



*The memorable winter
of 2013-2014 in Hancock*

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News from the Selectboard

Jim Mose for the Selectboard

As the newly voted chairman of the Hancock Selectboard, my colleagues, John and Erik, unceremoniously reminded me of my most pressing first duty: to write the Selectmen's monthly contribution to the *Hancock Happenings* – News from the Selectboard.

First, Nevan's idea of poetry is making a church and steeple with one's fingers... this is not my fault. That being said, as the Hancock poet laureate (see Chief's personal "forest fire danger" sign), it is my solemn duty to shine poetic on the outcome of the annual Town Meeting and the legislative body's carefully considered votes. Thank you to my friends and neighbors for your support and caring! Poetic enough?

We are a healthy community made more complete by our broad range of backgrounds and philosophical points of view. That among my politically and ideologically diverse group of dear friends we are able to successfully arrive in agreement on shared solutions for our community is just one of the many things that makes our hometown special. We are a community of people who care about each other and where we're headed in the future. In 100 years we'll all be gone, but it matters to us all that our children and grandchildren inherit a community that has always cared.

The Hancock Selectboard respectfully thanks our Town Moderator, Ric Haskins, for consistently exercising his brilliance in keeping individuals working together as a community at Town Meeting. Ric reminds us all the language we use helps us to structure the reality in which we live. A stickler for detail, Ric always insists on using the appropriate words and terminology to

express our shared ideas and goals. "The Meetinghouse," he reminded me, is the right and proper description throughout our Town's splendid history used to describe the symbolic center of our community. The definition of which is implicit in its title: a common house where we come together as a community. Captured in countless photographs, in the art of Diane Kidd (in her work titled *The Heart of Hancock*) and in the hearts of our community, The Meetinghouse shall endure. Thank you again, Hancock, for your generous continued support of our greatest shared town treasure!

We respect and hold the feelings and opinions of our neighbors in any position of disagreement as sacrosanct. It is in our disagreements and the subsequent challenge to remedy them that are born our greatest triumphs as a community. Many measures comprising our shared truth were eloquently reflected during Town Meeting and we owe them our utmost attention. In this spirit, it is our priority to discuss and discover where improvements, if any, can be made to Hancock's December 17, 1851 Meetinghouse articles of agreement (a common undivided interest in the whole language). And, whether the language of the agreement can be further clarified to better reflect the environment in which we conduct town business today. We are not suggesting the re-writing of our historical agreements, but rather solidifying them to withstand the winds of the future. We owe our friends in town opposed to the Meetinghouse restoration project the honor of our thoughtful discovery, study and results. Those philosophical and business strategy meetings between Hancock and the Congregational Church are planned to commence henceforth.

***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 contributed 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.

**March 18, 2014
Selected Town Meeting Votes**

3.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to eight hundred sixty-four thousand nine hundred fifty-six dollars (**\$864,956**) gross budget for the repair and renovation of the Hancock Meetinghouse and to authorize the expenditure of funds raised for this purpose through fundraising, grants and other sources and to authorize the issuance of not more than eight hundred seventeen thousand four hundred twelve dollars (**\$817,412**) of long term notes or bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), as amended; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. **2/3 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED**

Yes: 171 - No: 36 - 82.6%

4.To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,970,606. This represents the operating budget, inclusive of the Water Department operations. Said sum exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed.

Passed unanimously

5.To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$146,803 for the purpose of retirement of the long-term note issued for Prospect Hill Land. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.

Passed unanimously

6.To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase and outfit a new police cruiser sport utility, ~~and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing 2009 Crown Victoria.~~ This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.

Amendment: Yes: 62 - No: 56

Passed majority

Joan Joseph, Hancock Town Clerk

**Dump News
Household Hazardous Waste**

Household Hazardous Waste Collections have commenced once again. Now is the time to rid your home, garage, cellar and barn of all that nasty junk that has been accumulating. We contract with the City of Keene to provide hazardous waste collections and there are 24 collections scheduled each year, beginning in March.

Your septic system cannot handle any hazardous waste, nor can we at the Dump. So take advantage of this free collection service. Collections take place at the Keene Recycling Center from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the dates listed below.

- **Saturday, March 29**
- **Saturday, April 12**
- **Wednesday, April 16**
- **Saturday, April 26**

Schedules are posted each month at the Dump, Post Office and Town Hall, in the Monadnock Shopper News and on the Town Website at www.hancocknh.org/DPW/Dump/HHHWD.htm

A reminder: we no longer accept cash at the Dump for those few items for which payment is required. Checks only, please!

Hancock Dump Committee



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Hancock Fire & Rescue News

FFOTY



If you do not recognize him, this handsome devil is Assistant Chief Tom Bates. At our Annual Dinner held at Sargent Camp on March 14, Tom

was presented with the Hancock Fire Department Firefighter Of The Year award (FFOTY). Tom has been a member of our department since 2002, shortly after moving here from East Overshoe, Nebraska. He is still getting used to the concept of hills and trees, but has adapted well as to how we operate here in New Hampshire. He spent 20 plus years on a fire department out west, with 12 years as a chief. He has always told us that if we are ever confronted with a grain combine that is on fire, he is our go-to guy. (Hasn't happened yet.)

Tom was already an EMT when he moved here, and he has maintained that certification in New Hampshire. When Assistant Chief Kurt Grasset retired, Tom was elected by the membership to fill the role of 14-C-3. Tom, John Pirkey and I share the Chief's duties – the two of them do a great deal of paperwork, grant writing, inspections and permits, etc. – all the stuff that I try to dodge. If you have a scanner and listen in on our radio traffic, you know that Tom or John is just as likely to assume command of an incident as I am, and they do a good job in that position.

Tom has gotten our unofficial “You Need To Get A Life” award the last few years for showing up for more calls than anyone else on the department. Even more calls than Bill Eva, and that is a tall order! He also spends a good deal of time at the station filling out required State on-line bookkeeping, and he attends many area fire department meetings as our representative.

Congratulations, we are proud to have Tom Bates as a firefighter, EMT and Chief on our department! Thanks also to his son Matt who has been a member for some time now, and also MaryAnn Bates, who helps run our FD Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary has “*File of Life*” refrigerator magnet files available to any Hancock resident. It is a small packet to put on the front of your fridge, containing vital medical information about you and your family members. It will give first responders a good deal of critical information in the case of an emergency. Please call us if you would like one!

