



Working On Wilton

The Bulletin of the Wilton Main Street Association

Fall 2010

New Business is a Family Affair!

Greene's on Main Street is located in the same building as Alsfeld Tax Service, Inc. It's actually a family affair. Ben Greene and his wife, Jana, operate Alsfeld Tax Service upstairs and he can be reached at 654-2874.

Downstairs is a lovely new shop that offers consignment antiques, collectibles, books, and clothing at bargain prices.

Greene's is operated by Ben's mother, Martha Greene and Gretchen Ferraiuolo.

The atmosphere is homey and friendly. Upon visiting you'll feel as if you'd like to stay all day. It's comfortable and cheery with tons of items to choose from and negotiating prices are welcome. Stop by at 109 Main Street to meet the family, or call for

an appointment. It's worth the trip!

Call Greene's on Main at 769-1384 or 345-5976. Alstead Tax Services can be reached at 654-2874.



Greene's on Main

Weddings and Wilton Main Street

A young couple approached us and asked if they could have their wedding in The Main Street Park last July. Of course we agreed and were very excited about the ceremony. Unfortunately, the day they chose happened to be one of the only days in July it rained; therefore they had to change their plans. Since they asked the question, we at WMSA began to think about all the services our merchants can offer a bride and groom.

While taking one of the walks along Main Street and down to Riverview Mills our Program Manager, Pat Condon started thinking that everything needed for a wedding is right here in Wilton. You can start at **Putnam's Clothing** where you can choose from a variety of wedding invitations and thank you notes. **Putnam's** also offers tuxedo rentals for the groom and wedding party. You can choose **Elmer's Barber Shop**, **Casacapello Salon**, or **Magic Mirror** to get hair cuts or pedicures or nails polished. Of course you'd want to stop into **Nelson's Candy** for favors to

A Case for Supporting Local Businesses

decorate your tables at the reception or at **The Color Shop and More** for more creative ideas, decorations, or gifts. When deciding on gifts for the groomsmen and bridesmaids you can also find something of treasure at **Sussy Rose Shields Design, Ladybead and Rook** (Riverview Mills), at **Here Today** or **Greene's on Main Street**. The rehearsal dinner could be hosted by **The Melting Pot** where they always make you feel welcome and comfortable.

During the last few days before a wedding when everyone is rushing around you can count on **C & S Pizza** to fill all your needs for a quick lunch or dinner (they even deliver).

For issues concerning Family Law you can find assistance at **Keefe & Keefe** or **Sullivan & Cheever** while **The Proctor Agency** for all your insurance needs. Want to buy a new home?

Joan Lemire Real Estate will assist when the time is right! Last, but not least, you can also relieve some of the stress of wedding planning by taking in a movie at **The Town Hall Theatre** and enjoy the comfy chairs and the best popcorn around. After thinking about all the possibilities We've decided there is absolutely no need to shop anywhere else but in Wilton for all your wedding needs. We are a very lucky community!!!!

WMSA EVENTS

Holiday Stroll

Dec. 11, 2010 4PM - 7PM

Golf Tournament
May 13, 2011

Celebrate Wilton
June 4, 2011



The Wilton Main Street Association, a non-profit organization, focuses on downtown revitalization activities while emphasizing historic preservation. The program emphasizes ongoing incremental economic development through a four point approach—Design, Organization, Promotion, and Economic Restructuring.

Wilton was designated a New Hampshire Main Street Community in 1998 by the NH Main Street Center and is a certified Main Street Community affiliated with the National Main Street Center.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote a climate in which Wilton's downtown is thriving.

WMSA Vision Statement

Wilton has attracted new businesses and become a more vibrant and diverse community. We have created gathering places for residents and visitors to enjoy. We have preserved and promoted our historic, artistic and natural resources. We are recognized as the Gateway to the Monadnock Region.

Board of Directors

- Caryn Mayo**
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- Chuck Wagner**
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- Betsy Castro**
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- Richard Sharkey**
- Cynthia Rogers**

The Board of Directors meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 8:30 AM at the WMSA Office at the Wilton Falls Building, 6 Burns Hill Road.

