





Bob Ryan

### Amherst Town Library

## An Evening With Boston Globe Sportswriter, Bob Ryan

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.

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### Red Shirt Fridays at Parkhurst Place in Amherst Honor Soldiers and Their Families



Thirty-five residents of Parkhurst Place met in the community room wearing their Friday red shirts to show their support for our deployed soldiers. More than 300 soldiers from the NH Army National Guard 3rd Battalion 197th Field Artillery Regiment which includes the 744th Combat Services Forward Company are now deployed in the Middle East. The goal of this program is to show support for our service men and women and their families and let them know we appreciate the sacrifice they make each and every day.

A Parkhurst resident and mother of a deployed soldier said, “Wearing a red shirt on Friday makes you stop and remember all those people across the country wearing red for all our deployed soldiers and their families.”

Launching this Red Shirt Fridays effort, Vietnam veteran Doc Hofmeister encourages people to wear red shirts on Fridays to show support for service people. “When the troops see the news and see people dressed in red, they know they have support,” he said.

He continues, “We are a silent majority that does not wish to remain silent anymore. We need to let our servicemen and women know we support their sacrifice and we will not forget them and we will do this by wearing red every Friday.”



Candidate Carly Fiorina with Amherst resident, John Powers

### Carly Fiorina Visits Amherst Republicans

AMHERST – On Saturday, September 5th, Republican presidential candidate, Carly Fiorina spoke at the Amherst Republican Club breakfast meeting held at Joey's Diner.

She presented her position on the issues and answered questions from the audience. Video: [www.amherstcitizen.com/e-news/index.html](http://www.amherstcitizen.com/e-news/index.html)



Artist, Kevin Dadoly

### Dadoly Celebrates 20 Years Teaching at SHS Adult Ed

Amherst Artist Kevin Dadoly celebrated 20 years of teaching painting in the adult education program at Souhegan High School with a surprise party. Family, friends, former and present students arrived early for class to honor Kevin. Joining Kevin were his wife Janis, and children Taylor and Travis.

Kevin has taught, entertained and befriended many students over the 20 years and continues to bring the joy of art and painting to his students and friends.

## Amherst Garden Club's October Series Meetings

### Feeding Birds All Year Long

AMHERST – Want to attract more birds to your gardens? Judi Burger, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Nashua, will discuss the four necessary elements to help make that happen and attract wild birds all year long at the October 1 morning meeting of the Amherst Garden Club held at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Judi has 19 years in the bird feeding industry, starting in the Greenville, SC Wild Birds Unlimited as a store manager. For the last 17 years she has owned and operated the store in Nashua. She is currently taking classes in Ornithology from Cornell University to continue expanding her knowledge and love of birds. A nature enthusiast with over a dozen feeders in her backyard, she has created a backyard habitat with everything a bird could want—food, water, shelter, and places to raise young.

Judi and her husband Chris live in Hollis with their two kitties Max and Molly and their house bunnies Ba-



Judi Burger

### Winter Birds

AMHERST – On September 10th the Amherst Garden Club Evening Series kicked off with 42 people in attendance to hear Susan Kierstead's advice on "Putting Our Gardens to Bed." Susan's emphasis was on watering, weeding, and mulching NOW! The group listened to many words of wisdom from Susan and Marti Warren who shared their love of gardening. Marti gave numerous tips on buying and planting bulbs for spring gardens.

The next evening meeting will be on October 1st at Parkhurst Place from 7:00-8:30 PM. It will feature Pam Hunt from the NH Audubon Society whose topic will be "Winter Birds." She will discuss the results of the "Winter Bird Survey," a citizen science project that has been collecting data on our state birds since 1967. Dr.Hunt will use the survey's data to illustrate how populations of birds have been changing over time. She will also explore other aspects of bird biology. Visitors are



Pamela Hunt

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## New Park, Playground Slated in Amherst

AMHERST – Land for a community garden. A new site for a playground. A perimeter trail and benches for nature walking. All of those and more are planned for a new park in Amherst. After passing final hurdles in a months-long approval process, Joshua's Park's organizers have launched a public campaign for donations.

Sally Wilkins, chair of the Amherst Land Trust, spearheaded the project over the last year. She says a team of people from the Trust, the Amherst Community Foundation, and Amherst's "Let's Get a Playground Built" movement have been raising \$350,000 needed to pay for the property, park development, and playground equipment.

The 3.9-acre park property is on Courthouse Road, on the south side of Amherst Village. It has been farmed for over 100 years and is now owned by Susan and Scott Adams, who are selling at a "bargain sale" price of \$150,000, \$45,000 less than the appraised value.

Stepping forward with the "keystone" gift of \$150,000 to launch the fundraising campaign for the park is Becky Raney, mother of Joshua Savoyon who died in 2013.

Says Land Trust Chairwoman Wilkins, "We are so grateful to Becky Raney for underwriting the effort in honor of her son. Since losing the playground at Cemetery Field, the town has sorely needed a new park of this caliber."

Amherst Community Foundation chairman Travis War-



Architectural landscape rendering shows location of Joshua's Park

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