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Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Update

Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Almost done! The floors are being refinished in the old town hall. The interior painting is getting some final touches, and the wheelchair ramp for easy access to the old town hall is ready for use. The fire escape has been reinforced and received a new coat of paint. New doors between the entry foyer and the old town hall are arriving soon and will be hung in the next week

or two. The new storm windows are being installed now and the kitchen cabinets will be installed soon. The expanded stage is completed and ready for performances.

As of the beginning of October, almost 170 contributors, plus four local foundations, have donated and pledged a total of \$301,997. The

Hancock Improvement Association is in the process of granting these tax-deductible funds, as they are received, over to the Town of Hancock.

This process will continue through 2016. The monies raised will be applied to reduce Hancock taxpayers' property tax bills in support of this important community asset.



Photo credit: Byron Niederhelman

JOIN US!
MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION
★ OPEN HOUSE ★
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 2-4 PM

SEE THE COMPLETED RESTORATION OF THE MEETINGHOUSE
SEE THE NEWLY RESTORED OLD TOWN HALL AND STAGE
SEE THE NEW "LIFT" FOR EASY WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO THE SANCTUARY
TALK WITH RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT THE DETAILS

See the 21st century improvements in safety, heating, lighting, and accessibility. Talk with committee members about how the improvements were made while protecting and restoring the original historic beauty of Hancock's Meetinghouse for generations to come.

Refreshments will be served.

Hancock Fire & Rescue News

Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Heating Season is Upon Us!

Here it is, early November, and, by the time you read this, the political ads and phone calls should be ending. At least for a year or so, until the 2016 presidential candidates will be showing up here. God help us!

Anyway, this column is supposed to be about fire stuff. It is now the heating season. If you heat your house strictly with oil or propane, make sure that you have a qualified technician check out your heating system each fall. Oil burners need new jets, and all systems need to be cleaned and new filters installed.

If you burn wood or wood pellets to heat your house, you need to make sure everything is ready for the winter. Wood stoves need to be cleaned out, and the stovepipe and chimney inspected and cleaned. Even pellet stoves need an annual cleaning – they have lots of fans, and nooks and crannies that can load up with soot or dust. This can prevent them from working efficiently or worse, make them a fire hazard. Check your stovepipes! They can look fine to you, but flue gasses can erode those pipes from the inside, making them extremely brittle. Poke around your stovepipes. Squeeze and twist them to make sure they are still sound. If there is any question, it is time to replace them. Go up to Edmund's Hardware or Belletetes and get new pipes. Even flue gasses from pellet stoves can eat up stovepipe.

Now you need to check your chimney. If you have a clean-out door in the cellar, you may be able to put a mirror in it and look up the flue. If you have a clear view of the sky and see no creosote build up on the flue tiles, you are in good shape. (This is assuming you do this in the daytime.) Your particular chimney may have a cover over the top or a few bends in it that will prevent you from seeing daylight. Play it safe and get your chimney inspected and cleaned if it needs it.

If you are running a wood stove, only burn clean and dry wood. Green wood does not give off enough heat and can cause creosote to build up rapidly. Creosote in your chimney is what causes a chimney fire. If you ever hear what sounds like a jet airplane inside your chimney, you are probably experiencing a chimney fire. Please do not hesitate to call us at 911 if this happens. We can work from the top and the bottom of your chimney to put out the fire and prevent further damage.

Keep any combustibles well away from a wood or pellet stove. Be careful about drying clothes, gloves, etc. above or near a wood stove. Keep young kids and pets shielded from these stoves. Stay warm safely this winter!

We had two calls in two days last month for femur fractures. Your femur is the biggest bone in your body. It's the one that runs from your hip to your knee. A femur fracture is a very

serious issue. Both of our patients had shattered that bone – multiple breaks, and open breaks (i.e., bone sticking through the skin). The second call was for a Frankestown man who fell off the Mill Pond dam out at Willard Pond. He landed in Moose Brook, which thankfully is quite narrow at that point. Hancock Fire personnel, along with Hancock PD and Antrim PD officers, secured him into a Stokes basket and lugged him out to the road. Thankfully, it was less than a quarter of a mile, but it was over very steep and rugged terrain. I am grateful to everyone who helped out on this carry out – it made all the training we do pay off. He is now at UMass Medical Center in Worcester and faces about 3 months of recovery, but he will be up and about after that.

One other note on this last call: people on scene at Willard Pond wanted to call for help, but saw that they had no reception bars on their cell phones. They ran to the parking lot to try to get better service. **You should know that your cell phones are set up so that if you dial 911, you will get service.** There are secret codes built into all cell phones, and cell phone providers, that will enable a 911 call to go through, regardless of where you are. You should know that in case your husband topples off a dam and busts his leg out in the puckerbrush.

October Raffle Winners

Barbara Paro, \$40; Char Forsten, \$20; Fletcher Wilson, Marci Selig Smoger, William Owen, \$10 each

*Hill Top Farm
Norway Hill
Hancock, NH
525-6616*

*We will be open for business
Saturdays and Sundays
starting on Saturday, November 29th
9:00 a.m. to Dusk*

*All trees are fresh cut
from New Hampshire*

*Come see Santa!
Saturday, December 13th
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

*We will have goodies in the cabin for
sale, along with the Boy Scout wreaths.*

Jeff and Mary

*Clip and Save***Emergency Management***Clip and Save**Jon GrosJean, Director, Hancock Emergency Management*

Ready NH at www.readynh.gov/resources/index.htm has some good recommendations for preparing for most emergencies. There are different recommendations depending on whether you plan to stay at home, or leave and go to a shelter.

If you plan to stay at home

- 3 day supply of drinking water for each family member: 3 gallons each
 - dry and canned foods (supermarkets can run out of food in 24 hours)
 - fruits and vegetables and meat and a manual can opener
 - juice and canned milk
 - fruit, nuts, crackers, cereal bars
 - baby food and formula
- pet food
- flashlights and batteries
- phone which does not need external power and/or cell phone and car charger or solar charger
- battery powered radio and batteries
- soap, toilet paper
- hand sanitizer
- first aid kit
 - bandages, gauze, rubbing alcohol
 - medical gloves
 - pain reliever and fever reducer
- sufficient supply of prescription medicines

- pail for water to flush toilets: any available water can be used
- fuel for heating if temperatures are low
- get fuel tanks filled at least 72 hours before a storm is expected.

