



The Lyme Light



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"To enhance and support the community through cooperation, learning and enrichment."
Town of Lyme, NY.

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From the Lyme Light Chair

I am pleased to announce that I have taken the position of Chair of the Lyme Light publication committee. We are transitioning to mailing to all residents of the Lyme community, and because of this change, we request a bit of patience on the part of our devoted readers. This first issue covers January and February with events listed into March; if we missed an event, we apologize. The next issue will be for March/April, and subsequent issues will be monthly until September. Due dates for future issues will be published in the Editor's column. Questions or comments may be directed to us at limelightnews@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting us!

Until next time,

Ed DeMattia

The Community Always Answers the Call

Every year we get a wonderful response to our Annual Appeal for Support of the Foundation. Through the generosity of the entire community we are able to keep the doors open and the heat on. In this 20th Anniversary year of the Foundation we Thank You for your ideas, your volunteer time and your financial support.

As you have seen, this year we were able to make dramatic improvements to the Copley House and grounds, as well as finally being able to pave the parking area. This was accomplished with your generous support. As we move into 2019, we have exciting plans to add Programs and continue our mission to enhance the Lyme community.

You will see our Annual Appeal letter insert in this issue of the Lyme Light. Please sustain this vital community center with your generous support.

Winter Programs at the Copley House

Brrrrrr! Yes it's cold and snowy, but our wonderful enrichment classes will continue through the winter months. The program committee is offering several classes as well as the ongoing children's dance class Friday afternoons. If you'd like to participate in any of our classes please contact either the instructor or Kris Mangone, krobmanor@aol.com.

We also post all the classes on the Lyme Community Foundation **Facebook** page.

Refreshments are served at all art and craft sessions.

Dance Class - ballet, jazz and hip-hop

Fridays at the Copley House: 4:15-5 PM

Grades K-6 Fee: \$30.00/month

Instructor: Cindy Babel, Dance World, Watertown

Open registration. Come a little early to enroll your child. Ballet shoes available for purchase \$14.50

Info - Cindy: fabfeet2@yahoo.com, (315) 771-7181



Felting Class -

Sunday, February 17,
2-4 PM

Learn how to make a cute felt penguin with Michelle from Sweet Pea Farm, Champion.

Cost: \$25.00 Includes all materials to make one in class and make another at home.

Registration required.

Contact Kris Mangone, krobmanor@aol.com



Winter Programs continued on pg 2

Paint and Sip with

Lynette - Sunday,
February 24, 2-4 PM

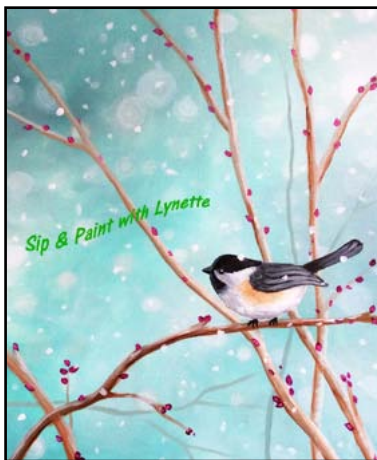
You'll be painting a
"Chick-a-dee in Lake
Effect Snow" on a
20" canvas.

Cost; \$45.00 includes
all materials and
instruction.

Preregistration is
required along with
payment via Lynette's web page. She will accept
cash or check if you are pre-registered.

See: <https://sipandpaintaway.com/> for information
or contact Kris Mangone krobmanor@aol.com

We hope to offer a full array of classes and
workshops in the spring. If you have an idea or
something you'd like to see offered please contact
Kris Mangone, krobmanor@aol.com or Kathie Carr,
kacarr140@gmail.com.



because I am able to help students succeed
and go on to have successful careers.

7. I love being involved in my community because
it makes me feel like I make a difference.
8. I love snow storms when I can be at home and
crawl up next to the fire with a nice blanket
and relax. (It is the only time when I can force
myself to relax and not feel guilty)
9. I love the smell of good food cooking on the
stove. This winter the smell of home made
soups cooking has been heavenly!!
10. Last but not least, I do love when winter comes
to an end and spring arrives in the North
Country. Let's hope we have an early Spring
this year!!

So what do you love? Take the time to sit back and
reflect on all of the things that make you happy.
With so many bad things and such sadness in the
world today sometimes we forget about the all the
great things we have in our lives. I am hoping that
2019 brings each and every one of you much joy
and happiness!!!