As I write this, it is still unseasonably (and unreasonably) cold outside; however, spring is coming, and with it comes our worst season – Mud Season. John Pirkey gives our members an annual speech about not getting a fire truck stuck on a dirt road, or worse, tipping one over into a muddy ditch.

Be aware that if you encounter a fire engine or tanker on a back road, the driver has been instructed to *not* yield the center of the road. Our apparatus is wide, tall, long and extremely heavy, with a high center of gravity. We can't afford to get stuck in a ditch, or wreck an expensive truck, particularly on the way to an emergency call. You, in your little Prius or Subaru however, feel free to shift *way* to the right on a back road. If you get stuck, we will be glad to help to get you out as soon as we can. Thanks for your help and understanding!

March Raffle Winners:

Alan Chandler, \$40; William McGlinchey, \$20;
Amy the Librarian, Bev Monkton,
Dan Frigulietti, \$10 each

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief
Hancock Fire Department*

Thank you Hancock!

We just want to say “Thank you!” to everyone involved at the Recycling Center on January 18, as well as everyone else in Hancock who has been so wonderful with prayers, food, and helping out in so many many ways to make David's recovery easier.

Tammy Garre

David Drasba

Edna Drasba

ConVal Schoolboard

ConVal Budget Reductions to Meet A Default Budget

On March 11, voters did not approve the ConVal Budget. Most registered voters across the District did not vote. For example, of approximately 1,200 registered voters in Hancock only 263 people voted in total (yes or no), whereas in 2013, 307 people **voted for the budget**. The proposed budget increased the gross operating budget by 0.8 percent, and had a property tax increase of around 3 percent. On \$200,000 of property value, that would have been \$65 in additional annual property tax in Hancock. The School Board will be working on a new communications plan for 2015 and I hope turnout next year is higher.

The default budget requires \$770,000 in operating budget cuts. In addition to those cuts, voters also rejected capital

projects such as reconstructing the ConVal High School (CVHS) parking lot, resurfacing the CVHS track and paving the access road to South Meadow School. All of these projects were to draw significantly upon available trust funds for completion. There are compelling reasons for doing these capital projects, but with delaying them, the District faces potential higher costs in the future. More discussion will hopefully clarify the needs for these investments and form consensus around paying for them.

Cuts related to the \$770,000 include:

1. Reduction in staffing \$216,000
2. Reduction in technology investments \$229,000 (e.g., no

mobile devices for CVHS and replacement of obsolete computers)

3. Quest Program - No summer camp organized by Rotary for 80 at-risk ConVal students \$40,000
4. Facility maintenance \$29,000
5. Health Conversion \$70,000
6. 10% Reduction in supplies \$70,000
7. Library Book Purchases \$11,000
8. Substitute Funds \$50,000

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I expect we will again have a lot of discussion about what is the right amount of spending for education in the District.

Pierce Rigrod,
Hancock Representative
ConVal School Board

First Congregational Church of Hancock - Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.—Service of Tenebrae with readings marking Jesus' final hours

Good Friday, April 18, noon to 3:00 p.m.—The Church will be open for private prayer and personal reflection.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:45 a.m.—Music from Carol Hamilton, organ and Rachael Luther, soprano. Rachael spent five summers at the Walden School for Young Musicians, held at The Dublin School, and went on to study composition at Oberlin Conservatory. Currently, she is a frequent soloist with the choir of First Parish in Bedford, MA, the Master Singers of Lexington, and the Seraphim Singers, a chamber ensemble of professional and seasoned vocalists in Boston.

Submitted by Reverend Judith Copeland



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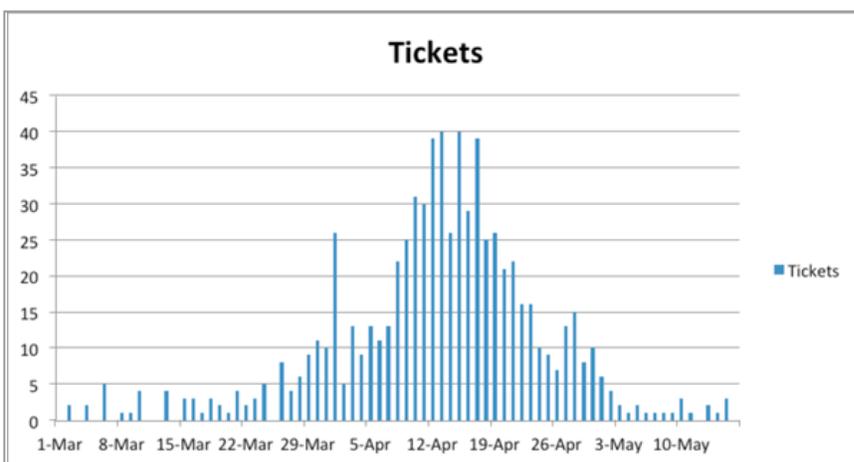


Ice Out 2014

Payout Grows: Tickets on Sale Through March

31, 2014: A total of 732 tickets were registered at Ice Out Central at www.iceout.gbgone.com as of March 18, 2014, representing the sum of local and online sales. In contrast to last year's actual Ice Out date of April 10, 2013, this year the dates of April 12 through April 17 have proven the most popular choices. April 13 and April 15 have each drawn 40 picks. There were two extreme outliers: Feb 2 and May 31 which are not included in the graph below.

The brutal winter continues. The ice is rumored to be more than two feet thick. The period February 19 to March 17 continued to be much (26.6%) colder



than the same period last year:

2013 Average Temperature 33.29 F
2014 Average Temperature 24.43 F

Payout for 2014 is expected to exceed \$600.00. It is not too late yet to purchase a ticket and make your choice.

Submitted by The Ice Out Committee for 2014

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Conservation Commission Winter-Spring 2014

Conservation Through Observation—April 30, 2014, 7:00

p.m.—Hancock Library— *Speaker: Henry Walters, New Hampshire Audubon.* What good is the layman's love of Nature? For those non-specialists among us, feeling ourselves to be “mere onlookers,” what tangible benefit does Nature reap from being



Sharpie and Merlin

watched, marveled at, loved? Henry Walters draws on his experience as a hawk-watcher at Pack Monadnock Raptor Migration Observatory to discuss the ways in which

our individual perspective onto the natural world matters to science, to ourselves, to our environment, and to sharpening the senses of those who come after us.

Henry Walters is a writer, teacher and practicing falconer. He has spent three fall seasons as Interpretive Naturalist for New Hampshire Audubon at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory. His poems, essays, and translations have appeared or are forthcoming in publications as varied as *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, *The American Guide*, *The Literary Bohemian* and *Hawk Migration Studies*. He lives and writes at Willard Pond in Hancock, where he acts as steward of New Hampshire Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary.

