

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/17/2015:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: READ List.

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. Pittsfield Community Theatre – Play presented by the Levi Stewart Community Theatre Volunteers:

The Levi Stewart Community Theatre Group will come to the Pittsfield Community Theatre on Saturday, March 7, 2015 to perform "Death by Dessert" by Nathan Hartswick, produced by Special Arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4. This is a fundraiser for the Theatre. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the play starts at 7:30 pm. This is a murder mystery that is suitable for all members of the family. Come see a play at our own theatre on Saturday, March 7!

4. Library Program on Genealogy: Growing your Family Tree Genealogy Workshops will be offered on Fridays 3:30 - 5:30.

- Friday, February 6 -- Starting Your Family Tree - beginning steps (held already)
- Friday, February 13 -- Finding the Facts - Primary & secondary resources
- Friday, February 20 -- Online Resources and Using Your Family Tree

5. Library Program for Book Discussions: The book discussion group meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. The library can help you get the books.

- Thursday, March 12 -- Yankee Warrior: the Story of a Civil War Hero From Maine
- Thursday, April 9 -- Grant and Twain: the Story of a Friendship That Changed America

Thursday, May 14 -- Whistling Past the Graveyard

6. Free Western Classic Matinees: The Pittsfield Community Theatre is pleased to announce free western movies each month during the winter at Saturday matinees. All Western Movies Will Show At 2 PM Doors Open At 1:30 PM

Our last one is March 14

(Cartoon 1939) Gold Rush Daze

(Cartoon 1929) Finding His Voice

(1939) Zorro's Fighting Legion: Chapter 3 "Descending Doom"

Feature (1931) Range Feud Starring Buck Jones With John Wayne

7. Exciting News for the Theatre: The Pittsfield Community Theatre has been chosen to be on the ballot for the 2015 Community Matters More campaign put on by the Bangor Savings Bank. By being accepted for the ballot, the Theatre is guaranteed \$1,000.00. Balloting begins February 1, 2015 and ends February 28, 2015. The Pittsfield Community Theatre was fortunate to be chosen by Bangor Savings Bank to be on their Community Matters More Ballot at <http://www.bangor.com/Community-Support/Community-Matters-More.aspx>
If the Theatre receives the most votes in our region (Kennebec/Somerset) we will win \$5,000.

In July, 2008, a renovation plan totaling \$780,916 was adopted. Utilizing the phased approach, the Theatre had new beams and structural repairs completed in order to keep open. A digital projector was installed in 2013 after a massive fundraising effort by the Theatre Fundraising Committee. The new projector allowed the theatre to continue operations while many small theaters closed around the State. We are now raising funds for our next project - a new roof so we can operate into the future. Right now the roof is heavily patched to stop the leaking and the patch jobs will not last. The theatre has been in operation since 1915 and needs some work!

As the only municipally owned movie theater in the State of Maine and one of approximately three in the nation, the Pittsfield Community Theatre is extremely unique. It is also a vital cultural building in our region. It is beloved by children who have their first exciting movie experience at a young age at \$1 night - which they remember all of their life. Hundreds of thousands of children have watched movies at the theatre.

