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News from the Selectboard

Jim Mose for the Selectboard

Azure blue skies above a backdrop of spectacular color as the leaves all change from green to red, yellow, orange and brown signals the change of season. Fall is my favorite time of year and, although it portends the recent trend of the ever earlier arrival of the long winter, I still love the crisp air and nature's colorful spectacular.

Unfortunately every other fall brings one of my less-than-favorite seasons – the election season! It can be fun, it's always a show of its own (more like a circus) and it always has the net effect of intensifying one's convictions (not altogether a bad thing). It is in this part of the process, the part that affects us all as individuals, that I humbly share this plea from one of my favorite songs. "...the world won't stop turning by the man [or woman] that's elected, when you're loved by someone you're never alone or neglected; decide what to be and go be it..." The Avett Brothers

It is in my love and caring for my family, friends and community that I find peace and happiness. They are an eclectic mix of Democrats, Republicans and Undeclared.

I've never really cared what they are, just who they are. When the Selectboard is forced (yes we are obligated by law) to work the polls with the many Hancock election volunteers, we all love seeing our friends and could not care less what their party affiliations are. It's their smiling faces we all look forward to seeing.

Respect and civility. Let's promise to share them with each other this fall. It's cool to disagree. It's not cool to be nasty, no matter how strongly we feel about something. Let's play by the rules, which for the Selectboard and Town Office are crystal clear: don't electioneer in front of the polls – if you have a sign, hold it, otherwise, lose the sign. Keep the parking clear for the folks coming and going, and respect their space and privacy. Cover your shirts and symbols in the election hall. Smile and be kind (not a rule, but should be)!

Finally, remember when it's all over in November, we're all still going to live here, still be friends and still be Hancock.

ConVal School Board

Pierce Rigrod, Hancock Representative to the ConVal School Board

Kids are back to school and the long days of summer 2014 are a fading memory. Now, for students and parents, it's the long days of fall beginning sometime around 5:00 a.m. and, some days, ending late into the evening after sports and homework.

Summer allowed some time for the School Board to establish this year's annual goals and this fall we will begin to update ConVal's Strategic Plan through a committee that will work with the School Administrative Unit to layout long-term goals and the actions needed to achieve them. This is a collaborative effort, built on data from the SAU, and it is expected to

involve the University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute to help gather public feedback during public "listening" sessions.

Over the summer the School Board established a Communications Committee that will help to get the word out about the details of the budget through a variety of means. The SAU is now preparing a budget for 2015-2016 with an eye toward keeping expenses at last year's levels. Nearly 75% of the budget falls into contractual or other fixed costs that the District is obligated to spend annually, leaving the other 25% in what is termed "discretionary." There are a number of unknowns regarding major

costs and revenues for the 2015-2016 budget that will be clarified by the first week of November. I will be visiting our Selectboard regularly to give updates to the Selectmen.

Also, the District, through the Budget and Property Committee (on which I serve) is exploring putting out a Request for Proposals for food service. There may be cost advantages to doing this and we expect an RFP to be out shortly with proposals for consideration coming to the District in October.

You can send questions, comments or concerns to my email at prigrod@conval.edu.

Hancock Fire & Rescue News

Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Recruitment Drive, 2014

We have been quite fortunate at the Hancock Fire Department – we can muster people for most calls, either in the middle of the night or at noontime, for a fire or ambulance call. Other towns around us have been experiencing a bit of difficulty getting a truck out of their station for a call, particularly during the daytime hours. However, we rely on the same members of HFD, the ones who work in town during the day.

We are treading a fine line. It won't take much before we cannot come up with a crew to deal with a fire or medical call in Hancock. It is time to recruit some new members. In the past year or so, we have taken on a few men and women as probationary members; however, they have not panned out. Not a fault of theirs, they just were young and had other plans besides living in Hancock.

What we are looking for are men and women, ages 20 through 70, who live in town and plan to stay here for the next decade or so. Our last recruitment drive was about 12 years ago. We set up a truck at the Dump with two firefighters and handed out applications. It turned out to be a huge success. We wound up with about five or six

new members, most of them are still with us. It might be time to do that again.

Think about it – we need your help to help the Town of Hancock! We don't ask much. Just think about joining HFD and we will set you up with gear and give you as much training as you want. You can work on fire calls, medical calls, or both. We need your help, so that we don't need to rely on outside departments to provide fire and rescue services. We are very easy going on new recruits. Come to a meeting and meet our crew. Just so you know, I had never even thought about being on a fire department until I was 30+ years-old. Now I run this outfit! Who would have seen that coming?

I am pleased to add that Firefighter Josh Moreen is moving back to town after seven years in the Army, including stints in Afghanistan and Germany. We hope to welcome him back to HFD, and we sincerely thank him for his service to our country.

September Raffle Winners

Sam Lessey, \$40; Gale Bennett, \$20; Hank Drury, Mark Monkton, Emily McGuinness, \$10 each.

Dump Tip of the Month

Household Hazardous Waste Collections end for the year after this month. Take advantage of this last opportunity for 2014 on the following dates:

- Saturday, October 11**
- Wednesday, October 15**
- Saturday, October 25**

Collections will resume in March, 2015

Open House

Hosted by the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Sunday, November 2, 2014
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Open House will provide an opportunity for the general public to see the completed restoration work. More details will be provided at a later date.



Seven Maples General Store will be filling LP tanks through the winter.

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FOR THE HANCOCK MARKET!

Perhaps you were fortunate enough to have a Hancock Market lobster roll on Old Home Day or Labor Day weekend. (If not, you might want to tuck the idea away for next summer!) But did you realize the teamwork behind the scene? Eddie purchased 170 pounds of lobster off the boat in Portsmouth... he and David cooked and cracked them... and Roger made the lobster salad. What a treat for Hancock!

Submitted by Judy Lister

Meetinghouse Restoration Update

Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Open House

The Meetinghouse Restoration Committee has scheduled an Open House on **Sunday, November 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The purpose of the Open House is to provide an opportunity for the general public to see the completed restoration work. More details will be provided at a later date.



