News from the Selectboard

Submitted by Tom Shevenell, Chairperson (shevenell@hancocknh.org)

The summer season got off to a BANG with our annual fireworks show. The Selectboard wants to give a standing ovation to Harry Pollack and all the volunteers who made this event possible, carried it off without a hitch, and raised over $6,300 in donations! This was Harry’s last as leader of the Fireworks Committee; anyone willing to fill Harry’s shoes please let us know.

The Public Work Director’s position is now filled. Mia Gagliardi started on July 19th. Mia was the DPW Operations Manager in Gilford, NH for the past eight years, and comes very highly recommended having managed a staff of 21 and a $3+ million budget. She has her Commercial Driver’s License with tanker endorsement; is a Senior Road Scholar in the UNH T² Program; and is currently completing her BS in Business Administration concentrating in Organizational Leadership.

Next month I’ll look at the Selectboard’s relationship with the Police Department.

Lesson 5: The Selectboard’s Relationship with Other Town Officials, Part 2. Last month we looked at our relationship with the Library Trustees. This month let’s take a look at the Public Works Department (PWD). This department has the largest budget in town and interacts with all our residents at one time or another. RSA 41:11-a gives the Selectboard the authority to “manage, care for and regulate the use of town property that has not been placed in the care of another board, officer or department by state statute or by vote of town meeting.” Town property includes highways, bridges and sidewalks; the transfer station; and town-owned cemeteries, land and buildings.

The Selectboard delegates the management and care of town property to the Public Works Director, who in turn supervises the PWD staff. As the governing body, the Selectboard adopts general policies (one such example is the winter maintenance snow and ice policy), and then works with the Director in achieving financial goals, compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, satisfaction of the public, and maintenance of the Town’s assets, all in accordance with these policies.

One responsibility the Director has is being “road agent”. The road agent, according to RSA 231:62 “shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties…prescribed by law…” under the direction of the selectmen. This is because the state grants the selectmen’s authority in RSA 231:1 “All Class IV highways not financed in whole or in part with federal aid highway funds, and Class V and VI highways shall be laid out by…the selectmen…..”. The road agent is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and repair of the Town’s highways, bridges and sidewalks.

One common issue is dealing with a driveway entering a town-maintained road. In this case property owner’s actions are limited by law (RSA 236). RSA 236:9 states “It shall be unlawful to excavate or disturb shoulders, ditches, embankments, or the surface improved for travel of…any other highway without written permission from the selectmen or [road] agent of the town….”. RSA 236:10 allows the town to require bonds, and make rules and regulations governing such actions. RSA 236:13 deals specifically with driveways and other access to the public way. Consequently, Hancock has adopted Driveway Regulations consistent with RSA 236.

Remember, when you don’t get the answer you were hoping for, both the road agent and the Selectboard have a sworn duty to comply with the laws of the state!

Next month I’ll look at the Selectboard’s relationship with the Police Department.

See pages 2—4 for Old Home Day activities
Old Home Days August 18th, 19th & 20th!

August has arrived and Hancock is in full bloom! Swimmers in the ponds, bicyclists and kayakers going this way and that, ice cream cones being licked at Fiddleheads, summer readers frequenting the library, visitors enjoying the Inn and hungry folks buying cold drinks and barbecue supplies at the Market!

Old Home Days is shaping up and we are getting excited about all of the fun coming our way!

Do check out the tee shirts being sold at the Hancock Market and look for the brochure that will tell the schedule.

There are always openings for volunteers and sponsors. It is not too late to become involved.

Donations and prizes can be dropped off at the Town Office.

Want to join the parade? Gather at HES playground Saturday, Aug 19th 9:30 am

Festivities will begin at 5pm on Friday, the 18th and span through Sunday morning. We hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy from the Friday night Contra Dance to the Mountain Bike Ride on Sunday morning, from the Historical Society to the Climbing Wall, from the Petting Zoo to the Temple Band!

This year we are adding in an All Town Photo on the hillside near Norway Pond right after the Synchro Sistahs! Deb Porter Hayes has volunteered to do this and you will be able to order a print!

Another new feature is Saturday evening campfire out behind Main Street Cheese. Bring a story or guitar, a chair or blanket.

We look forward to celebrating our town and each other! We feel so lucky to live in this community! Any questions or ideas? Contact any of us and also check out our Facebook page! Our tee shirts have been spotted in Sweden!

