

# *The Edge of Hawley*

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## The Sons and Daughters of Hawley Officers and Board of Trustees 2020 – 2023

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Beth Thwing, 2022	Children's book author
Lark Thwing, 2023	Retired executive
Grahame Travers, 2023	Horticulturist

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Editor's note: *Publication of the Autumn, 2020 issue of The Edge of Hawley was postponed until after November 3<sup>rd</sup> so that our mailing would not add to the difficulties with which the USPS was coping as it handled the millions of ballots that had to be sorted and delivered, across the U.S.A., by Election Day.*

## Sons and Daughters of Hawley 2020 - 2021 Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	Time
Board Meeting	11/12/20	Teleconference & Zoom	5:15 pm
Illumination Party?	12/13/20?	Meetinghouse?	4 -5 pm?
Board Meeting	3/18/21	Where & how TBD	5:15 pm
Mud Party?	Date in March TBD	TBD	4:30 – 6:30 pm?
Beautify Hawley's Roads?	4/1- 4/30/21?	Collect trash from Hawley's roads?	
Board Meeting	4/15/21	Where & how TBD	5:15 pm
Board Meeting	5/20/20	Where & how TBD	5:15 pm
Sing with Alice Parker?	6/6/21?	Meetinghouse?	3:00 – 5:00 pm?
Board Meeting	6/17/21	Where & how TBD	5:15 pm
Board Meeting	7/15/21	Where & how TBD	5 :15 pm
Hawley Day?	8/8/21?	Grove and Meetinghouse?	10 am – 3 pm?

*Since no one can predict when we will be able to gather without danger of contagion, all events are being listed with question marks. Members will be notified of any that can be held, as soon as we know.*

*The Board of the Sons & Daughters of Hawley does not ordinarily meet in November, December, January, or February.*





Showy tick trefoil

*Photo by Georgette DeFriesse*

## PAST EVENTS

### Hawley Day Annual Meeting

Despite the fact that all of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley's 2020 spring and summer events were cancelled to avoid the possibility of COVID-19 contagion, the Board of Trustees decided to hold the annual meeting as a means of providing continuity and stability for the society. In June, members received a letter explaining that the traditional festivities of Hawley Day were being eliminated this year, and there would be a simple memorial ceremony to honor those who had passed away since last August, followed by a very basic annual meeting. The mailing included a proxy form which members who chose not to attend could use to register their votes regarding the proposed slate of officers and trustees for 2020 - 2023. Most members did decide to avoid the risks of traveling or attending a gathering, and many sent in their proxy forms, approving the proposed slate. The meeting was held outside in front of the Grove, with attendees, wearing masks, sitting 6 feet or more apart.

SDH President John Sears welcomed those attending and expressed warm thanks to Lark Thwing for all that he has done and continues to do for the society. He is, in John's words, "our rock-solid foundation."

Lark Thwing then conducted a ceremony of remembrance for the members, relatives, and neighbors who passed away this year, transferring a carnation from one vase to another for each honoree.



*Photo by Pamela Shrimpton*

Those honored were:

Marvin Joseph Schnall, 92, (father of Pamela Shrimpton)

Alfred Michael Shutta, Sr., 83, of East Hawley

Wallace S. MacLean, 86, (father of Hawley Selectman, Bob MacLean)

Mary Shaffer, 77, of East Hawley

Frances Mary Anderson Avery, 99, (mother of Dennis Avery)

Sadie Grace Hicks, 9 months (granddaughter of Christine Hicks)

Richard Falwell, 76, of West Hawley

Eugene LaValley, 65, of East Hawley  
Clan and Peter Crawford (father and brother of  
Lloyd Crawford)  
Alice Hicks, 86, of Charlemont (mother of Joanne  
MacLean, sister of Beverly Hicks, mother-in-law  
of Tammy Hicks and Bob MacLean)

At the conclusion of the memorial ceremony, John Sears called the annual meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley to order. In his introductory remarks he stressed SDH's remarkable continuity, noting that in its 120-year history the society has met every year except 1943 (cancelled because of strict World War II gasoline rationing). He also spoke of the society's main purposes: the preservation and restoration of Hawley's historical buildings, particularly the East Hawley Meetinghouse and the Grove; and the maintenance of a community social life in the absence of a conventional town center. The latter, he pointed out, is a function shared with the Volunteer Fire Department: both groups effectively create a Hawley *esprit de corps*.

The Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously. The Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 was presented by Serra Root and approved unanimously. The Secretary's Report, delivered by Pamela Shrimpton, gave an account of the events that were held in the fall and early winter of 2019, and those that had been

scheduled for the spring and early summer but then canceled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her report also highlighted the on-going work of SDH members to clean up the East Hawley cemeteries, particularly the gravestone-cleaning project at the Doane; work on the organization of the SDH Archives; and grants received for the support of the Meetinghouse restoration, the archive work, and a new round of oral history interviews with Hawley elders, to be undertaken once there is no longer any danger of contagion.

John Sears reported that 39 proxy forms had come in, all in favor of the proposed slate of officers and trustees; those present voted unanimously to approve the slate, as well.

#### Officers:

President -- John Sears

Vice President -- Sarah Ohmann

Treasurer -- Serra Root

Corresponding Secretary -- Pamela Shrimpton

Recording Secretary -- Suzy Groden

#### Trustees:

Grahame Travers 2023

Juanita Clark 2023

Lark Thwing 2023

Bob Root 2022

Beth Thwing 2022

Alice Parker Pyle 2021

John Sears thanked the 1772 Foundation for the Preservation of Massachusetts for a grant supporting the painting of the Meetinghouse; the Charlemont-Hawley Cultural Council for grants supporting work on the archives and the new oral history project; the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) for their 2018 grant that made possible a training workshop in gravestone cleaning and resetting, and which continues to support that work; the officers and trustees of the SDH; and the many individual donors who sustain our all-volunteer organization. He offered special thanks to Melanie and Ray Poudrier, to Melanie Poudrier and Serra Root for flowers all year, to Bob and Brandon Root for maintaining the SDH grounds, to Jerry McCarthy and Cass Nawrocki for their help with the cemeteries, and to Williams Cosby for his years of service to the Sons and Daughters.

The meeting concluded with Tinky Weisblat leading the group in a singing of the last stanza of "The Hawley Song."





## The No-Bake Bake Sale

Every September, members of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley make online donations to the society. Gifts can be unspecified or they can be earmarked for the archives, restoration of the Meetinghouse or the Grove, or support for the publication of *The Edge of Hawley*. This year, members generously contributed more than \$500 in No-Bake Bake Sale donations!



Waterfall in autumn, Hunt Road

*Photo by Georgette DeFriesse*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Apple Fest

With the nation experiencing record-breaking numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases every day throughout October, and western Massachusetts seeing a steady increase in hospitalizations, the annual Apple Fest gathering had to be cancelled.

### Illumination Party

It is still possible that at sundown on December 13<sup>th</sup> the annual Illumination Party will take place at the Meetinghouse.

If it is possible to hold a safe version of this traditional gathering, with all attendees wearing masks and observing the rules of social distancing, we will celebrate the illuminating of the beautiful oil lamps in the central chandelier with hot cider and cocoa, cookies, and the singing of seasonal songs. Members will be notified as soon as we know if the event can be held as scheduled.





# COMMUNITY AND TOWN BUSINESS

## **Broadband Project Status Update Meeting**

On the evening of Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Lark Thwing met in the Town Office parking lot with a group of Hawley residents who had questions and concerns about the status of the Florence-Hawley-Monroe-Savoy (FHMS) Broadband Project. For those who did not wish to attend in person, the meeting was accessible by telephone and online. 17 people attended remotely, and 15 were there in person, wearing protective masks and observing the 6-foot social distancing requirement.

Lark provided a brief history of the FHMS project, explaining who all the players are and how they came to be chosen. He outlined the steps in the process of creating a broadband network in Hawley, and answered questions about what has been done so far, where and why progress was temporarily slowed or halted, what still needs to be done, and when completion is expected. The end of 2020 is when the system infrastructure is scheduled to be completed, and the connection of customers and refinement of hardware will continue in the new year.

