



## News from the Selectboard

*Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson*

I would like to thank all those responsible for organizing this year's Old Home Day, as well as those who staffed the many activities, or participated in them, or just plain enjoyed the day. There was a wide variety of things to choose from which offered opportunities for all ages. There seemed to be more people around this year and the spirit was very good. Old Home Days is certainly something to look forward to every year.

Old Home Days may seem to mark Summer's passing, but I think the next two months are the best time of the year. The temperature is more comfortable and there seem to be less bugs. It is a great time to get out on Nubanusit or hike many of our numerous trails. With the garden chores pretty much done and hopefully the wood put up for the Winter, it can be a very relaxing time. This area and our community have so much to offer, we are lucky to live here.

We have a new member of the Rec Committee, Cam Dexter of School Street. The Rec Committee is studying new initiatives to offer more opportunities in the Town. Our thanks to the committee and to Cam for volunteering.

Our part-time consultant to the Department of Public Works, John Maclean, has begun his duties. John was the City Manager in Keene and previously had been a Public Works Director. He will be working in the office to fill in any gaps to support our existing staff and will be looking at possible ways that we may restructure the department. He has a great deal of experience to offer and is very easy to work with.

The repaving of Middle Road is being scheduled for October. When we have a firm date, we will put it in the Happenings and post it on the web site. While the work is being done, I would recommend that those of us who prefer Middle Road, including myself, for traveling to Peterborough, use Route 202 instead. It will probably take two to three weeks depending on the weather.

It is September, which means it is time to get working on the budget for next year. There are no major items on the Capital Improvements Program at this time. This may be the year for new carpeting in the Library. One task which we hope to have complete for this budget cycle is a new wage program. We are currently in the process of doing a comprehensive wage study working with a consultant who has done similar studies for other NH communities. The study will look carefully at each employee's duties and compare our wages to those of similar towns. Our staffs are currently filling out a comprehensive survey regarding their positions. We have very good people working for the Town and we wish both to retain them as well as provide the means for them to improve their skills and further their careers.

The winner of the Hancock Fire Department Auxiliary Kayak Raffle is

Robyn Brady of Hancock

We would like to thank all those who bought tickets and EMS in Peterborough for their assistance with the kayak, paddle and vest.

### **Hancock Happenings Mission Statement**

*Hancock Happenings* is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified advertising. *Hancock Happenings* is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.

## Hancock Fire & Rescue

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department*

### Our Hand-tub Takes its Annual Trip

Every Old Home Day, we take our antique hand tub out of the front window of the station, and bring it into town for the parade. With steel wheels, it rolls bumpily and noisily, so we don't go too fast. It takes 6 firefighters to pull it safely, and would need about 6 more if you wanted to pump it.

The hand tub was found in the basement of a barn on King's Highway years ago, and carefully rebuilt by HFD members. As near as we can tell, it was built circa 1808 in Boston by a family named Thayer. That's about all the history that we know however; it was never actually used in Hancock. We didn't get around to establishing a fire department until 1907. In any case, it is a pretty piece of fire fighting history, and we proudly use it as our logo. Sharp eyed people might notice that every year, we put it away facing in the opposite direction. Sort of like Old Ironsides, I like to think.

Our Chicken Barbeque went off smoothly, with perfect weather helping out. Thanks to all thee members that put in a long day cooking, serving and cleaning up. They also took time to render medical aid to two subjects who fell down that day. On Sunday, after taking down the big grill and the tent, we were treated to a pool party and cookout by the nice folks at Seven Maples Campground. Thanks again to all of them!

Besides medical calls, we had several calls for broken power lines in August. Most were caused by falling trees, but on big wire on Middle Road apparently just broke all by itself. It stayed hot and sizzled in the undergrowth for quite some time. If you ever come across a downed wire, steer clear. They can remain hot and may be carrying much higher voltage than you might think. The primary power lines at the top of the poles has no insulation, so it looks just like the ground or neutral wires below. So we don't touch any wires, you shouldn't either. Also if you fire up a home generator during a power outage, make sure it is wired correctly. Don't try to back-feed into your panel. You can accidentally send juice back out to the transformer in the street, which is perfectly happy to work backwards and boost the voltage greatly through the road-side lines. That's not good for the guy in the bucket truck who's trying to get your lights back on!

### August Raffle Winners:

Bob Kennedy, \$40; Russell Nylander, \$20  
Chris Ingalls, Karen Baird, Mary Brown, \$10 each

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## HANCOCK FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE AND YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**HANCOCK FIRE STATION  
40 BENNINGTON ROAD**

The Hancock Fire and Rescue Department, in conjunction with the Hancock Firefighters Association, is hosting our annual yard sale and open house! Come and see the fire trucks, meet the firefighters, and maybe find a new treasure!!!

**Hamburgers, hot dogs and soda  
Available by donation.**




**Vendors wanted!!**  
Table space for sale:  
\$15 pre-reserved  
\$20 day of

**For more information or to reserve a table: 603-525-3789**

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## OLD HOME DAY RECOGNITIONS

To All of the Supporters of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary:

Our sincere appreciation to all of the residents of Hancock, family, friends, and guests of Old Home Day who very generously supported the Bake Sale with your great Baked Goods and monetary donations and purchases. This is our only Fund Raiser and this has been a wonderful tradition added to the celebration of Old Home Day in Hancock.

As always it is so very rewarding for the positive response received from the **55** Callers when asked for their help. One can hardly comprehend but yet so touching to know of the dedication that you all have given to us. We appreciate each and every one of you for volunteering your time to help with all of the telephoning so that as many Hancock residents can be contacted as possible. It would be impossible to put this Bake Sale on and have it a success without all of your help.

