



News from the Selectboard

Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard

CASH IS KING..... but NOT when it comes to paying for *dump fees* at the Transfer Station. Please remember to pay by CHECK, or go to the Town Hall (during business hours) and purchase a "Dump Voucher" in advance. Sorry, they don't take credit cards.

The HANCOCK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HIA) has recently presented the town with a check in the amount of \$10,807.27 for the purpose of "reducing the principal debt" on the Meeting House Restoration note that was approved at the 2014 Town Meeting. As of 22 December 2015, the principal balance stands at \$538,817.00 (\$528,810.00 with HIA contribution). Payment terms are to 2021.

GETTING A "BANG FOR THE BUCK" gives new meaning to negotiating the 2016 Hancock fireworks contract. PYROTECNICO will again be providing the sensory entertainment. For those of you who were *counting*, 336 2.5 in. shells, 416 3 in. shells, and 18 Special Effect barrages ("cakes") that provided additional 738 shots (low level effects), made up last year's show Totaling 752 shells and 738 shots! Contributions and "pay to park" continue to be encouraged to fund this event. Your participation is welcome.

HEY, MY NEIGHBOR IS CUTTING DOWN A BUNCH OF TREES (for the purpose of timber harvesting) on their property. Can they do that? YES. Stay tuned for a primer in the next edition of HH on the process steps, applications, and tax implications in doing so (*Notice of Intent to Cut, etc.*).

WHAT IS CURRENT USE? "Current Use is a property taxing strategy designed to encourage landowners to keep open space undeveloped. Rather than property (greater than 10 acres) being taxed at its real estate market value, the land is taxed on its *income producing capability*... Land is not automatically enrolled in current use. Land owners must apply to their town, committing their land to open space conservation. Undeveloped farmland, forest land, and certified Tree Farms, may enroll. The law also covers land such as wetlands and other sites unsuitable for agriculture or forest products. Land in current use *can* be posted against trespassing, but owners receive additional tax savings if they keep their land open and without fee all year for hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, hiking, skiing, and nature observation. The Current Use Board also recognizes that there are extra costs associated with good forest management. Owners who meet criteria for forest land with documented stewardship, may receive lower assessments. Removing a property from current use status subjects it to a 10% tax for its "full and true value". For more information, Google: "A Layperson's Guide to NH Current Use".

TO GET TO THE POINT, in my last "Update" regarding the change in tax rate, the percent change is .93%... not 9.3%... My typing skills are still a "work in progress". Many thanks to the ardent readers that brought that to my attention! No "bout-a-doubt it" – LOL

TO ALL OUR HANCOCK RESIDENTS: As the Selectboard (Erik Spitzbarth, John Jordan, and Tom Shevenell), we extend our Best Wishes for The New Year.

ICE OUT KICKOFF CHILI SUPPER AND SEND OFF INTO RETIREMENT FOR BOB FOGG

Saturday January 16th 5:00pm at the Vestry

See interview on page 4

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

Happy New Year from all of us at HFD! As John Lennon sang, "Let's hope it's a good one..." January is traditionally the time for people to make resolutions. I don't care if you try to stick with a new diet or quit smoking, but I have some fire and safety resolutions that you should consider In no particular order:

- Smoke detectors. Check your existing units, replace batteries as needed, and do not disable them. New codes call for a detector on each floor of your house, and one in every bedroom. There should be a combination smoke/ carbon monoxide detector near your boiler or furnace if you heat with oil, propane or wood. Any attached garage should have a heat detector. All of these should be inter-wired, meaning that if one is tripped, they all sound an alarm. Yes, that makes a big racket, but that's the point. As they say, "Hear the beep when you sleep!"
- If you heat with wood or wood pellets, remember to inspect your chimneys regularly. Creosote can build up quickly and cause a chimney fire. When you remove ash from a wood stove, place it in a metal container, and then get it well away from your house. Don't dump it on the ground too soon; ashes and embers can stay hot for days. We've seen quite a few accidental fires from this cause. Keep combustibles and clothing away from a wood stove.
- Seat belts. Wear them, every trip, no matter how short. New cars have multiple airbags that deploy in the event of a car crash, but they are built to work in conjunction with seat-belted occupants. In the event of a crash, your best place to be is snugly belted into your seat. Ejection from a vehicle rarely works out well.
- Don't be a distracted driver. It is now illegal to use a hand-held cell phone while driving, and you most certainly don't want to try reading or sending a text message. Keep your eyes on the road, and your hands on the wheel. Even hands-free phone systems in your car can make you a crappy driver. You lived without car phones for most of your life, don't end yours now for some meaningless phone call.

