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## Volunteer Profile: Lynne and Jim Martel

There was a time, say Lynne and Jim Martel, when they would avoid driving out-of-town guests through downtown Enfield. Main Street's neglected appearance and crumbling facades were unattractive and belied the town's true character. Today, the Martels happily show off the downtown village area to family and friends.

"Just look at it," says Lynne. "It's become something to be proud of."  
"It presents a positive face of Enfield to outsiders," adds Jim, "and I think it's encouraging people to look at the town as a desirable place to live."

Originally from Sturbridge, Mass., the Martels moved from Hatfield, Mass., to Enfield in 1977 when Jim accepted an engineering position with the army's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover. Since that time, they have purchased two homes in town and raised daughters Beth and Patty, both of whom attended Enfield's elementary school and Mascoma Valley Regional High School.

The couple have pursued community service almost since their arrival. Lynne was a charter member of the Enfield/Mascoma Lioness Club and participated in the Enfield community profile workshop in 1994, the group that produced Enfield's first business directory. Jim is a member of the Lions Club and has been active in town politics, serving first as a budget committee member, then chair of the sewer committee, and, in the 1990s, selectman. In addition to their participation in EVA, both currently are members of the Mascoma Lake Community Association.

"Community service is a great way to meet people; you get to know people better," says Lynne. "Through EVA, I've gotten to know people I didn't know before, and I've found that rewarding."

Lynne joined EVA in 2002 after attending a workshop presentation at Whitney Hall. She had become curious about the organization because of the enhancements she had begun to notice downtown. "That was a big part of the reason why I wanted to get involved—when you start seeing these successes," she says. "Success just builds success."

At the workshop, she decided to join the association's Promotion committee, which promotes Sweet Treats, Cleanup Day, Hometown Holidays, and other special EVA events. In 2004, she was appointed to serve on EVA's board.

Jim joined EVA a year after Lynne did, but he has chosen to participate on individual projects, such as the Road Race and the Farmers Market, rather than serve on a committee. "I much prefer to do the kind of thing that's a hands-on effort," he says.

The Martels say they would like to see more businesses move into town, both for convenience and to help with the tax base. And they agree that while EVA is on the right track to help make this happen, more Enfield residents need to participate to move the organization as well as the community forward. "There are so many different volunteer opportunities," says Jim. "It would be nice to get more people involved."



## Current & Coming

### Open and Baking!

EVA is pleased to note the long-anticipated opening of Twigs Bakery and Café. Hours at the present time are 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays.

### Hometown Holidays

December 10  
Crafts, food,  
and fun for all ages

## PLATINUM DONORS SHINE in Support of Downtown Renovation



It has history, fine lines, a lovely riverside setting, and convenience to town, but this old house in Enfield has suffered too, from fire, inadequate upkeep, and inappropriate renovation attempts. As head of EVA efforts to rehabilitate the house at 78 Main Street, project leader Lee Carrier and fellow volunteers have donated untold hours of labor to the house. But Carrier knew professional help was required for many of the jobs to be done. Thus was born Friends of EVA. This innovative program offers residential contractors and skilled tradespeople the opportunity to contribute their skills, services, and products to this showcase downtown-revitalization

project. In return, contributors receive publicity, professional business consulting services, and the benefits of association with a model for volunteers and professionals partnering to improve community life. Friends of EVA participate at the platinum, gold, or silver level. To date, more than \$100,000 worth of products and services have been donated or pledged. Leading the way are the six platinum donors profiled below, each of whom is contributing a minimum of \$5,000 in goods or professional services. EVA is proud to salute the extraordinary contributions of Dave McIntire, The Architectural Studio; Jim Kelleher, construction; Jamie Martin,

Martin's Mechanical Plumbing & Heating, LLC; Oakes Brothers, windows; Jay Tucker, Old Hampshire Designs and Flat Rock Coatings; and Steve and Gary Patten, Steve Patten Excavating and Patten and Sons. They set a shining example of community support by giving a huge jump-start this season to the immediate goal of completing two sides of the house—those facing Main Street and the bridge.

### The Architectural Studio

Dave McIntire, principal of The Architectural Studio in Enfield, has been involved with EVA and the Main Street program from EVA's beginning. After contributing many of the design ideas for the recently completed downtown bridges and streetscaping project, McIntire turned his talents to drawing up plans for 78 Main Street that would respect and enhance its historic character while combining residential and commercial space to meet Enfield and EVA's goal of creating a vibrant, mixed-use downtown.

