

# GARDNER NEWSLETTER

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## THE “ANEMOI” BESTOW FAVOR UPON TWO GARDNER FAMILY EVENTS

**D**id you know that the “Anemoi” are partially responsible for making the Gardner Family Reunion the spectacular success that it was? Now you may never have heard of the “Anemoi,” but they were the four Greek gods named Boreas, Zephyrus, Notus, and Eurus who the ancient Greeks believed were in charge of the weather. Zeus, the king of the gods, was their overlord and he must have made sure that the Anemoi smiled upon the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont during the weekend of July 9th and 10th, 2022 when Cousin Terry’s “Celebration of Life” and the Gardner Family Reunion took place that glorious weekend.

Thanks to the weather gods, the weekend was totally free of heat and humidity, hallmarks of the usual weather in Vermont during July and August. Everyone truly enjoyed the picture-perfect weather that

significantly enhanced everyone’s experience for these two major Gardner family events.

Many of the same people who attended Cousin Terry Ames’ “Celebration of Life” also attended the Gardner Family Reunion held the next day at The NorthWoods Stewardship Center. Both of these events have been documented on the *Gardner News* website at [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org). The reunion has its own page set up there and Terry’s service and interment are memorialized on Aunt Nita’s page on the website. Just click on Aunt Nita’s face on the home page.

Terry Ames’ “Celebration of Life” was held at the Derby Community Church and included a wonderful

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**Representatives from the families of "The Original Gang of Ten" are Pictured with Beulah Griffes and Raymond Gardner**



**Ruth Ann Metcalf talks about her family with Aunt Beulah and Uncle Raymond.**



**Teresa Vasko visits with Aunt Beulah and Uncle Raymond.**



**Jean (Gardner) Gonzalo and Paul Gardner pose with Aunt Beulah and Uncle Raymond.**



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Pictured with Beulah Griffes and Raymond Gardner**



**Rod Ames and his family sit with  
Aunt Beulah and Uncle Raymond.**

(Go to [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org) for more names.)



**Here is Uncle Raymond  
with all six of his chil-  
dren along with his very  
well-represented family.**

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names.)

**Representatives from the families of “The Original Gang of Ten” are  
Pictured with Beulah Griffes and Raymond Gardner**



**Nancy Cove tells everyone about  
her brother, Chris, and about  
both of their families.**



**Beulah and Raymond are  
pictured here with many  
from Beulah’s family.**

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homily delivered by Rev. John Genco. Rev. Genco reminded everyone that Terry was interested in aeronautics and that pilots depend upon radar, an unseen presence, to help them navigate through the darkness in order to get home. So, too, Rev. Genco said, we must allow God to be our navigator as we traverse life through all its unseen dangers and perils. He will guide us safely home as He has done so for Terry.

Mrs. Genco played the piano for the service and sang a duet of "It Is No Secret What God Can Do" with her husband. After the service, a procession of cars followed each other to the Mead Hill Cemetery where Terry was interred with his beloved dogs. He was buried with full military honors. As the

photos depict on Aunt Nita's web page on [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org), a memorial dinner was attended by family and friends at the Derby Community Church hosted by Rod and Irene Ames' daughters, Alicia Parenteau and Jackie Patenaude.