Pat Condon - Program Manager

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00pm
Friday By Appointment

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A Note from the Board of Directors

Greetings from the Board of Directors of WMSA! It has been a very busy year. In April, WMSA had our annual Board Elections, and we gained one new Board member: Cynthia Rogers, a marketing consultant. It is a great pleasure to have her join the WMSA Board. Cynthia also does double duty as an active member of The Design Committee.

Any citizen of Wilton or Lyndeborough is urged to join our Board of Directors. We are always searching for new ideas and perspective on how you see our Main Street growing and thriving. Fundraising is our main source of revenue and we're certain there are many of you who have some extremely creative ideas as to how we can move forward.

Since our last newsletter, WMSA has been very busy sponsoring events, such as Celebrate Wilton, Main Street Merchants meetings, The Harvest Fair, The Holiday Stroll and Concerts in The Park as well as our continued fundraising efforts for the completion of the Wilton Main Street Park. There has been much progress on the park, and the residents and merchants of Wilton are often found enjoying the beautiful green space. The WMSA Bulletin board has been refurbished and has been placed in its new home in the Wilton Main Street Park. Thank you to Steve Reutlinger for his creative efforts in the restoration project.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our donors and volunteers for their generosity of time and money to help our efforts in supporting the local community.

Wilton's Best Kept Secret!

Wilton's 'Best Kept' Secret: The Community Garden at Carnival Hill

Maybe you've heard rumors about it, maybe you've seen notices about it, or, if you're a resident of Edgewater Estates, maybe you've actually tasted the bounty of the Wilton Community Garden at Carnival Hill.



Spearheaded in 2008 by Nicole Colvin-Griffin and now in it's third

season, the Community Garden is slowly taking root. Located on town-owned land and managed by the Wilton Conservation Commission, the Garden is located at the corner of Hillside and Whiting Hill Roads.

While 2009 saw record-breaking rain, 2010 has been a season of plenty! Current members include town residents as well as school children from FRES and the Whiting Hill School. Most have been involved

with the garden all three years. On any given day, members can be seen working the land in the quiet beauty of Carnival Hill. There are many visitors of the winged varieties who have been enjoying the serenity of the garden this year. Hawk and hummingbird, and dozens of songbirds. There always seems to be a resident in one of the nesting boxes on site as well.

This year Charles Terry, master gardener and Community Garden member since it's inception, kindly volunteered to till plots for those needed. He's been the driving force behind the Food Pantry donations this year as well--planting, tending and harvesting four plots dedicated solely for the Wilton-Lyndeborough Open Cupboard Pantry, Edgewater Estates and families in need. Chas and his wife also work a double plot at the Community Garden for their own enjoyment. They spent the first year amending their soil, which they now describe as "rich, black gold, full

of worms". When you take a stroll down Sunflower Lane and feast your eyes on 'Sungold' cherry tomatoes. White and Japanese 'Million' eggplant are planted alongside

tulsi (Sacred Basil), French marigolds, 'Bright Lights' Swiss chard and (of course) sunflowers. There's even a patchouli plant tucked in there somewhere. Nearby plots are planted with cucumbers, beans, corn and a variety of heirloom

tomatoes. As most gardeners know, this has been a banner year for heat loving plants! There is cabbage, kale, squash, Brussels sprouts, onions, beets, carrots and garlic still yet to harvest. And soon, cool weather crops such as lettuces and spinach will emerge once again. One entire Food Pantry plot has been while three

others contain beans and summer & winter squashes. The corn didn't fare so well due to critters, but all else is thriving.



Bounty of fresh vegetables can be found growing at the Wilton Community Garden. Photo Credit: L. Sierra Brookes

Fragrant herbs of basil, dill, parsley, thyme, bronze fennel, purple sage, chive, feverfew, chamomile & lavender scent the air. Colorful flowers attract beneficial insects (butterflies and bees) drawn to zinnias, echinacea, scented marigolds, nasturtiums, cosmos,

calendula, bachelors buttons and old-time sunflowers.

