



## News from the Selectboard

*Erik Spitzbarth, Chairman for the Selectboard*

### APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Alexandra (Lexy) Heatley has been appointed Library Trustee for the open period until the next Town Election. Mary Garland has resigned the elected position, but will participate as an honorary trustee. Maureen MacAdam has accepted the open position for DPW Administrative Assistant reporting to DPW Director Kurt Grasset. Dalton Coyne, from ConVal HS, will begin an unpaid internship with the DPW assisting Building & Grounds, and the Transfer Station.

**PAY YOUR TAXES ON LINE:** The BOS has approved an *on-line* payment option for the upcoming tax season. Payment can be made either via ACH (Automated Clearing House) for a fee of \$0.95 per transaction or via Credit / Debit Card with a surcharge of 2.95 %. Naturally payment in person or mail is still accepted. We extend a “thank you” to our tax collector, Ann Charbonneau, for helping make these options available to us.

**“JUST THE FACTS”:** A statistical update for the town of Hancock shows we are approximately 1,365 properties comprised of 768 improved residential lots, 407 vacant lots, 59 tax exempt lots, 10 manufactured housing, 3 vacant commercial lots, 10 improved commercial lots, 3 utility ROW (Right of Way) poles & conduit operations owned by Eversource, Comcast, and Fairpoint, 1 cell tower & array, and a campground with, give or take, 36 trailers. We have come a long way since 1779. That’s 31.2 square miles we call home.

**IF I WERE IN THE 85 PERCENTILE,** I would be driving approximately 55 MPH on RT 202 through Hancock. That’s what Bill Lambert, Traffic Engineer / Administrator for NHDOT recently shared with the BOS. An in-depth study was completed for the current

areas marked by 50, 45, 55, 40, 55, 50 MPH limits stretching from the Peterborough to Bennington town lines. The BOS concurred with the recommendation of providing a uniform 55 MPH speed limit through this section with the exception of the Forest Rd intersection. The board requested a further study to determine if a speed reduction to 45/40 is appropriate at that intersection along with additional road alterations (removing the island). Final limit changes will not take place until the next scheduled (2016) road resurfacing / maintenance work is completed. So until than, drive safe.

**“BOULDER DASH” REMINDER:** Oct 10th-11th will be the Up North Orienteers’ Boulder Dash event in Hancock on the Harris Center properties. Visitors will be coming through town to participate. Three to four hundred competitors are expected. For more info, go online to:

[http://www.attackpoint.org/eventdetail.jsp/event\\_23673](http://www.attackpoint.org/eventdetail.jsp/event_23673)  
[http://www.upnoor.org/BD2015\\_Meet\\_Info\\_v1.pdf](http://www.upnoor.org/BD2015_Meet_Info_v1.pdf)

### BROADBAND SURVEY

The Town of Peterborough is sponsoring a broadband survey to include all of the area towns on providing improved internet access throughout the region. The details will be announced on Monday, September 28th. It will be internet based. When the details are available, we will post them on the Town website.

We encourage both businesses and individuals who are interested to respond.

*Submitted by John Jordan*

#### Hancock Happenings Mission Statement

Hancock Happenings is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified advertising. Hancock Happenings is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.

## Hancock Fire & Rescue

*Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department*

Practice, practice, practice

We do several training sessions each month to keep our members up to speed on a multitude of situations we may encounter. Sometimes we use our own homes to practice getting ladders up to the top of a chimney. Once in a while, we get to practice in a house that is slated for demolition. That is the ideal situation for us, as we don't have to worry about damaging anything during our training. We recently used an old small house on Old Dublin Road for a few sessions before it was demolished.

Our guys got some valuable lessons on roof venting, searching for subjects and handling hoses inside a house. We found out that a fire hose at 125 psi can remove wallpaper in a heartbeat! This photo is Dave Lefebvre practicing handling a hose from a ladder. Our thanks to Lee Baker for the use of the house; also Mark Schall, the contractor who got us in there.



Several members recently attended a training in Peterborough concerning the new school busses that are now in use in the Conval district. They are fueled with LP gas (propane). The twin tanks are very well shielded under the frame rails, and there are many safety features built into the busses. The oddest thing to me was that when the driver turns the key to start the rig, it goes through a series of self-test diagnostics, then the fuel pumps kick in, then the bus starts itself when it is good and ready- it can take up to 40 seconds. It's a bit unnerving until you get used to it.

These new busses get good mileage, and run a great deal cleaner than the old diesel busses. The only complaint we have heard is from parents who were used to hearing the diesels chugging up the road and knew when to shoo their kids out the door. The new LP fired rigs are almost as quiet as your little hybrid cars!

Fire Prevention week is this October 4th through the 10th. The theme this year is "Hear the Beep When You Sleep" New building codes require a hard wired, battery backed-up, inter-wired smoke detector in every bedroom in your house. This means they run on 110 volt power from your electrical service, have batteries in case of a power failure, and they all talk to each other. If one detector senses smoke, it will send a signal, and all of the detectors in your house will alarm. Yup, it is really loud. That's the idea. Nobody should be able to sleep through all the smoke detectors in your house going off together. It's a good reason to have them in all the bedrooms too. **The bottom line is that smoke detectors save lives.** Install new ones if you don't have any, or yours are too old.

September Raffle Winners:

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## ConVal School District News

*Pierce Rigrod, Strategic Plan Committee Chair*

### **A Strategic Plan For ConVal: A Focus on Excellence**

Last spring the ConVal School Board completed a survey and public focus group process to solicit input for the District's next strategic plan. The survey questionnaire was mailed to all the houses in the District and made available online. Nearly 1,000 people participated and their comments have been summarized by the SAU, and considered as the plan has developed over the summer. Many put a high-value on academic performance and rigor. Many felt foreign languages and sciences were academics the District should focus more attention on. The District's strategic plan serves to articulate the vision for the District over the next five years as well as a roadmap for how to achieve agreed upon District goals by completing important academic initiatives, making organizational changes and making investments in facilities and technology. The plan document itself is coming together now and it will be a detailed document focused on excellence and addressing many of the biggest challenges the District faces. We expect to have community forums to discuss the plan publicly by November.

The School Board agreed in July on four (4) specific goals for the plan that will begin to be implemented by the end of this year and extend over the next five years (2016-2021). The first goal (Goal #1) is to focus on improving academic achievement and performance. ConVal's mission is to ensure that "all learners will achieve academically, act thoughtfully, and contribute to the larger society." This means we place a high value on students achieving academically to their potential, obtaining critical skills for life after ConVal and developing the confidence and ability to succeed in their future endeavors after high school. The new plan will focus much more than the last on the details of ensuring we are moving in this direction. ConVal will continue to foster a responsive, caring and high-achieving culture where all feel highly engaged and included (Goal #2). Student engagement is a primary factor to student learning. The third goal involves organizational structure and the development of a structure that ensures all students receive an equitable share of available, high quality educational resources and opportunities. As most people know, with falling enrollments, the need to evaluate how resources are deployed and optimized in an equitable fashion is important to the mission of the District. Strategies and actions to pursue over the next five years

will address enrollment from a number of directions. The fourth goal involves personal, leadership, facilities and technology all part of the District's "operations" and implementing accepted "best practices" throughout the District's facilities, personnel, leadership, and technology, so that they are efficient and optimized for students.