Sarah Laeng Gilliat  525-3300  Melody Russell 547-0887  Mandy Whicker  831-9436

Hancock Hospital Auxiliary
Old Home Day Bake Sale

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary is preparing for their annual Old Home Day Bake Sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at the Meeting House as part of the Old Home Day Festivities.

The members and friends of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary will begin telephoning Hancock residents to ask for donations of home-baked Goods such as Bars, Breads, Cookies, Brownies, Muffins, Pies, Small Cakes, Fruits, Vegetables and other pastries for the Bake Sale. Baked goods should be brought to the Meeting House the day of the sale between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 am. The Bake Sale will open at 8:00 a.m. and continue until noon. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Monadnock Community Hospital to be used for patient related items. Those that are not able to donate baked goods; monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. If there are any residents that have not been reached by telephone and would like to make a donation of food or money, it will be most welcomed. Please, make all checks payable to the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary.

The Bake Sale is our only Fund Raiser. As a result of the proceeds from the Bake Sale last year, our money went toward equipment for the Speech Therapy Department and the Department of Monadnock Associates (Surgery).

The Hancock Hospital Auxiliary Members:
Doreen Ames, Jan Johnson, Terri Lombardi, Mimi Mason, Karen McCormack, Lorelei Murphy, Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens, Peg McLeod

Submitted by: Peg McLeod
38th Anniversary Betty Pels Run For The Honey
Saturday, August 19th – Hancock Old Home Days
5K Race (3.1 miles) starts at 8:00 a.m. Register online. Pay on Race Day.

Hancock Residents $5 entry fee — Non-Residents $10 entry fee
The first 100 registrants for the 5K will receive a jar of honey

The best way to register is online at http://hancock5k.com Go to: Registration and Fees section. Please register online by Thursday 8/17. Pay when you pick up your number.

Alternate registration: Pick up an application at the Hancock Market. Send to: Ginger Smith/RFTH, 80 Longview Rd., Hancock

There are awards for the first three finishers in each of nine age categories for male and female ranging from 13 and under to 80 and over.

For further info contact: Ginger Smith at 525.3502, ginger3502@myfairpoint.net or Hunt Dowse at 525.4069, hsdowse@gmail.com

Course: A bee-utiful and challenging course through Hancock, on tree lined paved and gravel roads. Two moderate hills (Evergreen Hill Road and Mill Road) and plenty of rolling terrain, finish near the Meetinghouse and Vestry on Main St.

Start: School Street (200 yards east of registration).

Water Station: at the 2 mile mark.

Bathrooms: at registration and the finish.

Thanks for helping to make the race operate more efficiently by using our on-line registration at http://hancock5k.com. Remember: register for 5K online, pay on race day. No online registration for the free Kids’ Fun Run. Register kids on race day.

Kids’ Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. – at the Bandstand
Free! Register only on race day!

No Kids’ Fun Run online registration
Sign Kids’ Run participants up on race morning
Parent or guardian signature required

Kid’s Market at Old Home Day
Calling all our budding entrepreneurs!! Any kid up to the age of 18 who would like to participate in selling your own handmade or home grown arts, crafts, baked goods, drink, or service such as face painting, etc... - really just about anything you can dream up - you will have a chance to sell your wares at Hancock’s Old Home Days on the town common, August 19th, starting at 11am, directly after the parade!! Just contact Monica Laskey-Rigrod at 603-831-0092 to reserve your spot!
It is already August and everyone in Hancock knows that it is time for Old Home Days. This year, it will be August 18 through the 20th. By far, the most important day will be Saturday, the 19th: activities such as the Run for the Honey, the Parade, the Fire Department Auxiliary Paddle Raffle, the Library Book Sale, and many more. Most important of all - don't forget the legendary Hancock Fire Department Chicken Barbeque on the Town Common. As an annual fund-raiser the fire department will cook about 400+ chickens to feed the citizens and visitors to Hancock this year. Assistant Chief John Pirkey will once again be our head chef with his secret cooking technique for a delicious meal. Of course we couldn’t prepare this spread without the help of all the firefighters, their spouses and significant others, the Auxiliary, and a bunch of people that always materialize in time to help with serving so many dinners.

Please come down and enjoy this traditional event with us under our big green and white tent. We will be serving dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available all day. Also, support the HFD Auxiliary with their Raffle – you could win a cool Kayak. See you there!!

