

Wilmot Community Association Report for 2013

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) celebrated its Golden Jubilee – 50th Anniversary – with a fabulously successful year in 2013. For more than 50 years the WCA has provided facilities where Wilmot residents may participate in recreational, social, and educational activities.

The WCA reflects Wilmot's amazing community spirit – the essence of why Wilmot is a sought-after place in which to live. Following the WCA's vision, *Bringing Neighbors Together*, here's how the Board of Directors and staff measured that success:

- At least 2,500 people attended events sponsored by the WCA.
- Nearly 200 volunteers worked nearly 3,000 hours on behalf of the WCA.
- 15 local organizations collaborated with the WCA on events.
- More than 3,300 people attended events at the Red Barn sponsored by individuals, businesses, and other organizations.

As a result of hard work by volunteers, the WCA's Board of Directors, and staff, the organization's membership enrollment, attendance at events and programs, and facility rentals all increased significantly in 2013 over 2012.

The organization schedules two major fund-raising events each year: the Black Fly Blitz, a 5K run around the Wilmot "loop," which drew roughly 750 people including nearly 250 participants, and the Holiday Craft Fair, which featured 65 crafters and drew 800 shoppers. Mark your calendars: in 2014, the Black Fly Blitz will be on May 26 and the Holiday Craft Fair will be on December 6.

Other events sponsored by the WCA in 2013 included: Imagination into Art, a showcase for local artists; the annual Pie Breakfast; "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth," a fabulous puppet performance in collaboration with Restoring the Waters Puppet Theater; Harvest Home Luncheon, in collaboration with the Wilmot Farmers Market; the Scarecrow Contest; Halloween trick or treating; the Golden Jubilee Potluck; and the Wilmot Express, which was presented in collaboration with the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department and the Wilmot Public Library.

In 2013, the WCA partnered with the town of Wilmot and the Music on the Bandstand Committee to present six summer concerts at the bandstand on the Town Green.

The WCA's Red Barn houses the organization's offices. It includes a fully equipped commercial kitchen and a function room – ideal for business meetings, bridal showers, birthday parties and other gatherings. It will seat up to 75 people comfortably. The WCA's Red Barn also is home to the Wilmot Learning Place, a preschool established in 1964.

The WCA owns and operates Timmy Patten Park on Shindagan Road. Members and their guests are welcome to use the playground, picnic area, and beach. Please remember that no lifeguard is on duty.

The office in the WCA's Red Barn is open 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays.

Membership in the WCA, a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, is open to anyone. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Volunteering – whether it’s a specific, one-time task, assisting with planning an event, or serving on the board of directors – is fun and rewarding. If you’d like to learn more, please contact our office at (603) 526-7934.

Please visit the WCA’s website at wilmotcommunityassociation.org, follow us on Facebook, or contact the office for more information about programs, facility rental, and membership.

Submitted by the WCA’s Board of Directors,

Ann Davis, president
Roy Finney, treasurer
Margaret Monto, secretary
Frank Anderson, American Legion Post No. 40
Jen Caponigro
Amber Gove
Rachel Seamans
Kimberly Slover
Aidan Terhune
Annette Vogel