News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

A reminder: The road paving project on Middle Road begins on October 3rd. There will be no through traffic. Vehicles heading to Peterborough will be detoured onto Vatcher Road to Windy Row ending up in West Peterborough. Depending on one’s destination, it might be more convenient to use Route 202.

The revaluation is complete and everyone should have received a letter with their new valuation with instructions for meeting with the assessors if you have any questions. The Town is required to do the revaluation every five years and it is also part of all of the Conval towns’ agreement with the school district. Revaluations are based on recent sales data. There has been a fairly active real estate market of late which has provided the assessors with a good amount of data. The adjustments to values were generally minor. There were increases on many of the values for waterfront property which is the result of recent sales figures. Overall, the Town’s valuation went from $261,636,083 to $263,493,553 which is an increase of $1,857,470 or less than one percent. There was a fair amount of construction activity last year which contributed to the increase.

At the School Board Meeting on September 20th, the district announced that there was a surplus of $1,066,833 which will be returned to the Towns. Hancock’s Conval assessment is approximately 12% of the total and that amount will be credited to our payments to the district. This should have a positive impact when the new tax rate is set.

The wage study for town employees is proceeding and we hope to have some figures in time for the coming year’s budget. The result should provide us with a much better system for determining compensation. Our current system is seriously outdated.

Visitors to the meeting room on the first floor of the Meetinghouse will notice that we now have a clock. The clock was purchased with funds from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Our sincere thanks to the donor for this welcome addition to the meeting room.

The Happenings is a good way to provide general information to keep the Town informed and up to date. For more detailed information, it is possible to sign up for automatic notifications on the Town’s web site. It is so simple even I could do it. Go to the Town’s web site, www.hancocknh.org, and then to the Quick Links box on the left of the screen. Select “Subscribe to News”. This will give you a menu to log in and a series of boxes to check for whatever information you would like to receive. Then when new items are posted, you will receive them in your email.

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Hancock Fire & Rescue
Nevan Cassidy, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week
Fire Prevention Week comes every October. This year, we are planning an Open House/ Barbeque/ Yard Sale at the station on Saturday, October 8th. Stop by on your way to the dump. We'll give you a tour and a hot dog or burger. The yard sale is open to any resident who wants to partake; we will be charging $15 per table. Look for more info on our fliers around town. I hope to see you there!

Speaking of preventing fires, Fall is here, and it's time to think about heating your house safely. Get your oil or propane boilers and furnaces inspected and cleaned before it gets too chilly. Wood and pellet stoves need to be checked out and cleaned as well. With wood stoves in particular, it is important to get your chimney cleaned out. Creosote can build up on the chimney lining and cause a chimney fire. If you have never experienced one, you are lucky - it can sound like a jet engine is running in your house. It is not uncommon for a chimney fire to put your chimney out of commission. Worse than that, the extreme heat can catch your house on fire. That's not good. Get your chimneys cleaned, and check them a few times during the heating season. Don't forget to check the soundness of stove pipes as well - flue gasses can eat up that thin metal over time.

September was a fairly quiet month for us, with the exception of the heavy rain and windstorm that came through the morning of the 11th. We had a few trees come down around town. The most serious was a large poplar that snapped and crashed down on a small tent and car at the end of Cavender Road. Thankfully, the kid in the tent was not hurt, and a girl sitting in the car had minor neck injuries. They were quite lucky, to say the least. Thanks go out to the five young goose hunters who lifted the tree off of the tent and car.

September Raffle Winners:
Sonja Mucha, $40; Wayne Fisher, $20; Polly Curran, Scott O'Brien, Even Shippee, $10 each
Hancock Elementary School
Amy Janoch, Principal

We are all about Math at HES
Last fall, I shared with you our goal for the 2015 - 2016 school year at HES, which was to build our knowledge and skills with providing lessons that engage all students in higher level thinking. I thought Hancock Happenings readers might like to know how we did in achieving our school goals, and how last year’s goals help us set goals for this year!

Over the course of the year, students hypothesized about which bird houses would attract blue birds, independently studied and wrote about New Hampshire mammals, and researched and presented what they learned about inspiring leaders in the world. Other students used what they learned about persuasion to plea for larger food portions from the lunch program. Fourth graders provided small group instruction to assist kindergarten students learning to read.