- Winter driving. Slow down in icy or snowy conditions! Snow is slippery every single year, and I don't think 2016 will be an exception. Give yourself more time to get where you're going.
- The "Move Over" law. It is now a state law that you must slow down and move over a lane (if possible) for any emergency vehicle parked on a roadway. This includes fire apparatus, police cruisers and DOT or DPW trucks. If you see red, amber or blue flashing lights, please give a wide berth to those vehicles and the personnel that are working there...

Thanks to Asst. Chief John Pirkey and Eric Aldrich, who spent a long day in Keene helping out with their gas system emergency. Something went wrong with the delivery system, and every single residence and business on those gas lines had to be checked for gas and/ or carbon monoxide. I'm glad we don't have gas lines through Hancock!

Lastly, congratulations to Spencer Thompson for recently becoming a Paramedic. Spence works with DeLuzio Ambulance in Keene, but his extra training is a boon to the Fire Dept. and the Town of Hancock.

December Raffle Winners

Elsie VanBuren, \$40; Jeff and Carrie Reder, \$20;
Phil Dodge, Bob Kennedy, Charlene Forsten, \$10 each

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Hancock Elementary School

Amy B Janoch, Principal & District Literacy Coach

What's Happening at HES

What a busy month we have had at Hancock Elementary School. Our wonderful teachers, students, and parent volunteers have been working diligently to complete projects and end units.

In Mrs. Topping's classroom, children have been very busy. Students are making incredible progress with identifying numbers, letter names and sounds, as well as identifying days of the week and months of the year. Kindergarten students have also been exploring shapes in their environment and creating graphs. It is amazing to watch the students absorb and use so much new information!

Mrs. Lowenthal's first and second grade students have been reading and writing up a storm. Through read aloud and independent reading, students have discovered that all fiction stories maintain a structure – character, setting, problem, and solution. In writing students have learned to include a topic sentence with an opinion, reasons, and a conclusion in their opinion writing. Students have written a number of opinion essays requiring them to take a stand on which holiday is the best, which pet is the most fun, and why summer is the best season. Studying opinion essays always leads to new practices at HES. In the past, 2nd grade students have convinced me to add more time to recess and to limit the quiet music time during lunch!

While crystals are always growing in Mrs. Richardson's classroom, so are the students' minds. The third graders live, eat, and sleep multiplication and division! Mastery of multiplication facts as well as learning how to use the distributive property to solve division problems keeps them busy and engaged. Third graders also spend time writing opinion essays. The curriculum work that teachers have done enables students to build on their writing knowledge from second grade in order to write stronger, more persuasive essays.

Finally, the students in Mrs. Robins' classroom are all about using math and new words in the real world. As students learn new vocabulary or spelling words, they are challenged to find or use the words at home, in stores, and at dance. In math, students measured and cut fabric to create curtains for the second grade classroom and measured out the appropriate amount of paper for a bulletin board. In addition to math and reading work, fourth graders built an amazing wave machine to better understand how waves move through the air.

While the school year feels so new, there has been a tremendous amount of learning. The New Year will bring new units and discoveries. Join us any time to be a part of our learning – just give Marianne a call.



The **HANCOCK INN**

Innkeepers' Sunday Supper

January 2016

THE 3RD
Corn Dogs
Cornish Game Hen
Stuffed with Chorizo and Lentils
Cheese Cake

THE 10TH
Clam Chowder
Salisbury Steak
Upside Down Cake

THE 17TH
Berbere Spiced Vegetable Tempura
Grilled Salmon & wild rice pilaf
Fruit and Nut Tart

Music on Norway Pond Fundraiser
4PM concert at the Meeting House
by *Antico Moderno* – tickets sold separately

5:30PM dinner at the Hancock Inn
60 reservations is our goal – please join us &
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THE 24TH
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Chili with Corn Bread
Banana Pudding

THE 31ST
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Green Tea Cake

Sunday Supper \$17.89 per person
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Bob Fogg and 50 Years as Agent for the Town Clock

This interview took place at the Vestry on December 13th. We are honoring Bob at our Ice Out Kickoff Chili Supper at the Vestry on Saturday, January 16th at 5:00. Come join us for chili, corn bread and homemade desserts for \$5.00 and give Bob a good sendoff into retirement!

