

Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER

- **The Boxcar Children at the Bradley Playhouse, Putnam**
Sept. 17, 18 & 19
Call for tickets 860-928-7887 or visit www.tnect.org



- **Connecticut Renaissance Faire at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock**
Sept. 27-Oct. 19
For info visit www.ctfaire.com
- **Woodstock's Annual Shop Hop, Woodstock**
Always held the first FALL weekend in September
- **Artists in the Country fourth annual juried art show, 52 County Road, West Woodstock**
Sept. 18th & 19th
Admission is just \$3, free for school children through high school. For more information and future events including the Quiet Corner's Open Studio Tour, visit www.artistsinthecountry.org or call Ann Chuk at 860-455-0103

- **Art @ the Library: Putnam Cattle Drive** by L. Dana Gartenlaub at the Thompson Public Library, Thompson
Sept. 1st – 29th, a reception with the artist will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1st at 6:30pm
Call 860-923-9779 or visit www.thompsonpubliclibrary.org

Mrs. Tiggy Winke Tea
(a story presented to children ages 4-7)
At Roseland Cottage, Woodstock
\$10 SPNEA members, \$12 non-members
Call 860-928-4074 for more information

Dr. Robert Paine Exhibit (celebrates the life and family of Thompson's last country doctor) at The Thompson Historical Society, Thompson
Through Summer 2005
Open 10-2 on the first Saturday of every month.
For more information call 860-923-3200 or visit www.thompsonhistoricalsociety.org.

OCTOBER

- **Walking WeekendS**, Take part in any of 123 free guided walks through forests, fields and village greens when the autumn foliage is at its best.
October 8th & 9th and 15th & 17th
Call the Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor toll free at 866-363-7226 or visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org
- **Fall Foliage & Shopping Excursion Arrives in Putnam On the Providence & Worcester Railroad**
October 9th, Tour runs from 9am to 4pm
Tickets: \$40 adult, \$20 children under 16 plus additional \$1 per ticket processing fee
Call Rhode Island's Blackstone Valley Visitor Center 1-800-454-BVTC or visit bvtourism@aol.com



- **"Special Train" Trip from the former New Haven Railroad Union Station in Putnam**
On the Providence & Worcester Railroad
October 16th, leaves at 2:30pm and returns at 4:30pm
Tickets: \$20 per person round trip, payable by check mailed to Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009
For more information call 617-361-4445 or visit www.mysticvalleyrds.org

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- The Putnam Merchants Association is sponsoring Putnam's "Fall Festival" featuring a pumpkin carving contest, scarecrow contest, arts and crafts sale and musical entertainment.
October 23rd, All Day Event

- **I'll Be Back Before Midnight at the Bradley Playhouse, Putnam**
October 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8pm and October 24 at 2pm
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- **Fine Arts & Crafts Festival at Roseland Cottage, Woodstock**
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NOVEMBER

- **Performing Arts brings Verdi's "Tosca" to the Hyde Cultural Center, Woodstock**
November 6th
For information call Performing Arts Box Office at 860-928-2946 or visit www.performingartsnect.org

- **Taste of New England at the Harvest Restaurant, Pomfret**
November 19th, for more information call 860-928-0008 or visit www.harvestrestaurant.com

- **Wine Event at the Mansion at Bald Hill, Woodstock**
Benefit for Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp
October 2nd 12pm-6pm, \$75 per person
For tickets visit www.localwineevents.com or www.mansionatbaldhill.com

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **The Vanilla Bean Cafe** hosts musical entertainment throughout the season, visit www.vanillabeancafe.com for event schedule

- **The Connecticut Audubon Society at Pomfret Center** hosts hikes, bird walks, wildflower walks, and paddling. For event listings call 860-928-4946 or visit www.ctaudubon.org

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Quiet Corner Wine Festival Drawing Big Name Exhibitors!

Plan to visit the first Quiet Corner Wine Festival taking place October 2, 2004 at the Mansion at Bald Hill. The Quiet Corner Wine Festival hours will be 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$75.00 for access to all exhibits. Tickets are available online @ localwineevents.com and harvestrestaurant.com.

The growing list of wine exhibitors includes Toad Hollow from Medecino, CA; Lolonis from Sonoma Valley and Livingston Moffett Wines of Napa Valley. Bruno Allaire, founder of the acclaimed EcoWineFest, will create a mini-version of his organic wine festival featuring fine examples of organic wines from around the world. Event Chair David Aldrich and Peter Cooper – Executive Chef and Owner of The Harvest Restaurant and The Quiet Corner Catering Company promise a full day of tasting and demonstrations.

