th and bought t-shirts, hats and gave generous donations.

We will be having another t-shirt sale to continue to celebrate our 75th anniversary on August 13 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Killingworth Transfer

Station. We will be selling t-shirts in a variety of different sizes as well as hats. T-shirts and Hats are \$20 cash.

We hope to see you there but if you can't make it, we will be at the artisan market at Parmelee Farm on September 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. next to the Fire Company food booth.





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everyone, making sewing accessible again. I'm in touch with the woman in Massachusetts, as well as others in California who are working on the same type of sewing thrift store setup.

I plan to start with online sales, pop-up/tag sales (likely during the Middletown town-wide tag sale in September) and maybe a booth at craft fairs, cosplay events, etc. Eventually I'd love it to be a legit storefront.

Q: When did you develop a love of fabric, and the art of sewing?

Hatch: I started sewing when I was 10 – over 40 years ago (which is amazing since in my mind I'm still only 30). My mom taught me. I guess I was one of those kids who just found their passion early on, because by the time I was a senior in high school I was making nearly all of my own school clothes. (We had a dress code and had to wear skirts or dresses.) Plus at the time, sewing was much

cheaper than buying clothes in a store. I went to college to get an English degree, but because I knew how to sew I ended up with a work-study job in the costume shop of the Theatre Department. It was like I found MY PEOPLE. From that point on I spent as much time as I could in the costume shop. I loved absolutely everything about costuming – the history, the construction, the design process. I went on to get an MFA in Costume Design from Indiana University, and pre-kids, worked freelance in Michigan, New Jersey, New York City, and finally in Connecticut. My first Connecticut jobs were over hire draper (patternmaker) positions at Goodspeed Opera House and Long Wharf Theatre. When my girls were tiny, I took a break from theatre, but as they got older, I started working a bit (stitching for Roberta Hamelin in Durham who builds all the female chorus costumes for "Hamilton;"

teaching and designing as an adjunct professor at WCSU). Since the big Covid shut-down, I've been trying to create my own "place" in the sewing and design world. I've been digitizing vintage patterns so they can be printed at home, sewing them out of thrifted fabric, and now I feel like all the unloved fabric in the state is calling my name! I love sewing and fabric. I've loved it nearly my whole life. I also love teaching and I want to spread this love of sewing and fabric to others. It's a great skill to learn!

Q: Do you plan any online instruction, i.e. YouTube videos?

Hatch: I'm not sure if I'll be doing any online instruction since it's not my forte and it's tricky to correct/guide people when you're only doing a video. Fabric and sewing are such tactile activities. I'd love to eventually have a storefront with a workshop area so I could offer small group classes i.e. Basic Sewing Machine Use, How to Alter Thrifted Clothes, Make an Easy Skirt in 2 hours, Quick Quilting, etc. My daughters plan to help me set up my own TikTok and Instagram feeds, however! And I already have the business Facebook page set up.

Q: In the future if you do find a place to open a store, where would you like it to be?

Hatch: Since I feel like foot traffic would be very beneficial for this store, probably Middletown would be my best bet. One of the side streets between Wesleyan and Main Street would be dreamy! But.....since this is essentially a thrift store, rents around Main Street might be prohibitive. I've been told that "If you build it, they will come" – and that people will find

me wherever I end up. But since I live in Middletown, I'd like it to be semi-nearby.

Q: What sort of items are you looking for?

Hatch: I am currently taking anything sewing- or fabric-related. Patterns, thread, sewing tools, interfacing, fabric (apparel, quilting, decorator – whatever!), buttons, buckles, rulers, measuring tapes, snaps, etc. It needs to be clean, odor-free, and smoke-free. I am not really taking fleece because there is just too much of it in the world, it is difficult to sew, and well, it just sort of makes me crabby. I will eventually take yarn, crochet, and needlework supplies too, but since I know sewing and fabric the best I want to start with those.

Q: If someone has fabric to donate, do you have a minimum yardage requirement?

Hatch: I don't have a minimum yardage requirement, since smaller pieces could become craft bundles or be cut into squares for quilt kits. Larger yardages are great too! But I'll take everything right now.

Q: Are there any fabrics or items which you do not want to work with?

Hatch: As I mentioned above – fleece. Blah. That's mostly it. Maybe burlap or stuff like that which is made more for decor purposes?

