

Dear Friends of the Burke Mountain Club,

Welcome to our first annual online newsletter and membership renewal request. Out with the old in with the new! This spring, we intend to update our members on significant happenings at the clubhouse and library and encourage membership renewal. Please feel free to forward this as a way to invite new members to join.

We are on a quest this year to raise awareness about what the Burke Mountain Club is and how we hope to enlarge its use and function in our community. It's surprising to hear from many people that they don't know anything about it. We want to invite more members, encourage more events, overall use, improve our library, and see more involvement on committees so that it becomes a thriving part of our community.

You may ask "what does it mean to be a member?" Here are a few reasons to join.

Members can:

- Have a voice and vote at our quarterly meetings (2nd Wednesday of January, April, July & October)
- Join a committee (see options and contacts below)
- Host an event, ongoing club or request a meeting space
- Receive discounts for any applicable fees
- Check out books from the library & use the WIFI
- Enjoy the grounds

Most of all, members can take pride knowing they support this precious space Elmer Darling built for our community over a century ago and its continued use for generations to come.

Thanks to Amy Hale and our trustees, **we now have our first website at [burkemountainclub.org](http://burkemountainclub.org) - this is where you can renew your membership or become a member**, so spread the word. Some people may prefer to pay by check so they can do that by coming by the library when it's open or dropping a check in the mail at PO Box 309, East Burke, VT. (15.00 individual, 10.00 senior 65+, 25.00 family). This website is in its early stages of growth so please be patient with us as we add more information. Check our Facebook page and the Burke Area Community Forum on Facebook for meetings and upcoming events.

Our current caretakers Alan and Cathi will be transitioning out of their role here by next September. We are incredibly grateful for all their years of attention and care they've given to the grounds, building and people who have come through the doors.

There are exciting opportunities here at the BMC. Michelle Green has stepped forward as our part time librarian and is looking for volunteers to take on shifts to support this role. If you are interested please contact her at [fmgreen@charter.net](mailto:fmgreen@charter.net) . Plus, a new position has been created as a live-in Executive Director to replace the traditional caretaker role. You can view this job description on our website. For inquiries please email us at [burkemountainclub@gmail.com](mailto:burkemountainclub@gmail.com) . Join our next quarterly meeting/BBQ with live music by Jim Karns in July. This will be a great opportunity to tune into what we are working on and get involved.

***Burke Mountain Club Trustees*** Darci Bailey (President), Karen Wilson, Jim Karns (Co-Vice Presidents), Robyn Jacob (Secretary), John Kascenska (Treasurer), Doug Chapman, Lisa Paquette, Chris Gagnon

## **Burke Mountain Club Committees and Contacts**

**Membership & Communications Committee**- Chair: Karen Wilson at [wilsons.burke@gmail.com](mailto:wilsons.burke@gmail.com)  
It shall be their duty to use all proper means to increase the membership of the Club. It shall be their duty to communicate the mission and purpose of the Club, promote community involvement, and publicize the activities of the Club. This Committee shall keep and maintain a membership database and manage one membership drive a year and actively maintain the membership rolls.

**Finance and Investment Committee**. Chair: John Kascenska at [JohnKascenska@gmail.com](mailto:JohnKascenska@gmail.com)  
1, This committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer. It shall be their duty to devise ways and means for meeting the necessary expenses of the Club, and to make recommendations to the Trustees in relation thereto, as well as to propose expenditure of funds on behalf of the Club that are in accordance with the expressed purposes of the specific funds entrusted to the Club or any funds raised by the Trustees or membership dues, and to carry out such instructions related to the finances as may be given to them by the Trustees. This Committee shall draft and propose an annual budget for the Club to be adopted at the Annual Meeting.  
2. This committee shall be responsible for investing all assets and funds entrusted to or owned by the Club. The Committee shall seek professional guidance in the management of these funds with the aim of prudently balancing financial risk, with preservation of capital, and the growth of earnings. The Committee shall report quarterly to the Trustees and at the Annual Meeting report to the Members on the status of individual funds and bank accounts.

**Library Committee**. Contact: Michelle Green at [fmgreen@charter.net](mailto:fmgreen@charter.net)  
This Committee shall consist of three or more Members, including a Trustee as its Chair and anyone serving as a Librarian. It shall be their duty, under the authority of the Trustees, to arrange for the organization in said building of a library with the necessary books, magazines, papers, and periodicals and to provide opportunity for public use by the community. The Committee shall be responsible for fundraising for the purpose of buying new books, periodicals, magazines and materials, as needed. The Trustees shall establish the manner and care of such library and the rules under which it may be used.

**Historical Committee**. Chair: Darci Bailey at [darci.bailey@mac.com](mailto:darci.bailey@mac.com)  
It shall be their duty to keep an ongoing record of significant and interesting events affecting the history of the surrounding community and of the Burke Mountain Club. It shall be their duty to preserve, inventory and organize the Club and museum's records, archives, collections, documents, artwork and valuables, currently existing and hereafter gifted to the Club, to ensure their posterity and safe-keeping.

**Events and Education Committee**. Co-Chairs: Robyn Jacobs at [Robynjacobvt@gmail.com](mailto:Robynjacobvt@gmail.com) or Jim Karns at [jakarns33@gmail.com](mailto:jakarns33@gmail.com)  
It shall be their duty to foster and promote the interests of this Club and the community, and to that end from time to time, with the approval of the Trustees to arrange and provide for events, socials, speeches, lectures and other entertainment and educational meetings.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee**. Chair: Doug Chapman at [chapburg@gmail.com](mailto:chapburg@gmail.com)  
This committee's duty shall be to investigate and make recommendations to the Club whenever in its judgment such action is necessary or whenever directed so to do by the Trustees or the Club, concerning all matters relating to the maintenance or improvement of the Club and the surrounding grounds. Such Committee shall work with Caretakers and service providers to scope work and set budgets.