We recently had a pretty good storm go through town that caused trees and wires down as well as some power outages. With four calls going on at once it looks like the fire department is just running around town, however we are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible as we respond to different locations. I know my own To Do List that day became my Didn’t Do List because of the time spent handling calls. I just want to remind you that even though we are on the scene we don’t have all the answers. Many times we are just like you – waiting for answers. So if we have the road closed or are doing traffic control please be patient. Don’t chastise us or shoot the messenger. Even though we’re Firefighters and EMT’s we’re only human.

It will soon be time for the school-year to begin. Millions of children across the United States begin and end their day with a trip on a school bus. Designed for safety, with flashing lights, giant mirrors, high seat backs and that bright yellow color, school buses are the safest way to get them to school. However, many children are injured, many seriously, in school bus-related traffic crashes each year. Most of those are pedestrians, 5 to 8 years old. They are hit in the caution zone around the bus, usually by a passing vehicle. It is illegal for a car to pass a bus when its red lights are flashing. In neighborhoods, near schools, and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care because children do not behave like adults. They can become easily distracted and may begin to cross the street without looking. They don’t understand the danger of moving vehicles, and they find it difficult to judge vehicle speed or distance. Most importantly, children expect vehicles to stop for them at the school bus stop. Young children are most often hit because they hurry to get on or off the bus, act before they think, assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross, and they don’t always stay within the bus driver’s sight. Learn and follow the school bus laws for motorists in New Hampshire and drive safely.

Raffle winners for the month are:
$40.00 - Winnie Skeates
$20.00 - Hon. Samuel K. Lessey, Jr.
$10.00 - Pierre Chabot
$10.00 - Phil Mascia
$10.00 - Jean Harrison

My fire department inspirational quote of the month:
You might be a firefighter if “climbing the corporate ladder” has nothing to do with career advancement.

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Hancock Fire & Rescue
Tom Bates, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Hancock Has Talent
Please contact Monica Laskey-Rigrod at 603-831-0092 if you would like to participate in this year's talent show.

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Hancock Fire Department
Old Home Day
Chicken Barbeque
August 19, 2017

One Dinner
$10.00
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Tickets available at:
The Hancock Market
Seven Maples Campground
The big tent Friday evening and on the day of the Barbeque
Hancock Historical Society
News and Events

The first of our new Heritage Series will be held on July 30th from 2 to 4pm in front of the Historical Society building. Kate Dean will demonstrate the art of spinning wool, an important skill for Hancock families in past centuries. Please stop by to watch Kate work and ask her questions. You might even get to pet a visiting sheep!

Our new World War I exhibit will be open at the same time in our newly air conditioned building. Please stop in — the exhibit is fascinating! It will be open every Sunday from 2 to 4pm through September 17th. In addition, the museum and exhibit will be open on Old Home Day from 11am to 3pm.

On Sunday, September 24th, please join us for Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People, presented by folklorist and oral historian Jo Radner in the Daniels Room at the library at 2pm.

In this program, Jo shares a selection of historical tales — humorous and thought-provoking — about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. This program is offered through the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library.

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I played a gig at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. Now I’m a musician. I’ve been told to come in through the kitchen. I’ve been told to use the servants entrance or the delivery entrance or the back entrance, but this was a first. The directions read, “You may enter the State House through the Hooker entrance, which is to the right of the main gate.” And here I didn’t even know they had one!

(There’s a statue of General Hooker outside the door.)

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The Hancock Fireworks Committee would like to thank everyone in the community who contributed to a wonderful evening celebrating the 4th of July. Even if you did not actively participate in the planning and organization of this event, we appreciate your support by attending. Many people feel an event like this embodies what it means to live in a small town like Hancock. It is a point of pride that we have been able to accomplish this night of fun through the generosity of the citizens of our town. If you have not had a chance to make your donation, please feel free to do so at anytime—there is no time limit. Thank you, and see you again next year!

Harry Pollock
Hancock Fireworks Committee

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We’re all settled in!

We can now be found at our new offices at 49 Vose Farm Office Park, just down the road from our Farm to Fork hoop house. The new space provides us with more room for our growing programs and abundant storage for our program supplies.

Thanks to everyone who helped pack, move and feed us. Hats off to the amazing team of camp volunteers from the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center for spending a day with us moving boxes into our new office and helping out at the Farm to Fork hoop house. Come visit us at Suite 110, you’ll love our new space!