If you plan to leave

- change of clothes and toiletry articles
- extra keys and flashlights
- first aid supplies
- prescription medicines
- glasses
- cash and credit cards
- important documents such as ID cards, bank and medical information, insurance policies (one recommendation is to scan all documents and store them on a cloud drive like Google Drive)
- cell phone with charger
- pet supplies and a leash or kennel
- activities for children
- sleeping bags
- possibly a portable computer or tablet in case Internet access is available
 - don't forget the chargers

The Red Cross has a *Safe and Well* website and a form available so you can register so others can check on your well-being and you can check on others.
<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Frequently Asked Questions about Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68)

For a four-page FAQ brochure, go to this link: www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/faq-enterovirus.pdf
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

If you have not sent in your Meetinghouse Restoration Project donation for 2014 as shown on your pledge form, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

**Mail to: The Hancock Improvement Association, Inc.
 P.O. Box 112, Hancock, NH 03449**

**Town Offices will be closed
 Tuesday, November 11, 2014
 Veterans Day**

**Thursday, November 27, 2014
 Thanksgiving**

**Town Clerk Office for car
 registrations will be closed
 Wednesday, December 24, 2014
 Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2014
 New Year's Eve**

November 4 Election Information

Richard Haskins, Hancock, Town Moderator

Tuesday, November 4 is a State General Election. The polling station for the Town of Hancock is the "Barbara Caverly" room in the Town Office building at 50 Main Street. Parking and public access to this room are at the rear of the building. The polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There are designated handicap parking areas close to this entrance.

In recent large elections, I have asked for you to abide by and extend a number of courtesies on this day. I do so once again for this election day.

First, please limit your parking of vehicles in the area behind the town building to a maximum of one hour during the period when the polls are open. We are expecting a large volume of traffic from people coming to vote on Tuesday. We need to keep this area available for all coming to vote. I have met with the Selectboard and have asked them to take the appropriate measures to make this request enforceable. I ask that all people coming to work in the polling area or those coming to support their

candidates to park in the lot in front of the town building. Do, remember there is additional parking at the town beach.

It is a voters right to have a clear and unhindered access to our polling area. To enable such a clear access, there will be a designated electioneering area. This electioneering area is for all the supporters of the various candidates to stand, hold their signs and be available to share their enthusiasm.

The next courtesy that I ask is people coming to support their candidates, remain in the designated electioneering area. If a voter wishes to interact with you that is their choice. But a voter's safe and clear access to our polling area is most important.

I also must ask that all pets remain at home. Despite my love of dogs, not everyone is comfortable with our fuzzy friends. Even a leashed, friendly, tail wagging dog in the parking area can be very disturbing to some people. Please leave our four-

legged friends at home.

A new courtesy that I am asking is people refrain from placing freestanding political signs in the designated electioneering area. Handheld signs are acceptable, as we can see who is responsible – the person holding the sign. The freestanding signs (those that get pushed into the ground) are no longer welcome.

The last courtesies that I ask of you are that you help us process you through the check-in and checkout desks. You can do this by clearly announcing your name when it is your turn at the desks. Please also have your photo ID available for the check-in ballot clerks to review.

Thank you for your attention and courtesies.

One last note: on TV or on the radio, you may hear of different poll times for various city precincts. Our poll hours are set at 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing all of our neighbors.

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Hancock, NH

Calling all Jack-o-lanterns! See page 17

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Art Exhibit at the Library From Classical Realism to the Abstract Representational Style



by Gundy Khouw

“Wonderful!” “Gorgeous and inspiring.” “Fabulous!” These are just a few of the comments people have written about the current exhibit in the Daniels Room — “The Pulido School of Painting: Student Show.” Last month, the Pulidos and their students hosted a well-attended reception, where they discussed the paintings and

answered viewers’ questions. Ranging from still life, portraiture, and landscape, the artists’ works can be viewed **until November 13**, so don’t miss seeing this fine collection of classical realism.



by Beth Hedges

Since 1989, Numael and Shirley Pulido have been introducing their students — many of whom are now recognized artists — to the principles of classical painting. Weekly classes and intensive workshops for beginners as well as advanced painters are held at the

Pulidos’ Hancock studio. For further details, please visit www.pulidostudio.blogspot.com or call 603.525.4668.

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Field of Heather
by Janet Hymowitz

3:00 p.m.

Starting **November 15 and continuing through December 31**, Janet Hymowitz will have an exhibition of watermedia paintings titled “Natural Splendor.” And on opening day, Saturday, November 15, she will host a reception in the Daniels Room from 1:00 to



Garden Camouflage
Janet Hymowitz

Janet Hymowitz’s paintings are an expression of her deep connection to the environment. Inspired by her surroundings in New Hampshire and on Cape Cod, and drawing primarily from memory, Janet evokes mood, feeling and beauty that our natural habitats offer. Her

intention is to allow the viewer to perceive the power as well as the healing and renewal that the natural landscape provides. By using an abstract representational style, the subject matter becomes universal.

Janet employs a variety of watermedia, primarily watercolor, gouache and acrylic. Some work is also augmented with textural additives, including tissue paper, molding, paste and gesso.

She has exhibited her work at The Sharon Arts Gallery in Peterborough and The Jaffrey Civic Center. Janet has also had solo shows at the Amherst Yoga Studio, Amherst Town Library, and A & E Coffee Roastery, in Amherst, NH; The Birthing Center at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough; Stephen Marx Salon in Milford, NH; and the Wellfleet (MA) Public Library. She has studied at the Sharon Arts Center in Sharon, NH, with Evelien Bachrach and Frankie Brackley-Tolman.

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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. . Since the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for meetings, it is always best to call the library (525.4411) before attending an exhibit.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor



Community Supper

No supper in November. Happy Thanksgiving!

Submitted by Donna Coty

Grand Monadnock Healing Arts Festival November 1, 2014—10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Welcome Everyone!

Free Admission/Parking/Handicap Accessible

Raffle Fund Raiser for Peterborough Food Pantry

Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm Street, Peterborough, NH

A Family and Friends Event

FEATURES: Eight keynote speakers/ informative topics on organics, GMOs /East Asian Medicine/Plant Spirit Medicine/Inspiration/Sugar Blues

SHOWCASE: Bali Gifts & Treasures/Pet Whisperer/Chair Massage/Intuitive Counselors & Readers, Soul Aura Artistry/Storytelling/Music/Aura Photography/Health/Beauty/Nutrition/Jewelry/Crystal Exhibit

Facebook: Grand Monadnock Healing Arts Festival

Hancock Elementary School

Time for Updating - Quarters and New Standards-Based Report Card

Amy Janoch, M. Ed., Principal, Literacy Coach



Believe it or not, Hancock Elementary School staff and students are approaching the end of the first quarter of the school year. For those who have children at HES, you will notice a change. The elementary schools have divided their school year into

quarters rather than trimesters. The change aligns our elementary schools with the middle and high schools. This movement to quarters will result in children receiving four report cards rather than three throughout the school year. In addition to a movement to more frequent report cards, parents and students will also enjoy a new, updated report card that is standards-based.

