

You Are Invited ...

To support photography and historic Quabbin image preservation.
Join us for a photographic exhibit by Les Campbell and Fundraising Dinner

Quabbin ... For the Joy of It!

Sponsored by:

The Valley Photo Center

Friends of Quabbin

With support from Country Bank and WGBY Television



At The Valley Photo Center

Tower Square, 1500 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11am to 2 pm

Dates: October 20 — November 20, 2009

October 22, 2009

Artist reception and a Gala fund raising dinner

Time: 6PM hor d'oueveres in Valley Photo Center exhibition hall

7PM dinner and cash bar at Marriott, 6th floor, \$50 per person reservations only

Speaker: Rick Sullivan, Commissioner, Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation

Master of Ceremonies: Senator Stephen M. Brewer, Barre, MA.

Proceeds to support the Valley Photo Center and to establish a fund and funding for the preservation of and archiving of Quabbin historic images to be administered by the Friends of Quabbin.

Payments can be made online at www.TheValleyPhotoCenter.yolasite.com or make checks payable to "Valley Photo Center" and mail to: Attn: Eileen Foley, VPC, 18 Spruceland Ave, Springfield, MA 01108

Dinner choices: Chicken Marsala NY Strip Steak Vegetarian

Total number of persons: _____ @ \$50 per person

Optional donation to fund archive: _____

Name of Participants: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

*Discounted event parking
available at the Marriot
Parking Garage
\$5.00 per car*

The Valley Photo Center

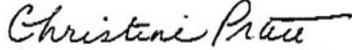
Nine years ago the Valley Photo Center opened its doors with one goal in mind - to keep the photographic arts alive in Springfield, MA. A showing of Les Campbell's photographs was our very first exhibit, and he filled the cavernous bank building we then occupied with his stunning and award-winning photography.

Now we are thrilled and delighted to have another Les Campbell exhibit, showcasing the history and beauty of one of our region's incredible resources.

Come witness the amazing transformation of the valley with the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. Special before-and-after photographs of the valley highlight this exhibit. Historical photos from Mr. Campbell's extensive collection will transport you to a time before the building of the dam, when four towns thrived in this region. Today, the woodlands surrounding Quabbin provide the backdrop for Mr. Campbell's artistic vision.

So please join us in support of this special showing of "Quabbin - For The Joy Of It." This is bound to be an evening you will never forget!

Christine Pratt



Director, The Valley Photo Center

Friends Of Quabbin

We the Friends of Quabbin believe that collective friendship produces collective wisdom. And in collective wisdom lies the best approach to the preservation of Quabbin. Twenty five years ago Les Campbell was instrumental in the creation of the "Friends." The organization was intended as a collective voice for the vast numbers of users who enjoy the Quabbin Reservation as a passive recreational resource. We believe Quabbin is a special place that nurtures ones mind and renews ones spirit. We believe that education is the key that will guarantee that future generations will see before them the beauty we behold today. It is with these sentiments in mind that we proudly support and sponsor Les Campbell's exhibit. "Quabbin For The Joy Of It". We are also delighted to establish a fund whose sole purpose will be to restore historical photographs of Quabbin and the Swift River Valley. We celebrate the challenge to preserve a visual record of this truly unique area. We look forward to the experience of "Quabbin - For The Joy Of It."

Mark F. Thompson



President, Friends Of Quabbin

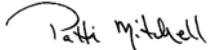


The Country Bank has long been aware of the many contributions Les Campbell has for decades made in numerous ways to our community.

We are pleased to support him in this exhibit and fund raising dinner for the purpose of promoting photography and a subject he has long been dedicated to.

The preservation and archiving of photographic record of lost communities and homesteads which lie buried beneath the waters of Quabbin Reservoir.

Patti Mitchell



First Vice-President, Country Bank

WGBY

WGBY is happy to support Les Campbell in his work to preserve photographs and visual records of the Quabbin Region. Les has been a wonderful friend and ally to WGBY towards our mutual goal of telling the stories of New England. We look forward to our collaboration on this project.

Russell J. Peotter

General Manager, WGBY

**Prompt response requested (October 16). Time is short, but the benefits are long-term.
Your donation is tax-deductable.**