Our special **Thank You** goes out to all of the CALLERS as following: Laura Akerley, Adine Aldrich, Kathy Anderson, Jane Billings, Sandy Brooks, Natalie Cass, Deborah Claflin, Sara Dowse, Edna Drasba, Ann Eng, Sandra Faber, Gail Fath, Marie Fogg, Lynn Frank, Joanne Frigulietti, Robin Gregg, Sarah Hale, Pamela Hall, Shea Higley, Cindy Hixon, Sarah Hutchins, Sandy Jackson, Shirley Kane, Gert Kanner, Ellen Kidd, Roberta LaPlante, Sandra Levesque, Diane Loomis, Karen MacQueen, Sonja Mucha, Nancy Musarra, Karen Nigh, Roberta Nylander, Sherri Paquette, Bev Patten, Marcia Pettee, Deborah Priest, Karen Primiano, Angela Ramsden, Margaret Ray, Linda Renna, Paula Rounds, Betsy Salazar, Gail Smith, Lauren Stacy, Debra Thompson, and Ellena Zimmerman.

A **Thank You** to Linda Coughlan for helping out prior to the Bake Sale.

All monies made on the Bake Sale will be used for equipment/services at the **Monadnock Community Hospital** for those that will get direct benefit from. Last year the proceeds of the Bake Sale purchased equipment for the "Healthy Teeth to Toes". This can help all of those in the Conval School District where there is a need to have better teeth from their first tooth through 18 years of age.

How very rewarding to know that this type of care is going on in our communities.

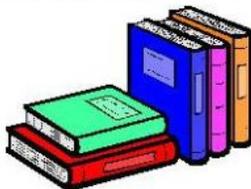
**The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary members:**

Doreen Ames, Jan Johnson, Terry Lombardi, Mimi Mason, Karen McCormack, Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens, Peg McLeod

# THANK YOU!

**The Hancock Town Library *Book Sale Committee* greatly appreciates the support of all who contributed to our 2016 sale: donors, packers, movers, sorters, patrons, and many other helpers.**

**You all made it beautifully successful for our library and town.**



### Run for the Honey – Thank You!

The 37th Run for the Honey road race and kid’s fun run was held on Saturday morning August 20th as part of Hancock’s Old Home Days celebration. This year the race was a great success thanks to all the preparation, planning, large number of runners and, of course, the perfect summer weather.

A big thank you goes out to Ginger Smith, race director for all she does to make this race such a success. Thanks also go out to Andy Wood and the entire Hancock Police Department who made sure that the course was safe for the runners. Thanks to Barb who helped out as a course marshal at an important intersection. The Seven Maple campground water stop was a welcome pause for runners at mile two. Before the start of the race and at the finish, the professional timers were aided by registration gurus, label writers, results runners, and the results board crew chief Steve. The food table was bountiful. Right after the 5K road race, Bob Fogg took over and organized all the kids for the Kids’ Fun Run around the Common.

Thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the race. See you next Summer!

*Submitted by Hunt Dowse*



### Hancock 3 on 3 Basketball Champs

*The Fab Fabers and friends repeated as 3 on 3 basketball champs this weekend during Old Home Days. Phil Brown, Michael Faber, Henry Walters, and Paul Faber combined forces to take down the mighty team of Hash Tag Fire Emoji. The much younger Hash Tags were led by Ben Conant and put up a brilliant fight. “I’m older than all the Hash Tags combined,” said Paul Faber. “It’s time for me to retire to my fruit trees.” Thanks to all participants and supporters of the tournament, and to the Old Home Day committee for making the event possible.*

*Submitted by Kary Shumway*



The Hancock Historical Society is pleased to present our ongoing exhibit:  
***Woods, Water & Wildlife Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Hancock, and New Hampshire***

HANCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

## Woods, Water, & Wildlife

*Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping  
In Hancock, and New Hampshire*

This exhibit shares the local history of hunting, fishing, and trapping through objects, art, photographs, and stories shared by Hancock’s very own outdoor enthusiasts as well as a pictorial history from the collection of New Hampshire Fish & Game Department.

**Saturdays, July 23 to October 8, 2016**  
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Hancock Historical Society, 7 Main Street, Hancock, NH

The exhibit shares the local history of hunting, fishing, and trapping through objects, art, photographs, and stories shared by Hancock’s very own outdoor enthusiasts as well as a pictorial history from the collection of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department. We will be open to the public Saturdays until October 8th 2:00 – 4:00 PM

### *Four Centuries of Fish and Wildlife in New Hampshire*

Sunday September 18th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hancock Historical Society

In concert with the theme of our 2016 exhibit, hunting, fishing and trapping, Mr. Jack Noon will be presenting a newly developed program on fishing and wildlife in New Hampshire dating back to our earlier days. A noted author and avid fisherman Jack will be presenting a dialog on the history of this most important means of food supply for our early settlers up to the sport that many enjoy in current times.

The Hancock Inn to Name its Restaurant,The Fox Tavern.

We are excited to announce that on Thursday, September 15th, the restaurant at The Hancock Inn will get its very own name – *The Fox Tavern* – with its very own logo:



The decision to award our restaurant a name and identity of its own reflects our desire to spotlight its special role in offering comfort and replenishment to travelers and the local community for over 200 years. For many people that live nearby, the special pleasure of The Hancock Inn has always been about its restaurant and we believe that is a distinction that is worth making formally.

We are proud of the progress the restaurant has made, led by Chef Rob Grant and supported by our farmer of the past three years, Jan Buonanno. Their passion for food from the ground to the plate has made farm-to-table a fact at The Hancock Inn once again. While the fact itself should be unremarkable given this historic country inn's proximity to the land, it was a major undertaking to get to the point today where we can proudly claim that we rely on regional growers and producers for the ingredients that are the basis of all our menu items.

The Fox Tavern name is about reconnecting to our heritage as well. When the man historically credited with building the inn in 1789, Noah Wheeler, passed it to his son-in-law, Jedidiah Fox, the inn became known as The Fox Tavern. An old fox doorknocker still hangs on the front door.

By returning The Fox Tavern name to our restaurant we hope to amplify its roots within the region and community and its enduring reliance on the farmers and producers that have supplied its kitchens for so long. We look forward to seeing you at the table.

