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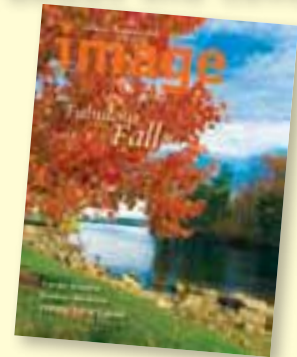


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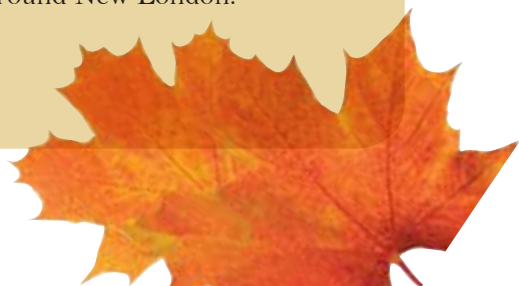
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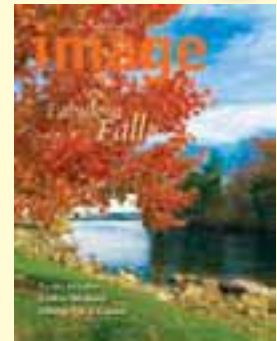
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editor's note

Fall in the Upper Valley



So many people say fall is their favorite time of year, and I am one of them. I think most people would agree that there's no better place to be than New England—especially the beautiful Upper Valley—when the days are bright and crisp, the nights turn cool, and the mountains burst forth in a riot of color.

Besides the gorgeous weather, autumn's arrival means the return of football season. Locally, football fans are gathering to tailgate before Dartmouth games, high school teams are battling it out on the turf, and parents are cheering for their kids in area pee-wee matches. Personally, I'm one of those fanatical fans of the Patriots who looks forward to each new NFL season from early February, as soon as the Super Bowl is over. Here's hoping that Bob Kraft's veteran players and new acquisitions and draft picks take the team to another championship this year.

During this beautiful season, the staff and I have gathered a bountiful harvest of articles to entertain you. Visit Claremont during the town's annual Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off, or drive through Grantham to meet and greet a bevy of personable scarecrows. Stop in New London to view artist Ron Brown's luminous paintings, or discover stone and clay art by Eric O'Leary of Tariki Studio in Meriden.

After a long day of touring the area, kick back and relax by reading about the senior writers of the Hale Street Gang, with amazing portraits by photographer Jack Rowell, and prepare a harvest dinner with delectable recipes from Susan Nye.

Whatever you do this fall, bring *Image* along with you. Enjoy!

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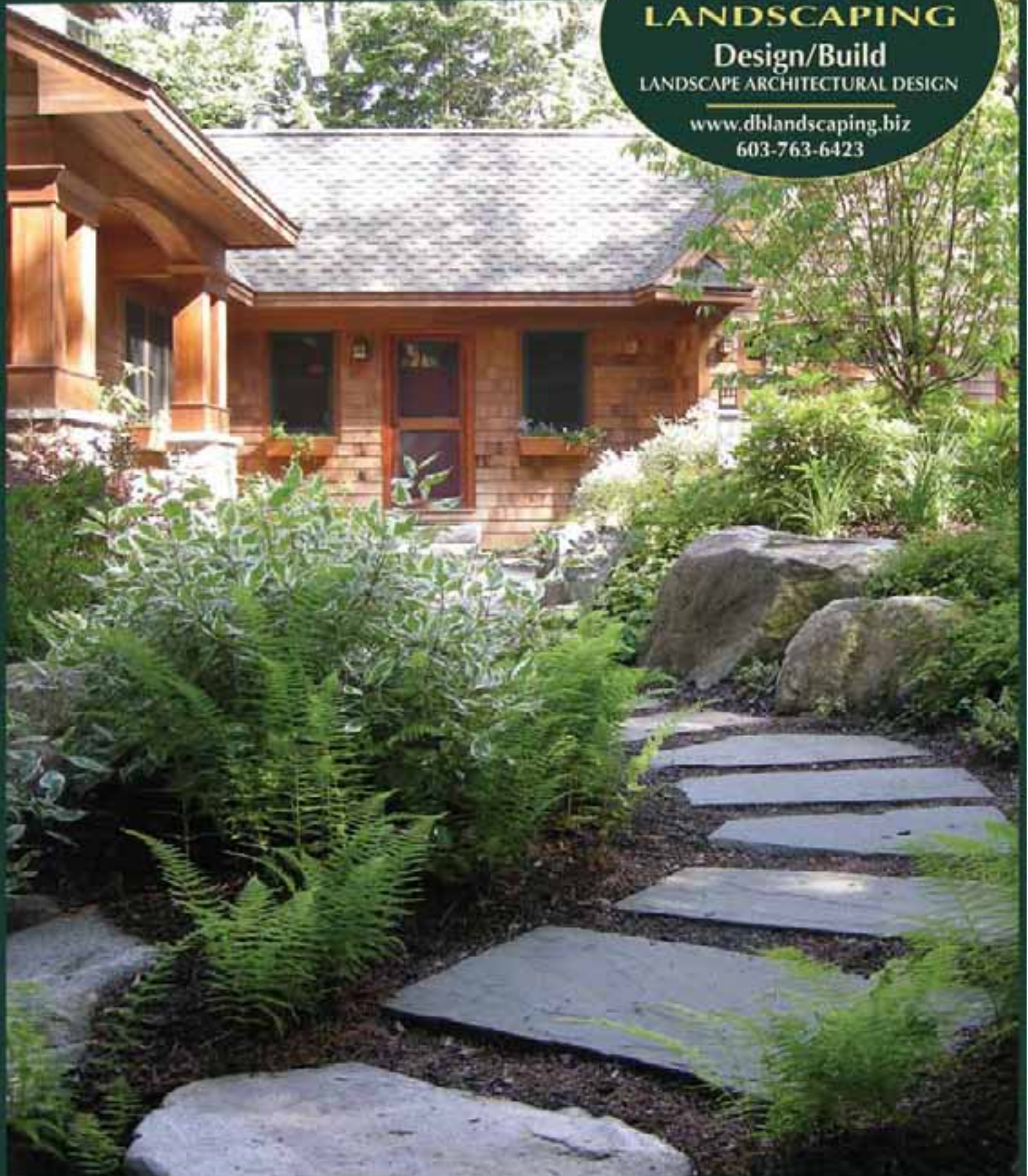
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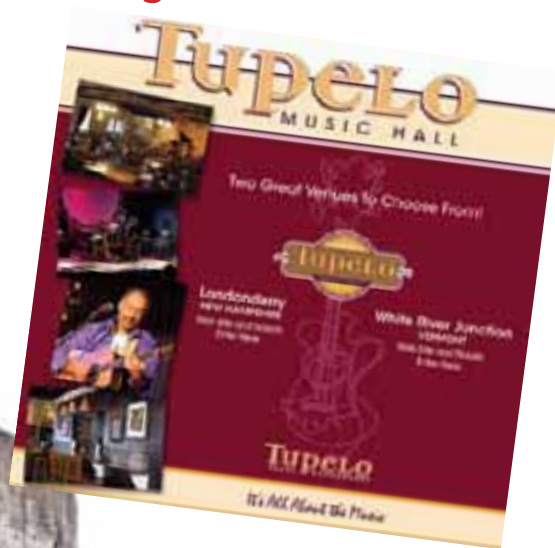
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Brown's affection for the grandeur of natural light is well placed. Whether limning the sun's first warming rays at daybreak or its final caresses of the landscape as it drops below the horizon line, this is an artist with a gift for communicating luminosity. Brown's expansive landscapes seem to glow from within. He creates this radiant effect by employing a sixteenth-century Flemish

technique of alternating layers of paint with layers of varnish, slowly building up a richly textured surface that shimmers under the viewer's gaze. Brown's landscapes also exude tranquility, offering the viewer tacit encouragement to relax, breathe deeply, and enjoy the moment. In many respects, gazing upon works like *Fall Morning Fog* and *Afternoon Glow* is like being treated to a visual lullaby.



*Back Waters of
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Finding Inspiration

As it turns out, this impression is not misguided: Brown hears music when he paints. In addition to being a painter, Brown is also a musician and composer who creates and records original compositions for some of his larger works and includes this music on a CD with the sale of the painting. "I hear music when I am



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painting and I see graphical images when I am creating music," explains Brown. "It all seems to come from the same place." Brown has also been known to draw inspiration from prose. Several years ago he mounted a show of works that sprang from his experiences as a soldier in Vietnam. To create works for the exhibition, "The Dark Side of Hell," Brown revisited a journal he kept during his tour of Vietnam, painted scenes evoked from the images, and then displayed the relevant text under each piece.