As September days shorten and the season winds down, there is still much to see, smell and taste at the Community Garden. Folks are invited to drop by for a personal tour, or to check out available plots for next season

(please call 654-6201 or 654-9770). New members are always welcome and Year Four is sure to be even better. Bon appetit!

Submitted by: L. Sierra Brookes



Frye's Measure Mill Waterfall

Program Manager's Report

It's hard to believe an entire year has flashed before our eyes since I started as the Program Manager for The Wilton Main Street Association. It's been a journey of learning, listening, and loving what I do. Serving my town has been both gratifying and humbling.

Since the last newsletter we held our "Holiday Stroll" which was a very cold snowy day. Santa and the caroling in the park and at Edge-water Estates made us all feel extremely warm inside. We did have continuous trouble with the Christmas tree staying upright which was challenging. I look to you, our citizens, to let us know if you have any creative ideas as to how to fix the problem this year. Winter can be dreary enough without seeing a Christmas tree on its side. Any, and all, suggestions are welcome.

2010 has brought many exciting things! We have begun long range plans to secure a large sign on

Route 101 directing traffic to our Main Street which will help bring traffic through our town. We have started a new volunteer initiative program, the first Tuesday of each month. WMSA hosts Volunteer Nights which provides an opportunity for community members to learn more about WMSA, its goals and mission. There are many ways volunteers can help. (If you are interested in learning more about volunteerism with Wilton Main Street Association, please contact me at the office at 654-3020. In an effort to further support our local businesses, we began the Merchants Meetings. So far we have had two meetings, with a third scheduled in the fall.

Along with several events, such as Celebrate Wilton and Harvest Fair, we have begun our first season of Concerts in the Park. The Temple Town Band on July 1st from 6:00 – 8:00PM in The Wilton Main Street Park. This was our first FREE Concert in the Park and The Temple Town Band provided a number of tunes we all cherish. We hope to be able to offer

more FREE concerts going forward. A big thank you goes out to TDS Telecom for sponsoring the Concert in the Park!

All in all it's been a great year for me personally. There are many organizations and people to thank for all their support and encouragement. You know who you are. Of course none of this would be possible without our merchants on Main Street and Riverview Mills. As always we urge you to support them in their efforts to offer services for the Wilton/Lyndeborough citizens.

Pat Condon
Program Manager
WMSA



Report from the Design Committee

The job of the Design Committee is to oversee all the aesthetics of Main Street, making it an inviting and pleasant place to walk, shop, eat, meet people and relax in the park. Having a vibrant Main Street brings business to the shops and encourages new business ventures.. We are fortunate to have a group of talented architects, landscape architects, artists, master gardeners and designers who have volunteered their expertise to the Wilton Main Street Association. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Wilton Falls Building, which has the WMSA office. If you are interested in joining please contact WMSA's office at 654-3020.

The flower boxes are back on Main Street thanks to the volunteer efforts of Bart Hunter, who designed and made the boxes originally and had repaired and refurbished them this year. Thanks also go to the House By The Side of the Road for the flowers and soil they donated. Their generosity brings a gorgeous flash of color to downtown. The planting was done by a bevy of volunteers, who had a great time making the town beautiful and enjoying each others company on a beautiful day. The main focus is now to complete the park.

The donor recognition board has the contributors to the park listed with the most recent contributions listed at the ends of each list.. Check the bottom of the list to see who donated the newest additions to the park. Looking at the long list of generous donors is truly heart warming. Creating an oasis on Main Street has been a combined effort of the town's people for over 10 years. We are looking forward to planting trees behind the circular granite benches in the fall. We are beginning our fund raising for further items for the park, including metal benches, the pergola and eventually the water fountain. If you are interested in contributing to the park, please contact the WMSA Office.

Design Committee Members:

*Mickey Pieterse, Chair
Will Melcher
Lynne Stone
Dodi Finlayson
Cynthia Rodgers
Susan Pliner
Patsy Belt*

The Design Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, at the WMSA Office.

Zaanti Celebrates One Year Anniversary on Main Street

Thank you to everyone who has shared their yoga, meditation and movement practices at Zaanti over the past year. As many know, we celebrated our first anniversary September 18 and since then we have seen this community grow in just the way we hoped and we see it continuing to grow in ways we perhaps did not imagine. Thank you to everyone who we consider founders of Zaanti, to new friends and to those we have yet to meet.

