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THANKYOU!

At town meeting on March 13, Enfield voters approved EVA's request for \$10,000 to help underwrite our work revitalizing Enfield's Main Street. The funds will enable us to continue our efforts to promote ongoing and new projects that help stimulate pride in our community. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

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and publicly accessible nature trail on EVA's riverside property at 78 Main Street.

Near the end of the Mascoma River and adjacent to Main Street, EVA's 2.8-acre site has more than 1,200 feet along the tributary. Stone foundations and other artifacts from an enormous tannery built on the property in 1872 are visible on the nature trail. In addition, EVA is in the process of renovating the historic home erected on the site sometime between 1859 and 1863. The site provides an ideal setting to study the area's early history through surviving documentation and other material evidence. During the first phase of the project, which began last December, students from the high school, under the guidance of Thurber and Dartmouth professor emeritus Jere Daniell, will research historical papers and photographs related to the river, the mills, and other aspects of human development and transformation along the Mascoma. At least two trips to archival collections and libraries in Enfield and Hanover are planned. In addition, students from high school English classes will search for written and visual works inspired by the river and the lake. At the same time, science students

will collaborate with environmentalists to study the area's geology, botany, and biology.

Highlights of the research will be presented early this summer in a site-specific outdoor exhibit at the entrance to EVA's property and nature trail. Soon afterwards, the public will be invited to a free conference. Participants will include Thurber, Daniell, and the local teachers involved with the studies. They will present their findings, propose topics for future research, and recognize the students' contributions to studies of the area's economic, environmental, and cultural history. If funds are available, an illustrated brochure will be produced to summarize the information.

This spring, after-school art classes will utilize the historical, cultural, and scientific materials to develop artistic compositions highlighting past and current characteristics of the river. These visual responses will be displayed for six months in protected outdoor cases on EVA's riverside property. Once again, a public celebration of the students' contributions will be held on the property, where the historical materials and scientific information will also be exhibited.

Restoration and reconstruction work on the house at 78 Main Street will recommence starting in May. Asbestos and some of the siding were removed last fall. Volunteer workers will continue to dismantle unusable parts of the building and begin restoration to turn the building into two upper apartments and first floor commercial space. To help in this effort, contact the EVA office. Professional and enthusiastic amateur workers are welcome.

Upcoming Events

Clip and Save

Saturday, May 22

(Rain date, Sunday, May 23, 1-4)
Clean-Up Day on Main Street
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Work gloves and trash bags provided
Free refreshments for volunteers



Sunday, June 27

Shaker Seven Road Race and Fun Run
Fun Run begins 9:00 a.m.
Sponsored race begins 10:00 a.m.
(See page 3 for more information)



Wednesdays,

July 7–Early October

Enfield Farmers Market
3:00–6:00 p.m.
Huse Park



Saturday, August 28

Street Dance & Cruise Night
Huse Park

EVA Awarded Grants for Riverside Project

The Enfield Village Association, in association with Mascoma Valley Regional High School and New Hampshire Humanities Council, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts affirm broad support along its banks. The larger goal is to foster greater awareness and interest in the natural, historical, and cultural



MVRHS students visited the site of an old tannery last December as part of "The River Flows Through It."

Indian River Middle School, has been awarded a total of \$4,550 in public and private grants and an additional pledge of \$3,500 of in-kind services for "The River Flows Through It: Mascoma's History and Ecosystems," a community arts, humanities, and environmental science project. Grants from the Brundage Foundation, the for this exciting initiative. Bart Thurber, EVA volunteer and curator of European art at Dartmouth College's Hood Museum, organized the multifaceted project to teach children and adults about the continued value of the Mascoma River, the need for its future preservation, and the potential for educational and recreational development links between the towns and villages directly connected by the 50-mile-long tributary. Through archival research, site visits, an outdoor arts exhibition, public conferences, and possibly an illustrated brochure, the project will draw attention to the river's historic and future significance, with special focus on a recently developed

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Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!

EVA's events and programs rely on people like you to make them happen. If you would like to help plan or carry out any of the events you see listed here, call us at 632-7197, or complete the following and send it to EVA, PO Box 763, Enfield, NH, 03748:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Area(s) of Interest: _____

Enfield Village Association

The Enfield Main Street Program is administered by the Enfield Village Association (EVA), a non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote and facilitate ideas and projects that will provide community pride in our historical, cultural, commercial, recreational, and natural resources for residents and visitors to the Enfield Village.

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Dragon's Gate Tattoo

Opens in Copeland Block

"Years ago, when tattoos were socially taboo, it was almost expected you'd get one if you were in the military, especially if you were in the navy," says Scott Ibey Jr. "Now, it's just the opposite. It's becoming almost taboo in the military, but practically everyone else is getting them. I've had clients who are nurses, teachers, lawyers, even day-care providers."

Ibey owns and operates Dragon's Gate Tattoo Studio, which opened for business in February on the second floor of the Copeland Block downtown. No stranger to Enfield, Ibey lived in town until he was 13 and still has family here.

He recalls being deeply interested in drawing when he was a child but never considered applying it to a career until he got his first tattoo nine years ago. "I remember it was my birthday when I got that first tattoo because every tattoo seems like a snapshot in time," he says. "They all remind you of something."