Deanna Lothrop

Lyme Community Foundation President

A Message from the President

Wow it is February already and with February that
means that Valentine's Day is right around the
corner. Some people love Valentine's Day because
it is a time when they receive flowers, chocolates or
other gifts from their loved ones. Some other people
I know hate to see Valentine's Day come because
they don't have a spouse or a significant other to
share the holiday with. When I think of Valentine's
Day I think about all the things I love. Here is my list
of 10 things I love:

1. Obviously the first one is I love my family and
friends.
2. I love living in Chaumont because it is a
wonderful place to raise a family.
3. I love our little school, Lyme Central. We have
the best teachers, administrators and staff that
are always there to support our local kids.
4. I love living on Lake Ontario and all the
recreational opportunities it provides for
families.
5. I love the Lyme Community Foundation and
the Copley House that provides a wonderful
community center for the Town of Lyme.
6. I love my job at Jefferson Community College

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Lyme Free Library Events

February & March 2019

Library Hours

Monday - 10AM to 4PM Wednesday - 10AM to 6PM
 Tuesday - 10AM to 8PM Friday - 10AM to 4PM
 Saturday - 10AM to 4PM

Events are held at the **Lyme Free Library**, unless otherwise noted.

February

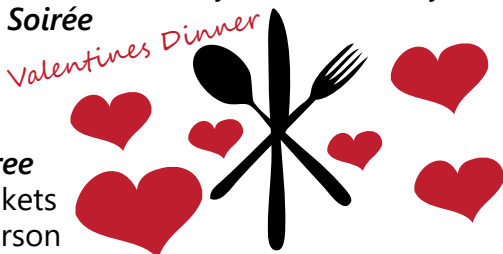
February 14th - 5PM at the Lyme Free Library -

Sweetheart Soirée

Valentine's Dinner

To Benefit

The Lyme Free Library - Tickets \$40 per person or \$75 for two.

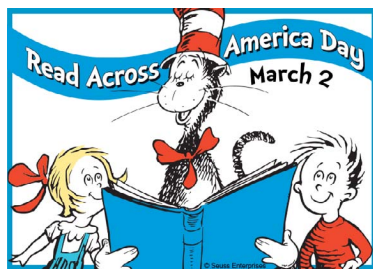


Please call the library at 315-649-5454 to register - **Space is LIMITED!** Menu will include Dinner of antipasto, garlic bread, pasta, three sauces, meatballs, sausage & vegetable medley with dessert of a chocolate buffet. Catered by Cathy L. Gallagher, owner of Desserts By Design & The Cottage Bakery.

February 22nd - 6:30PM - Mixed Media Art Class by Tracey Jean for ages 10 and above - Cost: \$25 (includes all supplies). Please call 315-649-5454 to register.

March

March 2nd - 10:30 AM - Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! - Seuss stories, crafts and fun. Please call the library at 315-649-5454 to register.



Other events and announcements:

Story Time Wednesday's at 11am. For children ages 3 to 6.



Evening Book Talk

February 19, 2019: *The Birth of Venus*, a novel by Sarah Dunant

March 19, 2019: *Notorious RBG - biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
Call the Library a 315-649-5454 for more information.

Proposed groups:

Afternoon Quilt Gathering?

There has been some interest in an afternoon quilting group. If you are interested, please call the library at 315-649-5454 and we will try and put together a meeting time.

Culinary Book Club?

We are looking to start a new group that would meet with stories that have recipes to make and share. If you would be interested in participating, please call the library at 315-649-5454.

The Library now has puzzles to loan!

New O'Reilly Prints

The prints include beautiful renditions of local landmarks in Cape Vincent, Chaumont, Watertown and surrounding areas. Framed originals of some pictures are also available. All proceeds benefit the library!

Maine Prints

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From Lyme Heritage Center

by Phyllis Putnam

The Lyme Heritage Center remains closed until May, but in the meantime the board members are working on various projects. One of these projects is to write letters inviting people to become a member of LHC, to help support our goals. If you would like to become a member, or to make a donation, the address is Lyme Heritage Center, PO Box 285, Chaumont, NY 13622.

