



# CORNWALL CHRONICLE

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## The Cornwall Market:

### Worth the Wait?

Admittedly, this cub reporter was very excited to visit the revamped, reconceived, renovated-big-time new Cornwall Market. There was the hype (articles proclaiming its impending opening) and the rumors (chocolate and coffee are a personal-fave combo) and the fantasy (would there be a place to sit? Yes, there are nine seats inside and will be additional spots outside.) Would there be sandwiches, good sandwiches, including breakfast ones, to go? Yes, stuffed to the gills. A restroom? Yes. What about selling Cornwall merch, swag, and local author books? You betcha. What about a mini-WeWork to pen that *Chronicle* article that's on deadline? Possibly outside in the warm weather. A spot to grab the four staples: milk, butter, eggs, and bread PLUS produce and meal centerpieces like a whole chicken? The menu reads: "Our store is our pantry, so all of the ingredients we use are available for purchase." What about a folksy-yet-modern atmosphere a la *Cheers* sans alcohol? Felt like it.

A chat with owner Will Schenk confirmed that this fantasy might just be a reality. "We wanted to create a place where everyone, from essential workers/tradespeo-

ple to full-time residents to weekenders to through-travelers, could easily find something that they want or need in a comfortable, easy-to-navigate space," Will said.

After being welcomed with a double shot of espresso and sent off with homemade cherry soft-serve, this fan wanted to grab a sleeping bag and move in. The hygge-meets-bright-and-white vibe is a perfect addition to the commercial stretch of Route 7 in Cornwall Bridge.

A little taste of what's on offer at the moment: espresso/cappuccino/tea and hot chocolate, bacon egg cheese, carnitas breakfast sandwich, granola parfait, tuna melt, market pulled pork, Philly cheese steak, kimchi chigae cup, curried cauliflower bowl, chicken and wild rice cup. Breakfast sweets: twice-baked croissants, cardamon buns, cinnamon rolls, pumpkin coffee cake, financiers, donuts, brownies, chocolate cookies, araza chocolate tart, tiramisu cruffin, spice pear almond crumb cake, and other droolables are guaranteed to widen your girth this winter.

Most products are homemade in the store's robust kitchen—breads, baked goods, granola, meals-to-go—while Ronny Brook Farm, North Fork Chips, Giv Coffee, and In Pursuit of Tea are among the panoply of beloved brands on the shelves and in the fridge.

So, who's Will? An entrepreneur-dad

who has upstate-downstate-New England roots. He grew up in Binghamton, NY, made a pitstop at Simon's Rock (where he met Cornwall Market chef Tyler Forve) in Great Barrington, landed in NYC where he had —and sold—a software company before moving to Cornwall full time in 2020. His four children are at CCS (a fifth is on the way!).

Cornwall Market is hiring, ([info@cornwallmarket.com](mailto:info@cornwallmarket.com)), and the current hours of operation are Tuesday to Sunday from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Follow @cornwallmarket on Instagram and Facebook for up-to-date intel. —Elizabeth England

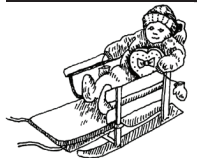
## Domo arigato, Mr. R. Botto

On November 20, 2023, Rocco Botto was sworn in as one of our town's freshman selectmen (along with Jennifer Markow, whose introductory write-up is in last month's *Chronicle*).

