

# The Blandford Bugle

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BLANDFORD: GOOD HOMES, GOOD NEIGHBORS, GOOD FUN.

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## Hollyhock Lane

*Anonymous*

There's a beautiful street called hollyhock lane  
That is lovelier far than castles in Spain.  
I'm sure I have been there, I wish that I knew  
How to get back, but I don't know, do you?  
I saw it so plainly one day long ago  
When my very first garden was starting to  
grow.  
I couldn't have dreamed it – I wasn't in bed –  
But the road that I traveled on seems to have  
fled.  
I wish I could visit there year after year  
But I can't find the way, isn't it queer?



There were generous children with welcoming  
words,  
The gardens and borders and flowers and birds.  
I'll never forget all the beautiful sights;  
Each lovely garden was full of delights.  
Hollyhock Lane was all color and fun,  
But they said their gardens were only begun.  
But since I can't take you by auto or plane,  
To show you the gardens of Hollyhock Lane,  
I'll write down the stories of each lovely spot  
And keep up the search for the road I forgot.

*from the July 24, 1936 issue of The Bugle*

## Serious Summer Musings from years gone by

Once there was a news column titled "Here  
and There," which resembled a former "Rambling  
'Round" column of a more recent era.

The former cited bits of news, rumor or inter-  
esting events from Blandford, its people, its friends  
and environs.

More notable is a particular item about  
picketing:

Would anyone believe that in this small town  
of Blandford, we could have pickets? Any-  
one passing Palmer's Garage on Thursday  
would have seen two men pacing up and  
down in front of the gasoline pumps, holding  
signs reading as follows: THIS SHOP IS  
UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR. There  
is no reason for their coming up in these  
hills...they have already given the cities  
enough trouble. Someone should find some  
way to stop the activities of such men.

L.A.S.

Another item, in 1936, made note that there  
had been state troopers on the village street—Main  
Street—and on one morning alone had handed out 18  
traffic violations for speeding. Apparently the speed  
limit at that time was 30 miles an hour. And as though  
confirming that speed is truly dangerous, the writer  
cited several cars in Palmer's garage that had been in-  
volved in accidents or collisions.

But perhaps one of the best items was an ad for  
caddy service at The Blandford Club: 20 cents for nine  
holes!

There were movies shown in the auditorium of  
the Deane building with an admission price of 25  
cents—complete with door prizes! And the film in-  
cluded a news reel as well as a cartoon with each pro-  
gram.

## Town Wide Tag Sale

Blandford's Town Wide Tag Sale is set for July 20 and 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can work out a plan for those people that only want to participate for one day out of the weekend so don't worry if you should you see two dates listed.

Please talk to your Blandford friends and neighbors about doing a tag sale of their own. I'm sure that once people find out their neighbor or friend is in on the fun, they will join too. Just remind everybody that in order to get "on the map" they have to send their address to *The Bugle* as soon as possible. We already have eight addresses on the map!

How it works: After I've heard from everyone that wants to be included, an easy to read map of the town is created with each participating house shown. (I'll do that) Maps will be available at the general store and other public places in advance and on the day of the event. No names or addresses will be placed on the internet, paper maps only. This would be advertised on any/every free site (ie. Craigslist, MassLive, etc)

There is no charge to participate but it will be helpful if we all use the same attention getter: balloons tied to the mailbox or near the end of the driveway. Yes, the attention getter is in conjunction with the map. This is especially useful for people who live at the end of a long driveway and cannot be seen from the road.

Since advertising is almost instant, we can run the ads a week ahead of time, if it's a terrible weather



weekend it's easy to post a cancellation or postponement. The rain date will be the following weekend, July 27 and 28.

## Clean-up Our Roads!

Anyone interested in helping to clean-up trash along our roads please contact Pat Hebert at 848-2835. She has a truck and will take suggestions as to which roads to work on.



**Please remember to cover your trash securely with a tarp on the way to the dump if you have a pick-up truck and help keep our roads clean!**

## Earth Day Clean-up

Thank you to all those who helped with our Watson Park West-Gate clean-up. We had some excellent helpers who really worked hard and accomplished a great deal of work!



Families Miller, Dion and Letendre in Watson Park, April 20.

## Blandford Sports

This year's Memorial Day marks the 12th annual Gateway Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Many Gator teams enjoy playing in this tournament, even if the weather is not always the best.

One of the notable Gateway teams this year was the U11 girls' team. They reached the semifinal game, but lost 1-0 on a back and forth battle. Fifth-grader Nina Iglesias says "there were a lot of close calls, and we played a good game."