To perfect his craft, Ibey apprenticed for a year and a half with Tom Ball of Tatunka Tattoo in Lyme, N.H., then stayed on another three years. When friend Elisabeth Cadle told him there was space available in the Copeland Block where she runs a pottery studio, he knew he'd found a home for his own venture. He chose a name from Chinese folklore (Ibey was born in the Chinese year of the dragon)

and hung out his shingle on Valentine's Day. His father, Scott Ibey Sr., was his first customer.

Unlike other tattoo artists who plaster the walls of their studios with colored illustrations of available patterns, Ibey leaves his own walls blank. He prefers to work from photos or illustrations that clients bring to him, or to develop his own artwork. He refuses to do racist tattoos of any type. "Life is too short," he says.



Ibey's enterprise is the latest in a growing list of Copeland Block tenants. Others include Michael Burg (photographer), Elisabeth Cadle (pottery/decorative painting/faux finishing), the Enfield Village Association, Amber Geneva (sculptor/painter/metalsmith), Scott Grace (Modern Woodmen of America insurance), Copeland Block owner Larissa King (metalsmith/jeweler), Becky Powell (weaver), and Robin Williams (Enfield Massage Therapy).

Dragon's Gate Tattoo Studio is open by appointment only (632-7600) during the spring, but Ibey expects to operate from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the summer months. State law requires clients to be at least 18 years old.

Also New to Town ...

... the law office of Curtis Payne, which is located in the Hewitt House on Route 4, and Ramunto's Pizza, situated just down the street. Just outside the downtown area on Route 4, Safflower's and Lotions 'n' Lace add to the Enfield retail scene. EVA welcomes these new businesses and wishes them well.

PRESENTING: The New Enfield Directory!

The Enfield Directory has been a useful and popular resource for residents and visitors alike for a number of years. But the many changes in Enfield since the last edition was printed in 2000 spurred EVA's Economic Restructuring Committee to take on the challenge of producing a new, expanded directory. Your free copy may have arrived already; if not, look for it soon in your mailbox. Updated information and a streamlined format make this directory the definitive guide to Enfield, with a wealth of information on services, businesses, recreation, education, and more resources in town. The directory is underwritten through local business advertising.

Road Race Set for Sunday, June 27

EVA proudly announces the revival of the Shaker Seven, a seven-mile road race around Mascoma Lake. Runners from near and far are invited to participate in the daylong event, which will spotlight the lake, one of Enfield's finest natural attractions. The Shaker Seven Road Race and Fun Run offers fun and competition for athletes of all ages while raising funds for the continued revitalization of downtown Enfield. The Fun Run for kids starts the day at 9:00 a.m., with ribbons to be awarded. Pre-registered runners in the sponsored Shaker Seven Road Race,



which starts at 10:00 a.m., will receive t-shirts. There will be first-, second-, and third-place prizes awarded in all age groups. To round out the festivities, racers are invited to a free picnic at the beach at Lower Shaker Village. (There is a small fee for family and friends.) Come to run or just to cheer on the participants. Race entry forms will be distributed area-wide beginning in early April. Sponsors for the event include Omer & Bob's Sport Shop, Retail Control Systems, and Wayne Evans Insurance Company.



"Art lovers at Artzilla"

Hometown Holidays 2003 Deemed a Success

The second annual Hometown Holidays, held Thanksgiving week, saw 28 businesses offering special gifts and incentives to shoppers who stayed local by patronizing hometown businesses. Depending on the number of businesses visited, shoppers were eligible for drawings for a \$50, \$75, or \$100 gift certificate, as well as a \$100 gift certificate from Red Roof Frame Shop & Gallery. Other opportunities for shopping and exploring the creative talent of our area came from the Holiday Gift Extravaganza, a craft show cosponsored by EVA and the Enfield Shaker Museum. At the Copeland Block downtown, visitors were invited to see the workplaces of resident artists. Their work, as well as the work of other local artists, was showcased at the opening of the Artzilla Gallery on the first

floor. Next to the gallery, the ever-popular One-Day Café added corn and clam chowder to its selection of coffee, tea, and pastries, and sold out to the hungry lunch crowd.

Farmers Market Grant Helps Establish the Tradition

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food has awarded a \$500 matching grant to EVA for use in publicizing this year's Enfield Farmers Market, which opens on July 7. "This will allow us to reach even further in letting customers know about the great fresh, local produce, baked goods, and locally made crafts available at the market throughout the summer and into the fall," says market organizer Nancy Smith.



Donors Ensure Campaign Is a Success

EVA's annual fundraising campaign kicked off in early winter, and resulted in a great response that included more than 95 new donors. This generous support allows EVA to continue revitalizing your downtown.

DONATION UNDERWRITES BRIDGE BANNERS

Miller Construction Company, the primary contractor for Enfield's new downtown bridges, has generously contributed the funds for EVA to purchase colorful banners for the lamp-posts that will be installed on the bridges this spring. Linda Zoller-McKibben, chair of EVA's Design Committee, notes, "Custom designed banners will be a great finishing touch to the bridges, helping to create a festive, welcoming atmosphere downtown." EVA president Sharon Carr gratefully accepted the donation from Roger Gilman, president of Miller Construction.

