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## News from the Selectboard

### The Boston Post Cane

*Jim Mose, Chairman, for the Selectboard*

Last week, Barbara triumphantly returned to her namesake, the Barbara Eva Caverly Room in the Town Office building to attend our weekly Selectboard meeting (she so misses her Mondays spent with Erik, John and me).

She shared her progress with the Selectboard and Town Administrator Diane Kendall on her most recent important project, a project which all of us in Hancock can be very proud to recognize and support. Barbara wants us to present Hancock's Boston Post Cane in an official and dignified manner to our most senior citizen.

For those of you who don't know, the Boston Post Cane is a lovely cane originally given by the Boston Post newspaper in 1909 to each of the biggest towns in New England. Historically, the cane was ceremoniously given to the oldest citizen in each of those towns. It became a New England tradition of which Hancock has been a committed participant.

Hancock's former Fire Chief, Bob Kierstead, superbly handcrafted and most generously donated the lovely wooden and glass showcase where we proudly display Hancock's Boston Post Cane.

It was only very recently that one of Hancock's most celebrated artists and benefactors, Ms. Eleanor Briggs, insisted it be appropriately displayed in the Caverly Room. Diane and Barbara

quickly had it relocated to prominence. Eleanor's spectacular photographs are also proudly returned to their rightful home and brilliantly adorn the Caverly Room's east wall – amazing photos of an amazing place by an amazing woman. Thank you so much Eleanor, for your kindness and generosity!

Barbara and Marie Fogg went to work recently to determine accurately just who is our Town's oldest Hancocker (Hancockian, Hancockster, Hackockonian, Hancockite...).

Their exhaustive research discovered that John W. Evans would be the next cane recipient. He is 99 years old and lives on Wilder Road. He has been there for many years. Thank you Barb, Marie and team!

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye! I, James A. Mose, duly elected Chairman of this great community's Selectboard, do proudly and humbly surrender our Town's beloved Boston Post Cane to His Excellency, Mr. John W. Evans of Wilder Road. Let it be known from this day forward that Mr. Evans shall hold, with great honor and distinction, Hancock's prized Boston Post Cane for a future term to be exclusively determined by him alone.

A certificate suitable for framing and official presentation will follow this announcement in all good speed. Congratulations, Your Excellency, and thank you from all of Hancock! It is a proud day, indeed.



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#### ***Hancock Happenings Mission Statement***

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## Hancock Fire & Rescue News

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department*

### *Happy New Year from HFD!*

We hope that you had a good Holiday Season. It is now 2015... it seems like not that long ago, we were worried about Y2K! I'm glad we all survived that disaster.

The New Year is the time for resolutions – eat less, exercise more, yada, yada, yada. Most resolutions fall by the wayside pretty early on in January. I'm not going to preach this month about cleaning your chimney, checking your smoke detectors, and not texting while driving. I'm sure if you read this column every month, you are sick and tired of hearing that from me. But, here is one thing I ask of Hancock residents:

Consider the elderly drivers in your family. There comes a time when older folks need to stop driving. This is not an easy discussion. The right to drive an automobile, particularly in a rural area with no public transit, is very important to most of us, regardless of age; however, we all need to recognize when family members need to stop before they hurt themselves or someone else. I recently heard that 60 times a day in the U.S., a car gets driven into a building. It is very often an elderly driver who mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal. Last month, a Salvation Army bell-ringer got mowed down in front of a drugstore by a man in his nineties. We are seeing more of this now on TV, mostly because more stores have video cameras.

I can tell you personally that it is not an easy thing to convince a loved one that he or she needs to hand over the keys. My mother is still extremely upset at me from when I took her keys and sold her car, and that was three years ago; however, I sleep better at night knowing that she will no longer be on the Interstate driving at 40 mph with her blinker on. Think about it! Don't be the person full of regret after hearing that a family member ran an innocent person down with a two-ton weapon!

We had a relatively quiet month in Hancock, but did do several runs to other towns. On Thanksgiving Day, we were called to a fire in a condo complex in Bennington that damaged two units; one of those belonged to HPD Officer Mel Hetrick. Hancock firefighters, as well as the Bennington PD, were able to help Mel get her pets to safety; however, the unit suffered severe fire, smoke and water damage, and Mel is in temporary housing for the time being. I am proud of the HFD Association for voting unanimously to send a substantial contribution to Mel to help her get back on her feet. If you are so inclined, there is a fund set up for Mel. Send contributions to: M&M Fire Fund, c/o TD Bank,

120 Grove St, Peterborough, NH 03458. Mel has been a good friend to all of us in the Fire Department, and we wish her the best.

We were called to the Froling Energy plant in Peterborough last month as well. They have set up a wood chip drying kiln at what was the old Waste Management facility on Route 202. Apparently something went wrong, and their chips caught fire instead of just drying out.

Also in December, we were called to a First Alarm fire in Antrim on a snowy day. Our firefighters in Engine 2 were responding on Smith Road in Antrim when they were clipped by a small car on a hill. There was very little damage to either vehicle, but our crew knew to stop and call themselves out of service so the Antrim PD could fill out an accident report. Please slow down if you see emergency vehicles approaching or stopped on the side of a road!