Q: How can people reach you?

Hatch: They can text me at 860-917-0652 or e-mail me at irene.v.hatch@gmail.com. I've also got a Facebook page; it's called Time Warp Textiles and it has a red poppy fabric logo so you can spot it: www.facebook.com/TimeWarpTextiles



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PUBLIC SAFETY

DEEP: Fire Danger Level Report & Prevention Tips

Continued from page HK1

Keep all flammable objects away from fire. Scrape away leaves, twigs, and grass within a 10-foot diameter circle from fire.

Have firefighting tools nearby and handy.

Never leave a fire unattended.

Carefully dispose of hot charcoal.

Drown all fires.

Carefully extinguish smoking materials.

Tips for Connecticut homeowners

Make a fire safe zone around your house. Clean flammable vegetation and debris from at least 30 feet around the house and any outbuildings.

Prune away the lower limbs of evergreens that are within the fire safe zone. Evergreens catch fire easily during dry periods and burn quickly.

Remove any limbs which overhang the roof or chimney.

Regularly remove leaves and needles from gutters.

Do not store firewood in the fire safe zone.

Use fire resistant roofing materials.

Make sure firefighters can find and access your home. Mark your house and roads clearly, and prune away limbs and trees along your driveway which do not allow fire truck access.

Have an escape plan— and practice it.

Follow state and local open burning laws.

Stay with outside fires until they are completely safe and dead out.

Dispose of wood ashes in a metal bucket, soaking them with water before dumping them.

If you spot a forest fire, remain calm, go to the nearest telephone and dial 911 to report the fire as quickly as possible to your local fire department.

Calmly tell the emergency dispatcher when you saw it and where you saw it. If you see anything suspicious at or near the scene of the fire, take note and relay that to 911 as well. Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

To get updates on the fire danger, please call 860-424-3929.

Safety Information provided by CT DEEP

Under the August Moon

By Terry Twigg

High summer, and we're in a drought. Leaves are wilted, the grass crunches underfoot, and my poor pond, which is actually a dammed-up stream, has shrunk to a mud puddle. Its overflow pipe, useless, sticks up a foot and a half above the water level. The flower beds have a look of stoic endurance in the glare, and even the frogs in Raphael's pool hide themselves away in the shade of overhanging rocks.

But, wait until dark. On all but the very hottest days, evening brings cooler air, and the gardens almost stand straighter. I find myself wishing for a project I've long dreamed of but not yet gotten around to: a moon garden. If you're not familiar with the term, a moon garden is essentially a white garden. All your favorite white annuals and perennials shine at night, but the moon garden is also planned to include as many as possible of flowers that open in the evening, such as moonflowers, four o'clocks, evening primrose, and angel's trumpet, all of which also offer heady fragrance. Most daylilies open in the morning and close by dark, but there are plenty of nocturnal varieties, which reverse the timing, and some of these are also fragrant.

Pure white isn't essential. Soft pastels stand out almost as well in twilight, and greyish or variegated foliage contributes ghostly shapes: fuzzy lamb's ears; variegated hostas and euonymous; misty artemisia. There are even a few flowers that actually fluoresce at night, including four o'clocks and portulaca.

To this mix, add more flowers that fill the darkness with perfume: night-scented phlox, evening-scented stock, nicotiana, petunias, and of course, roses and lilies. If your moon garden is in an enclosed area, the scents will be contained and enhanced.

If you think you can't build a moon garden with

native plants, think again. For height, plant native dogwood trees, mountain laurel, and the white American wisteria "Nivea." For mid-level interest, choose clethra and native viburnum. Then fill the beds with white coneflower, spotted horsemint, Culver's root, asters, and white Joe Pye weed. Whether native or imported, try to plant several of each variety together. You want big, showy groupings that will be visible from a distance, not singletons dotted around the yard.

Of course, all the features that lure you out into the evening don't just happen by chance. Big white flowers, easy to see in the darkness, or strong perfumes that carry on night breezes—as glamorous as they seem to us, the simple truth is that they're strategies to lure night-flying pollinators. Most bees and butterflies are diurnal, meaning they fly during the day and rest at night. Darkness is the domain of nocturnal pollinators, most notably moths and my beloved fireflies. Also, to my surprise, bats, though not so much in our part of the country.