Highlighting the Festival will be cooking demonstrations and tastings by the 2004 Culinary Olympics Team from the internationally renowned Johnson & Wales Culinary School, with the additional participation of Kevin Duffy, the new Dean of Johnson & Wales and Edward Korry – Chairperson of the Johnson & Wales Wine Department. The Culinary Olympic Team travels to Erfurt, Germany later in October to participate in the 2004 Culinary Olympics. Additional highlights include the New England Dairy Association which is providing samples of the region's finest cheeses, as well as the Clarke Corporation – a regional distributor of Wolff ranges and Sub-Zero refrigerators – which is demonstrating a custom, fully-operational kitchen created exclusively for the Festival.

The Quiet Corner Wine Festival is dedicated to the memory to Fallon O'Toole McIntyre (2002-2004). Proceeds from the Quiet Corner Wine Festival will go to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Connecticut. Founded by Paul Newman, the camp gives dozens of seriously ill children a free week of outdoor fun every summer. "The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is honored to be the beneficiary of the Quiet Corner Wine Festival," says Camp Executive Director, James Canton. "The Harvest Restaurant has been a big supporter for many years and recently catered the opening of our new handicapped accessible tree-house. We are excited to participate in the wine festival, make new friends, and share some wonderful stories about the Camp and the children we serve."

Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Director of Development, Mike Smiles, echoes his colleague's enthusiasm: "The festival will provide a great opportunity for the community to participate in a new fall celebration of wine and learn more about an important cause located in Ashford."

The Mansion at Bald Hill, The Harvest Restaurant and The Quiet Corner Catering Company - Located in rural South Woodstock, Connecticut, the Mansion at Bald Hill is an historic landmark built by the wealthy Bowen family during the Industrial Age. Now a beautifully restored and furnished bed and breakfast, the Mansion at Bald Hill is owned by Sharon and Peter Cooper who also own the nearby Harvest Restaurant and the Quiet Corner Catering Company. The Harvest Restaurant has received 3 stars from the New York Times and 4 stars from The Boston Globe, the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and the Providence Journal. The restaurant has also received Wine Spectator's top award for restaurant wine selections 16 years in a row.



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Connecticut Inventors continued...

Spencer, Massachusetts; 1819-1867). The first large-scale production of sewing machines in the U.S. began at Watertown, Connecticut, in 1850. Linus Yale, Jr. (b. Salisbury, New York; 1821-1868) perfected the first functional pin-tumbler lock mechanism in the early 1860s. In 1879 Frank Holland, a Manchester schoolteacher, patented a pen with an improved point. Although Holland's pen was not good enough to market, it was modified by L.E. Waterman and became the famous Waterman fountain pen.

Connecticut's rubber industry grew rapidly after 1839, when Charles Goodyear (1800-1860) turned his attention to experimenting with different chemical additives in an attempt to develop a compound that had the flexibility of natural rubber but would not melt in warm temperatures and become brittle in cold temperatures. Goodyear was one of several Americans experimenting with mixtures of sulfur and rubber when he accidentally dropped one such compound on a hot wood stove. The compound did not melt but became charred. The next morning Goodyear noticed that the compound was very flexible at low temperatures. Goodyear needed three more years of experimenting until he came upon a

mix of rubber, sulfur, and white lead and a schedule of heating temperatures and times for the "vulcanization" of rubber. Goodyear's formula became the basis for the durable rubber products—boots, shoes and rubber clothing—that were manufactured in the Naugatuck River Valley and other regions of the nation.

After the Civil War, Connecticut inventors continued their activities. In 1892, George C. Blickensderfer (b. Erie, Pennsylvania; 1851-1917) patented the first portable typewriter. The first coin-operated telephone was patented by William Gray. The familiar electric socket with a pull chain was developed in 1896 by Harvey Hubbell (1857-1927) of Bridgeport. Hiram P. Maxim (b. Brooklyn, New York; 1869-1936), a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, designed automobiles at Hartford's famous Pope Manufacturing Company before he invented in 1909 the Maxim gun "silencer," familiar to all Americans.

**This is a condensed version of the article, as it appears at <http://www.ctheritage.org/encyclopedia/topicalsurveys/inventors.htm> a wonderful online resource for information about Connecticut's history established by the Connecticut Humanities Council. Reprinted with permission.*

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The Northeastern Economic Developers Association (NEDA) has selected The Putnam Traveler as the best tourism publication entry among small budget organizations in NEDA's 2004 Literature and Promotions Competition. Reaching across all size jurisdictions, including State agencies, large, medium and small jurisdictions, NEDA

also selected the Putnam Traveler as the Best in the Class of all tourism publication entries. NEDA is a professional economic development organization serving eleven Northeastern states from Maryland to Maine.