What is a Standards-Based Report Card?

First, let's consider the definition of a standard. A standard in education is the learning goal – what we want students to know and be able to do by the end of the school year. A Standards-Based Report Card articulates agreed upon standards for students in the ConVal Elementary Schools. In other words, we now have a report card that more accurately identifies what we, as a district, want the students to know and be able to do at a given grade level.

Who was involved in creating the Standards-Based Report Card?

Over the past two years, a team of teachers, parents, special educators, a literacy coach, administrators, allied arts teachers (i.e., music, art) and a school counselor have worked to develop the district wide Standards-Based Report Card for our elementary schools.

Why the change?

Grades-Based Report Cards can be quite vague. If a student receives a B in reading, it incorporates phonics, fluency, as well as comprehension. The B often also includes whether the student consistently completes reading homework and center work.

On a Standards-Based Report Card, a teacher can assess each of these elements separately. The Standards-Based Report Card also enables teachers to more effectively examine a child's progression toward a learning target. The report card has a 6-point scale that enables parents, teachers and students to understand a student's progression toward an agreed upon learning target.

Finally, our previous report card did not effectively align with the many changes that have occurred in instruction and classroom practice. Our Standards-Based Report Card now has specific content and skills that match what stakeholders have agreed students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

The teachers, counselors and administrators are happy to have a tool that better reflects the day-to-day expectations for their grade level. They are also excited that there is a format to demonstrate when students are exceeding the grade level expectations.

The Standards-Based Report Card is not perfect. Over the next year, we will spend time using the tool, gaining feedback and adjusting the report card to better reflect student learning. However, the new report card is a fantastic start!

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Celebrate Veterans Day
November 11, 2014

FOR RENT

Lovely one-plus-bedroom apartment for rent on the Main Street of Hancock with view of the Pond. Available November 25th. 860 sq foot second story, with large kitchen/living room spaces, full bath, washer/dryer and extra storage. Off-street parking. No smoking. 1st month plus security deposit. \$900 + \$60 for electricity. Heat and cable extra. 525.3300

Hancock Energy Advisory Team Weatherization Workshop

The Hancock Energy Advisory Team (HEAT) invites you to attend a Weatherization Workshop on **November 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at the River Center, 46 Concord Street in Peterborough. Learn tips to Button Up your home, save energy and lower your carbon footprint! The workshop will be followed by a free lunch of pizza and drinks.

Submitted by Michelle Russell

Renewable Energy Case Studies

HEAT is beginning to build a collection of case studies on renewable energy projects in town! We hope to show what is possible for each of us to do, what kinds of systems work well here, and which systems don't work as well here in New Hampshire.

We invite you to submit a short summary (approximately one page), describing your renewable energy or energy efficiency project. If you have a good picture, send that too! Please send to michelle.anna.russell@gmail.com. We will post these case studies to our website, and we hope they will become a resource for the Town and the region as we seek to lower energy consumption and energy costs!

Please visit www.hancocknh.org/HEAT/Cases.htm to read about our first case study: Hunt Dowse's solar water system.

We are always looking for new members to join HEAT. If you are interested, please come to a meeting. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Submitted by Michelle Russell

"Celebrating Flowers" Watercolors by Priscilla Eldred

"Celebrating Flowers," a watercolor exhibit by Priscilla Eldred, will be at Summerhill Assisted Living, Peterborough, **beginning Saturday, November 15.**

When the Eldreds' children were grown, Priscilla a Wenham, Massachusetts, librarian, began her long-awaited second career in painting. She studied at the Montserrat School of Art, Beverly, enrolling in workshops around New England. When she and Ed retired to Hancock in 1983, Priscilla became an ongoing student of Giffin Russell at Sharon Arts Center. She exhibited in Hancock, Peterborough and Wenham, and her work was a feature of the Hancock gallery of Helen Pierce.

"Celebrating Flowers" also includes Priscilla's distinctive paintings of wildlife, architecture and landscapes, the latter particularly in her beloved Hunt's Pond environs. Her watercolors of flowers are known for vibrant color and grace. People now seeing her flower paintings collected are saying, "These go so far beyond the 'expected.' They seem to come toward you from the frame."

All are welcome at a reception for the artist. It is at Summerhill, 183 Old Dublin Road, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 15, in the Monadnock Room, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Francelia Clark

Hancock Woman's Club News Update

As I write this, all those beautiful leaves on the trees that we have enjoyed viewing the past few weeks are now falling, coating the lawns and gardens leaf-by-leaf. You all know what that means! Take a break and come to our next meeting on Wednesday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Vestry.

Our program will be "How Do You Know When to Call 911?" Our guest speaker is Mary Lou Cassidy, an EMT who resides in Hancock. Mary Lou will discuss stroke and heart attack awareness. What are the capabilities of EMTs in 2014, and what equipment do they have on their ambulance? Some say they are an extension of the Emergency Room. What information should we have readily available for them if they do have to come? We have a wonderful resource in our community and we should all know when to call them.

After our meeting and program, delicious refreshments will be served by our Tea Committee hostesses, Jean Gavatos, Linda Blicher and Diane Loomis. We had two new members join last month bringing our membership to over 100! Remember, invite the new neighbor who may have moved into your neighborhood to our meeting!

Our raffle winner for the floral arrangement on our refreshment table went to Doreen Ames, and Karen McWhorter won the gift certificate to Monadnock Oil and Vinegar in Peterborough. Suncatchers will be available for purchase at each one of our meetings for \$10 each. Think! Holiday shopping! As of our meeting, only 5 ½ weeks until Christmas!

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

**HES Book Fair
See page 24**



MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

The 7th Season

It is time to make your way to the newly renovated Meetinghouse for our Sunday afternoon concerts that are always at **4:00 p.m.**, always one hour in length and always incredibly exciting.

