



News from the Selectboard

Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard

ADMINISTRATIVE: First, we would like to thank Jim Mose for his service to our town as a Selectboard member these past three years. Jim has been a steady voice for fair, equitable and consistent handling of issues brought before the board. We also trust we have not seen the last of Jim's volunteering efforts.

Second, The Selectboard now welcomes Tom Shevenell as our newest Selectboard member. As chairman of the Hancock Improvement Association (HIA), Tom has had an opportunity to meet many of our residents and has actively participated in HIAs' successful fund raising for the Meetinghouse restoration – a project well received. We look forward to Tom's energetic participation.

TOWN MEETING: After a 31 year hiatus in holding our town meetings in the lower section of the Meetinghouse, we efficiently gathered over 100 active participants for our 2015 session in the newly renovated meeting area. Aided by comfortable seating, we worked through presenting and passing our Town Operating Budget of \$2,076,361.

Warrant Article approvals included:

- Meetinghouse Window Restoration (\$90,407) - funded through donations and grants;
- New 6 year Dump Truck lease (\$155,000),
- Fire Station parking / driveway Paving (\$23,900),
- Salt & sand Pole Barn Replacement (\$18,000),
- Main St. Drainage repairs (\$5,000),
- 4th of July Fireworks (\$2,500);

All funded with "no amount to be raised by taxation". These were all unanimously approved.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Our newly hung theater curtain (circa 1923), featuring a painted mural of the meetinghouse on the Norway Pond shore, was put to good use as a backdrop for the Meetinghouse's new stage. This is a "must see" to be appreciated. Many thanks to the

volunteers and donations that made this happen.

GOT SNOW: Have you seen the snow? Hancock DPW certainly has! They moved a lot of it. DPW director, Kurt Grasset received a standing ovation at Town Meeting for his team's efforts this past winter in keeping our streets clear and safe.

NEW & IMPROVED: www.hancocknh.org

went on line this month with a modern look and lots of friendly features. Make it a "one stop" information center for public communication, information, or just to see what is going on in town. Many thanks to Nahida Sherman for all her hard work in making it happen and for the many years as "webmaster".

To create a shortcut on your computer, drag the address icon to your desktop!

Hancock Roadside Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 25, 2015

1:30 Town Office 3:00 Transfer Station

Let's gather once again to celebrate Earth Day and clean up our lovely village and roads! Plan to meet at the Town Office at 1:30pm with trucks, gloves, and energy! We'll divide participants into groups and then send you off to gather lots of trash and treasure.



Then meet back at the Dump at 3:00pm sharp to show off your findings.

Prizes will be awarded for the strangest, biggest, and oldest trash!

Call Roberta LaPlante at 525.3828 for information.

Sponsored by the Hancock Conservation Commission

Not a Conval School sponsored event.

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

Car Fires!

Somewhere in this photo is a 2014 Ford Escape. It burned up on Route 202 in early March. We had to close the highway for a bit while it was extinguished; sorry if you were held up in traffic there.

It seems like we have had more than our share of car fires in town recently. However, it is not just us- last week, Peterborough was called for a car fire on the north side of town, and at exactly the same time, Putney, Vermont got the same call. If you are ever driving and sense that your car has a problem, or you smell smoke, or even if your "Check Engine" light comes on, pull over quickly. Engine fires spread very rapidly and can engulf the passenger compartment in a heartbeat. That "firewall" between the engine and your feet..... yeah, that does not hold the fire back for long, just so you know. Get out, get your family and pets out, then call for help. Any other stuff that you may have in your vehicle is replaceable. A modern car has all sorts of parts that can explode— tires, struts, gas pistons, bumper pistons, etc. You don't want to be standing too close to a burning vehicle!



Photo by Andy Wood, HPD

We were happy to get unanimous support for a warrant article to replace the asphalt aprons at the fire station at the Annual Town Meeting. As I mentioned at that meeting, the old asphalt has completely broken up and we lose more and more of it every time it gets plowed. The plan is to dig down about a foot, and replace the sub-standard base material with good gravel and a layer of geo-textile stabilization fabric before new asphalt is spread. there will also be a catch basin with a large drainage pipe to divert rain-water from the road into the ditch near the Dump road. We look forward to working with the DPW crew on this project this Sumer.

Our range in the FD kitchen has been on the fritz for

quite some time, and we were lucky to get a stove from a Hancock resident last month. Good ol' Craigslist! The new unit was professionally and safely installed by Ed Crowley Gas Systems. Ed refused to send us a bill for his materials and labor, so we owe him a big Thank You!

Katy and Spence Thompson were proud to announce the birth of their son Noah on March 13th. We are looking forward to Noah and his big sister Madeline becoming **fifth generation** Hancock Fire Department members! Congrats to all generations of their families!

March Raffle Winners:

M.A. Auth, \$40; Sam Lessey Jr, \$20; M.A. Auth, Paula Rounds, Mark Monkton, \$10

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

RED MOLLY - Friday, April 3rd
Come See Hancock's Herb Gardner and his daughter, Abby - and a couple of other singers

SWEET BACK SISTERS & THE STRAY BIRDS
co-bill on Saturday 18th

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Hancock Historical Society

Hancock Historical Society April Program **FROM HOMETOWN TO HUNT'S POND: A WRITER'S JOURNEY**

Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 pm, at the Vestry.

Hancock author Paul Hertneky will read from his writings and share stories of a life journey that led him from early days in Pittsburgh to his current home on Hancock's Hunts Pond.

Refreshments will be served.