*Marcia and Jarvis Coffin*

*Hancock Happenings* is available online at

<http://www.hancocknh.org/>

[hancock-happenings](http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings)

**The HANCOCK INN****INNKEEPERS' SUNDAY SUPPER**

*S*eptember 2016

**THE 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Crunchy Red Cabbage & Ramen Salad  
Stir Fried Beef & Peach Salad  
Rice Pudding

**THE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**No Sunday Supper**

**THE 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Green Goddess Salad  
Curried Chicken Stew & Biscuits  
Creamsicle Sundae

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Cucumber, Celery & Sweet Onion Salad  
Pork Tenderloin with Blackberry  
Mustard Sauce & Spiced Fries  
Maple Syrup Pie

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5:30 – 7:00PM

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## BULLETIN BOARD



### Community Supper

The next Hancock Community Supper will be on 22 September, 2016 and will be sponsored by the Hancock Republicans. We hope that you are squeezing out the final days of summer and look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

*Submitted by Mike & Carol Domingue*

### WRITER'S AWAKE!

Once again, a Writing Class will be held this fall, starting on Thursday, Sept. 15th and lasting for 9 weeks. The class will be led by Margaret Carlson, and held at the lower Hall in the Town Office building from 3:30 to 5pm. Class size is limited to 10 students. This class is intended for anyone hoping to build on his/her writing skills, and will be exploring such questions as - what makes 'good' writing, and 'how' can you do it? If you are interested, please call 525-4406 to reserve a place.

### THANK YOU

A "Tremendous" Thank You to each and every one that sent the many wonderful and lovely notes, Birthday Cards and flowers for my "Big One". I was so touched as the tears came to my eyes when I read each one with the very kind and caring thoughts that I received. There are times when one feels a Thank You can't express adequately our deepest feelings of gratitude. Reading each card and the notes written has meant so much to me. Thank you from "the bottom of my heart" for thinking of me.

Love to you all, Peg McLeod

The Hancock Area Watercolor Group will start their fall session on Wednesday, September 14th, for five weeks, ending on October 12th. Classes begin at 9:30am in the brick Vestry, next to the church in Hancock. Beginners are welcome. For more information, please call Sue Francis, 525-3313.

Another "Tale From Home"  
at [www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)

Singer-songwriter, Catie Curtis said that a little starstruck girl came up to her and gushed, "Wow, I never met anybody from iTunes before!"

### AFTER SOLD-OUT SESSION, NATIONALLY-KNOWN STORYTELLER TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Tricia Rose Burt, a frequent guest storyteller for The Moth, the acclaimed international storytelling collective, will conduct another 3-hour storytelling workshop from 6-9 pm, Thursday, September 8, at the Hancock Library. Cost is \$95; space is limited to 10 participants. Her first workshop sold out almost immediately and this workshop is filling fast. During the workshop, participants will learn to take individual experiences and create compelling stories for any audience. Through discussion and video examples from some of today's best storytellers, participants will learn the basic elements of storytelling including how to create a narrative arc and effectively communicate the true meaning behind their own experiences. The workshop will help participants not only develop their own personal stories but also lay the groundwork for essays and other creative endeavors. In addition, these storytelling fundamentals can be used to create more engaging stories within a business context.

"Thanks to Tricia's clear and detailed presentation style, I walked away with all the tools I need to craft a great story," said Christine Destrempe, artist and founder and director of Art and Dialogue. "I learned so much in her Storytelling workshop and being baptized by fire turned out to be a lot of fun!"

Tricia Rose Burt has been heard on both *The Moth Radio Hour* and *The Moth* podcast. In addition, Tricia is part of The Moth's corporate arm, conducting workshops for some of America's top businesses and academic institutions. She was also the emcee at this year's Black Fly Storytelling event at ConVal High School. The audio version of her one-woman show, *How to Draw a Nekkid Man*, is now available on both CD Baby and iTunes, which can be accessed through her website, [www.triciaroseburt.com](http://www.triciaroseburt.com).

For more information about the workshop, contact Tricia at [triciaroseburt@gmail.com](mailto:triciaroseburt@gmail.com) or 603.562.9960.



## Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

<http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com>

*Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm*

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm*

*Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm*

Many thanks to all who worked on the Friends of the Library book sale over Old Home Days, especially the leaders of this effort: Donna Geer and Jane Richards-Jones. Donna and Jane juggled many tasks and over 40 volunteers over the course of the year, all with grace and good humor. Their hard work definitely paid off for the library! At this writing we're still tallying up the proceeds but it's looking like a banner year. Thanks too, to all who cleaned out their bookshelves to donate books and to all who purchased books. Give us a few weeks and we'll be accepting books again for next year's sale!

### Thursday September 15th at 7:00pm

#### **Making Good from the Great War: The United States' Entrance into World War I**

One hundred years ago, President Woodrow Wilson faced a monumental dilemma about how to respond to the war in Europe, which had been raging for more than two years. In this illustrated talk, Kurk Dorsey, Professor of History at UNH and a specialist on US foreign policy, will describe how Wilson tried to make something good from the Great War, first by trying to mediate a peace without victory and then by choosing to intervene in the war on the Allied side. His decisions continue to reverberate today, as the United States tries to figure how to, among other things, make the world safe for democracy. Dr. Dorsey is returning to the Hancock Town Library by popular demand as his lectures are well-constructed, engaging and informative. Dr. Dorsey's research interests include US foreign policy, environmental history, and the history of Canada. Free and open to all.

### Tuesday September 20th at 7:00pm

#### **An Evening of Newsroom Pulp Fiction and Other Murderous Readings!**

Join Dan Szczesny at the Hancock Town Library for an evening of Pulp Fiction history and readings from some of New England's finest short story writers. We'll look at the history of pulp noir fiction, we'll talk about the new pulp newsroom anthology, *Murder Ink*, written by New England authors and then we'll sit back and hear some great fiction from some murderously good readers! Dan is a long time journalist, author, editor and travel writer living in Manchester, NH. He's written four books and is the editor of *Murder Ink: Thirteen Tales of New England Newsroom Crime* (Plaidswede Books, 2016). Free and open to all.