Three of the concerts, including the first one on **November 16**, will feature some of the most gifted young musicians at the New England Conservatory where Artistic Director Jody Simpson has been a student, the head of the Choral Department and a Trustee during their 30 years in Boston. They have maintained a close connection over the years. and the people of Hancock and the entire Monadnock region are reaping the rewards with concerts that are rich with the inspired artistry and incomparable spirit of these dynamic young musicians. There will also be an opera, *Signor Deluso* and a performance

of the powerful choral work “*The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*” that is sure to rival the impact of last year’s *Carmina Burana*.

On **November 16**, violinist Robyn Bollinger will come to Hancock to inaugurate the season. Conservatory president Tony Woodcock enthuses, “Robyn is the real deal. An astonishing violinist, one who can tackle all the Paganini Caprices from memory, but much more than this. A young musician who is aware of the world and music's unique place in our time, and who has a burning desire and mission to do things differently, to meet the challenges with contemporary cutting edge creativity.

She is an enormous talent, destined to be a musical leader of her generation.” It is especially wonderful to be there from the beginning and to follow the careers of these artists over the years.

The rest of the season is listed below. Mark your calendars. Season tickets are available online by going to the Music on Norway Pond’s website at www.musiconnorwaypond.org

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND : THE 7TH SEASON

2014-2015 Concert Series

All concerts are at the Hancock Meetinghouse
on Main Street across from the Common. Tickets: adults \$15, students free

Sunday, November 16, 4:00 p.m.

NEC on Norway Pond – Robyn Bollinger

Our second year of collaboration with the New England Conservatory starts with violinist Robyn Bollinger, “a musical leader of her generation...an enormous talent to watch...an astonishing violinist...cutting edge creativity”

Saturday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.

The Concert Series – Signor Deluso

an opera in one act by Thomas Pasatieri,
directed by Patricia Weinmann.

“...a comedy of layer upon layer of misunderstanding”

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 p.m.

NEC on Norway Pond

NEC’s Top Honors Ensemble TBA

Sunday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.

NEC on Norway Pond – Cristian Budu, piano
recent winner of the Clara Haskill International Piano Competition, one of the most demanding and prestigious in the world

Norway Pond Local Talent

December 20, 4:00 p.m. (Free)

Hancock Family Christmas Concert
with the Junior Mints, the Village Ringers,
the Norway Pond Festival Singers, and
10-year-old fiddling phenom Quinn Eastburn

February 15, 2015 4 p.m. (adults \$15)

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace
100 singers including Norway Pond Festival Singers,
a children's chorus, a high school chorus, four soloists
with 10 instrumentalists perform Karl Jenkins’
“marvelous, varied, accessible...embraces the
whole world and the full range of emotions that the
subject of war and peace evoke”

May 9, 2015 4 p.m. (Free)

Junior Mints present the musical
“Peter Pan”

June 7, 2015 4 p.m. (Free)

Norway Pond Festival Singers

Hancock Women's Guild Christmas Craft Fair



The Hancock Guild will be holding its annual Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be crafters and vendors in the

Meetinghouse and next door in the Vestry. We have many returning crafters and some new ones too!

The Guild will be holding a raffle of products donated by the exhibitors. The drawing will be held at the end of the day and you do not need to be present to win! Come check it out! The table with all the offerings will be located on the stage in the Meetinghouse.

Walk on over to the Vestry and you can purchase a lunch of hot homemade soups and sandwiches. There will be tables set up there so that you can comfortably enjoy your meal. Don't forget to visit the vendors in the Vestry as well!

The Meetinghouse is newly renovated and absolutely beautiful! This is a perfect opportunity to visit the new space and find some treasures as well. Proceeds from the Christmas Craft Fair go toward scholarships, community programs, such as the July Fireworks and Ice Cream Social, and support throughout the community, such as Christmas baskets for local shut-ins.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President

Guild News

The Guild will be hosting The Peterborough Oil and Vinegar Company on **Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.** The folks at Peterborough Oil and Vinegar

Hancock Trick or Treat

October 31, 2013 - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

REMINDER...

**Stop at the Hancock Police Department
first for glow sticks!**

Hancock Police Chief Andy Wood

will be talking about the many uses for their products, as well as bringing samples to try. They are so much more than flavored oils and exotic vinegars. Did you know they now carry specialty salts, pastas and cheeses? Come join us for a flavorful adventure! You will surely leave with some wonderful ideas to kick up a favorite dish, or create a new tradition. Maybe you're looking for an original gift or something special for yourself. This is program is free and open to the public, so come join us in "flavortown"!

The Hancock Guild held its first fall/winter clothing sale in October. It was a very successful event thanks to the many members who put in time taking in donations, setting up the displays, taking charge of sales, and of course, packing up. The sale would not have been possible, though, without the generosity of community members who donated their gently used items. A special thank you to the kind woman who saw we had a need for a full length mirror and generously donated one for future use. It is a wonderful thing when a community comes together.

Halloween

**Hauntingly Good Fun at the
Hancock Historical Society
Friday, October 31, 2014**

The spirits of Hancock past will be lurking around the Hancock Historical Society on Friday, October 31, passing out candy to all the trick-or-treaters. The town hearse will be on display for viewing, weather permitting. Volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions about the hearse and the renovations taking place at the Historical Society museum. Hope to see you there before the treats disappear.

The November Guild meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.** New members are always welcome. We gladly welcome any level of involvement. Maybe you can only come to a few meetings or you prefer to contribute time to the organization behind the scenes. Come to a meeting and check us out! Experience the fellowship for yourself! Find us on Facebook or email the Guild at hancockguild@gmail.com

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President



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

One of my friends was a husband struggling to take care of his 3-month-old baby. When someone asked him if he was getting any sleep, he said, "Oh Man! I DREAM about sleep!"

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



Kickstarter Campaign
to finance essential cheesemaking equipment.
We ask for your help in order to streamline our work and become sustainable for the long haul.
See our video and learn more at www.mainstreetcheese.net.
Or call us if you'd prefer to avoid the computer.
This is an "All or Nothing Campaign"
We need to reach our overall goal by November 9.

With tremendous gratitude
from all of us at Main Street Cheese.

Cheese and Goat Stew Tasting
Slideshow and KickStarter Campaign Finale!
Thursday, November 6th
5 - 7 pm / The Vestry

Delicious goat meat for sale in the shop
Recipes and cooking suggestions provided

603.525.3300 www.mainstreetcheese.net

Scout Troop 2



The new 2014-2015 Scouting Year Has Begun!

Troop 2 meets twelve months of the year, but the new Scouting year begins in September. Another big year is ahead, with new boys joining this fall and some outstanding trips planned for next year. Already this fall, Troop 2 participated in the Antrim Home & Harvest Festival, and in the Keene Pumpkin Festival.