When did you start as Agent for the Town Clock and why did you take on the job?

In August of 1965, I was in the town dump one day and Charlie Gleason, the fire chief at the time, asked me if I'd like to take a look at the Town Clock which was not working and stopped at 5:50. I said okay. I was working at Wilder's Garage at the time so when Dick Amidon stopped by, we went up in the bell tower, found the problem, and fixed the clock. We found some instruction notes on the clock room floor, started and set the clock and that's how it all began. My son Bobby, who was 4 years old, said when I retire he'll take over. Fifty years later, he's going to get that chance.

Has the job changed over the years?

Not really but I have. I was 27 years old at the time. I used to wind the clock about once a week. Now I do it about 4 times a week so I don't have to wind those heavy weights so many turns.

Have there been any problems or crises?

Once about 25 or 30 years ago, it was so cold the clock stopped. I guess the grease in the gears got stiff and the clock just stopped. Also the strike hammer has been broken twice. Someone may have rung the bell on the hour at a wedding or funeral. The 1100 pound bell swung back and broke the hammer.

I stopped the clock when they repainted the faces and gold leafed the Roman Numerals, also when they removed the steeple for repairs.

I reset the clock twice a year for the time changes. It's easy in the spring to just go ahead one hour. But in the fall, I either stop the clock for 1 hour or go ahead 11 hours. The 3 faces all work together. There is no 4th clock face as that side faces the cemetery and time doesn't mean anything to them.

At the turn of the century, when Y2K was an issue, everyone worried about computers, the phone system, banks, etc. But the Town Clock, which is all mechanical, would still be ticking and keeping the correct time. I do have an atomic watch so the time is always right.

Why are you retiring now?

Because it is getting harder for me to do the job. I do like being a "Committee of Only One" where it is all my responsibility and I don't have to depend on anyone else. Fifty years seems like a good milestone. The position is appointed by the Select Board so Bobby asked me to put in a good word for him. There is no time limit on the job except that it is a yearly appointment. I guess it could be a lifetime position. It is a paid job, but I would have done it for free. I will still give tours of the clock tower so people can call me at home for that. I have kept a diary to record any blips. Marie will type it up, and we will give it to the Historical Society. I am proud to have done this job for such a long time. It was been a habit so I will miss it, but it is a good time to retire.

THANKS, BOB!

Submitted by Jane Richards-Jones

Dump News

Dump News: No Cash

In the July, 2014 issue of Hancock Happenings, the Town Dump / Recycling Center announced that from that time forward, cash would no longer be accepted as payment for fees associated with disposal of tires, Freon, and “demolition dumpster” items. The staff at the Recycling Center appreciate that many cash-paying users have responded to that notice, but as an interim courtesy to users who did not know about the change of policy, staff members have accepted cash from time to time. Those who check the Dump Committee meeting minutes (November 2014, September 2015) may recall the committee’s concerns about cash handling at the dump.

It has been nearly eighteen months since the policy change was announced. Effective January 1, 2016, the personnel at the Dump / Recycling center *will no longer be allowed* to accept cash as a form of payment for various services and fees. Dump fees can be paid in two ways:

1. At the dump by writing a check payable to Town of Hancock, or
2. At the Town Office. Any time you are in the town office beforehand, you may pre-pay fees with cash, get a voucher from Diane or Linda, and take the voucher to the Dump as verification that you have paid the fee. From September to June, the Town Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30.

The use of cash for payment at the Dump is a burdensome and expensive process for the staff, and for several months, the town auditors have been urging that payments at the Dump be through checks only. Handling cash on site requires extra labor time and travel (in other words, *extra cost*) to ensure the secure transfer of cash receipts, and exposes all cash handlers to issues and demands that are not within their area of responsibility.