Botto hails from the north woods of Maine, where—he asserts—there are probably more moose than people in a given square mile. His 12th-grade graduating class had nine students. The road to becoming a Cornwall selectman started when he attend-

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## FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>This Month:</b> Every Day: StoryWalk® Experience, Library; Mondays: ♦ Integral Qigong/Tai Chi, 10–11 am The Union; Hatha Yoga, 5:30–6:45 pm The Union; Tuesdays: ♦ Owlets Program, 10:30 am–11:30 pm Mohawk; Wednesdays: ♦ Hatha Yoga, 8:30–9:45 pm The Union; ♦ Beginner's Tai Chi, 5–6 pm Town Hall; ♦ Yoga for Healthy Bones, 5–6:15 pm The Union; Thursdays: ♦ All Levels Vinyasa Yoga, 5:30–6:45 pm The Union; ♦ Pickleball, 6–8 pm CCS; Saturdays: ♦ Ice Skating, 7–8 pm Hotchkiss School; Sundays: Hatha Yoga, 9–10:30 am The Union				1 ♦ Economic Development Commission Business Roundtable 9–10 am 366 Furnace Brook Road ♦ Beginner Bridge – Level II Classes 3–5 pm Library	2 ☾	3
4	5 ♦ Cornwall Agricultural Advisory Commission 7:30 pm Town Hall	6 ♦ Inland Wetlands/Water Courses Meeting 7 pm Zoom ♦ Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Zoom/Library	7	8 ♦ Cornwall Food Pantry Information Meeting 10:30 am UCC ♦ Beginner Bridge – Level II Classes 3–5 pm Library ♦ Park & Recreation Meeting 6:30 pm Hybrid/Library	9 ♦ Meghan Elizabeth Kallman & Josephine Ferorelli Author Talk 6:30 pm Library & Zoom	10 ♦ Storytime with Rita Delgado 10:30 am–Noon Library
11	12 ♦ Integral Qigong – Tai Chi 10–11 am The Union	13 ♦ Knitting Group 9:30–11:30 am UCC Parish House ♦ Community/Senior Lunch Noon UCC Parish House ♦ West Cornwall Septic Committee 5 pm Zoom ♦ Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 pm TBD	14 ♦ 2nd Annual Valentine's Evening of Love Poetry 7–9 pm The Union	15 ♦ Deadline: March Chronicle Copy ♦ Beginner Bridge – Level II Classes 3–5 pm Library ♦ Republican Town Comm. Meeting 6–8 pm Trinity Retreat Center ☐ Board of Finance Meeting 7 pm Zoom	16 ☾	17 ♦ All Levels Vinyasa Yoga 9:30 am–10:35 am The Union ♦ Roxana Robinson Author talk: "Leaving" 4–5 pm Library
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25	26 ♦ Integral Qigong – Tai Chi 10–11 am The Union ☐ ZBA* 7 pm Zoom	27 ♦ Community/Senior Breakfast 9 am Parish House ☐ Economic Development Commission Meeting 7:30 pm Zoom	28	29 ♦ FOIA training 10 am Zoom/Library	☐ Event Online ♦ Event In Person	

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ed Hartwick College, where he met his wife-to-be, Iris Hermann, who has deep roots in town. But the young couple first shared life together on Botto's home turf—taking a live-in caretaking job for a house owned by author Stephen King outside of Bangor, Maine. After that experience, they landed a caretaking job that brought them to Cornwall—living in and caring for the “Peterson House” in Cornwall Village.

That's also when Botto got to know Gordon Ridgway—working at the Ridgway farm—a kind of boot camp for the agricultural and cultural landscape of Cornwall.

Over the past 16 years, Botto has jumped into the town fray with wide-eyed enthusiasm. He's served on Park and Rec, in the volunteer fire department, and organized the Little Guild's annual Run and Wag event. He's also served on the Cornwall Housing Corp and the town's website committee, along with being responsible for the latest revamped version of the Cornwall website.

Botto's expertise is in information systems and marketing. After honing his marketing résumé at Cornwall's own 111 Group, headed by Janet Carlson, he currently serves as the marketing manager for Berkshire Corporation, a manufacturer of high-end specialty industrial and medical cleaning supplies in Great Barrington. His wife, Iris, is also involved in town, volunteering in a number of capacities, notably as a longtime member and current vice-chair of the school board. They've got three kids—all at CCS.

Cornwall suits his hobbies too. He's a snowboarder and avid runner, clocking 40 miles a week and over 2,000 miles in 2023. Most people's New Year's resolutions are not as ambitious.