## **Hawley Votes: Massachusetts Primary**

134 ballots were cast in Hawley in the Massachusetts Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. This was just shy of 50% of the registered voters in town, which makes Hawley's voter turnout significantly higher than the Franklin County average of 39%. 80 of the 134 ballots were mailed or deposited in the secure drop box at Town Hall. Here are the results Hawley's Primary Election:

For Representative to the U.S. House (Dem)

R. Neal: 65

A. Morse: 59

For U.S. Senator (Dem)

E. Markey 70

J. Kennedy 45

For U.S. Senator (Rep)

K. O'Connor 11

S. Ayyadurai 7

For Representative to the State House (Dem)

P. Mark 104

For State Senator (Dem)

A. Hinds 107

The results of Hawley's voting in the Presidential Election will be reported in the Winter, 2021 issue of *The Edge*.

### **Special Town Meeting**

On Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 18 Hawley voters met for a 20-minute Special Town Meeting in the Town Office parking lot. They considered and unanimously approved budgets for the Hawlemont and Mohawk Trail Regional School Districts, which had been reworked and resubmitted for approval this fall. These budgets reflect the unprecedented circumstances that have been necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the loss of much state aid and tuition, resulting from the pandemic. The voters also approved, among other proposals, the town's joining the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership. This is an agreement among communities in western Franklin and northern Berkshire counties to foster conservation and sustainable management of woodlands and enhance the economic base of our region.

# HOW WE CAME TO HAWLEY

*By Peggy Travers*

On an October day in 1994, Grahame and I met for the first time on the S-Bahn platform of Munich's Hauptbahnhof. He was working for a large landscape construction company and I was working as a nanny while taking a year off from my job in Athens, Georgia. We were among a group of ex-pats and Germans calling ourselves "The German-English Association," who, in addition to other social activities, gathered for weekly walks in the countryside. As we covered many kilometers over the coming months, I got to know this Englishman better.

By 1997, we were married and relocating to England, where we would remain for the next 20 years. There, we could be available to help Grahame's mother, should she need it. These were years for working, paying the mortgage, and saving. When we finally chose a little cottage in the Chiltern Hills to call home, we knew it required lots of updating, but it had two outstanding qualities: the view out front and the long stretch of lawn at the back.

During those 20 years, Grahame had his own landscaping business and worked all the hours self-employment required: at least 6 days a week with one week off in summer. I taught and later became the lower school librarian in an international school, working alongside teachers and students from all over the world. It was a joy, but my commute was wearing.

In spite of the busyness, Grahame created raised beds of vegetables, trained several fruit trees along our back boundary, grew nursery stock to complement his business, and coaxed a rose up one side of our house and a grapevine over the pergola. Summers in Britain can be glorious and ours were made even more enjoyable because of the bounty and beauty his labor afforded. Still, from time to time, we talked of how lovely it would be to have a small homestead, and to live, at least partially, off our own land.



While these things were happening for us in Britain, there were changes in the lives of my family back in the states. One of those changes involved my

nephew and his fiancé moving from Philadelphia to Greenfield, Massachusetts. She'd studied at UMass/Amherst, and western Massachusetts seemed an appealing area to raise a family. By the time my brother and his wife retired, a few years later, they'd grown so fond of their visits to Greenfield and the nearby hill towns that they decided to follow suit. They moved from southeastern Ohio to Shelburne Falls. All this time, there we were, working away in England, keeping an eye on Grahame's mum and an ear out for my dad, who was now alone, following my mom's recent death. With every trip to visit family we'd hear more good things about the hills of Franklin County, its emphasis on locally grown food and the protection of the environment, its embracing of the arts, and even the absence of billboards along its highways.

In 2014, my 88-year-old father announced his intention to remarry. I'll admit I was flabbergasted and made plans to spend a bit of time with the happy couple before their wedding. As the plans unfolded, Grahame and I began to consider my dad's timing fortuitous. We decided to make the wedding trip matter even more, so when we flew across the pond to attend the wedding in northern Alabama, we added an extra 5 days to our itinerary for visiting this bit of New England we'd heard so much about. It was Easter Sunday, 2015, when our flight into Hartford bumped its way down through thick cloud cover to reveal patches of white ground and frozen ponds

beneath us. Whatever were we thinking, leaving the sunny skies of the deep south to fly to this climate?