The dump personnel thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Submitted by Dennis Caldwell



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Community Supper

The new Community Supper Committee will be at the helm this month for the supper on Thursday January 28th at the Vestry at 5:30PM. Hancock Elementary School will be hosting the supper.

The new committee consists of 2 existing members, Barbara Schweigert and Clare Varga, and new members Carol and Mike Domingue, and Jess Codman. Welcome and best wishes for continued success with the suppers! Good bye and thank you to Sandra Faber, Kristin Harris and Jan Buonanno. It has been very satisfying work and I have loved getting to know different people in town and seeing them monthly. Thank you for your continued support of this very important monthly event. Carol and Mike Domingue will be the contacts going forward for those who host a supper. Their contact information is: 664-8877 and mcdomingue@comcast.net.

Gift-wrap Paper

The recycling committee would like to remind residents that wrapping paper is recyclable. All wrapping paper must have bows, ribbons and other foil type decorative items removed. Helping us insure that the wrapping paper is free of these items will prevent us from having any bales of paper rejected because of contamination.

Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com
Any of you kids have anything good coming up in school?
Andy: "Yeah, Friday is coming."

Monadnock Roller Derby Junior Team Info Night
Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00-7:00pm
Great Brook School, Antrim

It's time to roll out our junior team! Are you in??

Juniors are girls and boys ages 8-17. Junior roller derby doesn't involve hitting like the women do, only blocking by position. It does involve fun, fitness, teamwork, communication, confidence, horseplay, the good stuff roller derby is all about!

Come to our junior team info night to meet us and ask questions. RSVP on our Facebook event page or get in touch with Pat MacFarlane for more info: patethermac@gmail.com or 525-9475.

Monadnock Roller Derby is a registered NH nonprofit. We are a league of skaters and community members dedicated to the sport and spirit of roller derby.

Our members come in all shapes, sizes, colors and flavors. We have multiple jobs, roles, challenges, and gifts, but above all, we are tribe.

- Our mission is threefold:
 - Challenge ourselves to get back up, as many times as it takes;
 - Challenge one another to be our best, because no one survives alone;
 - Create a safe and supportive space for all members to learn, grow, and smash their fears.



Your involvement matters to us! Come try on some skates, or, if you are a community member who can help with sponsorship, events, officiating or other roles, get in touch:

Email: contact@monadnockrollerderby.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/monadnockrollerderby

Hancock Happenings is available online at <http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>



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 to use our museum passes over the winter months! And do check out our online catalog where you can now link directly to Overdrive for free downloadable audios, ebooks. Go to hancock.biblionix.com. Call the library if you need to learn how to log-in!

Save the date!

Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 7:00pm

Jazz- In the beginning there was Satchmo

Interactive presentation with Nanette Perrotte

Break out your beads and celebrate Fat Tuesday at the Hancock Town Library! Louis Armstrong. Grandson of slaves, iconic trumpeter and vocalist brings Jazz from the brothels of Storyville, New Orleans to the bright lights of New York City. Kid Ory, King Oliver and Fletcher Henderson were players in Armstrong's influential rise to stardom while the Chicago and New York mob fought over this charismatic Jazz star. Vocalist and Jazz presenter Nanette Perrotte adds this classic jazz from the Big Easy to her portfolio of interactive multi artform Jazz presentations. Laissez le bon temps rouler!

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From the Children's Room...

It is with great sadness that we bid a fond farewell to our Children's Librarian, Callie Faucher. She and her husband will be traveling to Chile over the winter months. She's been a wonderful addition to the Hancock community. We will miss her good humor, artistic talent and kind ways.

Monday January 4th & January 18th from 3:30 to 4:30pm Paws to Read with Coffee

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

Saturday, January 16th 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 kids read to him! Reading to a therapy dog is great for children who want to improve their out-loud reading skills. Come meet Toven, you will love him!

Every Thursday at 10:30am Story Time

We always have fun at Story Time! Each Thursday morning we sing songs, read stories, dance with scarves, play, 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 when you can.

Tuesday, January 5th & January 19th from 3:30 to 4:30pm

Lego Club

Due to its popularity, Lego Club is now 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.