Over the summer the SAU Leadership developed a series of strategies and actions to achieve the four goals. That process involved SAU Leadership working independently and offering their expert opinions and ideas on how to achieve the plan's goals within reasonable financial realities. Those ideas were discussed at length with the Strategic Plan Committee, who offered their feedback. That work has manifested itself as a series of tables (think spreadsheets) that include the goals, strategies, actions and timelines for the work to be accomplished over the next five years. This is similar to other strategic plans reviewed early on in the planning process. While many of the strategic plan's strategies and actions are a continuation of improvements in progress, there are many items in the plan that are innovative and new. The plan will establish benchmarks for academic progress and create a process to share and discuss that progress on a regular basis. It will call for capital investments that fix critical facility issues (older, leaking roofs, etc.), improve sub-standard classrooms, address life/safety priorities, beginning in the next (2016-17) budget. The plan draws upon details from the ConVal High School Plan that calls for major renovations to reorganize and improve science and art space at the high school.

Over the coming weeks, the District will be completing the plan and then organizing community forums. The forums will be an opportunity for people to comment on the plan. Those comments will be documented and reviewed by the Strategic Plan Committee and incorporated into the plan depending upon the consensus of the Committee. Eventually, the School Board will approve a final version of the plan (with final survey results and focus group summaries) this fall and it will be posted to the new ConVal website (coming this fall). The hope is that the plan will be a "living" document that everyone who cares about the District can continue to review and discuss over the next five years.

### News from the First Congregational Church

First of all, heartfelt thanks to all who have “seen me through” this last year of diagnosis, treatment, and time off. This is a truly amazing community. It was great to return to the pulpit in September and I am very excited about the season between now and Christmas. This fall, in my sermons and in our worship on Sunday mornings at 9:45am we will be looking at some of our tradition’s wisdom literature, including selections from Job and Ruth. The best place to get updates on our Sunday happenings is our Facebook page—Hancock Congregational Church.

The Rev. Larry Smith, retired pastor of the Hollis Congregational Church, will be leading worship on Sunday, October 4th. Larry was with us for a Sunday or two this summer and was well-received by those in attendance.

A date to circle on your calendar is Saturday, October 10th. There will be a trinity of events going on at the Meetinghouse and Vestry. The Church is sponsoring a yard sale, as well as a sale of homemade pies (just in time for Columbus Day guests). The Hancock Women’s Guild will be having its semi-annual sale of gently used clothing in the Lower Meetinghouse. Please consider donating items you no longer use to this worthy cause!

*Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor*  
[hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com)

First Congregational Church of Hancock



## Fall Yard Sale and Pie Sale!

### Saturday, October 10, 9-1

- >You can drop off your discarded household items at the Vestry on Friday October 9th, from 2:00-7:00pm.
- >You may reserve a table to sell your own items as well... cost for table rental is \$25.00. Call 525-4485 to reserve your own table.
- >If you love to bake, we would gratefully accept donations of pies as well during the same time on Friday. ☺
- >Come back on Saturday to buy a pie, enjoy a cup of coffee and peruse the sale items. All church sales are by donation with the Bag Sale from 12-1.





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## Dump News

*TOWN OF HANCOCK  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES  
FALL 2015 at the KEENE RECYCLING CENTER*

*LAST CALL: End of season for hazardous waste disposal:* October is the final month for this year’s hazardous waste collection program in cooperation with the Keene Recycling Center. Two Saturdays and one Wednesday are scheduled as collection days during October; please see specific dates and collection details below. After October 24, the next hazardous waste collection is scheduled to begin in March, 2016. The Keene Recycling Center will be very happy to accept, and the Hancock Recycling Center will be very grateful for your help, in properly disposing of Hazardous items of any quantity.

Saturday October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday October 24 <sup>th</sup>
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Hours: 8:00am to 1:00pm

The FINAL COLLECTION DATE for 2015 is Saturday, October 24th. Next collection for household hazardous waste will resume in March 2016 at the Keene Recycling Center.

All collections take place at the Keene Recycling Center off Route 12 North of Keene. Containers must be labeled and not larger than 5 gallons. Do Not Mix Materials. Rechargeable and wet cell batteries are accepted. No pre-registration is required – just take your material to the Keene Recycling Center on any of the days listed, 8:00am to 1:00pm. There is NO CHARGE for residents of Hancock, but bring your driver’s license or registration.

To get to the Keene Recycling Center at 55 Old Summit Road, Keene, NH: go North on Route 12 from Keene (toward Walpole). The entrance is at the top of the hill on the left. Questions? Call 525-4087.



### Annual Ale & Quail Skeet Shoot

The 59th Annual Ale & Quail Society skeet shoot was held September 12th at Elmwood in Hancock, with 25 shooters participating.

In the men’s division, Sam White of Wilmot NH won with a score of 20; He was followed by Bernie Schneckenberger of Hancock and John Culp-Yu of Nottingham NH who tied with a score of 19. Rounding out a three-way tie for third with 18 were Kevin Kennedy of Hancock, Randy Beltz of Greenfield and host Rob Terrill of Hancock and Hudson NH.

The ladies division was won by Jane Luckner of Concord MA with a score of 10 in a shoot-off with her daughter Jacqueline; and in third place with a score of 10 was Ally Adams of Antrim.

The couples division was won by Rick and June Bardsley of Amherst NH.

*Submitted by Nancy P Adams*



*Rob Terrill of Hancock presents the Ale & Quail trophy to winner Sam White of Wilmot NH. Sam scored 20 in the skeet shoot at Elmwood in September.*



*Rob Terrill of Hancock presents the ladies trophy to Jane Luckner of Concord MA; Jane scored 10 at the annual shoot.*

**Hancock Happenings**  
If you need to reach me, email is the best way:  
happenings@hancocknh.org or 525.9459  
Jaime Donovan, Editor



# BULLETIN BOARD



## Community Supper

The Community Supper will be hosted by the Hancock Democrats on Thursday October 22nd at 5:30pm at The Vestry. Join us.

*Submitted by Donna Coty*

Antrim's Blossoms Early Learning Center is accepting fall registration for ages six weeks infants to seven years old children. Daily preschool curriculum, with nurturing responsive teaching, developmental practices. State scholarship encouraged; 588-2405, [info@BlossomsABC.com](mailto:info@BlossomsABC.com), off 202. Meals served.



## Cornucopia is hiring!

Cornucopia has an immediate job opening for a part-time **Administrative Coordinator** who can manage the data, communications and financial systems that support Cornucopia's growing educational, outreach and fundraising programs. The ideal candidate is well organized, tech--savvy, a quick learner who pays attention to the small stuff and enjoys working in a lively, community--based organization. Contact [jobs@cornucopiaproject.org](mailto:jobs@cornucopiaproject.org)

Another "Tale From Home" at [www.herb-gardner.com](http://www.herb-gardner.com)

In young Abbie's room there was an electronic doorbell that would play the famous "fate" theme from Beethoven's fifth symphony. I asked her, "Do you know what that music is?" She answered, "A symphony?" "That's right! Do you know who wrote it?" She frowned and said, "Strauss?" "No, but you're close." Searching her memory and putting all the clues together, she ventured a guess: "Abraham?"



