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Phillipston  
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Newsletter

OCTOBER 2011



**The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church**

Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Church telephone 978-249-8583

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.  
Rev. Flynn 978-248-9558

Dear Friends

Meister Eckhart wrote these words about 700 years ago.

God is like a person who clears his throat while hiding and so gives himself away.  
God lies in wait for us with nothing so much as love.

Now love is like a fishhook.

A fisher cannot catch a fish unless the fish first picks up the hook.

If the fish swallows the hook, no matter how it may squirm and turn, the fisher is certain of the fish.

Love is the same way.

Whoever is captured by love takes up this hook in such a fashion that foot and hand, mouth and eyes, heart and all that is in that person must always belong to God,

Therefore, look only for this fishhook, and you will be happily caught.

The more you are caught, the more you will be liberated.

Your Sister in Christ,

Stephanie C. Flynn

See you at the Pumpkin Fair on Saturday, October 8!

Public Safety Sunday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Flea Market Committee  
Needs Storage Place**

Thanks to the generosity of Martha Craft, we have been able to store donated items in her garage until the Bazaar in June. But, she is moving and so we are looking for a garage, barn, etc. to house our stuff as we collect it during the year. If you have a place, or know of one the church can use, please call Gerry Gariepy at 978-939-5465 or Jim Potter at 978-939-4470.

**And, thank you, Martha!**

# **Fall Fair and Pumpkin Weigh-In Phillipston Common Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**9 a.m. on**

**The Phillipston Historical Commission presents**

**The Williams Connection 6 - 8 p.m.**

## **Fireworks After Dark**

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 9, 2011**

**Celebrate the 225th Anniversary of Phillipston**

**Bring a carved pumpkin to add to our display  
on the Common**

**Help meet the goal of 225 pumpkins  
to light up our evening**



**October 15, 2011 "Explore Goulding Village".**  
**Meet at the Common 10:00 A.M.**

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)

## **Phillips Free Public Library**

25 Templeton Road - Phillipston, MA 01331 #978-249-1734

Phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net

**Library Director:** Jackie Prime

*The Board of Trustees meeting will meet on **October 5, at 6pm at the library***

### **→ Fall Hours**

**Monday: 5:00 – 8:00 Tuesday 9:00 – 2:00 Saturday 9:00 – 11:00**

#### ***Book Club***

Please call the library for information on our next Book Club selection, and the meeting date – and join us for lively discussion!!

#### ***Story Hour***

Story Hour will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30. Come and join us for stories, games, crafts, snacks & FUN!!

#### ***Interlibrary Loan***

Check out the unlimited selection of books on [www.cwmars.org](http://www.cwmars.org)...if you find it at another library..we can get it delivered here! Call the library 249-1734 with any requests.

**TO ALL PHILLIPSTON BOYS (GRADES 1-5)  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 39!**

**If you couldn't come to the registration night, there's still time to sign-up.  
Registered scouts will receive a Rain Gutter Regatta boat kit to race at  
the next Meeting on October 20th!**

**The Boys Scouts of America does not want any boy to miss out on our wonderful programs due to financial hardship; reduced fees or waivers are available, just ask!  
If you have any questions, please call Cubmaster Cara Schutz 978-249-4993 asap  
to be placed in a den with your age group.**

#### **Community Preservation Committee**

The Community Preservation Committee will be accepting applications for the 2012-13 granting cycle. You may find the applications in the stand outside of the Selectmen's office. Applications are due by January 10, 2012 in the Community Preservation Committee mailbox in Phillipston Town Hall.

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**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS DEADLINE**  
**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# Monthly Articles About Our Beautiful Queen Lake in Phillipston

by Queen Lake Assoc. Board of Director, Claire Adomaitis

## Article 21

Summer is over!!!! South Beach benches and floats are gone and the Porta Pottie has been removed. We still have the beautiful fall weather with cool nights and sunny days. The colored leaves around the lake cast an autumn glow over the water. Sometimes the lake is like a mirror, reflecting this scene.

Our Queen Lake is considered a “Great Pond” by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The definition of a “Great Pond” is a pond which contains more than ten acres in its natural state, based on the surface area of lands lying below the natural high water mark. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2010 National Lakes Assessment finds that lakes with poor lakeshore habitat are three times more likely to be in poor overall biological condition than lakes with good quality shorelands. This shoreland vegetation protects the lake from the effects of polluted runoff, stabilizes the soil along the lake’s edge, and provides habitat, shelter, food, and cooling shade for fish. But a natural lakeshore does more than help the water quality of the lake and the quality of the its habitat; it helps the value of property along the lake, and it’s good business. Lakefront property generates millions of dollars in revenue. Studies show that when water clarity decreases, so do lake property values. Many lakeshore property owners unknowingly harm their lakes by replacing natural lakeshore vegetation with lawns, clearing out submerged logs and branches at the water’s edge, cutting down trees to get a better view, importing sand to make artificial beaches, building docks and “armoring” the shoreland with concrete or wooden bulkheads. This is why we MUST protect our beautiful “Queen Lake.”