Troop 2 Scouts and parents sold fresh-bake pizza at the Keene Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 18. Pictured (L-R) are parents Sonia Drummond and Maureen Burwen, and Scouts Sean Burwen and Garrick Colby. Proceeds will help fund trips to Philadelphia and Acadia National Park in 2015.

Wreath Sale Helps Scouts Go to Camp

Thanks to the support of the residents of Hancock, 11 Scouts attended a week of summer camp in 2014. Your purchases of holiday wreaths pay for half of the cost for any Scout who wishes to attend, and who has worked as part of this effort. As always, the wreath sale begins on **Saturday, November 29**, the weekend after Thanksgiving at Hill Top Farm on Norway Hill and in downtown Hancock. Each weekend **until December 21**, Troop 2 Scouts and adults will be at Hill Top Farm. We will be downtown again on Saturday, December 6.

Summer Camp

Troop 2 will attend Hidden Valley next year, July 19 to 25, 2015, after having attended Camp Bell in 2014

Two Big Trips Planned for 2015

A trip to Philadelphia is planned for **March 19 to 21**, during a ConVal teacher workshop and ensuing weekend. Troop 2 will be visiting the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and other sites in Philly, and doing a couple of rounds with Rocky Balboa. We might just have to have a cheesesteak sandwich while we're there, too!

In late June, Troop 2 will be taking a trip to Acadia National Park for biking and hiking. From **June 28 to**

July 3, the troop will travel up the Maine Coast to Mt. Desert Island. We will be biking the carriage trails, climbing Cadillac Mountain and seeing the sea life on the shore.

Join Scouts Anytime!

Even though the Scouting year has begun, new Scouts can join anytime. Boy Scouts is for ages 11 to 18, and Cub Scouts for age 7 or 1st Grade to age 10. For more information, please contact Scoutmaster Brian Beihl at 588.3014.

Submitted by Brian Beihl, Scoutmaster, Troop 2

Cub Scout Pack 2



The Cub Scouts held their first annual Raingutter Regatta race on October 20. For a late October afternoon, the weather was perfect! There were 20 scouts and siblings racing sailboats by blowing on the sails, all the while holding their hands behind their

backs. Each race had two participants racing down parallel rain gutters and shaking hands after their race. The kids and parents all had a great time.

That same evening we held our first awards ceremony of the new scouting year (school year). Fifteen new scouts each received their Bobcat badge which is the first badge a Cub Scout of any rank has to earn. These 15 scouts have been working hard learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout Sign and motto, and The Law of the Pack. I am so proud of each and every one of them!

Now, all of our scouts are working toward their individual ranks (Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Arrow of Light). Next week, the Tigers are taking a trip to tour a radio station in Concord. The Wolf and Bear dens will be doing some wood working by either making toolboxes or birdhouses. Either way, there will be quite a bit of hammering going on.

Matthew (our Bear Scout) and I would like to thank all the people we met last Saturday as we went door to door selling popcorn to raise money for our pack. He and all the other scouts selling popcorn are gaining such valuable experience and confidence by talking to so many different people. They are also helping to pay their own way by raising the money to help the pack provide a quality scouting program. Matthew is mostly looking forward to our Pack's spring trip to Battleship Cove.

Next month, our scouts will also be going door to door asking for donations of food for local food pantries. **November 1 and November 8** is the Boy Scouts of America's national **Scouting for Food** drive. So you may see us again handing out flyers one week and picking up

the food the next. I know the scouts have a fantastic time doing this. Their favorite part is always bringing in and sorting the food at the food pantry.

As always, it is never too late to join Cub Scouts! We meet on Monday nights at the Presbyterian Church in Antrim from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (but it always seem to go to 7). If you know a first to fourth grade boy who would like to join, just email me at jennylc@tds.net. I would love to have more scouts in our pack!

Submitted by Jenny Colby, CubMaster, Pack 2

Circle of Strength Military Support Group



Thank you to all the people who bought or donated money for raffle tickets at the Antrim Home Harvest Festival! This helped our Circle of Strength Military Support Group raise money for holiday care packages to the active troops, Wounded Warriors and the children of fallen heroes from the Survivor Outreach Services in N.H.

Our group would also like to give a special "Thank you!" to Edmund's Hardware Store, Ginger House, Rick & Diane's, Trends of Fashion, Peterborough Basket Company, Marie Primeau for the wonderful candles, and Yvette Brinkley for the beautiful handmade cards for the raffle baskets. We could not do this without the help of all of you. Thank you for helping us show the troops they are not forgotten, that we support them and that we thank them for all they do each day and night for us here at home.

Submitted by Susan Ellsworth



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And you can still donate! We'll be adding new items throughout November, so call 588.2620 or email thegrapevine@mcttelecom.com to make a contribution –

no item too small. Have a craft you'd like to share? Enjoy baking for others? Have an antique tucked in your attic? Consider the auction! Great way to promote your business, too! The Grapevine Online Auction is your opportunity to shop locally for the holidays while you support your local family and community resource center. Bid early and often!

Thanks for the Warmth—Once again, the community came through for the Community Wood Bank at The Grapevine. Our thanks to Priscilla Starratt, Paul Merrill and D.H. Hardwick and Sons for more than half of the wood in the shed at this writing (about 8 cords). We have more wood in Hancock and Bennington to pick up, buck up, split and stack. Another couple of cords above and beyond that would be a big help, as would a couple of fresh volunteers with trucks and strong backs. Call 588.2620 if you want the nice warm feeling that comes with helping families stay warm this winter.

Never too late to join...—We have space in our Better Beginnings Parent-Child programs, including the infant group on Wednesday mornings and toddler/preschool programs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Looking for some fun time with other parents and their children as winter nears? Give us a call to join a group!

Local Music for a Good Cause—Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.—*Heard it through The Grapevine* Music Series presents a coffee house open mic with featured artist Kendall Bush from *Mama Love and the Motivators* at Avenue A, 42 Main Street in Antrim. This is an adult event, with locally roasted coffee and delicious finger food available by donation. Teen musicians who want to experience an open mic format are also welcome. Visit the *Heard it* Facebook page for more info. All proceeds benefit The Grapevine.

Family Communication = Prevention—*Guiding Good Choices* is coming **January 22**, and you can secure your space by registering now for this popular program for parents of children ages 9 to 14. *Guiding Good Choices* builds the family communication and refusal skills that will help your child steer clear of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The cost is just \$15 for five classes, with dinner and on-site child care provided. A partnership of The Grapevine, Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools and their PTOs.