Brown's approach to the process of painting is similarly diverse. He minored in art in college and has spent his entire professional career as a serious student of the romantic Hudson River School artists, whose landscapes are characterized by a realistic, detailed, and sometimes idealized portrayal of nature, and the realist Barbizon painters of France, artists who looked to nature for inspiration. Brown's stylistic oeuvre encompasses everything from

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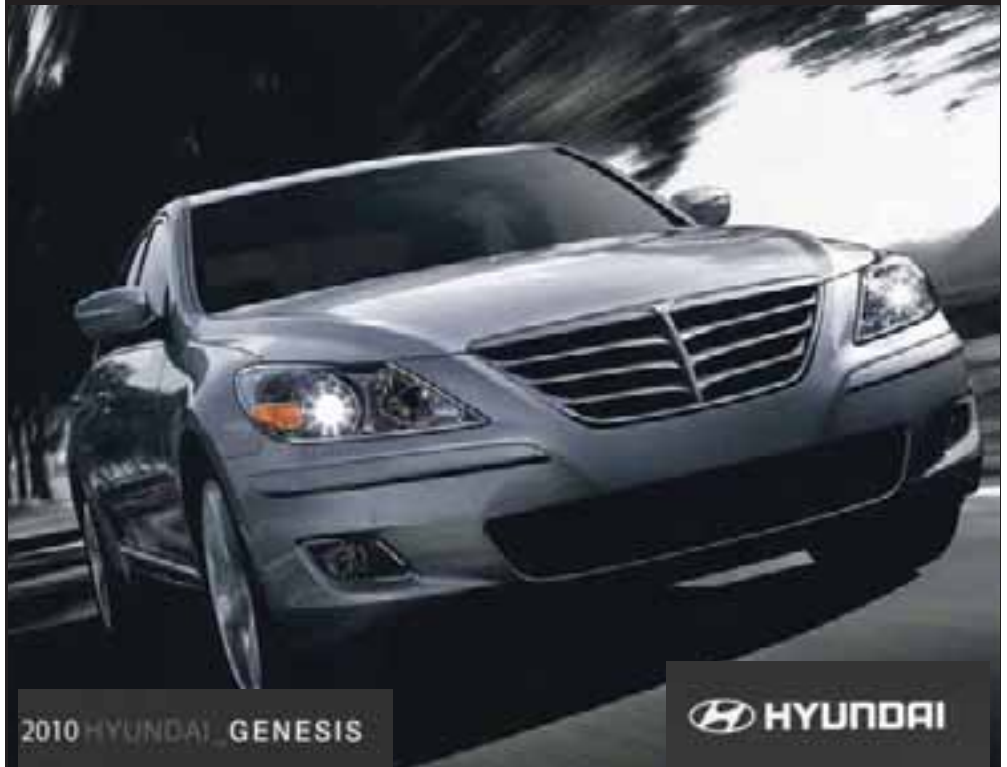
contemporary realism to the dark, moody, dramatic Barbizon style, to an occasional foray into the Impressionist style. "My choice of style may be driven by the subject matter or in some cases it's dictated by the client," he notes.

In His Element

Brown frequently paints *en plein air*, completing 75 to 80 percent of a painting outdoors in the meadow or marsh that inspired the scene, then snapping a reference photo and finishing the canvas in the studio. At other times Brown pulls the idea for a painting out of his head and paints the entire piece in his studio. "I make up the subject matter," says Brown, "but I'm sure that it's influenced by things I have seen in the past and stored in my subconscious." Brown's third source of subject matter is the photographs of beloved people and places that are brought to him by clients who commission him to create a painting of a family member or favorite locale. Whatever his

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inspiration, Brown primarily chooses subject matter that suits his personal preference. "I frequently paint people and buildings for my commission work," notes Brown, "but I rarely incorporate these elements into my own work. I prefer to leave my canvases open so that viewers can bring their own interpretations to bear and fill them with their own memories."

Whatever the subject matter, Brown is happiest when he has brush and palette in hand. "Painting to me is like eating," observes the artist. "If



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From top: The hike up Mount Major begins. Hiker introductions. Trailhead raffle table. Opposite: An early view of Lake Winnepesaukee.



Last October, I went hiking with 150 remarkable people. Our sizable, enthusiastic group reached the top of Mount Major (elevation 1,784 feet), a peak beside Lake Winnepesaukee near Alton Bay, with much fanfare. It was the first time I had received a gift bag, raffle tickets, refreshments, and a personal welcome at a trailhead. We began our climb through a corridor of colorful Tibetan prayer flags and ended it on the broad bald summit by a pile of rocks, the remains of a former summit hut. The crisp air invigorated us, and the endless view across the Lakes Region left us more breathless than the effort it took to reach the top. ▶



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- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women after lung cancer.
- Men can also contract breast cancer. There were about 1,990 cases in 2008 alone.
- Last year, over 40,000 women and 450 men died from breast cancer.

Source: Expedition Inspiration.

Hikers of all ages head up the trail.

I've trekked all over the United States, in Asia, in Africa, in Europe, and in South America, but my trek up modest Mount Major was among the most enjoyable, rewarding hikes of my life; enjoyable for the exercise, the stunning autumn landscape, and the many smiles on the faces of my fellow hikers, and rewarding because it raised \$20,000 for a good cause, the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center through the Expedition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research. This was the sixth annual climb that Expedition Inspiration had hosted on Mount Major, not only to raise money but also to remember those who had lost their lives to breast cancer and to celebrate the survivors. The survivors, their families, and their friends shared the view with me of Lake Winnepesaukee and the surrounding mountains, aflame with red, orange, and gold. I felt good. I was glad to be healthy. I felt hopeful.

The Inspiration

In 1989, Laura Evans, a resident of Ketchum, Idaho, who was recovering from a bone marrow transplant in her fight against Stage 3 breast cancer, wanted to climb a significant mountain with other breast cancer patients. She could barely muster the strength to take a step away from her bed, let alone the thousands of steps it would take reach the top of a 20,000-footer. Six years later, Evans and 17 other breast cancer survivors reached the summit of Anconagua (elevation 22,841 feet), the highest mountain in the western hemisphere. The expedition made national news and became the subject of the documentary *New Explorers* on PBS. It also raised \$2 million, the seed money for the Expedition Inspiration fund, and resulted in an invitation to Evans and her climbing team to the White House, where they were honored for their extraordinary accomplishment.



Making Progress

“Climbing, in many respects, is not unlike facing a life-threatening illness,” Evans once said. “You take every step alone, digging deep, focused on a goal and your own inner strength.” Evans succumbed to cancer in 2000, but her historic climb spawned many other climbs for Expedition Inspiration, which is now a nonprofit organization that promotes the physical and mental well-being of breast cancer survivors, raises money for research grants, and hosts an annual symposium that brings together the top scientists and doctors in the world to help facilitate a cure for this deadly disease. One of those doctors is Peter Kaufman, associate professor of medicine (hematology/oncology), whose work through the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center seeks more effective treatments and an eventual cure for breast cancer. ▶

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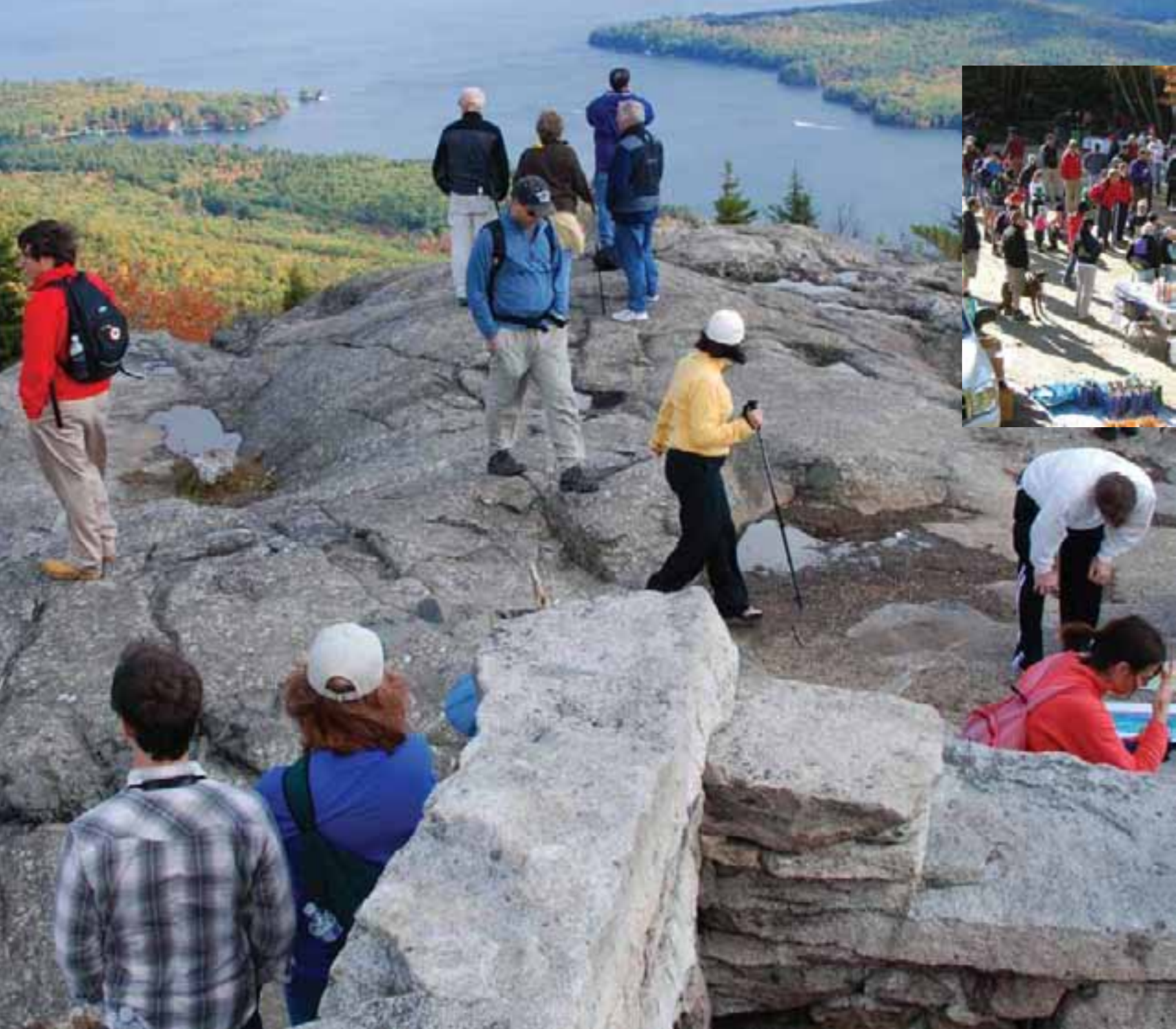
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“We’re making progress,” says Dr. Kaufman, one post-hike morning over breakfast at the Hanover Inn. “Grant money, like the funds we receive from Expedition Inspiration, help make my research possible. And the symposium is unique, really valuable. Instead of the usual large medical conference with hundreds of people, it’s just a few of us, the ones who are on the leading edge of breast cancer research. We can talk candidly in a small room and really share our findings. We become accessible to each other. It’s a great program!”



