

# The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



## Fall Festival 2017 - September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

By Denise Howard

Come out and enjoy the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lisbon Fall Festival! In recognition of the Taftville Fire Department's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we have changed the date of our yearly festival. The event is currently planned for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 – 7:00 PM, and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Admission is FREE. This event is held at the Lisbon Community Center, near the Lisbon Meadows Park. The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee has a mission to focus on bringing the community together while raising funds to heat the Community Center.

**PLEASE NOTE:** While we would like to have our famous chowder and fritters on Friday night, we currently do not have the same people available as last year and therefore do not have someone to cook the chowder. If we do not find a volunteer to cook the chowder, we will be forced to change the Fall Festival to a one-day event as in previous years. IF you would like to volunteer or know of someone who can volunteer to cook the chowder, PLEASE contact Cyndy Goodwin Cockett at 860-710-1640.

**Pending:** On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, grab dinner and enjoy their famous chowder and fritters being served from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. Grab some chowder and fritters and stay for a while.

Saturday's events start at 10:00 AM with a 3.5-mile road race, starting at the Lisbon Town Hall and finishing in front of the Lisbon Community Center. Come out early and enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Newent Congregational

Church! Road Race applications are available at [www.lisbonfallfestival.org](http://www.lisbonfallfestival.org). The Lisbon P.T.O. Color Run, a family fun event, starts at 12:00 and runs through Lisbon Meadows Park. This event is open to Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade children and parents who wish to accompany their kids. For more information and applications, visit <http://www.lcs.myfunrun.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/470888226594063/>.

Other events for the day include karate and dance demonstrations and a paint party with the Art House of Norwich.

The Lisbon Recreation Committee will once again host many kid and family friendly activities, including Knocker Ball! This was a huge hit at last year's festival. What is Knocker Ball? Glad you asked! It's a bunch of people running around wearing a big plastic inflatable ball and playing soccer. They often run into each other, bouncing off the other ball. Thus, "Knocker Ball"! It's hilarious! Check out this video for a brief look at KNOCKER BALL! <https://goo.gl/V4CYQv> Play or watch; it is sure to be a great time!

Chowder & Fritters, hamburgers, hot dogs and fries, popcorn, fried Oreos, cookies, and refreshments will be available for purchase.

We will have over 35 local vendors, crafters, and artists. Meet the artists, crafters and vendors and do some early Christmas shopping. The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee is still looking for local artists and musicians. If you would like to participate, please contact Cyndy

Goodwin Cockett at [lisbonfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:lisbonfallfestival@gmail.com).

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### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### SENIOR CENTER

##### September

12<sup>th</sup> - Aqua Turf - Mowtown and Buffet

20<sup>th</sup> - Big E

22<sup>nd</sup> - Port & Starboard Regional Event

Buffet and Entertainment

23<sup>rd</sup> - Bourne Scallop Festival

##### October

10<sup>th</sup> - Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Excursion

##### **13<sup>th</sup> AARP Driving Class**

14<sup>th</sup> - Thames River Cruise featuring presentations on New London County and WWI

##### November

14<sup>th</sup> - Aqua Turf, Cher & Elvis and Buffet

For more information or to sign up, call Karen Washington, Senior Coordinator, at 860-376-2329.

#### SLATER LIBRARY

September 5<sup>th</sup> - The Return of the Bald Eagle - flyer page 4

October 1<sup>st</sup> - Chicken Barbeque - flyer page 5

October 14<sup>th</sup> - Book & Yard Sale - flyer page 6

*Become a "Friend of the Slater Library" - See flyer on page 7*



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Don't miss out on the opportunity to step back in time with the Lisbon Historical Society at the John Bishop House, located next to the Community Center. Enjoy a guided tour, participate in some of their planned events, and try samples of their wildly popular open hearth cooking.

The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee needs YOUR help! They are a volunteer organization and are always looking for new volunteers on the committee, or for people who can spare just a small amount of time to help them with major events. They are asking for volunteers for set-up and tear down for the Fall Festival, as well as volunteers who can help cook or help with concessions. Contact Cyndy Goodwin Cockett at 860-710-1640 or [lastcarnival@comcast.net](mailto:lastcarnival@comcast.net) if you can assist with the Lisbon Fall Festival.

Stay in touch with the Lisbon Fall Festival and future events by following them on Facebook! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lisboncommunitycenter/> and click on the Events tab!

The Lisbon Fall Festival Committee is raising the funds required to install a heating system in the Lisbon Community Center with events like the Fall Festival and Bingo. A heating system in the Community Center will make this spacious and affordable location available year-round for your events. To learn more about using the Lisbon Community Center, visit [www.lisbonfallfestival.org](http://www.lisbonfallfestival.org) and click on "Community Center". You may also make reservations by contacting Lorraine Dawley at 860-866-7595.

### Trails Committee Update

By Joseph Lewerk, Chair.

