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carefully,
schools are
back
in
session!



Photo of the
month for August



Tina Richards, of Clinton, took this photo of two sailboats off the shore of the Owls Head lighthouse. It was selected as the photo of the month for August by The Town Line staff.

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Class of '55
holds reunion

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The Great Wall of China Village

by Bonnie Biller

Last fall, motorists and pedestrians alike were curious as to what work was going on in China Village at the home of Al and Nancy Pfeiffer on the corner of Neck Rd and Causeway. Huge slabs of stone were being cut, split, chiseled and ground and the pieces were then placed ever so carefully as if in a puzzle, creating an impressive rock wall.

The artist responsible is Vassalboro's Nathan White, owner of Stonehenge Stoneworks. He says it all started early in 2009 when he saw Al Pfeiffer working on his yard.

"I drove by and waved several times when I saw Al putting flat stones in and around an area in his yard," he says. "I stopped one time and he told me he wanted a masterpiece. It's just kind of gone on from there."

The two friends deliberated, discussed and designed the wall and work began October 2009.

White explains the wall is a completely freestanding dry stack. This means the raw pieces of stone make the shape and no mortar is used to bind the stones together. It's a somewhat exhausting process.

"Every piece goes in about ten times before the balance is correct," he says. "Some of the pieces take a lot more adjusting than that to get it right."

White has been building stonewalls since 2001, when he borrowed a friend's book on constructing them. He completes four to five a year but says the China project is one of his most viewed. It's a labor of love for White.



"I really enjoy the end product and I'm very pleased with how this project has turned out so far," he says. "Standing back and looking at something you built is very satisfying. I've been pretty lucky up to now," he laughs. "I haven't had anything fall over yet."

White will be completing the wall either this fall or in the spring. He says an archway over the gateway and steps down into the patio area are planned.

So if you're in the neighborhood, be watching for continuing work on the "Great wall of China Village".

Above, the wall, located at the home of Al and Nancy Pfeiffer, in China Village, that Nathan White, right, has been working on since the fall of 2009, may be finished this fall or the spring of 2011.



Photos by Bonnie Biller

A different kind of tea party



A tea party was held recently at the home of Danny and Judy Hotham, in China. Seven girls attended, above, and they were even introduced individually while descending a runway, right.

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On a recent sunny Friday afternoon, Danny and Judy Hotham, of China, hosted an afternoon tea at their home for seven young ladies. The young ladies arrived dressed in their afternoon tea dresses and several escorted their favorite doll or teddy bear. They were adorned with costume jewelry and lovely flowered hats, then strolled down a runway as they were introduced to those assembled, and took their seats at a table set up under a maple tree by the flower gardens. The table was set with a flowered tablecloth in shades of pink with milk glasses, dessert plates and tea cups. Finger foods of fruit, cookies and cucumbers with dips were enjoyed by the young ladies along with ice tea and juices. Following the afternoon tea and conversation, the girls decided an afternoon swim was in order and proceeded to the pool for a cool swim to complete the day's events. It was agreed upon by everyone in attendance that this should become an annual event. Those attending were Jordan Martin, 16, Alicia Hotham, 9, Summer Hotham, 8, Jessica Eastup, 4, Serena Hotham, 3, Riley Blow, 2, and Delia Bailey, 1.

Submitted by Judy Hotham, of China.

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