The Putnam Traveler is a quarterly newspaper promoting Putnam and Northeastern Connecticut as a tourism destination. The Putnam Traveler is a partnership between the Town of Putnam's Redevelopment Agency (PRA), the Putnam Merchants Association (PMA), the Antiques Marketplace, and Global Design, an East Putnam graphics design & publishing company. Initially subsidized by the Town of Putnam, advertising revenues have allowed The Putnam Traveler to add editorial content and grow from its 8-page first issue to its most recent 16-page third and fourth issues.

The Putnam Traveler is mailed to an 8,000+ list of people who have visited Putnam and beginning this


Fall, the paper is being mailed to all residents in Putnam, Pomfret and Woodstock; it is also distributed through local shops and state visitor centers. All issues of The Putnam Traveler are also posted as pdf files on the www.putnamct.us website.

NEDA's 2004 Literature and Promotions Competition bases its awards on five criteria, including Design and Layout, Clarity of Message, Production Quality, Functionality, and Overall Creativity and Impact.

"You may take special pride in your 'Best of Class' Award, said Eric Anderson, NEDA's Executive Director. This prize recognizes excellence across size classes, and is often left unawarded altogether. Only the very best and most effective can earn these awards. The judges can and, in some cases do, sometimes choose not to give an award at all. Therefore, you may be justifiably proud that your work has met the test of your colleagues—and competitors—from throughout the Northeastern United States."

Putnam Merchants Association, Co-Chair, Shawn Dinerman said, "We appreciated the recognition the paper has received from NEDA, it affirms the contribution that the Putnam Traveler is bringing to the promotion of Downtown Putnam."

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The recently renovated 8,000 square-foot showroom welcomes customers with an open floor plan for casual browsers and serious shoppers. The painted red brick wall, white painted ceilings and exposed pipes have brightened up the showroom to feature what matters most, the furniture. Customers are welcome to sit down and test out the comfortably upholstered sofas and chairs while they contem-



Michelle Durand

plate a new look for their own living spaces.

There are a large variety of choices at the Furniture Place including custom fabrics and leather, country, traditional and transitional style furniture for living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms. But what you see is not all you get...if you can't find what you are looking for browse through a variety of catalogues for even more options.

Still need help, Michelle Durand, the store's own interior designer is available to measure your space, design a floor plan, make color and pattern recommendations, chose and place accessories-all free with a purchase and designed to make your home decorating experience fun and easy. If its just one piece that you are looking for, Michelle says "our customers are pleased with the unique selection that the Furniture Place has to offer" and she is always adding new items for display.

New to the Furniture Place are accessories and gift items (great for weddings and showers too). From lamps, mirrors, tabletop accessories, and prints-to braided rugs and children's accessories and gifts-this is the place for one-stop shopping in the Quiet Corner.

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TOMMY TAYLOR

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Among the 198 Putnam Civil War veterans was a young Negro named Thomas L. Taylor, who would play a key role in the Union Navy's history.

The Confederate Navy, in its infancy, raised a sunken vessel called The Virginia, and covered it with thick sheet metal. In response, the Union built their own vessel and named it The Monitor...and this is where the story of Thomas Taylor begins.

Taylor escaped a North Carolina Plantation on his master's horse. Riding all night, he abandoned the animal and set forth on foot, ending his flight to freedom at the Hampton Roads Union Navy Yard where he was asked to serve as a manservant to an officer on board an iron ship called The Monitor. Although knowing nothing about naval vessels or sea warfare, he jumped at the chance.

At only 5 foot, 1 1/2 inches tall and weighing about 125 pounds, Taylor was quickly thrust into the



Tommy and the Rev. Wheelock.
(Photo courtesy of Aspinock historical Society)

role of a "Powder Monkey" - passing gunpowder to the gunners by ascending the small openings from the powder storage areas to the firing areas.

On March 9, 1862, after the battle between the War's two famous iron ships, the South's Merrimac and the North's Monitor, Taylor was quoted as saying, "I passed powder all through the fight and believe me, the men kept me hustling. We steamed back to Hampton Roads after the fight and I was let ashore."

Taylor's service was aboard the USS Roanok. He was discharged in 1865 with a partial disability pension of \$12 per month for deafness and failing eyesight. Eventually, he found his way to Worcester, MA, where he married and had two children. In his later years, Taylor moved to Putnam where he owned a house on Oak Street. People who knew Taylor told this writer that Tommy, as he was called, was a true gentlemen, pleasant to talk to and liked by many. On hot summer days he would venture down to the little store on School Street to enjoy a vanilla ice cream cone.

Ironically, Taylor, who survived slavery and a brutal war, in the end, did not find the peace for which he yearned. On Christmas Eve of 1931, he was severely beaten by thugs in Worcester for what little pension money he had on hand. Tommy Taylor died less than three months later from these wounds. When he died, Taylor was the last surviving member of that eventful and historic naval battle that changed, forever, the course of naval warfare. Taylor is buried in the Grove Street Cemetery in Putnam.

