



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



Budget Hearing, April 4th for public questions/comments on the town's proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 budgets

The annual public hearing on the town's proposed budgets is scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m. on April 4th in the Lisbon Central School cafeteria/gymnasium.

While all meetings are open to the public, this hearing **is for the public**; it is the best opportunity for the residents to comment on and/or ask questions about the proposed budgets which may or may not determine any changes that the Board of Finance makes before sending the final budgets to the Board of Selectmen for the call of the Annual Town Meeting.

Once the Board of Finance has approved the proposed budgets for the budget hearing, copies will be made available from the Town Clerk's office, and the town's web site at lisbonct.com to give everyone an opportunity to review the material before the budget hearing.

Following is the Board of Finance meeting schedule on the FY2018/19 budgets: The meetings are open to the public and are to take place in the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

03/07/18 (Town Hall) – General Government and Board of Education Budget Presentation and Discussion.

Tentative

03/14/18 (Town Hall) – Budget Discussion and Possible BoF Vote on Budgets

03/21/18 (Town Hall) – Regular Meeting, Budget Discussion and Possible BoF Vote on Budgets

04/04/18 (LCS Cafeteria) – Public Hearing on both budgets*

04/11/18 (Town Hall) – Possible Vote on Budgets

04/18/18 (Town Hall) – Regular Meeting

05/7/18 (LCS Cafeteria) – Annual Town Meeting:

Per ordinance, the Annual Town Meeting is on the first Monday of May

The Capital & Non-Recurring account will be voted on at the meeting.

The Board of Education and General Government budgets will not be voted on at the meeting except to send the budgets to referendum.

Approximately 2 weeks later – Referendum on General Government and Board of Education Budgets will be held.

Approximately 1-2 weeks after Referendum Mill Rate Set

All dates are subject to change. Please contact Town Hall (860-376-3400) or Mike Zelasky (860-334-3610, lisbon.bof.chairman@hotmail.com) to confirm dates.

** Budgets will be available in the Town Clerk's office 5 days prior to the public hearing.*

Calling all Artists..Slater Library is looking for artists in the towns of Griswold and Lisbon who would like to have their work seen by the public. See page 10 for details. Also see page 2 for details about the gift of **E-Books and E-Audio** for library patrons (time to get a library card) from the Friends of Slater Library. The Friends of Slater Library are also holding a Pasta and Meatball Dinner on March 3rd. See details on page 3.

The annual **Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Recreation Committee is scheduled to be held on March 24th. See page 6 for details. See details about the **6th Annual Joe Kelly Memorial Race** scheduled for April 28th on page 9.

The home page on Lisbon's web site lisbonct.com, lists upcoming recreation, senior center and Slater Library events and activities.

Open Hearth Cooking Classes sponsored by the Historical Society will take place on April 7th. See the Historical Society's Quarterly Notes on page 8 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 3RD

11 am - 4 pm

Lisbon Senior Center

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Happy New Year!

A gift for you, our Loyal

Patrons

E-Books and E-Audio

It's easy; just download the Libby by OverDrive app and follow the simple directions using your **up-to-date**

Library Card!



A gift from "Friends of Slater Library"

Pasta and Meatball Dinner

Sponsored by the Friends of Slater Library

March 3, 2018

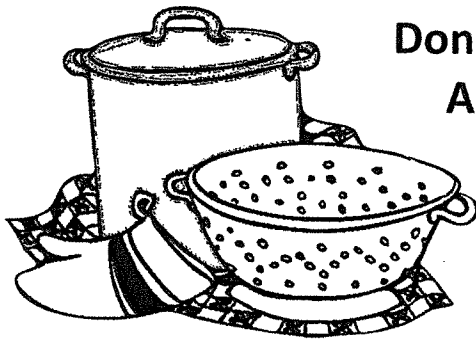
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DINNER

Time: 5:00-6:30 P.M.

7:00 Performance by GHS Chamber Choir

**Donation: \$9.00 Per Person
Advanced Tickets Only**



RAFFLES

**Come and enjoy a night of good eating and
entertainment!**

**Tickets Available At:
Slater Library
V.F.W.
Jewett City Greenhouses**



Colonial Courtship

By Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

Colonial courtship involved customs from their native countries when many immigrants came to the new world. Colonial courtship involved customs, beliefs, cultural and traditions of their native country.

Quaker couples needed the approval of their entire community before marriage. It was a 16 step process and occasionally one or the other backed out of the marriage process due to the long courtship.

Southern slaves had a courtship custom of "jumping over the broom" to symbolize their courtship and jumping into marriage.

In the mid 1700's courting allowed young men and women to meet and socialize largely un-chaperoned at church, ball games, public entertainment, and neighbor's homes.

Puritans had a unique courting custom called bundling or bed courting. The young man and woman left their underclothes on and must be kept on at all times. The parents would retire to their own bedroom and there was to be no hanky panky. There would be a bundling board put down the middle of the bed to separate the bed in half. This prevented them from having any physical contact

A bundling sack would be put on with one for each person and tied so that they were separated. There was a stitching seam up the bag so they each are bundled in their own bag to talk and get to know each other without being intimate. Except it didn't always work and when the girl became pregnant there were witnesses to the father of the child. When they were ready to get married they needed to go to their Puritan leaders to get the leaders approval for

marriage.

