



News from the Selectboard

Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The BOS authorized the creation of an Adhoc Meeting-house Landscape Committee for the purpose of assessing and recommending improvements to the grounds surrounding the meetinghouse. A representative of the Common Commission – Allison Kerwin, Historic District Commission – Marcia Coffin, and the First Congregational Church – Kathy Anderson, have been appointed to the AML committee. We thank you for volunteering and look forward to hearing your recommendations!

Special recognition was given to three DPW employees who recently completed courses at the UNH Technology Transfer Road Scholar Program. Recipients of honors and certificates include:

Jeff Wright Master Roads Scholar and Safety Champion;
Ron Clough – Roads Scholar Two and Safety Champion,
Damon Beaudreau – Roads Scholar One.

Congratulations on your respective achievements! Our community strongly benefits from your endeavors.

ORANGE IS THE NEW ...hat color for November activities as we move into the outdoor sporting season taking place in our fields and forest lands through out November and December. Remember dressing safe is an important part of being safe.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORWAY POND was a recent discussion between the BOS and a group of Great Brook School (GBS) student representatives in Paul Boldue's 8th grade class. The BOS enthusiastically

supported the proposed "Watershed Survey" project of the pond to be conducted by the class under the tutelage of Mr. Boldue. The complete scope of the project is forthcoming and will be available on the town website shortly. This represents a great and insightful learning opportunity for both our town residents and the students involved.

PROHIBITION OF AQUATIC BIRD FEEDING ordinance for Norway Pond was passed by the BOS following a public hearing. The intent of this ordinance is to reduce potential water & beach contamination of the pond by willful actions that could result in disrupting the normal migratory activity of geese, etc. Let the wildlife stay wild.

AS OF THIS WRITING, THE NUBANUSIT BOAT RAMP will have been installed at the end of Landing Rd. Hats off to our DPW crew for expertly completing this construction project on the revised time schedule and within budget. The Warrant Article funding (\$18,000) for this project was approved at the 2014 Town Meeting.

VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY to give back to your community and build social relationships with your fellow residents. Consider volunteering for a committee. Openings develop year round. Express your interest to our Town Administrator (Diane Kendall) at 525.4441. For a list of the various committees, go to our website at: [Boards & Commissions | Hancock NH](#)

Town Clerk Notice

Town Clerk's office will be closed November 25th for car registrations. We will be open on the Monday the 23rd and will reopen on Monday, November 30th.

US SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE

OFFICE HOURS

DATE: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2015

TIME: 12:30PM TO 1:30PM

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

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

Time to check your chimneys!

It got chilly pretty fast for mid-October, didn't it? My dear wife and I got caught in a snow squall trying to retrieve a swim raft from Nubanusit... not much fun to be out in a little tin boat in a snowstorm. Props to MaryLou for being such a good sport about the stupid adventures I can talk her into.

Anyway, cold weather is a certainty here in Hancock, and you need to be ready for heating season. Get your furnaces and boilers checked and serviced if you have not yet done so. Wood stoves and pellet stoves need to be cleaned out too. Check your chimneys, or have a professional outfit check them before too long. Soot and creosote can build up in a chimney, or you can even have critters plug them up over the summer. Get them cleaned if it is needed. You should check a chimney again before Spring to make sure there is not too much build up. We deal with multiple chimney fires each Winter; luckily, most of them stay contained in the chimneys. There can still be damage to your chimney if you have a fire in it. Clay flue tiles can crack from the extreme heat, and Metal-bestos type chimneys can be destroyed and will need to be replaced. A hot chimney fire can sound like there is a jet engine running inside your house. Please call us if you hear anything like that. We would rather come out and deal with a minor chimney fire than spend all night wetting down your cellar hole.

Pellet stoves are a wonderful invention, and I'm sure that a

lot of Hancock residents use them now. They still need to be cleaned out, at least one time per heating season. (That's one more thing on my own To-Do list.) Pellet stoves burn fairly cleanly, but still build up a decent amount of ash that needs to be removed. Speaking from experience, all those blower motors on a pellet stove pick up every bit of dog hair from your entire house over the course of a year, and you might find what looks like a dead rodent stuck in the air intake manifold. You need to get that vacuumed out, if only to improve your pellet stove's efficiency.