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MORNING MARKETING SERIES:
SOCIAL MEDIA BASICS
AUGUST 11: Facebook's Advertising Options

In this workshop, you'll learn about the various paid advertising options available to anyone using Facebook to market their business. We'll cover the various forms of paid advertising (Boosted Posts, Newsfeed Ads, etc.) and how to keep costs down and your visibility up. Facebook paid ads are extremely effective if you know your target audience, and are a great value compared to other forms of advertising. You can reach a lot of people with a very small budget--even $1 a day to promote your event, for example.

Cost is $35 and pre-registration here is required. All workshops 8:00am-9:30am. 603-203-0593 or Chris@HalvorsonNewMedia.com
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

Book Sale
The annual Friends of the Hancock Town Library Book Sale is coming right up! Friday August 18th will be the Early Bird Sale from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. The Early Bird Sale is free for current members of the Friends, otherwise a $10 entry fee. Saturday August 19th we’ll be open 9:00 am til 4:00 pm with free admission. Sunday August 20th begins our bag sale ($5/bag) from 11:00 am til 3:00 pm and then through Thursday August 24th during library hours. Be sure to stop by!

Hancock Town Library Survey
Got an opinion? Share it with us and we’ll enter you in a raffle to win a $20 gift certificate to Fiddleheads Café! If you’re a library user, let us know what you like and what you think we could improve. If you don’t use the library, tell us what might bring you through the doors. Our aim is to make the Hancock Town Library a resource for everyone in town; your input will help us do that. Go online to: https://goo.gl/forms/XcKggZJfCF9TJR1K2 or pick up a hard copy of the survey at the library. We’ll continue the survey through Old Home Days. Thanks so much!

Wednesday August 2nd at 7:00pm
Extra! Extra! with Ted Leach
Come hear the story behind the stories…

“Hancock resident Ted Leach, a real-life journalist, owned three weeklies - the Monadnock Ledger, The Nantucket Beacon and the McCormick (SC) Messenger. If any community newspaper publisher knows the innards of sweaty small-town journalism, Leach is the one to write Extra Extra. His novelistic book captures New England newspapering up close and personal with reliable you-are-there reports from behind-the-newspaper doors.” —Steve Sherman, Keene Sentinel

Reading Extra Extra is like time traveling in a cocoon of terrific storytelling accompanied but lots of vivid detail. Dozens of vignettes illuminate a variety of news stories, set in the mid-1980’s at the dawning of a digital revolution. Ted will be here at the library to discuss the book (17 years in the making) and answer questions from the audience. Come and hear about a world you never knew existed where accuracy and exclusiveness are perpetual goals within a news cycle that never ends. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Free and open to all.

Monday August 7th at 7:00pm
Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Kayaks and Stand Up Paddle Boards
Join "H2O" girl Ellen Moran for an interactive presentation about kayaks and stand up paddle boards. The discussion will cover topics such as; kayak and paddle board design, materials and function. Ellen will also cover how to choose a paddle and fit a life jacket. Weather plays a huge role when on water, so safety will be a topic. If you want to try camping out of your kayak, pointers on how to pack a boat can be covered. Plenty of gear will be on hand. Ellen has spent 35 years working in the specialty outdoor industry. Twenty Eight years were spent with Eastern Mountain Sports, the last 12 of which, Ellen was one of the buyers on the Technical Sports team. The categories Ellen bought for were paddle sports, XC Skis, snowshoes, climbing gear, car racks and winter helmets. For over 10 years, Ellen was an open water kayak instructor and worked as a kayak guide on Cape Cod for 3 seasons. From 2000 to 2003 Ellen worked as a part time alpine ski instructor at Mount Sunapee. Water, liquid or frozen, is her passion. Free and open to all.