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**Ad Hoc Meetinghouse Landscaping Committee
Planning is Underway**

Members of the Ad Hoc Meetinghouse Landscape Committee met with the Select Board this month to review our initial concept for improving the look of the historic Meetinghouse, now that renovation work on the building is nearly complete.

Our objective, based on discussion with the Select Board when the committee was formed, is to recommend a proposal that honors the town’s renovation, is period appropriate and serves both the Hancock community and the members of the Hancock Congregational Church. We hope to develop a plan to create an outdoor space that is beautiful in its simplicity, recognizing that the Meetinghouse and the Horsesheds behind the building are architectural gems that should be a focal point in downtown Hancock. We also want to come up with a plan that will allow easy maintenance for perpetual care.

Our goal is to have a Warrant Article on the ballot at the 2016 Town Meeting to get voter approval for the project. We expect to offer details of the plan both at

at the pre town meeting public hearing on warrant articles and the budget, and at Town Meeting itself. We don’t expect to be asking for funding through taxation.

Highlights of our plan are:

- Installing granite posts with a chain fence, similar to the one bordering the Norway Plain cemetery, along the retaining walls on both the east and west side of the Meetinghouse. This fence would serve to prevent accidental falls over the walls.
- Removing the Burning Bush plantings on either side of the Meetinghouse. These plants are historically inaccurate and are an invasive species in New England.
- Removing the yews in front of the Meetinghouse and creating a continuous lawn up to the stone entry way. This will allow for easier maintenance by the town, which owns the land on which the building sits and is responsible for mowing, snow plowing, etc.
- Regrading, loaming and hydroseeding the west lawn between the Meetinghouse and the Post Office.
- Using the granite blocks, which were for many years the steps leading into the building, as footings for new benches on the west lawn. These benches would provide views of Norway Pond, Main Street, the Horsesheds and the Town Green. They would be positioned, along with some of the yews from the front of the building, to provide camouflage for the propane tank fill covers that were installed on the lawn as part of the Meetinghouse restoration.
- Repainting the Hancock Meetinghouse sign that stands to the east of the building.
- Reinvigorating the lilac bed on the east side of the Meetinghouse.

We are in the process of obtaining cost estimates for these proposals and determining how much money is currently available for the project. We invite townspeople to come to our next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at 7pm **location to be determined** We are looking forward to getting feedback from the community on our proposal, prior to presenting our plans to the Select Board at their Jan. 11th meeting. We’d also be happy to talk to anyone about this project during the next few weeks.

*Submitted by The Ad Hoc Meetinghouse Landscape Committee
Allison Kerwin, Marcia Coffin, Kathy Anderson*

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HANCOCK WOMAN'S CLUB

Happy New Year!

As we start 2016, our first meeting of the new year will take place on **Wednesday, January 13th at 2pm** in the Vestry. Our guest speaker will be Teri Williams, FBI Program Support Technician and Crisis Management Team Analyst for the New England Region. Her topics will include, General overview of the FBI, insight into the 9/11 attacks, the Abigail Hernandez missing person case in Conway and the Boston Marathon bombings. Perhaps she will discuss the recent shootings in California also. I'm sure Teri's topic of discussion fits into recent happenings.

Our hostesses for the January meeting are Eleanor Falcon, Deborah Lehan and Diane Loomis. Tea, coffee and delicious treats will be provided after Teri's presentation. Our meetings are open to everyone in the area. If you know of a recent newcomer please invite them to our meeting.

Congratulations to Terri Lombardi who won the floral centerpiece created by Joanne Frigulietti, and to Peg McLeod winning the ceramic Christmas pieces crafted by artist Andrea Small. 'Thank You' to Joanne and Andrea for their time and creativity put into their donations.