In baseball Little League is in full swing this time of year. For the majors division Blandford owns a 6-0 record and if they stay on pace, will be in the playoffs. The coach for Blandford is town resident Jared Heeter. When I asked who might be a standout player on his team he responded "it is really a team effort, and everyone plays really well together." The best of luck goes out to the Blandford team!

*Denver Yost*

## Library News

**Broadband:** high speed internet access will be available at the beginning of July!

**Seed Exchange:** visit the Library for details on the exchange. Books are available on seed collecting.

### Summer Reading Program *Dig Into Reading!*

You are invited to join the Porter Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program for five weeks of summertime fun! This summer's theme, *Dig Into Reading*, is about the wonders under our feet. Lets jump in and explore root vegetables, buried treasure, animals who make the earth their home, ancient civilizations, dinosaur bones and more.

The programs are free and open to all children between the ages of three to ten-years-old.

Our program will be held each Wednesday from July 10 through August 7, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend every Wednesday or any Wednesdays that fit your schedule. Healthy Snacks will be provided.

Two special guests will perform. We welcome award winning songwriter Jay Mankita who will be bringing along his musical petting zoo on July 24 and puppeteer extraordinaire, Meredyth Babcock on August 7.

Please sign your child up at the library today!

## Toddler Time



Toddler Time provides one hour a week for toddlers and parents to get together to play and socialize. Cara Letendre, a certified special education teacher, runs the program. The hour consists of story time, sing-alongs and play.

***We are looking for feedback as to the best day to run the program. If you have a child you would like to bring please email Cara at [caramisslynn@yahoo.com](mailto:caramisslynn@yahoo.com) and let her know if Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays are best for you. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will begin the week of June 9.***

## Vegetable Exchange

Did you end up with more zucchini than you can stand? Bring a few up to the library on a Thursday and exchange them for another vegetable. Or just drop them off and share the wealth!



### Grandma's Apron

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few and because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons required less material. But along with that it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls.

In the autumn the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.



# Blandford Events Calendar




June	2013	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Woodford Way New Album Now Available!</b>            CD Release Party June 1st            Iron Horse Theater, Northampton            7:00 p.m. Acoustic &amp; 10:00 p.m. Full Band            tickets for each show available at the door            Cd "There &amp; Back" available on iTunes</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Library open 5-8 p.m.	Knitting Club at the Library 2-4 p.m. Library open 1 - 8 p.m.		Library open 1-8 p.m.	Library open 5-8 p.m. Blandford Club open for Dinner 5:00-9:00 p.m..	Library open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Otis Farmer's Market 9a.m.- 1p.m.
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Happy Father's Day!	Library open 5-8 p.m.	Knitting Club at the Library 2-4 p.m. Library open 1 - 8 p.m.		Library open 1-8 p.m.	Library open 5-8 p.m. Blandford Club open for Dinner 5:00-9:00 p.m..	Library open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Otis Farmer's Market 9a.m.- 1p.m.
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<b>Get your Russell Pond passes at the Russell Town Hall!</b>	1		2 <b>Knitting Club</b> at the Library 2-4 p.m. <b>Library open</b> 1 - 8 p.m.	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> <b>Library open</b> 1-8 p.m.	5 <b>Library open</b> 5-8 p.m. Blandford Club open for Dinner 5:00- 9:00 p.m..	6 <b>Library open</b> 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Otis Farmer's Market 9a.m.- 1p.m.
7	8 <b>Library open</b> 5-8 p.m.	9 <b>Knitting Club</b> at the Library 2-4 p.m. <b>Library open</b> 1 - 8 p.m.	10 <b>Library Summer Reading Program</b> 10:00-11:30 a.m.	11 <b>Library open</b> 1-8 p.m.	12 <b>Library open</b> 5-8 p.m. Blandford Club open for Dinner 5:00- 9:00 p.m..	13 <b>Opera at The White Church</b> <b>Library open</b> 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Otis Farmer's Market 9a.m.- 1p.m.	
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28 <b>Tag Sale Rain Date</b>	29	30 <b>Knitting Club</b> at the Library 2-4 p.m. <b>Library open</b> 1 - 8 p.m.	31 <b>Library Summer Reading Program</b> 10:00-11:30 a.m.	 <p><b>Falls Brook Farm</b> 39 Herrick Road · Blandford, MA 01001</p> <p><b>Fresh Eggs!</b> Pygora yarn from our own herd. Open Wednesday through Sunday 8 am to 6 pm. 413.848.2846 · <a href="mailto:FallsBrookFarm@verizon.net">FallsBrookFarm@verizon.net</a> <a href="http://www.FallsBrookFarm.com">www.FallsBrookFarm.com</a></p>			