Each of these student centered learning opportunities were effective in building children's math, reading, and writing skill which was seen in both classroom and formal assessments outcomes. Of the twenty third and fourth graders last year, 100% reached or exceeded proficient level in reading and 75% percent of the students reached a proficient level in math. While these scores exceeded the performance of many third and fourth graders throughout New Hampshire, we must improve our performance in math. As a result, this year’s goal is to further build our students’ math reasoning skills.

The faculty are extremely excited to dig more deeply into understanding our students' strengths and areas of need in math. ConVal has made a commitment to improve students' math skills. The administration recognizes that students’ performance will improve through staff development. As a result, teachers have been provided training in a system called the Ongoing Assessment Project (OGAP). OGAP hones teachers' skills with using quick daily checks called formative assessments to determine what students understand from a lesson and where students may have misunderstood essential concepts or ideas. Through analysis of student answers, teachers can make adjustments to the lessons for the future.

Using our district math program as well as the OGAP system, HES will increase our 75% proficiency in math to 85%. Stay tuned!
Hancock Congregational Church

Our Fall Yard Sale and Pie Sale is right around the corner! It’s a great time to do a little “clearing out” and support a good cause in the process. The sale will be held from 8 to Noon on Saturday morning, October 1st. Items may be dropped off at the Vestry on Thursday, September 29th from 5-7 and on Friday September 30th from 2-7. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Shute at syishome@comcast.net or 924-7898.

A Flu Clinic sponsored by HCS will be held in the Vestry on Tuesday, October 25th from 10-11. Please HCS directly (Susan Ashworth at 352-2253 for more information).

Current Outreach Opportunities (open to the entire Hancock Community):

Donate boxes of cereal (12 ounce size) for children in the Conval School District who are “food insecure” over the weekend. Beginning sometime in October, 3000 calorie bags of food will be sent home on weekends with children who receive subsidized meals during the school week. You can learn more about this project at www.end68hoursofhunger.org <http://www.end68hoursofhunger.org> . Hancock has been asked to collect cereal. A collection bin has been placed in the downstairs vestibule of the Meetinghouse. So far we have delivered 52 boxes of cereal to the SAU.

If you shop at Shaws, please consider collecting and donating the Saver Stamps (one stamp for every $10 spent) Shaws is offering from now through the holidays. We will combine any stamps received and redeem them for Farberware pots and pans for refugee families arriving in NH. Ascentria, the resettlement agency we work with, was very appreciative of the household goods donated by residents of Hancock in June. You may drop the stamps off at the Church Office (10:30-Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, other times by chance), give them to Judy Copeland, or mail them to the Hancock Congregational Church at P.O. Box 98. You may also drop them off at the Hancock Library (M, W 2-6pm; T, Th 10AM-7PM; Sat 10am-4pm).

And as always, we invite you to join us any Sunday for our 9:45 worship service. The most up-to-date information about our activities is found on our Facebook page (Hancock Congregational Church). If you would like to be added to our email list (to receive, for instance, information about the Journey to Bethlehem Outdoor Christmas Pageant), please send us your name and email address at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com.

Submitted by Judy Copeland
Graphics submitted by Sue Shute

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Collection for Refugee Families
Arriving this year in NH’s larger cities.

**CLEAN gently used items—in working order:**
- Sheets, linens, comforters/blankets (queen, full, twin)
- Towels, wash clothes, shower curtain with rings
- Silverware, plates, bowls, cups, glasses
- Sauce pans, stock pots, frying pans, baking dishes
- Sets of mixing/serveing bowls, cooking utensils
- Mops, brooms, vacuum cleaners, rug sweepers
- Alarm clocks, lamps, light bulbs, wastebaskets, laundry baskets
- Pack ‘n plays for babies

**NEW household/personal items:**
- Dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, sponges, bathroom and kitchen cleansers
- Soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Diapers, sanitary napkins
- Pens, paper, scissors

In conjunction with our Yard Sale on Oct. 1, 2016.

**DONATION DROP-OFF:** September 29-October 1 at Hancock Vestry Thurs. 5-7PM — Fri. 2-7 PM — Sat. 8-NOON

**QUESTIONS, please call:** Sue Shute / 924-7898 or Kathy Anderson / 525-4909

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**YARD AND PIE SALE**

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**
**8AM – NOON**
**Main Street, Hancock, NH**

**Bag Sale 11:30-noon**
Everything is FREE while cleaning up

**DONATION DROP-OFF TIMES:**
Thursday ~ September 29 ~ 5-7 PM
Friday ~ September 30 ~ 2-7 PM

Please call before donating furniture.