Lastly, we had a call for a wire down on Cavender Road early one morning. This was a large telephone cable that most likely had been snagged by a tall truck. The wire was only about two feet off the road, so we had no choice but to barricade the road. I have always thought that Comcast Cable had the absolutely worst customer service, but after trying to deal with FairPoint to get this situation resolved, I have to say that FairPoint has Comcast beaten. Kurt Grasset and I made several phone calls to FairPoint, but it took a call to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to get them to fix their wire. Our apologies to the folks of Cavender Road and Kimball Road who were detoured for two days.

I owe a year-end “Thank You!” to the other officers of HFD for all the work they do, also to all of our firefighters who are willing to drop whatever they are doing, or jump out of bed, to respond to whatever call we may encounter.

Also, “Thanks!” to Nahida Sherman for editing Hancock Happenings for these past two years. I found out early on that she would not let me get away with calling someone a [bleeping bleep], or a [blippity bleep], or anything like that. She would not even let me use the term “like a [\*\*\*\*] in church.” However, I have greatly enjoyed our back-and-forth, and I look forward to working with whomever is willing to step up and fill her shoes.

### *December Raffle Winners*

Deb Chabot, \$40; John Hanson, \$20;  
Tom Meyers, Schneckeburger family,  
Sue Roper, \$10 each.

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## ConVal School District News 2015-2016 Budget: Midstream

*Pierce Rigrod, Hancock Representative to the ConVal School District*

The ConVal School District is winding its way through another budget cycle for the 2015-16 school year, and has made some significant progress. The Board has received a wide number of good comments from a variety of interested people. The budget for 2015-16 will benefit from several sources of revenue from the NH Municipal Association (formerly known as the "LGC"), state building aid, and securing fuels at much lower rates for the current budget cycle and for 2015-16. Just these revenue increases and savings add up to approximately \$400,000.

The SAU made a concerted effort to bring in a trim budget. At this point, the budget for 2015-16 is below the current (2014-15) approved budget. The "district assessment" (what we pay in our tax bill) at this writing is below last year's levels. The School Board has held public meetings in November and made a number of decisions regarding funding for programs, including Arts Enrichment (in-school activities conducted by local artists) and the funding of a variety of student activities referred to as "co-curricular" activities.

The Education Committee has been discussing the possibility of re-focusing the Arts Enrichment Program to be "arts and sciences" and to include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming. I support that idea.

Several other major decisions will be made in early January, including whether or not the District will outsource food services. There is also the potential to have a teachers' contract ready for consideration as a warrant article. Warrant articles will be posted for public review in January, and will also include providing funds to certain "trust" funds for capital projects, special education, etc.

At our December 16 meeting, a number of ConVal High School Students, including representatives of the Student Council and Honor Society took the time to come and present their views on the budget, and express their interest in being part of the budget process. Good to see that participation!

You can find out more about the ConVal budget process and details about what's in the budget at <http://conval.edu/district/district> or feel free to send me an email at [prigrod@conval.edu](mailto:prigrod@conval.edu).

*Happy Holidays!*

**Peterborough Folk Music Society**  
*(an all-volunteer, non-profit organization)*

**Jonathan Edwards Concert**  
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**Restorative Yoga Retreats**

**Meditation-in-Motion Yoga Retreat**  
Sunday, January 11, 2015  
1:30-4:30 p.m. • Hancock Public Library, Hancock, NH

**Deep Peace Restorative Yoga Retreat**  
Sunday, February 8, 2015  
1:30-4:30 p.m. • Peterborough Unitarian Church

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### Hancock Elementary School

PTO - An Important Pillar at Hancock Elementary School

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



The mission of a Hancock Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is to raise funds for the support of various Hancock Elementary School activities and to

distribute said funds. To create a forum for the sharing of ideas and information between the parents and faculty of the Hancock Elementary School. (PTO Bylaws)

Since I have been at HES, I have watched the PTO seamlessly live their mission. Their work and collaborative nature have been seen at events such as the Harvest Feast, the Lita Judge Night, and the HES Book Fair. Parents throughout the community planned, prepped, decorated, cooked, emailed, organized, and cleaned up with what appeared to be little effort!

In addition to the many events that the PTO has helped HES to host, they have worked to

develop excellent fundraising ideas for our school. Through Original ArtWorks, Box Top collection and coupon book sale, the PTO has been able to provide teachers with the funds to purchase books and supplies for the classroom, as well as enable students to attend field trips and shows throughout the fall.

I would like to thank the PTO officers, Clare Varga, Amy Sulborski, Dave Varga, Jenny Green and Megan Dodge for their service. I would also like to thank Jen Marshall and Lisa Woodin for their work with specific fundraising activities. Finally, I would like to thank the parents and guardians who have volunteered their ideas, time and resources to ensure that our students at HES continue to have enriching experiences at school. Although important, attending meetings is not what makes a PTO. It is the collaborative effort and contribution of all parents and teachers that make a strong PTO. Your collaboration and contributions are much appreciated!