Asked about why he wanted to run for selectman, he enthusiastically says he feels “called to serve.” He hopes his marketing experience can be an asset to the Economic Development Committee, to which he has recently been appointed as Board of Selectmen representative, but the issue he's most excited to help with is affordable housing. With a young family, it's an issue that he knows about firsthand.

So...the title of the article—Domo arigato, Mr. R. Botto—is a play on the famous 80s pop song “Mr. Roboto”—but not just the name, since Domo arigato is Japanese for thank you. Thank you, Mr. Botto, for an already long record of volunteer work with the town, and here's wishing you good luck as you take on even more!  
—Bill McClane

## A Time to Dance

Cooped up by the winter blahs? Have a hankering to shed that feeling? Why not try

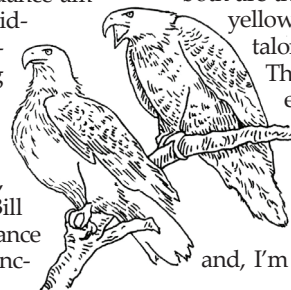
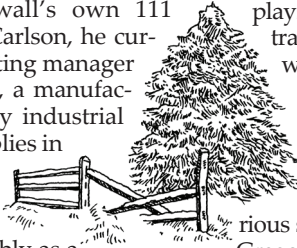
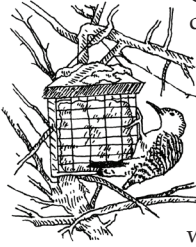
shaking a leg to some high-intensity fiddle music from Cornwall's own country dance band, Relatively Sound?

Cornwall's monthly Saturday night dance is the revival of a town tradition sparked some 20 years ago by singer-songwriter Lorraine Choiniere Hammond, a Cornwall native. With a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Lorraine taught the basics of fiddle music to the classically trained violinist Rachel Gall, who in turn inspired Jane Prentice (and eventually her concertina-playing husband, Jim), guitarist Kathy Lyon, and pianist Debra Tyler to practice with regular jam sessions. In time, Rachel declared the fiddle music good enough for the group to hold a dance. The music makers acquired a name—Still, the Homegrown Band, town hall was made available, Debra Tyler's nonprofit Motherhouse agreed to become the sponsor, a caller was recruited, and Cornwall's regular dances were born.

Relatively Sound evolved out of Still, the Homegrown Band during Cornwall's Covid interlude, with Jim's brother Mike Prentice (bass) and his wife, Shaila, (snare and Irish drum) joining the Prentices, as well as Ren Nickson on guitar and bouzouki. The band plays both 200-year-old New England traditional Scotch-Irish folk tunes, as well as new melodies that are constantly evolving. Key to a successful dance is the caller. Dances sometimes feature such legendary callers as New Hampshire's Dudley Laufman. But when 2024's first serious snowstorm kept West Hartford's Jim Gregory from the January 6 dance, Rachel Gall stepped in to direct the small crew of dancers who showed up at Cornwall's town hall despite the snow.

New England barn dances have been an important community activity for generations. According to Jim, his mother, Maureen, claimed that when she was growing up in the 1930s and '40s, dances in Cornwall and neighboring towns were so frequent that she could go dancing five nights a week. Reluctance to look awkward shouldn't keep anyone away. We've all been there—even veteran caller Paul Rosenberg, who was so shy that at his first contradance he spent the whole time hiding in the rest room. Band members estimate that newcomers account for about one-fourth of the dancers on any given Saturday night. All levels of experience, and all ages are welcome.

