

# BUSINESS

## Berkshire Health appoints new doctors

PITTSFIELD—Berkshire Health Systems announces the appointment of Charles Abbott, M.D. and Ethan Flynn, M.D. to its medical staff, providing a wide range of pathology services to both Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital.

Dr. Abbott is the Medical Director of Molecular Pathology and Flow Cytometry and Associate Director of Hematology. He is Board Certified in Anatomic Pathology, Clinical Pathology and Hematology, and was fellowship trained in Hematopathology at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque under the renowned hematopathologist Dr. Kathryn Foucar.

Dr. Abbott received his Medical Degree from the University of Sheffield Medical School, where he was the Professorial House Officer at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, England. He completed his residency in Pathology at Berkshire Medical Center.



Dr. Charles Abbott



Dr. Ethan Flynn

At BMC, he served as the Chief Resident in Pathology in 2003.

A member of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), Dr. Abbott was honored by the CAP with its 2003 and 2004 Recognition Awards, and served as a member of the board of governors of the college from 2003-2004.

He is the recipient of the Gerald S. Haidak Memorial Resident of the Year Award for 2003 from BMC and has been recognized by the American Medical Association and numerous other organizations.

Dr. Flynn joined BMC after serving as a Pathologist with the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

He was the Head of Surgical Pathology and Cytopathology. Previously, Dr. Flynn was the Head of the Laboratory at the Naval Hospital at Guam. He has also served as Associate Resident Director in Pathology for the National Capital Consortium and Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor of the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences School of Medicine.

Dr. Flynn is Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. He received his Medical Degree from Louisiana State University, and completed his residency at the National Naval Medical Center and Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Dr. Abbott and Dr. Flynn join Western Massachusetts Pathology Services, in practice with Drs. Rebecca L. Johnson, Daniel J. Carter, Teri L. Cooper and Jon Valigorsky, in providing pathology services to BMC and Fairview.



Jeremy D. Goodwin

On a cold day spotted by snow showers, Lizzy Abitbul surveys the selection at Karen Allen Fiber Arts, where Sonia Mackintosh's distinctive scarves will soon be available.

## From basement to small business: Locally made scarves offer fashion, function and fun

By Jeremy D. Goodwin

SHEFFIELD—As temperatures drop and the New Year wastes little time in bringing with it a healthy helping of snowfall, one clothing accessory goes beyond style to provide some well-needed protection from the cold.

That's right, it's scarf weather.

Whether wrapped around one's head to create a mummified look or worn casually as a fashion statement, scarves are versatile pieces of clothing that certainly are much appreciated this time of year.

One local designer has already seen her scarf business grow by leaps and bounds over the past decade, and her work is now even more readily available in South County.

The scarves of Sonya Mackintosh's smArtworks, Inc. are now available at Karen Allen's Fiber Arts on Railroad Street in Great Barrington, and will be featured at the Guido's Fresh Marketplace location in the same town beginning on January 11.

Not your typical scarves, they wrap snugly around the line between function and artistic statement. They also represent a home grown business that has grown from a one-person basement endeavor to a local small business employer.

They enable their wearers to "[E]xpress their own individuality and satisfy a need for style and comfort," says Lizzy Abitbul, of smArtworks, Inc.

Sonya Mackintosh started running the venture out of her basement in Ghent, New York in 1994. It was conceived and launched purely to make her vision for these very individual scarves come to life. She gave herself this venue to design, produce and sell these handloomed items, and she trekked around to local craft shows to spread the word.

The business grew enough for Mackintosh to move to an old warehouse building and stock it with ten knitting machines and a large yarn and thread inventory. She upgraded in 2002 to a larger fa-

cility in Sheffield where she employs a staff of nine.

Mackintosh works with cotton and with wool, and her website displays about a dozen different, starkly original designs.

Bearing names like "eyelet," "small cacti," "staircase," and "kelp," they each make an individual statement. Many integrate multiple colors, and each takes a different shape and overall appearance. To the line of scarves she also adds offerings like a boa wrap and a full stole.

She describes her work as "nubby and uniquely three dimensional," and says that examples of her pieces can be found in fine art galleries and boutiques as well as craft shows.

Some of the more elaborate pieces seem capable of discouraging an owner from wearing them out in the wet elements and musing them even a bit—however, they are surely a lot more handy for keeping warm in a Berkshire blizzard than the most accomplished of oil paintings.

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## McKeown wins award

GREAT BARRINGTON—Corinne McKeown, a South County realtor, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Realtors who receive the CRS Designation have completed advanced courses and have demonstrated professional expertise in the field of residential real estate.

Home buyers and sellers can be assured that CRS Designees subscribe to the strict realtor code of ethics, have access to the latest technology and are specialists in helping clients maximize profits and minimize costs when buying or selling a home.

Ms. McKeown is a sales associate with RE/MAX Integrity Realtors. She is a member of the Berkshire Board of Realtors. McKeown is also a licensed Real Estate Broker, a Nationally Certified Buyer's Representative and an active member of the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce.



Pat Melluzzo

## Realtors elect Melluzzo president

Pat Melluzzo of Great Barrington is the newly elected president of the Berkshire County Board of Realtors succeeding Lynn Blake in the one-year position. She has served the Berkshire Board for fifteen years as an officer or as a director. Melluzzo has been a broker/associate with Wheeler and Taylor Realty Company since 1996.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

**December 29**  
Rose Foster to Lillian O. Taylor, property at 160 Theresa Terrace, Lee, \$370,000.

William W. Russell IV and Sandra Ball Russell to Roxanne Suprina and Ulric J., property at Pixley Hill Road, West Stockbridge, \$200,000.

Jennifer M. Lowe and Craig S. Colantoni to Jennifer M. Lowe, property at New Hartford Road, Sandisfield, no consideration.

Kelly M. and Steven M. Fadding to Steven M. Fadding, property at 145 West Center Road, West Stockbridge, no consideration.

Meade Family Nominee Trust, Thomas B. and Celia S. Meade, Trustees, to Alan Inglis,

property at Gilmore Avenue, Great Barrington, \$292,000.

John E. and Cynthia Casoff Henry to Walter Neil Scott, property at 804 South Undermountain Road, Sheffield, \$400,000.

William R. and Rebecca Fuore to Victoria P. and Anthony J. Salvatore, Jr., property at 88 Housatonic Street, Lenox, \$275,000.

Bradley A. and Nicole L. Milley to Earl M., Julieann Van Rumund et al, property at 696 Bonny Rigg Hill Road, Becket, \$194,000.

George and George F. Sherman, Jr. to Arlen Adler, property at Lancelot Lane, Whistling Arrow Lane and King

Arthur Drive, Becket, \$40,000.

Estelle Solomon and Solomon Realty Trust to Jay L. Gershman, property at 165 Leisure Lee, Lee, \$130,000.

**December 30**  
Rebecca L. Ziegler and Rebecca L. Burcher to Rebecca L. and Wade E. Burcher, property at 36 New Hartford Road, Sandisfield, no consideration.

Gerilyn A. and Sandra Ruzbasan to Joann Kneiss and Colene Cengiglio, property at Sherwood Forest, Becket, \$3,000.

Elizabeth A. Kelly et al to Glenn M. and Linda L. Wilcox, property at 140 Silver Street, Lee, \$150,000.