Take-A-Hike

The 7th Annual New Hampshire Take-A-Hike up Mount Major to benefit the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and Expedition Inspiration fund is on Sunday, October 3, 2010. For more information, go to www.expeditioninspiration.org.

Many of the 150 hikers with me on Mount Major were patients at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. They came from all over New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts with their families to hike for a cure. Some had never hiked up a mountain before, but one woman certainly had, Anconcagua, as a team member of the original Expedition Inspiration in 1995. As the participants gathered around a makeshift podium, Mary Yeo, a 60-something woman with white hair and twinkling eyes, reflected upon surviving breast cancer, why she



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Writer Lisa Densmore approaches the summit.

climbed Anconcagua despite little mountaineering experience and why she continues to climb.

Hiking and Hope

I was inspired. A close friend of mine had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. She was only 42 and a mother of two. She ate healthy food and exercised. She was a hard worker and among the nicest people I know. Why do bad things happen to nice people? It seemed so unfair. Though successive rounds of chemo and radiation robbed my friend of her hair and her strength, it couldn't steal her heart. On particularly painful morning, she clung to my hand as she lay in bed. "I've still got a lot of things to do on this planet," she whispered, determined to survive.

Perhaps my climbing Mount Major would help her do that. As I started up the trail, I took a closer look at the prayer flags that fluttered around me. Each one had a name on it, the name of a person, someone's friend or loved one who had died of breast cancer. I knew I would make it to the top of Mount Major on that vibrant fall day, just as I know that there will be cure for this dreadful affliction, hopefully soon. And if making it to the top of Mount Major each year for Expedition Inspiration helps, then you can bet I'll be back every year. ●

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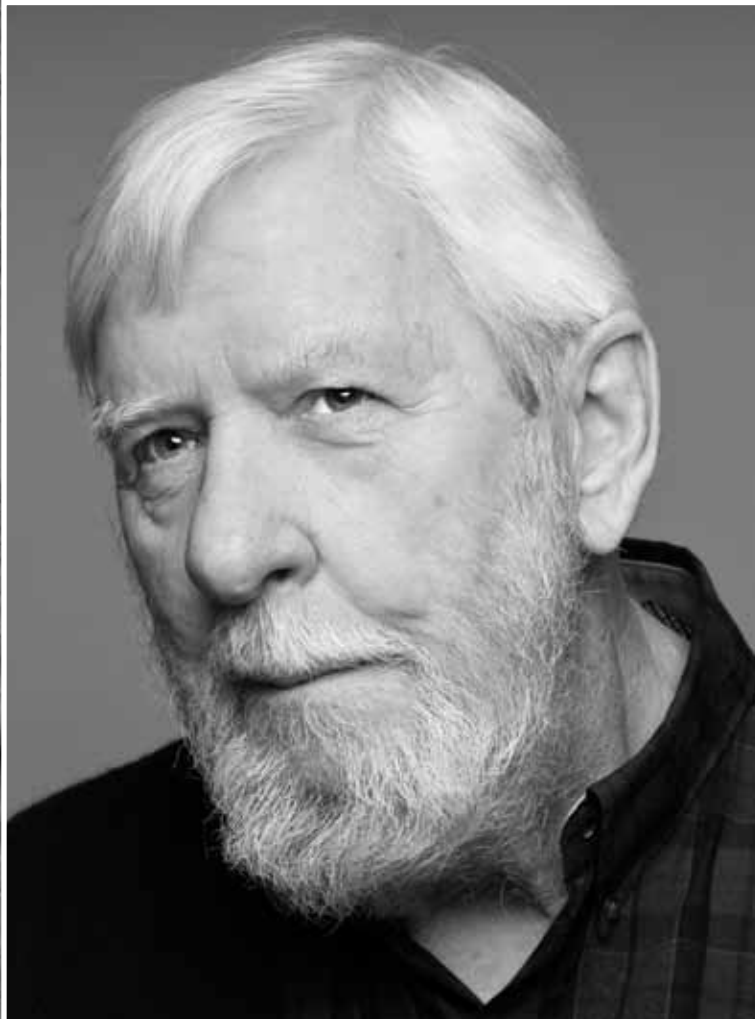


SHARING OLD
MEMORIES
AND CREATING
NEW ONES

BY SARA TUCKER

PHOTOS BY JACK ROWELL

The Hale Street Gang



Last November, I called up my old friend Jack Rowell and told him I was back in town. We spent a few minutes catching up (a lot had happened in the past 30 years), and then I begged a favor. Way back when Richard Nixon was president, Jack and I used to run with a crowd of long-haired thespians who liked building boats out of cardboard, making pig costumes, and turning dry ice into fog. I still have some of his photographs from that era, including one of me as Viola in *Twelfth Night*. ▶

Left: D'Ann Fago.
Above: John Jackson.
Right: Mary Jacobs.





Since then, I'd been following his career, and I thought I had a project that would interest him. As a photographer, Jack loves actors and musicians and almost anyone in danger of being labeled a character. I invited him to a reading at the local senior center, where I was a volunteer writing coach. The seniors, I explained, were going to read from their memoirs. Jack said he would bring his camera.

Writing about Life

The Greater Randolph Senior Center is on a half-forgotten street south of the railroad tracks in Randolph, Vermont. From Depot Square, you head south on Main Street, hang a right at Tewksbury's Store and a left on Hale. When Jack's old station wagon pulled into the parking lot at half-past noon on a Tuesday, we were bussing the lunch tables, testing the microphone, and rearranging the chairs.

*Above left: Cookie Campbell.
Center: D'Ann Fago's hands with notebook. Left: Charles Cooley.*



Over the next hour or so, we heard about a father's mysterious past, a hilarious car wreck, the glory days of the Randolph playground, and a loving marriage that ended in the death of a spouse. There were some 20 people in the room, including the cleaning staff and several writers from the Monday group. Most of us had just polished off generous helpings of Rose's meatloaf and mashed potatoes, so it was a given that somebody would nod off. Nobody did.

The Hale Street Gang began with my mother. Mom was in her eighties when she sat down to write her memoirs. She's a good writer, and the words flowed effortlessly, right up until the day she quit writing. On that occasion, she hit "save" and closed her laptop, intending to pick up the thread of her narrative when the muse returned. Years passed.

In the fall of 2008, I urged her to sign up for a six-week memoir-writing

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class at the senior center. When the class convened at 8:30 on a Monday morning, two students turned up: my mother and me. The next week, another student joined us, and then another, and soon we were six. The class ended, the instructor left, and we were on our own.

Because I am a professional writer, the others quickly decided that I would be their coach. Our plan was simple: We would stick to writing about our lives—no fiction, no poetry. We would keep the group small, and rather than critique each other's writing, we would emphasize the sharing of life experiences through the written word. Two years later we are still writing, and instead of one group we have two.

Once a week, we pull our chairs up to a big, round table in the senior center craft room, and surrounded by a jumble of Christmas ornaments, scraps of cloth, and other bric-a-brac, we read aloud a few pages of our memoirs-in-progress. The group is of crucial importance, a source of motivation and inspiration. We laugh a lot. If our stories had never left the room, writing them down would have been worthwhile for the friendships we have made.

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Top: Margaret Egerton, Ruth Demarest-Godfrey. Above: Loraine Chase.

Worth 1,000 Words

The next time we saw Jack, his station wagon was full of gear. For three days, the Greater Randolph Senior Center became his studio as, one by one, a dozen senior-citizen memoir writers sat for their portraits. The word *wrinkles* came up a lot. You're a writer, I reminded one of them, not a ballet dancer. Age is your strength. Think of it this way: The longer you've lived, the more material you have.

Now, if I had told these folks, who are all my elders, that Jack was going to photograph their *inner* writer, they would have told me to go stand in the corner. But by some sort of voodoo, that's what Jack did. In his portraits, I see wrinkles, yes, and creases and lines and freckles and scars, but more important, I see all the qualities I admire in these people, whom I've come to know so well. I see curiosity, intelligence, and above all, humor—if there's one thing I've learned from my students it's the necessity of laughing a lot. I see vitality, candor, and a willingness to engage. I *feel* energy.