#### From the Town Office

##### 2014 Town Report Submissions

The **deadline** to submit reports for the 2014 Annual Report will be **Friday, January 23, 2014**. You can email your report to me at [office@hancocknh.org](mailto:office@hancocknh.org) if it is more convenient for you. Please let me know if you have any questions. Email or call 525.4441  
*Submitted by Linda Coughlan, Town Secretary*

#### Town Offices

- Closing at noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2014
  - Closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015
- #### Library
- Closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015

#### Recreation Committee

##### Winter Frolic 2015

Please save the date! The Recreation Committee will sponsor the annual Hancock Winter Frolic on **Saturday, February 7, 2015**. Events will include box sled races, ice skating and broomball on Norway Pond, and the popular Food Court outdoors at the horse sheds (horses not included). More details to follow as the day draws nearer, but please circle this day on your calendar to save the date!  
*Submitted by Kary Shumway*

#### Tax Collector

Ann Charbonneau  
Wednesdays, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m

### Third Annual Norway Pond Ice Out Contest

*Submitted by The Ice Out Committee for 2015*



The Third Annual Norway Pond Ice Out Contest is underway. Agents are approaching area businesses soliciting sponsors. The sexton is making final improvements to his “little church on the pond,” and he will spot the structure as soon as the ice is strong enough. Ice Out Committee volunteers, Hancock Congregational Church members, and the following businesses are prepared to sell tickets: Hancock Inn, Fiddleheads Café, the Hancock Market, and online at <http://hancock.iceout.us>.

Here are the results from prior years:

Date	Tickets sold	Payout	Winner	Date/time of Ice Out
2013	835	\$706.23	P. Mathewson	April 10 - 10:19 a.m.
2014	949	\$801.20	R. Grise	April 16 - 1:54 p.m.

The Norway Pond Ice Out contest is a 50/50 fundraiser: fifty percent of the ticket sales support the maintenance fund for the Meetinghouse and the Vestry, and fifty percent go to the winner of the contest: the person who guesses most closely the precise time of the ice out event. Specific rules are printed on each ticket. Tickets will be sold **through March 31, 2015**. Good Luck!

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**Hancock  
Historical Society  
Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Hancock Historical Society will be held in the lower Meetinghouse on **Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

*Nomination and Election of officers*

*Annual Reports including:*

*President's review of Strategic Plan  
and Heritage Campaign*

*Treasurer's report and proposed budget  
Update on building renovation  
progress with slides*

*Committee reports*

*New Business*

*Adjournment*

This year's program will be a return to an old favorite, Show and Tell. For many years, this was the traditional program at the Society's annual meeting. Members would display interesting artifacts from their own family's belongings or from the museum collection, and share the story of the object with those present.

In current museum jargon, this kind of program is now called a Pop Up Museum. This year, we hope to revive the custom of sharing. Come to the Annual Meeting, and you will hear Ken Chester and a few board members present interesting objects for review.

We hope members attending will participate in the program by sharing a brief story of an object from their own family collection. There are no restrictions as to size, age or topic of the object. Please check your family artifacts for something to share with us, and perhaps you will spark an interesting discussion. Refreshments will be served.

**Submitted by Ruth Wilder**

**Art Exhibit at the Library  
Colorful Collections  
to Welcome the New Year**

If you haven't had a chance to view Janet Hymowitz's art show in the Daniels Room, you're in luck. The exhibit will remain on display during regular library hours **through Thursday, January 8, 2015.**

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"Color Color Everywhere" is the name of Elaine A. Cummings' show, which can be viewed from **January 10 to February 19.**



*Backyard Wedding  
by Elaine Cummings*

Born in Needham, Massachusetts, and raised in Amherst, New Hampshire, Elaine has been a student of art since she was a child.

She attended the Rhode Island School of Design, has done commercial artwork, and operated the Red House Art Camp in her home in Peterborough. She has studied with Frankie Brackley Tolman, Pam Lawson, and Robert Burridge.



*Awakened  
by Elaine Cummings*

In addition to acrylic, Elaine has enjoyed using watercolor, casein, gouache, monotype, printing, and polymer clay to create her art. Her subject matter

focuses on the people, places, and animals that have moved her heart, including the many cats she has had over the years.

Elaine's art has been exhibited at the Ava Gallery in Lebanon, NH; Monadnock Arts Auction; Thorne Gallery at Keene State College; International Watermedia XV in Pikes Peak, CO; Rocky Neck Art Colony national juried exhibit; the Dublin Art Tour, and many other venues. Most recently, she exhibited at the 2014 Winterlude Art Show and Sale in Peterborough.

After 40 plus years of living in Peterborough, Elaine and her husband, Joe, moved to Hancock last May. So come meet the artist and welcome her to our community. An art **reception** in the Daniels Room is planned for **Saturday, January 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Art shows can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. It is always best to call the library (525.4411) before attending a show, as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings and events.

*Submitted by Sandy Taylor*

### Hancock Area Watercolor Group New Seven-Week Session

The Hancock Area Watercolor Group will start a new seven-week session on **January 7, 2015**. Classes meet at the Vestry (next to the Church in Hancock Center) on **Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon**. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information, call Sue Francis at 525.3313.

*Submitted by Sue Francis*

### Cub Scouts Pack 2



The Cubs Scouts have been keeping very busy over the last few months. Most of our scouts took part in Scouting for Food

at the beginning of November, and helped out our local food pantries. Our Tiger scouts visited a radio station in Concord, and, on a different day, they took a hike through McCabe Forest in Antrim. Our Wolf den has been busy as well. They have built birdhouses learned about the New Hampshire state flag, and made stilts to walk on. Together as a pack, the scouts made ornaments to put on a camping-themed tree at the Antrim Library.

