

2020 Annual Report for Community Events Committee

Annual Events

Due to the pandemic, three annual events were canceled: 4th of July at the Grove, Fall Festival, and Christmas concert. However Lou Bucceri created a video to post on our website of him, as Heman Hale in costume, reading the Declaration of Independence and the Salisbury Band performing patriotic and popular tunes. For the canceled concert, “The Salisbury Four” created a video of the quartet performing works from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Periods. A short introduction by Lou was added, and the concert was posted on our website through the holiday season.

Programs

An Era of Elegance program, co-sponsored with the Library, was offered last winter. In November, Community Events co-sponsored a Zoom presentation of the documentary, “Neighbors Helping Neighbors,” which focused on our local volunteer fire and ambulance services.

Exhibit

A special art show, “Landscapes of New England,” featuring oil paintings by Tom Key of Lakeville was held in the fall. 30% of all sales were donated to the Salisbury Association’s Land Trust.

Volunteer Handbook

A new volunteer handbook is being developed for distribution later this spring or summer, when our community hopefully will begin to re-open. The book will include information about 49 non-profit organizations that serve Salisbury and Lakeville, along with colorful photos. The goal is to link community members seeking to volunteer with organizations that welcome their help. The project is funded by donations from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Elyse Harney Real Estate, William Pitt/Sotheby’s Real Estate, Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, Moore & More, Town of Salisbury, and Alice Yoakum. The book will also be available on several websites.

Tree Committee—Powell Fund

Kay Key, Chair, reported that 17 trees have been planted along the roads in Lakeville and Salisbury over the past two years. These included a maple tree at the Salisbury Central School, a tulip tree on Belgo Road, and two red oak trees in Lakeville and two outside the cemetery on Route 41. The money for the trees comes from the Powell Fund, which is managed by the Salisbury Association. Several of the water bags stored in the town garage were vandalized or stolen. The remaining bags went on the new trees on Belgo and Lincoln City roads. The town crew watered the new trees over the summer.

Beautification Committee—Barbara Nichols Fund

The Salisbury-Lakeville Beautification Committee expressed their desire to join the Salisbury Association, and the Board of Trustees voted to have them become a committee under Community Events. Chaney Wells and Gloria Miller will continue to co-chair the committee, which will be responsible for selecting and purchasing plantings, hiring gardeners to plant and maintain the plantings, and investigating other town beautification projects. The committee plans to focus more on environmental and conservation projects, rather than flower boxes. They are having invasive plants removed from the overgrown plot of land on Main Street across from St. Johns. This spring they will plant native species. The committee has established the Barbara Nichols Fund to support their projects.

Tulum Fund for Town Grove

A check for \$401.63 was sent to the Town Comptroller for new plantings at the Grove.