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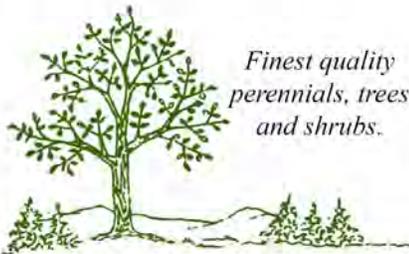
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## Hancock Town Library Events

Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director

<http://hancocktownlibrary.blogspot.com>

*Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm*

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm*

*Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm*

### Thursday October 1st at 7:00pm

#### **In Concert with Bernice Lewis**

The Hancock Town Library is incredibly lucky to get Bernice Lewis to stop here for a performance. With almost four decades of performing festivals, concert halls, coffeehouses, colleges, and house concerts, along with a half dozen acclaimed CDs, Bernice Lewis has built a solid national fan base. She is also a published poet, a producer, and an educator. Lewis, who studied vocal improvisation with Bobby McFerrin, guitar technique with Alex DeGrassi and Guy van Duser, and songwriting with Rosanne Cash and Cris Williamson — has been a featured performer on NPR's *Mountain Stage* program, as well as at the Kennedy Center. In 2008, she was awarded an Artist in Residence position by the National Park Service. In 1987, she was a finalist in the prestigious New Folk Songwriting Contest at the Kerrville (Texas) Folk Festival, where she continues to be a main stage favorite. Her ballad, "Bridges That Hold," was included in Peter, Paul and Mary's *Lifelines* video (PBS). She was featured in *Yoga Journal* for her work with sound and yoga, and has shared the stage with many renowned artists, including Dar Williams, Dixie Chicks, Patty Griffin, Pete Seeger, Ellis Paul, Rory Block, Livingston Taylor, Odetta, Christine Lavin, Marty Sexton, Patty Larkin, Catie Curtis, Mary Gauthier.... it's a long list. She has a forty-year old daily yoga practice, loves good coffee, and her religion is the Grand Canyon. Here's what Rosanne Cash had to say about Ms. Lewis: "Bernice is a voice full of light and hope. She is one of the keepers of the flame of Real Songwriting." Save the date and plan to bring friends and family. Free and open to all.

*Hancock Happenings* is available online at

<http://www.hancocknh.org/hancock-happenings>

### Thursday October 15th at 12:30pm

#### **Books Sandwiched In**

The Hancock Town Library's book club, *Books Sandwiched In*, is in full swing and welcomes new members at any time. This month's book is *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Please bring a lunch and join us in the Daniels Room the third Thursday of every month at 12:30pm.

### Thursday October 22nd at 7:00pm

#### **An Evening of Poetry (and Pie) with Paul Hostovsky**

Paul Hostovsky is back by popular demand for his second annual reading at the small-but-mighty Hancock Town Library. Come for the poetry but stay for the pie! Mr. Hostovsky will provide the poetry and the Friends of the Library will provide the pies. Paul Hostovsky is the author of five books of poetry, most recently *The Bad Guys*. His poems have won a Puschart Prize and he has been featured on Poetry Daily, Verse Daily, and The Writer's Almanac. He makes his living in Boston as a sign language interpreter at the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Please join us for this one-of-a-kind evening. Free and open to all!

### Tuesday October 27th at 7:00pm

#### **The Quotable Amelia Earhart with Michele Albion**

A fearless pioneer and a record-breaking pilot, Amelia Earhart engaged the nation and the world when she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. Today people remember her most for her disappearance on the last leg of her round-the-world flight in 1937. But more than a record breaker or a ghost lost over the Pacific, Earhart was ambitious, driven, and strong at a time when all three of these traits were considered unfeminine. Earhart's words and her example encouraged women to step beyond the narrow confines of their traditional roles. *The Quotable Amelia Earhart* brings together statements from a variety of sources and covers a wide range of topics, including Earhart's flights and her opinions on politics, work, religion, and gender equality. This definitive resource provides a concise, documented collection of Earhart's quotations so that her words, as well as her achievements, may inspire a new generation. Michele Albion's first job was as a tour guide at a fort built in 1754. She was a curator of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates and worked at a number of other museums, including the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She is the author of *The Quotable Eleanor Roosevelt*, *The Quotable Henry Ford*, *The Quotable Edison*, and *The Florida Life of Thomas Edison*. She lives in New Hampshire. Free and open to all.

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**Thursday October 29th at 7:00pm*****In Concert with Wendy Keith***

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**Greg Brown:** *"Sounds like an angel."*

**Vance Gilbert:** *"What a voice! Hubba Hubba!"*

**Dayton Duncan** described Wendy Keith as the *"Songbird of the Monadnock Region"*.

Wendy will be joined by Doug Farrell and Jack Carlton of Decatur Creek. Music is too important to our well being not to experience it live. Wendy will be performing original and favorite tunes that represent the Americana tradition of acoustic and contemporary folk and blues. Free and open to all.

**From the Children's Room****Callie Faucher, Children's Librarian****Thursdays at 10:30am Story Time**

Come join the fun! Each Thursday morning we sing songs, read stories, play with scarves, and do crafts! For preschoolers and their parents and caregivers. Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library.

**Tuesday, October 6th from 3:30 to 4:30pm****Lego Club**

It's time for Lego club to start again! Come to the library the first Tuesday of each month to work on your Lego creations or try a Lego building challenge. Bring your friends! Held in the Children's Room of the Hancock Town Library.

**Mondays, October 12th & 26th from 3:30 to 4:30pm****Paws to Read with Coffee**

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

**Back to School Reminder**

As a reminder, the library offers the resources you need to complete school projects and reports. If we don't have a certain book you need, inter-library loan is always an option. Just allow 1-2 weeks for the request to process. So if you know you have a big project due, don't delay, stop by the library today!

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### Hancock Elementary School

*Amy B Janoch, Cooperating Principal, Literacy Coach*

We are off to a wonderful start here at Hancock Elementary School. It is so wonderful to have all of the students back after a relaxing summer. Here is a bit of what students are learning.

Kindergarten students have adjusted quite well to the daily schedule and expectations at HES. The classroom is filled with opportunities to not only learn to read and write letters and numbers, it is filled with sand tables, dress up corners, and a store to learn about the community and facilitate cooperative play.

Mrs. Lowenthal has bumped up the expectations for our first and second graders. Students work in the reading corner, solve math problems in the computation center, and write stories in the journal center. In the afternoon, the room is filled with scientists as the students explore the effects of light and water on seeds.

Rocks, minerals, math and geography are on the menu in Mrs. Richardson's class. Colored maps of the world are displayed on the bulletin board, individual rocks are perched on student desks for analysis, and math fact awards are displayed for all to see!

Finally, fourth graders are spending a good bit of time reading, writing and studying geography through chocolate. Last year Mrs. Robins developed the "chocolate unit" to engage students and it was an absolute

success. Students read a number of books about the origin of chocolate, how chocolate is made, and where the cacao bean is found. Students can't get enough of chocolate! I believe that this new tradition will be remembered by fourth graders in years to come.

It brings such joy to see the children engaged. Please give a call and set up a time to visit - it is well worth the trip!