Please check out our new website; www.zaantiyogastudio.com to find out about our class offerings for the remainder of the season. Some of the classes include: After School Special - Yoga for Parents and Children, Basic Kripala with Alignment Principles, Beginner Tai Chi and Beginner Yoga.

Sign Up for our newsletter and you can look for us on Facebook under Zaanti Yoga and Meditation Studio.



Celebrate Wilton! 2010

Saturday June 5th was a fabulous day for a celebration, and so we did! The third annual Celebrate Wilton was full of fun and games, food, entertainment, demonstrations and lots of crafts! Thank you all who showed up to help us celebrate our wonderful town of Wilton!



Three boys having fun on Main Street during the Celebrate Wilton event. Photo taken by: Olivia Hilton

This event is a coordinated effort of the Wilton Main Street Association and other Wilton non-profit organizations, such as Clinton Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, the Second Congo Church, the Lions Club, the FRES PTO, and Andy's Summer Playhouse. These organizations received support and assistance from Wilton Merchants

as well. Your efforts during "Celebrate Wilton" clearly conveyed to our community that you are all caring, inventive people who want only the best for our town. WMSA would like to thank everyone for their assistance!

Along with the great pancake breakfast, provided by the Clinton Lodge, and the BBQ dinner provided by the American Legion, there were a number of extremely talented individuals which included Will Kindler, The Temple Dance Band, Sweet Tooth, and A Bit Much, who offered the musical entertainment.

Additional thanks goes to our Corporate Sponsor for "Celebrate Wilton," Burbak Companies, along with Olivia Hilton, our CW junior photographer, The Wilton Selectman's Office, Steve Elliot, and the Wilton Police Department.



Olivia Hilton and Lexi Marois with the Wilton Lions Club Duck Mascot.

WMSA Meets with Merchants to Address Concerns

WMSA has been meeting with the Wilton Main Street Merchants a few times this year, addressing several subjects including issues relating to the economy and assistance with finances.

The merchants also asked WMSA's assistance in addressing some important issues relating to parking on Main Street with the Wilton Selectmen. Board of Directors Vice President Milan Daler will be attending the upcoming Selectman's Meeting with Pat Condon on November 15th.

Some of the issues the merchants asked to be addressed include suggestions to reduce the number of 15 minute parking spaces in order to allow for more full time parking, the addition of sidewalks back on the Town Hall Side of Main Street. rather than the lilies that are planted, and clearer guidelines for making U-Turns on Main Street.

Harvest Fair 2010

The WMSA wishes to thank all those who made our Harvest Fair a huge success. Special thanks go out to all our Merchants who opened up their storefronts and welcomed visitors to our unique Main Street. Enjoyment and imagination was recognized through our crafters, vendors, Unit 10 Auxiliary, Boys Scouts, 6th grade classes from Wilton and Lyndeborough, Paradise Farms, and House by the Side of The Road.



Thanks to Dale Rohrbach for donating his sound system and his band "31 South." None of this is possible without volunteers and friends such as Robin Jowders, Bill Goddard, Paul Kennedy, Mitchell Salisbury, The Mason's, my forever helping husband, Don, and many more. We'd also like to thank The Wilton Selectmen for the use of The Town Hall, Steve Elliot from the Wilton Highway Dept., and finally Chief Hautanen and his team from The Wilton Police Department.

Our entertainment was fantastic! "Just the Three of Us", Granite State Zoo's Wildlife Encounter that treated the children with some exotic animals wowed the crowds of children of all ages!

Report from the Economic Restructuring Committee

The Sovereign Bank building on Main Street has been vacant for almost a year and we are searching for suitable occupants for the building. Thus far we have spoken with two local banks and two local credit unions and to date there has not been any interest shown. In addition to serving as a bank or some related financial institution portions of the building is also suitable for professional offices, possibly an art gallery, etc. If anyone knows of someone looking to open or expand their business in Wilton and the bank building seems like a viable option please call the Wilton Main Street office at 654 3020. It is our understanding that Sovereign is open to leasing portions or all of the building.