Submitted by Phillip Brown

Hancock Women's Guild

The Guild meeting for April should be a most interesting program, not only for women of Hancock and guests, but for men and children! This event is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Vestry. The program, “Search and Rescue with Heather and Angus,” is led by Hancock's Heather Shafer and her dog, Angus. She will acquaint the audience with canine search and rescue.

Heather, a member of C.A.S.T. (Canine Alert Search Teams), will explain how dogs are trained in different disciplines of rescue, what is expected of trained dogs and how a handler is trained. More than likely, Angus will be put through simple paces.

Following Heather's presentation, there will be a question and answer period, and refreshments will be hosted by Sandy Levesque and Pat Newcomb. A short business meeting will follow the evening program.

With spring certainly to be entrenched in Hancock and evenings long, do make an effort to join us for this informative evening event!

Submitted by Linda Blicher

Hancock Roadside Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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! Please plan to meet at the Town Office with trucks, gloves, and

lots of energy! We'll divide participants into groups and then send you off to gather lots of trash and treasure. Participants will then meet back at the Dump at 3:00 sharp to show off your findings and to enjoy and ice cream sandwich.

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

*Winners will take home a beautiful and delicious
cake donated by Fiddleheads.*

Please call Roberta LaPlante at 525.3828
for information or if you have any questions.

*Submitted by Roberta LaPlante
Hancock Conservation Commission*



Community Supper

Welcome back Divine Mercy Parish! They will be hosting the community supper at the Vestry at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24.** Come on over!

Submitted by Donna Coty



BULLETIN BOARD

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

Last fall I was surprised at the eagerness that the kids had for the chore of raking the lawn until I saw them put all the leaves onto the trampoline so they could jump on them.

Monadnock Roller Derby practices **every Monday and Wednesday** (unless schools are closed) from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Great Brook School in Antrim. For more information, contact Jess Gerrior or Amelia Gardner at info@monadnockrollerderby.com or www.Facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby
Submitted by Jess Gerrior

Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration THANK YOU!



On behalf of the Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee, I want to thank everyone in attendance at Town Meeting who voted to restore the Meetinghouse and/or contributed to our fund-raising campaign. We had a great turnout and the enthusiasm expressed by so many to move

forward on our recommendations is certainly appreciated.

I also want to thank our Meetinghouse Restoration Committee, in addition to others in the community, for all their hard work over the past year. We are blessed to have so many people with great talents and expertise willing to volunteer and share their time.

We have only just begun. Now, we look forward to beginning the repair and restoration work this spring. It will be even more assuring to see the completed results next fall, knowing the building will be preserved for many years to come. The improved access to the entire building will increase utilization by all ages and physical abilities. Maintaining and improving our beautiful structure is an important element of making Hancock a special place when so many have worked so hard to keep it that way.

There is still a lot of work to be accomplished by the committee and others in the community during the construction and restoration process. To protect the building's historic character, we are fortunate to have The MacMillin Company's professional construction managers and skilled workmen with expertise in preserving historic properties.

For those who would like to contribute to our continuing fund-raising effort, tax-deductible contributions may be completed via a pledge form or with checks made out to the Hancock Improvement Association. If you need a pledge form, please contact Tom Shevenell shevenell@aol.com.

For regular future updates on the progress of the restoration be sure to watch *Hancock Happenings*.

Thank you all!

*Submitted by Gary Ryer, Chair
Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee*



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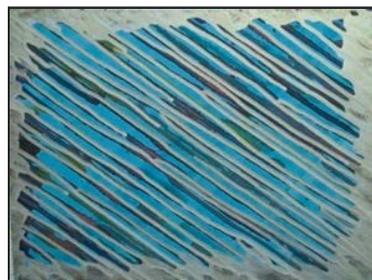
Paintings by Mary Wood Cornog, a resident of Nelson, will be exhibited in the Daniels Room from **March 29 through May 8** during regular library hours. On **Saturday, March**

29, an opening reception will be held there from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

After a career as teacher/scholar of Greek, Latin, and French, Mary resumed her interest in painting. She finds inspiration in objects and ideas that she then interprets with her imagination. She often looks to other artistic disciplines as she translates images onto canvas. Her paintings are rendered chiefly in acrylics and frequently incorporate objects from nature.

Mary employs a variety of techniques and paints in a range of styles, from realistic to abstract. The results are inflected with idiosyncrasies of emotion, design,

color, shape, and form, and often imply a subtly wry or humorous comment. No matter what subject, style, technique, or attitude she chooses, she takes great pleasure in the challenge and execution of the creative process.



Counterpoint, 16" x 20"
acrylic on paper

Her recent works include two multimedia series. The first is based on leaves, along with a portrayal of a streambed using sand and pebbles. The second series is based on

music—sound and movement registered as abstract patterns of rhythm, melody, dance, emotion and instruments. She also takes subjects from her studies of Ancient Greece, from her love of animals and nature, and from wherever else she finds inspiration. Mary has studied most recently with Frankie Brackley Tolman, whom she considers a mentor.

Mary is a member of the Fall Foliage Art Studio Tour and her work can be viewed online at www.marycornog.com. In addition to painting, Mary is active in the field of woodworking. Her creations range from cupboards and tables to jigsaw puzzles and frames for her paintings. She continues her lifelong work with fabric as well, and she fosters her lifelong love of music by playing euphonium with the Nelson Town Band and flute with smaller groups. She sings with the women's chorus, Animaterra.

You may also view samples of Mary's art on the Community Bulletin Board at www.hancocknh.org/BB/BB.htm#Cornog

Art exhibits can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.

It is always advisable, however, to check with the library before visiting since the room is sometimes reserved for community events.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor

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Hancock Woman's Club News

Scholarship Recipient Comments

Robin Mose, a recipient of the Hancock Woman's Club annual \$1,000 Scholarship, recently wrote, "I am grateful for the support of the Hancock Woman's Club Scholarship to pursue my dream to complete an advanced degree in nursing. This degree will broaden my opportunities in community nursing to better serve my fellow Monadnock-area citizens. Thank you, Hancock Woman's Club!" Robin will complete her studies this June.

The Hancock Woman's Club annual \$1,000 scholarship is once again being offered to an adult Hancock woman. Robin had applied for assistance in the pursuit of her dream. We invite applications for the 2014 scholarship from other Hancock adult women who are in mid-career, or who plan to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities.