Photo: Byron Niederhelman

Construction Update

Gary Ryer briefed the committee on the Meetinghouse restoration construction and renovation. It is anticipated that the majority of the work will be completed by the end of September with the

exception of the storm windows which are expected in October. The new kitchen cabinets which are being created by Woody Huntington will be installed in the near future. Nevan Cassidy is installing beadboard

paneling and trim on the interior of the lower level town meeting space. The stage has been rebuilt and is nearly finished. Interior and exterior painting is near completion, and the heating systems are now operational. The doors from the entry to the town meeting space will be replaced with new doors with glass panels which are currently on order. This will allow natural light from the back of the building to shine in the entry. The new handicap accessible bathrooms are now operational.

All work is expected to be completed in advance of our Open House.

Hancock Elementary School

Hancock Elementary School and Cornucopia Project Partnership

Amy Janoch, M. Ed., Principal



Last spring, the students from Hancock Elementary School headed to Brooks Side Farm as a part of their science program. Over the years, our goal in bringing students to the farm and working with the Cornucopia Project is to build students understanding of “where

the food in our grocery stores and on our tables comes from.” For some students, this is very clear, while others have little experience with planting and harvesting a garden. So last spring, after reading and writing about how to grow healthy vegetables, students planted tomatoes, potatoes, green beans and more.

In mid-September, students headed back to Brooks Side Farm for the second part of their instruction. The six-week fall program with the Cornucopia Project focuses on harvesting the crops that were planted in the spring. Once harvested, students will prepare delightful soups and feed the community on October 24. A particular favorite recipe is potato leek soup. After a summer of sun, rain, wind, chill and drought (not too bad this year!), students worked with Mer and Suzie digging in the gardens to find the multitude of potatoes that they planted. Unfortunately, the 4th grade students were coming up empty-handed! As 3rd graders looked for the leeks, they also came up short. The Cornucopia teacher, Suzie, posed a question – “What do you think happened that prevented the potatoes and leeks from growing?”

It is such a gift for students to have the opportunity to think about the different factors that enable a plant to thrive or fail and make potential changes for the future. Prior to heading to the gardens, the staff knew that the potato and leek crops had failed, but we also knew that this failure was an opportunity for learning. From kindergarten through 4th grade, students developed hypotheses regarding why the some vegetables did not grow as expected. They were able to compare their crop to other schools’ crops to determine differences in planting practices. They also discussed what they might do differently this coming spring in order to have a productive crop.

Questions such as “What do you think happened that prevented the potatoes from growing?” are the foundation for inquiry based learning. Student are presented with a question then asked to tap their background knowledge and conduct research in order to answer this question. These are the skills that we would like our students to develop during their time at Hancock Elementary School. Life is full of roadblocks. If we can pose a real life problem/question and teach them to find feasible answers to these questions, and offer evidence to support their answer, we will foster essential critical thinking skills.

ConVal Elementary Schools’ partnership with the Cornucopia Project has enabled teachers to present real life problems for children to think through and apply problem solving skills to find solutions. What an opportunity this partnership has presented!

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Last Call for Junior Mints!

JUNIOR MINTS rehearsals will be starting up at the end of October. We are just beginning the process of re-enrolling returning kids and will find out how many spaces we have for new members. If you have a child who is interested in joining, please contact Jody Simpson as soon as possible at 525.9303 or jhspsals@aol.com.

For more information about Junior Mints, check us out on our website: musicconnorwaypond.org

Submitted by Jody Simpson



Monadnock at Home

This summer, while seeing friends and family, I was asked what Monadnock at Home does. I told the group sitting around the table that MaH is a nonprofit organization that helps its members, who are age 62 and older, stay in their homes. I got wonderful feedback telling me what a great service that is and that someday, when they are older, they would like to be a member.

As conversations went on, people talked about their summers, not necessarily the trips they had taken (that had been covered already), but the mundane “stuff,” you know – the rain or lack thereof; how many times they had to mow their lawn; their flower gardens; the little projects that waited through the long winter that they finally accomplished; the firewood they just stacked in anticipation of the inevitable cold temperatures; and then betting on how long it will be until they have to get those storm windows out of storage, and so on, and so on.

We like to reflect back and check items off our list, and make new lists and forge on. When I reflect back on that conversation, I realize MaH is right there with our members working on that checklist. In many instances, it is those routine tasks that we assist our members with. We refer our vetted service providers for larger jobs, but many of the needs are small and can be done by our volunteers.

Increasing our volunteer base will help us better meet the needs of our members. The next time you install your

storm door or mow your lawn, just think, you could spend that small amount of time helping an MaH member in your community do the same.

To volunteer for MaH, call Cindy Bowen, Executive Director, or Sandra Faber, Member Services Coordinator, at 603.371.0809 or go to www.monadnockathome.org.

Submitted by Sandra Faber



58th Annual Hancock Ale & Quail Skeet Shoot 14-Year-Old Wins with 25 Straight

Thirty-one shooters and about 50 people braved the rain Saturday, September 13 for the 58th Annual Hancock Ale & Quail Society skeet shoot, potluck and raffle held at Elmwood. The fall event is hosted yearly at the Elmwood Junction homestead by Norma Terrill, and Rob and Heather Terrill, assisted by other relatives and friends.



The Men’s Division was won by Russell Pearson, age 14, of Framingham, MA, with a perfect score of 25 clay birds; second, Rob Terrill of Hudson and Hancock, with 23; and third, Kevin Kennedy of Peterborough and Hancock, with 22. The Women’s Division was won by Jaqueline Luckner of Concord, MA, with a score of 13; Ally Adams of Antrim with 11; and a tie for third place between Anabelle Allen of Francestown and Briana Terrill of Sutton. The Couples Division was won by Sam White and Briana Terrill of Sutton.



Photos - Top: Host Rob Terrill placed second in the mid-September competition. Bottom: Shooters await their turn as they prepare to shoot clay birds.

Submitted by Rob Terrill and Nancy Adams

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Hancock Congregational Church Church Pie Sale

The Hancock Congregational Church will be selling an assortment of delicious homemade pies, on **Saturday October 11, starting at 9:00 a.m.** and lasting until noon, unless they sell out first! We welcome donations from anyone who loves making pies. If you have any questions contact Kathy Anderson (525.4909) or Lexy Heatley (525.4132).