In spite of the cold and the mud, we fell in love with western Massachusetts quickly. We visited the Book Mill in Montague, the Artists' Co-op and Hearty Eats in Shelburne Falls. We strolled along a very cold Bridge of Flowers and gazed at the famed Potholes. We picked up a few apples at Apex Nurseries, maple syrup from Hager's, and browsed Nancy Dole's Books and Ephemera. We wanted to see what our reserve funds might buy us in terms of land, and located a farm for viewing near North Adams. As we drove over the mountain that day, with the road meandering up and through the steep terrain, we felt we were entering a true wilderness fit for harrowing adventures centuries ago -- all this while remembering to keep to the right side of the road! There was so much to take in.

During that initial trip, we learned that Franklin County would suit us well and over the subsequent year we began searching the internet in earnest for properties that might work for us. My nephew had given us a map of the area which we mounted on poster board. My brother and his wife conducted "drive-by viewings" of our farm-for-sale finds from Conway to Colrain, and we'd consult the map from both sides of the Atlantic, over Skype. More than once, roads depicted on the map turned out to be non-existent on the ground, having become overgrown tracks with time. But we learned more about the area through these searches.



Eventually, our Google Search revealed the “Stetson Place.” Initially we ruled it out, thinking that having land on both sides of Route 8A (which we pictured as a busy highway) would be problematic. In the summer of 2016, we flew back to this area, to look at three other properties we’d shortlisted; but they were wrong for us. Three strikes left us feeling a bit defeated. As we drove back to Shelburne Falls from Worthington one afternoon, my brother suggested we take 8A and “just see where that place was -- the one with the big yellow barn and land on either side of the road -- the one we’d ruled out.”

I remember it so clearly. As we turned onto 8A from Plainfield, we followed a group of Harley riders down the road’s twists and turns until it finally flattened out along a gloriously green meadow. The big yellow barn came into sight. “This is it,” I said. “I remember that barn!”





The house was empty and had been for some time, so we felt it wouldn't hurt just to pull into the drive and look around. My brother and I circled the house while peeking discreetly into the windows, and by the time we got 'round, saw Grahame coming out of the barn. I could tell by the look on his face that he was impressed. In hopes of seeing the river, we headed towards the road and out of nowhere, as I walked across the front lawn, I felt a sudden strong connection to my maternal grandmother. Maybe it was the white siding on the house; maybe it was a scent on the breeze. Day lilies were scattered among the tall grasses ahead and Cyndie Stetson's flowering perennials nodded beside me. The road was silent and suddenly appeared to be absolutely no problem at all. "This place has been loved," I said to Grahame. "Maybe we should arrange a viewing." Of course, he agreed. The barn's fabulous interior had him in one. We felt an affinity for the place immediately, but knew so little about the house and its land. We knew so little about Hawley and its history.

Our final year in Britain was filled with preparations and farewells. The to-do list was always full and from time to time we wondered how we'd summoned the courage to take such a big step. It helped immensely that my brother was here in Massachusetts, keeping an eye on our new Hawley home, managing the purchase, repairs, and much more. Meanwhile, yet another family member, my

niece, was leaving her home in Brooklyn and moving to Northampton. The pull of family's proximity was strong and certain. This move was right.

Now, almost three years later, we feel we know where we've landed. We know where the biggest rocks lie along the river's bends and where the hills are steepest. We know where snow melt forms pools and even ice rinks in the back yard. We know where to find our best maples for tapping, where the moon will first appear in tonight's sky, and what the coyotes sound like when they go hell-raising along the river. We know that we've not done Cyndie's flower beds justice yet, but we're doing okay with other things. And as I've said to so many of you, we knew we could feel at home in the land, but we had no idea you neighbors would be so welcoming, kind, generous, and caring. We chose well. And we thank you all for being such a big part of what makes our new place home.