We had a fairly quiet month, with just a few calls for trees crashing down on our roads and taking down power lines with them. Just a reminder, if you come across something like that, please stay clear, as power lines can still be live, despite being on the ground. Many of the primary power lines in town carry much more voltage than you might expect and can jolt you even if you get close. Also, on a "tree and wires down" call on King's Highway, we spotted a huge broken limb with a spear end dangling from a healthy tree, hanging like a one ton Sword of Damocles. Loggers call that a "widow-maker." Stay back, and call 911.

Thanks!

October Raffle Winners:

Ian Aldrich, \$40; Sally Small, \$20;

Jackie Hill, Jeff and Carrie Reder, Mary Garland, \$10 each.

Notice from the Tax Collector:

Online Property Tax Billing and Payment

The Town of Hancock is excited to offer an easy and convenient method to make Property Tax payments online.

The system is easy to use and allows residents to pay bills with either a bank account or a credit/debit card. Payment receipts will be sent via email or can be printed directly from the computer screen.

There is a service fee to pay online, but not to view and/or print your tax bill.

This is a fee-based service. For Credit Payments it is **2.95%** of the total transaction (minimum fee of **\$1.95**). Checking Account/Electronic Check payments are **\$0.95**. This fee is paid to the payment processing service, Invoice Cloud.

Go Green: Paying online reduces paper use, is an easy way to help the environment, and you will save a stamp! You may sign up for paperless billing in the tax office or when making a tax payment online.

Go to: www.hancocknh.org to view and/or pay bills online.

Laugh off that holiday weight gain!



Fred Marple's
Guide to New England
 A hilarious look at how we talk, dress, eat, and otherwise baffle outsiders.
Nov. 28 - 7:30 pm
Peterborough Players Theatre
 Tickets \$15 at the Toadstool and Steeles, at the door, online at fredmarple.com, or call 525-3391.

Hancock Woman's Club News

November! All the beautiful leaves will have fallen from the trees leaving us with much raking and preparing our garden beds for what lies ahead.....

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 11th at 2pm** in the Vestry. Do you remember when this day was called 'Armistice Day' in commemoration of the signing of the armistice ending World War I on November 11, 1918? Since 1954 it has been incorporated into the observance of 'Veterans Day.' Remember to fly the flag in honor of our veterans.

Our guest speaker, Mary Catherine Bateson, noted author and cultural anthropologist will talk about, "The Changing Shape of Lives." She is the daughter of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson. She has written several books one of which is titled, "Composing a Further Life: The Age of Active Wisdom," regarding the contributions and improvisation of engaged older adults, written to raise consciousness of the changing life cycle and to encourage

older adults to claim a voice for the future. Mary Catherine has also written a memoir on her parents called, "With a Daughter's Eye: A Memoir of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson."

Refreshments will be provided after the program by our hostesses Linda Blicher, Cathleen Calmer and Sandy Weston. Our meetings are open to all members of the community, not only Hancock! So if you know of anyone interested in finding out more of what we are about, please invite them to our meeting.

We are also on Facebook and the Town of Hancock website.

Some of us may be spending the Thanksgiving Holiday with family or friends. Sun Catchers are a lovely gift to bring along as a Thank You for the invite or a Thinking of You gift. They will be available for purchase, only \$8.00, at the meeting.

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

CALLING ALL MEN
Is there a delectable dish
you are eager to share with
friends and neighbors?
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**MEN
WHO
COOK**

SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 14, 2015 ~ 5:00 PM
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QUESTIONS: Sue Shute 924-7898 • Church Office 525-4626

Sponsored by *First Congregational Church of Hancock*

MEN WHO COOK IS BACK!

Do you know a man who tickles your taste buds when he prepares a savory or sweet dish for you? Or, if you are that man, is there a delectable dish you have been eager to share with friends and neighbors?

The First Congregational Church of Hancock is seeking men to share their cooking and baking talents at our 2015 Men Who Cook fundraiser. It will be held at the Vestry with appetizers beginning at 5pm.

Participants come from anywhere within the Monadnock region or beyond. And, regardless of religious affiliation, or lack thereof, area men are encouraged to participate.