The Wilton Falls Building is also looking for tenants, either light manufacturing or office use. Similarly if anyone has interest or knows of some one who might have an interest, please call 654-3020.

ER Committee Members:

*Chuck Wagner
Milan Daler
Richard Sharkey
Dick Putnam*

ER Committee meets every third Monday of each month at the WMSA Office, 8:00AM.



*Two daisies - High Mowing School Gardens, Garden Tour 2009.
Photo Credit: Caryn Mayo*

Volunteer Opportunities

Take some time and make new friends as you are helping to support your local community. The Wilton Main Street Association is looking for volunteers to join committees, assist in events and sustain our community efforts.

Promotions Committee:
Marketing, PR and Event coordination for Main Street Merchants
Call WMSA at 654-3020.

Design Committee:
Beautification of downtown Wilton
Call WMSA at 654-3020.
Meets the 1st Thurs. of each month at 6:30 PM

Economic Restructuring Committee:
Helping to keep downtown business prosperous.
Call WMSA at 654-3020.
Meets the 4th Fri. of each month at 8:00 AM

Organization Committee:
Focus on Community Development
Call WMSA at 654-3020

Like To Write Or Take Photographs?

Help us to publish the Working On Wilton and compile photos to promote Wilton.

Main Street Memories - A Poem

Main street is our three dimensional memory.
 Built by our ancestors,
 Maintained by us,
 And passed to our heirs,
 Main Street is as much a part of us
 As we are of it.

Molded from granite rock, Rooted
 deeply in the rich farmland and agricul-
 ture
 Forged by a fusion of backgrounds,
 Generated by a Vision of a need
 To make a life better than the previous
 one,

Main street is Our Memory,
 It rallies our teams,
 Displays our troops,
 Respects our cultures,
 Honors our founders,
 And, silently, remembers our old
 pioneers.

The buildings of Main Street
 Reflect the styles and the trends,
 Show the bad times and the good,
 Exhibit how we feel of ourselves,
 And are a conscience that only we
 Can maintain our legacy.



A Glass Negative of Main Street ca.
 1892 from the Bob Lorette
 Collection, Wilton Historical Society

Main Street is where bigger
 Is not always better.
 But where better is always bigger.
 Where local shops
 And friendly shopkeepers
 Capture the milestones of our
 minds.
 The first haircut,
 The first pair of shoes,
 The first solo trip
 To spend hard earned change.
 The first date
 Maybe to a matinee.
 Possibly even our first job
 That unfolded to a life-long ambi-
 tion.
 To support our children's first
 haircuts
 And first shoes.

After our forgetting of Main Street
 And motoring further down the
 road,
 Nostalgia brings us back to Our
 Memory
 To witness worn window sills
 Whittled by our Fathers
 And heavily trod stair steps en-
 graved with daily tasks.
 Main Street reminds us of our
 Mother's melted footsteps
 From that big snow that year.



Souhegan Mills, 1942

Possibly, those footsteps are frozen
 only in Our Memories,
 As they no longer are.
 Those memories, laden with our
 inner sense of peace,
 Give us a soothing place of time.
 A sense of belonging to,
 With,
 And for.

The Old Buildings --
 Capsules of long ago conver-
 sations --
 Facades of fierce, but not
 faded, friendships --
 And the streets of our
 strengths --
 Beckon us to come back.
 To Restore.
 To Revitalize.
 To Reclaim.*
 To Remember.
 And, to respect.

And though the train may no
 longer stop here,
 It seems the tracks still run home
 To a depot of duty.
 That we must maintain Our Main
 Street Memories.
 And live them.
 And work them.
 And cherish them.
 For All of Eternity.

- Author Unknown



Abbott Worsted Mill 1932

All of these photos can be found at the Wilton Historical Commission Website.

Learn more about Wilton History at:
http://www.wiltonlibrarynh.org/childs_histories/chapter_5.html

WMSA Needs Your Help

The Wilton Main Street Association is in need of your help! We have pared our 2010 budgeted expenses to the bone. However, donations continue to fall short. As with most nonprofit organizations we are not alone during this difficult economic climate.