Making sure everyone is included in the fun is the special province of “dance ambassador” Bill Lyon, Kathy's widower. One Halloween night several years ago a group of young punksters who'd come in search of Dudleytown caught sight of the lights in town hall and turned up in full regalia—studs, chains, and all. Sure enough, Bill lured one of the girls onto the dance floor, and soon everyone was danc-



## Welcome

Elizabeth Liebrecht Zeiser  
to Jane Carlen and John Zeiser

## Goodbye to Friends

Theresa S. Carlson  
Dorothy M. Cass  
Susan Klaw  
Sally Ann O'Shaughnessy  
Robert Andrew Parker  
Lisa Lansing Simont

## Congratulations

Sara de Neergaard Buck and Arlene Joy Santos

## Land Transfers

Estate of Martha Scoville Fetherolf Loutfi  
to Robert E. and Stephanie Mahoney, two  
parcels of land with improvements thereon at 23  
Stone Hill Road, for \$640,000.

Karen W. Smart and Kristopher T. Waters to  
Roy Goldstein, 16.869 acres of land on Whitcomb  
Hill Road, for \$150,000.

ing. The group even came back to the dance a month later.

For regular updates, consult the Motherhouse Facebook page. Also check out the Cornwall Historical Society's webpage devoted to its 2018 exhibit, “Ballads and Barn Dances: Cornwall's Homegrown Music.”

—Paul De Angelis

## The White-Headed Kleptoparasite

My parents had a running argument over the body of water at the foot of Cream Hill. My mother (who had come to Cornwall all her life) called it a lake. My father (who had only come since 1933, when he married a Scoville) called it a pond.

This lake (I'm on my mother's team) now hosts a year-round pair of bald eagles. My father, who was a birder, would have been glad to see them: in my childhood, eagles were scarce, but after DDT was banned, the population rebounded. Now eagles are not quite common, but they're no longer astonishing.

Our bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is not, of course, bald: “Leuco” means white, and “cephalus” means head. (“Haliaeetus” means sea eagle.) Our eagles are statesman-like in appearance, with their bright white heads and tails, and their sober brown plumage. Males and females have identical coloring, though the females are larger. Striking in both are the fierce yellow eyes, the hooked yellow beak, and the muscular, yellow taloned feet.

The bald eagle is arguably the largest true raptor in North America, with a wing-span of up to seven feet. He's an opportunistic predator who dines mostly on fish, but also on reptiles, crustaceans, small mammals, carrion, and, I'm sorry to report, other birds. He

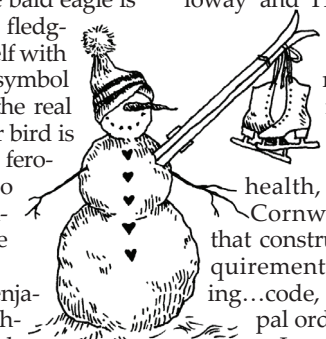


often attacks in mid-air, striking his prey with outstretched feet. Each foot has three toes with large, sharp talons. The two front toes hold the prey immobile while the flexible hind toe, rather gruesomely, pierces vital spots in the prey's body. Our local eagles eat fish and carrion—deer fallen on the ice are a favorite—but they're also on the watch for migrating ducks, who land on this quiet water thinking they're safe for the night. Eagles go after others' dinners as well: they are kleptoparasitic. They chase other predators—other raptors, foxes, and coyotes—away from their kills. Eagles also steal chicks, though smaller birds, (enraged parents), will mob the eagles and drive them off.

The official story is that the bald eagle is our national bird because our fledgling (sorry) country aligned itself with the Roman Republic, whose symbol was the eagle. But we know the real reason: it's the frown. No other bird is so serious, so forbidding, so ferociously intent on his mission. No other bird could scowl so convincingly for the USPS. Imagine if we'd chosen the turkey.

Not everyone agreed. Benjamin Franklin wrote his daughter, "For my own part, I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen the representative of our country. He is a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly...he is a rank coward."