Get your husbands, fathers, and friends to participate to make this event a fun and tasty success!

Call Susan Shute at 924.7898 or the church office at 525.4626 to let us know what favorite appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert you plan to share. Calling to reserve a spot at this event, ensures a tasty range of foods while reducing duplication. Cooks are asked to prepare enough for 15 servings. Upon request, cooks will receive a large aluminum pan to fit in the chafing dishes to keep the dishes hot. There is no registration fee for this event but cooks are asked to cover the costs of whatever they choose to prepare. You are asked to arrive no later than 30 minutes before the event, At the end, feel free to taste everyone's wares at no charge.

Proceeds will benefit the ministry of the
First Congregational Church of Hancock.

HANCOCK GUILD

With fall in its last throes, and the holiday season soon to be upon us, The Guild is turning their efforts toward the community. We hosted the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company at our October meeting. This wonderful group of volunteer drivers is available to help transport community members to non-emergency medical and social services appointments, trips to the grocery store and pharmacy. Their motto is "Getting you there....and back! GET, GIVE, OR SHARE A RIDE" They currently service 13 towns: Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, Jaffrey, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Rindge, Sharon, and Temple. If you or someone you know is finding it difficult to arrange transportation, please consider contacting this valuable service.

Annual Hancock Guild Holiday Craft Fair

Date: Saturday November 7, 2015 9:00-2:00

The Hancock Vestry and Meetinghouse

Many crafters and artisans will be displaying their wares in both buildings as well as the Guild Sweet Shoppe and Raffle Table. Don't forget to stop in and see what's cooking for lunch as well. We have wonderful homemade soups available and a "bistro" section for sitting and relaxing.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm. Our guest will be member Laura Holcomb and Kathy Orben-Hall. They will be sharing holiday paper craft projects. This presentation is closed to the public, but members are urged to RSVP so Laura can have enough supplies to accommodate us all. .

A very heartfelt thank you to all of the generous community members who contributed to and/or made purchases at our Fall/Winter clothing sale. All proceeds from this sale go directly into our scholarship fund for graduating Conval seniors from Hancock. Thank you for making this another successful fundraising opportunity.

As always, new members are welcome. Join us for a meeting just to check us out. You're sure to find quite a bit in common with these wonderful community oriented ladies. Business meetings generally last 30-45 minutes followed by a community service based program or project. Refreshments are then served (always delicious!). What do you have to lose? Absolutely nothing, but you'll gain a sense of purpose, community awareness, and fellowship with like-minded folks. Come on, give us a try! hancockguild@gmail.com

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President



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DUMP NEWS

DOCUMENT SHREDDING: On the first Saturday in November from 10:00am to 2:00pm., the Hancock Dump (Transfer Station and Recycling Center) will host another free document shredding service for residents. If you missed the previous dates, or have accumulated additional documents, November 7th is your day! Next shredding date will probably be scheduled for next spring.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS will be the normal operating hours: Wednesday November 25th: 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday November 28th: 8:00am to 5:00pm.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: The hazardous waste collection program in collaboration with the Keene Recycling Center has ended for 2015, and is scheduled to resume in March 2016. Thank you for your participation.

Submitted by Dennis Caldwell

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LE VENT DU NORD

Saturday, November 14, 2015

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If you need to reach me, email is the best way:
happenings@hancocknh.org or 525.9459

Jaime Donovan, Editor



BULLETIN BOARD



Community Supper

There will be no community supper in November as it falls on Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a happy day.

There are some changes happening within the Community Supper Committee. Four out of 6 members are retiring at the end of the year. This leaves 2 veterans and we have 2 other people interested. We are looking for a few more people who are willing to keep this valuable event happening in Hancock. It has been a very satisfying experience for all of us, but everything has a life cycle and this one has come to an end for some of us..

The Community Suppers are part of a rotation of suppers including 3 other towns (Francestown, Antrim and Bennington on the other 3 Thursdays of the month). The 3 churches in Peterborough offer suppers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The suppers in Hancock are an important piece of a larger support network in the greater community. They are also a place for social contact for people who live alone, families who like to get out and do not have to pay for a meal, moms who do not want to cook one night a month, passersby who happen to see the sign and stop in, a core group who travel around to all the towns for the meals, and others. It is a gathering place for people of all ages and needs, some with no needs at all. The students from Great Brook School come and help set up and serve and receive community service hours, but are also exposed to the connections made, with each other and the people they are serving. It plants a seed for their future in community involvement.