Norway Hill Orchard Cleanup

Saturday, April 18th - 9:00 am at the stand

Rain date Sunday, April 19th
For more information, call Peg
McLeod 525.4912

Submitted by Ginger Smith

Cornucopia Project

As the snow melts and the cold temperatures yield, the Cornucopia Project is gearing up for another season of school gardening. Spring will see the construction of garden beds at the Hancock Elementary School, as Cornucopia brings the garden program 'home' to the school campus. Initial plans include three raised beds built by students. Working with the school and the District, we're looking to expand the garden area so all five grades have a rich outdoor learning experience. Possibilities are many, and could include additional raised beds, in-ground beds like lasagna gardens (layered compost and organic material), a sapling teepee for vining vegetables, rain barrels and a compost area. These gardens will become the edible garden classroom for the Hancock students, right outside their door, and yield the autumn produce for the community's annual Harvest Supper. Watch for news of future Brooks Side Farm programs.

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Innkeepers' Sunday Supper

Happy Easter!

April 5th

11:30 - 2:30

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April 12th

GREEK SALAD

MIXED GRILL KEBABS, COUSCOUS
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April 19th

GRILLED PIMENTO CHEESE SAND-
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PECAN PIE

April 26th

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TURKISH DELIGHT

Sunday Supper \$16.50 per person

Excludes tax, gratuity & beverage

Reservations Encouraged

Hancock Guild

This month The Guild hosted a visit from Fred Marple of the mythical town of Frost Heaves. Fred (aka Ken Sheldon of Hancock) regaled his audience with stories and antics of the good folk of Frost Heaves. His program even included "commercials" for products using Yankee ingenuity. It was an evening of fun and laughter as we all could relate to his small town Yankee humor. We would also like to thank the community for their donations to the Guild Scholarship Fund for graduating Hancock Seniors.

The Guild will be hosting Megan Dodge on April 15th. Megan will be sharing her expertise with flowers. Spring can't be kept at bay forever, and the colors and scents of the season of rebirth will be a welcome diversion.

Speaking of spring and warmer weather, The Guild is in the beginning planning stages for upcoming events and programs. Keep an eye on the Happenings for information on our second annual spring/summer clothing sale. Dates for collection and the sale will be posted right here. Remember us as you start to bring those warmer weather clothes out of hibernation.

We will also be hosting one of the upcoming Community Suppers. Again, details will be in the Happenings. We hope to have a few summer events as well that promise to be fun and evoke community involvement. If you're looking for a way to get involved with the community, come to one of our monthly meetings. We always welcome new members and any level of involvement is appreciated. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President



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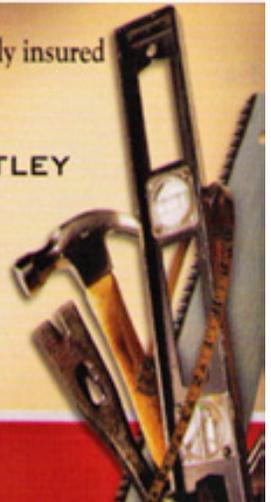
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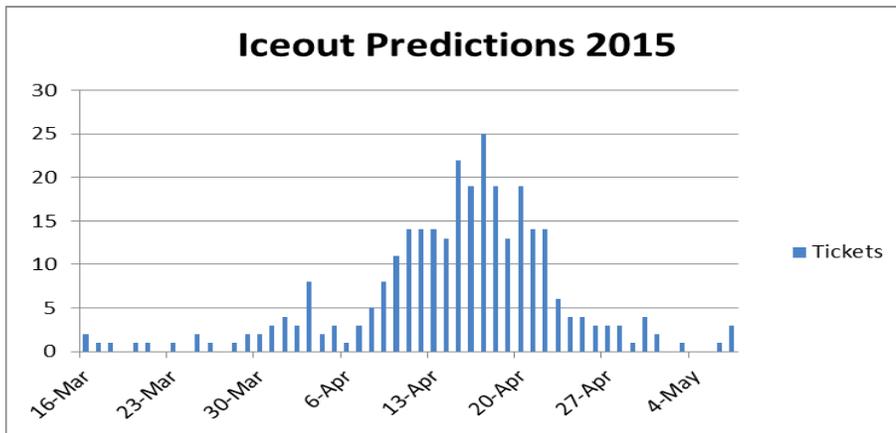


Third Annual Norway Pond Ice Out Contest

Hancock Ice-Out Committee 2015

Ice Out Countdown 2015

As of March 20th, 301 tickets had been registered in Ice Out Central and initial receipts totaled \$649.00. In this initial group, guesses range from March 3, 2015 to May 7, 2015. April 17th is the most popular date with 25 picks.



As many contestants wait until the March 31st final date for submission a critical question is “How much ice is there?” Another way of estimation is to look at the accumulated Heating Degree Days for the three ice making periods we have experienced [Format: Month, year, month’s degree days/average degree days for the month.]

| 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Dec 2012 | 42/43 | Dec 2013 | 55/43 | Dec 2014 | 47/43 |
| Jan 2013 | 22/44 | Jan 2014 | 38/44 | Jan 2015 | 55/44 |
| Feb 2013 | 28/44 | Feb 2014 | 55/37 | Feb 2015 | 53/37 |
| Totals | 92 | Totals | 148 | Totals | 155 |

Heating degree days are calculated by comparing the outside temperature with a building’s inside temperature (nominally 65 F). The difference is the heating degree day measure (the amount of energy it takes to keep the building warm). Hence, the higher the numbers the colder it has been outside and the thicker the ice is likely to be. (Wikipedia)

Submitted by Phil Jones (525-4485)

Hancock Happenings

From the Editor

For a town with our small population, Hancock is a happening (pun intended!) place. With all of the many activities and events going on, there is something for everyone every month. I am so impressed! If you need to reach me, email is the best way: happenings@hancocknh.org or 525.9459

Jaime Donovan, Editor



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Community Supper

Join The Divine Mercy Parish as they host April's Community Supper. We will be at the Vestry on Thursday April 23rd at 5:30PM. See you there

Submitted by Donna Coty



Friday, April 3, 2015 Abbie Gardner's famous Americana group, Red Molly (Bob Fogg's favorite band) will be at the Peterborough Players for two sets starting at 8 PM. They were recently featured at Boston Symphony Hall.