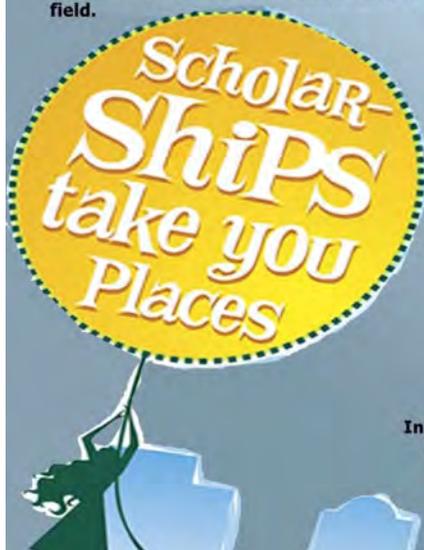
Submitted by Gertie Kanner

The Hancock Woman's Club's 2016 \$1,000 Scholarship for Adult Women

The Hancock Woman's Club annual scholarship is once again being offered. This year's scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.

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.
- A current resident within the Conval School District and who has lived there for 2+ years.
- Applicant must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment in:
 - An educational program, such as a college, university, technical or other training school or professional organization.
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For more information or to obtain an Application:

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In early May applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's choice. With the recipient's permission, her name will be announced publicly.

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Hancock Guild

Happy New Year! The Guild has been busy during the holiday season preparing and delivering baskets of Christmas goodies and cheer to local shut-ins. This is one of our favorite activities as we fill boxes assembly line style with homemade treats. All this and “ugly Christmas sweaters” too. We also hosted our annual cookie walk for the Church. This event is always well attended and many folks are disciplined enough to tuck those treats away for Christmas entertaining. Holiday baking.....done!

We are taking a small break in January in anticipation of typical winter weather and won't be meeting again until February, if weather cooperates then. You wouldn't know it was winter looking out the window right now, though!

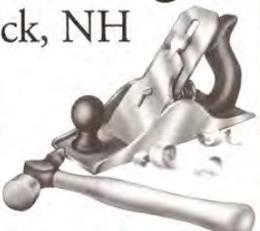
Keep an eye on the Happenings for our spring programs. We welcome all to these community events and hope to see more of you there.

Happy 2016!

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President

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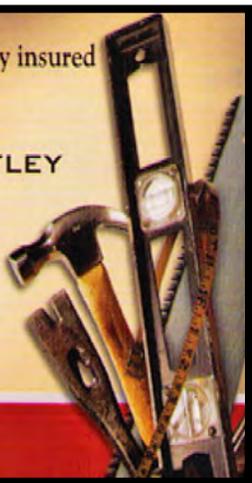
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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Michael Miller's photography show, "Natural Light," has been extended until Thursday, January 7th. His appealing and far-ranging work includes photographs in the Monadnock Region, Mexico, and France, as well as extreme close-ups of flowers.

Starting Saturday, January 9th, and continuing through Thursday, February 18th, "The Road Not Taken" will be on display. This fine art exhibit, inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost, is making the rounds of libraries and nature centers throughout New Hampshire with the goal of reaching all of the public libraries in the state.

The presentation was designed by three artists—Ingeborg Seaboyer, Judy Krassowski, and Corinne Dodge, and features approximately 30 works that reflect a variety of personal interpretations of the most famous as well as some of the "less traveled" works of one of America's most inspiring poets.

Ingeborg Seaboyer is a lifelong resident of Derry. Her art education has stretched from Pinkerton Academy to the University of New Hampshire to the Manchester Institute of Arts & Sciences (now the New Hampshire Institute of Art), where she began to explore pen and ink drawing in 1993. A forester with the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Inge says her drawing has turned into something of a second career. She has illustrated three books: *Selecting Trees for Urban Landscape Ecosystems* and *Good Forestry in the Granite State, 1st and 2nd Editions*.

Inge has provided most of the illustrations for Project Learning Tree's Focus on New Hampshire Forests. Additionally, she has completed commissions for the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee, and the UNH Cooperative Ext.



Red Oak
by Ingeborg Seaboyer

She has combined watercolor and colored pencil with her pen and ink techniques, as well as worked solely in watercolor. She is a founding member of the Derry Area Artists Collaborative and her work can be viewed at www.derryareaartists.com.