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

Hancock Woman's Club News Update

It's time to get together again, seeing friends and neighbors for a social afternoon. Our first meeting of 2014-2015 will be on **Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Vestry. Did you know that the Hancock Woman's Club Yearbook is available for pick up at the Library? We will also have some on hand at the meeting.



Our guest speaker will be Korey Snow from Monadnock Oil and Vinegar in Peterborough. How do you know what to look for when you buy olive oil? Korey Snow will explain how quality olive oils are grown and prepared. He will discuss the health benefits of olive oil and balsamic vinegar and, most importantly, provide

samples for us to taste. A program you won't want to miss! Each month we serve delicious refreshments after the program presentation. Ruth Bohn, Jean Harrison, and Wayan Suarni are our hostesses for October. Be sure to come and invite a friend, a new neighbor to the meeting. You don't know what you are missing!

Also, come meet our new officers (in bold) for 2014-2015:

President	Bobbie Coffin
Vice President	Karen McWhorter
Recording Secretary	Deborah Lehan
Corresponding Secretary	Marcia Schwartz
Treasurer	Peg McLeod

In other news, we will be looking for two committee replacements come next year, 2015-2016. We want to publicize this to give you plenty of time to really think of getting involved in one of these committee positions.

Polly Curran, our **Historian** for many years, has decided to step down from this position. If you would like to find out more about what she does as historian, please call her at 525.4172. She would be more than happy to tell you about her position. Attendance at the monthly board meetings are usually on the last Friday morning of the month.

Diane Loomis, **Publications**, has also served for many years and would like to give someone the opportunity to take over her position. If you have seen a copy of the Yearbook, she publishes this in August each year with the

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 or by calling 525-3391.



Calling all Jack-o-lanterns!

Do you like to carve pumpkins, but have nowhere for anyone to admire them? We invite you to share your creations on our front lawn at 38

Main Street and help light up the town on Friday, October 31. Drop off your carved pumpkin with its light (battery operated preferred) on Halloween by 5:00. The hundreds of trick-or-treaters will truly enjoy Hancock's display of pumpkins. Questions?

Contact Lexy Heatley 525.4132

help of many committee members who give her the information needed for inclusion in the yearbook. Diane uses a software program to compile all this information into the booklet. To get more detailed information about this position, please call Diane at 525.4192. Attendance at the monthly board meetings is also requested.

If either of these positions is of interest to you, please do not hesitate to inquire about them.

If you were unable to attend the May luncheon, the \$15 dues will be collected at the October meeting by Sandy Jackson.

Last but not least, we will have our Suncatchers available for purchase at our meetings. They make great gifts for any occasion at just \$10 each!

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

**Hancock Women's Guild
Guild News**

Our September meeting marked the beginning of the Guild's 75th year! We started with a pot luck supper provided by the members and an open invitation sent out to Hancock women to join us for an evening of great food, fellowship and fun. We welcomed many new faces, as well as a few we hadn't seen in a while.

Elinor Johnson presented a history of the Guild's first 50 years. Originally, the Guild held meetings in the evening so that mothers could attend with the hope that fathers would be home to mind the children. Over the years, the Guild has continued to be involved in community events and have held programs that benefitted a wide range of community members. We even entered several floats in the Hancock Old Home Day parades, often taking first prize!

At its highest membership, the Guild numbered 60 members. Stop by and visit us for our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, October 15** at the Vestry. Elinor will have an old Guild scrapbook on display for several more meetings. You might find someone you know. We always enjoy having those interested in joining the Guild stop by and attend a meeting or two. We are open to any area women, and have many members not only from Hancock, but from Bennington, Antrim, Peterborough, Swanzey and other surrounding towns.

We are going to be very busy in October. For full details on our **Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 Fall/Winter Clothing Sale**, please see the next Guild news item on page 7.

The Guild's October program will be "Antique Buttons with Dawne Hugron." Dawne and her husband Sonny are avid collectors of old buttons. They began collecting in January of 2003. It started with Dawne's grandmother's button tin, followed a year later with the addition of her Aunt Ellen's button tin and her mother's. They will be sharing their collection, as well as artwork they create using buttons.

Dawne has invited anyone who has buttons to bring them along. Maybe you want to know the value or just a little history about your items. She can also tell you about any old clothing you may have. She will be wearing protective gloves to be sure she gives your items the utmost care and respect. The program is free and is open to the public and will **start at 7:45 p.m.** in the Vestry.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr

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Winter/Fall Clothing Sale

Attention Hancock residents, families and friends! The Guild Summer Clothing Sale was such a great success (Thank you, everyone!) that we will be holding a Winter/Fall Clothing Sale on

**Friday, October 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and
Saturday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Guild members and volunteers will accept clothing donations on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, September 30** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 1** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, October 2** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The sale will be limited to gently used fall and winter clothing for children, women and men. No summer clothing will be accepted, since volunteers must have the Vestry cleaned and returned to its functioning area at the end of the last sale date, and there is no place to store or hold items as in past years. Other items that will be collected: shoes or boots in good condition, handbags, backpacks, linens and towels.

Collections will only be received on the dates listed above. Please do not leave items outside the Vestry.

On the last sale date, Saturday, October 4, there will be a \$5.00 per bag sale starting at 4:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this Guild fund-raiser go to a Scholarship Fund for Hancock graduating seniors. We are hoping for another successful sale and wish to thank everyone in advance for contributing to this event.

For further information, call Nat Cass at 525.3548, Barbara Caverly at 525.3745, Diane Streeter at 525.3361 and Linda Coughlan at 525.3768

Submitted by Linda Coughlan

Hancock Area Watercolor Group

It's not too late...

... to join us in the Hancock Area Watercolor Group in the **Vestry on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.** The cost for each class is \$2.00. The class is open to beginners as well as more experienced painters. The class generally runs from 9:30 to noon. For more information, call Sue Francis, 525.3313.

