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Crafters, quilt coming together for Apple Country Fair, Oct. 10

Danielle Kane

Save the date for the 31st Annual Apple Country Fair on the Brookfield Town Common, Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Brookfield Community Club, which makes charitable grants to our schools and other town organizations and initiatives, the Apple Country Fair celebrates autumn in New England with locally-produced foods and crafts, raffles, live music, children's games, and—of course—apple pie.

Plans for the Fair are coming together well. Crafters are reserving their spaces. A directory of crafters is updated online at www.applecountryfair.com; check the Web to see if your favorite crafter will be returning this year. Applications for crafters will be accepted until the week of the Fair, or until all spaces are filled. Download the application online or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box K312, Brookfield, MA 01506.

The annual community quilt, the Fair's raffle prize de resistance, was completed with the help of many hands at the Merrick Public Library. This year's quilt fashions a summery pattern of pinks and purples. Preview the quilt at the Library this summer. Tickets went on sale in July and are available at the Library, from many Community Club members, and at the Fair.

Other Fair favorites are slated to return. The Community Club is pleased to announce that the North Brookfield Masons guild will once again provide the food concessions for the Fair. The Friends of the Library will bring back their fun and popular children's games and activities. Entertainment, fudge and the apple pie baking contest are all a go.

The fair is held rain or shine. Should storms threaten, the fair will set up inside Brookfield Elementary School, 37 Central St.

The Brookfield Community Club, which began as a group of young moms who combined neighborly fun with fundraising for school activities, dreamed up the Apple Country Fair in 1979. For years, the money raised at the Apple Country Fair has paid for the Brookfield Elementary School's sixth grade class to attend an environmental program at Camp Bournedale

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Foundation Awards \$1.6 Million in Grants through June 2009

Greater Worcester Community Foundation approved more than \$1.6 million in grant awards during the first six months of 2009.

Nearly \$1 million was distributed through designated and advised funds that allow donors to name the charity that will benefit. Approved grants included \$115,000 to United Way of Central Massachusetts to support operations; \$49,000 from the Robert W. Booth Fund to the Worcester Art Museum for youth education programs; \$24,000 from the Alice A. Sibley Fund for vision care to Great Brook Valley Health Center; and \$22,000 from the Chapin Riley Fund to Worcester Academy for scholarship aid. An additional \$76,000 was distributed to the newly formed Worcester Tree Initiative from its campaign fund, to replace trees lost to storms and disease.

In June, \$638,000 was awarded through discretionary grants derived from named endowments created by local citizens to support changing

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From the Town of Brookfield Office of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice of Public Hearings

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on **Thursday, August 6, 2009** starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street on the first floor in the Banquet Hall.

The first hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from **Richard Barrett** for a Special Permit and Variance to build a 15' X 26' shed on his property located at **6 Oak Ave.** according to the Brookfield Zoning By-Law. The property is located in the Village District.

The second hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to hear a request from **Mark Toomey and Kathleen Fraser Toomey** for a Special Permit and Variance to enlarge a room on their property located at **141 Lake Road**, according to the Town of Brookfield Zoning Bylaw. The property is located in the Village District.

The third hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from **Robert George** for a Special Permit and Variance to build a swimming pool on his property located at **15 Lincoln St.**, according to the Town of Brookfield Zoning By-Law. The property is located in the Village District.

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on Cape Cod. It has also generated grant money for a number of community service projects, from the town's monthly newsletter, the Brookfield Citizen, to holiday programs for Brookfield seniors.

Your participation in the Apple Country Fair is not only a fun way to spend the day and connect with friends and neighbors, it also supports efforts that enhance community life. Volunteers are needed in many capacities -- from set-up folks to bakers, gofers and more. Call 508-867-9553 for volunteer opportunities or join us at the next Apple Country Fair meeting, 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Brookfield Town Hall.

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community needs and a \$100,000 gift from The Alden Trust. Grants were paid to 53 organizations to support a range of topics including youth development and education programs through North Brookfield Youth Center and Worcester YouthNet; adult education, counseling, and senior services at Jewish Family Service; and arts education and performance through Redfeather Theatre Company's Worcester Shakespeare Festival, and WCUW community radio.

"Discretionary grants fulfill the foundation's strategy of uplifting the community. We identify key organizations in Central Massachusetts, understand their impact and challenges, and provide funding where it is needed most," said Ann T. Lisi, executive director. "We were especially mindful this year to help existing nonprofits fulfill their missions even as they reduce operations, rather than supporting new programs. The Alden Trust allowed us to further our reach this year with money going to child care, shelter, and nutrition programs at Rachel's Table, Rainbow Child Development Center and Genesis Club." In 2008, Greater Worcester Community Foundation approved \$5.3 million in grants, including \$2.4 million from discretionary funds and field of interest funds. The foundation was created in 1975 to build permanent endowments to support the ever-changing needs of the community. It administers 400 named funds valued at \$94 million, and offers services to donors and nonprofits.

Abby's House \$35,000
Housing/Homelessness
for emergency and long-term shelter
Discretionary Funds

North Brookfield Youth Center \$10,000
After School Programming
for after school and summer programming for youth
Norman L. and Dorothy A. Sharfman Fund

Y.O.U., Inc. \$10,000
Southbridge Upward Bound Scholars
to assist high school students transitioning to college
Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Human Services Fund

Jim Dahler Fund Announces Awards

The Jim Dahler Memorial Scholarship fund announced it has granted its first awards since forming at the end of 2008.

Two THS Class of 2009 graduates were granted the awards for their outstanding academic and personal achievements:

Renee Harris-Ludlow of Brimfield, who will be attending Art Institute of Boston; and Nicholas Magliaro of Sturbridge, who will be attending Quinsigamond Community College.

The Fund was established in December, 2008, in memory of Jim Dahler, who passed away in November of that year, due to complications related to Parkinson's Disease. Donations to the fund can be sent to Jim Dahler Memorial Scholarship Fund, 52 Allen Rd., Brookfield, MA 01506.

The Fund is grateful to the generous donors who made these awards possible.

MAKING HAY

On Saturday, August 22, 2009 the Quaboag Historical Society Museum will be hosting a book-signing for local author, John Jeppson. His recent book, *Making Hay: Tales from Oakholm*, a Farm in Massachusetts is already in a second printing. John has had several book-signings in the area and if you have not had a chance to go to one, this is your opportunity.

John will be presenting an illustrated talk which includes 16 pictures associated with the book. The book-signing will be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The museum is open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. So come to hear Mr. Jeppson talk about his book and sign a copy, and see the Museum.

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