Corinne Dodge, also a Derry resident, is a retired schoolteacher, having taught children with multiple and severe disabilities since 1970. She worked in the PEACH Program in the Derry School District and developed the APPLE Program at the Rochester Middle School. She is currently a massage therapist for autistic teenagers at Easter Seals in Manchester. In 1992, while teaching children in the PEACH Program,

Corinne participated in the seventh-grade art curriculum along with her students. It was then that she first discovered her interest in drawing. She later went on to take art courses at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, EW Poore, and the College of Lifelong Learning. Corinne worked in pen and ink under the mentorship of established artist Pamela Kennedy, who now lives and works on the West Coast.

Corinne utilizes a variety of media: pen and ink, watercolor, graphite, and colored pencil. Her style leans toward realism and includes some impressionistic work. Subject matter includes landscapes, still lifes, portraits,



Copy of *Stopping by Woods*
by Corinne Dodge

and abstracts. Nature is a favorite theme, and Corinne is best known for the colorations in her beach rocks series. She is an award-winning artist, with recognition from the Greater Derry Arts Council, Manchester Art in the Park Fine Arts Festival, NH Division Parks and Recreation, and Londonderry Art on the Common. Her work can be

viewed at www.corinnedodgefineart.com.

Judy Krassowski is a teaching artist and writer, home-based in Derry. With a BA in Fine Art/Studio Art, Notre Dame College, and an M.Ed in Tech in Education, Lesley University, she teaches art at Trinity High School in Manchester. Judy provides consultant services for people seeking a better relationship with their computers and mobile devices, particularly those in the arts and those interested in Apple devices. She has authored two books on art in public education, a tourist guide to visual art language, is co-authoring a parents' guide to raising children in the arts, and has several illustration projects in the works. Judy's work can be viewed at www.judykrassowski.com.



Copy of *Nothing Gold*
by Judy Krassowski

The Daniels Room is open to the public during regular library hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 – 6pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 7pm; and Saturdays, 10am – 4pm. The library is closed on Fridays and Sundays. Since the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings, it is always best to check with the library 525.4411 to make sure it will be available at the time of your visit.



Melissa Gallagher, Interim Executive Director

To our friends and supporters in Hancock,

What a month! Our Annual Online Auction, which ran during the month of November, raised \$10,600! These funds will be invested in our family and children’s programs, including much needed scholarship funds for families. The Grapevine will never turn away a person based on inability to pay. Our scholarship funds help make this possible. A special thanks for the support of donors and bidders from Hancock. Your participation made this event a huge success!

The month of December continues to draw amazing support from our community for The Grapevine’s annual appeal for donations. Thank you so much, Hancock! Wishing you all a healthy and happy New Year!

WINTER PROGRAMS

Better Beginnings for Newborns and Infants

Join and connect with other parents of new babies, share successes and challenges, and learn parenting and coping strategies in this exciting, yet tiring phase of life! Facilitated by

parenting educator Nancy Macalaster, MEd. Welcoming infants up to 6 months old. Expectant parents welcome! Call 588-2620 to register and for more info.

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Now scheduling appointments for Mondays starting January 18th from 3-6pm at The Grapevine. Call 588-2620 to schedule your appointment.

Internet Awareness Program

Are you concerned about the content and security of what your middle school child views on the internet? Watch for details about this upcoming winter program to be held at the Avenue A Teen & Community Center.

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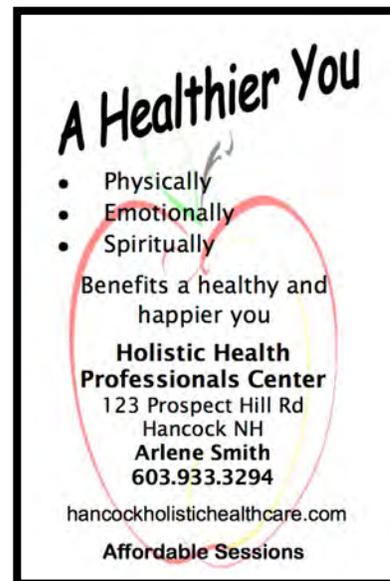
Past Life & Angel Card readings - Susi Marrotte, BA, RM, CST - 603.547.6704

January 30th & 31st, Saturday & Sunday - 9:30am - 5:30pm (both days)

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Hancock Hours and Meetings

*Please review your listings
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Tax Collector - Monday 3:30 to 6:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office

