

Town News

Amherst Town Library

An Evening With Bob Ryan, Sportswriter For The Boston Globe

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library enthusiastically presents “An Evening with Bob Ryan, Sportswriter for the Boston Globe,” on Wednesday, September 30th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. Bob Ryan has been active in sports coverage since his first day as a Boston Globe summer intern in 1968 (when he first encountered a fellow sports nut named Peter Gammons) up to the present day. We are delighted to have Mr. Ryan “kick-off” and “throw the first pitch” of our new series of programs for adults at the Library that runs from September 2015 through May 2016.

Though Mr. Ryan retired from full-time duty with the Boston Globe following the London Olympics, he still writes between 30 and 40 Sunday columns a year for the Globe. He also is a regular panelist on a variety of ESPN shows. He has been on the Sunday Morning “Sports Reporters” since 1989. He has been with “Around the Horn” since its inception in 2002. And, he has been a regular substitute host on “Pardon the Interruption,” since 1982.

He has spent many nights and afternoons in both the original Boston Garden and the current TD Garden. He began covering the

Celtics at age 23 in 1969, handling the assignment for 13 ½ years over a 19-year span. Basketball was his passport, but over the course of time he has covered numerous events in many sports. In addition to having covered the Red Sox, he has compiled a resume that includes 29 Final Fours, 20 NBA Finals, 18 golf majors, six Ryder Cups, and 10 Super Bowls, in addition to innumerable playoff games in all sports, college bowl games, and national championship games. He covered the Dream Team from the first bounce of the ball in LaJolla to the gold medal game in Barcelona, and that was the first of 11 Olympics (six summer and five winter) he would cover.

He is a member of four Halls of Fame: The Curt Gowdy Award from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; the USBWA (college basketball writers) Hall of Fame; the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; and, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. Most recently he received the PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Sports Literacy and the Associated Press Red Smith Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He is the author of 12 books, the current one being his autobiography, SCRIBE, My Life in Sports,”



Bob Ryan

which received the Grand Prize Award at the New England Book Festival. He has collaborated on books with Celtics greats John Havlicek, Bob Cousy, and Larry Bird. There will be a book signing after Mr. Ryan's presentation.

This program is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED due to space limitations. You can register for these events by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherstlibrary.org or by visiting our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and selecting the “Community Services” tab, then click on drop down “Sign-Up for Programs.”

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Destinations and Waystops

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
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Trailside benches may be a walker's destination or a place to rest the body and find respite during a longer trek. There are many to be found on ACC-managed properties where they have been placed by volunteers using donated materials. Below we list some, set amidst Nature's beauty, that you may find make peaceful additions to your day. For each we show the approximate distance from the trailhead to the bench.

In the Village – Beside Beaver Brook in Beaver Brook Park, a granite bench becomes an easy destination (100 feet). A short way upstream behind the Congregational Church (100 feet) is an observation deck with views of the marsh and its wildlife. When Joshua's Park is funded and developed, there will be other opportunities for rest created just down the road.

Joe English Reservation – This is the largest ACC-managed property and offers diverse places to sit and relax while viewing the land around. Here, close to the entrance, a granite bench is set

between Joe English Book and Bacon Pond (100 feet). Upstream, two wooden benches overlook the beaver pond. One is on the Old Brook Road Trail (1/4 mile) and the other around the corner on the Ledge Trail. Other benches in the reservation may be enjoyed on the Ledge Trail (3/4 mile) and along the Hammond Brook Trail (200 yards).

Bicentennial Trail – Three-quarters of a mile south of Austin Road there is a bench atop an esker above the kettle-hole thirty feet below.

Bragdon Farm – Two benches with valley

views await you up the meadow on the north side of Rt.101 across from the sliding hill (200 feet).

Pond Parish Town Forest – Benches here have been placed to overlook the beaver pond and marsh. One is on the bridge that connects the two halves of PPTF (150 yards). Another, is nearby and overlooks the beavers' lodge and dam. At the upper end of the pond, on a spur trail, there is an observation platform (1/2 mile) giving views of the pond and marsh.

Grater Woods – This fall will see a picnic table with views to the Temple Mountain Range placed on the Grater Woods Trail 1/4 mile from the parking area and trailhead.

Souhegan River Overlooks – Benches have been placed above the river at the canoeport off Route 122 and downstream on the Currier parcel accessed from Fairway drive (1/4 mile).

The Amherst Conservation Commission trails and benches have been constructed and maintained as best we can with volunteers' time and donated materials. Please bring to our attention any unsafe conditions and suspected vandalism – regrettably, it does happen, even in Amherst! Bring food and non-alcoholic refreshment and carry out any trash. Please, no motorized equipment or toys. They are illegal on ACC properties. Someday the ACC hopes it can provide better facilities for the physically and mentally challenged.
Enjoy!



Teachers and Staff from the Amherst School Districts' Art Show at the Library



“Hand and Butterfly” by Eric Bouldin

AMHERST – The Friends of the library would like to welcome some superheroes from our school districts who are displaying some of their beautiful art pieces at the Amherst Town Library. The faculty and staff from Clark-Wilkins, Mont Vernon Village, Amherst Middle, and Souhegan High schools were invited to participate in a six week exhibit from mid July to the end of August of their personal artwork honoring their talents outside teaching our children. Come on in to see some gorgeous wood carvings, amazing pencil drawings, serene photographs, and whimsical paintings on the main floor of the library. Eric Bouldin, MaryBeth Gilpin, Amy Hanson, Lisa Lyon, Mary Prescott-Ninness are participating from Clark-Wilkins Elementary School. Jeff Hall and Martha Rives are participating from Souhegan High School and Sue Leger from SAU 39 Office is also participating.



“Village Gem” by Jeff Hall

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