**CONTACT:** Sue Shute 924-7898

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Hancock Historical Society

This is the last two weeks of our exhibit: 
*Woods, Water & Wildlife Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Hancock, and New Hampshire*

Please join us on either October 1st or 8th from 2:00 – 4:00pm to walk through time and relive local history of hunting, fishing, and trapping through objects, art, photographs, and stories shared by Hancock’s very own outdoor enthusiasts as well as a pictorial history from the collection of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.

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On September 18th we had the pleasure to present Mr. Jack Noon in the atmosphere of our current exhibit. A noted author and avid fisherman, he shared with the attendees the history of this most important means of food supply for our early settlers and how it matured to the sport that many enjoy today. His detailed presentation about fishing in 18th Century as related to logging and population growth gave attendees a New Hampshire perspective fishing as an industry. Jack’s presentation was quite befitting as the Historical Society winds down with our current exhibit.

Upcoming Programs & Events

**Trick-or-Treat at the Historical Society**
Monday, October 31st 5:00 – 7:00pm
Stop by at the Historical Society to see and feel a 200 year old coffin, and hear the story of how the scratches came to be on the inside of the box. Weather permitting, the Hancock Hearse may be on display.

**Our National Thanksgiving:**
**With Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale**
November 13, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Join us at the Historical Society in the Eaton Room for a presentation to celebrate one of America’s treasured holidays - Thanksgiving. Experience the living history and the reading of the 1863 Thanksgiving proclamation read by Sarah Josepha Hale, portrayed by Sharon Wood and a rare chance to meet President Lincoln, portrayed by Steve Wood in their presentation of “Our National Thanksgiving: With Thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale.” Children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

The Hancock Guild

The Guild enjoyed a wonderful potluck supper in September to kick off our 78th year. Many members were in attendance and we welcomed a new one! Even though we take the summer off, we still seem to be very busy. Our spring/summer clothing sale and ice cream social were both successes. These successful endeavors allowed us to award scholarships to Alexandra Williams and Chelsea Broderick, both talented Hancock graduating seniors. We wish them both all the best as they continue their education.

Our fall/winter clothing sale will be held on September 30th and October 1st. It’s fundraisers like this that allow us to continue to award scholarships to Hancock graduating seniors.

Our next big event will be our annual Winter Craft Fair. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Vendors will be set up in both the Vestry and The Meetinghouse. The Guild will be selling homemade soup and sandwich lunches in the Vestry as well as a raffle table featuring donated items from the fair’s vendors. This is a great opportunity to start holiday shopping or just getting something special for you. There are always so many different and unique artisans displaying their creativity. If you’re a vendor looking for a venue to sell your craft, email hancockguild@gmail.com and we’ll forward you an information packet.

This fall also marks a milestone for two honorary Guild members. We’d like to extend congratulations and very happy birthday wishes to Florence Mercer and Greta Uhlig. They are both celebrating their 100th birthday! Happy, happy birthday ladies!

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President
The next Hancock Community Supper will be on October 27th and will be sponsored by the Hancock Democrats. We hope you will join us for some fine food and maybe you will even have a chance to say hi to someone in town you have never met before. Submitted by Mike & Carol Domingue

Social media marketing workshops now in webinar format

Chris Halvorson of Halvorson New Media, a Hancock consulting firm, is presenting her most popular social media workshops in an online, webinar format starting Oct. 14th. The series is designed to help small business owners and nonprofits learn the basics of social media marketing.

Each webinar is $25 and will last one hour. Participants will see and hear Halvorson, as well as her computer screen, as she demonstrates. Students can ask questions along the way, and each will receive an emailed, recorded copy of the webinar shortly after its conclusion.

Webinars are always at noon and require a desktop or laptop computer, notebook or iPad that has a good internet connection and is equipped with a webcam. Registration is required and can be found at the “EVENTS” page at HalvorsonNewMedia.com.