### Thursday September 22nd at 7:00pm

#### **The Hourglass Readers Perform Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People***

The Hourglass Readers will present a reading of the play *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen. Catherine Behrens will direct a cast of 11, comprising Kim Dupuis Dan Patterson, Clare Margand, Richard Behrens, Damien Licata, James Duffy, Peter Eisenstadter, Don Wilmeth, Chris Pratt, Briana Clay, and Penelope Garcia. The play addresses social issues that are very timely in this election season. Moral dilemmas, whistle-blowing, professional responsibilities – this 1882 play by Ibsen is as relevant today as it was over one hundred years ago. Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) was an iconoclast who attacked social conventions that he found outdated and unsuited to modern democratic ideals. He was very controversial in his day, but has since been recognized as one of our greatest dramatists and is considered the father of realism. Shaw, Wilde, Joyce, O'Neill and Arthur Miller, among others, were greatly influenced by him. The Hourglass Readers was founded in 2006 by Catherine and Frank Behrens. The group is dedicated to performing readings of classical dramatic works in an abridged format, allowing actors and audiences to explore works not often performed. Free and open to all.

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**Peterborough Folk Music Society**  
(an all-volunteer, non-profit organization)

Saturday October 15, 2016 8PM at Peterborough Players

**TOM RUSH**

with Special Guest **SETH GLIER**

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**Tuesday September 27th at 7:00pm****The Legacy of *Macbeth*: Shakespeare, Verdi, and Raylynmor Opera with Ann McEntee**

“Double, double toil and trouble,  
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.”

What comes to mind when you read these words? Three crones bent over a bubbling cauldron? Toads jumping out of that cauldron? The silhouette of a woman and a cat riding a broomstick across a moonlit sky? The words of *Macbeth*'s weird sisters conjure up a world of witchcraft and sorcery, a world in which “time is out of joint.” That world continues to fascinate us 410 years after Shakespeare first staged it.

This program will cover our cultural fascination with witches and a world upended by political ambition and treason while also examining how Shakespeare manipulated historic documents to create the tragedy. It also takes into account the sociopolitical climate of James's first years as England's king and founder of the Stuart monarchy. Raylynmor Opera's upcoming production of Verdi's *Macbeth* traverses time and space to the present-day United States. Ben Robinson, the opera company's artistic director, has written a new English libretto based directly upon Shakespeare's text. Set during a presidential election cycle, Robinson's “Macbeth” transforms the Macbeths into a candidate and his “first lady” and the wired sisters into television reporters, talk show hosts, and print journalists. This contemporary staging encourages us to consider how and to what extent the media manipulates our perceptions of current events and individuals in the “news.” It asks how the media has, and in particular social media, eroded the line that separates the public and the private self? Like Verdi, and Shakespeare before him, Robinson's production reveals how a culture's agent of disruption—in our case—communication technologies—leads to the disintegration of the individual. Raylynmor Opera is based out of Keene, NH and is the only opera entity in New Hampshire devoted to providing a stage for the vocal and artistic talents of artists from this region. Ann M. McEntee, PhD, is a small-college theatre and communications professor who has written about Shakespeare and directed stage productions of Shakespeare's work. Free and open to all.

**A Note from Miss Jenn**

Congratulations to all our Summer Readers! The kids team won! With a total of 1313 hrs read by our team and 1,162 hrs by the adults we were only 25 hrs shy of our summer reading goal! For those of you who did not yet see the video of Amy dressed as the peacock scan the code below or visit our facebook page!

**September Art Series with Melody Russell**

Melody Russell will be teaching 3 classes this September. Each class is limited to 12 students so sign up is required for each class.

September 13th @ 3:30 Friendship Bracelets

September 20th @ 3:30 Paperbeads

September 27th @ 3:30 Fimo Creations and Beads

**Sept 14th 3:30pm-4:30pm Tween/Teen Advisory Board**

Join us for the first meeting of the Teen Advisory Board! We will be working together to find out what we should add to the Teen collection, what programs you want to see at the library. This is your chance to have a say in how things work in the teen section! This group is for ages 10-18 yrs old.

**Saturday Sept 17th 11am Paws to Read with Toven**

Come read to Toven, a gentle Great Pyrenees dog! Toven, a registered reading therapy dog, comes to the library once a month and loves when kids read to him. Reading to a therapy dog is great for children who want to improve their out-loud reading skills. Come meet Toven, you will love him!

**Monday September 19th @ 3:30 pm Paws to Read with Coffee**

Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. *Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you get to choose a free stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys!*

**Wednesdays Beginning September 28th - November 16th from 3:30-4:30pm****Spanish Club for Middle School Students with Diane Goodman**

Are you interested in speaking Spanish and learning about different cultures? Diane Goodman is a Spanish educator in the Keene District and has been teaching Spanish for the past 20 years. She believes in bridging gaps between people with music, language, art, poetry, games, literature, and culture. We invite you to join us at the Hancock Library for an 8 week conversational Spanish session for the fall semester. This is open to Middle School students from 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and beginners are welcome. There is a \$125 per student fee payable to Ms. Goodman. A minimum of ten students and a maximum of 15 are needed so please contact the library to register for this wonderful opportunity to learn Spanish today! 525-4411 or hancock-library@comcast.net.

**Every Thursday @ 10:30 Family Storytime**

This storytime is open to all ages. Come listen to some stories and dance with scarves!

**Lego Club will return on October 4th at 3:30pm!**

## HANCOCK GUILD

The ladies of the Guild have been very busy this summer. We started off with our semi-annual clothing sale in June. The success of our clothing sales allowed us to award two graduating Hancock seniors scholarships as they embark on a new journey. Our annual Ice Cream Social in July is always a treat and it's also fun to see old friends and local visitors. We took the month of August off, and are gearing up for the coming year. We've been planning monthly programs that will be available to anyone and most of them are free. We have some fabulous and interesting presenters lined up so keep an eye on "The Happenings".