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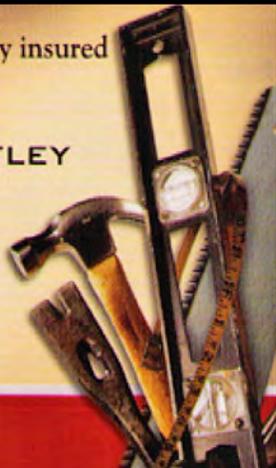
Have you seen the HES garden lately? The children transformed the space! Where there was only lawn, now there are 3 raised beds, a sapling teepee, 2 lasagna gardens and 3 Three-Sisters beds, all constructed, planted and tended by HES students. Herbs, flowers and veggies have been thriving in this edible garden classroom. They survived the heat of summer thanks to assistance from volunteer Garden Stewards including Jess and Nora Codman, Katie Richardson, Jean Robins, Kin Schilling, Patti McCartney and the Hancock summer recreation program. The latest addition to the garden area is a rain barrel, which filled to the top in just one rain event! The children had a great time tapping the rain barrel to water their plants. Now they're enjoying the fruits of the harvest, with samplings of cherry tomatoes, kale, carrots, calendula blossoms and beets, as they participate in the weekly Cornucopia garden lessons. Potatoes, leeks and Brussels sprouts are on their way."

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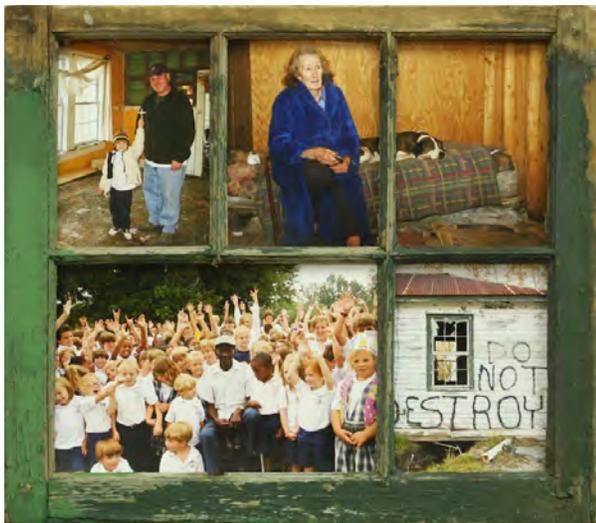
"Mississippi Home Again: Images of Hurricane Katrina" is a collection of photographs by Annie Card of Peterborough, documenting her two years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast doing relief work after the hurricane struck. The exhibit can be viewed in the Daniels Room from October 3rd to November 12th.

"About five weeks after Katrina's hit, I was deployed by the Red Cross. For three weeks in October, I met people whose lives were torn apart by the storm. Twice a day, we rolled through neighborhoods on a Red Cross canteen truck, handing out ice, bleach, hot meals, and cold drinks. FEMA trailers hadn't arrived yet. People were sleeping on their floors—cement slabs exposed after tearing out muddy carpets," Annie wrote in the *Monadnock-Ledger Transcript* last August.

Annie returned to Mississippi for what she expected would be another month or two, working privately to help residents whose lives were turned upside down by the storm.

She sent stories and photographs to the *The Monadnock Ledger* and *The Peterborough Transcript* (when Peterborough published two weekly newspapers); these inspired Monadnock residents to donate to the cause. Newspaper, magazine, radio, and television outlets from across the country picked these up and more money trickled in, so Annie established a nonprofit, Mississippi Home Again (MHA).

Along with fellow Red Cross worker Tammy Agard, she bought and delivered beds, kitchen appliances, hot water heaters, and washers and dryers to residents. Drawn to



*Katrina — Annie Card Photo*

MHA's reputation for getting material help to people quickly, a few corporations and large international NGO's sent larger and larger contributions. It soon became clear that Annie would be in Mississippi a while longer.

MHA opened up Operation TLC Volunteer Center plus two warehouses where they accepted truckloads of appliances, beds, paint, furniture, and building materials. At the end of two years, this tiny organization delivered over \$2 million in material goods and labor to residents of Mississippi.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Annie decided to pull together an exhibit so that friends and neighbors in the area who donated time and money could "meet" some of the people they helped. The show opened at the Peterborough Library last August and is now on tour.

"I've included a few images of the physical destruction, but mostly I photographed the people I met. I wanted to share their stories to help connect them with people outside the devastation zone. It was all about putting a face to the disaster—make the survivors real and hopefully inspire others to care enough to help.

"People were incredibly generous. Hundreds came to our volunteer center. Some flew. Others rolled in on buses from Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire, among other places. I fell in love with the people we were helping and with the volunteers. This photo exhibit is for all of them."

The show can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2 to 6pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Saturday, 10am to 4pm. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Before traveling any distance, be sure to check with the library (525-4411) as the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings.



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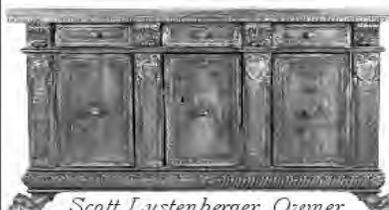
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## Hancock Guild

The Guild's annual pot luck supper was held last month as we opened a new year of community service, fund-raising, public program offerings, and the fellowship of women. The meeting was well attended and as always the food was delicious! If you missed the September meeting, the Guild will be meeting again on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm in the Vestry. As always, all area women are welcome to attend. Please consider joining this wonderful group of ladies. New members are welcome and you can set the level of commitment and contribution you can commit too. No amount of time is too small.

Coming up in October is our eagerly anticipated fall/winter clothing sale. This is one of our largest fund-raisers and all monies earned will go to our scholarship fund for Conval graduating seniors from Hancock. We are the only scholarship for Hancock seniors. **This year the clothing sale will be held in the Meetinghouse. All donations should be brought there.** We will accept donations of fall/winter clothing (all sizes in men's, women's, and children's), shoes, boots, linens, scarves/gloves/mittens/hats, jackets/coats, sleepwear, and accessories (socks, purses, etc.) We will also have a boutique corner. These items will be half-priced during the bag sale.

Clothing drop-off (**Meetinghouse**):

**Tuesday, October 6th:** 2:00-4:00pm  
6:00-7:30pm

**Wednesday, October 7th:** 2:00-4:00pm  
6:00-7:30pm

**Thursday, October 8th:** 2:00-4:00pm  
6:00-7:30pm

Clothing Sale (**Meetinghouse**):

**Friday, October 9th:** 1:00-5:00pm

**Saturday, October 10th:** 10:00-2:30pm

Bag Sale (buy a bag, fill it up) 2:30-3:30pm  
sm. bag: \$5.00/lg. bag: \$8.00

Also coming up on October 21st, at 7:30pm in the Vestry we will be hosting Get a Ride, Give a Ride, Share a Ride by The Contoocook Valley Transportation Company. The program begins at 7:30pm in the Vestry.

This program is free and open to the public. Please join us for an informational evening on this wonderful community program.