Pack 2 went to see the Manchester Monarchs this month, and thoroughly enjoyed their Scout Night. We also just held our December Pack meeting. The boys were given their pinewood derby car kits. Over the next three weeks, the boys will turn simple blocks of pine into racing machines. Our Pinewood Derby will be held in January.

We have other upcoming events as well. On **Friday, January 2**, some of our scouts will attend the Monster Jam Monster Truck Show at the Verizon Wireless Arena. The scouts get to meet the drivers and walk right up to the trucks before the general public get there. It is always loud and fun.

On **Saturday, January 24**, Pack 2 will be taking part in a Cub Scout winter carnival and ice fishing derby in Keene. In February, we have our annual Blue and Gold banquet/awards dinner. It should be a fun winter for the Scouts.

As always, if you know a boy in first to fourth grade who would like to join Pack 2, contact Jenny Colby at [jennylc@tds.net](mailto:jennylc@tds.net)

*Submitted by Jenny Colby, CubMaster, Pack 2*

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**What's happening at the  
Holistic Health Professionals Center**  
123 Prospect Hill Road, Hancock

*"If you want to know the future, look at what is in your mind."* – Matthieu Ricard

**Announcement**–Hancock Holistic Healthcare and all of our professional associates are now located at the Holistic Health Professionals Center, 123 Prospect Hill Road, Hancock, NH. We are pleased to announce our professional staff is increasing, and we are offering additional holistic therapies, services and events for 2015.

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**January 24 and  
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We are always available by appointment: 603.933.3294, seven days a week  
**Submitted by Arlene Smith**



MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

**A Piano for the Meetinghouse**

The wonderfully renewed Meetinghouse is now attractive and useful for artistic endeavors, and, wasting no time, on December 13 Project Shakespeare presented the play *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Musical events of many kinds – performances, rehearsals, children's events, even the occasional sing-a-long or *Happy Birthday* – could be held there as well, but most of them will need a piano.

Music on Norway Pond (MONP), the Hancock-based non-profit that presents high-quality concerts throughout the year, would like to show its appreciation to Hancock by leading the effort for a Meetinghouse piano. We have identified a suitable instrument, a baby grand that MONP Artistic Director Jody Hill Simpson calls "a well-behaved piano." It will sit on high-quality casters so that it can be moved without damage to the new floor. MONP will buy it, have it moved, refurbished and tuned by local piano technician Bill Faller, donate it to the Town and see to its ongoing maintenance. The total cost is under \$2,000.

With guidance from Town Administrator Diane Kendall, this donation has been presented to, and approved by, the Selectboard. The piano will be installed in time for the Norway Pond Festival Singers to use it during January

rehearsals for February's performance of *The Armed Man*. Now all that's left is to raise the funds!

MONP, through our board members, friends, and collections at concerts, will take the lead on raising funds specifically for this effort. We have already received guidance from Tom Shevenell of the Hancock Improvement Association. Any and all donations, fundraising ideas, and offers to help are certainly appreciated. MONP is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Donations can be mailed to Music on Norway Pond, P.O. Box 341, Hancock, NH 03449, or handled through [www.musiconnorwaypond.org](http://www.musiconnorwaypond.org). And thanks!

*Submitted by Rick Simpson*



### Community Supper

Join Hancock Elementary School as they host the community supper on **Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Vestry.

*Submitted by Donna Coty*

### Hancock Woman's Club

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy one!

We have several interesting programs scheduled for 2015, and we hope you will be able to attend them. Our next meeting, on **Wednesday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Vestry, will host Hancock resident, Nina Pollock, RN, discussing "What Can You Do to have a Quality Hospice Experience?" Nina has over 20 years of experience as a hospice nurse and she knows what happens behind the scenes. We all probably know someone who has been under hospice care. Some of us have heard of good experiences, while others have heard of hard, bad times. This talk will provide some suggestions on how to provide some healing moments amidst the caring for one who is approaching the end of life.

Our hostesses, who will be preparing delicious munchies, are Diane Kidd, Rita Klug, and Karen McWhorter.

### Please mark your calendars!

We are pleased to invite you to our Mid-Winter Concert on **Sunday, January 25, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Hancock Meetinghouse, so you may enjoy some post-holiday cheer in the dark of winter! The performers are the members of the Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Dan Carberg. This one-hour program includes works by John Dowland, Henry Purcell, and Handel, as well as a few much-loved repeats of Christmas music. Our concert is free, but donations will be very gratefully received in support of our Scholarship and Community Needs Funds. Please join us and enjoy!

February's Woman's Club meeting will take place on **February 11 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Vestry. Karen Nigh, RN, will give us a break from winter. Karen, also from Hancock, is a retired psychiatric nurse. She will perform as a "Singing Nurse" giving us a chance to enjoy funny hats and sing-a-long music. Karen has used her guitar, singing and wearing a silly hat


  
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to entertain patients in hospice, and in various local caring facilities, as well as performing at various local parties and events.