# BYGONE YEARS IN HAWLEY

## Memories of Growing Up in East Hawley

*By Gene Poissant*

My dad bought a home in East Hawley in June, 1946. It is where Jane and Steve Grant now live. At the time, I was 7 years old. We came from North Adams. What a change for a 7-year old! I loved the old farm, its hayfields the barns, and the big old farmhouse. It was 96 acres of Heaven to me.

Up the road, just past the church, was Liebman's potato farm, with all their tractors, trucks, and equipment. I had never seen anything like it: it was a wonder for a 7-year-old kid from North Adams.

We went to school in a 1-room schoolhouse where the firehouse now is. I had the job to keep it clean and bring drinking water every day. In the winter, I went early to start the wood stove. I think I got 2 dollars a week for doing this work back then. There was no plumbing or water in the schoolhouse -- there were 2 outhouses: one for the boys, and one for the girls.

In 1951 or so, they closed that school and we went down to the school at the corner of Bozrah Road. There were more kids in that area, so we were bussed down there by Roland Bellows. I remember he was a little bit grumpy and smoked cigarettes all the way down and back; the car would be blue with smoke!



We had so many great neighbors! I want to mention a few. The Chasse family lived just up the road from us. The dad, Roland, worked at the potato farm. I later worked with him when I was a teenager. I remember the first car I bought; it needed a clutch and I had no idea how to do it. I remember a day Roland said “Bring your car up to the shop Sunday. I’ll help you put in a new clutch,” which we did. That was so nice of him to take the time on Sunday – his only day off. His wife, Rilda was the local barber. She cut almost everyone’s hair in town and in the surrounding towns, too. I remember she charged 50 cents for the job. She was a sweetheart. I also remember that she and her husband had great French accents.

Harrison Keatch was another neighbor. He was a kind, gentle man, who worked at the potato farm. He

spent much of his free time taking care of the cemeteries in town. I often helped him, raking and mowing. In the spring, my dad would load up his old car with lawn mowers, trimmers, gas, and food and drinks. He would drive me and my sisters and Harrison over to the Three Corners, where Hunt Road and Middle Road meet. From there, we would load all the stuff up in a couple of wagons and we would push the lawn mowers over to the South Hawley Cemetery. The road over to the cemetery was impassible for cars, but there was a walking trail that we used. At the end of the day, we would leave all the equipment at the cemetery, my dad would pick us up at the Three Corners, then he would bring us back the next day and we would finish the job, pushing and pulling all the stuff back to the Three Corners, so that he could pick us up there.

The Holdens – Herb and Florence –lived in the house beside the church. A nice couple, they had a little store in the back room, where they sold candy, gum, cigarettes, and a few other items. I used to mow their lawn and pile their firewood in the fall. They were quite thrifty and I often thought they should pay me more than they did, but it was O.K.

Gene Cousenau was a man I'll always remember. He lived up the hill, past our school house. He spent a lot of time in the summer down at Cox's Pond, fishing. I often would walk down to watch and visit with him. One day, he asked me if I would like to

fish. I, of course, said, "Yes!" He cut a maple whip, gave me some hooks, a line, and worms. Well, I was hooked. I fished with him many times and I still love to fish.



So many great folks up there in East Hawley Center. Everyone got along fine; we all helped each other when someone needed help.

Our phone system was an old party-line system. There were 5 or 6 neighbors who were on the same line, and everybody had a coded ring. I remember ours was 1-long-and-2- short. All the phones had crank handles on the side. When you wanted to call someone, you would ring their coded ring. Everyone on the line would hear the phone ringing. If it was your ring, you would answer. Some folks would answer your ring and eavesdrop on your conversation. Oh well, it was country living.



Well, I am so grateful to have grown up here in this beautiful place, and I enjoy all the people in the area. I can't think of anywhere that could have been any better. I moved to Plainfield, and later to Ashfield, where I lived for many years. My wife passed 5 years ago and I had the good fortune to find a wonderful lady – Juanita Clark. I've known Juanita since high school. So, here I am, 60-plus years later, back in Hawley. No place I'd rather be.



Cows at what used to be Sidehill Farm

*Photo by Georgette DeFriesse*

## MARRIAGES

Thomas S. Justice and Cassandra M. Muniak, of 86 West Hill Road, October 10, 2020.