Submitted by Sue Francis



To Give Away

Jerry, a handsome male cockatiel with a tall, free-standing cage is looking for a new home. He is friendly and likes to chirp. Easy care. If interested call 525.4406 after 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Margaret Carlson



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Art Exhibit at the Library The Pulido School of Painting: Student Show



Still Life
Jean Landry

The Pulido School of Painting, under the direction of Numael and Shirley Pulido, will present an exhibition of their students' work in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Town Library from **October 4 to November 13**. A **reception** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Numael, Shirley, and their students will be present to discuss the art and answer questions.



Mia

by Dorothy Grob

Students at the school study traditional oil painting techniques for still life, portraiture and landscape, and all three categories will be represented in the show. "The level of work we are calling 'student's work' may surprise you!" says Shirley.

"The Pulido School of Painting guides students from the simplest to increasingly complex exercises to acquaint them, step-by-step, with a well-organized system for developing an oil painting, using the limited palette. All levels of experience are accepted, including professional artists wishing to develop a more classical approach."



At the shore
by Gundy Khouw

Those exhibiting their work are Peter Allen, Bill Archibald, Dorothy Grob, Beth Hedges, Jennifer Irion, Gundy Khouw, Jean Landry, Bettina Peabody, Pam Perras and Martha Walker.

Shirley and Numael have had long and illustrious careers as painters, and their work hangs in private collections, institutions, and galleries all over this country

and abroad. The Pulidos have been teaching in Hancock since 1989, where they offer weekly classes as well as workshops. They also teach in Chatham, Massachusetts.

Further details can be found at www.pulidostudio.blogspot.com.

The show can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Since the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for meetings and other events, it is always best to call the library (525.4411) to make sure the room will be available at the time of your visit.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor



BULLETIN BOARD

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

Back in the 1960s radio days, I knew a girl who thought that AM meant American music and FM meant foreign music.

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 visit www.MonadnockRollerDerby.com, or see us on www.facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby

Submitted by Jess Gerrior

Cub Scout Pack 2



Pack 2 is welcoming many new Tigers and Wolves this year, and more are welcome, as well as Bears and Webelos! Right now, we are just starting to get to know each other, and our new scouts are learning the Cub Scout Promise and motto

(Do your best).

Within the next two weeks, the scouts of Pack 2 will be putting together and painting their boats for our upcoming Raingutter Regatta! Some of us will also be camping at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp during the first weekend of October. I am hoping that weekend is very warm, but if it isn't, I plan on drinking a lot of hot cocoa or hot cider by the campfire. I know my Bear Scout is looking forward to the archery range.

This year, we are back to selling popcorn as our main fund-raiser, so don't be surprised if you see a few Cub

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Scouts outside this fall trying to entice you to buy a Boston Red Sox tin full of caramel corn!

We meet **every Monday (except holidays) at 5:30 p.m.** at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Antrim. If your first to fifth grade son would like to join us, send me an email at is jennylc@tds.net or come to a meeting to see if it is for you!

Submitted by Jenny Colby, CubMaster, Pack 2

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Harris Center online calendar: www.harriscenter.org

*Oct 2 (Thurs) First Session of ESI Course, The Story of Pollination as Told by Plants and Insects—

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Harris Center. \$40 for Harris Center members/\$60 for nonmembers. Join entomologist Jenna Spear for four mornings of exploring the coevolution of plants and insects. Through lecture, readings, and video footage, we'll look at structure, function, and behavior to discover the fascinating interconnections of this complex partnership. We'll also learn how the current pollinator crisis will impact our own lives and what's being done about it. Preregistration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Oct 3 (Fri) Easygoing Hike to Purgatory Falls—Join Lee Baker and Ollie Mutch for an easy 2.5-mile round trip hike along beautiful Purgatory Brook to scenic Purgatory Falls in Milford. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202) to carpool. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ollie at 978.386.5318, wapack@peoplepc.com or Lee at 603.525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com.

Oct 5 (Sun) A Hike on Marlow's Bald Mountain—A moderately strenuous 3.5-mile round trip hike on Bald Mountain to the Marlow Profile, with views of Mount Monadnock and several ski resorts. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Bald Mountain parking area on Route 123 (approximately 1 mile from Route 10) in Marlow. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506 or Denny Wheeler at 603.313.0350.

***Oct 7 (Tues) First Session of Wild Times – A Forts and Wilderness Survival Skills Afterschool Club—**

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Harris Center, for 2nd through 5th graders. \$40 for Harris Center members/\$60 for nonmembers. Join Caitlin Houlihan for four Tuesdays after school to design, construct and live in your very own Harris Center fort! See what kind of home you can build using logs, sticks, trees and boulders. Along the way, you'll learn wilderness survival skills, from building a fire, to making a water trap, to basic wilderness first aid and orienteering. Preregistration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Oct 8 (Wed) First Session of ESI Course, A Community of Women Dreaming of Getting (Back) Into Hiking—Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, from noon to 3:30 p.m., meeting at the Harris Center to carpool to local hiking destinations. \$40 for Harris Center members/\$60 for nonmembers. We'll hike, picnic, and renew our connection with nature on local trails in the brilliance of October light.



Participants will: become familiar with easy to moderately challenging trails in the Monadnock Region; meet a group of women who may wish to hike together outside of this course; gain confidence as hike planners; discover nature's surprises by slowing down and observing autumn with all our senses; get a strong dose of Vitamin N (Nature). New hikers and women who want a boost to get back into their hiking lives are encouraged to join. Preregistration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org. Facilitated by Janet Altobello, Harris Center School Program Coordinator and lifelong hiker.

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Oct 11 (Sat) Table Rock to Fall Mountain—A moderately strenuous, 4-mile round trip hike to Fall Mountain via Table Rock, with sweeping views of the Connecticut River Valley from Ascutney south to Westminster. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Shaw’s parking lot on Route 12 in Walpole to carpool. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506 or Brian Bishoff at 603.899.5770, bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.

Oct 12 (Sun) Birding the Pumpelly Trail—A strenuous, 3-mile round trip hike partway up Mount Monadnock to Pumpelly Ridge to see migratory hawks, eagles and falcons. Bring water, lunch, and binoculars, and meet at 9 a.m. at Tom Warren's house (19 Pumpelly Lane, Dublin). Back by 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Warren, at twassociates@myfairpoint.net.

