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Pope property – to be protected – next to the Appalachian Trail and ski jump on Wetawanchu Mountain.



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Yoakum and Pope: Spectacular Views, Pure Drinking Water

Salisbury Association Land Trust is working on two ambitious projects to protect 319 acres in key viewsheds and drinking water areas. The Yoakum project is 240 acres on Mount Riga directly above and draining to the Lakeville reservoirs. The Pope property is 79 acres on Wetawanchu Mountain in an Aquifer Protection Zone near an Aquarion drinking water wellhead. Both properties are highly visible from many points in town.

In addition to protecting important views and town drinking water, the properties have enormous value for wildlife. The properties protect thirteen documented rare, state-listed species, including two kinds of warblers, two reptiles, a fish, a bumblebee, and six rare species of plants.

Salisbury Association Land Trust applied for back-to-back grants from Connecticut in 2018 and 2019 to help raise the money to purchase these properties. In December 2018, the state announced it will contribute \$650,000 toward the \$1 million purchase price of the Yoakum property. We have not yet heard regarding our grant application for Pope. Nevertheless, we are working hard to raise the remaining funds needed to buy these spectacular properties. By this time next year, we hope Yoakum and Pope will be Salisbury Association Land Trust's two newest preserves.



Triumph and Tragedy: History Day 2019

Every year for the past five years, Salisbury Association Historical Society has supported students at Salisbury Central School participating in the National History Day academic competition. Sixty-three local sixth to eighth graders have passed through this program, and eight of these have fared well enough in the regional contest to qualify for the state competition. This year's projects on the theme Triumph and Tragedy – ranging from women's suffrage and the atomic bomb to the role of music in the civil rights movement – are on display at the Academy Building through May.

National History Day helps students learn critical thinking and problem solving skills while building research and reading abilities. Students choose their own topic to fit the theme, and pick the medium of their choice: research paper, documentary, exhibit, website or performance. Congratulations to the students who participated in 2019: Jess Bonhotel, Georgette Campagne, Frances Clulow, Ayla Hill, Ginette Ireland, Aron Ladanyi, Tess Marks, Jerome Maury, Braden Murphy, Gabriel Perkins, Leighton Smith, Gariela Titone, Allison Wang, Abby White, and Ellie Wolgemuth.

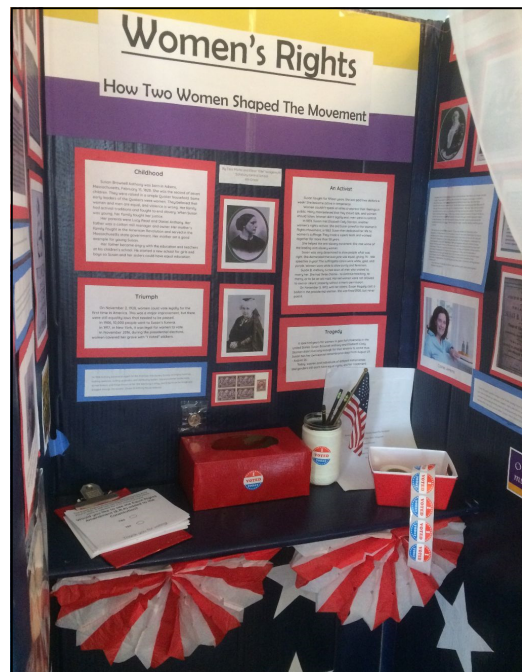


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Tess Marks and Ellie Wolgemuth created a voting booth for their project on women's suffrage. Come in and vote!



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New Roy Sherwood Ski Jumping Collection

Artifacts from the ski-jumping career of the late Roy Sherwood, a Salisbury native who competed for the United States in the Winter Olympics of 1956 held in Cortina, Italy, were recently acquired through a generous donation from the Sherwood family. The collection includes Sherwood's Olympic team coat, his 1954 U.S. national championship trophy, as well as interesting photos and newspaper clippings.

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A Skunk in the Theatre: New SA Publications

Great stories stand out for Jean McMillen and she has heard plenty. Three hundred seventy-six Salisbury residents have been interviewed as part of the Salisbury Oral History Project, and McMillen has distilled wonderful stories from these interviews into colorful booklets published by the Salisbury Association.

Three volumes of *Sarum Samplings: Stories from the Oral History of Salisbury Connecticut* are currently available, with a fourth due out soon. McMillen has organized the material into categories such as Mount Riga Stories (in volume 1), Hunting and Fishing (volume 2), and Kids Say the Darndest Things (volume 3). The upcoming fourth volume promises to be entertaining as well, with sections on The Theatre, Food & Drink, Love & Marriage, More Tales from Mt. Riga, and Random Acts of Kindness.