Among the 23 self-published books that we have for sale is "Follow the North Shore" by Joyce Lance. Previous to writing this book, she wrote "The Founding of the Schools in Lyme and the Pioneers who Built them." Mrs. Lance was a native of Point Peninsula and "Follow the North Shore" is a compilation of stories of life on the Point. One of those stories that takes us back to the time of our grandparents and beyond is the following:

A COUNTRY STORE

Earl Cooley was born on Point Peninsula in 1867, a descendant of the pioneer Cooleys from Massachusetts. In his younger days he was a captain on the Great Lakes. I (Joyce Lance) remember that he walked with a sailor's gait and habitually smoked cigars. Another of his outstanding habits was the careful sharpening of his pencil with his jackknife each time he had occasion to use it.

He kept a store at Point Peninsula village, and from 1921 until his retirement in 1940 it also contained the Point Peninsula Post Office. His store was of the old fashioned variety with wide steps leading on to a porch across the front of the building. Along the right hand counter, as you first entered was the candy in a glassed in compartment. Other food supplies were on shelves back of this counter.

On the left wall were shelves were bolts of cloth and sewing supplies. The dry goods counter was complete with the measuring stick built in and the shears handy, along with a roller of wrapping paper and a ball of string to complete the sale.

At the rear on the right was the post office and a desk in a small cubicle. A telephone hung on the end of the desk. Just short of the post office was his counter of business, and next to that was a big flywheel type coffee grinder. There was, of course, a

potbellied stove situated in the middle, toward the rear, where the oldsters sat around and talked.

Through the door at the back was a storage room. It was a curious mix of kerosene, paint, nails, bolts, lanterns, stove pipes, stuff and soft drinks. Luckily the smell of kerosene which had frequently been spilled onto the wooden floor, didn't seem to change the taste of the soft drinks.

Mr. Cooley used to drive a grocery route with a model T truck with van-like body. It was especially built with compartments and drawers to carry his goods to be sold all around the Point. Mr. Cooley kept his route going until about 1940

Some of the Heritage Center books can be purchased in Chaumont at either the Citizens Bank or Lyme Free Library.



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There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.

– Janet Kilburn Phillips

Welcome to February! All through 2019 we will share a Horticulture Calendar with you that will provide monthly gardening activities, suggestions, tips and reminders. The following are gardening suggestions and reminders for the month of February.

- Prepare your spring seed orders - Be realistic, the tendency is to order too much. Also, check for seeds leftover from last year. Many seeds stay viable for several years.
- Check your houseplants - Now is a good time to see if plants have become root bound and need repotting. Check for pests and diseases. Dry air and low light in winter can be stressful for plants. Be sure to look at both sides of leaves.
- Propagate cuttings from houseplants - Some plants such as coleus and geranium can be propagated by rooting a vigorous shoot from the parent plant. Others such as African violets will grow from a leaf with its stem.
- Sow basil, parsley and chives in pots for your kitchen window. Although it's still cold outside, the sun is getting strong enough to grow some herbs indoors. Most herbs need at least 6 hours of bright daylight. You can also place herbs 6 to 12 inches from two 40 watt, cool white florescent

bulbs for 14 to 16 hours. Try to keep them where day temperatures stay above 65-70 and night temperatures are above 55-60 degrees.

- Cut branches from shrubs to bloom indoors - Shrubs that bloom in spring already formed their buds in autumn. By this time of year, they have experienced enough time in dormancy and are just waiting for warm enough weather to bloom. You can trick them into blooming early just by bringing them indoors and putting them into a vase of warm water. Shrubs that bloom most quickly include Forsythia, Crabapple, Pussy Willow and Spirea. This is also a great activity to do with kids.
- Don't forget to feed the birds - I've had Cardinals, Blue Jays, Chickadees, and Mourning Doves hanging out at my feeder. Also, keep your eyes open - the Snowy Owls are back in our area.

If you'd like more information on gardening tips, go to www.gardening.cornell.edu. If you have any questions about the Lyme Garden Club, contact the steering committee at lymegardenclub@earthlink.net.



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Town of Lyme News

by Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

Greetings and Happy New Year. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season. As you have probably noticed, the Highway Department did its usual fine job installing the Christmas wreaths and the homes in our communities of Three Mile Bay and Chaumont are once again wonderfully decorated and exhibiting the Yuletide spirit.

With the Referendum Vote approving the purchase of the Geordie Magee property on Sawmill Bay, after closing on the property the Town Board will decide the next steps on how we are to accomplish some, or all of the concepts that were voted on.