***Oct 16 (Thurs) Beavers: Nuisance or Ecosystem Engineers?**—Beaver dams can flood roads and houses, and beavers kill trees... but they also provide us with essential services such as storage of flood water, nutrient control and habitat for many other organisms. Join us for a talk by river ecologist Dr. Denise Burchsted, who will describe the impacts (“good,” “bad” and “somewhere in between”) of beaver dams on river systems – including findings from some of her recent research on Harris Center lands and waters. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org.

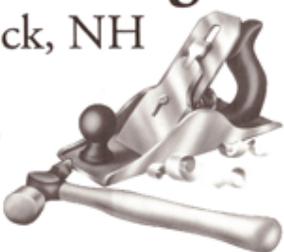
Oct 18 (Sat) Hiking Otter Brook Preserve—A moderately strenuous 5-mile hike to Bolster Pond via Warren Hill, and returning by Ellis Reservoir. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Preserve parking area on Boulder Road in Sullivan. (From Route 9, turn north over the Centre Street bridge, then right onto Valley Road. Continue 2 miles to a right fork onto Boulder Road. The Otter Brook Preserve parking lot is about 1/4

mile up Boulder Road, on the right.) Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact trip leaders Roger and Ann Sweet at 603.847.3465 or rogerandannsweet@gmail.com. Cosponsored with the Nature Conservancy.

***Oct 19 (Sun) Harris Center Annual Meeting**—Save the date! Join fellow Harris Center supporters and staff for our Annual Meeting. The program will feature a brief business meeting, highlights from the past year, special recognitions, plus stories told by our very own Susie. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. RSVP at 603.525.3394 or jacobs@harriscenter.org.

Oct 21 (Tues) First Session of ESI Course, A Select History of Agriculture in the Monadnock Region—Tuesdays, October 21 and 28, and November 4 and 18, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture in Peterborough. \$40 for Harris Center or Monadnock Center members/\$60 for nonmembers. Join the Harris Center and the Monadnock Center for History and Culture on four Tuesday mornings to hear local experts explore different aspects of the Monadnock Region’s agricultural history. Archaeologist Dr. Bob Goodby will kick off the series with an overview of how native cultures in New England farmed the land. Local historian Eric Aldrich will look at the role of hilltop farms in this region. Bruce Clement from Walpole will present on the sheep boom and how it shaped the landscape and rural culture of this area in the 19th century. Author and gardening expert Roger Swain will conclude the series with an exploration of the unique history of cultivated blueberries in the Monadnock Region. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Center for History and Culture. Preregistration required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefevre@harriscenter.org.

***Oct 23 (Thurs) The Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916**—A century ago, conservationists faced a crisis — the birds of America were under assault! In this illustrated talk,

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birder and historian Kurk Dorsey will explain the origins of a law that is still saving our birds after nearly 100 years. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at spikol@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the Hancock Town Library.

***Oct 25 (Sat) Pellet Stoves: Get the Heat on These Heaters!**—Join Ken MacDonald (author of The Pellet Stove Almanack: Home Heating Joins the 21st Century) and Mark Froling (Founder and President of Froling Energy) to learn about the environmental, economic, and personal benefits of wood pellet stoves and boiler systems in home and municipal buildings. The program includes a tour of the Harris Center’s new pellet boiler system and an opportunity to purchase Ken’s book. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at spikol@harriscenter.org.
Submitted by Margaret Baker



Community Supper

Join the Hancock Democrats on **Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Vestry as they host this month’s Community Supper. Come on over!

The Community Supper Committee would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the vendors of the Hancock Farmers Market. In June, July, August and September, they held a 50/50 Raffle and those proceeds have been donated to the Community Suppers. How lucky are we! We completely run on donations and have had several big expenditure months recently, so perfect timing!

Our thanks to Pat Newcomb, Art Hixson, Merrilyn Weston Patch, Sarah Pollock, Roslyn Reed, Jan Buonanno, Shannon LaFave, Leeni Gravlin-Dunn, Sue Beers, Linda Dube, Brian Murphy, Marilyn Chamberlain and Sue Henly.
Submitted by Donna Coty



You are invited to attend our annual Harvest Dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m.** at Robinwood Barn in Dublin.

We will be honoring May Clark, retiring Principal of Dublin Consolidated School and a long time champion of ‘edible education.’ Our sumptuous organic feast will be

prepared by local celebrity chef Aylmer Given, using garden vegetables and locally sourced meat.

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The ticket price is \$95 per person. Only 100 tickets are available, so register early! To register and for information, visit us at <http://cornucopiaproject.org/>.
Submitted by The Cornucopia Project



Kristen Vance, Director

Now taking donations for our holiday online auction!
—We have some really exciting donations so far — an overnight stay at Upland Farms B&B; lessons on making pasta for four, complete with dinner and wine; gift certificates to many of our fine local businesses; local crafts and handmade items; door-to-door catering; cookie



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Better Beginnings for your child—Better Beginnings parent-child programs for toddlers and preschool-age children and Better Beginnings for Babies have room for your child, so come play and learn! This is a great way for your child to meet other children and develop the social skills that form the foundation of learning, all while having fun under the guidance of our caring and experienced staff. It’s also a great way for parents to meet other parents and discuss child development, and the day-to-day joys and challenges of raising children in a supportive group with our experienced parenting educator. Each session meets one morning a week during the school year. Call 588.2620 for more information.

Coffee House Open Mic—Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.—Heard it through The Grapevine Music Series presents a coffee house Open Mic with featured artist The Ajar Project at Avenue A Teen Center, 42 Main Street. Visit the Heard it Facebook page for more on these and upcoming open mics, always on the first Thursday of the month. Parker House Coffee, Fiddleheads and Houghton Farms provide delicious refreshments. Although this takes place at the Teen Center, it is NOT a teen event. Teen musicians are encouraged, however, and will get to play first so they can get home for a good night’s sleep.

The People’s Service Exchange—The PSE is a Time Banking Project of The Grapevine, where members get the help they need and share their skills with others.