Tuesday August 8th at 7:00pm
Barking with Edith Milton & Judith Oksner
Edith Milton and Judith Oksner have created a new twist on the story of the mischievous, fun-loving orphan thrown into the glam life, reminiscent of Annie or Eloise and her Plaza. Barking follows the same storyline, but with a lot more fur—it stars two rambunctious King Charles Cavalier Spaniels. Emily and Charlotte are two sisters adopted and brought to live in “a big palace” in New York City. Unfortunately for Emily she inherited the barking genes (or as she says “jeans”) from her illustrious King Charles ancestors and now the whole building is petitioning to have her and Charlotte’s removed if they can’t be quiet. Poor Emily and Charlotte get into all kinds of mishaps and get their owners all tied up in trouble (not just figuratively.) Edith Milton’s spritely text is perfectly accompanied by Judith Oksner’s watercolors, which add colorful spunk to the story, and humorously bring to life Emily’s doggie point of view of what’s being said around her, which easily confuses things like genes/jeans and petitions/potatoes. Barking is great fun for children and adults alike, introducing a dash of mayhem to highfalutin’ city living, and celebrating the irrepressible spirit of dogs we all love so much. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Free and open to all.
Thursday August 31st at 7:00pm  
**Refugee Stories ~ In Their Own Words**  
Clients of the International Institute of New England will be at the library to speak about their experiences as refugees coming to the United States. The International Institute of New England has been welcoming refugees and immigrants to Massachusetts and New Hampshire for nearly a century. Throughout ten decades of service to New England, thousands of new Americans connected to the International Institute to learn English, meet other new Americans, learn about the culture of their new country, gain job skills, and receive assistance in finding employment. Historically and today, they work with local communities to help refugees and immigrants find places to settle and restart their lives. Co-sponsored with the Hancock Congregational Church. Free and open to all.

From the Children’s Room  
**A Note from Miss Jenn**  
Thanks to all the AcroYoga students! I hope you all enjoyed this introduction to AcroYoga. We will be offering a class in the fall so please keep your eyes open for the announcement. Summer Reading will be ending on August 9th! Please make sure you have turned in all your reading logs and claimed all your prizes by the 9th. We will be pulling the raffle prize winners at the magic show starting at 6:30pm. I hope to see you all there!

**Mondays thru August 3:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Coffee the Reading Dog**  
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!*  
Watch for Coffee’s new schedule to go up for the new school year!

August 1st at 2pm  
**Movie in the Daniels Room**  
Come on in and enjoy a movie in the A/C!

August 2nd at 4pm  
**Teen Chef**  
Back by popular demand! Please make sure you sign up at the library. We will be using creativity to see what kinds of cool treats everyone can come up with. Sign up is required. For ages 10 and up.

August 9th at 6:30pm  
**Summer Reading Finale and Magic Show**  
Summer Reading big finale! We will be pulling all our raffle winners and tallying our summer reading hours. If the kids reach 1,300 hours Jenn will be getting a pie in the face, if the adults reach 1,300 hours Amy will be getting a pie in the face! Make sure you turn in all your hours before the show!  
Bob Riordan will be entertaining us all with his comedy magic act. Come laugh, enjoy, and be amazed. Free and open to all!

August 30th at 6pm  
**Family Game Night with Pizza**  
Join us as we welcome in the new school year with pizza and games. Please sign up for pizza so we buy the right amount and let us know if you’d like to bring a side or drinks to contribute to the food table.

Thursdays at 10:30am  
**Family Storytime**  
Every Thursday morning at 10:30am we have a family storytime with books and songs. Come join in the fun!
Conval’s Strategic Plan: Leading to Good Things

It’s been approximately a year and a half since Conval’s new Strategic Plan 2021 has been in place (the planning process started in 2014) and so far I think there has been good progress. Student achievement and performance is one of the primary district goals addressed in detail within the plan. There are many critical parts to this plan and I am able to only note a few items that are elaborated on in greater detail within this sixty-page plan developed by the Strategic Planning Committee and the SAU staff.

- Summer school programming opportunity has expanded as for the first time summer school is being held at both middle schools, increasing GBS middle school student participation from under 10 GBS students last summer to nearly 70. Next step will involve expanding learning opportunities during summer.
- Implementation of OGAP (On-going Assessment Project), a formative math assessment system to help teachers to recognize and help students everyday to identify their strengths and weaknesses and target areas that need work.
- There is a new process in place to discuss the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming offered by the Alternative Technology Center (ATC) at Conval. We've been discussing potential new programs including health science, plumbing and electrical programs as well as other ideas discussed by community members on the Regional and Program Advisory Committees established for ATC programming.
- There is a continuing discussion, originating out of the strategic plan, about priority renovations including the high priority for new high school science labs to replace those that are well over 40 years old. We expect these plans to be distilled this coming fall.
- The plan called for the SAU and school board to continue to review the organizational and operational options and produce new “models” that look at how to best allocate resources to maximize educational benefits. Models range from keeping things the way they are now (status quo) to closing schools. Stay tuned, the Board will be discussing this in late summer/early fall.