The photo shoot was a turning point. Something magical happened that day. It's as if we woke up to who—or what—we were. By the time the snow melted, we had started a blog. In May, we read our stories on the radio and published them in the *Randolph Herald*, along with some of Jack's portraits, warts and all. In June, we compiled a 200-page anthology. Along the way, we decided that we would

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Top: Loraine Chase reads to the class; Idora Tucker (left) and Cookie Campbell react. Above: Mary Jacobs. Inset: Instructor Sara Tucker.

no longer call ourselves the "senior center's memoir-writing group" or the "Tuesday group." We had worked too hard and gone through too many reams of paper to get tagged with some lower-case name that was really no name at all. We needed a proper moniker, something with moxie and capital letters. And that's how we became the Hale Street Gang. ●



Check them Out

Jack Rowell's portraits of the Hale Street Gang will be on display this fall at the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury, Vermont, along with recordings of the writers reading from their work. The exhibit opens on September 10 and runs for three months. For more info, call the VFC at (802) 388-4964 or visit Sara Tucker's blog, The Hale Street Gang and Me, at silverscribblers.blogspot.com.

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Since the 1980s downtown has been designated as a historic district; clothing boutiques, craft stores, cafes, and delis have taken up residence. A Co-op Food Store has recently opened its doors across a newly installed higher-capacity bridge. And not only is the village located at equal distances from Vermont's more prominent cities (Rutland, Montpelier, Brattleboro, and St. Johnsbury), and Keene and Concord in New Hampshire, but it is also the gateway between the two states.

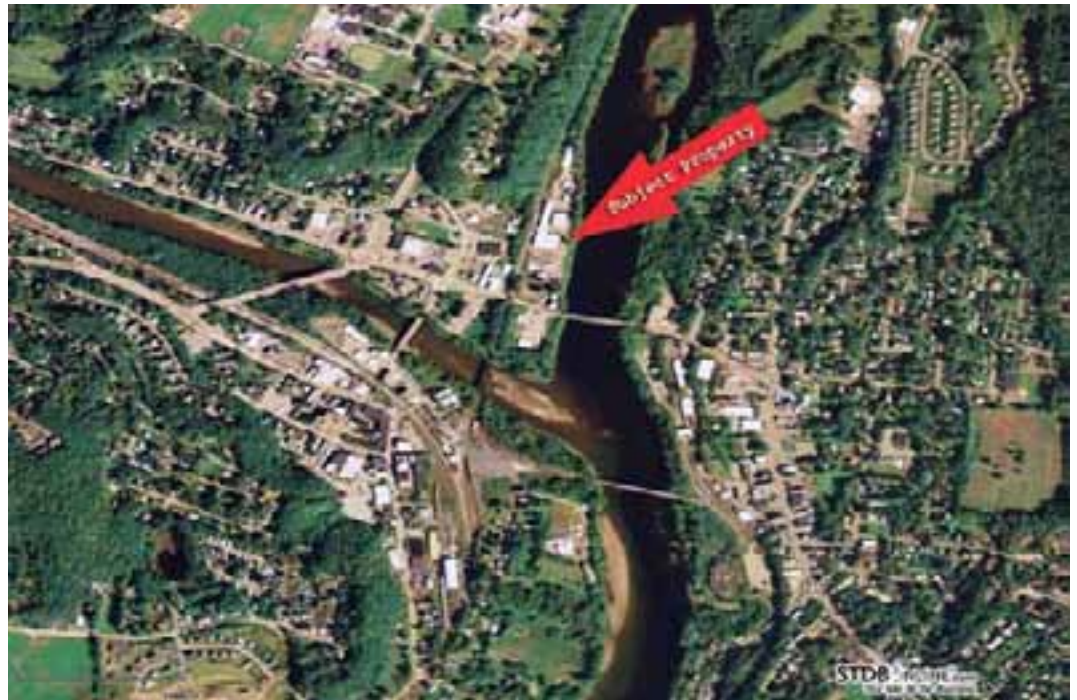
White River Junction may be ripe for resurgence as a destination spot and as a vital economic partner in the region. It is the little village that could . . . as long as it is willing to take a few chances. ▶

BY E. SENTEIO





Below left: Entrance to Prospect Place. Above: Rendering shows retail and office space and residential lofts. Right: Aerial photo shows property location.



The Origin and the Legacy

The possibilities for White River Junction's future became even brighter when local landowner William Josler of Sabil and Sons, Inc., approached the town of Hartford regarding nine contiguous parcels he owned along the Connecticut River. Did they know developers who might have an interest and a vision for a project? "Many developers presented their ideas and I think Bill identified the most with ours," says Tod Whipple, vice president of real estate at United Construction Corporation. It is here that this bud of a town ready to blossom crosses paths with the golden anniversary general contractors. What they proposed was "an urban infill project with mixed-use facilities, a river walk, and a nice mini public park." But there was so much more to Prospect Place, just as there is to United Construction.

About United Construction

United Construction (UCC), headquartered in Newport, New Hampshire, knows about risk taking and potential growth. According to Whipple, his father Cary G. Whipple started the business in 1960 as a small paving and residential company—with just a couple of pieces of equipment, a dump truck, and a few guys. "We grew from there," says Whipple. "We started to get into commercial site work, then vertical construction." Over the decades UCC has been involved in projects throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. "My dad can drive through Newport and talk about how he built half the town including the two major shopping plazas and the old court house restaurant." More recently UCC has completed the South Block in downtown Hanover and 4 Currier Place. "We're currently working on the Timberwoods project—an apartment complex going up in Lebanon—and we have several other projects across the Upper Valley."



Top: Rendering showing buildings along the river. Above: The 36,000-square-foot machine shop United Construction built last year. Inset: United Construction vice president Tod Whipple and Vermont's Governor Douglas in Hong Kong.

The small family-run construction company went from "a few guys to up to 70 employees." It is still owned and operated by the Whipple family: founder Cary G. Whipple, sons Cary L. and Tod, and daughter, Christine Skarin. Tod says, "We're all involved in the different aspects of the company."

This year UCC celebrates a half century of helping to build New Hampshire and Vermont, literally from the ground up. What better way to celebrate their 50th anniversary than by taking on one their most ambitious projects to date?



Tod Whipple, United Construction vice president, attends an EB5 event in Hangzhou, China.

The Prospect Place Project

Currently what greets visitors to Vermont, or residents returning home from the shopping district in downtown Lebanon, New Hampshire, leaves a bit to be desired. Over the bridge you enter into a busy intersection with roads leading off to a diversity of unassociated businesses or industrial enterprises. They are well known to individuals who live there and virtually unknown to many others. There is no immediate vibe of welcoming you in and inviting you to stay awhile.

Whipple is excited that the new Prospect Place project will do just that. The 6.8 acres of land across nine parcels will become home to four new mixed-use structures and one residential. "There's not a true mixed-used urban project like this in the Upper Valley. What we'll have is four units where the first floor is for retail, then above that two floors of office space, and the top floor is urban loft-style housing looking onto the river. ▶

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Then at the north end we have the last unit: 40 residential condominiums that look onto a mini park.

“With the new bridge and the Prospect Place project, it is a whole new gateway. It will link the business district of Hartford to the revitalization that’s happening in downtown,” says Whipple. He emphasizes one of the projects highlights: “It’s all completely walkable. The river walk will hook into the town park and run below the bridge, hang a right behind the municipal building, and then connect to the bridge that goes across the White River and into the park across the street from Resource Systems Group, Inc., on Railroad Row.”

Will this be a situation where national chains and foreign brands overwhelm the small-town charm of a struggling community? Whipple claims this will not be the case. “We’re looking at strong Vermont brands that are already comfortable operating in the state. The other focus is it becoming its own town center, with auxiliary services like a bank, a pharmacy, maybe a bakery and coffee shop, maybe a nice restaurant. We also hope to attract professional services, administrative medical services, law firms,



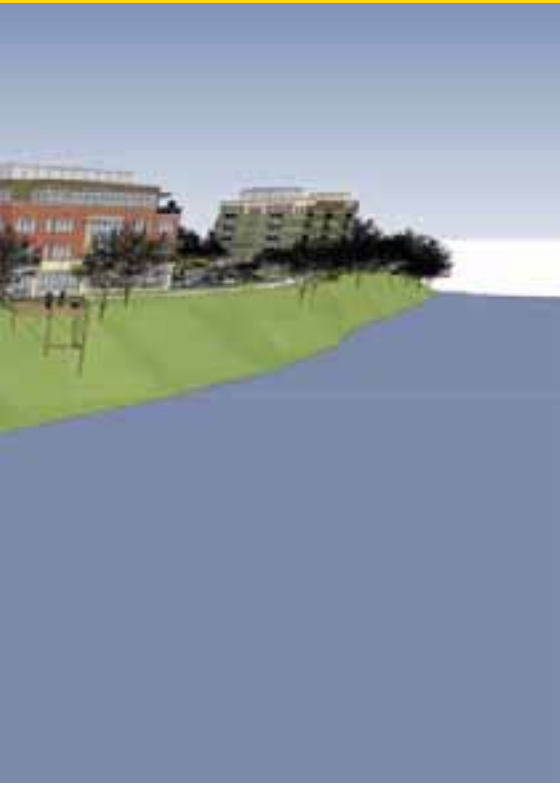
Top: Rendering of buildings that will grace the future Prospect Place. Inset: Part of the Vermont delegation in Taipei, Taiwan, includes Governor Douglas, Tod Whipple, Chris Barbarie, and the late Rick Hube. Below: Aerial view of site along the river.



accounting. And we’re being flexible—we can work with the tenant to get them what they need.”

