

Gill 225

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Harvest Picnic on the Town Common — Bring your lawn chairs and join your neighbors on the Common in Gill for a town-wide picnic featuring burgers and dogs, veggie burgers, handcut fries, pie, and more. Water and soda will be available. Coin search for kids, wagon rides. New Gill rescue truck will be on display. Come and celebrate Gill's 225th!

OCTOBER 12, 2018 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Contra Dance at the Gill Elementary School, with music and calling by Andy Davis and friends. We had so much fun at the first contra dance that we're doing it again. Join us for dancing, great music, and fun! All dances taught, no experience necessary. Bring a snack to share!

OCTOBER 13, 2018 - 12:00 - 4:00pm

Jurassic Road Show at the Riverside Municipal Building. Take a 200-million-year leap back into the time when dinosaurs roamed the area. Members of the Jurassic Road Show team will show and discuss numerous specimens and artifacts from their various collections. Bring fossils or yet to be identified artifacts and the Road Show team will happily attempt to identify or classify those objects and relics.

OCTOBER 27, 2:00pm

Community Read Discussion at the Town Hall. Join your neighbors as we use the stories from the two Community Read books as a springboard for discussion of our shared history and what it means to live here. Read more about the Community Read in the article on the right. Light refreshments available. **Note - this event has moved to Town Hall as the Library will be closed for renovations at this time. Contact Ray Steele at redsteele@hotmail.com if you need a ride to the event.**

Here are summaries of the 2 books selected by the Committee:

For adult fiction — *The Red Garden*, by Alice Hoffmann

A fictional glimpse of small-town America, presenting us with some three hundred years of passion, dark secrets, loyalty, and redemption in a web of tales where characters' lives are intertwined by fate and by their own actions. A young wounded Civil War soldier is saved by a passionate neighbor, a woman meets a fiercely human historical character, a poet falls in love with a blind man, and a mysterious traveler comes to town in the year when summer never arrives. At the center of everyone's life is a mysterious garden where only red plants can grow, and where the truth can be found by those who dare to look.

For Young Adult fiction — *Someday*, by Jackie French Koller, In 1938, fourteen-year-old Celie must cope with leaving her

Enfield, Massachusetts, home and her life-long friend, Chubby, as the day approaches when the Swift River Valley will be flooded to create a reservoir for Boston. This is a family-friendly read (if sad, given how we know this ends) that features an actual place that people could visit to hike and picnic.

Read either or both! These books were selected both by quality and by interest to people living in a small town, but also because they are readily available from a variety of sources. You can, of course, purchase the books, but there are numerous copies in multiple formats at our local libraries. If you have a library card from any library in Massachusetts, you can use the online services of CWMARS to place a hold on a book. <http://www.cwmars.org>. The Slate Library, our town library, can also help you attain a copy - 413-863-2591. Regular format, large print, CD audio, and e-book are all available. There are also many online sellers offering used copies at fairly low cost, often with free shipping.

If you are not a regular library patron, or need assistance in procuring a book, please contact the 225 Committee. One of the members would be glad to help. The more readers, the better! gill225th@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 3, 2018, 10:00 am - Noon

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap — Puzzled with what to do with the jigsaw puzzles you have already completed? We can help! Bring your adult and children's puzzles to the Library in their original boxes, in good condition AND with all their pieces. Exchange your puzzles one for one and go home with some new challenges. If you can, please wrap a rubber band around each puzzle box to keep contents secure.

NOVEMBER 4, 2018, 3:00pm

Heirloom Apple Talk with Russ Powell - Town Hall — Valley resident and author of the book *Apples of New England* will speak about New England heirloom apple varieties and offer samples for tasting.

NOVEMBER 16, 2018, 7:00pm

Free Spirits — Come to Town Hall on Friday night November 16th for a showing of *Free Spirits*, Bruce Geisler's controversial 2007 film about the Renaissance Community. Stay after the film for a discussion with Gill residents who were a part of the Community. Bring a snack to share.

DECEMBER 30, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Community Skate at Northfield Mount Hermon. Sharpen your skates or lace up a loaner pair and join your neighbors on the ice at the Northfield Mount Hermon rink for exercise, camaraderie, and fun! There might even be some cocoa to keep you warm!

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Gill Town Picnic

September 23
12 - 3 pm
Town Common, 2018

Celebrate Gill's 225th with your neighbors at the Gill Town Picnic!

**Join us on Sunday, September 23rd from
12 - 3 pm on the Town Common for**

Burgers, Veggie Burgers and Hot Dogs
Handcut Fries
Pies from the Friends of Gill
Soda & Water
Fun and Frivolity!

Coin search and wagon rides for the kids,
plus see Gill's new rescue truck!

Do you have community event ideas?

We'd like to keep the community spirit around Gill's 225th Anniversary alive after the year ends. If you have an idea for a 2019 community-building event for Gill residents, email Randy Crochier at hxydad77@yahoo.com. And thanks to all of you who've come out for Gill 225 events!