In September we will hold our annual members potluck supper on Weds., September 21st at 6:30pm in the Vestry. This is a great time to come check us out and hear about all the wonderful services we do for your community. Meetings are open to any area women, and any level of commitment is welcome.

Our semi-annual clothing sale will be October 1st. We accept donations of gently used clothing (men, women, children's, teen and tween), linens (sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, table linen), shoes, boots, accessories (purses, wallets, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, socks), and coats/jackets. \*(See flyer below)

Proceeds from our clothing sales go toward our Scholarship fund for graduating Hancock seniors.

Also on the near horizon is our annual Winter Craft Fair. This year's date is Saturday, November 5th. If you are a crafter, artist, artisan or creative person, we are looking for you! Email the Guild ([hancockguild@gmail.com](mailto:hancockguild@gmail.com)) and we will be sure to get you all the information you'll need. Our venue includes vendors in both The Vestry and the Meetinghouse as well as homemade soups and sandwiches available for purchase at lunch and a raffle table.

We are looking forward to another successful year serving our community. Drop in on any meeting and see what we're all about. You'll probably meet some old friends, and I know you'll make some new ones! We meet the third Wednesday of every month (September-June) at 7:00pm in the Vestry. We'd love to get to know you!

*Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President, Hancock Guild*

**HANCOCK GUILD  
CLOTHING SALE**  
(Gently Used Fall/Winter Clothing only)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

BAG SALE ON SATURDAY FROM 1:00 TO CLOSING AT 2:00

CLOTHING DROP OFF TIMES AT HANCOCK MEETINGHOUSE:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.  
6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

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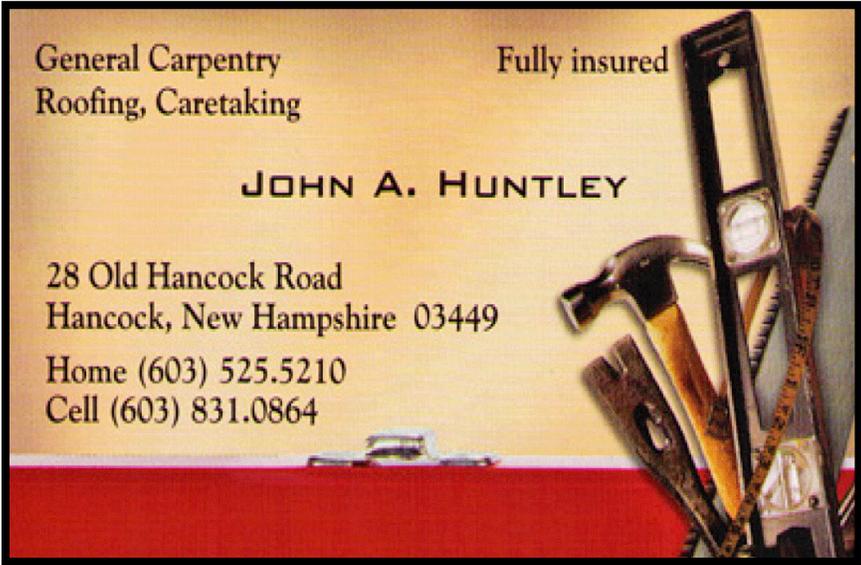
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*Submitted by Debra Shumway, President*

**Seeking New Committee for  
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## ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

### Main Street Painters

Susie Choate, Diana Conrad, Heather Dahlberg, Dolores Gosselin, and Gay Hartman have been painting together for several years, receiving instruction in water-soluble oils from artist Betty Glass. Known as the Main Street Painters, they are exhibiting their work in the Daniels Room through the month of September and until October. A reception is planned for Sunday, September 11, from 2:00 – 4:00.

Originally from Virginia, **Betty Glass**, who now lives in Wilton, has taught art for more than 30 years and has won numerous awards. Her style has been described as "impressionistic realism." Betty's work features New England landscapes and coastal scenes, as well as house portraits, still life, and florals.



Triplets by Betty Glass

"Most of my life has been spent on the coast, which is always inspirational. Now I am also drawn to the forests, lakes, mountains, and architecture of New England, and hope my paintings will bring joy and happy memories to the observer."

Hancock resident **Susie Choate** has had a lifelong passion for art in all forms.

She has studied and become proficient in Pysanky (Ukrainian egg decorating), colored pencil, and oil and acrylic painting, with instruction from the Sharon Arts School as well as from artists Gary Ruska, Nicole Caulfield, and currently Betty Glass. Her interest in the Monadnock Region arts culture has led to her work being displayed and sold at the Sharon Arts Gallery and at various art auctions, and she has held a Pysanky workshop at the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough. Susie also has been featured in *New Hampshire Magazine* and various local news media.



Susie Choate



Three Pears by Diana Conrad

**Diana Conrad** has many ties to the arts community. A lifelong devotee of music, she is an accomplished violinist and teacher. Among her favorite hobbies are photography, gardening, and interior design.

Diana has spent countless years watching her daughters take dance and every art class imaginable. About six years ago her youngest daughter and husband signed Diana up for an art class and the rest is history. She is now a student of Betty Glass, where she meets with her colleagues for conversation, conviviality, art discovery and appreciation, tidbits of information, and life lessons.

**Heather Dahlberg** has been an oil painter for most of her adult life, focusing on still life, genre scenes, and landscape painting. She recently began working with water-based oil paints and has enjoyed exploring this medium. She has studied with local artists and traveled to Europe and the Caribbean for classes as well. For many years she belonged to the Westport (Mass.) Art Group, the Wellesley Society of Artists, and the Boston Copley Society of Art. Her work has been juried into local bank shows and the Wellesley Massachusetts Library, and she has had a one-woman show at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley.



Heather Dahlberg

"For 12 years I was an art docent at the Davis Museum at Wellesley College. During many years of travel throughout the world, I have always enjoyed seeking out art museums to continually enrich my art knowledge. As a former elementary school teacher, it has been my great pleasure to introduce several grandchildren to my love of art and painting."