Remember the “GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH-IN and FAIR” – Saturday, October 8th. Something for everyone! Mark it on your calendar now and watch for more information in the papers.

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## Phillipston’s bridge project was #1 in Massachusetts In the top ten in the country

Elect Phillipston Bridge project as the “People’s Choice”:

Please click on the following link,

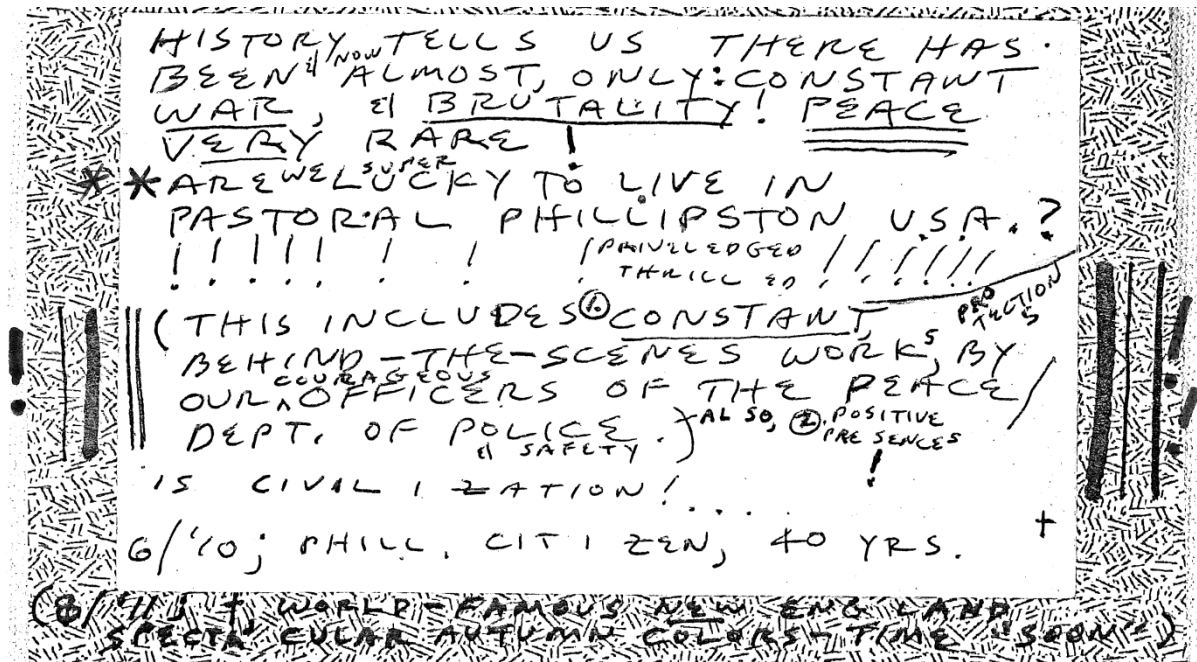
<http://www.americastransportationaward.org/Voting.aspx> and vote for the Phillipston Project. It is easy: **all you have to do is select Phillipston and click “submit”** That is all! The state with a winning project will be awarded a \$10,000 prize that can be used by the winning state for an education grant in the transportation field, or to support a community project or charity.

# Signature Quilt Will Be at the Fall Fair

If you haven't had a chance to sign the quilt that will be an historic piece from Phillipston's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, you will have a good opportunity to do it on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pumpkin Weigh-In. Also, you can view some of the squares that Master Quilter Barbara Sanden has assembled with signatures previously signed.

The making of Signature Quilts has been an old American tradition, and to our knowledge, there has never been one made in Phillipston, so this first one will be extra important. Since the early 1800's when indelible ink was invented, these unique quilts have been a popular way to raise money while celebrating a special occasion. Many of the early signature quilts are now prized pieces in museum collections and have become valuable for genealogical research.

It will cost \$5 to sign a square, and your signature will qualify you to have your name entered in the raffle for the quilt, which will take place in December at the Memory Tree and Citizen of the Year Ceremony. The quilt design is a beautiful one and will be very precious filled with familiar names, a one-of-a-kind treasure. Be sure your name goes on that piece of history ... and you may win it!