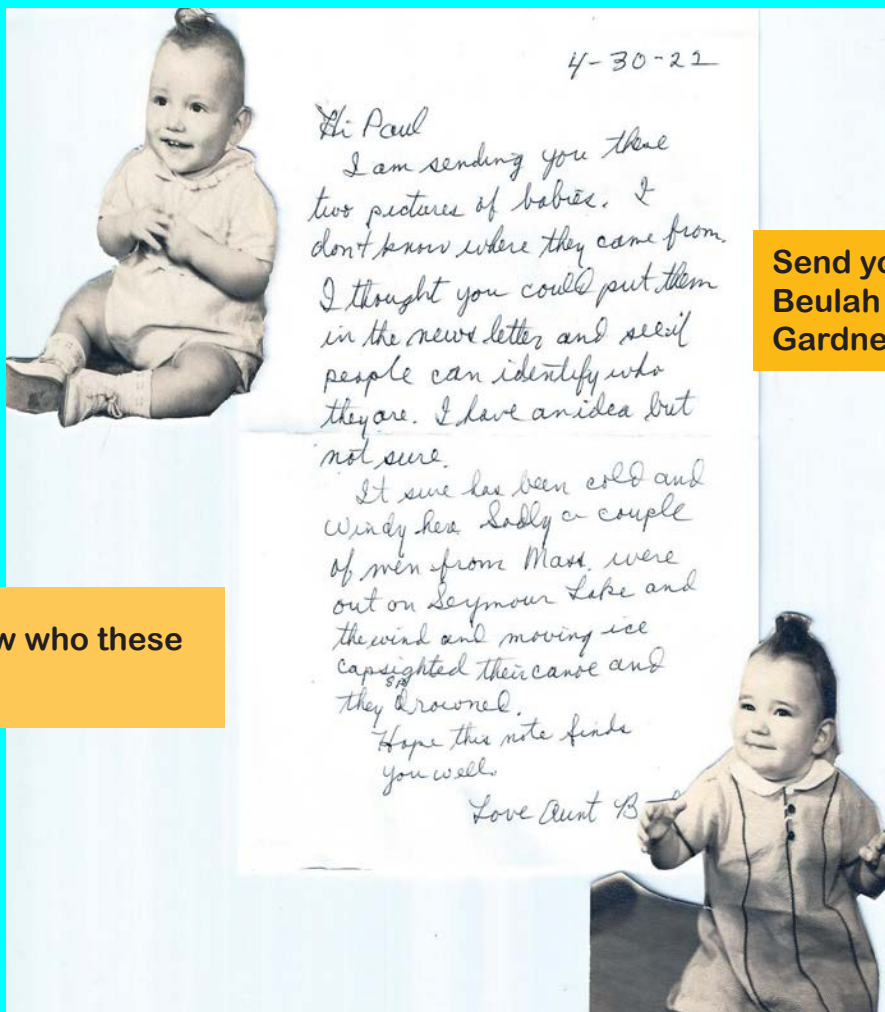
The Anemoi continued to favor the Northeast Kingdom with ideal weather when folks gathered again at the NorthWoods Stewardship Center to participate in the Gardner Family Reunion. There was wonderful fellowship and great food as family members and friends got reacquainted after such a long absence due to the pandemic.

Cousin Raylene Ludgate hosted a game called "Can You Name this Old-Fashioned Farm Implement?" which was a great hit with everyone, especially the children. Your editor, Paul Gardner,

hosted a segment where he recognized family attendees of each individual member of "The Original Gang of Ten" and asked those attendees to give everyone an update on what's happening in their family. Hopefully, you will enjoy the pictures within these pages as well as the pictures and videos posted on [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org).

Family and friends were very generous not only with their time, but with their financial help as well. Cousin Rod has informed us that he has collected enough contributions to schedule the reunion at NorthWoods for around this same time next year. Please plan now to attend.

Let's hope Zeus and the Anemoi will yet again grace the Northeast Kingdom with their favor as we gather together once more for The Gardner Family Reunion in 2023.



Do you know who these babies are?

Send your answer to Beulah Griffes or Paul Gardner

# Jean (Gardner) Gonzalo Retires



Jean Gonzalo with Miguel and Teresa at her retirement party on the quad at Lamont Elementary School



Jean Gonzalo with Miguel and Teresa as well as some of the administrative staff at Lamont Elementary School

**After over 32 years of faithful service, Jean Gonzalo retires from the Lamont Elementary School District.**

(Click on Earl Gardner's face at [www.gardnernews.org](http://www.gardnernews.org) to see a video of this event.)

Jean Gonzalo really knows how to make an exit! Just months after being proclaimed as the "Employee of the Year," she surprised her co-workers and the Administration and decided to retire from the Lamont Elementary School District in July, 2022.

She has dedicated over 32 years of her life helping her students learn to read. She has touched countless lives as she helped to found, lead, and teach in Lamont School's Reading Laboratory. Many of her children read below grade level because they often come from homes where Spanish is the primary language and English is the second language.

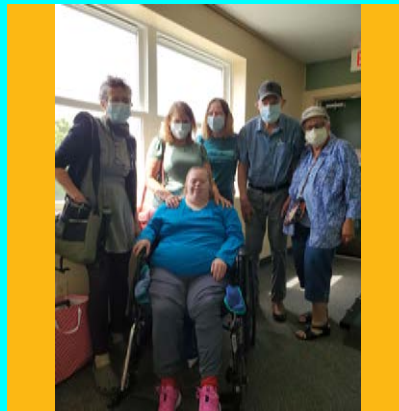
Some of them are bilingual and others come to school not able to speak any English at all. Her goal has always been to make sure her students succeed in life, whether it be in reading, developing social skills, - even health and living advice, or simply just being a good friend and letting those for whom she has responsibility for know that she is there for them to help them achieve their goals in whatever way they need.

Jean is a very talented teacher and uses her skills to adapt to whatever curricula the school district adopts. But if she feels that a different set of curricula are more conducive to helping her kids learn to read, she will use that array of tools in addition to what the district has provided for her. She has also conducted field trips to the Ansonia Dairy where she lives and demonstrated to her charges how a dairy works, often a memorable experience for them that they never forget.