Examples of services exchanged: help moving, help with firewood, Reiki, tutoring, sewing, massage, financial consulting and light maintenance. It’s easy to join! For more information, contact Nancy O'Brien at 588.2620 or peopleserviceexchange@tds.net, or visit www.pse-nh.org.

Are you 60 or older and looking for a local, affordable, friendly way to maintain and increase your strength, balance and independence? Call us at 588.2620 about Senior Exercise on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30.

Services Available at The Grapevine...

- Assistance with applications for food stamps and other State assistance
- Community Wood Bank—Opens November 1 – call if you need wood, have wood to donate, or can help cut and split
- Child and family counseling through Monadnock Family Services
- Information and assisted referral for resources to meet basic needs such as housing, home heating, food and prescriptions

The Grapevine is a nonprofit family and community resource center serving the residents of Antrim, Hancock, and nearby towns. For more information call 588.2620. We gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440.

What’s happening at the Hancock Professional Center
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“Time goes by so fast, people go in and out of your life. Never miss an opportunity to tell people how much they mean to you.” Unknown

Sunday, September 28, 11:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m. –Wilton StarCatchers Study Group –Topic: Libra New Moon. Bring your notebooks. After study, we will have snacks and an Autumn Equinox celebration. Contact Jeanne Larssen at 603.654.3300

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Psychic Sunday—October 19, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Life Path Energy Healing Center, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH. Register with Jeanne Larssen at 603.654.3300 for angel card readings, psychic readings and astrology readings.

Sunday, October 26, from 11:0 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Wilton StarCatchers Astrology Study Group meets at Life Path Energy Healing Center, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH. Bring your notebooks. Notebooks will be available for newcomers. Discussion topic: Scorpio New Moon. We always celebrate afterwards with snacks and a birthday cake.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 1, 2014—Annual Grand Monadnock Healing Arts Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm Street, Peterborough, NH. Please attend free event and help raise funds for the Peterborough Food Pantry! This event features eight free workshops, diverse exhibits, practitioners, crafts and jewelry.

Submitted by Arlene Smith



**Hancock
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On **Saturday, October 4, 2014**, the raffle will benefit the Community Suppers. No entertainment is scheduled. The last market day of the season is October 11. We will have complimentary donut holes and cider for all.

Submitted by Susan Beers

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Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Monday September 29 at 7:00 p.m.— Author Castle Freeman—Castle Freeman is the author of six novels, fifty short stories and, as he writes, “rather more” than a hundred essays and other nonfiction. His writing is funny, poignant and spot on about rural northern New England. Here’s what the critics say about Mr. Freeman’s writing: “Freeman’s beautifully cadenced dialogue is rich with humor, philosophic depth and a near-mythic sensibility.”—Publisher’s Weekly. And this, from Kirkus, “*Go With Me* is a small masterpiece of black comedy and suspense about a trio of backwoods heroes who embark upon a modern-day quest... If all novels were this good, Americans would read more.” Free and open to all.

Thursday October 2 at 7:00 p.m.—The Hourglass Readers Present Sherlock Holmes—The Hourglass Readers will present a reading of *Sherlock Holmes* by William Gillette. Catherine Behrens will direct a cast that includes Richard Behrens, Mark DiPietro, Peter Eisenstadter, Helmut Heidl, Jenny Holan, Carrie Kidd, Damien Licata, Carolyn Norback, Dan Patterson, Chris Pratt, Jonathan Ray, Madeleine Sepe, and Bert Torsey. The Hourglass Readers is dedicated to performing readings of classical works in abridged versions, allowing actors and audiences to explore works not often performed. All performances are free and open to the public. The Hourglass Readers is a performing partner with The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company of Keene.

Monday October 6 at 7:00 p.m.—Peter Toumanoff: A Family Perspective of 1917-1921—Peter Toumanoff brings us “A Family Perspective of 1917-1921.” It is the

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story of his grandparents' activities during World War I, the Russian Revolution and Civil War. Dr. Toumanoff includes pictures, maps, and historical documentation in his talk, based on his grandparents' memoirs. The Hancock context is that Prince Irakly and Princess Sophia Toumanoff immigrated to the United States from Russia and bought the turkey and pheasant farm on Weston Road in 1929. Interestingly enough, their experiences include a lot of places in the news: Ukraine, including Kiev, Crimea, Odessa, Mariupol, as well as Minsk in present Belarus, Sochi in Russia, the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Armenia, and Turkey and Iran.

Dr. Toumanoff has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Washington and is deeply interested in all things Russian – Language, Literature, History, Food, and especially People. He is also an avid racer of sailboats and, when between injuries, a competitive swimmer. He shares his love of the water with his Golden and Labrador Retrievers. Free and open to all. Don't miss this fascinating program where the history of the Russian Revolution meets the history of Hancock, NH!

Tuesday October 7 at 7:00 p.m.–Sydney Williams: *One Man's Family – Growing up in Peterborough & Other Stories*—These essays—or as Sydney Williams calls them, “musings”—are evocative of a time and a place—of growing up in a New Hampshire village in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Sydney Williams was the second of nine

children whose parents were sculptors and who was raised on a small farm, with horses, goats and chickens—an unconventional life in an unconventional place, but during a conventional time. You'll read about the Shetland pony that joined the family's Christmas celebrations; about impromptu days taken off from school to ski; about starting a rubber toy business; about learning the value of charity from an older sister's founding of a circus and the value of compassion from a younger brother's struggle with disabilities.

Throughout the book, Williams ties his personal experiences to events in the wider world—his father's return from war on V-J Day; a neighbor's reaction to the ban on school prayer; the significance of Memorial Day celebrations to different generations—and to the events of his later life, including deaths, births, marital stresses, and school and family reunions. Williams left Peterborough in 1956 to go off to school, yet his bonds to Peterborough persist. His brother Willard owns and manages the Toadstool. Besides Willard, three sisters—Betsy, Charlotte and Jenny—live nearby. Sydney lives with his wife Caroline in Old Lyme Connecticut. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 9 at 7:00 p.m.–Poet Paul Hostovsky—Don't miss this chance to hear one of New England's best poets read from his work. Paul Hostovsky's poems are “funny and wise, playful and sad, carnal and spiritual, locker-room casual and master-class artful.” Come into the library and check out some of his books – we've got quite a few! Paul's poems have been featured on *Poetry Daily*, *Verse Daily*, *The Writer's Almanac*, and *Best of the Net*. He has been published in *Carolina Quarterly*, *Shenandoah*, *New Delta Review*, *Bellevue Literary Review*, *Atlanta Review*, *Poetry East*, *The Sun*, and many other journals and anthologies.