**Dolores Gosselin**, a New Hampshire native who holds a BA from UNH, studied art and photography at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences and watercolor painting with Sylvia Brofos at the Kimball-Jenkins School of Art.



Dolores Gosselin

Her oil painting technique, which she calls "painterly realism," has been refined through the guidance of Betty Glass, who teaches by helping each student to develop his or her own

personal style. The paintings she has included in this show reflect her love of the New England landscape and her fascination with its ruggedly beautiful shoreline.

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**Gay Hartman** majored in art history at Mount Holyoke College and has been painting for many years in various media. "I was a staff member at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Connecticut, serving as public relations manager and acting director. This house museum contains a fine collection of French Impressionist paintings by Monet, Manet, Degas, Cassatt, and Whistler—a very inspiring work environment for a would-be artist." While studying painting with several teachers and local artists at the West Hartford (Conn.) Art League, her subjects ranged from house portraits in pen and ink to pastel landscapes, portraiture, and still life in both oil and acrylic, and were accepted in a number of juried shows in the Hartford area.

Since moving to Peterborough in 2010, she has taken courses with Betty Glass and Mary Iselin, and has begun creating "series paintings" featuring seasonal landscapes, snow scenes, gardens, florals, and water reflections. Her preferred medium now is water-based oils, a new product, which she sometimes combines with acrylic as an under painting.

"I paint mostly from my own photographs. I transfer them from my camera to my computer, and there crop out sections for one or more final compositions. I find it a real challenge to *interpret* a photo in this way rather than just *copy* it.



Hollyhocks Aglow  
by Gay Hartman

"I have come to enjoy series painting, focusing on the same subject from different perspectives. It is an exhilarating experience and leads me away from the temptation to exactly reproduce the scene as photographed. It is very freeing to work through my ideas, resolve any problems, and then try a new approach in each successive version."

The Main Street Painters show can be viewed in the Daniels Room during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The library is closed Friday and Sunday. Because the room is sometimes reserved for other events, it is best to call the library (525-4411) to make sure it will be available during the time of your visit.

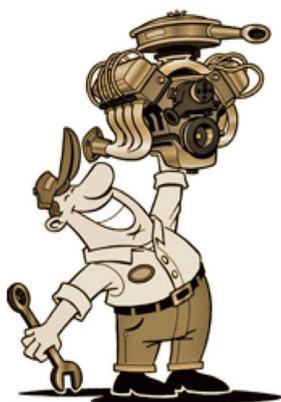
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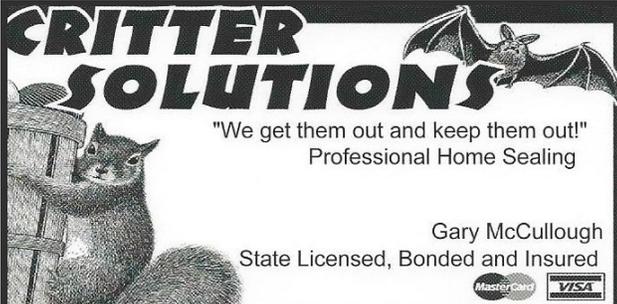
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## HANCOCK WOMAN'S CLUB

OOPS! I caught my own error in August's issue of our club's news. Must have been the heat at the time of the writing! "Cars! Cars!! and More Cars!!!" fundraising event is on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 not what was typed in the first line of the article in the August Hancock Happenings.

If you are planning to attend Cars! Cars!! and More Cars!!!, tickets may be purchased through our ticket vendor by calling 1.800.838.3006 or on our website [www.hancockwomansclub.org](http://www.hancockwomansclub.org). If you have questions please email [hancockwomansclub.nh@gmail.com](mailto:hancockwomansclub.nh@gmail.com) or call 525.3304.

### Tours:

**Friday, September 9: Deluxe Tour 9:30 AM-1:30 PM (includes Lunch) \$100.**

**Saturday, September 10: Deluxe Tour 9:30 AM-1:30 PM (includes Lunch) \$100.**

**Saturday, September 10: Standard Tour (2 hours) 3:00 PM-5:00 PM \$50.**

The public will have an opportunity to tour the **Ames Automotive Foundation Rare Car Collection**. With more than 100 museum-quality cars from the classic and muscle car eras, all have a story to tell! You will be guided through the Collection to hear the stories about the cars' owners, why the car is unique, and how it came to be included in the Collection. The ages of the cars range from a 1917 Model T to a 2002 Dale Earnhardt. And, you won't want to miss the now legendary 1958 Chevrolet Cameo pickup, with 1.3 miles on the odometer, featured in the 2014 Lam-brecht Collection Auction.

Each tour is limited to 30 people, ages 16 and up, (by ticket only), no tickets sold at the door, access for the disabled is not available at this time, and photographs are not permitted. Directions to the Collection will be included with the tickets; one half-hour south of Hancock, New Hampshire. This is a private collection not open to the public.

**NOTE:** The tours are guided, visitors will need to stay with the tour group. Visitors will be standing most of the time, and on the Deluxe Tours there is some walking among the buildings housing the Collection.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by going online - [www.hancockwomansclub.org](http://www.hancockwomansclub.org) or by calling our ticket vendor at 1.800.838-3006. For additional information call 603.525.3304.

**Please Mark Your Calendar!** Our first 2016-2017 club meeting will be **Wednesday, October 12 at 2 PM** in the Vestry. Club membership is open to any woman in the Monadnock community and our monthly programs are open to the public. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, October through May in the Vestry at 2 PM, except the Christmas Holiday Luncheon, 12:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Loomis, President, at 525.4192 or email at [hancockwomansclub.nh@gmail.com](mailto:hancockwomansclub.nh@gmail.com).