Handfasting or spousing was a means of a common law marriage in which you held hands and agreed to be married. At that time you didn't need a license, a religious ceremony, or legal authority to join two people into marriage. This was called "handfasting" or "spousal." It was not unusual for blacksmiths to officiate at a handfasting, and the anvil came to symbolize the forging of long-lasting unions.

Young men began courting in their late teens and married in their mid twenties. Most men waited to fulfill their education and attain financial security before proposing marriage. Young women began courting as early as 15 or 16 years of age but some deferred until their early twenties. Courting gave women power to decide whether to accept or reject a suitor. Some women married for fear of being a spinster.

Another regional custom was the "courting stick," a hollow pole six or eight feet long, with an earpiece at one end and a mouthpiece at the other. The courting couple whispered quietly to one another through this tube, while members of the family remained in the room nearby. One end of a hollow wooden tube in her ear while her beau whispered sweet nothings from the other side, the couple ensured their privacy no matter how many listening ears were nearby.

A young lady's most precious asset was her 'virginity' and it was not wise to call that into question or she would stay unmarried. It was therefore important that an unmarried woman was chaperoned at all times when outside of her home. She was accompanied by her mother, a member of the family or maid at every moment, whether it be a carriage ride in the park, a shopping trip or making a call to a friend, ensuring her 'maiden state' was never called into question. She was never, ever, left alone in the company of a man, courting or otherwise.

Since a gentleman was not allowed to speak to a woman to whom he hadn't been properly introduced, he needed some clue a lady was open to his attention. Thus the language of the fan was born. When a lady caught a man staring from across the room, her swift moving fan indicated she was unattached while a slow flapping one signaled she was engaged. If she laid the fan against her right cheek, she was available and open to an introduction. However, if the lady rested the fan against her left cheek, the unlucky fellow learned of her disinterest and spared himself an awkward introduction.

Women's dowries consisted of linens and household goods and whatever money or property their fathers could afford to give to the couple. The groom's father was expected to contribute to the marriage. Once a courting couple announced their engagement, the bride-to-be would set to work outfitting her new home. This often included stitching table linens and bedding to fill a dower chest. Once wed, a woman focused mainly on managing the household—either through her own labor or that of waged or enslaved servants. However, by the early 19th century the expectations for wives and mothers were changing.

Marriage was considered a sacred union but it was more of a business transaction of properties and parents became involved in their children's courtship to ensure a financially secure marriage for their children. The goal was to marry wealth and property together but in the 18th century a woman belonged to her father first and then her husband. A married woman was not allowed to own property even if it was hers before the marriage. A dowry could be money, lands or goods.

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IS ART IN YOUR HEART?



COME CREATE A
4 SEASON
MASTERPIECE
USING 4 DIFFERENT
PAINTING TECHNIQUES

Saturday, March 10, 2018
@ 11:00 am in the Children's area
Slater Library - Jewett City, CT
All ages, sign ups appreciated

Lisbon Recreation Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 2018

10:00AM

Lisbon Meadows Park (near the pavilion)

Age groups:

Under 4 ~ 4 to 6 year olds ~ 7 to 10 year olds

****Please bring your own basket****

Rain date: March 31st at 10:00



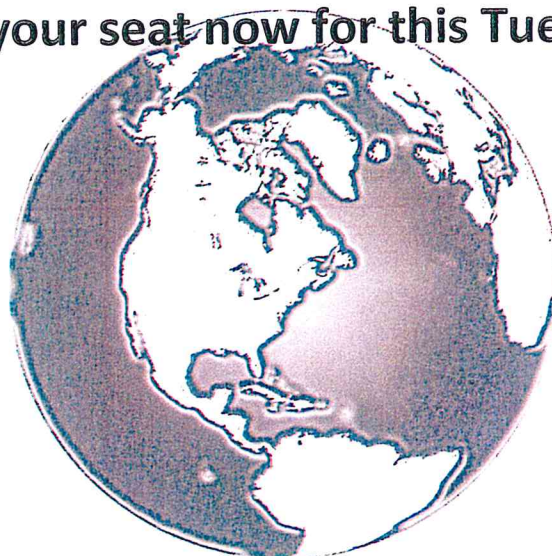
Travel the World...

March 6, 2018

6:30 – 7:30pm

At Slater Library

Reserve your seat now for this Tuesday Topic!



Traveler and retired teacher, Kathy Avery has been to all seven continents. She shares her treasures and knowledge of the cultures and people in this beautiful presentation. With artifacts and crafts from her travels she is able to bring you right into her adventures.