The Architectural Studio was established in Enfield

building practices and products. These days, for example, he is installing a lot of low-temperature heating systems that regulate boiler temperatures according to the temperature outside. That way, when it's not as cold outside, the boiler does not have to heat to a high temperature the way conventional boilers do. Another specialty is panel radiators that allow homeowners to have separate heating zones in each room, using just one pump and no additional thermostats or wiring.

Martin is another of those who remember a busier, more vibrant Main Street in Enfield from his growing-up years. "Downtown was pretty neat, with the drugstore, places for us kids to hang out." Although by his own account he "escaped" from Enfield a couple of times, his hometown drew him back. In recent years, he has felt the desire to return something to the town where he prospered as a child and then a businessperson. So the chance to offer his services to the house at 78 Main Street is a natural fit for Martin. "Plumbing and heating for a project like this is not something amateur volunteers can accomplish," says Lee Carrier, "so we are especially fortunate to have this part of the project covered by Martin's Mechanical."

### Oakes Brothers

Oakes Brothers has been a family-owned, family-run business since 1973. The company, says spokesman Rodney Oakes, was built on the basis of providing extraordinary personalized service at a fair price. Serving high-end builders and customers, the company was the first in the country to establish showcase dealerships for Marvin brand windows and doors at its Bradford, Vt., location. Previously, building suppliers might have displayed a window or two, and the builder usually ordered them without customer input. Oakes Brothers took the lead in having a full spectrum of products on display for customers to see, touch, and try. As Oakes says, "There are 10 times the choices there were 15 years ago, and windows and doors are really important design elements nowadays, so people want to be able to see the real thing before they buy." With two locations, in Bradford and West Lebanon, Oakes Brothers serves the entire bi-state area. All products are built to order and delivered in a timely manner, so customers know they are getting what they want, when they need it.

As a platinum donor, Oakes Brothers is supplying all new windows for the house at 78 Main Street. Made to order, they'll fit the historic proportions of the house while providing an extra measure of weatherproofing not found in the original windows. Oakes Brothers sees the project as a great local showcase for their products. "This is not just a show house that people will look at

once," says Oakes. "It's going to be an ongoing, commercially functioning building, with people moving through it continuously."

As Oakes emphasizes, his company's history of family ownership is backed up by a distributorship that's been family-owned since the 1800s, and by Marvin, which is a family-owned business since the early 1900s. That many years of combined experience in providing superlative personal service is the basis of their success.

### Old Hampshire Designs & Flat Rock Coatings

Contractor Old Hampshire Designs (OHD) of New London was founded in 1984 as a Timberpeg® representative. With seven employees and \$6-10 million in sales annually, Old Hampshire Designs is the all-time sales leader for Timberpeg®. According to Jay Tucker, company president, OHD specializes in high-end residential construction but also does commercial buildings, such as Mesa's corporate headquarters. When Lee Carrier found that the original clapboards at 78 Main Street could not be reused, he contacted Old Hampshire Designs, which became a platinum donor by contributing new clapboards for the entire house.

With his partner Waldemar Helicki, Tucker also heads Flat Rock Coatings of Claremont. Established just last year and currently employing six people, the company supplies prefinished wood products for both exterior and interior applications. Clapboards, shingles, and paneling precoated on both sides before installation resist interior moisture and will last longer and keep a finish far longer than wood finished on one side only. While other companies offer wood prefinishing, Flat Rock Coatings caters specifically to the custom market, providing a range of finishes beyond the few standard options provided by most. Flat Rock Coatings is currently working to establish large corporate accounts at the wholesale level but is happy, says Tucker, to supply retail customers as well.

For the 78 Main Street project, Flat Rock Coatings provided the finish work for the clapboards donated by Old Hampshire Designs. Using paint donated by the Sherwin Williams Company, Flat Rock precoated the clapboards on both sides so that, once in place and with a final exterior coat, the paint job can last up to 25 years.

Working with Lee Carrier as a client, says Tucker, led to a mutual appreciation that made it easy for him to sign on as a platinum donor for Friends of EVA. He admired Carrier's work on the old building and appreciated the opportunity to help his own businesses grow while contributing to a worthwhile cause.

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### Steve Patten Excavating and Patten and Sons

Steve Patten Excavating and Patten and Sons are donating the numerous excavation services needed at the 78 Main Street site. From drainage work, to excavation for the new addition being added to the side of the house, to work on the bulkhead and the planned parking area, these family operations specialize in residential site work and bring years of experience to the job. Steve Patten, who has been working with excavating machinery since 1966 ("I started in 1962, but I was too little, so I really started in 1966," he says), began his business in 1998 and finds there is more work than he can manage, but that hasn't stopped him from donating his time and expertise to downtown Enfield.