Workshop topics and times are:

- Oct. 14: Advanced Facebook
- Oct. 18: Advanced Facebook
- Oct. 21: Facebook Advertising
- Oct. 21: Facebook Advertising
- Oct. 28: LinkedIn
- Nov. 1: LinkedIn
- Nov. 4: Graphics for the Beginner
- Nov. 8: Graphics for the Beginner

Call Chris Halvorson at 603-203-0593 or email chris@HalvorsonNewMedia.com with questions. Visit HalvorsonNewMedia.com for more detailed info.

Monadnock Humane Society
Saturday, Oct 15th from 1-3 at Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey, NH

We Remember: A memorial event to honor the lives of the pets we have loved. The joy of the time we've spent with our beloved pets makes their loss worthy of commemoration. Join us for a community event to share sorrow, love, and stories as we come together. Please bring a photo to share (unframed, no larger than 8x10, plain paper print is best—not one you need to get back) and we'll create a temporary memorial wall, and plant a spring-blooming bulb in memory of our pets. FMI: www.monadnockhumanesociety.org or (603) 352-9011 ext 135.

Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

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Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Shorter days, longer nights, all the better for settling in for some great reads. And you know where to find them. The new Louise Penny book, A Great Reckoning is here! We purchased two copies because demand is so high. Your chances of finding it on the shelf are very good! For something completely different, try Underground Airlines by Ben Winters. It came out this summer and its popularity just keeps building. It’s an alternate-history novel in which slavery has never been abolished, the Civil War never took place. Here’s what the New York Times reviewer had to say about it: ‘An immersive thriller as well as a provocative alternative history, 'Underground Airlines' showcases a fully realized central character who believes his own disturbing past can be kept safely buried. But history has a way of bubbling to the surface of the present.’ If you’re looking for something you can’t put down this fall, come in and check this one out!

Wednesday October 12th at 7:00pm
Essential Oils 101 with Heidi Schultz
Are you hearing the buzz about essential oils and want to learn how to use them to support your mental, emotional and physical wellness? Have you tried essential oils but want to understand how to choose quality oils and integrate them into your wellness routine? Join Heidi Schultz for this informative class. Heidi Schultz began her wellness journey as a pre-teen, when she was labeled with an inflammatory arthritic condition that could not be explained. Almost thirty years later, she was finally diagnosed with Lyme disease, causing years of pain, inflammation, and other debilitating symptoms. In her journey to treat her condition, Heidi has explored many alternative therapies, which include the use of essential oils, to manage her symptoms. Heidi received a Masters of Health Administration/MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1994, and has created a life dedicated to balance and healing, which consists of yoga practice, good nutrition and wellness support. Heidi recently completed 60 hours of herbal instruction with Blue Crow Botanicals. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 20th at 12:30pm
Books Sandwiched In
Join us to discuss this month’s book club choice, Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock by David Margolick. Bring your lunch!

Thursday October 20th at 7:00pm
Moments of Seeing: Reflections from an Ordinary Life with Katrina Kenison
In this long-awaited collection of essays from her popular blog, Katrina Kenison gives voice to the simple joys and private longings of women everywhere. Here are the deeply felt and beautifully articulated moments of life as it is really lived – family dinners, the poignant arrivals and departures of growing children, the triumphs and tumult of parenting, the ups and downs of friendship, the challenges of marriage, the delicate balance between solitude and intimacy, the fleeting beauty of the seasons, the death of loved ones, the march of time. Join us as we welcome Katrina Kenison, who will read from her latest work. Ms. Kenison is the author of three books tracing the seasons of a woman’s life, perhaps best known for The Gift of an Ordinary Day: A Mother’s Memoir. From 1990 until 2006, Kenison was the series editor of The Best American Short Stories, published annually by Houghton Mifflin. The mother of two grown sons, she lives with her husband in rural New Hampshire. Her YouTube video The Gift of an Ordinary Day has been viewed more than two million times. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 27th at 7:00pm
From Blue Ribbon to Code Blue with Jennifer Field
In 1992, as Jennifer Field lay in a coma after a near-fatal car accident, one doctor after another said she would never walk, or talk, or be able to take care of herself again. But Jennifer and her mother believed something different. They never gave up hope that Jennifer would regain a normal life. And she did. This memoir, told in interweaving stories by Jennifer and her mother, Joanne Field, follows Jennifer’s journey from world-class equestrian to trauma patient to world-class survivor. “My opinion is that you can never think your injury and disease has won,” writes Jennifer, who was a high school student and Olympic hopeful before the car crash that nearly took her life. Her training in the riding ring, her discipline, and her competitive spirit kept her focused on her recovery. As did her mother, who was steadfast in seeking out the treatments and therapies that would help Jennifer regain her life. “Maybe I was living in false hope,” Joanne writes, “but it paid off.” From Blue Ribbon to Code Blue is the story of a mother who refused to give up and a daughter who defied the odds through guts and determination. This is a compelling narrative threaded with memories from people who helped along the way – continued to page 8
—medical professionals, friends, and family. It’s a great tribute to the human spirit and the power of love. Jennifer Field, a magna cum laude graduate of Wheaton College, is a sought-after motivational speaker for corporate, nonprofit, medical, and academic audiences across the country. She is the president of the J. Field Foundation, which focuses on providing aid, hope, and inspiration to families of brain injury victims, writes a monthly inspirational newsletter. Free and open to all.