To qualify, the applicant must be a current Hancock resident who has lived here for at least two years. She must be attending or planning to attend an educational institution, and 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 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, 2014**. In early August applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's choice. With the recipient's permission, her name will be announced publicly.

Submitted by The Scholarship Committee

Woman's Club April Program

As I write this, too much snow is still around, no sight of the crocus, but the "date" for Spring is near! At our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Vestry, we will enjoy listening to our guest speaker, Sirka Holm. Sirka will tell us about her "Experiences as a Member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in WWII."

Sirka Holm of Francestown will relate her incredible

experiences as a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, which became known as the WACS in 1943. Ms. Holm was in the Signal Corps Supply Division stationed in England. On July 14, 1944, her unit left England and arrived in Normandy. Come to hear more about her experiences in the Corps. Sirka's presentation is not to be missed!

Our raffle winner at the March meeting was Deece Lambert who went home with the fabric tulip wall hanging made to look like a stained glass window and three fabric dove ornaments made by Diane Kidd. At our April meeting, the raffle item is a beautiful tote bag donated by Wayan Suarni. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Refreshments will be served after the program by our hostesses Deece Lambert, Karen McCormack and Gertie Kanner. Our meetings are open to the public, so feel free to invite a friend or neighbor. Hope we'll see you there!

Our May meeting is our annual luncheon, taking place at the Bantam Grill located in the Community Shopping Center (Route 202) near the Pearl Restaurant in Peterborough, on **Wednesday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m.** Luncheon cost is \$18. Make your reservation at the April meeting or send your check made out to Hancock Woman's Club to Sonja Mucha, 122 Forest Rd., Hancock, NH 03449.
Submitted by Gertie Kanner

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We are Todd Horner and Robin Cherof, and we run Walkabout Farm with a tremendous amount of help and support from our partners at a cohousing community, Nubanusit Neighborhood and Farm, and a K-8 school, The Well School. Here's what Rachael Austin, Head Chef at the Well School Cafeteria, has to say about us: *"The produce that I received from the CSA last year was nothing short of bountiful! I was delighted with the large assortment of the seasons' veggies along with fresh herbs and an emailed recipe or two for inspiration. I was introduced to a new veggie, Jerusalem artichoke, which I have been longing for ever since. I strongly recommend Walkabout Farm's CSA!"*

For the uninitiated, "CSA" is an agricultural model that connects consumers directly to growers. It stands for Community Supported Agriculture. Members buy in at the beginning of the growing season, when farm operating costs are at their highest, but the farmer doesn't yet have food to sell. For this show of support and good faith, members are rewarded from May through October with a weekly bushel of the freshest possible, highest



Main Street CHEESE
Artisan Goat Cheese

The Goats at Main Street Cheese are resting in preparation for kidding in April, May, and June. Thus, we are not milking, and are out of cheese, so our doors are closed, temporarily.

We will be re-opening in early May.

We will have many excellent dairy kids for sale starting May 20th--reserve your kids early!

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Submitted by Robin Cherof

April is Poetry Month!

All are welcome to join in at a Poetry Sharing on **Saturday, April 26, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the Daniels Room at the Library/ This event will feature Chaz Beaulieu with his poems and flute! Everyone is invited to bring a poem or two to share. This will be our 5th annual poetry sharing. It is hosted by "Three or More Poets" – Jeanne Bartlett of Deering, Joan Weddle of Amherst and Melody Zahn Russell. If you have questions, please call 525.4103.

Submitted by Melody Zahn Russell



Greetings, Hancock Women!

Have you seen info about "100 Women Who Care" in the newspaper? Been curious about it? Here's your up-close and personal chance to learn more. The quarterly meeting of Women Who Care will be hosted by three Hancock members on **Thursday, April 24**, at the Hancock Library.



Chris Selmer and Mary Lou O'Neil help 100 Women Who Care give a big check (\$2,450) to the Windy Row board of directors in February.

Please join us at **6:00 p.m.** for snacks, beverages and mingle time. At 6:30 p.m., we will draw the names of three local non-profit organizations. After hearing about these three organizations, members will vote on who will receive the evening's donations. Members agree to donate \$50 per quarter to "winning" agencies. You may come to the meeting without obligation. Becoming a voting member/donor is optional.

Why attend the April 24 meeting?

"I have found 100 Women Who Care to be, first, a fun and interesting way to meet and interact with other local women; second, a personal and interesting way to learn about the good work that local agencies do; and, third, a really effective and interesting way to quickly raise money and help good people do good things! So, I think you'll find it interesting and I hope you'll join us!" – Mary Lou O'Neil

"I wholeheartedly support 100 Women Who Care. This is a grassroots effort to support local non-profit organizations within our community. Not only am I a member, but my program, Monadnock Adult Care Center, is also a proud recipient of WWC funds. Please come to our April meeting in Hancock to learn more." – Chris Selmer

"100 Women Who Care stands for community, commitment and caring. I'm proud to be a piece of the mosaic." – Karen Dudra

Feel free to contact any of us for more information or Mary Lou O'Neil, marylou@gmail.com. Hope to see you on April 24 in the Daniels Room!

Additional information can be found on our website www.100womenwhocarepeterborough.com.

Submitted by Mary Lou O'Neil

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Apr 12 (Sat) Trail Maintenance on the Cadot Trail—Join Jim Orr for a morning of moderately strenuous trail work, clearing branches and leaf litter from the historic stone culverts along the Cadot Trail. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring gloves, and a rake if you have one. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Cadot Trail gate on Old Dublin Road in Hancock. Back by 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jim at trailchief@gmail.com.

Apr 12 (Sat) Fruit Tree Know How with Roger Swain—Learn the ins and outs of pruning fruit trees from Roger Swain, gardener, author, and former host of PBS's *Victory Garden*. Roger will demonstrate the intricacies of caring for both older and younger trees. We'll spend time with the Harris Center's old apple trees, learning how to revive their health and appearance through pruning. Then we'll travel a short distance to Old Tavern Orchard in Hancock to learn the art of bending and shaping young fruit trees -- from peaches to apples -- for a lifetime of productivity. Meet at the Harris Center at **10:00 a.m.** Wraps up at Old Tavern Orchard at noon. Come prepared to be outside for the whole time. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at Spikol@harriscenter.org.