Stay Stronger Longer—Says one **80+ Senior Wellness participant**: “Last winter I slipped on the ice and broke my hip. My doctor was

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amazed at how quickly I was back on my feet, and when I told him about my exercise class he said that the fact that I was in good shape before the fall was a big factor in my recovery." If you're 60 years of age or better, call 588.2620 for more information about this free class at The Grapevine.

Get Help at The Grapevine...

Assistance with applications for food stamps, Medicaid 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, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. and located behind the library at 4 Aiken Street in Antrim. For more information call 588.2620. We gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible. No contribution is too small—or too big! Please make your check payable to The Grapevine and mail it to PO Box 637, Antrim 03440

Avenue A Teen Center News

Announcing Avenue A Club for Middle School Students on **Wednesday afternoons from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.** at Avenue A Teen Center, 42 Main Street in Antrim. Students meet at the entrance of Great Brook School at 2:15 p.m. and walk to the Teen Center with the coordinator or volunteer.

The Club offers pre-teens and young teens the opportunity to use Teen Center equipment and enjoy specific programming in the areas of art and culture, nature and wellness with guest instructors.

Avenue A has a variety of things to do, including pool, foosball, board games, cards, and the use of art supplies and musical instruments. Kids can also complete homework, listen to music, and hang out with friends. The Club is supervised by the Teen Center Coordinator and volunteers.

A registration form must be completed and returned to The Grapevine at 4 Aiken Street, PO Box 637 Antrim. Cost is \$5 per visit or \$15 per month. If cost is a hardship, please call Kristen at The Grapevine. Registrations are available at The Grapevine, by calling 588.2620 or by sending an email to avenueateencenter@gmail.com.

Submitted by Heidi Schultz, Teen Center Coordinator

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Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

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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.

Wednesday November 5 at 7:00 p.m.–
Deregulation of Electricity in NH – What Does It Mean For You?–Tom Frantz, Director of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Electric Division, will be here to discuss deregulation of electricity in NH and what that means for you as a consumer. Please bring your questions! Free and open to all.

Thursday November 6 between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.–Preserving Our Past with Dan Pickering–
 Get advice, tutoring and assistance preserving your old photos, slides, vinyl records, cassettes, and home videos. Dan Pickering, our volunteer for this program, will be here to help you start converting your most precious items to the digital format of your choice. Here's how it works: make an appointment (by calling the library at 525.4411) for a 30 minute analysis of what you want to convert to a digital format; bring your photos/slides/tapes/ records to the appointment in a small bag or box **but please be selective (i.e., don't bring TOO many)**; think about how you would like to use your final product – online? on a smartphone? on your tv with a DVD player? Dan will then help you figure out how best to make the conversion to digital. Dan Pickering taught broadcasting, video production and computer science at Michigan public schools for 31 years. He is now retired but still producing videos at his home in Hancock. Free and open to all.

Thursday November 6 at 7:00 p.m.–The Nepal Chronicles – Marriage, Mountains and Momos in the Highest Place on Earth–When travel writer Dan Szczesny and his wife, Meenakshi, traveled to Nepal to marry in Kathmandu and trek to Everest Base Camp, they knew the journey would be difficult. What they didn't realize was how life-changing their time in the land of mountains would be. From the chaos of Kathmandu's super-charged streets to the tranquil but challenging trails of the Himalayas, Dan's book *The Nepal Chronicles* is a deeply felt exploration of the culture and history of one of the world's most complex places, and is a meditation on the author's own personal journey into a new family and relationship unlike any he's ever experienced. Dan Szczesny is a long-time journalist and travel writer living in New Hampshire.

His first book, *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*, is a hiking memoir about a one year, 225-mile journey through some of New Hampshire's least known wilderness with his 10-year-old foster daughter. He's a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club's 4,000-footer club and has written extensively about the outdoors and hiking. He has camped in the Grand Canyon and thru-hiked England's Coast to Coast Trail. He and his wife live in Manchester, New Hampshire. Free and open to all.

Tuesday November 11 at 7:00 p.m.–Is Competition the Law of Nature with Mary Catherine Bateson–Charles Darwin stood the biology of his time on its head with his theory of evolution by natural selection, and his ideas about competition still lend authority to economics. Herbert Spencer, a popular precursor of sociology who was Darwin's contemporary, has been regarded as the founder of "social Darwinism" but actually Darwin borrowed from him the concept of the "survival of the fittest," coined by Spencer on the

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basis of his observations of the ferocious early years of industrialization. Biologists today are recognizing more and more examples of cooperation as key to evolution -- when will the economists (and the politicians) catch on? Mary Catherine Bateson is one of Hancock's resident authors after a career teaching anthropology and linguistics at George Mason, Amherst, Northeastern and Harvard as well as abroad in Iran and the Philippines. Free and open to all.

Wednesday November 12 at 7:00 p.m.-iPhone Insanity: 22 (or more) Little Known Fun Things To Do With Yours with Chris Halvorson- Presenter Chris Halvorson (our own local Social Media Maven), who sleeps next to her iPhone and wishes it could make a toasted cheese sandwich, will give a whirlwind tour of some of the "apps" and other iPhone functions that you might not know about. Between her list and audience participation, you're going to come away from this hour of fun

inspired to stay up all night to try them out! Free and open to all.

Thursday November 13 at 7:00 p.m.-Spin Cycles with Charles Coe-Charles Coe will read from his latest book, *Spin Cycles*. Brilliant, homeless and nearly invisible, a young man wanders through Boston, looking for meaning and hope. Extreme mood swings and an unusual outlook on life make it impossible for him to thrive in mainstream society. He finds comfort in Laundromats, where he calms himself by watching clothes tumble round and round and round. And in the streets he finds other people like him, below the radar, laboring to survive. Poignant and buoyant, *Spin Cycles* is a story of loss, discovery, and, just possibly, redemption. Charles Coe is author of two books of poetry, *All Sins Forgiven: Poems for my Parents* and *Picnic on the Moon*. His poetry has appeared in literary reviews and anthologies such as *Poesis*, *The Mom Egg*, *Solstice Literary Review*, and *Urban Nature*. Charles won a fellowship in poetry from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and his poems have been set to music by a number of composers. Co-chair of the Boston Chapter of the National Writers Union, Charles was selected by the Associates of the Boston Public Library as a "Boston Literary Light for 2014." Free and open to all.