Morals aside, I was glad to learn one thing: since fish make up half their diet, eagles are reliably found near large bodies of water—big lakes, estuaries, the sea. Not ponds. I found no mention of eagles nesting near ponds. It is always lakes. I hope my mother reads this. —Roxana Robinson



Peter's education and career started decades earlier, however. At only 5, he was working on his grandfather's dairy farm on Town Street, clearing brush, or hauling and stacking wood for \$1.75 a week. By age 6, he was guiding cows into their stanchions, feeding them hay, and getting machines ready for milking. At 8, he was milking the cows himself. Later, he broadened his skills at Oliver Wolcott Technical School in its carpentry program, helping to build two houses by senior year. After graduation, he started getting other construction projects, while still helping on the farm, which he took over full time by 1993.

Peter still raises cross-breed Belted Galloway and Hereford cattle on that same farm, but has pared down the farm work to focus on his new responsibilities. While he misses building, he likes his new job too. His official mission includes protecting "the health, safety and welfare of the Cornwall Community by ensuring that construction...conforms to...the requirements of the Connecticut Building...code, regulations and local municipal ordinances."

Less formally, though, Peter explains, his goal is to "communicate and patiently help." Some Connecticut towns short of building officials require inspections to be finished in only six minutes. Here in Cornwall, thankfully, we can move a little slower. "I'm not even done saying 'hello' in six minutes," Peter laughs.

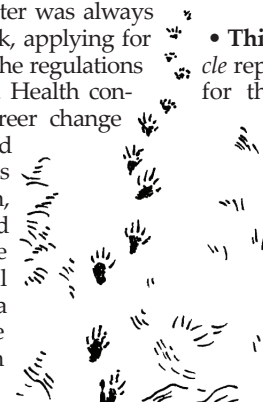
Another goal is to make information and forms available online, streamline a digital document submission process, and be available to answer questions. Peter's wife, Barbara, helps out in the office too, corralling the paperwork like Peter corralled the cattle on the farm.

As they organize, possibly digitize, and thin out files, Peter is making most documents and plans of properties available to their owners, where legally permitted. Email [bldginspection@cornwallct.gov](mailto:bldginspection@cornwallct.gov) or call 672-0711 to collect your documents. But don't delay. He hopes to make room for new projects by the beginning of April. After that, those hands will start to "clear the brush," as he learned long ago. —Ben Lesch

**Farm to Office**

Looking at Peter Russ's rugged hands, you might be surprised to find them mostly hovering over a keyboard, sorting through documents, or rifling through people's construction plans. These are the hands of our new Cornwall building official, but they seem almost overkill for the civic tasks required.

Peter took over for 20-year veteran Paul Prindle last August, after working for most of his career as a farmer, highly skilled carpenter, and builder. But as Paul reached retirement, he approached Peter about taking over his post. Until that point, Peter was always on the other side of that desk, applying for work permits or navigating the regulations for his construction projects. Health concerns, however, made a career change necessary, so Peter explored home inspection, took courses on commercial construction, regulation, and oversight, and eventually completed the Connecticut building official program, including passing a brutal six-hour exam. The Board of Selectmen hired him almost immediately.



**Briefs**

• **Thirty years ago this month** the *Chronicle* reported on the completion of site work for the new Cornwall Child Center on Cream Hill Road. Fundraising auctions had been held in 1992 and 1993 with a goal of \$100,000 and in March of 1993, a 99-year lease was signed with the town for two acres at what was described as "Gannett Park." Opening day came in January 1995. For 20 years before that the child center had been housed at the UCC Parish House.

**Letter to the Chronicle**

**TAKING OVER A CORNWALL CHILDHOOD HOME**

Sometime in high school in the late 1950s, my late mother, Joelle Sander, attended an international camp on the same lake as Camp Sloan in Lakeville. She loved it. When she married my late father, Dr. Fred Sander, a Holocaust refugee from Germany, she told him that she wanted them to buy a large farmhouse in the Lakeville area on a dead-end road with a gorgeous view. In 1970, when I was one-year old, my parents bought 27 Cherry Hill Road in West Cornwall from the Hedden family, which fit that exact description. They did so for \$30,000 with two loans from my mother's parents and my father's friend Dave Diamond. From then on, my brother Steve enjoyed fishing for bass on Cream Hill Lake and fly fishing on the Housatonic. When he applied for jobs on Wall Street, "Stephen Sander Fly Tying Business," caught the eye of a PaineWebber MD, and his Wall Street career took off.

