

Mont Vernon

Apply To Become a Mont Vernon Firefighter

By NANCY BEAN FOSTER

MONT VERNON—Sloping hills and unstable terrain make rescue operations difficult for firefighters, but during a recent training mission on Grand Hill, the Mont Vernon Fire Department and members of the Amherst Emergency Services department put their skills to the test.

Using ropes, baskets and manpower, the firefighters and ambulance personnel rescued several volunteer “victims,” hauling them up the steep slope of a grassy area on Grand Hill in a simulated “low angle rescue.”

Relying on teamwork, and the knowledge gained in classroom training sessions, the rescuers prepared for the kind of accident that can often happen in the rugged terrain of New Hampshire.

“The goal of the exercise is to reinforce the firefighters’ existing knowledge and to build confidence in their skills,” said Fire Chief Jay Wilson. “We don’t get a lot of those calls, but we want to make sure we’re keeping people’s skills up so that when we do get the call, we’re ready.”

Wilson said the low-angle rescue training is done once or twice a year as part of the department’s regular regimen of training sessions.

But in addition to strengthening rescue-related skills, the chief uses the training sessions to nurture the



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Emergency personnel stabilize a patient in a demonstration drill.

next generation of officers.

“I like to put firefighters into roles where the officers should be,” said Wilson. “It trains them in advance of becoming officers down the line. Officers need stress training.”

Wilson said that grooming the men and women on the department to take on more advanced roles helps the department maintain a steady stream of potential leaders.

“As guys start retiring, we have to be able to fill those voids,” Wilson said. “The rest of our members need to get experience, so I’ve made them responsible for training exercises.”

Wilson said his department is also currently working to fill spaces at the bottom of the ladder as well

by actively recruiting new volunteers. The department has 24 firefighters, including two women, but could use a few more. He said that most of the training for new firefighters happens in-house in Mont Vernon. Men and women who are in reasonable physical shape with clean criminal records should consider applying.

Firefighters in Mont Vernon only get paid when they’re out on actual calls, though they do get paid for one hour during training sessions.

“But nobody does this job for the money,” said Wilson. “They do it because they love being firefighters.”

For more information about becoming a Mont Vernon Firefighter, call 673-1383.

Daland Memorial Library News

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BOOK GROUP NEWS

August 3 - “*Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America*” by Thomas Friedman

August 31 - “*Last Night at the Lobster*” by Stewart O’Nan

The next adult book discussion held at the Daland Memorial Library on Monday, August 3 will focus on Thomas Friedman’s “Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America.” There will also be a discussion of “Last Night of the Lobster” by Stewart O’Nan on August 31. Both discussions begin at 9:30 a.m. (No discussion in September.) The group, active for more than six years, usually meets the first Monday of each month at the library. Sometimes, the group takes a field trip relating to a book or may watch a movie interpretation of a selection. Every attempt is made to get copies of the books through interlibrary loan. Books may also be found in paperback at local bookstores including The Toadstool Bookshop. Occasionally, because of availability, dates of books to be discussed may be switched or substitutions made. Participants are asked to bring a question, comment or observation to the discussion. Participants take

turns bringing light refreshments to share. There are usually between eight and twelve attendees. Anyone is welcome to join in one or more discussion.

Library Director Karen MacDonald purchases a copy of each selection for the library collection. Any title may be borrowed by a library patron, though a book that’s to be discussed will be reserved for book group participants the month of the discussion. Questions, call the library at 673-7888.

Book list for remainder of 2009

~ **No September Discussion** ~
October 5 - **fiction:** (optional: “*The Great Gatsby*” by F. Scott Fitzgerald); “*Double Bind*” by Chris Bohjalian

November 2 - **fiction:** “*Deafening*” by Frances Itani

December 7 - **nonfiction:** “*Three Cups of Tea*” by Greg Mortenson

Passes to Four Museums at the Library

Daland Memorial Library Area Museum Passes

Looking for local summer fun? Check out the museum passes currently available to library patrons:

Canterbury Shaker Village
288 Shaker Road

Canterbury, NH
Tel: 603-785-9511
www.shakers.org
Take away passes (Co-pay: Adults \$6.00; Children \$3.00)
Contact the library for restricted dates.

Currier Museum of Art
201 Myrtle Way
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-7194
www.currier.org Two passes available per day - each pass admits two adults.
Children 17 and under admitted without charge.