Approached by Carrier to become a platinum donor, Patten says, "It seemed like a good thing to do to help

out the community." As a lifelong resident of Enfield, Steve has seen the town go through many stages but notes that it has really grown and prospered in the last 10 years or so. He remembers when Enfield had many businesses downtown, and when the family would travel to Lebanon for shopping by train or bus. But he "never realized what a nice place this is" until home on leave from the army. Patten served in Vietnam as a platoon sergeant in a construction company, building Highway 1, ironically, he points out, doing pretty much the work he would have been doing at home.

Enfield is lucky to have the contributions of, as Patten describes his company, "a little outfit, not out to tip the world over or be rich and famous, but just trying to do things right and be fair."

## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

EVA's annual meeting on September 23 provided the occasion to recognize the hard work of volunteers Barbara Brady (Economic Restructuring committee), Babben Kulbacki (Promotions committee), Rick and Leslie Barrow (Design committee), Dave Saladino (web page design), Lori Saladino (media coordination), Rich Lammert (78 Main Street renovations), and Pat Carrier (administrative and computer support). Dolores Struckhoff received special thanks for her work on the Promotion committee and EVA's board and for helping EVA become part of the N.H. Main Street program. The Enfield Gardeners received special mention for their beautification efforts. Deb Truman and Bruce Hettleman were awarded the "Golden Paint Brush" for restoring the old hardware building downtown, and Don Roberts was awarded the "Golden Hammer" for the High Street building he constructed. To all our unsung heroes, EVA offers a big thank you! We couldn't do it without you.



## Take a Walk

Interested in joining a walking club? If you like walking for exercise and would enjoy companionship on the Rail Trail, please contact the EVA office at 632-7197 and give us your name, phone number, and days and times you're available to walk. We will try to coordinate schedules and get a group together.



## Building Beauty Basics



On September 24-25, 10 hardy EVA volunteers donned their old clothes to begin scraping and painting the building across from George's Super-Value Store. Enfield Hardware & Supply, which owns the building and uses it for storage, donated paint for the project. "We hope to get it done before winter," says project leader Linda Zoller-McKibbin of EVA's Design Committee, "but, at least for now, the front is finished and one side has been scraped and primed and received a finish coat on the door."

## 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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in 1985 but actually began life as the Frank Barrett architectural firm, started in Hanover in 1962. When McIntire joined the firm, it became Frank Barrett Associates. McIntire later bought the firm, gave it a new name, and made the move to Enfield. Over the years, The Architectural Studio has designed countless residences, including a number of houses on Mascoma Lake, as well as such familiar Upper Valley structures as the Serry building and the James W. Champion III Rink in Hanover, and, in West Lebanon, the fire station and the Lebanon Pet & Aquarium Center. Locally and regionally, the firm has numerous churches and nursing homes to its credit and, in recent years, has become known for a number of "boutique inns," one-of-a-kind lodgings with unique and personal styles far from the cookie-cutter sameness of the big chains. Among them is the Lake Opechee Inn & Spa in Laconia, converted from an old industrial building and featuring a different style in each room. McIntire is particularly proud of a series of hotels he designed in Meredith: the Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, the Inn at Bay Point, The Chase House, and Church Landing at Mill Falls. Church Landing was awarded a New Hampshire Main Street award in May for Best New Development/Construction Project of 2004.

But McIntire's goal, especially with his work for 78 Main Street, is not to seek out awards. When asked his reason for becoming a platinum donor, his response is straightforward: "Anyone aware of [EVA] realizes that it's working. We've seen buildings being revamped, ongoing successful programs like the Farmers Market being started; all these things indicate that the process works. It's slow and meticulous, *but it does work.*" When it comes down to it, Dave's participation all along has been "purely from the standpoint of wanting to see [his] own community improve."

### Jim Kelleher, Construction

Jim Kelleher has been building houses since 1985, but it was only a side business

until 1999, when he retired from many years of service with the New Hampshire State Police. Now a full-time builder, Kelleher constructs custom houses in the Enfield-Hanover-Lebanon area. Doing annual sales of \$1.5-2 million, Kelleher is the sole employee of his company and relies on a tried-and-true group of subcontractors with whom he has worked consistently over the years.