I spent many weekends and summers at our house, playing tennis at CHLA, spending lots of time with my best friends Quincy and Patrick Horan, and finally learning to swim. My father often asked me to help him replace storm/screen windows, mow the lawn, go with him to the dump, help him in the attic, paint our back porch etc. I didn't understand back then, that these would be some of the most meaningful times with him.

After he passed in 2015, I shared the house with my mom. Although we could feel my dad's absence always, my mom's new companion Robin MacNeil, the wonderful PBS NewsHour founder, famous Grouse Scotch fan, and wonderful storyteller and conversationalist, spent seven years with us. He helped numb the pain of my father's loss because my mom had a companion and was happy.

After my mom's very late-stage cancer diagnosis in late July 2023, I knew she would not live long, and this glorious house would be left to me, thanks to my generous brother Steve. On November 4, 2023, my mother passed peacefully in her NYC apartment and 27 Cherry Hill Road was now mine to treasure, and make my own, as my parents wanted. Although there have certainly been sad and very blue moments since, my profound feeling is gratitude, gratitude, gratitude, for my parents' wonderful taste and vision to know that West Cornwall would be an extraordinary place to live. —Jason Sander

- **Little Guild Move.** Fill was excavated from the new kennel site next to the existing facility and transported to Foote Field where it was used to level the ground for those trailers you see, which will temporarily house the dogs and cats while construction is under way. Actual demolition and construction will begin on the new site in April.
- **With any luck,** the Popple Swamp/Furnace Brook bridge repairs have been done,

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and the Essex Hill "landslide" repairs well along if not done, all weather permitting. But the weather looked promising as of mid-January. Brook and groundwater levels were still too high for repairs to start on the River Road retaining wall; looks more likely for a finish this or next month.

—Tom Barrett & Bill Goulet

## Events & Announcements

**The Assessor's Office** is accepting applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners program from February 1 to May 15. Applicants must be at least 65 or 100% disabled and a homeowner in the town of Cornwall. The income limit is \$43,800 for individuals and \$53,400 for married couples. Contact the assessor's office for an application at [cwlassessor@optonline.net](mailto:cwlassessor@optonline.net).

**Beginner Bridge, Second Level:** taught by Gary Steinkohl, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 3 to 5 P.M. at the Cornwall Library. Register at [garysteinkohl@gmail.com](mailto:garysteinkohl@gmail.com). \$36 for the four-class series.

### At the Cornwall Library

Meghan Elizabeth Kallman and Josephine Ferorelli will discuss their book *The Conceivable Future: Planning Families and Taking Action in the Age of Climate Change*, on Friday, February 9, at 6:30 P.M. and Zoom. Kallman is a professor at the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development at UMass Boston. Ferorelli is a writer from Chicago. Register at [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org).

Storytime with Rita Delgado, Saturday, February 10, from 10:30 A.M. until noon. Jump into a magical book-filled interactive reading.

Roxana Robinson and Gillian Blake will discuss Robinson's new novel, *Leaving*, on Saturday, February 17, at 4 P.M. Robinson is an award-winning novelist, biographer, and essayist. Blake is editor-in-chief at Crown Publishing. Books available for sale/signing. Register at [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org).

Storybook Walk: Interact with the first StoryWalk® experience, a project developed by Anne Ferguson, and enjoy *Over and Under*

*the Snow* by Kate Messner on display posts in sequence around the library grounds. As you stroll around, you'll be directed to the next pages of the story, encouraging family discussions, and outdoor adventures. Continues through March.

**Director of Social Services** Becky Hurlburt will attend the Cornwall Woman's Society February meeting to provide information and answer questions about the Cornwall Food Pantry on Thursday, February 8, at 10:30 A.M. in the UCC Parish House. It is a free program and open to all.