The Trails Committee continued to examine the possibility of multi use trails on property owed by the Town of

Lisbon. The committee has had site walks at most of the large parcels of town owned property. A preliminary plan for walking paths and picnic areas for 78 Kendall Road, the old golf course, has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. Plans for 223 North Burnham Highway, the Burnham Tavern property, have been made and an application for a grant from The Last Green Valley to be used for signage describing the historical value of the property along with a map depicting a series of proposed passive recreational trails has been submitted for their consideration. The committee has walked the properties at the junction of 205 Mell Road and River Road (Route 12), and 423 South Burnham Highway (Route 169), property along the Shetucket River across from the Wheelabrator entrance. As additional trail plans are developed by the committee they will be submitted to the Selectmen for their comments and consideration. The committee continues to meet at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of the month at town hall.

### Colonial Williamsburg

By Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

In this article I am going to discuss Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia. It is a wonderful living museum to visit and if you are a history buff of the time period of the 18<sup>th</sup> century this is the place to visit, participate, and know more of what life and the United States was like in the 1700s. This will give you a knowledge of the efforts of many people to bring the New England Colonies forward as independent and form the United States of America.

You will step back in time to how they farmed, some of the animals they raised that were rare breeds from other countries for farm animals, the tools they used and how they used or reused/recycled parts of equipment and from the animals they used various parts for food or comfort. (Fowl for their feather beds, pillows, and

pens to write with, sheep for their wool to make clothing and blankets, cows to have milk and make cheese). You will see farm buildings as they existed in the 1700s usually connected the house with a different room or building separating the house and barn.

You will see original buildings with original architecture, hardware, wide board floors and walls that are built true to the year and time period. You will see buildings that are reconstructed based on descriptions or details that are documented, the stone foundation uncovered during archeological digs, or based on the items found during the dig that represent tools and items used for the trade or service they would have been used in. They have located items long buried that can tell stories of the past which will help them research and restore a building from the past: business, home, church, storage building, trades business and then attempt to recreate and build that structure using period appropriate tools to reconstruct it. They will sift through layers of soil to locate any items that help identify what was located there in the past.

You will step back in time and see and meet many actors who portray a specific person and they will dress and probably speak as they did in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Men, women, children, and the enslaved people who lived and worked towards forming a new nation tell their stories of their lives and how they lived in that time, what their character did for a living, what kind of clothes they wore, what their tools were for their trades, how they kept house and farm, how they got the supplies they needed for food and for making a living. You can go to the Governor's Palace, take tours of homes, eat at taverns, go to meeting houses, take horse drawn carriage of various styles



for rich and poor, ox and wagon rides, and purchase items in the shops and stores. You may also be lucky enough to meet a politician there standing on a doorstep discussing with the crowds of people on the street what is going on in the fight for freedom or what kind of plans are being made to halt the British. You may go to a court proceeding and be a witness or a jury member for the trial of a person.

There are many activities of interest to both children and adults. You can simply walk around and look for and see the sights of a teeming town, businesses, personal homes and towns people living their lives as they work, go to market, attend church, or go to a skilled trades person for an item they need to purchase or repair. You can go to see evening programs such as the Ghost Walk and listen to stories from actual people who have experienced ghostly inhabitants and know which properties are haunted.

There are evening programs of colonial dancing with the colony portrayers in period costumes and visitors are invited to learn how to dance from that 18<sup>th</sup> century and the instruments they used to play the music. You will see gentry and the common person mixing together in their appropriate clothing of suits, men's and women's clothing, wigs, shoes, and hats. You will hear and see traditional music, dancing, theatrics, and games.

You will see fields of crops, how they were planted with the tools used at that time and you will see gardens full of beautiful flowers that bloom for spring, summer, and fall, and see vegetable gardens and orchards. You can eat at several different taverns, or at other eateries on the grounds.

You can see how bricks were made, sheep were sheared, cows were milked, see the different types of horses that were used for carriages, farm work, and riding.

You can take fencing lessons, enlist in the Continental Army, be trained to use your gun, and shoot a musket. You will learn of the life of a soldier and how many did not survive the battles.

Colonial Williamsburg has a Fife and Drum Corp to perform for various events as well as Reveille, Retreat, and Tattoo. A military Tattoo was originally a signal for soldiers to return to their barracks before curfew. The regimental musicians have a Grand March and Review. They play in competitions against other Fife and Drum corps and have a yearly competition. Ages of most of the Corp range from 10 to 18 years of age and are in the Corp until they graduate from high school. They must learn up to 300 songs from memory to play and become a master Fife and Drummer.

There are many more opportunities of living and learning about the young colony of New England developing into a United States of America with revolutionary political activities as well as common town's people and skilled tradesmen who portray their skills from the 1700's into the early 1800's. Multiple role players will expound on this on the streets, steps of homes, and in the taverns and meeting houses.