Please be sure not to miss our January and February meetings, both informative and entertaining! Just keep marking your calendars!

Suncatchers are still available in a variety of colors, and will be offered for purchase at all our meetings for just \$10. We will continue to pass the food pantry donation envelope around at each meeting for those who wish to contribute.

The holiday decorations at the Post Office, Gazebo, and holiday services and events just make Hancock a wonderful place to live.  
*Submitted by Gertie Kanner*



**Another Tale From Home:** [www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)  
Band leaders tend to be an anxious lot. On a recent engagement, a leader cautioned a young musician, "If you take a drink onto the bandstand, put it in a coffee cup, so people won't know what it is." He replied, "It's OK, I'm just drinking coffee." The leader nervously retorted, "Well then... put it in a wine glass."

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*Submitted by Jess Gerrior*

### Circle of Strength Military Support Group



The Circle of Strength Military Support Group will hold our first meeting of the year at the Monadnock Community Hospital's Bond Wellness Center's conference room on **Saturday, January 17, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** If you would like to attend, please email me at [ellsworthsusan@gmail.com](mailto:ellsworthsusan@gmail.com). If you are new to our group, please reference Military Support Group in the subject line.

The date for our February meeting will be **Saturday, February 21, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**, also at the Bond Wellness Center's conference room. Please email if you would like to attend or join our group. Thanks!  
*Submitted by Susan Ellsworth*



*Kristen Vance, Director*

**Thank you** to all the Hancock businesses and residents who donated to our first annual online auction, and to all who joined in the bidding. Thanks to you, we reached our \$10,000 goal. This was a very important fundraiser for The Grapevine, and we're grateful for your support.

**Better Beginnings for Babies is Growing!**— Now there are two "baby groups" on

**Wednesdays:** The first from **10:00 to 11:30** a.m. for babies 6 to 18 months, and the second from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** for newborns to 6 months. Both are facilitated by parenting educator Nancy Macalaster, formerly a program director at Sophia's Hearth in Keene. Call 588.2620 for more information and to sign up.

**Call for your Free Tax Prep appointment**—Hancock resident and IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz will provide free tax preparation at The Grapevine on **Mondays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, starting January 19, 2014. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine now for your appointment.

**The Avenue A Club** for GBS Students meets **Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.** at Avenue A Teen Center, 42 Main Street in Antrim. Play pool or foosball, hang out with friends, listen to music, do homework. Some club days will have local experts in the areas of nature, wellness and culture. Registration is required and you will find forms at GBS, Antrim Recreation Office or The Grapevine. Call Ave A Coordinator Heidi Schultz at 588.2620 or email Heidi at [AvenueATeenCenter@gmail.com](mailto:AvenueATeenCenter@gmail.com).

**Guiding Good Choices begins January 22**—Call now to register for this nationally-recognized workshop, set for five Thursday evening sessions beginning January 22, which teaches parents of children ages 9 to 14 the effective family management and communication skills needed to help reduce their children's risk for using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Says one parent, "Guiding Good Choices gave our family the skills to help our son deal with peer pressure. Now that he's in high school, we're thankful we took the course when he was nine." Offered in partnership with Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools, and their PTOs. Call 588.2620 now to register, it will fill quickly

**Back by Popular Demand! Fancy Schmancy Tea Party**—Saturday, February 14 from 11

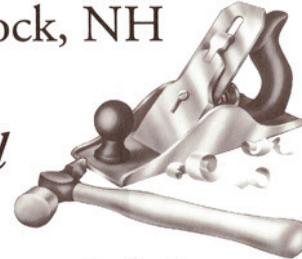
**a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Antrim Town Hall. Children and adults are invited to dress in your fanciest, schmanciest duds and join us for tea, punch, finger cakes, crumpets and assorted goodies (along with water and crudités to cleanse the palate). Enjoy games, crafts and other delightful diversions beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by seating for tea at 11:30 a.m. Call The Grapevine early to make your reservation, seating is limited.

**Stop, Drop & Romance**—Sunday, February 15 from **3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy fun activities and crafts with other children while you and your love celebrate. \$12 for the first child, \$6 for siblings. Please let us know when you call to sign-up if the cost is a hardship. Space is limited, so call now.

**Community Wood Bank**—Free firewood is available for families and individuals who cannot afford to buy wood, and who use wood as a primary heat source. Please call The Grapevine during office hours. Many thanks to Robblee Tree Service and Ed Lemire in Antrim, to Priscilla Starratt and Paul Merrill in Hancock, to D.H. Hardwick and Ron Galik in Frankestown, and to the Pelletiers and Linda McGilvery in Bennington for donations of wood, and to the many volunteers who cut, split

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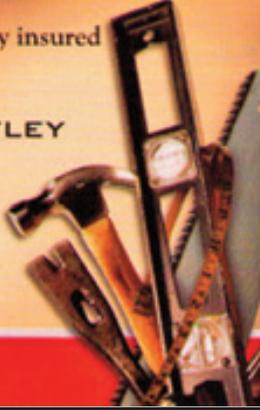
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**Senior Wellness has Openings**—Balance and strength training for older adults, based on the Tufts University “Strong Living” model.  
**Tuesdays and Fridays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Free. Call for information