### Park and Recreation

Senior Lunch, Tuesday, February 13, at 12 P.M., UCC Parish House.

Community Social Hour, Wednesday, February 21, from 3 to 4 P.M., UCC Parish House.

Hartford Flower Show trip, Friday, February 23, from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Space is limited.

Family Movie Night, showing *Leo*, rated PG, Saturday, February 24, from 5 to 8 P.M. at town hall.

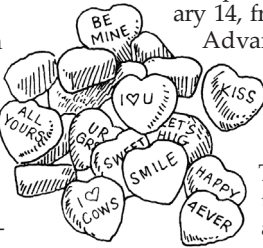
Community Senior Breakfast, Tuesday, February 27, 9 A.M. UCC Parish House. RSVP by February 23.

Pickleball for Adults (over 18), CCS, Thursdays, from 6 to 8 P.M.

Ice Skating, Hotchkiss School, Saturdays from 7 to 8 P.M.

Contact/Register: [park.recreation@cornwall.gov](mailto:park.recreation@cornwall.gov) or 860-480-0600.

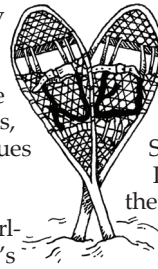
**Valentine's Evening of Love Poetry** will take place at the Union, Wednesday, February 14, from 7 to 9 P.M. Sign up at 6:30 P.M. Advance sign-up at: [Arshagra@gmail.com](mailto:Arshagra@gmail.com). Ages 18 and up. Free.



**The Cornwall Republican Town Committee** will hold a meeting at Trinity Center, February 15, from 6 to 8 P.M. All registered Republicans are invited. Refreshments provided.

**Trivia Night** will be played by teams up to six on February 18, from 5 to 8 P.M. at the library. Email [cornwallassociationinc@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallassociationinc@gmail.com) to register.

**The 2023 Grand List** will soon be complete. To appeal a real estate assessment, apply to the Board of Assessment Appeals in writing on or before February 20. Applications are available with the town clerk or the assessor.



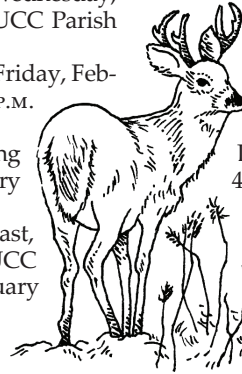
### Art in Cornwall

"Complexity and Emergence," new meditative artwork by Béla Selendy, February 24 to April 6 at the Cornwall Library. Opening reception Saturday, February 24, at 5 P.M.

In the UCC Parish House, "The Art of the Stitch and Needle," continues until February 29. The work of Beth Dinneen, Eileen Gargan, Susan Hellmann, Jen Markow, Dana Saccardi, and Susan Saccardi can be viewed Monday to Thursday, from 9 A.M. to noon, Sundays from 10 A.M. to noon, and by appointment.

The National Iron Bank displays watercolors by Robert Adzema through February.

The Toll House displays works by Don Bracken, Soubi Boski, Kari Lonning, Jon Riedeman, and Pamela Szytbel through February.



**FOIA training** with State Freedom of Information Commission, Thursday, February 29, at 10 A.M. Zoom and at Cornwall Library. Contact Jane Hall at 672-4959 or [assistant@cornwallct.gov](mailto:assistant@cornwallct.gov).

### Wellness Co-op at the Union

has yoga classes five days a week. Check The Local website calendar for dates, times, instructors, and styles.

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The *Chronicle* mourns the loss of Lisa Lansing Simont, who died on December 24, 2023. Lisa served as writer, editor, and director of the *Chronicle* for almost 33 years (since its second issue in March of 1991), including two years as president. She was a professional in the best sense of the word, always available to help train and advise new members, and absolutely someone you could count on to come through on almost any task.

### THIS MONTH

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