Finally, thinking ahead to November... **Calling all crafters, artisans, and artists!** The Guild will be holding its annual holiday craft fair on Saturday, November 7, 2015. This is a big event and vendors will be displaying their wares in both the Vestry and the Meetinghouse. If you'd like more information as a vendor/crafter, please email us at [hancock-guild@gmail.com](mailto:hancock-guild@gmail.com). We would be happy to forward you information.

*Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President*

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### Hancock Woman's Club News

Fall! Oh, Fall beautiful fall! Yes, summer is slowly ending. We do have something to look forward to and it is the Woman's Club monthly meetings!

Do you know that the Hancock Woman's Club has been in existence since February 1922? Our 93rd year of the club meeting will begin on **Wednesday, October 14th at 2pm** in the church vestry. Our meetings are held from October to May and are open to all women in the community, so newcomers to the area please come to check us out! Meetings are always on the second Wednesday of the month. Delicious refreshments will be prepared by our October Tea Hostesses, Doreen Ames, Sandhya Kale and Wayan Suarni.

This month's guest speaker will be Beth Bradford, International Child Protection Consultant and Support Director at the Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center in Antrim. Beth will be speaking about, *Working with Women and Children Around the World*. Beth is a native of Hancock, who has spent her adult life focused on work with children in orphanages and hospitals. She has worked as a consultant to organizations such as UNICEF, and has helped to prevent separation of children from families.

The club's 2015-2016 Yearbook will be available at our October meeting or from any board member. If you are unable to attend the October meeting, Yearbooks may be picked up at the Library.

Like us on Facebook.

*Submitted by Gertie Kanner*

#### NH FISH AND GAME

##### NH Food Bank Seeks Meat Donations from Hunters

New Hampshire hunters can share their fall harvest with the needy through the "[Hunt for the Hungry](#)" program at the New Hampshire Food Bank. Once again this fall, the food bank is collecting donations of whole or processed game animals for distribution to more than 400 food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and group homes statewide.

To donate game, and for packaging instructions, call the Food Bank at 603.669.9725, ext 245. If you are donating a whole deer or moose, you can bring it to Lemay & Sons Beef in Goffstown, N.H. 603.622.0022, and they will process it for the food bank at no charge.

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## Hancock Depot Association

Hancock Depot Cabaret, Saturday, October 3rd, 8pm.

“What good is sitting alone in your room?

Come hear the music play

Life is a cabaret, old chum

Come to the cabaret...”

The first Depot Cabaret was a huge success, so we're doing it again! Come out for a fun-filled night of music, veggies and drinks (BYOB!). We'll also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner!

All proceeds go to help support the Depot.

The show begins at 8:00pm, doors open at 7:30pm if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots.



ANNUAL MEETING  
Hancock Depot Association annual meeting will be held on October 17th at 10am at the Depot

*Submitted by Kary Shumway and Nancy Adams*

**HANCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



Hancock Historical Society President Tim Lord received the final \$10,000 check from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) this week completing their \$50,000 grant towards the society's Heritage Campaign. LCHIP's grant

was the largest received by the Historical Society towards their \$275,000 goal. There were 175 private pledges as well as seven foundation grants pledged towards the first major capital campaign since the society was founded in 1903.

Digit Taylor, executive director and Jenna Lapachinski, Historic Resource Specialist of LCHIP presented the check to Lord. It is estimated for every \$1 LCHIP provides in resources it



brings back five times that in the community. Monies raised through the Heritage Campaign have been used to restore the building throughout including its four chimneys, two fire-

places, brick facing as well as the Orland Eaton room named after the first president of the society. An open house celebrating the near completion of campaign is being planned at the society for Oct. 25th.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Prospect Hill Trail Maintenance -  
Saturday, October 24th**

Please join members of the town's Conservation Commission in an outing to improve and maintain the Prospect Hill trail system. The Commission will be meeting at the town offices on Saturday, October 24th at 9:00am. Participants should bring clippers and loppers and a snack and water bottle. We plan to cover a lot of fairly rugged ground in a 2-3 hour time-period and recommend wearing good hiking shoes. *Many hands make for light work.*

**Social media workshops  
continue through end of October**

Christine Halvorson of Halvorson New Media continues her series of social media workshops for small business owners and nonprofits with three offered in Hancock for the month of October.

Hancock workshops take place at the Hancock Town Library, Fridays from 11am to 1pm. They are \$20 each. Participants may bring their own lunch.

OCTOBER 16th: Graphics for the Graphically Challenged: Learn some tricks that will make it look like you know what you're doing.

OCTOBER 23rd: Instagram & Pinterest: Are They Right for Your Business?

OCTOBER 30th: Blogging for Business

Pre-registration for all workshops is required. Register by going to [HalvorsonNewMedia.com](http://HalvorsonNewMedia.com) and choosing "Events" from the menu.

COLUMBUS DAY is Monday, October 12th. How does that rhyme go?  
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**Monadnock Community Hospital  
"Be the Change"**

The New Hampshire Drug Monitoring Initiative reports that drug deaths increased by 55% in 2014 as compared to 2013. There were 326 deaths from overdoses in NH last year with 80 of them in Hillsborough County. Heroin use has become epidemic and has been declared a Public Health emergency. The problem grows worse all the time. There are more deaths from overdoses than traffic fatalities in NH.

The "Be the Change" Committee from Monadnock Community Hospital will be presenting an informational forum on substance misuse at the Antrim Town Hall located at 66 Main St in Antrim on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6-8pm.

The hope is that parents and their tweens and teens will attend, as well as interested community members. It is very important that everyone have an increased awareness of this serious problem and it will promote a dialogue with parents and their children about drug and alcohol use.

The process to addiction may start out with what a parent thinks is just "typical teen experimentation" with alcohol and/or marijuana. It may progress to much heavier use of these substances, then to trying new drugs such as prescription meds like pain pills, tranquilizers and stimulants. The brain may start craving more of the pain pills but they are very expensive and difficult to obtain. Usually, someone will introduce them to heroin as it will target the same area of the brain as the pain pills and it is cheaper and more readily available. The user promises himself that he will only snort or smoke it but the nature of heroin demands a better, more intense high and the drug is now injected. Someone's child has now become a junkie. Parents must realize that even the straight A student and the star athlete are at risk.

There are risk factors such as family dynamics and genetics that will be discussed and it is hoped that attendees will gain a better understand of the POWER of addiction. There will be guest speakers who have had a personal experience with addiction. There will also be a Question and Answer period.

A short video "Alex's Story" will be shown. Alex is an 18yr old NH resident who describes how he progressed from a good student and athlete to shooting heroin in a short amount of time.

It is, also, hoped that young people will be encouraged to attend by the teen friendly door prizes. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition, Grapevine Parenting Educator Carol Lunan M.Ed will present a brief overview of Guiding Good Choices, a workshop which research shows is effective in improving family communication and preventing alcohol, drug and tobacco use by adolescents. Parents of youth ages 9 to 14 years are encouraged to call The Grapevine to register for this 5 week session course which will take place at Great Brook School beginning Tuesday, October 13th.