The aforementioned descriptions are only a few of the opportunities to learn from as well as the special presentation each week of the year on any subject you can imagine. There are many activities to view or attend or to participate in. A play is presented for the Salem Witches Trial based on actual documentation with audience participation. There are multiple museums to visit with items from the initial colony such as dishes, glass ware, and furniture. You can go to the

hospital that remains from the Civil War and see homes where bullets pierced the buildings.

If you plan to go to Colonial Williamsburg check the internet site for descriptions of presentations that will be offered while you are there or plan to go when they have a program of something that interests you and your family. Some programs will state they are not for children. You can go for a one day visit or you can get a 3 day pass to be sure to see everything. There are trolleys that will take you from the Introduction building to the actual colony or you can walk over following sidewalks and trails. Enjoy a wonderful way to learn about America in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

In the next quarterly newsletter I will finish with Jamestown and Yorktown which are near Colonial Williamsburg and will give you an idea of other settlements to learn of the early years of colonial living and also the Indians who lived and assisted the colony to live and how to plant their crops in the New World.

## Planning and Zoning Commission Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry, Secretary

The Commission would like to remind the public that regular meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall conference room. Public Hearings usually take place on the same evening, and are noticed in the classified section of the Norwich Bulletin. Look for meeting agendas and minutes, a listing of commission members, and the Town Planner and Building Official contact information on the town's webpage, [www.lisbonct.com](http://www.lisbonct.com).





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## SOARING OVER THE LAST GREEN VALLEY: THE RETURN OF THE BALD EAGLES

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September 5, 2017 (6:30 – 7:45)

At Slater Library

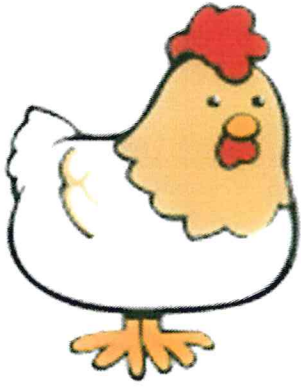
The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor has the perfect habitat for bald eagles. This program presented by Chief Ranger, Bill Reid explores the history of our national symbol and describes the unique characteristics of this majestic creature. Over the past decade eagles have been returning to the region and nesting along our rivers and lakes. Join us to learn about this great symbol of hope and what TLGV is doing to assist in monitoring nests and the statewide midwinter eagle survey.

To reserve a seat for this event please visit Slater Library at 26 Main St. in Jewett City or call 860-376-0024. Seating is limited.

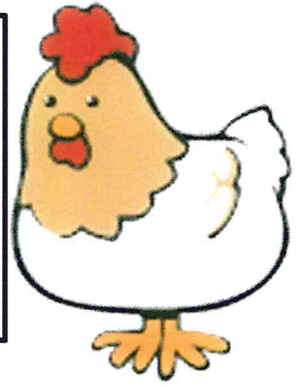
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# **Chicken Barbecue**



**October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**12 noon – 2 pm**



**@ VFW Post 10004**

**Dine-In or Take-Out**

**Donation \$10.00**

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# A HISTORIC EVENT

Huge Book Sale and Yard Sale

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

9am – 2pm

Griswold Town Hall Parking Lot

Great selection of books

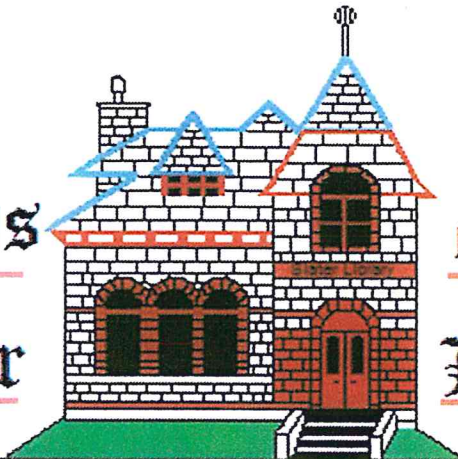
Non- Fiction from History to  
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By joining the **FRIENDS OF SLATER LIBRARY** you will be supporting the library in a very special way. This group has but one purpose, to raise money for the Slater Library! It supports Adult, Teen and Children's programs, purchases the Passes that offer discounted or free entry to local parks and museums, helps stretch the budget to cover unexpected expenses and so much more!

You can choose to be an active member or a silent partner but please choose to support your community.

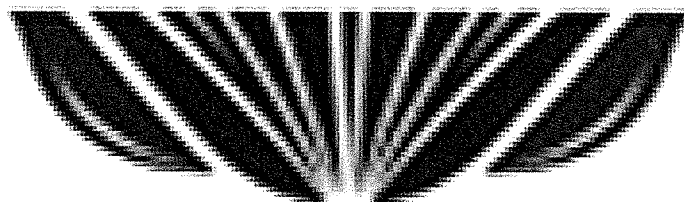
Yearly Dues: individual \$5.00, Family \$10.00, donations are welcome





# **CAPE COD**

## **SCALLOP FEST**



SAT, SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>

\$35 includes bus & meal  
(Scallops or Chicken)

Bus leaves at 9:30