**Fall Fair and Pumpkin Weigh-In  
Saturday, October 8, 2011**

The Fall Fair and Pumpkin Weigh-In will begin at 9 a.m. on the Phillipston Town Common. Check out the big pumpkins and while you're there, decorate a scarecrow and carve a pumpkin. The Historical Commission is inviting everyone to bring a carved pumpkin to the fair. Help us meet our goal of 225 carved pumpkins to commemorate our town's 225th Anniversary. We're planning to continue the celebration with The Williams Connection playing from 6 - 8 p.m. and a fireworks display after dark. It should be a great day and spectacular evening. In case of rain the fireworks will be on Sunday, October 9th.

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**I regret that I will not be able to do the "Explore Goulding Village" tour that was scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Sincerely,  
Richard A. Hamel**



**ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR THE PHILLIPSTON 225<sup>TH</sup> COOKBOOK**

Please contact Christine Bennett asap at 355 Petersham Road, [Bennett.christine@comcast.net](mailto:Bennett.christine@comcast.net) , or 939.4274 if you wish to purchase a book - price will depend on exact final size and number being printed but will now definitely be less than \$15.00

If you missed the recipe submission deadline but still wish to contribute, please contact me immediately, as there may still be room for more.

This is a fundraiser for all of the scouts of Phillipston; your continued support of these worthy programs will be greatly appreciated.

## LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The September meeting of the Ladies Benevolent society of the Phillipston Congregational Church was held at the home of Janice Howard with Barbara Sandon and Stephanie Flynn as hostesses. The next meeting will be a Fall Mystery Ride and Luncheon on October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church at 11 a.m. to begin the ride. The Ladies Sewing group is meeting every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in the church vestry. All Ladies are invited to attend, we welcome any working hands. Raffle tickets are available for the "Sunshine Quilt" from Kay Deans, phone: 978-939-4025 or last minute tickets before the drawing at the "Pumpkin Weigh-In" on Phillipston Common on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to attend this exciting event! The ladies will have a craft table with items they have been making. Start your Christmas Shopping early! They will also have a "Bake Table" with all their delicious homemade goodies. The "Signature Quilt" will be available for signing, after signing; a ticket will be entered in the drawing of this wonderful quilt at the "Memory Tree" celebration on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you get your signature on this quilt which has been made for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Phillipston. The Ladies wish to thank everyone who supported their "Bag Lunch" table at the August 13<sup>th</sup> 225<sup>th</sup> celebration.

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The Historical Society of Phillipston  
offers an entertaining evening with  
Michael Humphries  
"Wildest Stories I Ever Did Tell"

Wednesday, October 19, 2011  
Phillips Free Public Library

Storytelling and poetry writing is one of the creative outlets for custom cabinet maker Michael Humphries, and he will recite poetry for us that reflects life in our small New England town. His presentation is delivered with drama, energy, and humor. It not only will make you laugh, but will be insightful and have a spiritual quality in its message.

++ Michael will bring one of his handmade wooden creations to be drawn as a **doorprize** for one of the attendees; so there are two good reasons to attend – a great program, a doorprize ... also there will be refreshments!

If you're interested in learning more about Michael and seeing some of his original architectural designs, ones that attracted the *Boston Globe* to do a feature article on his work, you can check out

*[www.michaelhumphries.com](http://www.michaelhumphries.com)*.

**North Quabbin Garden Club**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2011 7 p.m.**  
**Millers River Environmental Center**  
100 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

**Robert Bertin - Flora of Worcester County, Changes on the Land**

Botanists have made extensive surveys documenting the flora of Worcester County over the past two decades. A comparison of these studies reveals many dramatic changes in the local flora involving both native and introduced species. Holy Cross Professor **Robert Bertin** will address these changes in our local landscape in his presentation, *Changes on the Land: The Flora of Worcester County Past and Present*.

An affiliate of the Millers River Environmental Center in Athol, the North Quabbin Garden Club formed in 2006 to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening. With efforts to promote better horticultural practices and foster civic beauty, emphasis is placed on use of native plants, organic gardening, and the conservation of natural resources. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. Members are currently working on a wildlife habitat garden at the Millers River Environmental Center and planning their annual spring sale of perennial plants and specialty items. Guests and new members are always welcome, so join us this month and learn something new about gardening. Meetings are free to members and guests are asked for a donation.

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**To answer and identify those present in the picture of the 60 Plus Group in the September newsletter.**

L-R front row are:

Helvi Frilander, she resided at 160 Lincoln Rd. with her husband Toivo. Holding the Golden Cane made of Cherrywood by Andy Bosma, a replica is now present at the Historical Society. Russell Taintor 130 Royalston Rd. Loza Chartier of 125 Baldwinville Rd. with her husband Alphonse, who was Police Chief for many years. Rose Hamel lived in Otter River and was Dick Hamel's Aunt.