An Eye to Going Green

Whipple points out that they are also making this project as green as possible, from the landscaping right through to the construction. “We will do as much green building as our budget allows,” Whipple states. “We’re looking at the potential of doing green live roofs and triple-pane windows, as well as sustainable building practices, looking at vendors and products that are within a certain radius of the project that will support the local and regional markets from an economic standpoint. And it’s much greener



because it's not being transported from other countries or states. We're also looking at some very green high-density insulation." Whipple says these measures fit the overall vision including promoting pedestrians, "and this is right on a downtown Advance Transit stop. We are really using everything to make it the project that it should be, in the place that it should be."

Financing and Support

The development was originally scheduled for last year but was delayed due to the financing approval process. "It has been a very complicated financing package," Whipple reports. "We applied for grants and funds for economic development. With help from James Candido of the Agency of Commerce, a large part of the financing is through EB5—an immigration program administered through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. For every \$500,000 of foreign investment into an American Project," explains Whipple, "if that American project can create 10

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Artist's rendering depicts a bustling Prospect Place.

American jobs that did not exist before, then that individual investor will get their green card.”

Local Benefits

But Whipple says like any town involved in a possible renovation, Hartford wants to know what is it on the hook for, and the answer is nothing. “Any development that the town does on this project will come back to them in the taxes that this project creates.” The area is also a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district, “therefore any public improvements that are done on the project can be self-funded by the taxable value of the new buildings we create,” explains Whipple. “Once the improvements are done, all the taxes go to the town of Hartford. We’re giving the town the mini park, the river walk, and the Prospect Street roadway. So what they are looking at is utility use and maintenance.” Whipple adds, “I have done everything in my power to structure the package so the impact on the town is only a positive one.”

The reaction has been very favorable. According to Whipple, the town has been extremely positive toward the Prospect Place project. “Lori Hirshfield, Town of Hartford director for planning and development, has been an amazing asset. Joan Goldstein, executive director of Green Mountain Economic Development Council, has been tremendous in helping

me wade through the public programs that are available. Don Einhorn of the Department of Environmental Conservation; Sally Hull, regional planner; and Peter Gregory, both from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission; Hunter Reisberg, the town manager of Hartford; and Kevin Dorn, secretary of the Agency of Commerce, each played a part in this project, and we never could have come this far without them. And Governor Douglas has been very supportive and has visited the project twice.”

The current business owners and residents seem to have similar favorable feelings: any new business coming into White River Junction is good business. “That is what this project will do,” predicts Whipple. He envisions that people will come to work and live in the mixed-use district, then stroll into downtown peering into shop windows, going out to dinner, and catching a late show at the theater.

The Possibilities

Hartford is a designated growth center. White River Junction, as a gateway to the state of Vermont, can be so much more than a pass-through town. “I think everyone sees the value of it. They see the location and think it feels right, that the time is now,” says Whipple. There is

even talk of an all-digital movie theater complex with stadium seating and 10 screens—four of them being full 3D.

If all goes as planned and things remain on track, Whipple says the hope is to break ground in early spring, April or May of 2011. Phase one would include construction of buildings one and two, which would be ready for occupancy in fall of 2012. Mixed-use building three and residential building five would follow in phase two, and then lastly, mixed-use building four. The timetable for construction of phases two and three would be dependent on the rate of market absorption. “Let’s look at this through the lens of a 10-year window,” says Whipple.

Whipple believes “it’s one of those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for redevelopment,” while improving the town and still maintaining the eclectic character of the district. “We’re hoping to bring in retailers, businesses, and residential housing that will integrate well into the existing look and feel of White River Junction, while still absolutely changing the central business district by essentially bookending seven acres between this project and downtown. It helps with redevelopment across the town and increases land values. Then everyone is saying ‘look at what can happen.’”

The majority of the area where Prospect Place will begin and end is

mostly populated with industrial space, warehouses, and storage space, with a few local businesses and residents sprinkled throughout. If the project is successful, things in White River Junction most certainly will change, but that change may be just the shot in the arm this ailing village needs to reawaken and recreate itself as a valuable economic player and a destination of choice for the region.

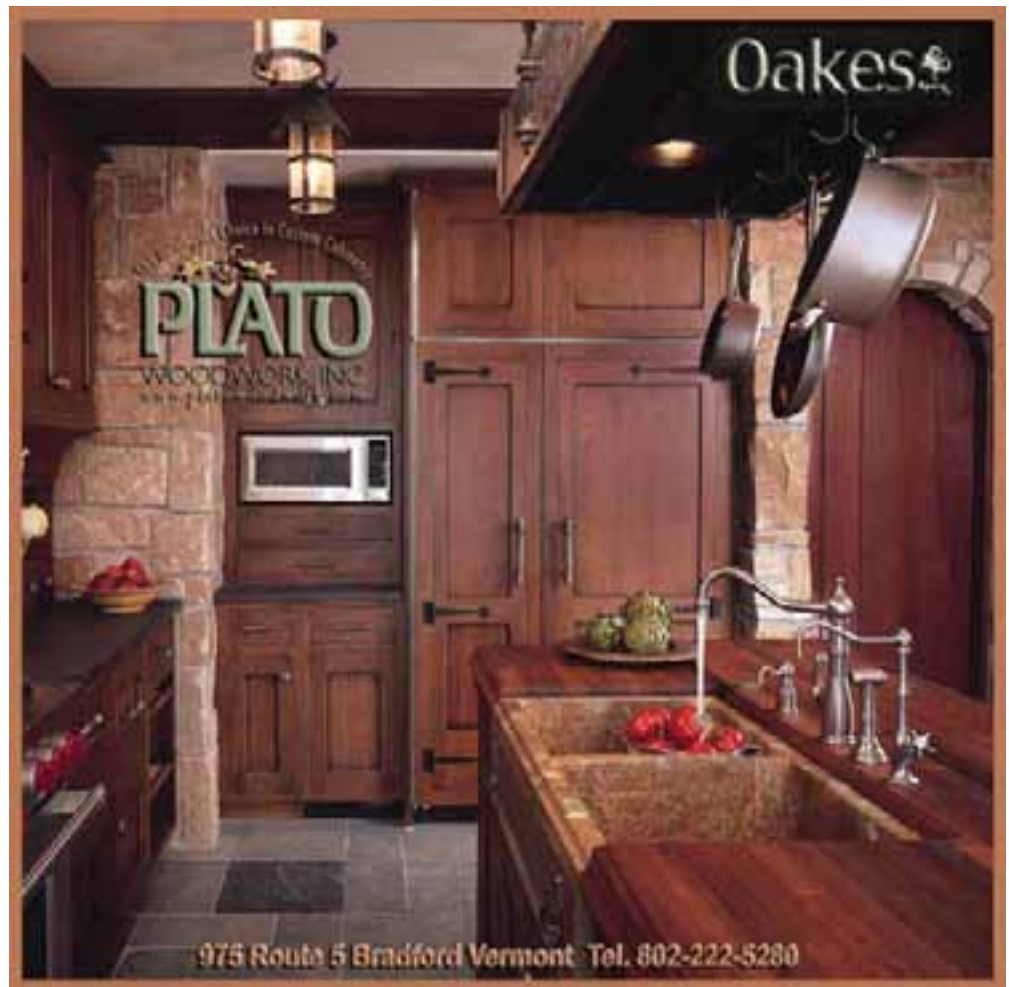
“You see what is there today then compare that with what we are proposing there—and what that would do for the town from an aesthetic and economic standpoint,” says Whipple. “Think about the benefits, not only in terms of lifestyle but also the attention that the project would bring to Hartford as a whole.”

White River Junction, Whipple says, “is a cool little town.” At its very heart it is experiencing an urban revival, yet it still holds onto its roots as a quaint historical town, with a gallimaufry of architectural designs, businesses, residents, and a quirky sense of style. It is on the cusp of becoming reborn.

“So many times projects have come to the brink of happening and then it just doesn’t happen,” says Whipple. “Everyone knows the potential is here. The only way you can break the mold is to do something extraordinary.” It may be time for White River Junction to move beyond just being the little village that could, and to become the extraordinary community that *did*. ●

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A photograph of a garden with a stone staircase, a metal sculpture, and a colorful abstract sculpture. The scene is set outdoors with lush greenery and a stone wall in the background. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent yellow box.

TARIKI STONE ART

FROM CLAY TO VISIONARY ART

“I’m extraordinarily lucky and grateful,” muses artist Eric O’Leary as we chatted on a recent morning about the course of his career. “I have spent my entire life working in clay. I began the journey around age five, working with my dad in his studio, and I’ve spent my entire life pushing this envelope.”

