

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 10/21/2014:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: NONE

2. Langlais Art Trail includes Pittsfield: The Town of Pittsfield is part of the Colby College Langlais Art Trail. Colby College is producing a state-of-the-art interactive map, which will serve as an extensive guide to Langlais works across the state of Maine. The launching of the Trail recognizes a state-wide art community that was created through the Kohler Foundation and celebrates the collaborative efforts to recognize this influential artist. The Town will receive a copy of *Bernard Langlais*, a copiously illustrated 250-page monograph on the artist, with essays by Hannah W. Blunt, Diana Tuite, Vincent Katz, and Leslie Umberger. This monograph is produced in conjunction with the Museum's retrospective exhibition this summer, opening July 19th. The scheduled launch date of the Langlais Art Trail was July.

3. Spirit of America Foundation Tribute: The Spirit of America Foundation has thanked the Town of Pittsfield for presenting the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service during National Volunteer Month and advising about the recipient Dr. Thomas Pierce. The event hosted by Somerset County officials is on Thurs., Oct. 23 starting at 6:00 PM in the Superior Court Room of the Somerset County Building (41 Court St, Skowhegan).

For your info, these local winners will be honored at the ceremony: Beverly Breau (Palmyra), Don Chute (Detroit), Stacey Desrosiers (St. Albans), Family Fun Day (Bingham), Marita Farrar (Ripley), Maryanne Gawlinski & Joseph McCarthy (Starks), Michael Golden (Solon), Merrill Greene (Athens), Dorothy Harmon (Jackman), Hartland Historical Society, Brenda Hogate (Cornville), Garwood & Irma Howell (Harmony), Elwin Matthews (Norridgewock), Mercer Methodist Church, Thomas Pierce (Pittsfield), Sterling Reed (Moose River), Stephen Ruell (Canaan), Stephanie Thibodeau (Fairfield), Shirley Whittemore (Skowhegan).

Pittsfield officials are invited to attend the 10/23 ceremony to praise our town's 2014 winner and receive a certificate (from a county commissioner) for your community achieving Maine Spirit of America's Gold Distinction for efforts helping volunteerism!

I have advised the Foundation that Dr. Pierce and his wife have recently re-located out west to live with one of their sons. I am awaiting a response on whether we would still receive a certificate at the event and I believe we would do so. We are looking for a Councilor to attend the event to receive the certificate.

4. Halloween Fun at th Pittsfield Publiv Library: Halloween will be celebrated at the Pittsfield Public Library Friday, October 31 from 3:30 – 5:30 with drop-in activities, fun games, and treats. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and stop in any time during the afternoon as they are headed out trick-or-treating in their community.

5. "Merry Moosey Christmas" Book Launch:

Please join author Lynn Plourde and artist Russ Cox to help them celebrate the launch of their new children's book, "Merry Moosey Christmas," on Saturday, November 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Pittsfield Library.

"Merry Moosey Christmas" is a hilarious, unique holiday story that's sure to become a perennial favorite. Rudolph just wants to enjoy the holiday without having to work. So he convinces Santa to accept a substitute. The search for the perfect replacement results in an eager and resourceful moose,

who knows just how to use a headlamp and a GPS. But on Christmas Eve, Rudolph worries: Was the moose's training complete? Will Santa and Moosey be able to get all the presents where they need to be?

Plourde is the award-winning author of more than 25 children's books, including *You're Wearing THAT to School?!*, *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud*, *Wild Child*, *Dino Pets Go to School*, and *At One in a Place Called Maine*.

Cox, the owner of Smiling Otis Studio, specializes in illustration for children. He is the illustrator of *Freddy the Frogcaster* (written by Janice Dean) and *Major Manners Presents Nite-Nite Soldier* (written by Michael Hofer).

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 487-5880.

6. Persis Smith Community Read: The Pittsfield Public Library is holding its 2014 Persis Smith Community Read in November featuring three programs based on the book "We Were the Kennedys" by Monica Wood. Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 Monica Wood will read from and discuss her book, then speak about the research and writing of her memoir. Thursday, November 13 at 4:00 librarian, Holly Williams, will lead a book discussion. Tuesday, November 18 at 4:00 Helen Peppe, author of "Pigs Can't Swim", will do a presentation on memoir writing followed by a pot-luck supper. Copies of the book can be obtained from the public library. Readers are welcome to attend any or all programs of interest.