**Monadnock at Home Welcomes the Community to Many Upcoming Programs**

**Terrapin Glassblowing Studio**

**Open to MaH members & guests**

**Thursday, October 15, 2015, 10:00-1:00, Terrapin Glass, 79 Hadley Rd, Jaffrey**

Dominique Caissie, owner of Terrapin Glassblowing Studio will explain what led her to glassblowing and how this family owned business grew. Our visit will include a guided tour of her studio and shop and a glassblowing demonstration. We will be at Terrapin from 10:00-11:30. After our tour, we will have lunch on our own at nearby Cafe 532, 16 Coll Farm Rd, Jaffrey. After lunch we'll have a chance to visit New England Everyday Goods which has great fresh produce and wonderful local goods and gifts! Cafe 532 is right next to NE Everyday Goods.

**Exoplanets: Life on Other Planets?**

**Free and Open to the Community  
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm  
Peterborough Community Theater, 6 School St.,  
Peterborough**

Presented by Rick Harnden, a retired astrophysicist who spent 40 years working at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (Cambridge, MA) and NASA Headquarters (Washington, DC). A veteran of the last half-century of excitement in the space age, Rick enjoys sharing his enthusiasm for the Universe and its mysteries with folks of all ages.

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Attendees will be captivated by what Rick can tell us about “exoplanets” and their solar systems. Learn about the possibility of habitable planets around distant stars—no longer the stuff of science fiction. NASA's Kepler spacecraft, which scientists use to discover exoplanets via the shadows they cast on our solar system, has now amassed convincing evidence for the existence of at least thousands of planets around stars other than our Sun, just within our own Milky Way Galaxy! Could we human beings move to some of them and survive?

### **Two Mini Workshops in One Session!**

#### **Happy to 102 – The Best Kept Secrets to a Long and Happy Life & The Five Senses – A Sensible Guide to Sensory Loss**

#### **Free and Open to the Community**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:00 – 11:30am**

**SDE Building, 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough**

Based on two of the eight book award-winning senior wellness series, this workshop presented with sensitivity and humor, will provide information, insights and practical advice to help live a long and happy life. Our workshop presenters will be the staff of Home Care Assistance, a MaH vetted service provider. Participants will receive a FREE copy of one of the award winning books from their Healthy Longevity Series. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to RSVP to any of these programs call 603-371-0809 or email [sandrafaber@monadnockathome.org](mailto:sandrafaber@monadnockathome.org). Monadnock at Home is the local nonprofit dedicated to supporting area seniors who wish to stay in their own home. Like us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/monadnockathome](http://www.Facebook.com/monadnockathome) or visit our web site at [www.monadnockathome.org](http://www.monadnockathome.org).



### **Fall In and Become a CVTC Volunteer Driver!**

Contoocook Valley Transportation Company (CVTC) invites interested residents to sign on as a Volunteer Driver. Our Fall Information/Registration will take place on Thurs, October 15th - 5:00 - 6:00pm and Friday, October 16th - 1:00 – 2:00pm. at the CVTC office - 375 Jaffrey Road (Route 202 South), in the Whitten Building. RSVP: toll-free 1-877-428-2882, ext 5, email: [info@cvtc-nh.org](mailto:info@cvtc-nh.org) or just drop by.

Founded in 2008, CVTC's vision is “Transportation for Everyone.” We create, coordinate and deliver transportation solutions for 13 towns in the Monadnock region.

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CVTC is a not-for-profit organization and the only agency where transportation is at the core of our work. Additional financial support comes from the NH Charitable Foundation, Roy A. Hunt Foundation, Kingsbury Fund, the Bean Fund, municipalities, businesses and individuals. Please visit our website at [www.cvtc-nh.org](http://www.cvtc-nh.org) and “like” us on Facebook.

### **Monadnock Humane Society Receives Grants Totaling Ten Thousand Dollars from Two Local Organizations**

Swanzy, NH --- Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) has received two grants totaling \$10,000 - one from C&S Wholesale Grocers of Keene, NH in support of the Birthday Gift Match Challenge and one from Cogswell Benevolent Trust of Manchester, NH for general operations and programs. MHS is now in its 140th year of serving the community, and the support from these two organizations will be applied to the services and programs that will significantly contribute to its future and sustainability.

Joseph Olsen, Transition Director, said that “the gifts will directly support the Monadnock region. Not only will this funding help with our daily operations of caring for the homeless animals, it will also help provide resources to people in the community as they care for their animals.” Olsen, who joined the organization last winter, said “I am so encouraged by this support. As we celebrate this significant milestone in our history it gives us a moment to consider the sustainability of this great organization for generations to come. We all are responsible for ensuring its future.”

All donations will be matched between now and December 18th by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$70,000 (The 140th Birthday Gift Match Challenge). Go to [www.monadnockhumanesociety.org](http://www.monadnockhumanesociety.org) or call Carol Laughner, Director of Marketing and Development at 603.352.9011, ext. 115.



**Oct 2 (Fri) Easygoing Hike Up Skatutakee Mountain**

Join Lee Baker and Meade Cadot for a moderately easy, 2.5-mile roundtrip hike up the Harriskat Trail and down the Cadot Trail. Bring lunch, and meet at 10 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 p.m. For more information, contact Lee at 603.525.5262 or [snowman3137@gmail.com](mailto:snowman3137@gmail.com).

**Oct 3 (Sat) Paddling the Hiroshi Land**

Eric Masterson and Kobe Biederman (Adventure Camp and Conference Director with Nature’s Class-



room at the Sargent Center) will lead a leisurely 3-mile paddle on Nubanusit Brook, with the Harris Center’s newly acquired Hiroshi land on one side, Sargent Center land on the other, and Army Corps acreage in between. Bring a canoe or kayak, and meet at 9am on Route 137, 0.1 mile south of the junction with Sargent Camp Road in Harrisville. Back by noon. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at 603.525.3394 or [masterson@harriscenter.org](mailto:masterson@harriscenter.org).

**Oct 4 (Sun) Hiking Widow Gage Forest and Little Monadnock Mountain**

A moderately strenuous, 5-mile roundtrip hike along the trails of Widow Gage Town Forest to the summit of Little Monadnock Mountain. Bring lunch, and meet at 9am. at the Widow Gage Town Forest parking area off Rhododendron Road in Fitzwilliam. Back by 2pm. For more information, contact Brian Bishoff at 603.899.5770, [bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net) or Denny Wheeler at 603.313.0350.

**Oct 7 (Wed) First Session of ESI Course: A Community of Women Dreaming of Getting (Back) Into Hiking**

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, and 21 (rain date: October 28) 11:30am to 3pm Meet at the Harris Center to carpool to local hiking destinations \$30 for Harris Center members/\$50 for nonmembers Renew your connection with nature on local trails in the brilliance of October light. Participants will become familiar with easy to moderately challenging trails in the Monadnock Region; meet a group of women who may wish to hike together outside of this course; gain confidence as hike planners; discover nature’s surprises by slowing down and observing autumn up close with all our senses; get a strong dose of Vitamin N (Nature!) Each week, we’ll hike, picnic, and enjoy the mystery of nature in “sit spots” along the path. New hikers or women who want a boost to get back into their hiking lives are encouraged to join. Facilitated by Janet Altobello, Harris Center School Program Coordinator and lifelong hiker. *Preregistration required* — Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or [lefebvre@harriscenter.org](mailto:lefebvre@harriscenter.org).