Wednesday November 19 at 7:00 p.m.-Rosaly Bass: Organic! A Gardener's Handbook-Rosaly Bass will be here to discuss *ORGANIC! A GARDENER'S HANDBOOK* her book filled with practical advice gathered from over 40 years of



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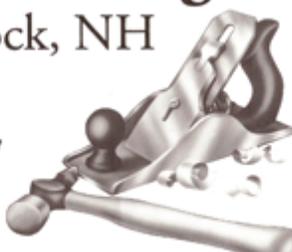
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Thursday November 20 at 7:30 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE 7:30 START TIME!)-*Off the Cuff*-A semi-acoustic instrumental and vocal quartet, interpreting great songs from the '20s to the 21st Century. *Off The Cuff* is Harry Lowenthal - Flute, guitar, mandolin, djembe, bongos, percussion, vocals; Pamela Smith - Guitar, percussion, vocals; Jonas Taub - Guitars, Dobro, vocals; Dan Wheeler - Electric and Upright Bass. *Off The Cuff* has been delighting audiences across southern New Hampshire and surrounding areas for over a decade. Incorporating elements of jazz, swing, blues, bluegrass, rock, folk and world music styles, *Off The Cuff* infuses its own special blend of vocal and instrumental harmony into every song to reinvent it as something new and personal.

Whether an original tune or an old standard, a pop tune or a nugget by some little known songwriter, the music touches a familiar chord in everyone, whether they grew up dancing to the big bands or to rock bands. It is music that each generation has managed to share; a part of the American musical soul. The music is upbeat, energetic and fun, and The Cuffers have a great time playing and interacting with the audience. Free and open to all.



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

From the Children's Room

Rennie Timm, Children's Librarian

First Wednesday of the month (new day)- November 5 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.-November 6, 13, 20-Laptop Toddler Storytime-Walking and talking, this toddler story time is an interactive program for all preschoolers and their parents or care providers. We'll share books, rhymes, songs, finger play & 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.



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Submitted by Margaret Carlson

From All of Us at the Hancock Farmers Market



The Hancock Farmers Market thanks everyone for coming out to support us for the 2014 Hancock Market Season. We look forward to the Spring 2015 Market.

Friday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.–Songs and Stories of a Winter to Come–Join folk heritage musician, singer and story teller Mary DesRosiers and naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for a cozy fireside evening of song and story about the coming of winter. Hear tales of how winter came to be and the magic of the winter world and raise your voice in song to welcome the darkest season with light from within! Don't be cold this winter. Instead warm your hearts and spirits with song and story. Co-sponsored with the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m.–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.

Tuesday, November 18 from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.–Arts and Crafts–Creative fun crafts for all ages to make and take. Recommended for elementary and middle school students. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun with younger children. Registration preferred. Last minute drop-ins welcome.

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Nov 2 (Sun) Birding the Dublin Trail–A moderately strenuous, 2-mile round trip hike partway up Mount Monadnock via the Dublin Trail to an overlook, where we'll scan for Golden Eagles. This rare bird is seen in small numbers in New Hampshire at the end of October and beginning of November. Bring water, lunch and binoculars; and

meet at 9:00 a.m. at Tom Warren's house (15 Pumpelly Road, Dublin). Back by 1:00 p.m. RSVP to either Ben Haubrich, bph03043@gmail.com or 603.547.2075, or Tom Warren at 603.563.7190 or ttwassociates@myfairpoint.net.

Nov 6 (Thurs) Bicknell's Thrush: The Latest Research–Nesting only in mountaintop forests in northern New England and New York, and wintering primarily on the island of Hispaniola (Dominican Republic and Haiti), the Bicknell's Thrush faces numerous threats to its long-term survival. Since 1992, Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) Executive Director Chris Rimmer has led efforts to conserve the species and the habitats on which it depends. Rimmer will discuss this fascinating bird, VCE's efforts to study it in New England and the Caribbean, and how Bicknell's Thrush represents a vital conservation link across international boundaries. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at masterson@harriscenter.org.



*Bicknell's Thrush
Photo: Larry Master*

American Bird Conservancy, www.abcbirds.org

Nov 7 (Fri) Easygoing Hike Up Hedgehog Mountain–A moderately strenuous, 4-mile roundtrip hike on the Hillsborough side of Hedgehog Mountain. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking area beside Ocean State Job Lot in Peterborough 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.

Nov 9 (Sun) Crotched Mountain Hike–A moderately strenuous, 4-mile round trip hike along unmaintained roads to access "The Rocky Knobs"

along the eastern ridge of Crotched Mountain. Approximately 1,000 feet of elevation gain, with no bushwhacking. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Frankestown sheds at the junction of Routes 136 and 47. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ben or Robin Haubrich at 603.547.2075 or bph03043@gmail.com.

Nov 14 (Fri) Songs and Stories of A Winter to Come—Join folk heritage musician, singer and storyteller Mary DesRosiers, and naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for a cozy fireside evening. Hear tales of the winter world and raise your voice in song to welcome the darkest season with light from within! Warm your hearts and spirits with this evening of story and song. No registration necessary and no charge. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hancock Town Library. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at spikol@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the Hancock Town Library.

Nov 17 (Mon) Planning Meeting for Trip Leaders—Join the crew of Harris Center staff and volunteer outings leaders to plan winter outings. We welcome ideas for new places to visit, as well as old favorites. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at masterson@harriscenter.org.

Nov 20 (Thur) My Life as a Turkey Film Showing—Based on a true story, *My Life as a Turkey* chronicles naturalist Joe Hutto's remarkable experience of raising a group of sixteen Wild Turkey hatchlings to adulthood. Following the film, Eric Masterson – one of the Harris Center's resident bird experts and author of *Birdwatching in New Hampshire* – will be on hand to "talk turkey" in an informal Q&A session. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org. Cosponsored with the

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Nov 29 (Sat) Trail Clearing Along the Cadot Trail—All ages and abilities are welcome to help clear the stone culverts along the Cadot Trail. Bring your own tools or use ours. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Cadot Trailhead on Old Dublin Road in Hancock. Back by noon. For more information, contact Jim Orr at 603.924-6934, trailchief@gmail.com, or Cathy Joyce at 603.562-8020, cjs_rubi@yahoo.com.

Nov 29 (Sat) Mount Cresson Hike—An easy, 2-mile round trip hike through conservation land to the summit of Mount Cresson, with some bushwhacking. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Golden Rod Grange on Route 32 in Swanzy. Back by noon. For more information, contact Denny Wheeler at 603.313-0350 or Brian Bishoff at 603.899-5770, bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net.