L-R back row are:

Standing Agnes Hurst of 285 Baldwinville Rd., she was Bob Hurst's mother. Tony Brodeur lived at 120 Royalston Rd. Eve Horrigan of Athol, Pat Sandos' mother, Bertha Newton, 140 State Rd., Barbie Rogers "Tootsie" Doris Bosma's sister and Andy Bosma of 10 State Rd. Andy was custodian and bus driver for many years at Phillipston Memorial School.

Thanks Bertha Newton for telling me so much about this "60 Plus Group and the Boston Gold Cane"

Submitted by Emelda "Mel" Haughton Member of The Phillipston Historical Society

# *Phillipston Fall Pumpkin Fair*



*October 8, 2011*

*9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Pumpkin Weigh - In at 9:00 a.m.*

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*Sponsored by the Phillipston Pumpkin Commission*

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*Medals and trophies awarded in children's and adult categories*

*Drawing for a Load Cordwood or 1 Ton of Pellets*

*Raffle tickets available for Ladies' Benevolent Society Sunshine Quilt*

*"Signature Quilt" available for signatures and ticket for raffle*

*Ladies Bake Table*

*Homemade craft items*

*~ Chuckwagon ~*

*10:00 to 2:00 and 4:00 to 6:00*

*Chili, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soup and Baked Goods*

*Community Information Booths*

*Children's Make Your Own Scarecrow ~ Decorate Your Own Cupcake*

*Flea Market ~ Craft Tables ~ Christmas Table*

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*Table Space Available ~ \$25 Donation ~*

*Bring Your Own Table*

*Contact: Nancy Deming 249-7548*

*Bring baked goods donations by 8:30 a.m.*

*The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*

**Announces the I20 Club Raffle Winners !**

\$500 Grand Prize: Peter Richard

\$250 Prize: Nancy Grautski

\$100 Prize: Wayne North

\$50 Prize: Lenny Oja

\$50 Prize: Margaret Cicero

\$50 Prize: Richard Nelson

\$20 Prize: Michael Earl

\$20 Prize: Jack Seamon

\$20 Prize: Tom McDonald

\$20 Prize: Sonya Szoc

\$20 Prize: Liz Liburdi

*Congratulations to all of the lucky winners !*

**And to everyone who sold or bought the I20 Club Raffle tickets, we give a big, "Thank You!" for all your support which made this fundraiser such a success. The funds will go towards our goal of constructing a septic system and artesian well at the Museum on State Road.**

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**Additional thanks goes to the Historical Society's Ways & Means Committee chaired by Emelda "Mel" Haughton. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mel, Nancy MacEwen, Pat Rayner, Linda Baronoski, and Evelyn "Dee" North.**

The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.  
c/o Linda Langevin, President  
105 Riley Switch Road  
Phillipston, MA 01331



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**ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS**

The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. Businesses in town may place ads at \$20 for a full page \$10 for a Half page and \$5 for quarter page. A full page for the newsletter is 7" x 8.5" with a .5" margin. Please support your Community Newsletter by submitting your ad or news items by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent to:

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.

60 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 - Attention: Newsletter

Items can also be sent by e-mail to [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com), which is preferred.

Payments for ads and any other donations should be sent to the church at the same address.

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C will decide what can be put in the newsletter and also may limit the number of pages in an issue.

All questions or comments can be sent to the address above or e-mailed to [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com).

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# Town Clerk's Office

I would like to thank Sterling Whiting for bringing into the Town Clerk's Office two of the Town Reports that were missing. Sterling delivered 1962 and 1963 and I have sent them off to the State Library.

The State Library of Massachusetts, at the State House in Boston, keeps a library of all Town reports.

There are some years that are missing in their catalog and I need copies for my office.

I still need copies for the Town Clerk's Office since I mailed the copies that Mr. Whiting brought in to the State Library.

Do you happen to have a 1962, 1963 or 1964 Town Report? The Town Clerk's Office has no copy of 1962 at all. My file cabinet does have a 1963 copy which has pages 6 – 14 missing. The year 1964 is complete but I have only one copy so I can't send the Library my only copy.

If anyone has a copy or two of 2005's report that would be great.

The Selectmen's Office has bound 10 year increments of all Phillipston Town Reports so there are copies available for review.

If you have copies please call my office at 978-249-1733 or come by and see me. The Town Clerk's Office is open Mondays 9:00am to 9:00pm with an hour closed for supper from 5:00-6:00pm. The office is open Wednesdays from noon to 6:00pm and Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00am.

I appreciate your help. Karin Foley/Town Clerk

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