In addition to the four *Sarum Samplings* booklets, McMillen has edited another new book, *Town Tidbits*, compiling all the popular *Town Tidbits* columns written by herself and Katherine Chilcoat that ran in the *Lakeville Journal* from 2014 to 2016. Topics include Racing Days, The Casino at Lime Rock, Bells of Salisbury, The Lock-Up, and stories of many venerable Salisbury institutions. As McMillen says, she is “trying to get history to live, and you don’t do it with names and dates, you do it with stories.” *Town Tidbits* and other interesting publications about local history are available at the Academy Bldg.



Jean McMillen with her Sarum Samplings.

Photo by Shelley Harms



Photo by Maria Horn



Volunteer Appreciation Fair

The Community Events Committee of the Salisbury Association presented a reception at the Town Grove on Saturday, April 27 to honor the local volunteer organizations in our community. Fourteen organizations set up small exhibits or handed out brochures. Guests had the opportunity to talk with members of each organization, learn about their activities, and discover how to become involved as a donor or a volunteer. Salisbury is very fortunate to have a wide range of volunteer organizations that provide valuable services to individuals and families in our community. A big Thank You to all of them!

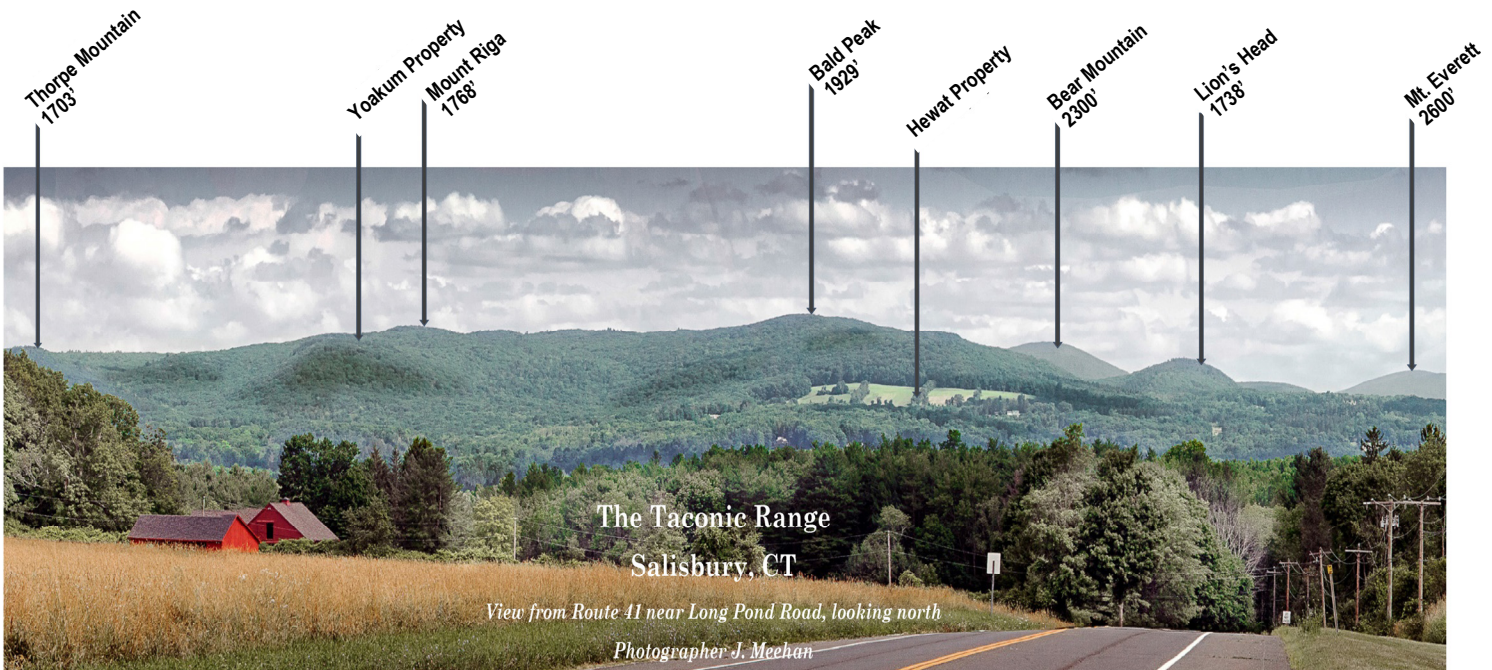


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Upcoming Events

Summer 2019 / Academy Building
Exhibit: **Music Mountain**
Open Tuesday through Friday 9-1 and Saturday 10-1.

June 1, 2019 at 4 p.m. / Scoville Memorial Library
Lecture: Oscar Espina-Ruiz: The Chamber Music of Brahms followed immediately by a reception at the Academy Building for the opening of the Music Mountain exhibit.

July 4, 2019 / Town Grove
Annual Fourth of July celebration

July 20, 2019 at 9 a.m. / Dark Hollow
Hike an iconic preserve with Tom Key.
Meet at the preserve entrance on Dark Hollow Road.

December 2019 / Academy Building
Exhibit: Wonders of Winter
A major exhibit of the art of winter sports in celebration of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association.
Open Tuesday through Friday from 9-1 and Saturday 10-1.