Apr 13 (Sun) Cellar Holes of Nelson—Rick Church has spent the best part of a decade documenting the history of Nelson's stone walls, old roads, and cellar holes. This afternoon he'll lead an afternoon's exploration of some of these notable features. Expect to walk about three moderately-easy miles. Meet at **1:00 p.m.** at the Nelson Town Common. Back by 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rick at ricketsey@gmail.com.

Apr 13 (Sun) Taming Yourself To Birds: The Art of Falconry—The relationship between a person and a wild animal rarely moves beyond antagonism and mistrust. For millennia, however, humans have been finding ways to bring themselves closer to wild birds

of prey. Come meet "The General," a 13-year-old Red-tailed Hawk, and learn about the process of forming a bond with a free-flying bird. Anna Rozier, a senior at Dublin School, will introduce "The General" and discuss her own experience with the art of falconry. **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at Spikol@harriscenter.org.

Apr 15 (Tues) Spring Cleaning on the Harris Center Grounds—Join Hunt and Sara Dowse for a morning of yard work around the Harris Center. Bring gloves, and tools for weeding, brush cutting, pruning, and raking (or use the Harris Center's tools). All ages and abilities are welcome. **9:00 a.m.** to noon at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Sara Lefebvre at lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Apr 16 (Wed) Peterborough Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training—Part I, Peterborough—Vernal pools are small, temporary woodland ponds that serve both as critical breeding habitat for a suite of amphibian species and as important feeding grounds and shelter for many reptiles, birds, and mammals. In an effort to protect these vital (yet often overlooked) ecosystems, the Harris Center's citizen science program (AVEO) trains 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 an indoor training session at the Peterborough Townhouse from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, then venture outside for hands-on instruction at a Peterborough vernal pool on Saturday, April 19, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. *Interested volunteers must attend one indoor and one outdoor training session (in either Peterborough or Keene) to participate.* Trainings are free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy and the Peterborough Conservation Commission.

Apr 17 (Thurs) Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training—Part I, Keene—Same training as above, but in Keene rather than Peterborough. We'll cover the building blocks of vernal pool ecology in an indoor training session from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Keene State College Science Center (Room 126), then venture outside for hands-on instruction at a

vernal pool complex in Keene on Saturday April 19, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Interested volunteers must attend one indoor and one outdoor training session (in either Peterborough or Keene) to participate. Trainings are free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy and Keene State College.

Apr 19 (Sat) Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training, Part 2, Keene–10:00 a.m. to noon in Keene at the Keene State College Science Center (Room 126).

Apr 19 (Sat) Peterborough Vernal Pool Project Volunteer Training—Part 2, Peterborough–3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Peterborough at the Keene State College Science Center (Room 126).



April 21: Harris Center's Spring Wol's Nest Adventure Day!

Apr 21 (Mon) Spring Wol's Nest Adventure Day—Join adventurer Caitlin Houlihan for a one-day adventure in search of spring plants and animals. From looking in vernal pools to looking under logs, scanning the skies to climbing boulders, we'll see if spring has sprung at the Harris Center. **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Harris Center. \$40 for members/\$50 for non-members. Space is limited. To

register, please contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Apr 22 (Tues) Field Trip to HHP Sawmill in Henniker—HHP Inc. is a highly automated hardwood sawmill that processes 50,000 tons of hardwood per day, providing high-grade lumber for finishing, low-grade lumber for pallets, and wood chips for pulp and fuel. Join the Harris Center's Jeremy Wilson and Ross D'Elia of HHP for a guided tour of one of the most modern sawmills on the east coast. This trip is limited to the first 20 registrants. Carpool from the Harris Center at 9:30 a.m. Back by 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at masterson@harriscenter.org.

Apr 23 (Wed) Vernal Pool Hike at the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve—Every spring, small depressions in the northern forest floor come alive, filling with rain, melting 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 Brett Amy Thelen, one of the Harris Center's resident amphibian enthusiasts, for a moderately-strenuous, 1.2-mile round trip 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 the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve parking lot on Daniels Hill Road in Keene at **1:00 p.m.** Back by 3:00 p.m. Cosponsored with the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org.

Apr 24 (Thur) Bag It Film Showing—Americans use 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes – single-

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use disposable plastic bags that we mindlessly throw away. But where is “away”? Where do the bags and other plastics end up, and at what cost to wildlife and human health? *Bag It* follows “everyman” Jeb Berrier as he tries to make sense of our dependence on plastic bags. Jeb’s journey in this feature-length, award-winning documentary film starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are they made from? What happens to them after they’re discarded? When Jeb’s explorations take a personal twist, we see how our crazy-for-plastic world has finally caught up with us and what we can do about it, starting now. This must-see film is funny, informative and inspiring. Join us for an Earth Week presentation from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy, Keene State College, and the Monadnock Food Co-op. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org.
Submitted by Margaret Baker



MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

Goes to Brazil or Brazil comes to Norway Pond!

Another dynamic and very different ensemble, again from Boston’s New England Conservatory, is coming to Hancock’s Meetinghouse on **Sunday, April 6, at 4:00 p.m.**

Choro Bastardo will perform a mix of traditional Brazilian choro music, as well as original arrangements and compositions. Choro is an instrumental music style based on improvisation that grew out of the cafés of Rio de Janeiro in the 19th century. It combines African rhythms mixed with Portuguese melodies and other worldly influences.)

*Choro Bastardo*

Mixing Jelly Roll Morton and Pixinguinha, Darius Milhaud and Ernesto Nazareth, John Cage and Jacob do Bandolim, (and I must admit, I have only heard of some of these names!), Choro Bastardo will take us on a groundbreaking journey into the realm of contemporary improvisation associated with neo-folklorist practices. I, for one, am very intrigued!

Choro Bastardo will feature Henrique Eisenmann on piano, Ben Andrews on violin, Ilya Portnov on harmonica and a guest pandeiro (Brazilian hand frame drum) player.

\$15 at the door, or purchase a season ticket at <https://ruth-smith-duix.squarespace.com/seasontickets>. One hour. No intermission. Kids get in free. Great concert for teens who love music.

Submitted by Jody Simpson

The HANCOCK INN Innkeepers’ Sunday Supper

April 6th

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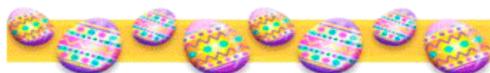


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Monadnock at Home



With the arrival of spring, many of us are motivated to clean and organize our homes, but figuring out how to organize, or just what

to do with all of that “stuff” we accumulate can be overwhelming. On **Friday, April 25, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Jaffrey Civic Center, Monadnock at Home has invited Richard and Donna Barbalato of “Bee Organized” to lead a program designed to give us tips and strategies to help us de-clutter and get organized. This program is free and open to ALL (MaH members and non-members). Let us know you will be attending **by Monday, April 21**, by calling 371.0809. Check out our website www.monadnockathome.org for more upcoming programs.