If you are interested, or have any questions regarding what it means to be on the committee, please contact Donna Coty at 525.4763 or email at coty@myfairpoint.net. Thank you!



Hancock Guild Annual Christmas Fair

This year's fair will be Nov 7th from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Vestry and Meeting House. We will have a soup and sandwich lunch available, raffle, sweet shoppe and over 20 crafters. Come and start your Christmas shopping

Submitted by Sandy Brooks

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

When the officer told him he'd been going 70 in a 50 zone my friend protested;
"That's impossible! I had the cruise control set for 60!"
Whoops...



Monadnock Roller Derby:

Your League, Your Opportunity

Monadnock Roller Derby is recruiting new members, both skating (players and referees) and non-skating volunteer positions for those who'd like to be involved but aren't quite ready to lace up skates. Opportunities include fund-raising, selling merchandise at bouts, recruiting sponsorships, and event planning.

Find us at Monadnockrollerderby.com, on Facebook or contact@monadnockrollerderby.com.

Ask us questions and come to practice! You can just watch practice if you want to see what it's all about
Submitted by Jess Gerrior, Interim President.



20th Annual Hospice at HCS Poinsettia Sale

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services announces the 20th Annual Poinsettia Sale to raise funds for Hospice at HCS. The program provides end-of-life comfort, care and support to patients and their families throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

Like Hospice at HCS, these beautiful poinsettias are local – grown right here in New Hampshire. Available in red, pink, and white and in three sizes: a single stem plant in a 6" pot with 6 to 8 blooms (\$10.00); a double stem plant in a 7" pot with 12 to 15 blooms (\$20.00); and a triple stem plant with 18 to 25 blooms (\$30.00).

Order forms must be received by Thursday, November 19th. Orders can be picked up at the HCS offices in Keene and Peterborough on specific days during the first two weeks of December and delivery is available. The Keene office is at 312 Marlboro St and the Peterborough office is at 45 Main Street, Suite 316.

To request an order form or for more information, call the HCS office at 352-2253 x291 or email events@HCSservices.org. To print an order form, visit www.HCSservices.org.



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

Don't forget that thanks to the Friends of the Hancock Town Library we have museum passes to a variety of museums across the state and even in Boston. Here are the museums we cover:

Canterbury Shaker Village,

Cheshire Children's Museum,

The Currier Museum, The Fells, The Mariposa,

The MFA, The Montshire, and Strawberry Banke.

Just call us at 525-4411 to make sure there's a pass available on the day you want to go!

Thursday November 12th at 7:00pm

Granny D: The Power of One

On December 31st, 1998, 88-year old Doris Haddock, known affectionately as "Granny D", set out to walk across America from a Santa Monica beach in California to Washington, D.C. She undertook this feat in order to draw attention to the need for national campaign finance reform and because she believed that money in politics had betrayed our democracy. She trekked over 1,000 miles of desert, climbed the Appalachian Range in blizzard conditions and even skied 100 miles after a historic snowfall made roadside walking impossible. As much as any soldier on the battlefield, she was willing to give her life for her country's highest ideals. Dixie Tymitz portrays the character of Granny D and her incredible journey in this informative re-enactment. Free and open to all.

Thursday November 19th at 7:00pm

Edie Clark: *As Simple As That*

A woman alone in her mid-life finds a home in a small New Hampshire town. Divorced, remarried and then widowed, she has a lot of reckoning to do, a lot of questions to answer, a lot of riddles to solve. She finds solace in the land around her, the big mountain, the fields and woods and ponds. Through these essays, written over the span of twenty-five years for Yankee magazine, she forms a union and a strength that only the natural world can provide. Join us as Edie Clark reads from her latest collection of essays. Free and open to all.

From the Children's Room

Callie Faucher, Children's Librarian

Monday November 2nd & November 16th from 3:30 to 4:30pm Paws to Read with Coffee

Come by the library after school to read to Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him. 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.