Cemetery Trustees – as needed, Town Office

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

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



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Jan 9 (Sat) Post-Harvest Tour on Goodhue Hill

Join Phil Brown, NH Audubon's Director of Land Management, for a moderately strenuous, 2.5- to 3-mile roundtrip hike in the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. We'll snowshoe to the summit of Goodhue Hill and enjoy views of the surrounding lands and waters. If tracking conditions are good, we'll search for sign of moose, porcupine, bobcat, and other seldom-seen wildlife that call this sanctuary home. Meet at 9am at the parking area at the end of Willard Pond Road off Rte 123 in Hancock. Dress for the weather and bring a snack, water, and snowshoes. Back around noon. Cosponsored with NH Audubon. Please RSVP to Phil Brown at 525.3499 or pbrown@nhaudubon.org.

Jan 10 (Sun) Harrisville Rail Trail Hike

Join Rich Taylor and Russ Daigle for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip snowshoe hike along the Harrisville Rail Trail and the new Rail Trail Connector to Merrill's Four Corners. Bring snowshoes, water, and lunch. Meet at 10am at the Rail Trail parking lot on Hancock Road in Harrisville (next to the dam on North Pond). Back by 2:30pm. For more information, contact Rich at 603.827.4105 or rtaylor@gerkensinc.com or Russ at 603.477.7506.

Jan 17 (Sun) Hiking the Hiroshi Land

Join Denny Wheeler and Russ Daigle for an easy, 2-mile roundtrip snowshoe hike through the Hiroshi Land and along Nubanusit Brook in Peterborough. Bring snowshoes, and meet at 9:30am at the Hiroshi Land trailhead on the east side of Route 137 in Peterborough, 2.1 miles north of the intersection of Rtes 101 and 137 in Dublin and just south of the Harrisville town line. Back by 12:30pm. For more information, contact Denny at 603.313.0350, or Russ at 603.477.7506.

Jan 22 (Fri) Full Moon Family Snowshoe

7 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center. Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for a full moon amble about the Harris Center's fields and forests. We'll listen for the throaty hoots of the Great Horned Owl, scan for the single-minded trot of the red fox, and let the cold night air awaken our senses. A perfect way to spend an adventurous evening! If the snow's deep, we'll wear snowshoes. If it's icy, we'll strap on spikes. For all ages. To reserve snowshoes or spikes, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Jan 26 (Tues) Ecological Growing

Now's the time to begin planning your spring and summer gardens. Join Otter Brook Farm's Agricultural Specialist, Matthew Roy, for an evening primer on the systems that make your garden grow. You'll learn about soil, nitrogen, water, plant cycles, and much more. Come warm your thoughts on a cold winter's night with plans for the next growing season! 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Otter Brook Farm's high tunnel greenhouse and potting shed, 130 Gulf Road in Peterborough. Snow date, February 2. Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Jan 30 (Sat) First Session of ESI Course Fire for Survival

Saturdays, January 30 and February 20, 9am to noon at the Harris Center. Harris Center members \$25 per morning, Nonmembers \$35 per morning. Join Primitive Skills Specialist Ian Lockwood for two winter mornings, learning the ancient art of fire making. Working with primitive tools such as bow drills and flint and steel, learn a variety of ways to start a fire during winter's harsh conditions. Practice and more practice will be the name of this all-outdoors course. During the second class, when you have begun to master fire-making skills, you'll expand your repertoire to include brewing a cup of tea from available winter vegetation. This mini-course could save your life! A great program for families with children in Grades 5 and up. You can sign up for one or both days. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at lefebvre@harriscenter.org or 525.3394. Ian Lockwood has been studying primitive living skills for the past three years, both in Washington and at the Primitive Skills School outside of Augusta, Maine. He's excited to share his knowledge and passion for living in the wild.

Jan 31 (Sun) Skiing Snow Hill Tom Warren will lead a moderately strenuous morning of cross-country skiing on well-marked trails near the Pumpelly Trail, followed by cookies and hot chocolate at his Dublin home. Meet at 9am at 15 Pumpelly Lane in Dublin. Back by 11am. Please RSVP to Tom Warren 603.563.7194 or twassociates@myfairpoint.net.

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