*The Grapevine is a nonprofit organization, serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Frankestown and nearby towns. Other programs include the People’s Service Exchange, The Learning Vine Preschool and Better Beginnings parent-child programs. Tax-deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Visit [www.GrapevineNH.org](http://www.GrapevineNH.org) or call 588.2620 to learn more.*



## Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

<http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com/>

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Thursdays, January 8 and February 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon—Writer’s Awake!**—Do you like to write? If so, this is a good time to get started again - or carry on - and often leads to many pleasures. This time we'll be talking about how to leave a legacy of living memories for your friends and family, a way to preserve some of the past as a gift for your great grandchildren, or a gift to yourself in thinking over your

experiences. We'll talk about ways to give your writing structure, how to find your own voice, and how to be patient with progress. For now, this involves just two Thursday meetings – January 8 and February 12, at 10:30 a.m. Come as a novice or experienced writer – all are welcome. Does History matter, or Herstory? Margaret Carlson has taught writing at ConVal High School, Franklin Pierce College, and, most recently, at the adult learning program at Keene State College. Pre-registration is preferred. Please call or visit the library to register: 525.4411. Free and open to all.

**Thursday January 8, at 7:00 p.m.—Ken Sheldon Reads Michael Manley**—When Marshall Cameron, America’s most beloved senior newscaster, disappears from his exclusive retirement community, his daughter Darcy—member of a canine search and rescue team—is called out to find him. But Darcy isn’t the only one looking for her father, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer’s and whose past is more complex and disturbing than she ever imagined. *Probability of Detection* is the first novel by Michael Manley, the pen name of authors Ken Sheldon and Stan Miastkowski. The two met while working at *Byte Magazine*, the first magazine dedicated to personal computers. After leaving *Byte* to pursue freelance careers, Stan became involved in K-9 search and rescue

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as a communications officer and took part in numerous searches, including operations following the September 11 attacks in New York City.

“We were having lunch one day and Stan told me about a search involving an elderly Alzheimer’s patient. There were a few odd details about the search and I mentioned to him that it would be a great basis for a novel,” says Sheldon. Although Miastkowski had years of experience as a broadcaster and journalist, he’d never written a novel before. “That’s OK,” Sheldon said. “We’ll do it together.” Sadly, Miastkowski passed away in 2009 from complications due to ALS (“Lou Gehrig’s Disease”) before he was able to see the novel published. “The manuscript sat on my desk for some time before I decided to move forward with it,” says Sheldon. He and Stan had already

chosen the pen name Michael Manley, a combination of their middle names. Readers have called *Probability of Detection* “riveting,” “a real page-turner” and “One of the best thrillers I’ve read in years.” Sheldon plans to continue writing suspense fiction under the Michael Manley name in honor of his friend Stan. Free and open to all.

**Thursday January 22, at 7:00 p.m.–Looking Forward with Margaret Carlson and Friends**–Join us as poet Becky Sakellariou and others read the essays of local author Margaret Carlson. Her book is a collection of true stories – both light and dark – over a lifetime, and includes excerpts from some other writers as well. Copies of Ms. Carlson’s book, *Looking Forward*, will also be available for sale. Free and open to all.

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**Saturday January 24, 10:00 a.m. to noon–Basket Weaving for Beginners with Don Briggs**–The Beginners Basket Class will be taught by Don Briggs in the Daniels Room. Class size will be limited to the first seven people who call Amy to register at 525.4411! Participants should bring scissors, tape measure, small awl or screwdriver, and a small towel. There will be a \$5.00 charge for materials. Don Briggs has been making baskets for 25 years and loves teaching others this skill. He lives in Hancock with his wife Pat. Don't forget to register by visiting or calling the library!

### From the Children's Room

**Thursdays in January, at 10:30 a.m.–Lapsit Storytime**–Walking and talking, the babies to toddler story time is an interactive program for all pre-school children 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.

**Thursday January 15, at 10:30 a.m.–Storytime with Trains!**–A special storytime focusing on trains! Join us as we read stories about trains and then have fun playing with train sets. All preschoolers and parents/caregivers welcome. Drop in, have fun!

**Tuesday January 6, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.–Block Party: LEGO® Fun**

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**Jan 9 (Fri) Easygoing Hike at Harvard Forest**–A moderately easy, 3-mile roundtrip hike around Harvard Forest, followed by a visit to the Fisher Museum (no charge), which features 23 internationally acclaimed dioramas portraying the history, conservation, and management of central New England forests. 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 Mutch at 978.386.5318 or [wapack@peoplepc.com](mailto:wapack@peoplepc.com); or Lee Baker 603.525.5262 or [snowman3137@gmail.com](mailto:snowman3137@gmail.com).

**Jan 11 (Sun) Skatutakee and Thumb Mountain Loop Hike**–A moderately strenuous and picturesque 5-mile roundtrip hike over Skatutakee and Thumb Mountains, with views from both peaks. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **10:00 a.m.** at the Harris Center. Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Denny Wheeler 603.313.0350 or Russ Daigle 603.477-7506.