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August	2013	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p><b>Knittell Conservation Area Trails</b></p> <p>Just a reminder that there are some beautiful trails to walk/run right in your own back yard! Trails are kid friendly. Maps can be found on the town website <a href="http://townofblandford.com">townofblandford.com</a> on the Recreation Committee's page as well as at the Blandford Store. Plans are in the works to possibly add some fitness stations to the trails. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please call Chuck Benson at 848-1410.</p>						
4	5 Library open 5-8 p.m.	6 Knitting Club at the Library 2-4 p.m. Library open 1 - 8 p.m.	7 Library Summer Reading Program 10:00-11:30 a.m. Puppeteer Meredyth Babcock	8 Library open 1-8 p.m.	9 Library open 5-8 p.m. Blandford Club open for Dinner 5:00- 9:00 p.m..	10 Library open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Otis Farmer's Market 9a.m.- 1p.m.
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## The Nineteenth Annual Bel Canto Opera Concert

The Blandford Historical Society announced that the Nineteenth Annual Bel Canto Opera performance has been scheduled for Saturday evening, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. at The White Church of Blandford.

Once again, this year Eve Queler, Music Director Emerita of Opera Orchestra of New York, and Douglas Martin, accompanist, will present an outstanding performance.



Eve Queler



Douglas Martin

Maestro Queler's selected vocalists will sing selections from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Bizet's *Carmen*, Puccini's *La Boheme*, Verdi's *La Traviata* and more.

This year's vocalists will be Elise Brancheau, soprano, Lara Secord-Haid, soprano, Diego Silva, tenor and Gustavo Feulien, baritone.

A New Jersey native, Elise Brancheau is an apprentice artist at the Caramoor Bel Canto Festival. Her recent credits include Sofia in Verdi's *I Lombardi* with the Opera Orchestra of New York, Mimi in *La Boheme* and Micaela in *Carmen*, both with the Long Iland Opera, and soloist in 7AM: di Mattina, a new experimental theater piece with Pioneers Go East collective. She has multiple operatic performances at Mannes college The New School for Music, where she earned her master's degree in vocal performance. She premiered the title rold of Jan Albert's opera, *Kiyo*, and performed as Rapunzel in *Into the Woods* at Westminster Choir College where she received her bachelor's degree in vocal performance.

Lara Secord-Haid of Winnepeg has been praised by the New York Times for her "flinty acuity." Last year she performed with the New Juilliard Ensemble in Alice Tully Hall in New York City. While at the New England Conservatory, she sang as Daria in Donizetti's *Viva la Mamma*, Celie in Pasatieri's *Signor Deluso* and Mme. Silberklag in Mozart's *The Impresario*.



Elise Brancheau

A recitalist with the Winnipeg Symphony orchestra's summer concert series for several years, she performed Howard Blake's *The Bear* in 2009. She is a recipient of a Manitoba Arts Council grant and has recently received an encouragement award from the Giulio

Gari Foundation.

She is a May graduate from Juilliard with a Master of Music.

Gustavo Feulien made his operatic debut as *Don Giovanni* in his native Argentina in 2006 where he also performed Germont in *La Traviata* and Figaro in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*. Upcoming performances in 2013 include the Faure *Requiem* for his Carnegie Hall debut and Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* at the Festival of the Aegean and Belcore in *L'Elisir d'amore* with Opera de Puerto Rico.

He won first prize at Il Trovatore International Competition in San Juan Opera, Argentina, and was a semi-finalist at Hans Gabor Belvedere International Competition and Francisco Viñas Competition and he was finalist at Montserrat Caballé's International Vocal Competition. He won the local rounds in the Neue Stimmen Competition and was chosen by an international jury to represent Argentina at Competizione dell'Opera 2008 in Dresden.



Lara Secord-Haid

Mexican tenor Diego Silva is a second-year resident artist at the Academy of Vocal Arts (AVA), Philadelphia. He recently performed with Opera Hispanica in New York City and as *Lensky* in *Eugene Onegin* with AVA. Among his awards and achievements are an encouragement award from the Gerda Lissner Foundation International Vocal Competition in 2012, second place in the Mario Lanza Institute Scholarship in 2012, and first prize along with the *special and public prize* of the Carlo Morelli Singing Competition in 2007.

In addition to *Lensky*, at AVA, he has also sung *Count Almaviva* in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and *Nemorino* in *L'elisir d'amore*. Mr. Silva received the Placido Domingo Scholarship from Sociedad Internacional de Valores del Arte Mexicano. He studied at The Curtis Institute of Music and will continue at AVA.



Gustavo Feulien

Tickets are \$35 each and are available by sending a check payable to the White Church Preservation Fund to Opera Tickets, P. O. Box 35, Blandford, MA 01008.



Diego Silva

Please note that there is only open Seating and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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