

# ROUND LAKE NEWSLETTER

March/April, 2013

## FROM THE MAYOR:

Just a reminder to all, when you are traveling on the highway and see a car with a flashing blue or green light please move over and let them pass. A blue light indicates a fireman responding to a fire call and a green light is an ambulance person who is responding to help someone in distress. Remember, it could be a member of your family. Please be observant and be a responsible person.

It would be greatly appreciated by our volunteers.

Our village office is a very busy and social place. We appreciate everyone stopping in to say “Hi” or to do business. However in order to catch up on our work (which at times seems overwhelming) we are going to have new hours. We will be open to all every work day from 8am to 12 noon and will be available but the office will be closed from 1-4pm.

**FROM THE CLERK:**

**2013 Village Election Notice.**

**The polling place for the 2013 Round Lake Village Election, District 3, will be the Village Community Room, 49 Burlington Avenue. The hours the polls will be open are 12 noon to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.**

**The candidates for Trustee in the upcoming election are Thomas Bergin and Dominick DeLorio. Both incumbents are running unopposed.**

**Voter registration day is Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Village Community Room.**

**Absentee ballot applications are available in the village office. The absentee ballots are for residents who will be absent from the village during the hours the polls are open. The reasons for requesting an absentee application are occupation, vacation, illness, physical disability or hospital patient. If you have any questions, please call or stop in the office.**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Mark your calendar : April 27<sup>th</sup> is clean up day in the village. Watch for further details.**

**If you are picking up downed branches after the wind storms and the winter, please do not put them in the road. Put the branches on the edge of or near the road.**

**DO NOT put anything in the storm drains. They lead to our waterways and we are the only ones that can protect our streams and lake.**

## Out and About: Round Lake Nature Notes March 2013

By Diane Shapiro

Dressed warmly in snowsuits, hats, mittens, and boots, a hearty group of four year olds, their parents, grandparents, nannies, and younger siblings have joined me outdoors for Green Hour. It is an opportunity to get fresh air, exercise, see friends and find out what winter has to offer us. We have gone sledding on the hill and experienced the usual thrills and spills. Avoiding the gully of water at the bottom is a real challenge! A couple of times we have used sand castle molds, buckets, and shovels to make frosty snow castles, decorating them with natural materials and bird seed.

At Green hour we have learned that the snow tells a story about what animals have been around by the tracks they've left behind. We've found crow, cat, dog, fox, and our own tracks in the snow. The group thought they had come across large bear tracks but learned that melting and refreezing snow changes the size and shape of tracks. The big tracks were probably a dog's. We've made snow angels, used Zelak's snowball maker, and invented a flat snowman!

One day, running out of time and snow, Zach still wanted to make a snowman. Suddenly, I got the idea to take a bucket and press the rim of it into the snow. I made three rings and had the outline of the snowman/woman. The group was down on the snow decorating the snowman in no time. Eyes, nose, mouth, and buttons were easy to press on. We added a scarf and some pine bough arms. Voila! If you are pinched for time or the snow is not of packing consistency, try a flat snowman.

There have been multiple sightings of the Barred Owl in the woods off the Zim Smith trail. Julie and Stu, Leah Stein, and I have all gotten to see it. Stu found a couple of owl pellets under a White Pine tree. He showed one to me and I could see tiny bones in the regurgitated ball, probably belonging to a mouse. Leah was driving on Herlihy Road when she saw the owl fly across the road and land on a tree branch. One day in early January, I was lucky enough to just see a large wing go into the top of a pine tree located off the trail. As I got closer I saw the owl. After watching it for a few minutes, I ran home to get my camera. When I got back it was still there and I quickly took a picture. Unfortunately, I forgot my reading glasses and couldn't tell if the photo was any good. I chanced going home again, this time bringing the camera with the zoom lens. The owl was still in place, eyes shut. I hurriedly took a few pictures, then relaxed as I saw the owl was sleeping and not going anywhere. I was able to get some good shots while the owl slept.

The next day, walking past Alyse and Steve Peterson's yard, a juvenile Cooper's Hawk sat up in a tree overlooking the feeders. Its intentions were not to eat seed but to snatch a small bird. Every bird had taken cover except for a bold Mourning Dove that was perched right up in the tree near the hawk. Did it have immunity or was it too much of a mouthful? I ran home for my camera and with luck on my side, the hawk remained stationed in the tree allowing for another photo opportunity. A couple of days later, I saw the hawk coming from Josette's yard where it must have been trying for a meal. It flew off into the woods.

With all the looking up I have been doing, I was very surprised when I almost stepped on a snake that was on the trail off of Peck Avenue. To read more about the snake and to see pictures of the owl, hawk, snake, and flat snowman visit: [Roundlakenaturenotes.blogspot.com](http://Roundlakenaturenotes.blogspot.com). Please don't forget to look up and down!



# LIBRARY NEWS

## MAKING ART FROM BOOKS

Many people who attended the recent Festival of Trees, sponsored by WRLIS, were impressed with the ornaments and decorations made by Library staff from used books. Their interest inspired Library staff to look further at ways to reuse and recycle unneeded books. The Library is pleased to announce an art contest open to any resident with a valid borrower's card from any Southern Adirondack Library System member library. There will be two age groups for judging: ages 12 thru 17 and over 18. (Younger children will be urged to create pieces to be displayed in a non-competitive show.)

