

The Gables Messenger

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Special Events Happening This Summer

Rip Jackson & Singers

On Sunday, July 22 at 1 PM, musical favorite Rip Jackson will be returning to The Gables for a song-filled concert. Rip will be bringing guest singers Taylor Ampatiellos, Natalie Brierre, Mattie Sowards, and Jamie Willis with him to perform solos, duets and group numbers that will span across a variety of genres, most particularly Broadway. In addition to providing the accompaniment, Rip will also play a couple of piano solos representing classic works. More details including sign-up info to follow in the weeks ahead.

For those of you unfamiliar with Rip, he studied music history, piano, harpsichord and organ at Florida State University, received his master's degree from Emory University, and doctoral work at Case Western Reserve University. Rip's deep Rutland roots go back to his time as the former music minister at Grace Church, director of the Rutland Area Chorus and Orchestra, his private lessons of voice, piano and organ to many in the county, and his direction of local Broadway productions. He is currently the music minister of the Unitarian church, First Parish, in Lexington, MA.

West Side Story at the Weston Playhouse

The iconic American musical, *West Side Story*, will be this summer's theater offering for our annual resident excursion to Weston Playhouse, Vermont's longest-running professional

theatre. On Wednesday, July 25 at 2 PM, residents will have the opportunity to see one of the most celebrated musicals of all time in a Weston production that commemorates composer Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday and recreates Jerome Robbins' award-winning choreography. The plot: Star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria fight to keep their forbidden love alive in this reimagining of Romeo and Juliet set in 1950's New York.

Rutland Youth Theatre's Shakespeare

The cast of RYT will be performing selected scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at The Gables on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM. Twenty-five thespians from middle and high schools across the greater Rutland Area will be participating in this summer's touring troupe. The play is one of Shakespeare's most popular works for the stage.



From last summer: Rip Jackson with resident Alan Walker

New Residents

Robert Eaton

Background: Robert moved to The Gables from Journey's End in Mendon, Vermont. Born and raised in Rutland, he graduated from Rutland High School .

Rob worked at New England Telephone for 40 years. For the first five years he was a lineman, before working his way up to district manager of southern Vermont. He was a past president of the Rutland Fair, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and United Way, and was involved in local blood drives. Family members include his wife and high school sweetheart Lorraine (she was a cheerleader and Rob played football); daughters Linda (husband Scott), Carol, and Leslie; and son David (wife Carol and grandkids Rob and Connor).



Interests: Skiing all over the world, motorcycle riding, woodworking, gardening, and reading.



Ferguson & Jane McKay

Background: Ferguson and Jane moved to The Gables from the Thornton Oaks Retirement Community in Brunswick, Maine to be near their daughter Peggy and her husband Andy in Rutland. They have also lived near Chapel Hill, NC in Fearington Village during their retirement.

Ferg was Professor of English at Vermont's Lyndon State College for 25 years, where he also served at various times as Academic Dean, Chairman of the Faculty, and local Chair of the Faculty Union. He was educated at Harvard, a fifth year at Amherst to complete an English major, then graduate study at Yale and Northeastern. Radcliffe was Jane's college. She taught kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, and tutored in the Title I Reading Program. The McKays have spent the last 25 summers at Jane's family home in Cabot, VT, a mansion her great grandfather built in 1868. The Vermont Preservation Trust has decided to preserve her house.

Interests: *Ferguson*—Reading, TV, computers, home maintenance, and flower gardening. *Jane*—Reading, caring for her indoor plants, playing bridge, TV, and knitting prayer shawls.

*The Gables also welcomes Bill & Bonnie Kelleway and Charlene Patch.
They will be profiled in our next newsletter.*



Father's Day was celebrated at The Gables with grilled lobster tail skewers, beef tenderloin kebabs, strawberry shortcake and an assortment of salads and sides.