**Jan 25 (Sun) Hayashi Snowshoe Trek**–Join Jeremy Wilson and Eric Masterson for an easy, 1.5-mile roundtrip snowshoe trek (or hike, depending on conditions) through the Harris Center's newly-conserved 107-acre "Hayashi" property on the Dublin/Hancock/Peterborough border. The route follows a trail through the site of the former Monadnock School for Natural Cooking and Philosophy, linking to another trail that runs along Nubanusit Brook on Army Corps of Engineers land. Bring water and meet

at **1:00 p.m.** at the trailhead on Route 137 in Dublin. (Go north from Carr's Store at the junction of Routes 137 and 101. The trailhead will be on your right, exactly 1.9 miles from Route 101.) Back by 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Eric Masterson or Jeremy Wilson at 603.525.3394.

**Jan 26 (Mon) Seed Starting at Otter Brook Farm—**

Get a jump on spring by learning how to start seeds and prepare seedlings for early planting! Join agricultural specialist Matthew Roy of Otter Brook Farm (OBF) for a morning of hands-on learning in the OBF Seedling Shed. **10:30 a.m. to noon** at Otter Brook Farm, 130 Gulf Road in Peterborough. All materials provided. Registration is required. To register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).

**Jan 28 (Wed) First Session of Forever Evergreen Homeschool Program—**

Discover the greens in winter by getting to know the Monadnock Region's evergreen trees and shrubs. Learn who they are, who eats them, and how they stay green through the whole year. We'll hear stories and myths about these special plants and learn the science of their staying power. We'll find out how their boughs help animals survive the winter, and we'll even take a sip and a bite out of these beautiful greens ourselves. This class for elementary school-aged children will meet **Wednesdays, January 28, February 4, and February 11, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Harris Center. \$30 for Harris Center members/\$50 nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Sara Lefebvre at [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org) or call 603.525.3394.



*Snowy Owl*

by Kim Cunningham

**Jan 29 (Thur) Magic of the**

**Snowy Owl Film Showing—**This hour-long documentary provides an intimate look at the Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*), a bird that made headlines last winter when it appeared in record-high numbers throughout New England. Though these visitors from the North stand out for their physical beauty, it's their ability

to survive that reveals their true magic. **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. 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 for

an informal Q&A session. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org) or 603.358-2065. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy and the Keene State College Film Society.

**Jan 31 (Sat) Camp Chenoa Snowshoe Trek—**

Join Meade Cadot and Ben Haubrich for a moderately strenuous, 1.5-mile roundtrip snowshoe trek (or hike, depending on conditions) through 185 newly-conserved acres in southwest Antrim. This land is the former site of a Swift Water Girl Scout camp, and directly abuts the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. Bring water, and meet at **9 a.m.** at the trailhead. (To get there from Antrim, go north on Route 31 for 1.5 miles, then turn left onto Gregg Lake Road. Go 2.3 miles. The trailhead is on your right, marked by a Harris Center Supersanctuary sign.) Back by noon. For more information, contact Ben Haubrich at [bph03043@gmail.com](mailto:bph03043@gmail.com) or call 603.547.2075.

**Feb 3 (Tues) Watching the Weather: A Citizen Science Training—**

Join meteorologists Chris Kimble and John Cannon of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to learn how to become a volunteer weather watcher! Chris and John will introduce the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) and explain how to take measurements of precipitation and snow. They will also provide SKYWARN Storm Spotter training, which includes detailed discussions of thunderstorms, tornadoes, and other hazardous weather, and of how volunteer storm spotters can provide crucial information to the National Weather Service. **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Keene State College Science Center (Room 175). For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org) or 603.358.2065. Cosponsored with NOAA and Keene State College.

**\*Feb 5 (Thur) First Session of A Community of Women Dreaming of Getting (Back) Into Winter Hiking—**

We'll snowshoe, hike, and renew our connection with nature on local trails in the sparkle of February light. Participants will become familiar with gentle to moderately challenging Monadnock Region trails, meet a group of women who may wish to hike together outside of this course, gain confidence as winter hike planners, and get a strong dose of Vitamin N (Nature). Be prepared for 2.5- to 4-mile hikes, cold weather, hills, and a wonderful time discovering nature's surprises with a supportive group of women.

Ideally bring snowshoes that you've used before. A gear list and health forms will be sent to registrants. This Environmental Studies Institute (ESI) course for adults happens on **Thursdays, February 5, 12, and 19, from noon to 3:00 p.m.**, meeting at the Harris Center to carpool to local snowshoeing destinations. Facilitated by Janet Altobello, Harris Center School Program Coordinator and lifelong hiker. \$30 for Harris Center members/\$50 nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Sara Lefebvre at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).

**Feb 5 (Thur) Nature on Tap: The Prickly Truth of Porcupine Courtship**—Join Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber at the Hancock Inn tavern for a lively happy hour discussion on the mating and courtship habits of the North American porcupine. Get into the Valentine's Day mood early by learning how male porcupines dance their way into the hearts of their mates. Drinks on you, conversation on us! **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the Hancock Inn. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, contact Sara Lefebvre at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).

**Feb 6 (Fri) Easygoing Hike Along the Jaffrey Rail Trail**—A moderately easy, 4-mile roundtrip hike along a rail trail from the Jaffrey Pizza Barn to Woodbound Road and back. 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 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ollie Mutch at 978-386-5318 or [wapack@peoplepc.com](mailto:wapack@peoplepc.com); or Lee Baker at [snowman3137@gmail.com](mailto:snowman3137@gmail.com) or 603.525.5262.