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### **Oct 10 (Sat) “Big Sit” Migration Watch at Pack Monadnock**

Join fellow birders and hawk watchers for the annual “Big Sit” event – a tally of all bird species as viewed from the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory. Come for an hour or stay the whole day, and lend your eyes to the skies.

This is a fun event with a friendly-yet-competitive spirit, and all levels of interest and ability are welcome. Bring binoculars, a field guide, food, and drink. Dress for the weather. Join us anytime from 9am to 5pm at the top of Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park in Peterborough. Rain/fog date is October 11th. This event is free, though there’s a fee to enter Miller State Park (\$4 per adult, \$2 for children age 6 to 11. Children age 5 and under and NH residents 65 and older and are free). Cosponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more information, contact Phil Brown at 603.525.3499 or [pbrown@nhaudubon.org](mailto:pbrown@nhaudubon.org)

### **Oct 11 (Sun) Gates Mountain Hike**

Enjoy a different side of Gates Mountain on a new trail to the summit, with views of Okemo, Killington, Sunapee, and the Lempster Wind Farm. This is a moderately strenuous, 4-mile roundtrip hike. Bring lunch and meet at 10am at the Village Store on Route 123A in South Acworth. Back by 2:30pm. For more information, contact Russ Daigle at 603.477.7506 or Denny Wheeler at 603.313.0350.

### **Oct 17 (Sat) Cheshire Rail Trail by Bicycle**

Join Russ Daigle and Brian Bishoff for a strenuous, 15-mile roundtrip mountain bike ride on the Cheshire Rail Trail from Westmoreland to Stonewall Farm. Meet at 9am, 0.25 miles west of the Keene Recycling Center, at the top of the hill on Route 12 in Westmoreland. Back by 2 pm. For more information, contact Russ at 603.477.7506, or Brian at 603.899.5770, [bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bjbeam2@myfairpoint.net).

### **\*Oct 18 (Sun) Harris Center Annual Meeting**

Save the date! Join fellow Harris Center supporters and staff for our 2015 Annual Meeting. The program will feature a brief business meeting, highlights from the past year, special recognitions, and our keynote speaker — Harris Center Science Director, Brett Amy Thelen, will share “Reflections on 10 Years of Citizen Science.” 1:30 to 3pm at the Harris Center. RSVP to 603.525.3394 or [jacobs@harriscenter.org](mailto:jacobs@harriscenter.org).

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Thursdays, October 22nd and 29th, and November 5th, 12th, and 19th 1:30 pm to 2:30pm. RiverMead Auditorium, 150 RiverMead Road, Peterborough \$45 for RiverMead-affiliated participants/\$55 for all others Join local experts on five Thursday afternoons to learn the real truth about the birds and the bees. From unique pre-courtship behaviors to the intriguing natural history of mating and reproduction, this series should be inspiring and eye-opening. From birds to bugs, mammals to amphibians, reptiles to fish, come hear about the real wild side of nature! *Preregistration required* — River-Mead residents, wait-list members, and Village depositors can register by contacting Kim Mansfield at 603.924.0033, ext. 201. All others, register by contacting Keene State College's Office of Continuing Education at 603.358.2290.

### **Oct 22 (Thur) “Private Life of Deer” Film Showing**

Just a century ago, there were fewer 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 to 8:30pm. in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College. Following the film, Steve Roberge of the UNH Cooperative Extension will be on hand for questions. Cosponsored with the Keene State College Film Society, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at 603.358.2065, [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org).

### **Oct 29 (Thur) Know Your Rights, Obligations, and Opportunities as a Landowner**

NH Fish and Game’s Lindsay Webb (Landowner Relations Coordinator) and Lieutenant David Walsh (District Four Law Enforcement Supervisor) will discuss access and other issues that are common concerns of landowners in the Monadnock Region. They’ll also share information on incentive programs – including wildlife habitat and access management programs. 7 to 9 pm at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Eric Masterson at 603.525.3394, [masterson@harriscenter.org](mailto:masterson@harriscenter.org).





*Melissa Gallagher, Interim Executive Director*

To my Hancock neighbors:

My name is Melissa Gallagher and I have recently accepted the position of Interim Executive Director of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center. I have lived in neighboring Frankestown for 10 years and have been involved with the Grapevine for nearly as long - as participating parent, volunteer and most recently as Chair of the Board of Directors. I am honored to step into this new position and invite you to explore this treasure of an organization and all that it has to offer. I am eager to hear from you on what you love about the Grapevine and also what you would like to see more of! Please email me directly with your thoughts and ideas at [melissag@grapevინeh.org](mailto:melissag@grapevინeh.org). Thank you for your continued support!

**Worried about your child and drugs?**

*Guiding Good Choices* begins October 13th—Space is limited, so call now to reserve your place. If you're a parent of a 9-14 year old and you missed this workshop last year, this is your opportunity to build the family communication skills that can help your child steer clear of drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviors. The workshop meets five Tuesday evenings in October and November, with onsite childcare and Rick and Diane's pizza, both provided free of charge. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook, thanks to the generous sponsorship by Bank of New Hampshire. This series is a partnership of The Grapevine, Great Brook and Antrim Elementary Schools, and their PTOs. To register, call us at 588-2620 or email: [admin@grapevინeh.org](mailto:admin@grapevინeh.org)

**Grapevine Online Auction Starts November 1st**

Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through the Second Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Bid on over 400 items from antiques and art, to show tickets and handmade items, to gift certificates and services. Much like a silent auction, but run online. Donating an item is a great way for local businesses, artists and other vendors to promote their goods and services. Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588-2620 or email us at [admin@grapevინeh.org](mailto:admin@grapevინeh.org).

**Workshop for Early Childhood Educators**

At the request of early childhood educators who have participated in their workshops before, Grapevine parenting educators Carol Lunan M.Ed and Nancy Macalaster MA are offering **Play and Communication: How do we break out of the box?** on Saturday, November 14th from 8:30-12:30. Through discussion and activities participants will explore their perceptions about play and communication, the links between them, and implications for brain development. Carol and Nancy are NH State certified trainers of early childhood educators, and this workshop will provide participants four hours of staff development. The fee is \$50. For more information and to register call The Grapevine.

**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren**

If you are parenting your grandchildren, you are not alone. "Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren" meets monthly and is free. Grapevine parenting educator Carol Lunan and River Center parenting educator Wendy Hill co-facilitate discussions on topics of interest to participants. Guest speakers are invited to lead discussions in their area of expertise, for example, last year a lawyer discussed issues related to custody and adoption, and a psychologist talked about trauma and related issues.

The first meeting of the school year is Saturday, September 12th from 10am to noon at The Grapevine. Carol and Wendy will talk about parenting styles and other parenting information, and the group will talk about ideas for future topics. Call 588-2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you're coming and if you will need childcare.

**WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

**Begin September 8th**

The Grapevine welcomes all children birth to 5 years of age and their parents to our weekly children's programs.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30-11:30am—Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups

Wednesday and Friday 9-11:30am—The Learning Vine preschool

Wednesday 10-11:30am and 1-2:30pm—Better Beginnings for Babies—expectant parents welcome!

Better Beginnings playgroups and parent groups give children an opportunity to play in an enriching environment while parents enjoy time with each other in an adjacent room for coffee and tea, and discussions about child- and family-centered topics with our parenting educators.