Submitted by Sandra Faber



Friends of the Hancock Town Library Membership Reminder

It's spring and time to renew your annual membership in the Friends of the Hancock Town Library. Our spring membership drive and the summer book sale are the two main fund-raisers that allow the Friends to afford financial support to our library. Your membership helps to provide adult programs, children's programs, DVDs, computer equipment and tech support, museum passes – all of this and more. If you don't receive a membership letter in the mail, you can always just stop by the library desk. It's only \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Please help keep the heart of our town beating!

Submitted by Maribeth Sullivan

What's happening at the Hancock Professional Center

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April Inspiration: *The Spirit of Easter is about Hope, Love, Joyful Living, Rebirth and God's Blessings in our lives. Happy Easter to All!*

Hancock Astrology Study Group—Monday, April 7, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., and again on Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. Birth charts are printed for

you, free upon request. Please have birth data: date, time and place of birth. Discussions this month on Spring Equinox as the Sun enters Aries, April Grand Cross, April Full Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse. Everyone is welcome. No prerequisites. All materials are supplied.

Now taking registrations for: **SomaEnergetics Phase 1 Sound Therapy Course: Energy Vitality Technique—April 5 and 6 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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Kristen Vance, Director

Thank you Larry!—We are grateful to Hancock resident and IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz for providing free tax preparation services to 60 people at The Grapevine this tax season.

10-10-10-10—The Grapevine Parent Events Committee has two goals for our **10th Annual Spring Walk for Families on May 10**: To recruit **10** groups in our community to help us reach our goal to raise **\$10,000**. What sort of groups are we looking for? Whatever sort you associate with: your exercise buddies, your book club, your basketball team, your church group, your yoga class. Walk as a group, bring a banner or wear matching t-shirts if you like, have fun with it – and stick around after the walk for a great cook out! This is The Grapevine's biggest fund-raiser and we count on your support, so please call 588.2620 or stop by to get your pledge sheets. You can also find pledge sheets on our website at www.GrapevineNH.org and in your library and town office. And then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at **9:30 a.m. on May 10** to register and walk in support of our children, families and community.

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Coming soon... Black Fly Community Art Show, Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to noon featuring multimedia art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. If you have art you would like to show please call Beth at 588.2620.

Spring Cleaning? Grapevine parents are collecting new and gently used items for the annual Learning Vine yard sale. All proceeds support the preschool and make it possible to provide scholarships. Call Carol if you have a donation.

Thinking about preschool this fall? Now is the time to visit The Learning Vine!

Our Backyard Summer Adventures – it's not too early to think about summer activities for your child. The Grapevine staff is planning now – call for more information.

- New! Overnight in the Backyard for 7- to 9-year-olds – July 17 to July 18
- Backyard Adventures for 4 ½- to 6-year-olds – two one-week sessions, July 21 to 25 and July 28 to August 1
- Backyard Science Camp for 7- to 9-year-olds – August 4 to 8

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library in Antrim and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Frankestown, Bennington and nearby towns. **Thank You Hancock for supporting The Grapevine at Town Meeting once again this year.** The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. No amount is too small—or too big! Tax deductible contributions are gratefully

accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). For more information call 588-2620.

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



Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

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Thursday April 3 at 7:00 p.m.—Truths and Myths

about Spiders—Spiders are often greatly misunderstood and the subject of many urban legends. This presentation is designed to dispel several common myths about spiders and to highlight that instead of being "creepy and dangerous," they are in fact quite fascinating, predominantly harmless, and exhibit a surprising diversity of morphology and behavior. Dr. Karen Cangialosi has been a Professor of Biology at Keene State College since 1992. Her courses include Animal Behavior, Invertebrate Zoology, Ecology and Marine Biology. In her research program, she uses spiders as a model system for addressing questions in behavioral ecology. Her recent work involves investigating the variety of environmental, genetic and developmental factors that may influence foraging strategy of spiders in the genus *Neospintharus* that are common in the forests of New Hampshire and elsewhere in New

England. She is an executive board member of the American Arachnological Society, and enjoys giving informal presentations about spiders. This program is free and open to all.

Thursday April 10 at 7:00 p.m.—The Pontine Theatre Presents —Pretty Halcyon Days: On the Beach with Ogden Nash—Ogden Nash and his family spent their summers on Little Boar's Head, in North Hampton, NH. Using examples from their original stage work, *Home is Heaven*, Pontine Theatre explores the ways in which Nash's life on the New Hampshire seashore influenced his poems, giving the reader insight into the man, his character, and his ideas about family, society and nature. These themes form a rich portrait of the poet and underscore how the intersection of literature and local history can deepen our understanding and appreciation of everyday events in our own backyard. Free and open to all thanks to a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

Thursday April 17 at 7:00 p.m.—All Under the Ell: Archaeology at Wyman Tavern in Keene, NH—Archaeologist Martha Pinello will give a slide presentation of this past year's work at the Wyman Tavern and describe plans for the 2014 summer field

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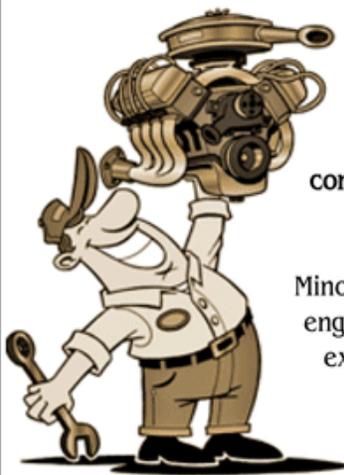
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school efforts. Archaeology work in preparation of restoration of Wyman Tavern (1762-1790) has revealed evidence of a long European occupation. Excavations in the area of the former Ell uncovered deposits and artifacts from the early 1700s to the early 1900s. Excavation and analysis are intriguing, as the site was also home to one Keene's early European families: Josiah Fisher, his wife and their infant daughter. After being a Tavern, the buildings were home to the Rev. Barstow and his family, the Adams sisters, and antique collector Clifford Sturtevant and his wife. The Tavern was transferred to the Historical Society of Cheshire County in 1968. Ms. Pinello is a Principal Investigator with Monadnock Archaeological Consulting in Stoddard, NH. Her work is primarily with historic sites museums in New England reconstructing historic landscapes and interpreting life at the sites for programs, exhibits and furnished rooms. Free and open to all.