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*Respectfully submitted, Arlene Smith*



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Francie Von Mertens and Meade Cadot will be on hand to help spot eagles, hawks, and falcons from New Hampshire's premier hawkwatching site. Bring binoculars, and join us anytime from **9 a.m. to noon at the hawkwatch site on top of Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park in Peterborough.** The event is free, though there's a fee to enter Miller State Park (\$4 per adult and \$2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under, and NH residents 65 and older, are free). Cosponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more information, contact Francie at (603) 924-6550 or [vonmertens@myfairpoint.net](mailto:vonmertens@myfairpoint.net).

### **Sept 22 (Thur) Moose: Life of a Twig Eater Film**

Moose populations are in dramatic decline in portions of their southern range, in part because many newborn moose calves are no longer surviving their first year. This hour-long *PBS Nature* documentary takes us deep inside the world of moose for an intimate look at a calf's first year of life. Following the film, Mark Ellingwood, Wildlife Division Chief with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, will be on hand for a brief discussion of the past, present, and future of moose in New Hampshire. **7 to 8:30pm in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College.** Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Monadnock Conservancy and the KSC Film Society. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org).

### **Sept 23 (Fri) and Sept 24 (Sat) Source to Sea Cleanup**

Get your feet wet and your hands dirty while making a difference with the Connecticut River Watershed Council's annual Source to Sea Cleanup! In the Monadnock Region, we'll focus on **Beaver Brook at Water Street in Keene** (both Friday and Saturday), **Ashuelot River Park in Keene** (Friday only), and the **Ashuelot River at the Cresson Bridge in Swanzy** (Saturday only). **9 a.m. to noon both days.** Though much of the cleanup can be done on foot, volunteers are encouraged to bring canoes and life jackets, if possible. (Canoes may be reserved for the cleanup at Ashuelot River Park in Keene, with advance registration.) Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Connecticut River Watershed Council, the Cheshire County Conservation District, the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee, the City of Keene, Keene State College, the Keene Young Professionals Network, the Granite State Rural Water Association, and Moosewood Ecological. For more information or to register, contact Amanda Littleton at (603) 756-2988, ext.116, or [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org).

### **Sept 24 (Sat) Pack Monadnock Raptor Release and Hawkwatch**

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### **Sept 27 (Tues) First Session of ESI Course *Women on the Wapack: Section Hiking in Four Seasons* September 27 & 29, and November 1 & 3**

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### **Sept 29 (Thur) First Session of ESI Course *Field Signs – Porcupines, Beavers, and Bears***

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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

With summer winding down, Troop 2 can say it got the most out of the great weather this season. In addition to its weekly outings, 17 members of the troop spent a week at Hidden Valley in Gilmanton Iron Works, and all celebrated the achievement of Eagle Scout Henry Johnson. Our ability to take the boys on such great adventures is due in part to your support of our popcorn, fried dough and wreath sales. Thank you for making it possible!

### Canoe Trip to Umbagog

For the first time in five years, Troop 2 headed to the Maine/NH border to paddle on Lake Umbagog, and the Androscogin and Magalloway rivers, Aug 1-5. Nine Scouts and three adults paddled 41.5 miles over five days, including Class I and II rapids on the Androscogin. The Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge features many species, and the troop saw bald eagles, osprey, deer, several species of waterfowl, including several loons. The boy saw their first Eagle within 10 minutes of launching on their first paddle. Proficient paddlers were able to try Class III whitewater in the center of Errol, NH, and all navigated the rapids successfully. It's a trip none of the boys will ever forget.

### Statewide Scout Registration Night

The Daniel Webster Council's statewide registration night is Thursday, September 22, 5-7 p.m. at area schools. Troop 2 will be setting up a table and tent at Shea field at Antrim Elementary School, as well as Pierce School in Bennington, Francestown Elementary, and at the bandstand in Hancock. But you don't have to wait until Sept. 22! If your son aged 11 to 17 likes spending time outside, contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 603-588-3014, or [scoutmaster@troop2nh.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop2nh.org) for more information. Our troop's tagline is "Adventure, Leadership and Service since 1913." Be a part of it!



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## News from the Depot

Greetings from the Depot! Thanks so much to all the wonderful musicians and fans who attended our **First Anniversary Show** on August 20. The room was packed, and we had a great lineup of feature performers from the past year as well as some new talents (whom we hope come back)!

In September, our feature performer will be Teresa Storch, a critically acclaimed international performer of joyful strength and riveting, emotional power. Her soulful-Americana song-writing balances on the fence between folk and jazz, drawing comparisons to Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, and Shawn Colvin. Audience members say it's like seeing Bonnie Raitt when she first started. She has recorded 3 studio and 2 live albums and toured for 12 years, bringing her songs to theaters, clubs, coffeehouses, and living rooms. In 2009 she returned to Colorado after 10 years in the Boston music scene.

### Logistics & More

All shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 for performers who want to sign up for one of several open mic spots. In addition to the entertainment, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!). We also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner! All proceeds go to help support the Depot. [hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com](mailto:hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com) or 508.641.0076.

*Submitted by David Young*



Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

**At Avenue A Teen and Community Center**

**Creative Writing Club – 9-12th graders**

Our Creative Writing Club meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 -8pm for feedback, publishing help, and visits from local writers! New writers are always welcome!

**Friday Open Hours – Ages 13-18**

Friday Open Hours provide a safe place for teens to socialize and unwind. Over the summer we've enjoyed fun snacks (nachos and bagel pizzas) and our expanding board game collection (Heads Up, Pandemic, and more!). Stop by Avenue A from 6:30 - 9pm and join us!

**Art at the Avenue! – Middle & High School students**

Art at the Avenue is a monthly series that gives teens the opportunity to try different kinds of art. Randy Maxey, an abstract artist from Keene, will lead our next workshop on Thursday, September 29th from 6:30-8:00pm.

**Avenue A Club – 5th-8th graders**

The Avenue A afterschool club meets on Wednesdays starting in the Fall. Students enjoy group activities, snacks, and free time in Avenue A's awesome space. Contact us for registration info or visit our Avenue A Club Open House on September 19th from 6:30-7:30pm.