The District’s technology plan, capital improvement plan, curricula renewal plan and plan for the high school were all taken into account when developing the District’s strategic plan. And, if you tune into Conval regularly, you know all the great things that are happening throughout the District. The strategic plan will bring even better things and has the full support of the School Board. You can read the strategic plan online at www.conval.edu, hover over “School Board” at the top of the page and the words “Strategic Plan” appear, then click to open the PDF file.

Respectfully,

Pierce Rigrod, Hancock Rep, Conval School Board

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Only a Few Days Left to View Current Art Show

A collection of works by The Left Bank Artists will remain on view in the Daniels Room through Thursday, August 3rd. This exhibit provides a truly varied experience of different art styles, subjects, and mediums by the group of eight artists: Sue Callihan, Kim Cunningham, Scott Cunningham, Christine Destrempes, David Dodge, Evelien Bachrach Seeger, John Sirois, and Daniel Thibeault.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2-6 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am-7 pm; Saturday, 10 am-4 pm. The library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Because the Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for other activities, please check with the library (525-4411) to make sure the room will be accessible during the time of your visit.

Please note: The library will be preparing and holding its annual Old Home Days book sale in August, so there will be no art shows in the Daniels Room after the current exhibit ends on August 3rd and through the end of the month.

The next show, running from September 2nd to October 12th, will feature the work of photographer Linda Greenwood of Peterborough. More details to follow in the September issue.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor

August at the Players

For the first time in its history, the Peterborough Players will present a full-scale Broadway musical on its intimate stage—the hugely successful Mel Brooks comedy, The Producers, which ran for six years on Broadway and garnered a record 12 Tony Awards. This hysterically funny play, based on an Academy Award-winning movie, centers on two producers who conspire to get rich by over-selling shares in a planned Broadway flop. Complications—financial and legal—arise when the show unexpectedly turns out to be a hit. Heading a large cast of actors, dancers, and musicians are Kraig Swartz and Tom Frey as the conniving protagonists. The Producers will be performed August 2 to 13 with matinees on August 6, 8, and 13.

The Doctor’s Dilemma, the twelfth play by Bernard Shaw to be produced at the Players, opens on August 16 and runs until August 27.

This 1906 problem social comedy is both a critique of the medical profession and a plea for a national health system. It poses the dilemma of a successful London physician who has developed a revolutionary cure for tuberculosis but can only treat a small number of worthy patients. He must decide whether to allocate scarce resources to save an altruistic medical colleague or an unscrupulous young artist.

The Second Company will offer a musical adaptation of the children's favorite, James and the Giant Peach, based on the story by Roald Dahl, about a boy who discovers a magic potion to grow an enormous peach that will take him across the ocean. James will be given five performances, on August 19, 21, 22, 25, and 26.

Fred Leventhal, A Trustee of the Peterborough Players
August Hancock Depot Cabarets (Yes, Two!)

This month, we’ll hold two Cabarets – the first on Saturday, August 5th, and the second on Saturday, August 19th (the “Old Home Days Edition”).

- **August 5.** Our feature act will be **Wendy Keith & her Alleged Band**, featuring Doug Farrell on guitar, Jack Carlton on bass and dobro, and Walden Whitham on flute, saxophone, and harp. A veteran of the New Hampshire (and far beyond!) folk music scene, Wendy covers a wide range of styles and is at home with Americana, original singer-songwriter, blues, gospel, and jazz. Make sure to mark your calendar – you won’t want to miss this one!

- **August 19.** We are truly jazzed that for our second anniversary show, we will host **Mottau, Drew and Clark**. Eddie Mottau, Bob Drew, and Jimmy Clark have been playing music together for 30+ years in one configuration or another. Eddie played acoustic guitar on 3 of John Lennon's albums, with one of them (*Walls and Bridges*) going gold, and has produced albums for various artists including Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary. Eddie's first solo album was "No Turning Around" for MCA Records. His second album was a stripped down, totally live album called "No Molding" which featured Jimmy Clark. The three of them recorded the album "Mottau, Drew and Clark" Dance For Love, in 2004 for Noel Paul Stookey's Neworld Record label. His second album was a stripped down, totally live album called "No Molding" which featured Jimmy Clark. The three of them recorded the album "Mottau, Drew and Clark" Dance For Love, in 2004 for Noel Paul Stookey's Neworld Record label. Simply put, love playing music together. They all reside in their beloved state of New Hampshire. For more info and to listen to their music, visit https://www.facebook.com/Mottau-Drew-Clark-144569425650415/. Come early for this one if you want a good seat!

Shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, 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.

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

The Cabaret was created to provide a venue for local and regional musicians, poets, and other artisans to share their talent in a comfortable, friendly, and inspirational environment. While admission is free, we suggest a $5 donation, which the Depot Association will use to keep the lights on and provide general maintenance for the Depot (upkeep, enhancements/upgrades, insurance, utilities, etc.).

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

- **September 2:** Teresa Storch (Critically acclaimed Singer/Songwriter from Longmont, CO)
- **October 7:** The Lied To's (formidable blend of urgent, gritty, folk-rock and country tinged music about negotiating relationships in the wake of difficult times and burdensome pasts)

### 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 603-525-3085.

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John Norton
Hancock, NH 03449
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Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

August tends to be a quieter month at The Grapevine as we gear up for the start of fall programs. It’s also a great time to come by for a visit and learn more about all we have to offer! One exciting new project is our Community Tool Shed (read on for more details). Also, our Avenue A Teen + Community Center continues to offer fun events for youth and adults. Happy Summer!

Ongoing Programming
NEW FOR THIS COMING YEAR! EXPANDED TO THREE DAYS...The Learning Vine preschool for children 3 to 5 years old. Thinking about preschool next fall? We are now registering for the 2017-18 school year! This hands-on program focuses on social interaction and problem solving skills in a small group setting, in a fun, engaging environment. Now scheduling visits for interested families. Family scholarships may be available — please inquire.

Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren
If you are parenting your grandchildren, you are not alone. “Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren” meets monthly and is free. Call 588-2620 and ask for Carol for more information, and to let us know you’re coming and if you will need childcare.

Strong Living Wellness and Exercise Group –
Join seniors from your community in this twice weekly light weight exercise program held at the Grapevine. Meet and become part of a supportive, lively group who together strengthen mind and body! Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Grapevine from 1:30 – 2:30. Call the Grapevine for more information.

WEEKLY CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
Please call Carol at 588-2620 to sign up for programs, or for more information.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Franconia, Hillsborough, Deerfield and nearby towns. The Grapevine exists because of charitable contributions from people like you. 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/

August quote: "Telling the truth and making someone cry is better than telling a lie and making someone smile."  Paulo Coelho

We are making changes in our Holistic Health Professional Center from August 1st through October 1st. Redecorating the studio, creating new ads, building a new website.

In the meantime if anyone needs a private consultation/session we will make arrangements for you. Please text: 603-933-3294 for your appointment.

Have a beautiful summer!

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Smith
Pickleball is coming to Hancock!

Come learn this exciting new game. Instruction and rackets provided.

When: Wednesdays in August (Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 23)
Where: Hancock Tennis Courts
Time: 6-8 pm
Cost: $5/lesson or $20 for 4 week session
Please register and pay at the Hancock Town Offices.
For more information, contact Kristin at 525-9468 or kristindriscollharris@gmail.com.
**Sponsored by the Hancock Recreation Committee**
The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has offered a $20,000 Challenge Grant to Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC). With the expansion of CVTC’s non-emergency medical transportation services from 13 to 33 towns in the Monadnock Region, it is critical to attract new sources of support for the demonstrated impact on the health, wellness and independence for the passengers and Volunteer Drivers.

Over the next six months, CVTC is reaching out to encourage dollar-for-dollar matched giving from new resources and/or increased giving from current donors. “This is a great opportunity to double the giving power of your donation. We are in the business of generating hope with each mile we drive and that is priceless,” says Ellen Avery, Executive Director.

A 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Peterborough, CVTC strives to meet unmet transportation needs in the Monadnock region by providing “no fee” transportation for people who do not have access because of age, ability, economic situation or other limiting circumstances. Trip purposes include non-emergency medical and social service appointments, as well as trips to the grocery store and pharmacy. For more information, call 1-877-428-2882 or visit the website at www.cvtc-nh.org. The mailing address is 375 Jaffrey Road, Suite 3, Peterborough, NH 03458. CVTC is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.
Thank you to our members. It’s your support that makes these programs possible.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education, a member-supported nonprofit organization, is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment. If you’d like to join or donate to the Harris Center, we invite you to visit us online at harriscen.org; call our office at (603) 525-3394; email Diana at jacobsharriscen.org; or visit us in person at 83 King’s Highway in Hancock. For information about our community and education programs, visit us at harriscen.org.