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Wednesday October 15 at 7:00 p.m.—The Highest and the Hardest with Hank Huber—Backpacker Magazine rates the *Cactus to the Clouds* unmaintained trail as California's hardest day hike and 5th hardest in the lower 48 states. It starts near downtown Palm Springs at the desert floor and climbs 18 miles to the snowy crown of Mt. San Jacinto at 10,834' elevation. Join Hank Huber as the route ascends through multiple climate zones to the boulder-strewn summit.

Not far from the C2C hike is Mt Whitney in the high Sierras, at 14,500' elevation, the highest mountain in the lower 48 states. The 3 day technical late winter climb starts at 8,360' and employs rope travel, ice axes and full crampons ascending through spectacular alpine terrain. Hank Huber hikes throughout the U.S. and is a maintenance and rescue park volunteer at his local favorite, Mt. Monadnock. He has hiked in Europe, has trekked the classic Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru and climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 16 at 7:00 p.m.—Author Paul Hertneky—Writer Paul Hertneky noticed one day that the art photography he'd done as a hobby was consistently composed around negative focal points, a dark element sunk within the frame—a stain, a shadow, a passageway, a black-clad widow. Soon after, he recognized the same, unconscious attraction in his essays and stories. He guesses that we're drawn to the shadows, especially when surrounded by light, and the dark spaces serve portals through which curiosity and imagination can enter. His stories and essays invite readers into shady corners of sunny islands, the dank basements of cheery

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households, and the imploring stares of helpless animals.

Paul Hertneky has been a freelance writer and journalist for 25 years. In addition to writing prize-winning travel stories, his coverage of the food world has twice won nominations for James Beard awards. He is now working on a book set in Greece, chronicling his arrest by the gods of Olympus. He lives in Hancock with his wife, Robbie. Free and open to all.

Wednesday October 22 at 7:00 p.m.—The Hidden Sky Star Party at the Christmas Tree Farm on Norway Hill—(Rain/cloudy date is Sunday October 26 at 7:00 p.m.)—Everyone knows the night sky is filled with stars, along with the moon and the planets, but there's so much more to see! Join Scott McCartney at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday October 22nd on Norway Hill as we explore the hidden wonders of the sky through a telescope. We'll look for double stars, galaxies, and the moons of Jupiter! Dress warmly. Carpool if you can! Call the library at 525.4411 if you have questions about weather conditions. We'll leave a new message on the answering machine if we are postponing to October 26. Free and open to all!

Thursday October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harris Center—Of Mallards and Men: Woodrow Wilson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and The Migratory Bird Treaty—A century ago, conservationists faced a crisis--the birds of America were under assault! They rallied behind a series of laws designed to protect birds from hunting, but each was defeated. Finally, they turned to diplomacy and negotiated a treaty with Canada to protect birds in North

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America. With support from famous leaders like Woodrow Wilson and Oliver Wendell Holmes, conservationists won the day and preserved the nation's birds.

In this illustrated talk, birder and historian Kurk Dorsey will explain the origins of a law that is still saving our birds after nearly a century. Kurk Dorsey, a native of Cincinnati, received his Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 1994. He has taught at UNH since then. He lives in Durham with his wife, Professor Molly Dorsey, and their two sons. Free and open to all. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Environmental Education.

Thursday October 30 at 7:00 p.m.–Film: *The Endangered Giant Sable Antelope* –From 1968 to 1970 Runi and Dick Estes studied the sable antelope, starting in Kenya and visiting subspecies and populations from Kenya to Namibia, followed by a year in central Angola observing the endangered giant sable. This was the first study attempted during the rainy as well as the dry season. At that time, there were an estimated 1000-2000 giant sable in the two reserves set aside for Angola's totem animal. Dick has continued to be involved in its conservation since then, including visits to Angola in 1982 and several times since 2001, most recently in 2011. Angola's parks and reserves were unprotected during the civil war that began in 1975 and continued to 2004.

Occupation by Government and Savimbi armies, postwar poaching and prospecting for diamonds in the two giant sable reserves have reduced the sable populations to apparently less than 200. The Portuguese-Angolan Pedro Vas Pinto, who undertook to save the giant sable, managed to gain funding from Government and Anglo-American oil companies to establish a large fenced enclosure inside the smaller reserve, capture by helicopter the nine surviving females there, and then airlift a bull from the other reserve, to restart breeding.

The film produced by an Angolan cinematographer is all about this extraordinary conservation effort. Dr. Estes is a well-known authority on the behavioral ecology of African mammals. An Associate of the Harvard Museum of Natural History and Research Associate of the Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center, he is also a member and former chairman of the World Conservation Union's Antelope Specialists' Group. Free and open to all.

From the Children's Room

Rennie Timm, Children's Librarian

First Wednesday of the month (new day)– October 1 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.–Block Party: Lego® –Join us for a hands-on learning opportunity for children to explore how things work. LEGO® bricks are provided by the library. No registration required, feel free to drop in anytime. All ages welcome.

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.: October 2, 16, 23 and 30–Laptop Toddler Storytime–Walking and talking, this 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, October 14 at 3:15 – 4 p.m.–Arts and Crafts–Creative fun crafts for all ages to make and take. Enjoy a snack and embrace the spirit of



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Thursday, October 16 at 3:30 p.m.–READ-A-THON featuring Libri Foundation Grant Books–Check it out, AWARD WINNING board books, picture books, easy readers, chapter books, fiction and non-fiction, books for all ages. How many new library books can you read in a half hour? Tell us which books are your favorite and would recommend to others as a GOOD READ. Cookies, juice and apples available for all participants. Parents of toddlers are encouraged to come and read aloud to their children. Fabulous selection of new picture books to explore.