**Ongoing Programs**

**Learning Vine preschool for children 3 ½ to 5 years old.** Thinking about preschool this fall? We are now registering for the 2016-17 school year! This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting, in a fun, engaging environment. Now scheduling visits for interested families, so give us a call to set up a time.

**Better Beginnings for Babies:** Parents with babies who are crawling and young toddlers meet on **Wednesdays from 10:00am – 11:30** and parents with younger babies and newborns meet on **Wednesdays from 1:00pm – 2:30**. Expectant parents are always welcome!

**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren** - Nationwide some 2.5 million grandparents are parenting their grandchildren and not without a host of challenges and issues that come with the job, including mixed emotions, financial burdens, health concerns and keeping pace with the children. Join Carol Lunan for a discussion on the joys and challenges grandparents face, hear from other grandparents and learn about some of the resources and supports available. This program is FREE. If child care is a need, please let us know. Group gathers **one Saturday each month, dates to be announced. Please call for details.**

**People's Service Exchange - Looking to expand your support network?**

*Have time to give and want to make a difference?* We have a list of over 300 services to get you thinking about what you might need or have to offer. Call Nancy at 588-2620 or email her at [pse@grapevinenh.org](mailto:pse@grapevinenh.org) to find out more!

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## Hancock Hours and Meetings

*Please review your listings  
and correct as needed by emailing  
happenings@hancocknh.org.*

**Tax Collector** - Monday 3:30 to 6:30pm

**Town Clerk** – Monday 6:00 to 9:00pm  
Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm

**Town Dump and Demolition Hours** – Wednesday 3:00  
to 7:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm;

**Selectboard** – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Fourth  
Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

**Planning Board** - On the 1st Wednesday of every month  
at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning  
purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at  
7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and  
other applications which may legally come before the  
Board. Appointments can be made by calling the Town  
Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior  
to the end of the preceding month to be included in the  
schedule and satisfy notification requirements. The  
Planning Board may hold working sessions for planning  
purposes the first Wednesday of every month; Barbara E  
Caverly Meeting Room

**Zoning Board** –2nd and 4th Wednesdays as needed at  
7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room, meetings  
will be noticed;

**Advisory Committee** – as noticed, Town Office;

**Conservation Commission** – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm,  
Town Office 2nd floor;

**HEAT Committee** – Meets on an as needed basis

**Historic District Commission** – 4th Tuesday at  
7:00pm, Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;

**Hancock Library Trustees** – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in  
the Daniels Room;

**Recreation Committee** – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm.,  
Town Office;

**Town Archives Committee** – as noticed, Town Office  
Archives Room;

**Water Commissioners** – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm,  
DPW;

**Dump Committee** –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW

**Trustees of Trust Funds** – as needed, Town Office

**Cemetery Trustees** – as needed, Town Office

**Common Commission** – every other 3rd Thursday of  
the month at 7:00pm, Town Office.

**Meetinghouse Restoration Committee** – as noticed,  
Meetinghouse

**School Board** – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Board Room



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## NORWAY POND FESTIVAL SINGERS GATHER FOR THEIR ELEVENTH SEASON

*"Music is the fourth great material want: first food, then clothes, then shelter, then music."*  
Christina Nestell Bovee

Calling all Norway Pond Festival Singers!

After recovering from a very exciting experience with the Junior Mints at Tanglewood this July, it is time to form our ensemble for the fall session. We are eager to get started on learning some terrific new music for our beloved Hancock Family Christmas music.

For the Fall session, our ensemble consists of 25+ women. (And in January, a hearty contingent of men will join our forces to perform a really special piece called *The World Beloved; A Blue Grass Mass* by Carol Barnett. Also joining us will be young singers from Conval.)

**Rehearsals are held on Thursdays in the lower floor of the Hancock Meeting House and are from 12:15-1:45.**

We hope that if you love to sing, you will consider joining and if you know a person who might be a good fit for our group, please bring her along. We always welcome new members. Our rehearsals are scheduled over lunchtime in order to accommodate mothers who have to pick up their children from school at 2, women who work but want to sing instead of eat for lunch and those of us who prefer not to venture out in the evening.

Rehearsals are fast-paced, intense, funny, fun and very productive. Even if you not a great reader of music, Jody teaches in such a unique way that everyone seems to catch on.

Email Jody at [jhspsals@aol.com](mailto:jhspsals@aol.com) if you are at all interested. She will send you more details for you to consider.

### FALL IS RECRUITING TIME FOR THE 2016-17 NORWAY POND JUNIOR MINSTRELS

*IS THERE A POTENTIAL JUNIOR MINTS MEMBER LIVING WITH YOU OR NEAR YOU?*

It is not too soon to start thinking about joining the Junior Mints this year! This group of 25 young singers between ages 6 and 14 is one of the most unique children's ensembles in New England.

The first 25 kids to sign up are admitted with priority first given to returning members. The wide age range makes the overall effect refreshingly captivating. This past season, many of the Junior Mints performed with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood which attests to their excellence as well as their charm.

Under the direction of their conductor, Jody Hill Simpson and assisted by one of the region's top pianists, [Mary Ann Fleming](#), they meet for two sessions during the school year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. The fall session emphasizes singing and culminates in an appearance at the Hancock Family Christmas Concert and the spring session features a semi-staged theatrical production.

The fall session of the NORWAY POND JUNIOR MINSTRELS starts up in mid-October. There are no auditions but parents are asked to pre-screen their children to make sure they can match pitch fairly well and also have good attention spans. *A serious commitment to the rehearsal/performance schedule is the most important requirement when signing up.*



Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15-5:45 in Hancock in the lower floor of the Meeting House. Additional rehearsals are scheduled as the performance approaches

Tuition is \$120 per session. Scholarships are available.

If you think you know a future Junior Minstrel, give Jody Simpson a call (525-9303) or send her an email ([jhspsals@aol.com](mailto:jhspsals@aol.com)). She will give you more details, answer any questions and also add your child to our waiting list. We should know how many spaces we have by early October.