1. Grants were received for the Town to build a salt storage barn on the State Route 12E property.
2. Also, on the 12E property, a new radio tower has been erected which will improve the radio reception for our emergency vehicles. The tower is a cooperative effort between the Town and the We thank our County Legislator Bill Johnson for his assistance on this project.
3. Executive Assistant Robin Grovesteen and Highway Superintendent Pat Weston have been working with FEMA and reimbursement of funds has been approved and is expected soon.
4. In July we celebrated the 200th birthday of the Town of Lyme. Through the efforts of many volunteer citizens, a fun and successful celebration was enjoyed by many townspeople. Thank you to everyone involved. Let's do it again in another 200 years!
5. In August, the town suffered the loss of our Town Clerk and the resignation of our Deputy Town Clerk within a matter of days. With gratitude and a sigh of relief, the Town Board graciously accepted the offers of former Village of Chaumont Clerk Paula Borden and former Town of Lyme Deputy Town Clerk Suzann Cornell to help us in our time of need. We sincerely thank them for stepping up for their town and displaying their knowledge and experience in municipal operations so we could continue offering services and assistance to our residents.

On December 3rd, the town welcomed newly elected Town Clerk Ariana Mattraw. We thank Ariana for agreeing to start the job early so that she could receive training from Paula Borden. With the departure of Paula Borden on December 11th, Ariana served in her official capacity as Town Clerk at our December 12th

meeting. We are excited to have Ariana and we know she will do a fine job.

Also completed this Fall, over the course of nearly three months work, the Town Board adopted the 2019 Budget. With the acquisition of the new property, a couple new line items needed to be added. Once again, the Town Board scrutinized all accounts to ensure that each was as low as it could be. The tax rate for 2018 was 0.98602 per thousand assessment and the amount to be raised by taxes was \$380,268. The tax rate for 2019 will be 0.98244 per thousand assessment (lower due to a new Taxable Assessed Value) and the amount to be raised by taxes is \$380,333. This is a 0.02% increase from 2018, which keeps us far below the 2.0% Tax Cap requirement. As always at this time of year, we ask that when you get your tax bill, to please review it carefully. There is a line showing the amount you will be paying for Town taxes and there is a line showing the amount you will be paying for the County taxes. Also, there will be a fire protection line, and for some in Three Mile Bay, there will be Street Lighting costs.

One last note. The Water Board has a vacancy and is seeking someone who would like to serve on that board. It is a paid position and they meet once a month, discussing and working on policy and making recommendations to the Town Board concerning the water operations in the town. If interested, please call the Town Office at 315-649-2788.

The Town Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Town Municipal Building and town meetings can also be viewed on the town website at www.townoflyme.com or at Steve Weed Productions website.


May you all have a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019.




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Village of Chaumont News

The Village Board acknowledges that due to increasing costs and loss of financial resources, there may be potential benefits for Village residents to dissolve the Village and become part of the Town of Lyme. With this in mind, the Village Board passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for technical services to complete a Village Dissolution Study. Partial funding for the study will be attained from a New York State Re-organizational grant. The process could take several months to complete and the decision to dissolve will be determined by a public referendum vote by Village residents. Public meetings will be held along the way to discuss the potential impacts and resident concerns. Interested residents of the Village and Town are encouraged to participate in all informational meetings. If you have any questions or comments concerning the study, please call Karen at the Village office at (315) 649-2900.

Lyme Light due dates...

Please send any articles, news items, events, etc. to lymelightnews@gmail.com.

March/April 2019 Issue - by **Friday, March 1st**

May 2019 Issue - by **Friday, April 12th**

June 2019 Issue - by **Friday, May 10th**

July 2019 Issue - by **Friday, June 14th**

For most editions, the due dates will be the second Friday of the month, prior to publication.

Town of Lyme Transfer Site

HOURS:

Sunday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Monday: Closed

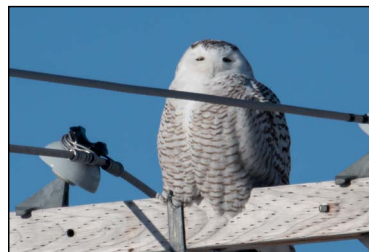
Tuesday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 4 PM



*One of the local
Snowy Owls.*

Photo by Julie K. Covey