Aug 4 (Fri) Easygoing Hike to Silver Mountain
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip exploration of Silver Mountain in Lempster, with great views – and not just of the windmills! Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10am at the intersection of Routes 123 and 10 in Stoddard. Back by 3pm. For more information, contact Lee at (603) 525-5262, snowman3137@gmail.com, or Rich at (603) 827-4105, rtaylor@gerkensinc.com.

Aug 13 (Sun) Hike to Tippin Rock and Hewes Hill
Denny Wheeler and Ryan Owens will lead a moderately easy, 3-mile hike past Tippin Rock to Hewes Hill, through land protected by the Monadnock Conservancy. You can try your hand at tipping the 40-ton glacial erratic and, weather permitting, take in the stunning views of the ledges. Bring water and a snack, and meet at 8am at the Golden Rod Grange on Route 32 in Swanzey Center. Back by noon. Cosponsored with the Monadnock Conservancy. For more information, contact Denny at (603) 313-0350.

Aug 26 (Sat) Eastview Trail Run
Join Harris Center board members Dan Langille and Tyler Hogan for this 5½-mile run on wooded trails, an old railroad bed, and dirt roads. Meet at 9am at the Eastview trailhead off Hancock Road in Harrisville. Wear your running shoes and bring your sense of adventure. For more information and to register, contact Dan at danlangille@yahoo.com, or Tyler at tyler@pure-flow.com.

Aug 27 (Sun) Wind Bird Watching
Many species of shorebirds (as noted in The Wind Birds by Peter Matthiessen) pass through New Hampshire in the fall as they migrate south to wintering grounds in Central and South America. You’ll find them wherever you find their habitat. Little Skatutakee (North Pond) in Harrisville is scheduled for a drawdown this fall, which could provide perfect habitat for shorebirds (and shorebird viewing) quite close to home. Otherwise, we’ll carpool to Plum Island in Newburyport, MA. This outing will be led by Eric Masterson and Meade Cadot. To receive full details on time and location, please RSVP to Eric by August 18 at masterson@harriscen.org or (603) 525-3394.

Aug 29 (Tue) Birthing the Nighthawk Migration
Join Cliff Seifer and Brett Amy Thelen to observe one of the under-appreciated spectacles of fall migration, the annual flight of Common Nighthawks over the Monadnock Region. If it’s an “average” night, we’ll get great looks at a handful of these incredible birds. If it’s a “good” night, we’ll see hundreds of acrobatic nighthawks feeding in giant flocks. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Stone Arch Village parking lot at 831 Court Street in Keene. Done by 7:30 p.m. Cosponsored with New Hampshire Audubon. For more info, contact Cliff at clifdisc@gmail.com.

Summer Fun with a Hike Safe Card
The N.H. Fish and Game Department reminds all outdoor enthusiasts that the purchase of a voluntary Hike Safe Card helps support Fish and Game search and rescue capabilities -- and exempts the holder from certain liability for repaying search and rescue costs.

The annual cards can be purchased online at www.nhfishandgame.com/HikeSafe.aspx. Hike Safe Cards are $25 for an individual or $35 for a family. They are good through the end of the calendar year.
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
Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

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 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 – 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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HANCOCK 2017 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 6  THE LADLES  Dreamy Three-Part Vocal Harmony
Sponsored by: The Hancock Inn and Win & Vici Robinson

July 13  OTIS & THE ELEVATORS  American Roots
Sponsored by: Fiddleheads Café & Mosquito Terminators

July 20  SU’AL  Celtic & Old Time
Sponsored by: Peterborough Folk Music Society & Deb & John Hayes

July 27  EASY STREET BAYOU  Louisiana Cajun, Zydeco, & Swamp Pop
Sponsored by: Norway Hill Independent Services

August 3  TATTOO  Acoustic Dance Music
Sponsored by: Josie & Richard Warner and Mollie Miller & Robert Rodda

August 10  SKIP PHILBRICK BLUES BAND  Blues
Sponsored by: Norway Hill Associates

Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations!

Concerts 7 PM - 8:30 PM on the Common
IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, CONCERTS MAY BE HELD IN THE MEETINGHOUSE.
CONCERTS ARE FUNDED BY DONATION AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.