Thursday April 24 at 7:00 p.m.–We All Start Somewhere Film Series Presents *Carbon Copy* (1981)–*Carbon Copy* tells the story of a very successful white business executive, Walter (George Segal), who comes face to face with the son he never knew he had (Oscar winner Denzel Washington in his movie debut) who is eager to be adopted. The problem is that the son is not only the result of a previous love affair but he's also African American which does not sit well with Walter's family. The

movie presents and condemns racism while poking fun at racial stereotypes. Free admission and free popcorn thanks to Friends of the Library.

Sunday April 27 at 7:00 p.m.–The Hourglass Readers Present Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*–Oscar Wilde's timeless comedy, first performed in 1895, is presented in an abbreviated reading by the Hourglass Readers. The play is chock-full of wonderful bons mots by Wilde, "I always pass on good advice, it is the only thing to do with it. It is never of any use to oneself." Don't miss this one! Catherine Behrens will direct a cast that includes Wendy Almeida, Richard Behrens, Sandy Littell, Chris McCartie, Mia Moravis, Heather Morrison, Dan Patterson, Jonathan Ray, Emma Seidler, Katrina Spenceman and Don Wilmeth. The Hourglass Readers is dedicated to performing readings of classical works in abridged versions, allowing actors and audiences to explore works not often performed. Free and open to all.

From the Children's Room
Rennie Timm, Children's Librarian

Thursdays in April at 10:30 a.m.–Laptop Storytime–Walking and talking, this babies to toddler story time is an interactive program for all pre-schoolers and their parents or care providers. We'll share books, rhymes, songs, finger play and movement. Our goal is to foster an early love of books and literacy. At the end of the program, there will be playtime for parents and caregivers to share books, puzzles, or other literacy activities with their toddler. Dress comfortably as we will be sitting on the floor in the Children's Room. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime.

Tuesday, April 1 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. –Block Party: LEGO® Fun–Join us for the afternoon and let your imagination run wild. Hands-on learning opportunity to explore how things work. LEGO® bricks are provided by the library. All ages welcome.

Saturday, April 5 from 11:00 a.m. to noon–PAWS to Read–Please welcome Toven and Mary Stefanik (his handler) to the Hancock Town Library PAWS to Read program. Email Rennie at hancockkidlib@comcast.net or sign up at the front desk. Each child will read to his or her dog



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Tuesday, April 8 from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.–Merry Music for Kids with Miss Katy– This program combines the joy of singing with action-oriented activities. Puppets and live music, with the accompaniment of the baritone ukulele, mandolin, banjo and various percussion instruments, create a fun filled show for children ages 2-6.

Thursday, April 10 from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.–Crazy Bands... Rainbow Loom Club–Create your own bracelets, rings, necklaces... go wild with bright colored glow in the dark rubber bands. Crazy-rainbow bands will be provided, just bring your imagination and expertise to share with others. If you have your own loom, please bring it, as we have a limited number to share with the group. All youth welcome.

Thursday, April 17 from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.–Movie and Popcorn for Tweens & Teens–Middle School and High School Students are invited to gather with friends, munch on popcorn and watch a movie together. Our feature presentation will be *Ender's Game* based on the book series by Orson Scott Card. Check Library facebook page for updates.

Tuesday, April 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.–PAWS to Read– Please welcome Mozart and Nancy Benda (his handler) to the Hancock Town Library PAWS to Read program. Sign up at the front desk or email Rennie at hancockkidlib@comcast.net Each child will read to their dog for 15 minutes. Parents are asked to bring his or her child to the library 10 minutes prior to the scheduled reading time. If you

are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call and let us know, so that we can notify any children on the waiting list.

Tuesday, April 29 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.–The Arts and Poetry–Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating a picture portrait of your favorite poem using tempera paints, watercolors, pen and ink, scrap paper and other reusable materials. Or write a poem - share your thoughts in words about a piece of artwork you illustrate and paint. All art materials will be provided, just bring your talent and imagination. All ages welcome.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Health



We present three safe and gentle exercise programs for adults with arthritis and others interested in a beginning level of Tai Chi movements and general principles. Each 6-week class is at the Library Daniels Room and instructed by Howard (Howie) Eng.

- (STCA) “Seated” form (Core Movements)– Start Date Wednesday, April 2, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- (TCA1-1) “Standing” Form (Section One – Part One: Core Movements)– Start Date Wednesday, April 2, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- (TCA1-2) “Standing” form (Section Two – Part One: Extended Movements)–Start Date Wednesday May 21, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. AND participant must have completed TCA1-1 program

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Submitted by Howard Eng

Blossoms Early Learning Center Opened on March 17

Blossoms, A new child care/early learning center opened on March 17, 2014, at 3 High Street, Unit B (back) in Antrim. The center is for children from 6-weeks- to 8-years-old. The center will accept state scholarship and private students.

The project has been a vision of the developers/ teacher Heidi and Rick Risman-Jones and began to take shape two years ago when they purchased an antique house on a centrally located site. The site is visible from Route 202 without the hazard of traffic, while abutting both commercial and residential zoning.

Blossoms' philosophy is to immerse your child in interesting lessons of creative movement, art, literature, sports, math, tactile and social pretend play. The teaching philosophy is derived from theorists such as Piaget and Montessori and enriched with Heidi's creative flair. Blossoms' curriculum encourages development of cognitive, physical,

emotional and social growth, encouraging positive self-esteem. The love of learning and an "I can try" attitude is needed for success throughout life. Your child's first six years are the foundation for this success. Your child's solid foundation is our mission!

Heidi Risman-Jones has a degree in dance and kinesiology from the State University of Brockport and postgraduate courses specializing in early education. She will be the lead teacher/director at the center. All staff will meet or exceed state qualifications, have background checks and be strong team members in a cooperative learning environment. Heidi is certified in CPR and First Aid, and AED.

For more information call 588.2405, write us at info@blossomsabc.com, or visit our web at www.Blossomsabc.com

Submitted by Heidi Risman-Jones

News from Fish & Game Barry Conservation Camp Now is the time to plan for summer

Sign the kids up for Barry Conservation Camp! Overnight Camp Programs for Youth Age 8-16 in Milan, N.H. Time to make some exciting summer plans for the kids. Get them outside this year with a week at Barry Conservation Camp in Milan, N.H. Registration is underway for 2014 camp programs for youth (boys and girls age 8-16) at Barry Camp. A weekly, overnight summer camp operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Barry Camp is ideal for youth who enjoy hands-on learning about outdoor skills and the environment.