**Feb 7 (Sat) Gridley River Snowshoe Trek**—Join Swift Corwin and Eric Aldrich for an easy, 2.4-mile roundtrip snowshoe trek (conditions permitting) along the Gridley River in Sharon. We'll visit The Nature Conservancy's Wales Preserve – protected 51 years ago – following the ice-bound brook under mammoth white pines and hemlocks. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **10:00 a.m.** at the Wales Preserve on Spring Hill Road in Sharon. Back by noon. For more information, contact Eric Aldrich [ealdrich@tnc.org](mailto:ealdrich@tnc.org) or Swift Corwin [swiftcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:swiftcorwin@gmail.com). Cosponsored with the Nature Conservancy.

**Feb 12 (Thur) *The Private Life of Deer* Film Showing**—Just a century ago, there were less than a million deer in North America. Today, there are nearly 30 million. This hour-long documentary, filmed largely in the Northeast, takes a close look at how wild deer interact with one another, and how they've adapted to living alongside humans. **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School in Peterborough. Following the film, Matt Tarr – Wildlife Specialist with the UNH Cooperative Extension – will be on hand for an informal Q&A session. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org) or 603.358-2065. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy and the UNH Cooperative Extension.

**\*Feb 14 (Sat) Bobcats in New Hampshire: The Latest Research**—Bobcats have been protected in New Hampshire since 1989, when their numbers were so low that few of these wild felines were ever seen. Twenty-five years later, there are an estimated 1,000 bobcats statewide, and sightings are much more common. However, the landscape is quite different now than it was when bobcats last flourished. Join Rory Carroll, a graduate researcher at the University of New Hampshire, for a presentation on what the UNH bobcat research team has learned about the past, present, and future of this charismatic carnivore in New Hampshire. **10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org) or 603.358-2065.

**Feb 21 (Sat) Snowshoe Trek to Osgood Hill**—A moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip hike to the top of Osgood Hill (a.k.a. City Hill) in Nelson. The route follows a new trail through Harris Center conservation land, then strikes out for less than a mile of bushwhacking along an abandoned trail to the top of Osgood Hill, the second-highest peak in Cheshire County. Bring water and lunch, and meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Bailey Brook trailhead on Bailey Brook Road/Old Stoddard Road in Nelson (1.4 miles south of the junction with Route 123). Back by 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy Schillemat at [kschillemat@yahoo.com](mailto:kschillemat@yahoo.com) or 603.847.9785; or Al Stoops at [al.stoops@gmail.com](mailto:al.stoops@gmail.com)  
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*Submitted by Beate Becker, Executive Director*

## News from Fish & Game

### Buy your Voluntary Hike Safe Card

New for 2015, voluntary Hike Safe Cards are available from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. You may purchase the card online at [www.wildnh.com/safe](http://www.wildnh.com/safe) to support Fish and Game search and rescue efforts and be exempt from liability for repaying search and rescue costs in New

Hampshire (unless caused by reckless or intentional behavior). The cards may only be purchased online. They are not available from agents. Hike Safe Cards cost \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family (parents and minor children), and are good through the end of the calendar year.

Whatever outdoor activity you enjoy hiking, biking, paddling, cross country skiing, or walking the nature trails in your town, the Hike Safe Card is your back-up plan for the great outdoors. Most importantly, proceeds from card sales go directly to support Fish and Game's search and rescue activities.

Through a provision of the law that established the Hike Safe Card, people who possess a valid N.H. hunting or fishing license, or a current registration for an off-highway recreational vehicle, snowmobile or boat, will be exempt from repaying rescue costs due to negligence, without buying the card.

Learn more about the Hike Safe Card and see Frequently Asked Questions about the card at [www.wildnh.com/safe](http://www.wildnh.com/safe). While you're there, why not buy a card for 2015!

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**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

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**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;

**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



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## MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

### MUSIC ON NORWAY POND IS IN FULL SWING!

The heart of our season is upon us will be presenting three exciting musical events in January and February. It is time to ask the snow gods to please be kind to all of us concert-goers!

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.**

*SEGNOR DELUSO*, a hilarious one-act comic opera  
AND John Muratore, guitar  
and Roberto Cassin, accordion.

### **SATURDAY JANUARY 24th, at 4pm**

CHORO BASTARDO CD Release Party at the Simpsons' house.  
This 4-person edgy, energizing ensemble plays a unique genre of Brazilian jazz and was the surprise hit of last year's season. They have released an amazing new CD which we will celebrate while we listen to them perform selections from the recording in the Simpsons' music room.

*This event is limited to the first 50 people who order tickets.*

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th, at 4pm**

*THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE* by Karl Jenkins  
Sure to equal the unforgettable impact of last year's *Carmina Burana*, the performance will feature 70 singers and a group of soloists and instrumentalists from Boston. 18 young singers from ConVal High School will also be joining us. A critic wrote: "Tired of the standard old chestnuts? If so, try *The Armed Man* and travel to a music space you have longed for but never visited for more than a few chords; vigorous yet sublime, martial yet peaceful and altogether beautiful."

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