Saturday, October 25 at 11:00 am–PAWS to READ–Bring a book and your willingness to sit and share a story with Toven, a Great Pyrénées. Sign up at the front desk or email Rennie at hancockkidlib@comcast.net Children will read to Toven for 15 minutes. Parents are asked to bring their 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. This is a great way to increase reading skills in a loving, non-judgmental and nurturing environment.

Thursday, October 30 at 2:30-4 p.m.–Halloween Activities to be announced. For details, see our blog. www.hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com/



Circle of Strength Military Support Group

The Circle of Strength Military Support Group's next meeting will be **Saturday, October 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Monadnock Community Hospital's Bond Wellness Center conference room. We will be discussing care package for the active troops, Wounded Warriors and the children of fallen heroes from New Hampshire with the Survivor Outreach Services. If anyone has a current APO or FPO address for a troop, please let us know. My email is

ellsworthsusan@gmail.com. If anyone would like to join our group, please email me. We will be posting lists of needed items for care packages in October at local businesses and churches. Thank you for your help in making the holidays happier for our troops and our heroes' children!

Submitted by Susan Ellsworth

News from Fish & Game

Beyond BOW

Navigating in the Outdoors Workshop

“Beyond BOW” courses expand the offerings of the traditional Becoming an Outdoors-Woman fall and winter workshops. These in-depth courses are designed to give women the skills to do the outdoor activity on their own. It also gives participants a chance to network with other women who are interested in outdoor activities.

Register to learn how to find your way in the wilderness at a one-day “Beyond BOW” workshop for women, Navigating in the Outdoors, on **Saturday, October 25, 2014**, at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H.

Workshop participants will learn how to use a compass, read a topographical map and use them together to find their way in the woods. The workshop will also provide an introduction to a simple hand-held GPS unit. You'll get a chance to compare the two methods on a moderate woods course. The session will be led by Hunter Education and BOW Map and Compass instructors Randy Curtis, Al and Lorri Menard, Jennifer Caitlin and Monica Marcotte.

A brochure and mail-in registration form are available at www.nhbow.com. The cost of the class is \$55, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and use of equipment. Participation is first-come, first-served. Women must be 18 years of age or older to take part.

New Hampshire's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman programs are co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (www.WildNH.com) and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (www.nhwhf.org).

From New Hampshire Fish & Game Newsletter

Raise Funds for Your School or Club New Hampshire Wildlife Calendar

If you need a fall fund-raiser for your school, club or community group, try selling the 2015 New Hampshire Wildlife calendar. This fund-raiser offers local groups a great profit margin, and there's no risk, because calendars are paid for when the order is taken. Sales benefit your group (your organization makes \$4.95 on each calendar sold; it retails for \$9.95) - and support the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's work conserving wildlife and wild places. Win-win!

Each year, some 50 local groups participate in Fish and Game's calendar fundraiser, including schools, scouts, fish and game clubs, environmental organizations, equestrian and sports teams, school bands, preschools and churches.

The NH Wildlife calendar is a locally made product that inspires everyone to get outdoors. Each month features professional photographs of native New England wildlife. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy having the New Hampshire hunting, fishing and snowmobile season dates. The 2015 calendar also celebrates the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's 150th anniversary.

Ready to get started? You may wish to download a calendar sales kit for your group today at www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar_fundraiser.html or call 603.271.6355 to request a group sales kit by mail or email. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit www.wildnh.com.
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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. to 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 and Demolition Hours - Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Selectboard - First three Mondays at 4:00 p.m.; fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room

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 4:30 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.

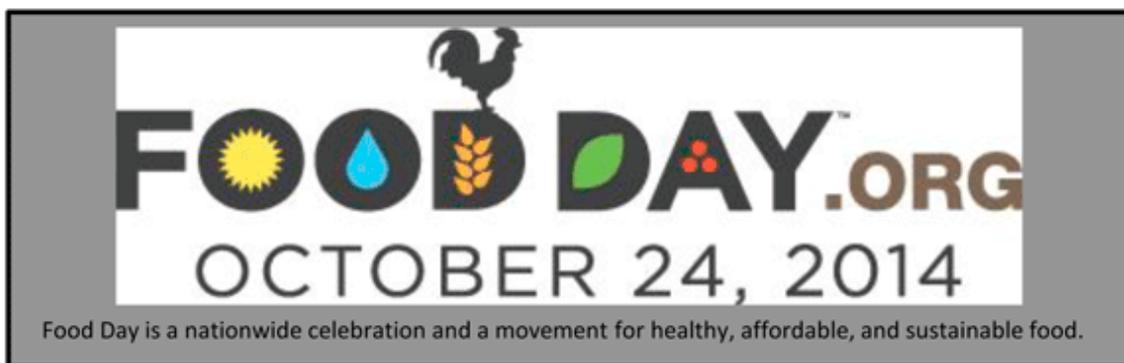
Meetinghouse Restoration Committee - as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



Publishing Information

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The Hancock Community is invited
to join the families of
Hancock Elementary School
to celebrate
Food Day
with a special **Harvest Dinner**

Friday, October 24
5:30pm – 7:00pm
HES Multi-Purpose Room

Dinner will be prepared and served by the HES students
with help from their families and special guest chef Kin Schilling,
using the students' harvest from Hancock's Brooks' Side Garden
as well as contributions from other local farms.



On the menu:
A Selection of Soups
Breads (including gluten-free)
Dessert
Beverage



No charge, but please bring your own bowl, spoon and napkin!


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The **HANCOCK INN**
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October 5th
 Roasted Butternut Squash & Apple Salad
 with honey & almonds
 Nut Crusted Chicken Breast with
 stuffing & cranberry glaze
 Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

October 12th
 Fried Pickles
 Vegetable Pot Pie
 Spice Cake

October 19th
 Minestrone Soup
 Baked Stuffed Haddock with
 green beans almondine
 Pumpkin Pie

Sunday Supper \$16.50 per person
 Excludes tax, gratuity & beverage
 Reservations Encouraged

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