Jean also shows them her "magic piano," a Steinway grand player piano, a legacy to her from her father, Original Gang of Ten Member, Earl A. Gardner. Her students talk about that for a long time afterwards.

On the day that Jean retired, over 700 students, teachers, administrators, and staff gathered together for a "surprise party" in the open quad at the Lamont Elementary School to pay tribute to her. Teresa, Jean's daughter, was there along with her dad, Miguel Gonzalo, Jean's husband.

Uncle Raymond, Raylene Ludgate, Gloria Parsons, Ellen Gardner, Jean Gonzalo, and Paul Gardner pay a visit to Dawnita Ames.



## ONLY IN VERMONT

**By:** Jules Older

**From:** *Yankee Magazine* – March 2001

**V**ermont is a small state. I didn't know how small until I started leading book discussions in the Northeast Kingdom. I'm a Council Scholar for the General Reading Discussion Program of the Vermont Council on the Humanities. From time to time I turn up at libraries leading discussions about books. There are nearly 200 of us out there talking about the written word.

I led a discussion of *Stranger in the Kingdom* by my next-town-neighbor, Howard Mosher. It was *Stranger* that made me realize just what a small state we inhabit – and just how

careful we should be when we're talking about things that happen here.

Although *Stranger in the Kingdom* is a novel, it's based on an event that happened down the road from Mosher's Irasburg home. It's been 22 years since a black minister moved to town from California, a stranger in the Kingdom. His stay began well, but after a Fourth of July street party where his sons danced with local white girls, things got ugly. Rednecks came onto his lawn with a can of kerosene, threatening to burn him out. Someone



The Haskell Library

tossed a dead skunk onto the front porch. A carload of young men rode by the minister's house at night and blasted it with five



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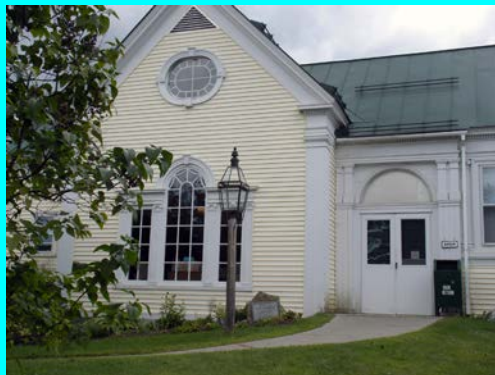
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shotgun rounds.

Ugly as all this was, it got uglier. The state police, instead of hunting for the perpetrators, arrested the minister, charging him with, of all things, adultery. And though the cops and everyone else in the county knew exactly who had fired the shots, instead of arresting them, they did a lengthy background check on the minister. Then the local paper, the *Newport Daily Express*, demanded to know not why the nightriders were still on the loose, but what this Negro person was doing here in the first place. Was it a plot by the NAACP?

At the beautiful Haskell Library in Derby Line, I contrasted the novel and the real incident in a discussion

group. One difference was that the fictional editor-publisher was



Library in Danville, VT

the book's hero. I described the real editor and publisher as a pair

of villains. At the end of my talk, two of the group members waited patiently. A young man said, "The publisher was my great grandfather." An older woman said, "The editor was my husband."

A month later I talked about the book and the Irasburg affair in the lovely library in Danville. I led the discussion, made the contrasts, then told the group what had happened to me at the Derby Line discussion. "Can you imagine that?" I said. "I was talking to relatives of the editor *and* the publisher! In an incident that's 20 years old!"

The distinguished older man on my right leaned toward me. In a quiet voice he said, "And I was the judge in the case."

## Upcoming 100<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE

Please send in an article to help make it special.

**D**id you know that the upcoming Fall 2022 issue of *The Gardner Newsletter* will be our 100<sup>th</sup> issue?

This means you have lots of time between this current issue, up to the publication date of the Fall 2022 issue (November, 2022) to think about how you can help celebrate this great milestone that we have all reached together.

We're asking you, our subscribers, friends, and family, to send in your thoughts about the newsletter as well as any suggestions as to how we can improve and make it better. Your expressions of appreciation for the newsletter may inspire others to become a subscriber and allow them to read it on-line as well.

There are several methods of contacting Paul Gardner, your editor, to register your thoughts and opinions. Here they are:

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You can even send a message through the *Gardner News* website by following this link: [Greta's New Interactive Page \(gardnernews.org\)](https://www.gardnernews.org). You can also send a message through "The Gardners" group page on Facebook.

We can't wait to share your valuable insights about the newsletter in the highly anticipated 100<sup>th</sup> issue due to be published in November 2022. What you think is VERY important to us.