Tuesday, November 3rd & November 17th from 3:30 to 4:30pm Lego Club

Lego Club will now be held twice a month, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Come to the library after school to work on your Lego creations or try a Lego building challenge. Bring your friends! Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library.

Every Thursday at 10:30am Story Time

Come join the fun! Each Thursday morning we sing songs, read stories, play with scarves, and do crafts! For preschoolers and their parents and caregivers. Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library. No need to sign up, just drop in.

Saturday, November 21st from 11am to 12pm Paws to Read with Toven

Come read to Toven, a gentle Great Pyrenees dog! Toven, a registered reading therapy dog, comes to the library one Saturday a month and loves when children read to him! Reading to a therapy dog is great for children who want to improve their out-loud reading skills. Sign up at the library today!

And save the date in December!

Saturday, December 5th from 10 to 11am

The Small World of Mice

Mark your calendars for our upcoming mouse program! Come join the Harris Center's Naturalist Susie Spikol Faber and Children's Librarian Callie Faucher for a morning of mice. Hear stories from around the world of mischievous mice, make your own mouse to keep, and find out how these tiny creatures survive the winter. We'll look for their tracks around the library and play mouse and cat games. Don't miss this squeaky mousey adventure. Perfect for young children ages 4 and up.

Hancock Happenings is available online at

<http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>

Hancock Elementary School

Amy B Janoch, Principal

The Engaging Classroom

Instructional practice expert, Charlotte Danielson, indicates that an engaged classroom is one where students are intellectually stimulated and invested in their learning. In these classrooms, teachers promote problem-solving, allow choice, require thought, expect depth, and learning that is authentic. In a highly engaged classroom the students expect choice and are excited by projects that require thinking and questioning (Danielson, 2014).

Here at HES we have begun the work of looking closely at our practice to ensure that our students are fully engaged in their learning. As we survey students and teachers, it is clear that the children at HES love to come to school.

This is, in part, due to the positive relationships among

students, teachers, and staff. Furthermore, teachers at HES have worked to incorporate attention grabbing strategies such as movement, friendly competition, and cooperative learning in their lessons. Furthermore, high interest lessons such as the origin of chocolate, sea animals, and rocks and minerals consistently engage students and pique their curiosity.

Over the next couple of years, our goal at HES will be to incorporate more instructional units that enable students to personally connect to the topic and inspire curiosity. We will research and incorporate structures that enable students to independently study topics of interest and apply the reading and math skills learned to real life problems. In doing so, we will build a community of experts and independent learners!



Hancock Depot Association

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

The Cabaret was created to provide a venue for local and regional musicians, poets, and other artisans to share their talent in a comfortable, friendly, and inspirational environment. While admission is free, we suggest a \$5 donation, which the Association will use to keep the lights on and provide general maintenance for the Depot.

The next Hancock Depot Cabaret will be Saturday, November 7th. The show begins at 8pm; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!). We'll also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner! All proceeds go to help support the Depot.

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information email hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com or call 508.641.0076.

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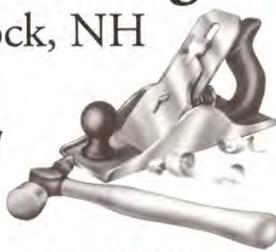


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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Two Shows of Photography

“Ten years after Hurricane Katrina made a direct hit on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I am reminded of how we rallied as a community to help those who had lost so much,” Annie Card wrote recently. “Individuals gave, and organizations donated proceeds from spaghetti suppers, raffles, and bake sales. Tens of thousands of dollars were deposited into the Monadnock Express fund to help those unlucky enough to be in the path of a category 5 hurricane.”

The tenth anniversary has passed, but the show will go on: “Mississippi Home Again” remains on view in the Daniels Room through November 12th. Ingeniously framed in old window sashes, the photographs capture not only the wide-



Katrina—Annie Card Photo

spread devastation from the storm but also the indomitable spirit of those whose lives were torn apart and the “can-do” attitude of so many volunteers. Captions, newspaper articles, and pieces from

national magazines,

including *Yankee* and *People*, accompany the images.

“Monadnock area residents and thousands from around the country supported our relief efforts. Thousands came down and volunteered. They staffed our warehouses, distributing building materials and household items. They hung sheet-rock, installed floors, painted, and did whatever needed doing. Together we accomplished a good amount.”