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Submissions must be original art, created after January 1, 2013
- Size is limited to no larger than 24"x24"x24"
- At least 90% of the piece must be made from recycled books and other elements in the piece must be identified
- Each submission must include one photo of the original book or books and one photo of the work in-progress.
- Judges' decisions are final



A complete information sheet and submission form are available in both Library buildings and on our website ([www.RoundLakeLibrary.org](http://www.RoundLakeLibrary.org)). Completed entry forms and artwork are due by April 5, 2013. The exhibit will open for National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013, and art will be on display for at least two weeks.

Watch the newsletter for more details and for information on classes about "upcycling" books into art.

## ANNE SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Anne's friends and colleagues at Cengage Learning have made donations in her name to the Library. The donations are being used for adult programming purposes. A speaker's podium and public address system have been purchased (and already used, in fact!) Anne's name will be mentioned in the newsletter when announcing the programs that are receiving support.

## **GARAGES**

BY BILL RYAN, HISTORIAN

WHEN THE Village was planned, the word “garage” was not in general use. Garage is derived from a French word meaning shelter and did not come into common use until after 1900. My grandmother, b. 1887, told me the first time she saw the work was when she was on her way to school and saw a sign being put up on a barn. She and her friends could not pronounce it. It looked like “garbage”. There was no need for garages because there were no cars. Cars were a novelty until well after 1900.

The first mention of a garage in village records concerns the house on the corner of Burlington Ave. and Kingsley. On the side of the house facing Burlington Ave., you can see two garage-like doors and that is what they originally were. In 1907 the house was owned by Dr. Pierson Curtis and his wife, Mary. Dr. Curtis conducted his practice in the house and was a year round resident and was an early automobile enthusiast. Dr. Curtis requested and received permission from the Round Lake Association to build a space for his automobile inside his house because there was no space on his property to build a garage. The RLA gave permission and our first “attached” garage was created. Dr. Curtis served as a RLA trustee and Mrs. Curtis was very involved with the financing and building of All Saints Episcopal church in 1892.

Things did not go well for Dr. Curtis. On Sept. 6, 1909, Dr. and Mrs. Curtis took two guests for a ride and as they crossed the trolley tracks on Goldfoot Road, they were struck by a north bound trolley. The car was demolished and Dr. Curtis and one guest were killed. Mrs. Curtis and the other guest were seriously injured but survived. Later in the 1920's Mrs. Curtis was elected Supervisor, Town of Malta. When I pass the Curtis house, I like to think of Malta town meetings being held on Burlington Avenue.

The second mention of a garage is of one being built in the 1920's and comes from Mary's notes and concerns Ellis Rowe. Ellis Rowe and his wife, Fanny, lived in the big house on Second St., facing the tracks/trail. Mr. Rowe served as a RLA trustee and is responsible for the village having Rowe Park. After the Great Fire of 1921, Mr. Rowe acquired all of the lots where the fire occurred between First and Second streets and donated them to the RLA for a park to be called Rowe Park. Fanny Rowe, later in 1929, made a substantial donation to WRLIS that allowed the Round Lake Library to remain open. Mr. Rowe purchased a lease on a lot on North Burlington and built a two car garage to his two Pierce Arrows. Second Street to Barn Row is a long walk to get your car, but I think Mr. Rowe did not do the walking. I am sure he had a driver. Note: The list price for a Pierce Arrow in 1925 ranged from \$6,000 - \$8,000. In 2013 dollars that equals \$80,000-100,000.



## **2013 WRLIS EVENTS**

**WRLIS meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.**

**The Library Board of Trustees meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.**

<b>Soup, Salad &amp; a slice of History</b>	<b>March 22, at 6:30 PM.</b>
<b>Village Clean-up Day</b>	<b>April 27, at 8:00 AM.</b>
<b>Lantern Sales</b>	<b>April 13, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.</b>
	<b>June 1, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Garage &amp; Plant Sale</b>	<b>May 11, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Electronic Recycling</b>	<b>Mid May</b>
<b>Antiques Festival</b>	<b>June 22 &amp; 23</b>
<b>Arts &amp; Craft Show</b>	<b>August 17 &amp; 18</b>
<b>Festival of Trees</b>	<b>December 6 to 8</b>

**ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, VILLAGE HALL**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED**

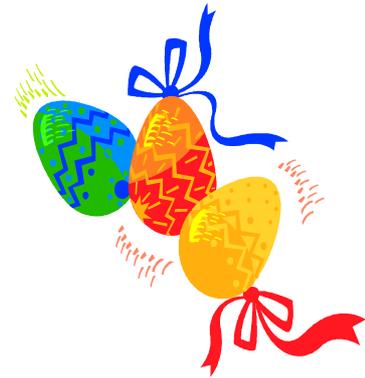
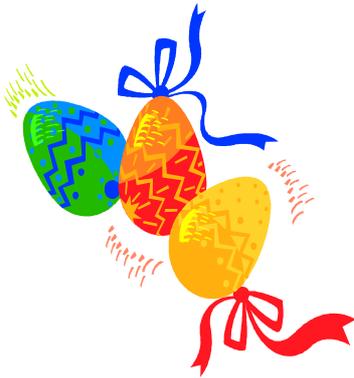


## Annual Round Lake Easter Candy Hunt

Saturday March 23, 2013 @ 12p  
Rain or Shine.

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon hunting for candy. We will meet at the Round Lake Municipal Building @ 11:45a. The hunt will take place across the street, in Rowe Park (relocate to auditorium, if necessary). The youngest participants start the hunt followed by the older participants (under age 13). Remember to bring your basket for gathering and cameras to catch all the action.

Any questions contact Nancy Kinkead 899-7552



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