Manchester Millyard Museum
Corner of Pleasant and Commercial Streets
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-662-7531
www.manchesterhistorical.org 1 pass, admits 4 people

SEE Science Center
200 Bedford Street
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org
3 family passes

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA
Tel: 617-267-9300
www.mfa.org
Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults
(NOTE: \$5 co-pay for EACH adult)
Some special exhibits at the MFA require a ticket which is an additional charge - check their website for details.

To reserve passes stop in or call the library at 673-7888. All passes made possible through the fund-raising efforts of the Friends of the Library.

Mont Vernon Historical Society News

Museum Open August 1 & 15 - Two paintings by Willard Archibald

The Mont Vernon Historical Society Museum will be open August 1 and 15; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will also be open the first and third Saturdays in September and October. The museum is located on the second floor in the Town Hall on Main Street in Mont Vernon.

Two paintings by Mont Vernon native, Willard Archibald, have been loaned to the museum for display this season. The recently completed pictures capture the town from bygone days. One is called “The Clubhouse” and the other “Village of Mont Vernon, NH Viewing Town Hall, Academy, Church, “Grand Hotel.”” Also new this year is a small exhibit focusing on the Mont Vernon Congregational Church. Other displays feature the old hotels of Mont Vernon including

“The Grand,” Lamson Farm memorabilia, and the window and mail boxes from the old post office when it was located behind the Mont Vernon General Store. Ask to see the small sampling of tea from the historic 1773 Boston Tea Party which has been handed down through Lamson family members. Historical society publications including the their most recent publication

“Home Cooking - Recipes Old & New From the Kitchens of Mont Vernon” and the 2008 CD “Mont Vernon Historical Society’s Museum” (plays on Windows Media Player not a TV DVD) will be available for sale. T-shirts, a puzzle featuring historic buildings in town and stationery may also be found in the museum’s store.

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Silent Auction - Book & Chair Make a Pair

*Handpainted chairs and stools inspired by children’s books, created by the Mont Vernon Artisans, will be auctioned during the month of August. Each creation is accompanied by a copy of the book that inspired it. Bids will open on Tuesday, August 5 and close on Friday, August 28th at 6pm. Items will be on

display at the Daland Memorial Library, Mont Vernon or you can view photos at: flickr.com/photos/mv-fotog/sets/. For more information, call the library 673-7888 or visit us at www.dalandlibrary.wordpress.com. Proceeds will benefit Friends of the Daland Memorial Library and the Mont Vernon Artisans.



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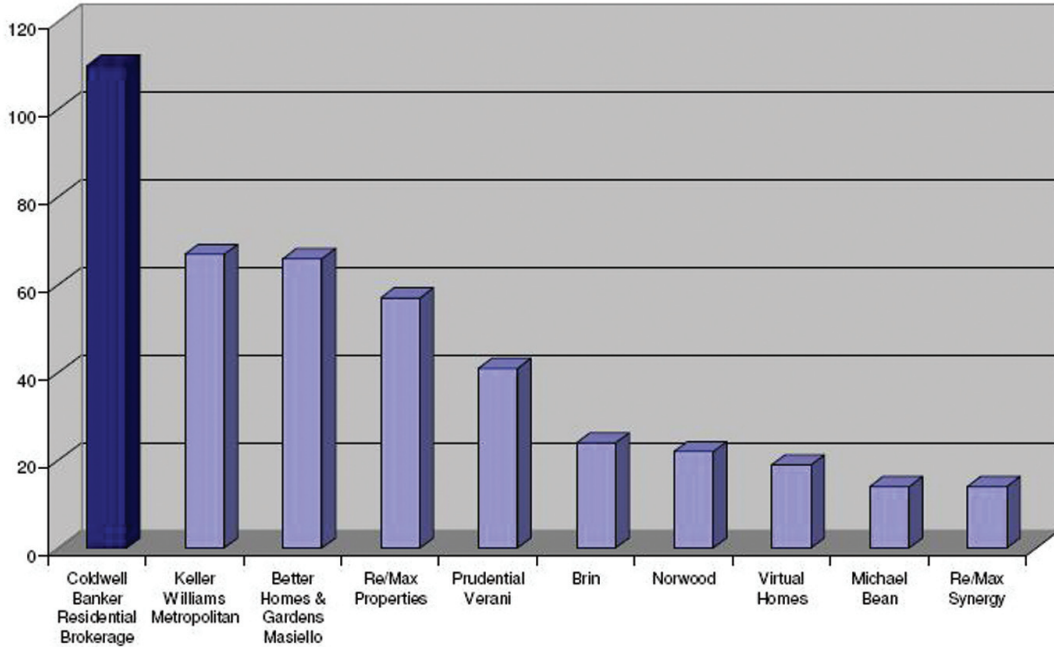
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