Main Street, Wilton NH

The WMSA provides assistance to the merchants on Main Street by hosting several events during the year.

The goal of hosting such events, as Celebrate Wilton, Harvest Fair, the Holiday Stroll and others is to bring more people downtown for the purpose of enjoying our town as much as we do and to continue to establish our community and support our merchants. The events are accomplished through the hard work of volunteers from all walks of life and through the donations of funds coming to WMSA. Without the dedication of the volunteers and the fundraising activities there would be no community events on Main Street.

As you may know, the mission of WMSA is to foster a thriving business community, supporting our merchants and the town. In the past, we have done this through not only providing community based events to bring residents to Main Street, but we have also assisted with fundraising efforts in partnership with the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library, as well as the town of Wilton. These two efforts have resulted in the highly successful restoration project of the Library and the development of new sidewalks, respectively. We have also helped to provide professional assistance to merchants, which has been helpful for them to further their business goals. We hope to continue to increase this level of support to the Main Street businesses. We wish to appeal to you, our Wilton residents and citizens, for help in meeting our budget. The goal is for every family in Wilton to donate \$5 or \$10. By doing so, WMSA will make our budget and can continue to offer events and services for our merchants.

We encourage you to complete the enclosed voucher and return to us with your donation. All donations are tax deductible.

We would like to thank you for the assistance many of you have given us in the past. We look forward to hearing from you soon and working toward a successful Fundraising Initiative that will offer room for growth in providing both services and events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Program Manager at 654-3020.

Betsy Castro, Treasurer



WMSA Thanks The Proctor Agency

As we all know, since 1866, Proctor Insurance Agency has been serving Wilton and the surrounding communities with honesty, professionalism, and trust. Even today, their clients rely on the experience and diversity of an agent in a friendly and comfortable setting.

Their dedicated staff is always available to help us make the right insurance choices, and more importantly, to assist when we actually need the insurance.

WMSA would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for donating the funds for the printing and postage to produce our Newsletter this fall. We'd also like to welcome Lyle Fulkerson who is the newest member of The Proctor Agency's family. The Proctor Agency has always been an active supporter of WMSA and our local community.

The Proctor Agency is located on Main Street and can be contacted at 654-2081. Their website is <http://www.proctoragency.com>

I'd like to be part of downtown Wilton's revitalization

I'd like to make a donation of: \$ _____

My gift will be used for: Annual Appeal Wilton Town Park
 Other _____

May we recognize you for your gift? Yes No

Does your employer offer a corporate matching grant? Yes No

I'd like to volunteer the following skills: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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Thank you for your support!



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Two Friends and a Fire - A Fine Ceramics Show at Mudworks Pottery

November 7th brings "Two Friends and a Fire", a fine ceramics show, to Wilton, New Hampshire. Ceramic artists Michael Fong and Pamela Nowell invite you to see what they have been up to this summer.

Michael and Pamela have built a unique wood fired kiln from reclaimed, repurposed and recycled building materials. This design is an experiment in the development of kiln designs using recycled materials. Throughout the summer they have been developing new and exciting work.

During the completion of the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at the University of New Hampshire Institute of Art



*Pamela Nowell and Mike Fong, Two Friends and a Fire exhibit at the Mudworks Pottery, 33 Howard Street, Wilton
 Exhibit is free to the public. For more info, call Pamela at 654-7178.*

in Manchester, NH Michael has conducted printmaking workshops and is developing his work in ceramics. Michael's ceramic work has been featured in local Southern New Hampshire venues. He has a corporate collection in Boston in addition to international private collections.

Pamela Nowell, owner of Mudworks Pottery, is a professional potter and artist of 25 years. She is largely self-taught and finds her inspiration from the ever-changing Souhegan River just outside the studio windows. Pam says, "I love to watch the

river. Its colors and textures move and change with the weather and seasons. I get the best ideas for the texture on my clay surfaces this way. I am always working on getting just the right colors inspired by the beauty I see on the river."