

# MAY 2016

## News and Highlights from the Activities Department!

Tuesday May 3, at 2 pm, tenor vocalist James Anderson and pianist Bill McKim will present a classical concert of sung poems titled '**Romantic and Picturesque Art Songs**'. Both James and Bill are well known in the Brattleboro area and James has been a soloist in many concert halls nationally.

Coming up on Sunday May 8, at 4 pm The **Brattleboro Women's Chorus** will present their annual spring concert. The theme this year is '**Original Compositions by Becky Graber**'. There is a change of venue this year: the concert will take place at The Centre Congregational Church which is across the street from the Baptist Church. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the community board if you wish to go.

We will have two presentations this month:



'**The Fretful Porcupine**' on Wednesday May 11, at 10:30 am. For the past four years, Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center naturalist Patti Smith has been studying, writing about, and spending time with porcupines, and among them three particular friends: Fretful, the friendly gentleman porcupine, and Dandelion the Dreadful and Burdock, orphaned porcupettes she raised. During this presentation she will share pictures, video, and stories of these fascinating characters, as well as the porcupine natural history she has learned along the way.

Thursday May 26, at 10:30 am '**A Look Into The World of Archeology**' with Tom Jamison of Hartgen Archeological Associates, (HAA). HAA is the firm hired to conduct the *precontact*\* study done on the section of Bradley House land designated for our upcoming renovations. They have been in operation since 1973 and have offices in Rensselaer, NY and Putney VT. Tom is from the Putney office

and he will give a general presentation, with pictures, on Archeology and some of his own experiences in the field. The presentation will be about 30-40 minutes long.

*\*precontact means evidence of Native American presence before Europeans arrived here.*

**Dr Liebow** will be here on Thursday May 12, at 8:30 am to cut toenail.

**Adam Bergeron** will present a special program this month on Thursday May 12, at 9 am.

He will be back here in June in keeping with our regular cycle of every other month performances with him.

Because of Adams performance and **Dr Liebow's** toenail service, **Reiki** will take place in the afternoon at 3 on this day. Reiki will return to the regular time of 9 am the following week.

Our monthly get together with **Holton Home** will take place at HH on Monday May 16. We are invited to share cocktails with them at 2:30 pm.

The **Oak Grove School Intergenerational Chorus** will be making an appearance here on Wednesday May 18, at 10:45 am. For those not familiar with this chorus it is made up of singers from all generations, grade school through retirement. Andy Davis, a well-known local musician, is their conductor. We will have this performance in the basement activity room because of the size of the chorus.

Saturday May 28, from 1 to 1:45 pm **Morris Dancers**, participating in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Morris Ale, will make their annual appearance at Bradley House.

The school year is coming to a close and we have time for only one more visit with **St Michael School** kids 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. We will make it a special time. On Thursday May 26, at 1:45 pm there will be an **Ice Cream Social** with kids from St Michael.

That evening the school will have their annual spring concert and we've been invited to attend. A signup sheet will be posted closer to the date for those who would like to go to it.

We'll say goodbye for the summer but, we will see them again in September.

Friday May 13, at 2 pm we will have our **May Birthday Celebration**. *Happy Birthday All*, to Alison on the 4, Elsie on the, 18, Berte on the 25 and Ron on the 27.

We've had three donations of books to our library recently. There are a lot of mysteries and biographies and a few new reference books and novels. Please have a look and see if there is something of interest to you. Remember the library belongs to all of us at Bradley House – all are welcome to use it.

**Remember all activities are subject to change. Please check schedules for changes and/or updates.**

Thanks, Tim