And push he has. Over the past several decades, O’Leary has evolved from a ceramic artist to a sculptor to a visionary who leads a dynamic design-build team of engineers, landscape architects, and contractors in designing and executing some of the most breathtaking visual environments being created today. “I’m in a unique zone that I’ve created with my staff,” O’Leary concedes. ▶



Opening page: Ceramic obelisk fountain and abstract ceramic tile painting at a Cornish, New Hampshire, residence. Above: Fountain and tile painting detail.

From New Hampshire to the World

O'Leary's home base is Tariki Studio in Meriden, New Hampshire. From here the artist, together with brother and studio manager Kevin O'Leary, orchestrates the complex, large-scale, multiyear commissions that have become his trademark. "Over the course of the last decade, the projects that my team and I have worked on have been almost exclusively for private clients," O'Leary observes. "In the earlier days of my career, I worked primarily with galleries and corporate clients. Over the course of the last 20 to 25 years, I've certainly done a good number of commercial projects, but in the last decade, my client base has been largely private."

O'Leary cheerfully admits that these days he tends to get passed along from client to client, and he likes it that way. "While the corporate projects were fun, I really enjoy the experience of working with private clients," explains O'Leary. "The relationship that develops with an individual client is much more intimate and personal. These

projects are long-term, so you get to know the client well. A 'connective tissue' develops that keeps you associated with the project long after the last stone is placed."

As an example, O'Leary cites *Standing Stones*, a monumental, four-year project at a private residence in the Hamptons that O'Leary completed in 2009—or so he thought. He recently received a call from



Above: Eric O'Leary stands in front of a back-lighted series of 30" x 60" photographs produced from a ceramic tile painting. Ceramic art chair.



the client indicating that he had some additional ideas he'd like to discuss with the artist. "We joke around the studio that we never *really* know when a project is done," O'Leary admits.

Next up: Kyoto, Japan, where O'Leary is just beginning work on a new project. He freely admits that these endeavors are incredibly involved, but this chaotic creative milieu is inarguably where the artist thrives. "Projects like this involve a huge amount of dialogue," notes O'Leary, "but I'm given very wide latitude. By the time someone comes to me, they've already seen my work and want to collaborate with me. With the Kyoto project, for instance, we're creating huge, four-foot square ceramic tiles, and because I'm one of the few people

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in the world who knows how to paint tiles this large, I'm given a lot of leeway in directing the process."

It Takes Teamwork

O'Leary is passionate about these large-scale projects and although undeniably the creative force that drives them, he is also quick to acknowledge that it takes a village to see them to completion. "When you're doing something on such a large scale, you automatically go beyond what you can do as an individual," he asserts. "The people who work for me have been with me a long time. They're incredible artists in their own right, they understand my vision and they know how to get the job done." Members of O'Leary's team come to Tariki from many different walks of life and include contractors, landscape

architects, and engineers. For example, notes O'Leary, one of his employees used to design golf courses. "He's got a great eye and a deep understanding of how to organize space," says the artist. "These skills are invaluable to me when creating large-scale environments."

Given the scope of O'Leary's projects—which often include buildings, outdoor furniture, landscaping, sculpture, and more—there tends to be a great deal of mixed media work. To achieve the effects he's seeking in his large slab-constructed pieces, O'Leary works with stainless steel, plastic, and stones as well as his primary medium of clay. "In building my team, I've consciously looked for people who possess high-level technical skills as well as a strong creative streak," notes O'Leary. "We learn from each other."



Left: Stoneware ceramic bench, 13" x 38" x 19" tall. Above: Glaze surface detail.

From Father to Son

As a child, O'Leary experienced the joys of collaboration firsthand. His father Jack, a master craftsman and the founder of Tariki Studio, was a revered teacher, and a highly respected potter who is credited with reviving ceramics in contemporary art. An inspiration to a generation of potters, Jack O'Leary taught his son both the art and the business of clay, setting the younger O'Leary on the path that sustains him to this day. When asked if he is now mentor to younger, less experienced artists like his father before him, O'Leary admits that, sadly, teaching is no longer an activity he can pursue. "Earlier in my career I taught a lot," he asserts, "but unfortunately my large-scale projects are not a good



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environment for apprentices. They're just too complex. I moved away from the apprentice structure about 12 years ago. I'm in a different mindset; now I'm focused on vision, design, and execution." Judging from the arc that O'Leary's career has traversed over the past several decades, this potent creative voice still has much to say. ●

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Serves 8 as a starter, 4 as a main course

Ingredients

4 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into small pieces
1 lb Brussels sprouts, cleaned, trimmed, and quartered
1 large onion, roughly chopped
1 tsp dried thyme
2 cloves garlic, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1–2 Tbsp sherry vinegar
1/4 cup white wine
3/4 cup chicken broth, divided
8 oz linguine
1/4 cup half and half (optional)

Garnish:

Fresh, chopped parsley
1/4 cup chopped toasted walnuts
Pecorino Romano cheese, grated

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Cook the bacon in a large skillet until crispy over medium heat. Remove from the pan, drain on paper towels, and reserve.
3. Add the Brussels sprouts, onion, thyme, and garlic to the pan; sprinkle with salt and pepper and toss to combine and coat with the bacon drippings. Stir in the vinegar, wine,

and 1/4 cup chicken broth; bring to a boil and transfer to the oven and roast for 20 to 30 minutes or until the Brussels sprouts are tender and nicely browned. Shake the pan from time to time to brown the Brussels sprouts evenly. Add back the bacon and remaining chicken broth, toss to combine, and return to the oven for 5 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain the pasta, reserving a cup of the pasta water. Add the pasta to the sauté pan with the Brussels sprouts. Add the half and half and toss to combine. If the pasta seems dry, add a little pasta water. Transfer to a serving bowl and sprinkle with parsley, walnuts, and grated Pecorino Romano cheese.

For a vegetarian and lighter version of this dish, skip the bacon and toss the vegetables in a little olive oil before roasting. Substitute the chicken broth with vegetable broth.

For a delicious side dish, skip the linguine, omit the cream and cheese, and enjoy the Brussels sprouts with roasted meats or poultry.



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- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 12 oz baby spinach
- 4 cups country-style bread, cut into cubes
- 8 oz goat cheese, crumbled
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup half and half
- Pinch nutmeg

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°.
2. Put the squash in a large ovenproof skillet and sprinkle with sage, thyme, salt, and pepper. Toss to combine. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and toss to coat. Roast at 425° for 15 minutes.
3. Add the onion and wine to the skillet and toss to combine. Return to the

oven, reduce heat to 375°, and roast for 10 minutes.

4. Remove the skillet from the oven. Add the spinach, a handful at a time, and toss to combine. Cook over medium-high heat until the spinach is wilted. Let cool.

5. Add the bread cubes to the vegetables and toss to combine.

6. Generously butter a 2-quart casserole dish. Place half of the bread and squash mixture in the prepared casserole dish, and sprinkle with half the goat cheese. Add the remaining bread, vegetables, and goat cheese.

7. Whisk the eggs, half and half, and nutmeg together and pour evenly over the bread, vegetables, and cheese.

Cover with plastic wrap and let sit overnight in the refrigerator.

8. Preheat the oven to 350°. Remove the casserole from the refrigerator and bake for 45 to 55 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit for 10 minutes before serving.



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8–12 oz arugula
4 oz Gorgonzola, crumbled
1/2 cup shelled pistachios, roughly chopped and toasted



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Toss the beets in a little olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Put in an ovenproof skillet, cover, and roast for about 1 hour or until the beets are cooked through but still firm. Remove the beets from the pan. When the beets are cool enough to handle, peel and cut into wedges. Drizzle with a little Shallot Vinaigrette and reserve.
3. Meanwhile, put the onion wedges in a skillet, drizzle with a little Shallot Vinaigrette, toss, and roast for 5 to 10 minutes or until tender-crisp. Remove from the pan and reserve.
4. About 10 minutes before you are ready to serve the salad, spread the beets and onions out on a rimmed baking sheet. Reheat in a 350° oven until warm but not hot.
5. Put the arugula in a large bowl, drizzle with enough Shallot Vinaigrette to coat, and toss.

Divide the arugula onto salad plates, top with warm roasted beets and onions, sprinkle with crumbled Gorgonzola and pistachios, and serve.

Shallot Vinaigrette

Ingredients

1/4 cup white wine vinegar	Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper,
1 tsp Dijon mustard	to taste
1 Tbsp minced shallot	1/2–3/4 cup olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced	

Directions

Put the vinegar, mustard, shallot, garlic, salt, and pepper in a blender and process to combine. With the motor running, slowly add the olive oil and process until the vinaigrette is thick and creamy.

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Ingredients

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1 cup cranberries (optional)
2–3 Tbsp Calvados (apple brandy) or apple jack
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp nutmeg
Ginger Gelato (recipe follows)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Spread the butter on the bottom of an ovenproof 10-inch nonstick skillet. Evenly sprinkle the brown sugar over the butter.
3. Toss the apples and cranberries with the Calvados and spices. Arrange the fruit in the skillet, tightly packing the apples and cranberries in concentric circles. The apples may stick up above rim of skillet.
4. Cook over medium heat, without stirring, until the sugar melts and apples start to give off liquid, about 10 minutes. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake on the center rack on top of a piece of foil to catch drips. Bake for about 1 hour. Let cool for 10 to 15 minutes and serve with Ginger Gelato.