Shifting gears somewhat but not the medium, Michael Miller of Harrisville will be exhibiting his work—*Natural Light*—from November 14th through December 30th.

Michael grew up in Hartford, Connecticut, and was introduced to photography as a young teenager when his father gave him a Kodak film camera. “It was fun. We were always taking pictures and making home movies” writes Michael. “My neighbor down the street was a portrait photographer. He built his own camera and had a darkroom in his house and a man who did his developing. This process just was fascinating!”



*Dahlia opening up
by Michael Miller*

“In High school, my friend and I each got a 35mm camera at a local pawnshop. This was the beginning of taking color slides for me.

“While I was in the Army, I spent a lot of time learning the fundamentals of darkroom work and soon was the photographer for events and promotions. I bought myself a Pentax 35mm camera at the PX.. I even had a little darkroom of my own. And I was taking pictures whenever I could.”

After the military, Michael moved to Boston and was accepted into the Boston University School of Public Communication, where he graduated with a degree in photojournalism. While at BU, he met and took art classes from a fine art photographer named Carl Chiarenza, who was part of a group of young photographers doing abstract subjects. “He encouraged me to keep shooting. I bought myself my first Nikon while at BU. I was also introduced to macro photography—extreme close-up photography, usually of very small subjects or parts of larger subjects, in which the size of the subject in the photograph is greater than life size once it is enlarged. It then becomes to me more of an expression, a feeling, a design, a dance, a movement.”

You can read more about Michael’s story in the December issue.

In the meantime, shows can be viewed in the Daniels Room during regular library hours: Monday and

Wednesday, 2pm to 6pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Saturday, 10am to 4pm; closed Friday and Sunday. Please remember to check with the library 525.4411 before traveling any distance as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings.



Somewhere in Arles By Michael Miller

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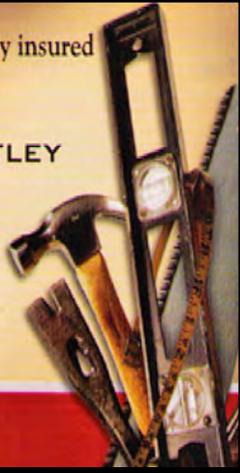
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Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 pm;

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NOVEMBER 25th**

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

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Forth 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 – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room;

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

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Wednesday at 1:00 pm 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 4:30 pm, 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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Cost: Free of charge / open to All

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On going during November our practitioners are available by appointment:

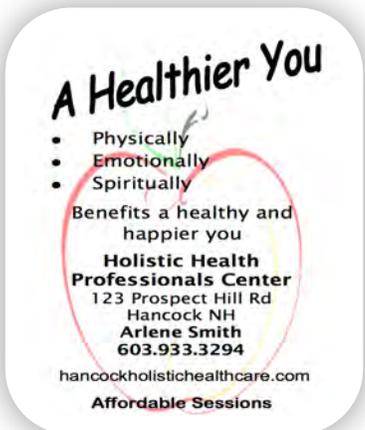
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**The Gala Fundraising Event of the Year for Monadnock Humane Society
The 13th Annual Hair Ball:
140th Birthday Party**



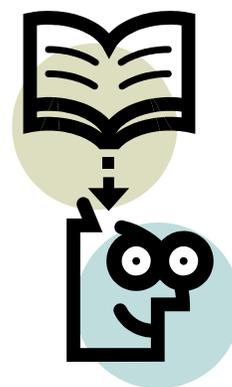
Keene, NH - - - Monadnock Humane Society will hold its 13th Annual Hair Ball – 140th Birthday Party Saturday, November 7th at the Keene Country Club, to benefit the homeless animals of our community. Once again, the Hair Ball was voted the #1 Charity

Event in the 2015 “Best of Monadnock” awards. It promises to be a fun-filled evening of fabulous food, beautiful surroundings, dancing with music provided by CJ the DJ, and bidding on incredible auction items.

Innovative Conservation Partnership Keeps New England Cottontail Off Endangered Species List

A public-private partnership that has united foresters, farmers, birdwatchers, biologists, hunters and other conservationists has saved the New England cottontail from needing protection under the Endangered Species Act. The partnership has also initiated on-the-ground conservation efforts for the cottontail that will benefit the rabbit well into the future. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe announced the conservation victory

November Newsflash:



The HTL BOOK SALE committee is again requesting your donations of books, dvds and cds.