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

Tuesday October 4th 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Lego Club
Join us for a free build session here at the library. We provide the Legos, you provide the creativity. All ages welcome!

October Art Series with Melody Russell
Melody Russell will be teaching 3 classes this October. Each class is limited to 12 students so sign up is required for each class.

October 11th @ 3:30 Zentangles
October 18th @ 3:30 Contour Drawing
October 25th @ 3:30 Animal Portraits

Wednesday October 12th 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Tween/Teen Advisory Board
Join us! We will be working together to find out what we should add to the collection and what programs you want to see at the library. This is your chance to have a say in how things work! This group is for ages 10-18 yrs old. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person please feel free to join the email list and give your input and feedback through email.

Wednesday October 19th 6 pm – 8 pm
Family Game Night with Pizza!
Space is limited. Please sign up to reserve your spot and your pizza! A variety of snacks and games will be provided. You may also bring your own. All ages welcome!

Monday October 3rd and October 17th @ 3:30pm
Paws to Read with Coffee
Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. 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!

Every Thursday @ 10:30 Family Storytime
This storytime is open to all ages. Come listen to some stories and sing some songs!
Hancock Woman’s Club

After a busy ‘club’ summer we are settling into fall and the beginning of another club year. Joining our President, Diane Loomis will be Doreen Ames as Vice-President and Terri Lombardi, Recording Secretary; Joyce Perry, Scholarship Committee. Programs for the coming year are listed below. Introduce a new neighbor to our club. Our meetings are open to the public, no matter what town you live in within the Monadnock community. Please come and check us out! Members may pick up the 2016-2017 Yearbook at the Hancock Market. They will also be available at our first meeting!

On the weekend of September 9 and 10 the club hosted a classic car show at the, “Ames Automotive Foundation Rare Car Collection.” Results such as, profits from the show will be shared at the October club meeting. Proceeds from this event will benefit the club’s scholarship fund. Heard buzzin’ around is that the event was enjoyable; so many cars to see, and glad to have this opportunity to view such a large collection of rare, low mileage and muscle cars! Thanks Steve! Also thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who worked the ‘show,’ we couldn’t have done it without you.

Our first 2016-2017 club meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th at 2pm in the Vestry. Our guest speaker is Pamela Bys, a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, an Acupuncturist Certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She will speak of the five universal elements; Fire, Earth, Metal, Water and Wood and how they embody the vital Qi Energy which is part of all of us and nature. Each element expresses an aspect of energy within our body, mind and spirit and it is when there are blockages with this energy that we experience illness. Pamela will discuss meridians, our energy pathways, and speak of how acupuncture is used to treat illness and how it helps us maintain good health. Doreen Ames, Rona Beame and Wayan Suarni are the ‘Tea Hostesses’ preparing a delicious selection of lite faire.

2016-2017 Program Schedule:
Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, October through May in the Vestry at 2 PM, except the Christmas Holiday Luncheon, 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Loomis, President, at 525.4192 or email at Hancockwomansclub.nh@gmail.com.