Written By Federick C. Hedenberg, Aspinock President and Putnam Selectman



Members of the Monitor's crew on the deck.
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The Putnam Merchants Association is proud to announce that eleven new calves have joined the herd in Downtown Putnam. There are now thirty-four decorative calves on display for visitors and residents to enjoy.

The Putnam Merchants Association is working hard to plan activities for our "Fall Festival" scheduled for October 23rd. The Fall Festival will feature craft booths, sidewalk sales, entertainment, a scarecrow contest, a pumpkin carving contest and more great activities.

In addition, we have scheduled three more train trips to Putnam on October 9th, 16th and 23rd (same day as the Fall Festival). The train trips are a great way for visitors to discover Putnam!

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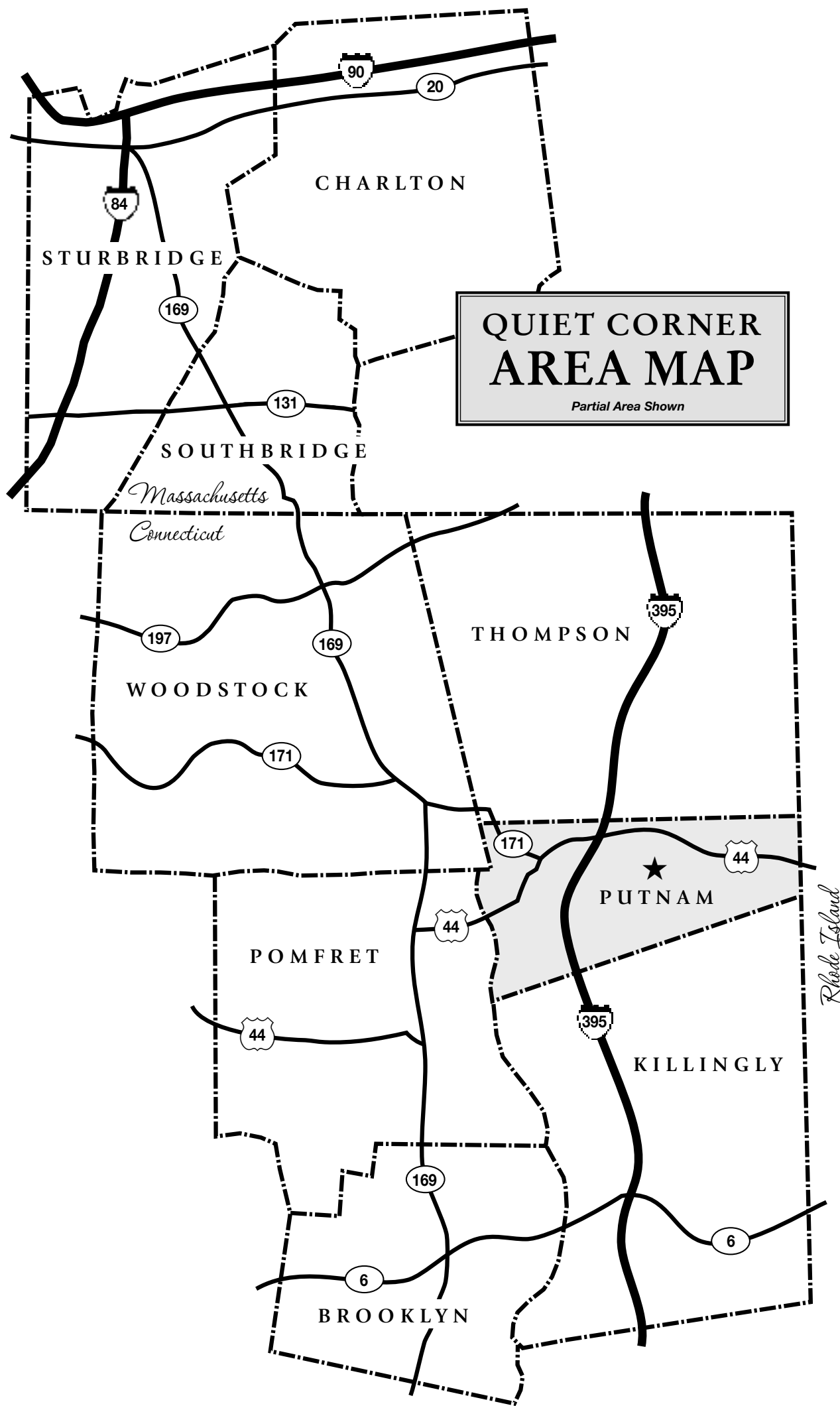
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