Usually purchasing the land and then building to suit the buyer, Kelleher emphasizes one-on-one planning to give future homeowners the personal features and custom touches they want. While he may work from stock plans, most of his houses involve an architect in modifying or creating plans to suit each client.

Kelleher was a supporter of the Main Street program back when EVA first solicited three-year supporters to get the Enfield program off the ground. Now he is happy to be involved with 78 Main Street, partnering with many of the local subcontractors he works with regularly. "It's going to be a fun project, something nice to have your name attached to," he says. "It's not often that you get to be involved with something like this." Kelleher will be rebuilding the wraparound porch that was an original feature of the house but that had deteriorated badly over the years. Fitting the work around his regular commitments, he hopes to have the rough frame of the porch in place this fall, a big step in bringing back the house's original profile.

### Martin's Mechanical Plumbing & Heating, LLC

Plumbing and heating systems for the refurbished building will be supplied by Martin's Mechanical Plumbing & Heating, LLC. Jamie Martin, an Enfield native, has operated his company here since 1988. With six employees, Martin's company specializes in residential and small commercial projects using energy-efficient products from Europe. As Martin relates, he reenergized his own interest in the field, beginning about 10 years ago, by focusing on energy-saving

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## DEFYING THE HEAT

at the Second Shaker Seven Road Race

Eighty-five runners, ranging in age from 16 to 69, braved temperatures in the 90s to finish the second annual Shaker Seven Road Race around the south end of Mascoma Lake on Sunday, June 26. About 20 young runners competed in the Fun Run. A Dog Walk, new this year, drew approximately 15 canines and their companions.

This fundraiser and community event drew the praise of runners, who appreciated how well organized the event was. Participants enjoyed the chance for a cool dip in the lake at the race's end, along with a get-those-calories-back picnic put on by Richard and Patsy Crate. EVA salutes the more than 40 wonderful volunteers who made it all happen, with special mention of the Enfield FAST squad and police department, for all their help; EVA volunteer Harry Trumbull, for mowing and preparing the parking areas; and the Schaumberg-Jones family, for manning the cheering station on Main Street.



Major sponsors for this year's event were Omer & Bob's Sport Shop, Retail Control Systems Inc., Shaker Hill Granite Company, Defiance Electric Inc., Mascoma Savings Bank, and Hypertherm. Other support came from Lebanon Pet & Aquarium Center (sponsor of the Dog Walk), Suzette's Image Centre, The Architectural Studio, and 1st Impressions Imprinted Sportswear, which donated the volunteers' T-shirts. Start training; we'll see you on the road next year!

## ENFIELD'S FARMERS MARKET IS THREE AND THRIVING

Ten-year-old Nick Regan and his eight-year-old sister Tess operate The Rock Shop out of their Enfield home. With a few strokes of a paintbrush and a little help from their mom, Rhenea Regan, the two young entrepreneurs transform small rocks they have selected into tiny vegetables, ladybugs, jack-o'-lanterns, and an occasional monster or two. In July, Nick and Tess joined dozens of other vendors selling products and produce in Huse Park at the Enfield Farmers Market. "Mom came up with the idea," says Nick. The Regans had been frequent visitors to the weekly market, but this was the first time they had set up shop alongside the other artisans and farmers. And they did pretty well, netting a profit despite their product's modest price range.

Last summer was the market's third year, and it has been gaining popularity since EVA first sponsored it in 2003. "We're getting to be better known," says EVA volunteer Nancy Smith, who has managed the market since its debut. She notes that word of the market's success has spread among vendors, helping to diversify the selection of goods for sale. This year, shoppers could purchase locally raised elk meat and barbequed chicken—the latter cooked and sold by members of the Enfield United Methodist Church—and such popular favorites as local farm produce and homemade fudge, kettle corn, jams, and bread, as well as goat cheese, plants, jewelry, and other crafts.

New sponsors also stepped up to the plate this year. Lake Sunapee Bank, which opened an Enfield branch in late spring, donated \$500 to help

underwrite the cost of providing entertainment each week. "Traditionally, we have been a

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community-oriented institution, and we look for ways to enhance the quality of community life," says Stephen Ensign, president of the bank. "Farmers markets are unique to communities, and entertainment makes them a little more special. When we find opportunities to support things like these, we like to do so."

Enfield's market is in keeping with EVA's mission to promote projects "that will provide community pride in our historical, cultural, commercial, recreational, and natural resources."

"The market has become a place to visit as well as to shop," says Smith. "It's become a real community gathering place."