October 12 – “Acupuncture: Improving Health through Prevention,” Pamela Bys, RN BSN LAC. Owner of Five Element Acupuncture in Keene
November 9 – “Un-Cruising the Alaskan Panhandle Inside Passage,” Meade Cabot, Retired Director and Founder of the Harris Center and avid photographer
December 14 – Christmas Holiday Luncheon at 12:30 PM in the Vestry
January 11 – “A Simple Twist on Working with Fiber,” Chris Huntington, Owner, Simple Twist Fiber Art Studio and Gallery

February 8 – “Coffee Stain Art,” Artist, Jane Cartmell
April 11 – “Saving Lives: Adopting a Rescue Dog,” Melissa and Bo Hannon, Peace and Paws Rescue

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Mary Ann Fleming, Organist

Friday, October 28, 7:30 pm
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Hosted by the Monadnock Chapter-AGO
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

A collection of works by the Main Street Painters—Betty Glass, Susie Choate, Diana Conrad, Heather Dahlberg, Dolores Gosselin, and Gay Hartman—remains on view in the Daniels Room through Thursday, October 6.

Then, starting October 17, Monday, and continuing until November 17, Byron and Cynthia Niederhelman will present a two-person exhibit of photography and oil painting. Their show, “Close to Shore,” will highlight the beauty and uniqueness of the Atlantic coast.

Cynthia, who has degrees in art from the University of Massachusetts and Rhode Island School of Design, taught art for many years. The majority of her paintings are done en plein air and focus on the essence and effect of light on the subject.

Byron’s primary objective with photography is to develop a sense of awareness and appreciation for nature, concentrating on our local and regional areas and capturing subjects in a way that grabs the attention of the viewer. At the same time he tries to evoke an emotional response to the elements of the image through subject material, perspective, or lighting effect.

An artist reception will be held in the Daniels Room on Sunday, October 23, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Art exhibits are open to the public during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; the library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community meetings and activities, please call the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be available during the time of your visit.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor

OCTOBER IS THE FINAL MONTH
FOR THE FALL 2016
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

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Hours: 8 am to 1 pm

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. Limit 10 gallons per household per collection. 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. There is no charge for residents of Hancock, but bring your drivers license or registration.

To get to the Keene Recycling Center, go north on Route 12 from Keene (toward Walpole). The entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

Questions: 525-4087

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION WILL RESUME IN THE SPRING OF 2017.
Successful Season for Piping Plovers

It was another successful summer for the state-endangered and federally threatened piping plovers on Hampton and Seabrook Beaches this year. This summer, four pairs nested on Hampton Beach with five chicks fledged (25+ days old) while on Seabrook Beach three pairs of plovers fledged ten chicks. Last year in New Hampshire, a record eight pairs of plovers nested and fledged twelve chicks. The fifteen chicks that fledged this year (from the total of seven nesting pairs) were the most since 2001.

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Nancy's Sewing

140 Monadnock Highway #3
Swanzey, NH 03446
603 355-1193
Wed, & Fri 9:00-6:00
Thurs 9:30-6:00
Sat 9:00-5:00

Nancy M. Driscoll
60th Annual Ale & Quail Shoot

Over 20 skeet shooters participated in the 60th Ale & Quail Shoot held Saturday at Elmwood Junction in Hancock. Under the stewardship of the late Roger Terrill and his wife Norma, followed now by son Rob Terrill and wife Heather, the event has taken place there for 60 years in September. Shooters of all ages enjoy a chance to sharpen their bird hunting skills and share a potluck lunch and companionship.

Bud Adams of Hancock, Kevin Kennedy of Peterborough and Sam White of Wilmot tied for 1st place, with 20 clay targets each. In a shoot-off, winner was Kevin Kennedy, followed by Sam White 2nd and Bud Adams 3rd. Winner of the ladies shooting was Briana White with 12 targets; couples winner was Sam & Briana White with a combination score of 32.

Submitted by Nancy P. Adams

In remembrance of World Peace Day, 21 September 2016:

October quote: "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." Eleanor Roosevelt

Saturday, 29 October 2016 - Crystal Workshop 11:00 - 3:00pm

Basic workshop on identifying crystals and gemstones. If you have forgotten what kind of crystal(s) or gemstone(s) bring them along and you will be able to identify and re-discover them. Free 50 page workbook provided.

Lunch and snacks Workshop fee: Gratis

RSVP: 603-933-3294 or E-mail: healthnurturer@gmail.com

On going during October our practitioners are available by appointment:

Spiritual & Angel Card readings & Sound Therapy - Annmarie Will, CST, RM - 845-800-3764

Soul Auras & Past Life & Angel Card readings - Susi Marrotte, BA, RM, CST - 603-547-7604

Volunteers needed to complete my practicum in Color Light Therapy. Please, only one hour of your time. 603-933-3294.