Another "Tale From Home": www.herb-gardner.com

I'm happy to report that when buying my new car, the words "guts" and "glory" never occurred to me



Monadnock Roller Derby practices every Monday and Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM at Great Brook School, except on school holidays and weather cancellations.

For more information, visit www.monadnockrollerderby.com or contact info@monadnockrollerderby.com.

Submitted by Jess Gerrior

First Congregational Church

News

One event per weekend in Hancock is exciting, Three exceptional offerings in one night is unheard of. What were we thinking?

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 11th**

It is time to get out of the house.

The fun begins at 4 pm in the Vestry

Tempting Taste :

A foodies delight! . Love to try new foods? Tired of the same dinners? Appreciate small serving sizes? Fill your plate with samples from **over 25 mouthwatering choices**, lovingly prepared by some of the best chefs in Hancock. Each taste is one ticket. **Tickets are purchased at the door 4 for \$5 or 10 for \$10.**

Old Fashion Auction of Goods and Services:

"2,2, who will make it 3"

To date 57 items will be up for bid, including certificates from 30 local businesses, and donations of goods or talents from over 25 individuals. **Pick up your paddle at the door. Neal Cass will begin his auctioneer's song at 4:30.**

Rick Simpson

and the Harvard Krokodilos of the 70's:

After a evening of amazing food, lively laughter and shopping what could be better than a night cap of Men's A Cappella. Returning to Hancock by popular demand. What is an evening in Hancock without music?

Performance begins at 7pm in the Sanctuary. No longer than 1 hour. Donations accepted. Call Rick Simpson with details.525-9303

.All proceeds from Tempting Tastes and the Old Fashion Auction will be given to the general upkeep and maintenance of the Vestry. The Vestry is owned by the First Congregational Church of Hancock, and kept open for public and private rentals for all residents of Hancock.

Call Chris Streeter with questions and donations 525-3361.

Submitted by Amy Wilson



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

Tuesday March 31st at 7:00 pm

The American Cider Renaissance with Ben Watson

Americans are discovering the pleasures of alcoholic or “hard” cider, yet few people know much about its rich history and cultural traditions. Join author, editor, and self-proclaimed “cider evangelist” Ben Watson for a fascinating look at the past, present, and future of this most typically New England tippie. What are the roots of cider? Why did it become so important in colonial times, only to fall into obscurity? Why is it enjoying such a resurgence today? Ben Watson is the author of *Cider, Hard and Sweet* (Countryman Press, 2013) and other nonfiction books. He currently serves as Senior Editor at Chelsea Green Publishing Co. in Vermont and resides in Franconia. For many years he has been involved with conservation and biodiversity initiatives, through Slow Food and other organizations, and he is a volunteer organizer of the annual Cider Days festival in western Massachusetts. The US Cider Makers Assoc. recently presented him with one of its first Cider Industry Awards, in recognition of his efforts to promote cider, apples, and cider producers around the world. Free and open to all.

April is National Poetry Month!

We will have special displays and projects for the entire month of April in honor of National Poetry Month. Write a poem on our magnetic poetry board at the front desk. Or simply read our Poem of the Day, posted in the library and chosen by our staff and volunteers. Step into the Children’s Room to check out our “Poet-Tree” display which will give you some wonderful poetry book suggestions. Kids, drop in anytime during April to make a descriptive animal poem. Teens and adults, come in and give “black-out” poetry a try. This method of poetry, which involves blacking out old book pages, combines art and poetry and produces very cool results! And finally, local poet Henry Walters will read his poetry on April 21st at 7 pm. Join us for all of these activities and more during the month of April! Free at your public library.

Thursdays April 2, 9, 23, 30 & May 7

Extreme Weather: A Five-Part Film & Discussion Series

Join us for this five-part film and discussion series on extreme weather, facilitated by UNH Marine Docent and former Conval Oceanography teacher, Jon Manley. Free & open to all!

April 2: Climate Change. What is running our Climate? Presentation on the physics behind how the wind patterns, the ocean currents, the color of the earth and temperature changes cause weather and change the climate.

April 9: Hurricanes & Tornados. Film – CYCLONE – A National Geographic film that gives the basics of these weather systems. Introduction to F-Scales. Predictions of how rising oceans and climate change will influence future storms.

April 23: Katrina. Film – KATRINA – This NOVA film follows the buildup and results of one of the most costly and deadly storms to hit the United States gulf coast. This production underscores the gap between what scientists can predict and the reluctance of people to listen. Many who died refused to heed a mandatory evacuation.

April 30: Acid Seas. Film – TBA - This session will be a discussion of how the forces that are warming the oceans are also causing them to become more acidic. Implications on the oceans by this twofold threat will be highlighted.

May 7: The Isles of Shoals. A place of history, prosperity, pirates, treasure and even murder, the isles are subjected to some of the most severe weather in New Hampshire. This session will be about the people books and stories of this rocky outpost. As seas rise, the isles may be among the first to disappear. Along with the stories will be an opportunity to sign up for a trip to the isles this summer.

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Spring Awakening Yoga

In Hancock...

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Mondays, 9-10:15 a.m.

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Kripalu Yoga

Monday April 13th from 5:00-7:00pm

State Representative Jon Manley

Rep. Manley (representing Bennington, Greenfield and Hancock) will talk about the latest cuts proposed by the state legislature in Concord and what they mean for you. Please feel free to bring your questions and concerns.