Please bring them to our collecting nook in the rear of library.

Thank you for a great 2015 sale, and we're enthused to sort better for 2016.



Melissa Gallagher, Interim Executive Director

Grapevine Online Auction Opens November 1st!

Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through the Second Annual Grapevine Online Auction, November 1st to 29th. Bid on hundreds of items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online.

Register in advance at www.grapevineauction.org

Focus on Family

The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center offers an array of programs, events and activities for the many phases and interests of life. Its roots and its heart are with *families* - supporting them, nurturing them, and empowering them to thrive. November's article is a feature on one Hancock family that has come to know The Grapevine well. We thank the Ferrisi family for sharing their personal story, and from all of us at the Grapevine, wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! As always, thank you to the people of Hancock for your continued support of our organization and programs.

Our Grapevine Experience

Our family first met the wonderful staff and community of The Grapevine three years ago. We were fairly new to the area, having moved here two years before, and we were haphazardly figuring out how to build a life here with a toddler and a new baby. By the advice of a friend, we started taking each of our sons to a different playgroup at The Grapevine- Milo to the baby group, and Ben to the toddler/preschool group - and I remember falling instantly in love with this wonderful house where you could sit comfortably and drink tea with other adults while wise and nurturing teachers played with your child in the room next door.

There have been countless times at The Grapevine that I have been able to honestly express my frustrations, fears and concerns about parenting, even when they felt unspeakable, and I have been received with unconditional kindness in every single instance. Carol Lunan's deeply knowledgeable and intuitive insight into children's emotional development, combined with her profound respect for parents, has helped our family build stronger and more joyful relationships and frankly, enjoy life more. Often, I just want to ask her "Yes, but really, just tell me, what would Carol do?" but I know she would just laugh at this and help me find our own unique path in our own unique family life.

I know that I am a stronger parent, and our marriage a stronger relationship, specifically because of what I've learned from Carol and from the many friends I've made in our parent groups. This is absolutely priceless to me, and I know that our family will continue to benefit from these experiences many years from now, even when Ben and Milo are much too old to continue attending any programs. I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically encourage anyone looking for parenting support to visit The Grapevine and try one of their programs.

Liz, Matt, Ben & Milo Ferrisi

The Grapevine is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit family and community resource center located in Antrim at 4 Aiken Street, behind the Tuttle Library. For more information call 588-2620, email us at admin@GrapevineNH.org or visit www.GrapevineNH.org. We gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible. No contribution is too small—or too big! Checks can be made payable to The Grapevine and mailed to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440.



"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." ~ Japanese proverb

Nov 1st (Sun) Thumb Mountain Hike

Join Denny Wheeler and Russ Daigle for a moderately strenuous, 2.2-mile roundtrip hike to the summit of Thumb Mountain and back, with views south to Mount Monadnock. Bring lunch, and **meet at 10am at the Harris Center**. Back by 2pm. For more information, contact Russ at 603.477.7506, or Denny at 603.313.0350.

Nov 4th (Wed) Nature on Tap: The Opossum’s Tail and Other Strange Facts about North America’s Only Marsupial

Join Susie Spikol Faber to discover the unique life story of the opossum. You’ll leave this fun evening with a new appreciation for the one-of-a-kind opossum. **5:30to6:30pm at DelRossi’s** (1/4 mile North on Rte 137 from junction of 137 and 101 in Dublin). Drinks on you, conversation on us! *Reservations are required, as space is limited.* To reserve a seat, contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT.**

Nov 6th (Fri) Easygoing Hike in Deering Wildlife Sanctuary

Join Lee Baker and Ollie Mutch for a moderately easy, 4-mile roundtrip hike along Black Fox and Smith Brook Trails in NH Audubon’s Deering Sanctuary. Bring lunch, and **meet at 10am in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough** (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 3pm. Cosponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more information, contact Lee at 603.525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com, or Ollie at 978.386.5318, wapack@peoplepc.com.