Submitted by Margaret Baker

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November 9th

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November 16th

Creamy Caesar Salad
Honey-glazed Pork Tenderloin
with Carrots & Potatoes au gratin
Snickerdoodle cookies

November 23rd

Chili
Spanish Beans & Rice
Espresso Panna Cotta

November 30th

3-Bean Salad
Beef Stroganoff
German Chocolate Cake

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

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**The Gala Fund-raising Event
Monadnock Humane Society
The 12th Annual Hair Ball**



Featuring The Keene Jazz Orchestra

Monadnock Humane Society will hold its 12th Annual Hair Ball – The Great Catsby – on **Saturday, November 1, 2014**, at the Keene Country Club, Keene, NH, to benefit our homeless animals. Once again, the Hair Ball was voted the #1 Charity Event in the 2014 “Best of Monadnock” awards. It promises to be a fun-filled evening of fabulous food, beautiful surroundings, dancing with The Keene Jazz Orchestra (led by Scott Mullett and featuring Lead Vocalist Rebecca Holtz), and bidding on incredible auction items. Attire is black tie optional and 1920s costumes are encouraged!

Each year, over 200 people gather together at the Hair Ball in the spirit of community and generosity for the animals. There will be a full cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with

delicious appetizers, followed by a plated dinner and decadent desserts! Attendees are also invited to bid on 100+ auction items and services that have been donated by many local businesses, companies and stores. The live and silent auctions will feature a wide range of fabulous trips, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, home décor, original artwork, lovely jewelry and more.

Tickets can be purchased on our website at www.monadnockhumanesociety.org/2014hairball or by phone (603.352.9011, ext. 112, Alice Sears).
Submitted by Carol Laughner

Monadnock Humane Society was established in 1875 and serves 44 towns and cities in the Monadnock Region. Its mission is to foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS receives no funding from the state or federal government, and is not affiliated with any national organization or agency.

**What's happening at the
Hancock Professional Center
15 Forest Road, Hancock**

“Optimists are right. So are pessimists. It’s up to you to choose which you will be.” – Harvey Mackay

Special Regional Event on November 1, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm Street: Grand Monadnock Healing Arts Festival. Then tour the community garden, courtesy of The Cornucopia Project. A special “Thank You” to Kin Schilling who made this possible!

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yoga, massage and nutritionists.” This event features eight keynote speakers presenting topics on East Asian Medicine, Life Inspiration, Sugar Blues, Organics vs. GMOs and more.

Please see our poster on page 5 for more details.

Arlene Smith will be presenting the **Open Door event on November 8 and 9**, at Life Path Healing Energies, 33 Howard Street, Wilton, NH. Schedule with Jeanne Larssen: 603.654.3330.

Sound Therapy Class - Phase I – TBA
Submitted by Arlene Smith

News from Fish & Game

Rehabilitated bald eagle released
on Island in Squam Lake

A juvenile bald eagle was released into the wild on a Squam Lake island in October by N.H. Fish and Game Conservation Officers and wildlife rehabilitator Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Bird Sanctuary in Henniker.

Conservation Officer Christopher Brison rescued the injured bird in August of this year. It was found with a broken leg near its nest on Long Island in Squam Lake. A concerned island property owner on Squam reported the injured bird and helped Fish and Game reach the island by boat.

Brison brought the rescued eagle to the Squam Lakes Science Center, which then relayed the bird to be rehabilitated by Maria Colby at the Wings of the Dawn Bird Sanctuary. It is not known how the young eagle was injured, but it may have fallen out of the nest or had a rough landing while learning to fly.

CO Brison, Fish and Game Sergeant Brad Morse and wildlife rehabilitator Maria Colby travelled by boat to Long Island this morning (October 10, 2014) to release the bird near its nest.

“We’re glad to have played a positive role in rescuing this bird, so it could be restored to its healthy state and returned to the wild today,” said Brison.

In its summary of the 2014 New Hampshire Bald Eagle breeding season, N.H. Audubon reported earlier this year: “This spring marked the 27th breeding season in the post-DDT recovery era for New Hampshire’s bald eagles.

Since a sub-adult pair first returned to reoccupy an historic nesting tree at Leonard Pond on Umbagog Lake back in the late 1980s, our state’s bald eagle population – once classified as federally endangered, currently still listed as state-threatened – has been rebounding.

See chart at

<http://wildnh.com/Newsroom/2014/Q4/eagle.html>

Over the last decade, this population growth has been extremely robust, doubling roughly every 5 years: 10 territorial pairs in 2005, 22 territorial pairs in 2010 and 41 territorial pairs in 2014!

The confirmation of a total of 41 territorial pairs in N.H. in 2014 set a new state record-high for the post-DDT era. NH Audubon staff and volunteer eagle observers documented incubation by 27 (66%) of the state’s 41 pairs.

One-third of known New Hampshire pairs were not confirmed to have incubated eggs this year, which may be due to several factors, including early nest abandonment due to ill-timed snow events, and to new or inexperienced pairs connecting late in the 2014 season. Of this year, 27 incubating pairs, 24 (89%) were successful in fledging at least one young.

The 24 successful nests also is a new post-DDT era high mark for New Hampshire. A record-high total of 41 young fledged in N.H. in 2014, an average of young fledged per nesting pair and young fledged per territorial pair. Both of these figures are above the state's 27-year

averages of 1.33 fledged per nesting pair and 0.94 young fledged per territorial pair.

NH now has bald eagles nesting in all three far-flung corners of the state 96 from Pittsburg to New Castle to Hinsdale. Perhaps nowhere is the growth of the eagle population more obvious than in the Lakes Region, where 11 territorial pairs now scattered between Newfound Lake in Hebron and Province Lake in Wakefield produced a total of 14 fledglings in 2014.

That same geographical area only hosted only one known nest (Squam Lake) a decade ago. Two Lakes Region eagle pairs (Squam and Round Island on Winnepesaukee) produced three fledglings apiece in 2014, the only 3-chick nests documented in the state this year.

Other highlights in 2014 included the first successful nesting on the Merrimack River north of Concord, confirmation of a new territory south of Concord near the Bow Power Plant, and the post-fledging discovery of a successful pair on the Connecticut River in Piermont.

From New Hampshire Fish & Game Newsletter

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** – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Caverly Meeting Room;
- 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;

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Meetinghouse Restoration Committee – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



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