Wednesday April 15th at 7:00pm

**Raised on Songs and Stories
with Irish Balladeer Paul Carroll**

Paul Carroll grew up in Dublin during the ballad boom of the sixties where the pubs were packed with folk singers and ballad groups. It is there that he found a love for the music and songs that were to be part of his life. Paul emigrated to Australia in the early 70's but he never strayed very far from the music, singing in the folk clubs of Sydney, Perth and Melbourne. During his time in Melbourne he was a founding member of the Celtic band, Poteen, who were Australia's premiere Celtic band, sharing the stage with icons like Eric Bogle, The Dubliners, The Furey's and Boys of the Lough. Paul has made his home in Derry, NH for nearly 25 years.

Thursday April 16th from 4:00 – 7:00pm

Preserving Our Past Selectively with Dan Pickering

Old photos, slides, vinyl records, cassettes, and home videos are a treasure chest of stories and memories. But in recent history we have undergone a blizzard of different devices and formats for sharing those stories. And with today's fast-paced world of Facebook, smartphones, and tablets, older analog media is at risk of being lost. Advice, tutoring, and assistance can be found with a new volunteer program provided by the Hancock Town Library, **Preserving Our Past-selectively, or POPS**. This service will help you start converting your most precious items to a digital format of your choice so that you can begin to create a digital legacy that can be shared with friends and loved ones, now, and in the future. Here's what you do:

Make an appointment at the library (525-4411) for a thirty minute analysis of what you want to convert to a digital format and what's the best way to get it done. Appointment times are available on Thursday April 16th between 4-7pm.

Bring your photos, slides, tapes, records in a box or a bag to the appointment, but **be selective**. If your collection is too large to fit in a manageable box or bag, bring samples of what you would like to convert.

Think about how you would like to use your final product. online, like Facebook or email? On a smartphone or tablet? On your TV with a DVD player?

Dan Pickering, a Hancock resident, is providing this service as a volunteer. He taught computer education, broadcasting, and video projects in the Michigan public schools for 31 years and continues his hobby/part-time occupation of video production at home in Hancock. The only cost to you will be the cost of actual materials---such as DVDs or flash drives.



Tuesday April 21st at 7:00 pm

Field Guide A Tempo by Henry Walters

Prompted by Thoreau's thought-experiment, *Field Guide A Tempo* is a topographical map of sounds, a landscape that changes pace, from ballad to dirge to lullaby, tracing the contours of those rhythms that give form and voice to Time itself. His poems, translations, and essays have appeared in a range of publications, from *The Old Farmer's Almanac* to *The American Guide to Hawk Migration Studies*, and he is the recipient of *Better Magazine's* 2013 prize for poetry. He currently lives in the beech and hemlock woods of Dublin, NH, where he coordinates the New Hampshire Young Birders Club and acts as Secretary for Experimental Living at Dublin School. Free and open to all.

Saturday April 18th 3-5 pm Poetry Sharing.

April is Poetry month and we love to gather to read our favorites originals and works from our favorite poets. All are welcome to this informal gathering is for everyone who likes to listen, recite, read, discuss poetry. The group called Three or More Poets organizes the gathering in the Daniels Room. There will be light refreshments and hopefully some flute music. Call 547-0887 with questions. Hope you give it a try! *Submitted by Melody Russell*



From the Children's Room*Callie Faucher, Children's Librarian***Every Monday from 3:15 to 4:15pm****Paws to Read with Coffee**

Drop in and read to Coffee, a certified reading therapy dog. If you bring in 3 non-perishable items to donate to the local food pantry, you may pick out a stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys.

Every Thursday at 10:30am—Story Time

Join local preschoolers with their parents and caregivers at Story Time! We sing, dance, play, listen to stories and do crafts. Upcoming themes include sunshine, springtime, snakes, rain, kites, and mud!

Tuesday, April 7th & Tuesday, May 5th from 3:15-4:15pm—Lego Club

Come build with us! Drop by the Children's Room on the first Tuesday of each month to work on your Lego projects or build something new!

Saturday, April 11th & Saturday, May 16th from 11-12pm.—Paws to Read with Toven

Come by on April 11th and May 16th starting at 11am and read to Toven, a certified reading therapy dog. Bring your own books, or chose one from our collection. Toven will be in the Daniel's Room.

**Wednesday, April 22nd from 2:30 to 4pm
Play with Clay Class with Shana Brautigam**

It's mud season, so let's play with clay! Join potter Shana Brautigam of Rooted in Clay Pottery to hand-build clay animal shakers and rattles. The class is limited to 15 kids, so **please register at the library** as soon as you can. Free! For kids aged 5 and up. Stop by or give us a call at 525-4411.

Town of Hancock Website**From the Webmaster**

We have received many positive comments about the new website. It is not surprising. Virtual Towns & Schools (the designer and host) knows its municipal website business and it shows in the organization of the material. Not everything from the old site has been transferred. For instance, only minutes from 2013 on are available for all committees, boards, commissions and Trustees; however, much more than the essential is available and we will be transferring a few other pages that are "nice to have." Home page:

www.hancocknh.org

Do not forget to "Subscribe to News" by clicking on the link in the Quick Links box at left of the home page if you wish to keep current about official Town business. You may sign up to receive only the material that is of interest to you as it is posted.

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Submitted by N. Sherman

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MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

PRESENTS

The Krokodiloes of the 70s Return to Hancock

The Krokodiloes of the 70s, former members of Harvard's oldest *a cappella* singing group, return to Hancock on Saturday, **April 11th** in a concert to benefit the Hancock Piano Fund. The freewill offering will be applied to the purchase and maintenance of the town's piano, newly installed in the refurbished Meetinghouse.

The Kroks of the 70s were asked to perform at the group's 60th anniversary celebration in 2006. They met early, rehearsed with diligence, and had so much fun they decided to keep going. They have performed in Washington, D.C., New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and of course Hancock, New Hampshire, the home of member Rick Simpson.

They come from many walks of life—there are educators, business people, film makers, lawyers, doctors, judges, best-selling authors in many genres and yes, full-time professional musicians. Their repertoire spans centuries, but is rooted in hit tunes from the 1920s through today.