Better Beginnings for Babies offers parents a great way to meet other parents while their babies make their first friends. Discussions include infant development, nutrition, crying (and what to do!), sleep for baby and parents, and others of interest. Parents with babies who are crawling and young toddlers meet on Wednesdays from 10:00am – 11:30 and parents with younger babies and newborns meet on Wednesdays from 1:00pm – 2:30. Expectant parents are always welcome. Call 588-2620 for more information.

Learning Vine preschool for children 3 1/2 to 5 years old – ***We have Space Available for the 2015-16 school year!*** This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting to help prepare children for school in a fun and engaging environment. Choose the program that's best for you and your child: Two or three mornings per week, with afternoon enrichment in the spring to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

Please call Carol at 588-2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information.

### **Come play with us!**

If you enjoy being with young children and have some experience, The Grapevine's children's enrichment program might be the right fit for you. We are looking for a weekly volunteer (approximately 3 hours per week) for our morning program. You will be well supported by our great program staff, but enjoyment of active time with young children is a must! Call 588-2620 and ask for Amy to learn more.

### **Getting the wood in**

The wood bank is in need of donations of firewood. Our favorite form is cut-split-delivered, but we can come to your place to cut and haul tree lengths as well. And we're always looking for volunteers to join the Community Wood Bank Team. People with chainsaws and trucks are especially encouraged, but we could really use volunteers who would like to get a good workout splitting and stacking as well. Call 588-2620 to help.

**Thank you** to the many people who supported The Grapevine in so many ways over the summer, including:

- The **many families and shoppers** who gave to the Learning Vine Yardsale – raising over \$900 to support The Learning Vine preschool.
- The **talented children and youth** who submitted their works of art to the Black Fly Community Art Show, and to **Carol Storro** for bringing her creativity to design and run the beautiful community art project.

Our fabulous Avenue A volunteers who spend an occasional Friday evening chaperoning the teens, including **Sue Smith, Marcia and Steve Ullman, Sue Conklin and Matt Ferrisi**.

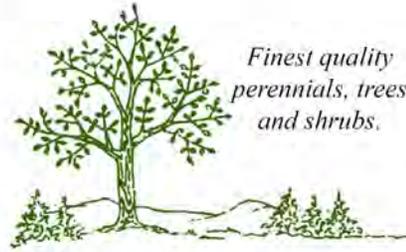
### **The People's Service Exchange**

The PSE is a Time Banking Project of The Grapevine, where members get the help they need and share their skills with others. Examples of services exchanged: Help moving, help with firewood, Reiki, tutoring, sewing, massage, financial consulting and light maintenance. It's easy to join! For more information, contact Nancy O'Brien at 588-2620 or [pse@grapevinenh.org](mailto:pse@grapevinenh.org), or visit [www.pse-nh.org](http://www.pse-nh.org).

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friendly. All skill levels welcome,  
especially those folks looking to get a  
workout having fun competing.



**Norway Pond Junior Minstrels prepare to launch their 7th season in Hancock**

Rehearsals for the Norway Pond Junior Minstrels (also know as the Junior Mints) will begin the last week of October. The ensemble will be preparing for their annual appearance at the popular Hancock Family Christmas Concert in December. The group is open to 25 children between the ages of 6 and 13. There are no auditions and spaces are filled on a first come first served basis. There are about five spaces still open for children who love to sing. In the spring, they will present the iconic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta HMS Pinafore. For information, contact founder and artistic director Jody Hill Simpson at [musicinnorwaypond@gmail.com](mailto:musicinnorwaypond@gmail.com) or 603-525-9303.

**HOLISTIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CENTER**

Inspirational Quote:

"Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same."  
~ Francesca Reigeler

CONGRATULATIONS to the SomaEnergetics - Phase II - Energy Body Scanning Technique graduates. And, "Thank You" to the volunteer clients for volunteering their time for the class practicum.

Bowenwork Discussion Series / Bowenwork and Back Pain

When: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Where: Holistic Health Professionals Center, 123 Prospect Hill Rd. Hancock, NH

Cost: Free of charge / open to All

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Bring your back pain with you. Snacks provided.

Contact: Rose Bochicchio [603-831-2027](tel:603-831-2027) e-mail: [rogodbo10@yahoo.com](mailto:rogodbo10@yahoo.com)

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Sound Therapy Class - Phase I - Energy Vitality Technique with the energy tuning forks on October 10th & 11th - Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am- 5:30pm, both days. Earn and learn . . . Earn 12 educational credits and learn how to relieve muscle soreness, spasms, relief from stress, headaches and achieve relaxation. Applicable for friends, family, pets and yourself. Register with Arlene Smith, [630-933-3294](tel:603-933-3294)

On going during October our practitioners are available by appointment:

Bowenwork - body healing sessions - Rose Bochicchio, RN - [603-831-2027](tel:603-831-2027)

Spiritual & Angel Card readings - Annmarie Will, CST, RM - [845-800-3764](tel:845-800-3764)

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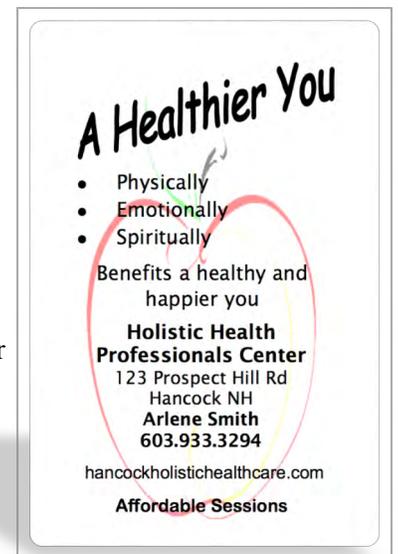
~Angel Card readings and Past Life readings: Susi Marrotte, B. A., CST, RM - [603-547-7604](tel:603-547-7604)

Soul Aura Paintings and readings: Susi Marrotte, B. A. [603-547-7604](tel:603-547-7604)

Sound Therapy healing sessions available with Susi Marrotte, B. A., CST, RM.

**SPECIAL ANNOUCEMENT ~**

Saturday, November 7, 2015 - Fourth Annual: Grand Monadnock Healing Arts Festival; location: Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm Street, Peterborough. This well attended family event welcomes the public; free admission; music, angel card readers, massage, herbs and essences, psychics, mediums, animal communication, energy medicine, Reiki, etc. Want to exhibit? Please contact: Arlene Smith - 603-933-3294 or E-mail: [healthnurturer@gmail.com](mailto:healthnurturer@gmail.com)



## Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

**Tax Collector** - Monday 3:30 to 6:30 pm;

**Town Clerk** – Monday 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00 pm;

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
NOVEMBER 25th**

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

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

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

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

**Advisory Committee** – as noticed, Town Office;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trustees of Trust Funds** – as needed, Town Office;

**Cemetery Trustees** – as needed, Town Office

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

**Meetinghouse Restoration Committee** – as noticed, Meetinghouse

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



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

**Thursday, October 15**  
**5:30pm – 7:00pm**  
**HES Multi-Purpose Room**

Dinner will be prepared and served by the HES students  
with help from their families and **HES staff**,  
using the students' harvest from the HES school garden  
as well as contributions from other local farms.



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



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