Gardening days are winding down; here's what is left for October:

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Smith
Oct 2 (Sun) The Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake

Found in 31 states, and near many major cities, the Timber Rattlesnake historically ranged from the Massachusetts border north to the White Mountains. Currently there’s only one known population in New Hampshire. Ted Levin, author of America’s Snake: The Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake, will give a talk on this iconic species, followed by a reading and book signing.

10am to noon at the Harris Center.

America’s Snake: The Rise and Fall of the Timberlake Snake by Ted Levin

Oct 5 (Wed) First Session of ESI Course A Community of Women

Dreaming of Getting (Back) Into Hiking

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, and 19 (rain date: October 26) 11:30am to 3pm, carpooling from the Harris Center 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. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Oct 7 (Fri) First Session of ESI Course Snakes of New Hampshire, Fridays, October 7, 14, and 21 10:00am to noon at the Harris Center and local field sites

$30 for Harris Center members / $50 for nonmembers

Join Harris Center naturalist John Benjamin to explore the amazing world of snakes! We’ll investigate the behavior, evolution, and diversity of these fascinating and oft-misunderstood creatures, and learn how to identify all of New Hampshire’s native snake species. This course will include short hikes in search of wild reptiles and opportunities for hands-on encounters with living snakes. Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Sara at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Oct 16 (Sun) Harris Center Annual Meeting

Save the date! Join fellow Harris Center supporters and staff for our 2016 Annual Meeting. The program will feature a brief business meeting, highlights from the past year, special recognitions, and our keynote speaker, Boston University’s Hutch Hutchinson on Learning from the Mountain – New Hampshire’s Role in the Birth of the Outdoor Education Movement. 1:30 to 3pm at the Harris Center. Please RSVP by October 10th to 603.525.3394 or jacobs@harriscenter.org.


During this Halloween-inspired evening, master storyteller Sebastian Lockwood will spin spine-tingling stories drawn from New England history. Dare yourself to come to this Haunted Happy Hour, full of unnerving tales about ghosts of the past, and some who may still walk these very hills. Come prepared to be scared! Drinks on you, conversation on us. 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Hancock Inn Reservations are required, as space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Oct 29 (Sat) Trip Leader Training

Have you ever thought of becoming a volunteer outing leader for the Harris Center? Are you already leading our trips? Come to this free class to sharpen your skills or to learn how to lead great trips. Our morning will include a short introduction to First Aid and hiking safety, followed by longtime trip leader Ben Haubrich’s pointers for running a successful outing. We’ll brainstorm hike locations and themes, and connect new trip leaders with Harris Center mentors. 9am to noon at the Harris Center. Stay until 1pm to enjoy a lunch provided by the Harris Center. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber.

To register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 603.525.3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.
Greetings from the Hancock Depot!

On October 1, we're pleased to feature the Bradford Bog People! The Bog People play lively foot stomping traditional music of the Appalachian Mountains, from Eastern Kentucky, the Virginias, Ozarks, and North Carolina, performed on banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar. Their music features rhythmic clawhammer banjo and fiddle (dance tunes), unusual fiddle played in archaic tunings, and ballads.

Check out their online sites:
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Bradford-Bog-People-299861654782/
- Web site: http://www.bradfordbogpeople.com

Logistics & More
All shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 for performers who want to sign up for one of several open mic spots. In addition to the entertainment, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!). We also hold a 50/50 raffle, so you just may walk away a winner! All proceeds go to help support the Depot Association.

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information:
--> E-mail: hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com
--> Phone: 508-641-0076

Like us on Facebook and receive automatic notifications about upcoming shows: www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret

Upcoming Feature Acts
- November 5: Eddie Mottau
- December 3: Folksoul Ensemble

Rent the Depot for Your Special Event!
Did you know you can rent the Depot? It’s true – the Depot is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young at 525.3085 or Nancy Adams at 525.4433.

Submitted by David Young

ANNUAL MEETING

Hancock Depot Association annual meeting will be held on October 29th at 10am at the Depot. Call Nancy Adams at 525-4176 if interested in joining the board.