The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, Hancock. True to the tradition of sponsor Music on Norway Pond, it will be one hour in length, with no intermission. Come early for the festivities next door in the Vestry. "Tempting Taste" – a culinary delight featuring dishes from 25 of Hancock's chefs - begins at 4pm, with a live auction starting at 4:30. And extend your musical weekend with the Music on Norway Pond concert on Sunday, April 12, at 4:00 p.m. featuring internationally renowned pianist Cristian Budu. *Submitted by Rick Simpson (525-9303)*

Cristain Budu, Pianist

Brazilian/Romanian in origin, the charismatic young pianist **Cristian Budu** is considered one of the most brilliant artists of his generation. From an early age he placed first in many national competitions. At age 25, he became the first Brazilian winner of one of the most important and prestigious international piano competitions in existence - the Clara Haskil Competition in Switzerland. The Clara Haskil selects only one winner each year on several occasions there was no winner. Previous winners include Richard Goode, Christoph Eschenbach, Mitsuko Uchida and Evgeni Korolyov. Winning the Clara Haskil Competition was deemed the most important achievement of a Brazilian pianist in the last 20 years.

In 2014, Cristian performed at the Bach Festival in Switzerland, the Frankische Musiktage Festival in Germany, the Festival de Radio France, and the International Festival of Campos do Jordao and appeared with orchestras in Stuttgart, Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina and Jerusalem.

Closer to Hancock, he participated in the Rockport Music Festival and various concerts by the project "Community Performances and Partnerships" in Boston. He was also a founding member of *Choro Bastardo*, a group from the New England Conservatory that has appeared for the past two years in Hancock. We never got to hear him play, however—he was busy playing piano all over the world!

The concert, Sunday **April 12th** at 4pm, will be one hour in length with no intermission. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door. Students are admitted free of charge and highly encouraged to attend.

HANCOCK WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Has the snow melted in your yard? Are you able to see, pardon the term, **Snowdrops** or **Crocus** appearing in your garden? Then count yourself lucky.

One thing for sure we can count on is our next meeting which will be on **Wednesday, April 8** at 2 PM in the Vestry. This month's presentation is about "Tea Time."

Ellen Kanner and Ray Marcotte, owners of Dobrá Tea in Portland, Maine, purveyors of traditional teas and tea service will enlighten us about tea. Often misunderstood and improperly brewed, tea is the second most popular beverage in the world following water. Why is it often clouded with milk, bitter, or less than exciting in our cups? We'll discuss the history of tea, the biology of the tea plant, and its 6 distinct classes: green, white, yellow, oolong, black and pu-er—and show you how to brew the perfect pot.

After the presentation our hostesses, Barbara Danser, Gertie Kanner and Sue Koziell will offer you some delicious treats to enjoy. Our meetings are open to all women in the area, so don't be shy, just stop by!

Now that our long cold snowy winter is behind us, our committee for the "Visit Hancock Gardens" on **Saturday, July 18th** from 10 am-4 pm has lined up **eleven** gardeners to display their beautiful gardens such as, a Japanese garden, an herbal garden, a pollinating garden and lovely flower gardens. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 on the day of the tour. You may order your tickets from our website, www.hancockwomansclub.org, or by calling 525.9451 or 525.8011. You will have the opportunity to purchase your tickets at our April meeting and at our May luncheon. Invite friends and family to view these gardens with you!

Our May luncheon on **Wednesday, May 13** at Noon will be held at the beautiful Hancock Inn. Please see Edna or Sonja at the meeting for luncheon choices that need to be selected prior to the luncheon. Luncheon tickets are \$18.

Let us not forget the upcoming Monadnock Chamber Chorus concert on **Sunday, June 28** at 4pm. By this time summer will have arrived and what a nice time to enjoy hearing singing voices coming from the Meetinghouse! The concert is free and open to everyone. Free will donations will be accepted at the door to help support our Community Needs and Scholarship Fund.

As always, to help support our friends in the community, we will pass the Food Pantry envelope around for those of us who wish to contribute.

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

HANCOCK WOMEN! Scholarship Available

The Hancock Woman's Club annual \$1,000 scholarship is once again being offered to an adult Hancock woman. To qualify, an applicant must be an adult woman in mid-career, or an adult woman who plans to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities. The applicant must be a current resident who's lived here for 2+ years. She must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited school, such as a college, university, technical or other training school.

To obtain an application form, please write to the Hancock Woman's Club, PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449; or call Eleanor Falcon at 525-4650. Applications must be received no later than June 1, 2015.

Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's choice in early August. With the recipient's permission, her name will be announced publicly.

Submitted by Eleanor Falcon

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Art Exhibits at the Library

Drawings and paintings by Liz Larson and Harriet Kuzdrall will be on display in the Daniels Room only until Thursday, April 2nd so time is running out to see the two sisters' show.

Then, artist Bob Askey will exhibit a sampling of his work from April 4th to May 14th.

Although a reception is not planned, the artist will be in the Daniels Room during opening day, Saturday, April 4th.

Bob holds a degree in art education but he never worked in the art field. Instead, he spent the major part of his business career with Young and Rubicam Advertising in New York City and Frankfurt Germany.



*Uptown by Bob Askey
limited edition etching with
Aquatint*

When he moved to New Hampshire 40 years ago, he created his own advertising agency, which became one of the largest in the state, with many Boston area accounts. Upon retirement Bob began to spend his time creating art, and works in oil paints, watercolor, pen & ink, etching, pencil, and mixed media.