Nov 11th(Wed) through Dec 6th (Sun) NH Deer Hunting (Firearm) Season

Nov 12th (Thur) The Making of the “Bobcat Bill”
Proposed to the NH Senate by Mrs. Carrel’s 4th grade class at the Well School, House Bill 423 passed unanimously this April, naming the bobcat as the official New Hampshire state wildcat. Join NH State Representative Jon Manley to hear how the Harris Center mascot traveled through the halls of the state legislature, and to learn more about the process of drafting and passing a bill. **7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center**. For more info, contact Eric Masterson at 525.3394or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Nov 16th (Mon) Planning Meeting for Trip Leaders
Join the crew of Harris Center staff and volunteer trip leaders to plan winter outings. We welcome ideas for new places to visit, as well as old favorites. **7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center**. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at 603525.3394, or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Nov 27 (Fri) Mount Caesar Post-Thanksgiving Hike
Join Denny Wheeler and Brian Bishoff for good views and good cheer on this moderately easy, 2-mile roundtrip hike to the ledges of Mount Caesar. **Meet at 11am at the Golden Rod Grange on Route 32 in Swanzey Center**. Back by 1 pm. For more information, contact Denny at 603.313.0350, or Brian at 603.899.5770, bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.



Monadnock at Home Welcomes the Community to Many Upcoming Programs

Free and Open to the Community
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For more information or to RSVP to any of these programs call 603-371-0809 or email sandrafaber@monadnockathome.org. Monadnock at Home is the local nonprofit dedicated to supporting area seniors who wish to stay in their own home. Like us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/monadnockathome or visit our web site at www.monadnockathome.org.

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Sunday, November 18th at 4pm



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among others. Passionate about chamber music, Alexi has performed at the Marlboro, Caramoor, Ravinia, Music@Menlo, and Yellow Barn festivals. He has an upcoming tour with Musicians from Marlboro in 2017.

Born in Palo Alto, California in 1994, Alexi is an Artist Diploma candidate at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where he also received his Bachelor's Degree and is the recipient of the Charlotte F. Rabb Presidential Scholarship. At NEC he studies with Donald Weilerstein and Miriam Fried.

Alexi will be collaborating with esteemed pianist Dina Vainshtein. He will be playing music by Westhoff, Mozart and Enescu.

The concert will be about one hour long with no intermission. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. All children and students are admitted free of charge and we really hope you will bring your "good listening" children. The artists are young, dynamic, exciting to watch and very inspiring!

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Junior Mints present Gilbert & Sullivan’s

“H.M.S. Pinafore”

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Historic District Commission

Dear Neighbor

Hancock is a uniquely beautiful community that represents many of the ideals of the New England small town. The village center is formally recognized by state and federal agencies as a historic district; and the land use is regulated by a Historic District Ordinance. The Historic District Commission (HDC) is comprised of volunteers from the community who devote their time and energy in helping to maintain the integrity of the historic district, and we need your help.

The HDC is initiating a review of the historic district ordinance, adopted initially in 1975, and most recently amended in 2010. The outcome of this review process is intended to revise, refine and clarify the current ordinance, so that it best protects the historic district and represents the needs of the Hancock community. We are, as the first step in this process, requesting input from all property owners within the district, and from interested community members living outside the district.

Our initial survey is short by design, as we want to focus on the following three key issues:

- Safe guarding the Town's history;
- Preserving unique historic features; and
- Conserving property values.

Surveys may be mailed to the HHDC at P.O. Box 6, or dropped off at the Town Office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

It is only with your generous help that we can be successful in addressing these important issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy Macalaster, Chair
Hancock Historic District Commission

Editor Note: The back page of this issue is the survey. You can detached it at the crease.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Initial Survey

1. a. Are you familiar with the Hancock Historic District? Yes _____ No _____

b. Are you familiar with what the role of the Hancock Historic Commission (HDC) is? Yes _____ No _____

2. Has the HDC met its responsibility in maintaining the character of the village center? Yes _____ No _____

3. List three (3) structures/buildings or areas within the village center, which best represent significant elements of the Town's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

4. List three (3) examples of unique historic features you would like to see preserved on buildings, other structures and landscapes within the village center.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

5. In your opinion, what is the best action that the Historic District Commission can take to conserve property values within the village center?