Can be made ahead. Let the apples cool completely and then cover and refrigerate in the pan for up to 4 hours. Bring to room temperature and then reheat in a 350° oven for 15 minutes.

Ginger Gelato

Makes about 2 quarts

Ingredients

2 quarts half and half
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup roughly chopped fresh ginger
2 Tbsp pure vanilla extract
1– $\frac{1}{3}$ cups sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
1 cup finely chopped candied ginger

Directions

1. Bring the half and half, fresh ginger, sugar, and salt to just a simmer over moderate heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and let steep for 20 to 30 minutes.
2. Pour the mixture through a sieve into a bowl. Bring to room temperature, add the vanilla, cover, and store in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours and up to overnight.
3. When the ginger-cream is very cold, pour it into an ice cream maker and process according to the manufacturer's directions. You may need to process in two batches. Freezing should take 25 to 35 minutes. In the last few minutes, add the candied ginger. Transfer the gelato to containers and store in the freezer. About 20 to 30 minutes before serving, transfer the gelato to the refrigerator. It will soften slightly and be easier to scoop. ●

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From left: Employees Kristine Dube, Janelle Coombs, Mike Rafus, Theodore Czechowicz, Rudy Perron, Jeffery Mosses, Travis Petrin, Mark Limoges, and Debbie Fowler take time out from the company's Customer Appreciation Day.

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Part of the Community

"We put a human face on the company by getting involved in the community through our presence and participation at company-sponsored events," says Ross Girard, who has been delivering fuel to the customers of Eastern Propane and Oil for the past 18 years. Each June, Girard leaves his position behind the wheel to host—along with all of Eastern's Claremont employees—the company's customers at its annual Customer Appreciation Day & Open House event.

Activities include children's entertainment, music, refreshments, and product displays. Energy consultants are on hand to meet with consumers and discuss their individual energy needs. Visitors are eligible for prize giveaways including tickets to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Does your gas and oil company do this for you?

Janette Coombs, a customer care representative for the past five years, fleshes out the Eastern philosophy: "We show our human face by giving each customer the time they need to express any concerns. Customers want personal attention to discuss bills, deliveries, and usage."

Debbie Fowler, who works in customer care and has been with the company for 20 years, says, "Eastern is very involved in the community and events and making sure customers are happy. Customers like the fact that they can talk to a human and not a machine. We try to make them feel as if they are a part of a family."



Opposite page from top: Janette Coombs, Customer Care; Mark Limoges, Energy Consultant; Rudy Perron, Operations Manager; Cider Berry, Public Relations Director. Center top: Travis Petrin, Service Representative. Below: Jeffrey Mosses, Service Technician. This page, clockwise from top left: Debbie Fowler, Customer Care; Mike Rufus, Warehouse; Kristine Dube, Customer Care; Theodore Czechowicz, Service Representative.

A Bit of History

The word "family" is a key to understanding what makes this company tick. The company is located on the same Main Street site where Limoges Oil & Propane operated for over 60 years. In 2008, Eastern purchased Limoges, a deal made possible by the matching ideals of both companies. Limoges was a family-owned operation, as is Eastern. It was important to both parties to share values as well as business interests. No jobs were lost as a result of the merger.

Eastern Propane & Oil was founded in 1932. With headquarters in Rochester, New Hampshire, Eastern employs more than 320 people to service and supply propane and oil to more than 85,000 residential and commercial customers in communities throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. In February 2010, *LP Gas* magazine ranked Eastern Propane Gas as number 14 in its list of Top 50 Propane Retailers in the U.S.

Listening to Customers

But the business success takes a back seat at the employee-hosted Customer Appreciation Day & Open House. "It's just another way of getting to know our community and to say thank you to our loyal customers," says Felicia LaBranche, sales and marketing coordinator. But it is not just about balloons and ice cream cones. It is a competitive world, and Eastern must deliver more than a feel-good experience. Propane has an environmental story to tell as well. "Measured by carbon footprint, propane is one of the greenest energy

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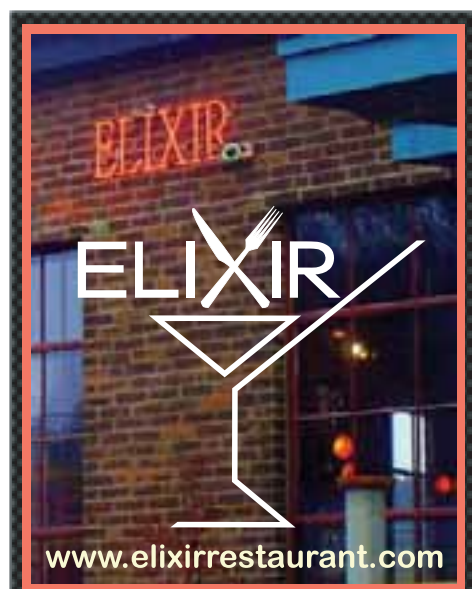
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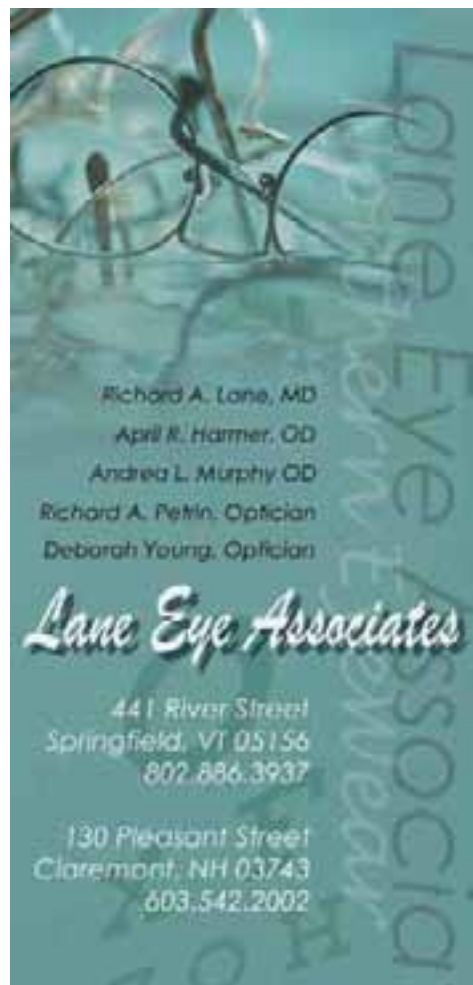
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And as much as people care about the environment, they care about their pocketbooks, too. Rudy Perron, Eastern's Operations Manager and a company veteran of more than 22 years, points out that fuel choice and service provider are not decisions that homeowners take lightly. "According to the Department of Energy, heating and cooling costs represent the greatest energy expense for most U.S. homes—as much as 56 percent of a homeowner's total energy investment. At the same time, the global energy crisis, economic turmoil, and the green movement have motivated today's consumers to become more concerned than ever before about conserving energy, reducing emissions, and protecting



the environment, particularly when making home energy decisions.”

Rudy is also the public face of Eastern, representing the company at local fraternal and trade associations. Like all company employees, he stands at the ready to serve up the hard information to help consumers make informed home heating decisions. But come Customer Appreciation Day, you are more likely to find him serving up hot dogs or ice cream than discussing the price of fuel. ●



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The sold-out kick-off event of the Show House was held at the Juniper Hill Inn in Windsor, Vermont. Guests enjoyed local foods from the kitchens of Juniper Hill Inn. Sponsors Vermont Spirits Vodka and Harpoon Beer provided beverages. Representatives from Mascoma Bank and other major sponsors were present and enjoyed the swing tunes of the East Bay Jazz Ensemble, as did the rest of crowd. Information on upcoming Show House events, sponsors, and beneficiaries or how you can volunteer as well as \$5 raffle tickets for a fabulous trip to the Azores are available online at www.newenglandlivingshowhouse.com.

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in the spotlight

For all its grime, bumps, and bruises, this globe is a Bradford treasure. To purchase it, community members raised funds for almost a year. Once acquired, it was proudly displayed in the lobby of the Bradford National Bank, “the safest place in town,” according to Bradford Historical Society president Larry Coffin. The globe’s image was printed on the bank’s checks.

A Special Globe

The globe bought by the Bradford Historical Society is one of only a handful of first-edition Wilson globes still in existence. It was made in Bradford two centuries ago by James Wilson, the nation’s first commercial globe maker. Wilson’s earliest recorded globe sale is dated January 18, 1810. As Bradford observed the 150th anniversary of Wilson’s achievement by acquiring this aged globe, this year Bradford celebrated its 200th by having the globe superbly restored—an effort again mounted with wide community involvement.

Wilson’s is “a wonderful story of Yankee perseverance and ingenuity,” says Coffin, who has been leading the historical society’s globe project for over three years. Born in Londonderry, New Hampshire, in 1763, James Wilson was 32 years old when he moved to Bradford. That same year, 1795, Wilson made a trip to Hanover to see a pair of globes—one celestial, one terrestrial—at Dartmouth College. According to Wilson lore, the room where the globes were kept was locked when he arrived, and he peered through a keyhole to look at them. The sight of the spheres fired Wilson’s nascent globe-making dream.