*Country Auction
by Bob Askey
oil on canvas*

The subjects of Bob's art are products of his imagination; he does not paint plein air or from photographs. Many viewers of his work have asked him if he's a book illustrator, because the people often seem to be acting out an event or at least doing more than simply posing for a picture. Instead of copying a

scene, he inserts elements that work together to illustrate what he wants to say, depicting serious or whimsical situations as his mood dictates. In other words, he doesn't paint what he sees but, instead, what he feels.

Bob has won awards in almost all of the media in which he works, including a Best in Show in Ogunquit, Maine, for one of his etchings. Examples of his work can be found on his website (www.bobaskeyart.com) but be sure to come to the library to see his show up close and personal.

Art exhibits in the Daniels Rooms can be seen during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2 pm – 6 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm; and Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm The library is closed Friday and Sunday. Since the room is often reserved for community meetings and events, it's always best to call ahead to make sure it's open for viewing at the time of your visit.

Lunchtime Workshops

Added to Spring Social Media Series

Chris Halvorson of Halvorson New Media will present a short series of lunchtime workshops focusing on special topics in social media marketing starting April 10 at the Hancock Town Library. Cost for each workshop is \$15, or take the series of 3 for \$35.

Lunchtime topics and dates will be:

April 10: Visual Marketing w/Pinterest and Instagram

April 17: Creating Graphics for the Graphically Challenged

April 24: Blogging: What it is and should you do it

Participants are welcome to bring their laptops or iPads to follow along, but this is not required. Sign up and pay at HalvorsonNewMedia.com or by calling Chris at 203.0593 or emailing chris@HalvorsonNewMedia.com. All workshops are geared toward small businesses or nonprofits and are designed to provide a firm foundation in understanding the changing world of social media marketing.

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Apr 3 (Fri) Easygoing Rail Trail Hike in Rindge

A moderately easy, 4.5-mile roundtrip hike along a rail trail from Woodbound Road in Rindge. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10 am in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Rtes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 3 pm For more information, contact Lee Baker 525.5262, snoman3137@gmail.com, or Ollie Mutch at (978) 386-5318, wapack@peoplepc.com.

Apr 4 (Sat) Pitcher Mountain Full Moon Hike

A moderately easy, 1¼-mile roundtrip hike on Pitcher Mountain along the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway. Meet at 7 pm at the Pitcher Mountain fire tower parking lot on Route 123 in Stoddard. Back by 9 pm For more info contact Russ Daigle at (603) 477-7506, or Brian Bishoff at (603) 899-5770, bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.

Apr 15 (Wed) Peterborough Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training — Part 1, Peterborough

Vernal pools are small, temporary woodland ponds that serve both as critical breeding sites for a suite of amphibian species, and as important feeding grounds and shelter for many reptiles, birds, and mammals. In efforts to protect this vital (yet often overlooked) wildlife habitat, the Harris Center and Peterborough Conservation Commission are once again training volunteers to identify and document vernal pools, with special focus on lands where information is needed for conservation planning. We'll cover the building blocks of vernal pool ecology in this indoor training session from 7 to 9 pm at the Peterborough Town House, then venture outside for hands-on instruction in vernal pool identification and documentation at a Peterborough vernal pool on Saturday, April 18, from 3 to 5 pm Interested volunteers must attend both an indoor and outdoor training session (in either Peterborough or Keene) to participate. Registration is required. For more info or to register, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the Peterborough Conservation Commission.

Apr 16 (Thur) Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training—Part 1, Keene

Same training as April 15th, in Keene this night. We'll cover the building blocks of vernal pool ecology in this indoor training session from 7 to 9 pm in the Keene State College Science Center (Room 102), then venture outside

for hands-on instruction at a vernal pool complex in Keene on Saturday April 18th from 10 am to noon. Interested volunteers must attend one indoor and one outdoor training session (in either Peterborough or Keene) to participate. Registration is required. To register contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065, thelen@harriscenter.org. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the Monadnock Conservancy, and Keene State College.

Apr 18 (Sat) Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training—Part 2, Keene (See April 16 description.) 10 am to noon in Keene. The precise location will be provided upon registration.

Apr 18 (Sat) Peterborough Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training — Part 2, Peterborough

(See April 15 description.) 3 to 5 pm in Peterborough. The precise location will be provided upon registration. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at 358.2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Apr 23 (Thur) Symphony of the Soil Film Showing

Filmed on four continents, and featuring impassioned scientists, farmers, and foodies, this award-winning film artfully examines the complex, dynamic nature of soil. Join us for an Earth Week presentation from 7 to 9 pm in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. Following the film, Dr. Rachel Thiet – soil ecologist and professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at Antioch University New England – will be on hand for an informal Q&A session. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the Keene State College Film Society.

Apr 24 (Fri) Vernal Pool Hike at the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve

Every spring, small depressions in the northern forest floor come alive, filling with rain, melted snow, and, eventually, salamander and frog eggs. By summer's end, many of these vernal pools will have dried out, revealing little trace of the life they contained in April. Join one of the Harris Center's resident amphibian enthusiasts for a moderately strenuous, 1.2-mile roundtrip hike to a hilltop vernal pool on the preserve's land in Keene, where we'll explore the exquisite, ephemeral world of spring-breeding amphibians. Meet at 1 pm in the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve parking lot on Daniels Hill Road in Keene. Back by 3 pm For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Submitted by Margaret Baker

SUPPORT DUBLIN PRESCHOOL AND FIND A DEAL

Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center invites the public to take part in the school's first-ever online auction. To raise funds for operations and children's programs, DCP presents hundreds of valuable items and services donated locally and from across New England. Bidders will find great deals on adventures, attractions, handmade and homemade goods, dining and entertainment, performance and sports tickets and more.

Pre-registration is open now at www.DCPauction.org. Items up for bid will be listed there when bidding opens at 9 am Friday April 17th. The auction closes at 9 pm Sunday, May 17th.

For more information about the DCP online auction, please contact Cathy Carabello at (603) 563-8508 or cathy@dublinpreschool.org.