Submitted by Nancy Adams
Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director

Fall is considered our new year at the Grapevine, as we usher in the start of our programs and welcome new and returning families and community members. We hope that you’ll take advantage of one or more of our programs, many of which are free or offered on a sliding fee scale. We are committed to serving all, regardless of ability to pay. Come join us!

**Grapevine Special Programs and Events - for all programs please call 588.2620 to register and for more info**

**Grapevine Online Auction Starts November 1!**
Do your holiday shopping AND support The Grapevine through our Third Annual Grapevine Online Auction November 1st to 30th. Bid on 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 – along with their item the business logo and website are posted. Have something you would like to donate to the auction? Please give us a call at 588.2620 or email info@grapevinenh.org with “Auction” in the subject line.

**Parenting on the Same Page**
Ever wish your child’s other parent thought the same way you do? You don’t have to be on the same page but it does help if you’re in the same book. You don’t have to parent the same way, but your philosophy needs similar goals and similar ways of approaching those goals. In this group, you will gain a new perspective of your children and their behavior that will help you both see them through similar lenses. Bonnie Harris will lead this workshop where we will look at the most effective ways of communicating with your children so yours and your children’s needs are balanced and mutual respect is learned. **Offered for 5 Thursdays, October 20 – November 17 from 6:30 – 8:00.** Cost is $100 per couple for the full session. A non-refundable deposit of $50 holds your place. Call to inquire about childcare if needed.

**At Avenue A Teen and Community Center**

**Creative Writing Club – 9-12th graders**
Our Creative Writing Club meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm for feedback, publishing help, and visits from local writers! New writers are always welcome!

**Friday Open Hours – Ages 13-18**
Friday Open Hours provide a safe place for teens to socialize and unwind. Over the summer we’ve enjoyed fun snacks (nachos and bagel pizzas) and our expanding board game collection (Heads Up, Pandemic, and more!). Stop by Avenue A from 6:30 - 9pm and join us!

**Back by popular demand…Musical Mondays!**
Held on the first Mondays of the month: October 3, November 7 and December 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (please note the time change). For youth in grades 3 – 5. Join us for karaoke music, games, snacks, foosball and fun! If you don’t like to sing, that’s okay! This is a great chance to spend time with friends, make new friends and enjoy Avenue A’s awesome space. Parent may drop their kids off or stay and enjoy the activities. For more info, email avenuea@grapevinenh.org or call 588-2620.

**Avenue A Club – 5th-8th graders**
The Avenue A afterschool club meets on Wednesdays starting in the Fall. Students enjoy group activities, snacks, and free time in Avenue A’s awesome space. Contact us for registration info

**Halloween Party - Monday, October 31st**
Follow us on Facebook/AvenueATeenCenter for more details on our upcoming Halloween Party!

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francetown and nearby towns. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. No amount is too small—or too big! Tax deductible contributions are gratefully accepted at PO Box 637, Antrim, or drop by the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library). Visit us online at www.GrapevineNH.org and LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

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

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

   Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm

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

**Selectboard** – First three Mondays at 4:00pm; Fourth 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 subdivisons, 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** – Meets on an as needed basis

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

**Hancock Library Trustees** – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm 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 4:30pm, 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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Raylynmor Opera Closes Out a Year of Shakespeare on Columbus Day Week-End

Raylynmor Opera is celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death this year by producing operatic performances highlighting the many reflections of Shakespeare’s genius in music. In February, we produced, in conjunction with the Park Theater, “Shakespeare Goes to the Opera” featuring both local talent and rising young opera stars from Chicago, Boston, and New York.

In August we celebrated the bard with “A Midsummer Musical Fete” at Knollwood in Dublin, introducing the Raylynmor Opera Chorus and featuring music and verse geared towards a delightful summer’s evening. Some 100 patrons attended this acclaimed event.

Raylynmor will close out its year with the production of Verdi’s Macbeth, at Peterborough Players on Friday, October 7 and Heberton Hall in Keene on Sunday, October 9. This imaginative production, portrays Shakespeare’s infamous power hungry couple, set against a backdrop of the American political scene. It will feature rising young opera stars from Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York, as well as members of the Raylynmor Opera Chorus. You can learn more about this production at our website www.raylynmor.com.

Submitted by Rick MacMillan, President Raylynmor Opera