Please reserve a seat for this event by visiting Slater Library at 26 Main Street in Jewett City or by calling 860-376-0024

Tuesday Topics are brought to you with funding from

"The Friends of Slater Library"

LHS Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

Save the Date:

Open Hearth Cooking Class, Saturday, April 7, 2018. Step back in time to the early 1800's for hands on experience cooking over the open hearth at the John Bishop House Museum. Students will prepare a multi-course dinner from traditional recipes using period cooking tools and methods and dine at a candlelit table. Thee Society's cooking class is a major fundraiser for adults. Your participation supports important special projects at the John Bishop House, Anshei Israel Synagogue, and the restoration of the Burnham Tavern. Details and class applications are posted on our Facebook page or you can call Paula Adams at 860-887-8052.

Wanted:

New Members! The Lisbon Historical Society's success is contingent upon the dedication of our members. We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit volunteer organization; part of our mission is to promote interest and foster appreciation of the rich history and culture of the Town of Lisbon and we are stewards of three important town owned properties. New members learn and teach open hearth cooking and 19th century living at the John Bishop House Museum. The Burnham Tavern provides an education in restoration and 18th century tavern life. Opportunities exist to put your administrative talents to use as we elect officers to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary annually. Every winter we host a "bash" to thank our members and others who support us throughout the year. At \$5.00 a year, membership dues make it possible for everyone to sign on. Come to a business meeting on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lisbon Town Hall.

Call President Paula Adams at 860-376-8052 to talk membership, or chat with us at the can and bottle shed if you are curious about membership.

May thanks go out to contributors to our can and bottle redemption program. Ken Mahler, who administers and organizes the can and bottle program, says that as long as CT is somewhere on the label, the bottle, or can it is redeemable. Gatorade, Snapple, tea beverages, wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, and all others that do not have CT in the list of states are recyclable and should be disposed of in your home blue bin for weekly pickup.

Keep abreast on upcoming events, open houses, cooking classes, and Burnham Tavern updates by visiting our Facebook page.

Senior Center Services and Activities

Transportation is available for Lisbon residents for the following: doctor and dentist appointments; banking; hairdresser or barber; shopping and pharmacy as well as to the senior center. Call the senior center at 860-376-2329 as soon as you have an appointment. For all other rides, call Monday of the week that you need transportation to schedule a time with the senior van driver.

Help is available for paperwork, applications and insurance.

Hairstylist available every 1st and 3rd Friday 9 am - 1 pm. Call Dawn at 959-929-5709 to schedule an appointment.

Foot Health Care - March 28th, 9am - noon with Dr. Thomas H. Walter, D.P.M. Call the senior center at 860-376-2329 for an appointment.

Blood Pressure Screening - March 21st 10 am to noon.

Daily Lunches - 11:30 order by 11:15

3/16/18 - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner w/Irish Music

3/21/18 - Aqua Turf - St Patrick's Day Celebration

4/11/18 - Texas Roadhouse

4/17/18 - Lunch Groton Senior Center

4/20/18 - Foxwoods Resort Casino

Call the senior center at 860-376-2329 for more information or to make reservations or appointments.

There are volunteer opportunities at the senior center call Karen Washington, Senior Coordinator at the same number for more information or to volunteer.

1st SEMI-ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

LISBON SENIOR CENTER
11 NEWENT ROAD

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH
9AM - 3PM

Call 860-376-6545 for an application to rent a table.

The Town of Lisbon is seeking volunteers to fill several vacancies on town boards, specifically the Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals which have two alternate position vacancies each. The Farmers Market Committee also has an alternate vacancy, and new members are always welcome and needed on the Historical Society. Please call the Selectmen's office at 860-376-3400 if you are interested or would like more information.

The 6th Annual Joe Kelly Memorial Race

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00

Run/Walk/Crawl

**RACE STARTS AT THE LISBON COMMUNITY CENTER
EXIT 83A OFF OF 395 NORTH, PARKING AT LISBON
MEADOWS**

Course: 3.1 miles (Route 169 – Ames Road – Mell Road – Route 169 to Community Center)

Timing - Chip timing by Timing Plus New England

Entries: \$25.00 Registration Fee

T-shirts: For pre-registered

To Enter: Register ONLINE at:
give.connecticutchildrens.org/joekelly5K

OR - Complete the registration form and make checks payable to: Team Joe Kelly

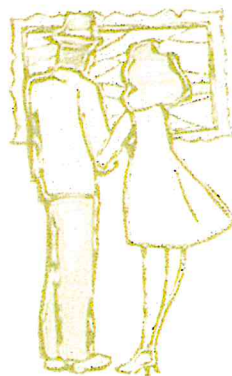
Please mail to: Andrea Kelly
12 Blueberry Lane
Lisbon, CT 06351

Contact Information: Andrea Kelly – Tel. # (860) 465-6151 or
email: teamjkelly@gmail.com

SLATER LIBRARY

ART GALLERY

Slater library is looking for artists in the towns of **Griswold and Lisbon** who would like to have their work seen by the public.



Artists interested in displaying pieces at the library should contact the Library Director, Rebecca Jusseaume at 860-376-0024 during open hours for more information.

- Signed waivers absolving the library of any liability for damage or theft will be required.
- All pieces will be subject to review before being displayed and suitable for all ages.
- Artists may supply cards with contact information for purchases.
- No sales will be handled by the library or any library staff member.