## OBITUARIES

**Raymond A. "Ray" Scott, 71, of Plainfield Rd.,** died Friday August 14, 2020 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. Ray was born in Greenfield on August 23, 1948, the son of David and Elaine (Anderson) Scott. He was a self-employed property caretaker. Survivors include his sister, Sheila Chaffee, of Hawley; his brother Jim Scott, of Hawley; two nephews, Jack and Bill; and many friends. A graveside service took place Thursday, Aug. 21 in East Hawley Cemetery.



**Margaret Eggert of West Hawley Road,** formally of Melrose, Massachusetts and Montreal, Canada, left us unexpectedly, due to heart failure, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, just 5 days shy of her 79th birthday. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and raised in Montreal, Quebec. She attended Sir Roger Williams College in Montreal.



While travelling on her own in Europe, Margaret met her husband-to-be, Hank, in Palma, Mallorca, Spain. Margaret married Hank in 1965. They lived in Boston for 3 years prior to moving to Melrose, where they raised their 2 daughters, Leah and Kirsten. After retiring and moving to Hawley, they made many trips overseas, visiting friends and relatives, and seeing the world.

Margaret leaves her husband of 55 years, Hank, daughter Leah Romig and husband Tony of North Easton, grandson Tyler Romig, daughter Kirsten Papagni and husband Michael of North Andover, sister-in-law Linda Blais and husband Steve of Vermont, numerous cousins in Canada, her extended family in Germany, and many, many friends in Hawley and the surrounding towns, who cherished her warmth, good cheer, and her seemingly endless energy and spirit of adventure.

In keeping with her wishes, her ashes will be spread on the family property in Hawley and the family will have a private memorial service. She asked that in lieu of flowers or donations, everyone cast a vote for Joe Biden for president on November 3rd.

Maureen Flaherty writes of her friend Margaret:

*My friendship with Hank and Margaret has been a long and interesting one. I can't recall how we met for the first time, probably at the ski area, but wherever it was, we made an immediate connection. I personally shared the best of times skiing, hiking,*

*lovely evenings at Tanglewood, pool parties at their home, impromptu dinner parties. The thing with Margaret is that she was all inclusive, always doing her best to make sure all her friends were in on the good times. I used to refer to her as my social director. Beyond that she and Hank were civic minded to the point where they signed up for years to assume responsibility for recycling at the Charlemont Elementary School. Her volunteering was legendary and in fact she received recognition several years ago when a local resident put her name in the hat for an award to acknowledge her many acts of kindness over the years. There is so much to reflect upon when a friendship as long as the one we shared ends so suddenly. I haven't as yet come to grips with the fact that Margaret is no longer with us.*

*And another friend, Susan Purdy, says, Margaret was the kind of person who would wake up in the morning and say to herself: "Now ... what nice thing can I do for someone today?"*

## LAND TRANSFERS

Kimberly A. Aubrey to Todd L. Aubrey. 19 Hunt Road. No considerations.

Barbara Aubrey and Brian Aubrey to Todd Aubrey. 19 Hunt Road. \$1.

Suzanne Aubrey to Nelson R. Oliveira. 7 Grout Road. \$259,900.

Tanya Zoe Bryant and Margaret E. Fitzpatrick to Douglas Blough and Sienna Valente-Blough. 35 Forget Road. \$295,000.

Ellen S. Purinton and Scott R. Purinton to Radley Christopher Sheldrick and Magnus Thorsson. Middle Road. \$44,000.

*Editor's note: If we missed a birth, marriage, passing, or transfer of property in Hawley, please let us know so that we can publish a notice in our next issue.*

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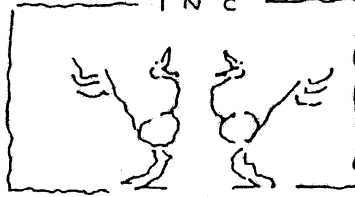


Hawley's own LaTinke is a food writer, historian, and occasional television star. Her new cookbook, *Love, Laughter, and Rhubarb*, has just been published. Tinky is also the author of *The Pudding Hollow Cookbook* and *Pulling Taffy*.

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