Kristen Vance, Director

Baby Boom

We recently added a second "Better Beginnings for Babies" group offering play, songs and social time for babies and parents with Parenting Educator Nancy Macalaster, MA. "The room was becoming too small for all of our babies," explains Nancy, "especially since some were beginning to crawl and toddle." The groups include informal discussion on current topics of interest to parents of young children from birth to about 18 months of age.

According to Nancy, former Family Programs Director at Sophia's Hearth in Keene and a resident of Hancock, past parents say that the group brought them new information and lasting friends. "What I like most about the baby groups is that they bring parents together and build a community. The baby groups offer a space for parents to give voice to their experiences of parenting the young child – the good, the challenges and the day to day."

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. Call 588-2620 for more information.

Free Tax Prep

IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz is providing free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Mondays from 3-6pm through April 13th. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine now for your appointment.

Spring Walk for Families Saturday May 9th

Tune up your strollers, lace up your walking shoes and get your pledges for The Grapevine's 11th Annual *Spring Walk for Families* on Saturday May 9th. This is The Grapevine's biggest fundraiser because of your support, so please call 588.2620, visit GrapevineNH.org or stop by to get your pledge sheet. And then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at 9:30am on May 9th to register and walk in support of our families and community.

Playgroups

We have a few Spring openings in our Better Beginnings program for children 18 months to 5 years, call 588-2620 and talk with Beth for more information.

Summer is just around the corner...

Backyard Summer Adventures – call to register your children in these fun and enriching programs now:

- Summer Backyard Adventures for 4 ½ to 6 year olds – 9am to noon – Session I July 20-24, Session II July 27-31
- Backyard Science Camp for 7 to 9 year olds – August 3-7, 9am to 1pm

NEW! Better Beginnings Summer Adventure Outdoor Camp for parents and children ages two to five years – July 20-24, 9:30-noon

Call 588.2620 for more information, including fees and financial assistance.

But it's not too early to think about Fall!

The Learning Vine Preschool has just the right program for your child: Two days or three days a week, drop-off or parent cooperative, with afternoon enrichment in the spring to help your child prepare for Kindergarten. Call 588-2620 to schedule a visit this spring.

About The Grapevine

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. Other programs include the Before and After School Clubs, Avenue A Teen Center, The People's Service Exchange and Senior Wellness. For more info call 588.2620. Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library).

And don't forget... you can now visit us on www.GrapevineNH.org and Friend us on Facebook!

Services at The Grapevine

Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.

Community Wood Bank: Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2015-16 season.

Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance : Call 924.2243 or 877.757.7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.

Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services

Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

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What's Happening at the Holistic Health Professionals Center

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Dwight L. Moody

Sunday, March 29th 1 - 4:00 pm Susan Marrotte, B. A., presents "Light Fragments Auracle Cards" Class and Practice Workshop. Please join me for a fun afternoon of learning how to read my "Auracle"~ Oracle Cards by discerning the auras around the individuals on the cards separated by color, orb and symbol. I would love to teach you how to use these cards to help others as well as for your own daily guidance. These are designed to motivate you in a spiritual direction. \$50.00 first class includes a deck of cards if you do not have them (\$30) and the workshop (\$20), includes handouts. Subsequent practice classes (\$20). BE well and BE at peace ~ Love, Susi Registration contact Susi - 603.547.7604 For more info about Susan Marrotte and a visual of the beautiful "Light Fragments Auracle Cards" go to our website www.hancockholistichealthcare.com/events

Saturday, April 18th: Please join us at beautiful Langdon Place, 136 Arch Street, Keene, NH from 11 pm - 3 pm for the Alzheimer's Association fundraiser. Your Donation is Your Admission. Your donation is tax deductible.

YOU TUBE link: <https://youtu.be/4QqL4i0Clyk> Please view this one minute video. Many of us have had our lives impacted by a loved one living with Alzheimer's. Find out more about it and how you can help. Wear your purple; join us on April 18th and help put an end to Alzheimer's.



Discover the diversity of healing therapies. Have an angel or tarot card reading or intuitive, insightful readings. Get your original Soul Aura painting by Susan Marrotte, B. A., local, gifted artist. Pet communicator and healer, Anne Mitts will be there so please bring your pet's photo for the reading. Books, gifts and jewelry, original designer pieces. Tote bags and organizers by Thirty-One. Health and beauty vendors. Hands-on-Healing Demonstrations.

All of this just in time for Mother's Day Shopping!

Saturday, April 25th - 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM - Color Facials - Experience a 15 minute complimentary facial with light. Afterwards, you will be refreshed, relaxed and glowing.

Reserve your place at the Holistic Health Professionals Center 603-525-4229.



New Fitness Class at the Town Hall

Jeanine Edmunds will be starting a new fitness class called Full Body Strength. It will be held downstairs at the Hancock Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:30. This class is a strength class where we will use light weights and a mat. Yoga and Pilates will be incorporated into our workout as well. Plan for some fun upbeat music while we work our muscles and some calming music as we stretch and relax.

Free Classes will be held on April 7th&9th for people to try it out and the first 6 week session will begin on April 21st. The cost is \$48/6 week session for one class per week or \$85/6 week session for two classes per week.

HANCOCK ENERGY ADVISORY TEAM

Renewable Energy in Hancock

Come to the library on Earth Day, April 22nd at 7pm, for an evening of presentations on renewable energy here in Hancock, NH. Learn what your town and neighbors have done, what's planned for the future, and how you could be part of it. This event is co-sponsored by the Hancock Energy Advisory Team and the Harris Center.