Exploring the World

Globes already had a long history by Wilson’s time. Over 200 years earlier, when geographical knowledge burgeoned with voyages of exploration by Magellan, Vasco da Gama, Jacques Cartier, and others, globes came into



fashion. While flat maps serve well to represent small areas, they distort distances on representations of large areas of our spherical earth’s surface. The useful and popular Mercator projections, also developed in 1500s, unavoidably stretch east-west distances in high latitudes, putting arctic Greenland, for example, on geographic steroids. A well-designed globe has little distortion of distances. With a globe, one sees earth as if from space.

The turn of the 19th century was another time of geographic expansion. Captain James Cook and others had recently mapped thousands of coast-

line miles of North and South America, Asia, Australia, and scores of Pacific islands. Lewis and Clark were about to embark on their transcontinental adventure, paddling up rivers, trekking over mountains, and producing over 100 maps along the way. Previously uncharted lands were being explored and described.

“Globes were not a necessity, but Wilson saw the need for them,” says Coffin. Citizens of the young United States were inquisitive and well-read, Coffin notes, and they were curious about the world beyond their hometowns.



Wilson set to work, making his first globe in 1796. "It was just a paper-covered wooden ball with hand-drawn maps," says Coffin. It served to show its maker some of the challenges of his project.

Developing His Craft

Like other multitasking farmers of his time, Wilson tended his herd, had a blacksmith shop, and did woodworking, including making and selling axe handles. As the years ticked by, Wilson also laid the foundation for his globe business. To learn geography, he bought a set

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of *Encyclopedia Britannica*, a new resource, funding the purchase with the sale of livestock. A hearty fellow, Wilson reportedly walked to New Haven, Connecticut, to refine his engraving skills with the aid of Amos Doolittle. Doolittle engraved the plates for the first geography textbook published in the United States. Wilson also travelled on foot to Massachusetts to meet with Jedidiah Morse, the "Father of American Geography," the author of that same text. Back in Bradford, Wilson designed lathes for making spheres and experimented with recipes for inks for printing. His handwritten copy of one still exists.

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jaunt when he first saw the European-made orbs at Dartmouth, Wilson was manufacturing globes. His 13-inch papier mache spheres were coated with a thin layer of plaster and faced with 12 paper gores—curved wedge-shaped pieces—printed with carefully scaled representations of the lands and seas. Wilson held the world as it was known in his time in his hands, and he passed it on to be held by thousands of others.

Wilson read the market right; after his globe's commercial debut, orders flowed in. In 1815, Wilson moved his globe manufacturing business to Albany, New York, where it prospered. In New York, Wilson

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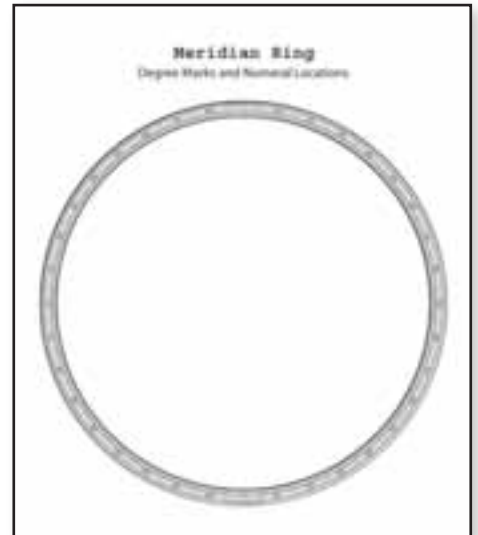


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maintained his Bradford ties, returning often to a new brick home that he built there.

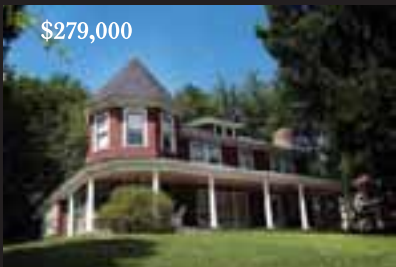
Restoring History

Wilson was fond of Bradford, and Bradford has long been proud of her almost-native son. As the bicentennial of Wilson's globes approached, the Bradford Historical Society recognized that the time had come for the globe to get professional care. The group decided to have the globe restored by the acclaimed Williamstown Art Conservation Center. To raise the needed \$25,000, Coffin and the Historical Society applied for and received several grants, some funding from the town, and contributions from individuals and businesses. They also initiated well-attended geography bees, spirited competitions that attracted dozens of local student and adult teams. The Geo Bees have been so popular that they are continuing; the next one is scheduled for November.

On January 18, 2010, Bradford feted its globe. In the Bradford Academy auditorium, school children sang a Wilson song, a one-man Wilson play was staged, and donors were thanked. Descendants of James Wilson were in town for the festivities. The globe was unveiled in its permanent home in the Bradford

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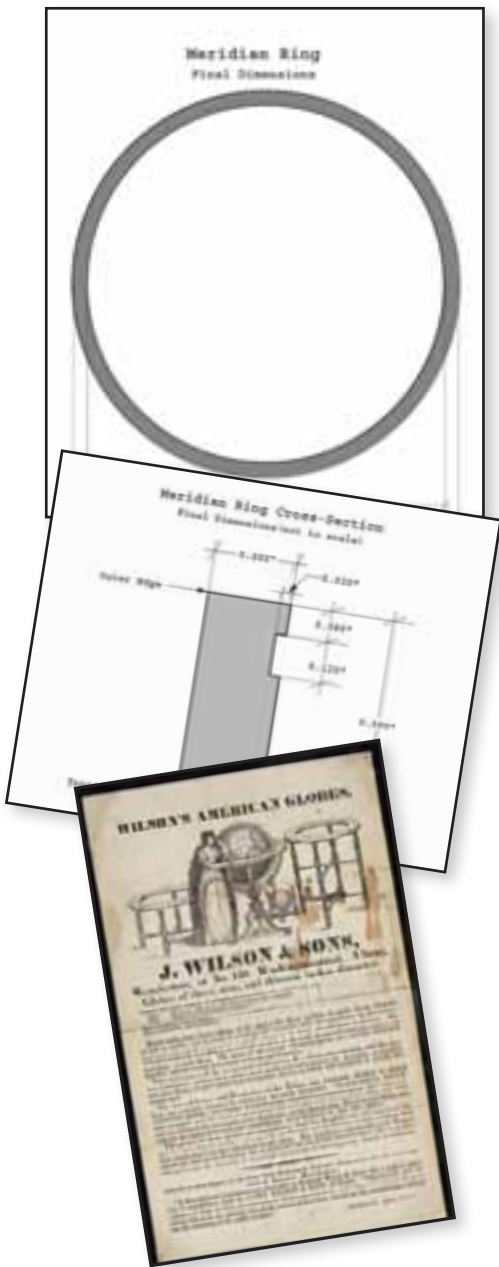
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"No, Wilson didn't put Bradford on the globe," says Coffin, "but he put Bradford on the map." •

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September 14, October 12 & November 9 Knee-High Nature

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September 15

Chemicals in the River

David Deen, River Steward for the Connecticut River Watershed Council for Vermont and

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September 16

Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club

The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Road, Grafton, VT. 10–11:30 am. (802) 843-2111, www.nature-museum.org

September 17

Home School Open House

The Nature Museum at Grafton, 186 Townshend Road, Grafton, VT. 10–11:30 am. (802) 843-2111, www.nature-museum.org

September 17

Astronomy Night

Meet at Grafton Ponds, 783 Townshend Road, Grafton, VT. 7–8 pm. (802) 843-2111, www.nature-museum.org

September 18

WaterWorx Bug Hunt

Meet at the Springfield Public Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield, VT. 10–11 am. (802) 843-2111, www.nature-museum.org

September 23

New Hampshire Hill Country Farm Abandonment

Lecture. Meet at Newbury town offices. 937 Route 103, Newbury, NH. 4 pm. (603) 763-4789, www.thefells.org

September 24–26 & October 1–3

An Evening of One-Act Plays

Old Church Theater, 137 North Main Street, Bradford, VT. www.oldchurchtheater.org

September 24–30

Take a Child Outside Week

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"Double Exposure: Photographing Climate Change"

September 25–November 28

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September 18

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast

Active volunteers from the past year are invited to attend a pancake breakfast hosted by the board of trustees. **9 am**

October 1-2

Fall Foliage Weekend & Harvest Festival

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October 12

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October 14

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October 15-16

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October 24-29

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November 14

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November 25

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October 22


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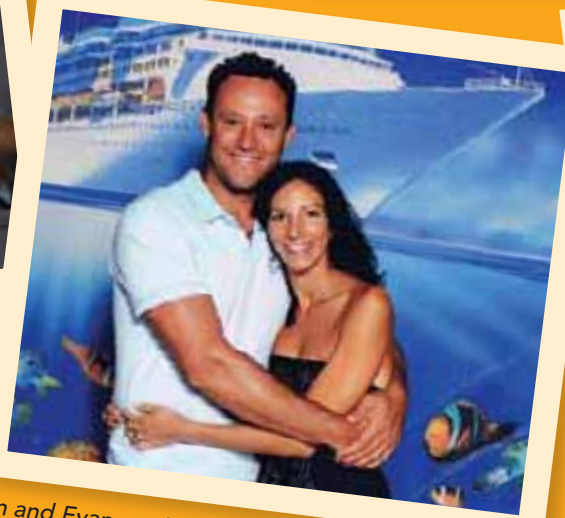
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