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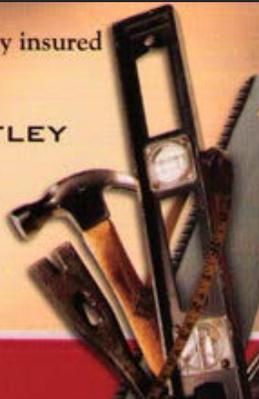


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4-H Shooting Sports: June 22 to 27, 2014. Ages 10-16. Cost: \$485. Join us for a week centered on the NH 4-H Shooting Sports program. Certified instructors will help youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, and the basic principles of hunting. Previous shooting sports experience is preferred, but not essential.

Mini-Camp: June 29 to July 2, 2014. Ages 8-12. Cost: \$295. Mini-Camp is perfect for first-time campers and younger children! This abbreviated session will include 3 nights and 4 days. Campers will enjoy our caring staff who will introduce them to many fun and exciting camp activities. Learn about nature, try your hand at crafts, explore outdoor games, sing around the campfire... this week has it all.

Fish Camp: July 6 to 11, 2014. Ages 10-16. Cost: \$485. Come along and catch the big one! Novice anglers will learn the basic skills and equipment needed to get started fishing, while campers with more experience will work on improving their fishing skills and exploring the finer details of the angling world. Campers will also hike, swim, canoe, create campfire skits and enjoy a host of other great activities.

4-H On The Wild Side: July 13 to 18, 2014. Ages 10-16. Cost: \$485. Experience the great outdoors! Create a meal from gathered plants, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts, and more. Experience a week of exciting outdoor adventures.

Hunter Education: July 20 to 25, 2014. Ages 12-16. Cost: \$485. Join N.H. Fish and Game Department Hunter Education staff, volunteer instructors and camp counselors to learn and practice safe, responsible and ethical hunting. If a camper wishes to be eligible for hunter education certification at the end of the week, then some homework must be completed prior to coming to camp.

Help Build the Barry Camp Fund: Located in the White Mountain National Forest, Barry Conservation Camp provides a close-knit community for 38 campers and 11 staff. Newly renovated cabins each house seven campers and a counselor. Public support is needed to ensure Barry Camp is here to connect future generations with the

outdoors; you can help by contributing to the Barry Camp Fund -- a campaign to ensure that Barry Camp will always be here to nurture new generations of outdoor enthusiasts and conservation-minded citizens. Details at www.wildnh.com/barrycamp.

Sponsor a camper: Although Barry Conservation Camp is competitively priced, many families find it challenging to finance a week at camp. Fortunately, there is a long camp tradition of individuals and organizations providing "camperships" to Barry Conservation 4-H Camp. To find out how you can help send a youngster to camp call, 603.788.4961 or extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource003620_Rep5173.pdf

Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's *Let's Go Fishing* Program, in partnership with Trout Unlimited, is offering several Introduction to Fly Fishing classes that are open to the public. Classes are free unless otherwise noted, and are open to anyone; however those age 16 and under are encouraged to be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to register early to reserve your space, class size is limited.

Hooksett Library April 8, 15, 22, and 29 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Register through the library at www.hooksetlibrary.org.

The fly fishing classes cover the basics of equipment, fly casting, stream ecology, knot tying, and safety; plus a field day where students head out to a local pond and put their newly learned skills to the test! The **field day (casting day)** for the classes listed above will be:

Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Lake Massabesic in Manchester. New Hampshire Fish

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and Game's *Let's Go Fishing* program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more at www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm.

The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, supported by an excise tax on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit www.fishnh.com.

From NH Fish & Games Dept Newsletters

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Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Monday & Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or by appointment;

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

Town Dump – Wednesday 3:00-7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Demolition hours: Monday 2:30-4:30 p.m., Saturday 1:30-5:00 p.m.

SELECTBOARD - *Weekly meetings through April 14, 2014. The every-2-week schedule will start on April 28, 2014. The four meetings per month schedule will resume on September 8, 2014. Starting April 14, 2014, the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday, at the Barbara Caverly Meeting Room (rear entrance) (Selectboard, March 17, 2014)*

Planning Board - On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: may hold working sessions for planning purposes. On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.: 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 Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office;

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

HEAT Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office;

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

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

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

Town Archives Committee – 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Town Office Archives Room;

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., DPW;

Dump Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., 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

Nubanusit Landing Committee – as noticed

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



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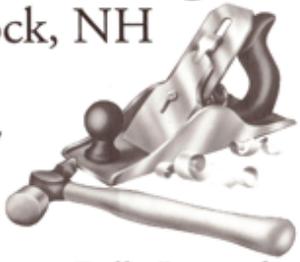
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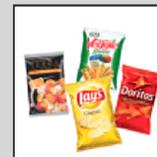
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Hancock Elementary Earth Day 2014

In honor of Earth Day, April 22 2014, the Hancock Elementary School is working at recycling some items that aren't normally recycled/upcycled. After collection, Terracycle takes these wastes and recycles or upcycles them by turning them into usable products. This year we will be accepting any of the products below at the Hancock Recycling Center throughout April.



- Colgate Toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, floss containers
- Carpi Sun and Honest Kids juice pouches
 - Gogo squeeze containers
 - Entenmann's Little Bites pouches



- Frito Lay brand bags including Lays, Ruffles, Sun Chips, Cheetos, Funyuns, Crisps, etc.
- Plastic Diaper Packaging, wipe packaging, and outer plastic packaging
 - Scotch Tape Dispensers



Please join HES as we make a difference!

Bring these products down to the bin at the Hancock Recycling Center this month!

More info can be found at www.terracycle.com/en-US/.

Submitted by D. Varga

Dump Tip of the Month

Separate your plastic recyclables (#1, #2 and #3 - #7), and steel and aluminum cans **before** you get to the recycling windows.

Hancock Roadside Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 26, 2014

Please see full details for this year's Conservation Commission Roadside Clean-up on page 6

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Norway Hill Orchard Cleanup

Saturday, April 26 - 9:00 a.m. at the stand
Rain date Sunday, April 27
For more information,
call Peg McLeod 525.4912
Submitted by Ginger Smith

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Hancock Youth Baseball Umpires needed

The Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League is looking for umpires to work home games at Hancock Moose Brook Field this season. Games start at the end of April and run through early June.

Please call Kary Shumway at 313.2322 or email recreation@hancocknh.org for more information.
Submitted by Kary Shumway

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