I see all three emerging at dusk. The most noticeable and identifiable moth is the sphinx moth. Some can hover like hummingbirds, earning them the nickname "hummingbird moth," and may be mistaken for hummingbirds, especially when the light is fading. Also like hummingbirds, they are equipped to reach into long tubular flowers. While the birds have long narrow beaks, the moths have a very long proboscis, or tongue. Charles Darwin, looking at a tropical orchid with a throat over a foot long, famously predicted that there must be a moth with a proboscis equally long in order to reach the pollen and nectar at the base. Colleagues laughed at him, but he was vindicated years later, when just such a moth was discovered.

The bats' movements are erratic but fun to watch as they swoop back and forth, with constant

redirection mid-flight. I find them charming in the air, more so than when I found one panicking in my bedroom a few months ago. But suddenly I was slammed by conflicting loyalties. Like so many other creatures, bats are threatened by disease, so I rejoice to see these ones healthy and active. But are they flourishing at the expense of the moths? The fireflies?

Enter science. I (and until recently, most scientists) thought firefly displays were only for courtship. Turns out, they're also warning signals. Some firefly species are toxic to bats. Others are naturally non-toxic, but cannibalistically eat their smaller cousins in order to acquire the poison. The lights are a signal to hungry bats to back off. Moths take the art of self-defense several steps further. As with the fireflies, some moths are toxic, some merely taste bad, and some are perfectly bat-edible. The nastier ones defend themselves with ultrasonic signals, and the more edible species have evolved to mimic the sounds. Researchers are still unsure whether the sounds are merely warnings, or if the moths are actually jamming bat frequencies! Suddenly the bats' jerky flight path makes sense: maybe they're homing in on prey, only to veer off at the last second when enemy shields are deployed.

My dreamy white garden, shimmering in summer moonlight, is actually a high-tech battle zone. I'm still going to make one someday, though. Full moon is tonight: August 11.

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 39 Thayer Rd., K. Syrel to S. Pastuszak and A. Cook, 6/16, \$260,000
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VOTING

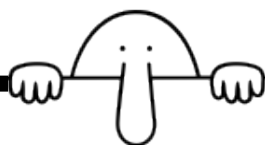
Haddam Voter Registration Summary

By Haddam Registrars of Voters

Town of Haddam – Voter Registration Summary

August 1, 2022

District	Democratic	Republican	Unaffiliated	Other	Total
001 Firehouse	901	777	1352	45	3075
002 Central Office	722	771	1222	42	2757
003 Haddam Neck	96	83	93	3	275
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TOWN OF HADDAM

Haddam Land Records Will Be Available Online

By Bob Siegrist, Haddam Town Clerk

Effective August 1, the Haddam Town Clerk's office will be making the viewing of land records available online. You can find this at haddam.org and click on the Town Clerk button. To view and print copies, you will have to create an account, which will be directed on the website.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office at 860-345-8531 ext. 212 or ext. 211.

ENTERTAINMENT

This Week On VSCTV: August 11-17

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

Comcast Channel 18 - Valley Shore Educational Network

8/13 7:00 p.m. Mr. HK 2019
 8/14 9:00 p.m. Haddam-Killingworth HS Graduation 2022

Comcast Channel 19 - Valley Shore Community Television

8/11 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 8/7/22
 8/11 - 5:00 p.m. Old Saybrook Meetings
 8/13 - 6:00 p.m. Talk of the Town/Sports Talk
 8/14 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 8/7/22
 8/14 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 8/7/22
 8/14 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town Meetings 8/9/22
 8/15 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show
 8/15 - 6:00 p.m. Shore Things: Tanya Porcelli
 8/15 - 7:00 p.m. Looking Back with Paul Lewis
 8/16 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Meetings
 8/16 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment: The Estuary
 8/16 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show: Joseph Giulietti CT DOT Commissioner
 8/16 - 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Music Monthly: Alison Farrell
 8/17 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Congregational 8/14/22

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By Olivia Drake, HVFC Information Officer

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Correction To Error in Last Week's Print Edition (August 4, 2022)

By Editorial Staff

In the piece on candidates running for state offices, the header "Secretary of the State/Republican Candidates" was missing. As a result, Dominic Rapini and Terrie Wood were incorrectly placed under the heading "Secretary of the State/Democratic Candidates." Rapini and Wood are the Republican candidates for the position. We apologize for this error and any confusion that arose from it.

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