Our speakers and topics include:

- Greg Blake, Solar PV Installation, South Pack Solar
- Dennis Caldwell, Residential Solar PV
- Kurt Grasset, Wood Pellets, and Hancock Solar PV
- Ted Leach, Solar Hot Water
- Harris Center, Renewable Energy at the Harris Center Building
- Hancock Energy Advisory Team, Possibilities for a Community Solar Garden



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Left Bank is Back

The Left Bank Artists is a group of eight Monadnock area artists who have been exhibiting together since 2000. Their wide range of work includes landscapes and still lifes in oil and watercolor, abstract paintings and prints, and sculpture in metal and clay. They will be exhibiting their work together at the Sharon Arts Center members gallery in Peterborough for the month of April.

After not showing together for several years, this show at Sharon will be a celebration of their 15th year.

The Left Bank Artists are: Evelien Bachrach, Sue Callihan, Kim and Scott Cunningham, Christine Destrempes, Dave Dodge, John Sirois and Daniel



"Which point of view?"
Oil on panel by Evelien Bachrach

Thibeault. There will be an opening reception at the Sharon Arts Center on Friday, April 3rd from 5 - 7 pm



Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services

Keene – The 3rd annual **5K Run/Walk event** will be held on **Saturday, May 9th at 9 am** to benefit the Healthy Starts program at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS). The 3.1 mile course starts and finishes at HCS's Keene office at 312 Marlboro St. The course is a mostly flat loop through residential areas and the bike path – suitable for all levels of runners and walkers. All ages are encouraged, strollers are permitted, but please leave dogs at home. Every participant who registers by April 17th will receive a free race t-shirt.

The G.B.S. PTO and Friends of Music organizations are joining forces

May 9th from 8am – 2pm: On Saturday 00 p.m. the two groups are having a town wide yard sale for all the families of the G.B.S. community. If you would like to have a yard sale at your home please send a **\$5 check** to Great Brook School so you can have your address put onto a map. The two groups will add all the addresses to an area map so others may know about your yard sale. However, for **\$10** you may rent a spot to sell your stuff at the Great Brook School parking lot and be centrally located. The school will also sell snacks in the parking lot area. **Everything you sell will be your own profit.** You are responsible for your own yard sales. The school will not sell for anyone else. The school makes money on putting addresses on a map, renting spaces and selling snacks.

Maps will be available for free at least one week before the yard sale at convenient locations in each of your towns. Also, G.B.S. will send each student home with a map as well by Friday May 8th.

Set up at the school will begin at 7 am. the morning of the event. Each person is responsible to clean their own space afterward.

This event will happen rain or shine!

Checks are due by Friday May 1st.

Please contact Patrick R. Cogan (G.B.S. Music Teacher) at pcogan@conval.edu

Submitted by Donna Coty

The Healthy Starts program at HCS strives to improve the health and stability of young families. The program connects them with prenatal care, safety-net services, and ongoing parenting education. Services are available throughout south-western New Hampshire.

For information about participating in the 5K or volunteering at the event, please contact Chaille Cohen at 352-2253 or ccoohen@HCSservices.org. Register online at www.HCSServices.org or print out an entry form to mail in. And "Like" the HCS Healthy Start 5K on Facebook! HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency with offices in Keene, Peterborough and Charlestown.

Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm: 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 7:00 pm, Town Office 2nd floor;

HEAT Committee – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room;

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

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Daniels Room;

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Office;

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

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

Dump Committee –3rd Tuesday at 4:00 pm, 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 7:00 p.m., Town Office.

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



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Refer to the Hancock Happenings Mission Statement on page 1 for the newsletter’s editorial policy. Distribution by Lynn Frank, Jackie Hill, Edna Drasba, Pat Newcomb, Nahida Sherman; and Nancy P Adams copying by Savron Graphics; nameplate by Eleanor Amidon

Hancock Happenings is looking for a volunteer to pick-up the newsletter copies around the 25th-26th of each month after they have been printed at Savron Graphics in Jaffrey. Elinor Johnson who ably took care of this volunteer job for about 10 years has retired. Many thanks to Elinor for a smooth operation!

The monthly job involves picking up the *Hancock Happenings* copies at Savron, then bringing them back to a central location in Hancock where they can be given out to the volunteers who distribute them around town. Copies are deposited at the Post Office, the Hancock Market, Fiddleheads Café, the Library, the Elementary School and the Dump. Call N. Sherman at 525.4061 to volunteer or ask further questions.

Submitted by N. Sherman



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HANCOCK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A fundraiser sponsored by the HES PTO



★ **Friday, April 17** ★
11:00am - 10:00pm

Rick & Diane's Brick Oven Pizzeria
 62 Main Street, Antrim 03440 -- 588-3388

Join us at Rick & Diane's for lunch or dinner anytime on **Friday, April 17** and **20%** of your bill will be donated to HES!

You can also call to order ahead or for take-out!
 Check out their delicious menu at <http://rickanddianes.com>
A great local business supporting our exceptional local school.



Children and the Arts Festival



The 22nd annual free Children and the Arts Festival is coming up! Don't miss it this **May 16th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** in downtown Peterborough. Balloons, kites, birds and planes are in the spotlight this year with the theme "Up, Up, and Away"! A year of planning and great community cooperation culminates in this all-day event, where the streets will be closed to vehicular traffic and filled instead with song, laughter, parading Giant Puppets, food, fun, dancing, chalk art and the Art Walk. Local groups and students are preparing for the day by building giant puppets, rehearsing their dance and theater routines, and working on their sky-themed artwork. Several downtown venues will host back-to-back events throughout the day, making this a great chance to explore Peterborough and see what the children of the region can create! We need a lot of volunteer help to make the day run smoothly. Shifts are available in the morning and afternoon during the festival, and afterwards to help close up. If you're interested in helping out, you can call Terry Reeves at 924.9391. Our festival is free due to generous donations from individuals and businesses in the ConVal communities and beyond. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Children and the Arts, PO Box 771, Peterborough, NH 03458. For more info including how you can help, workshop times, and a schedule, visit our website at www.childrenandthearts.org.