April is the time the Selectboard sets the foundation for the year ahead using the agenda set at town meeting. This relationship between town meeting and the Selectboard leads me right into my next civics lesson. What are some of the checks and balances in town government?

Lesson #2: Separation of Powers. Both the US and State constitutions recognized the need to balance the power between the legislative body and the governing body in the principle of “separation of powers” so the best interests of the majority of citizens are protected. Locally, town meeting is the legislative body; and, the Selectboard is the governing body.

In New Hampshire, town meeting can exercise all the power of the town except what the state assigns by statute to the Selectboard or other boards and officials. State law (RSA 41:8) grants to following authority to the Selectboard: “The selectmen shall manage the prudential affairs of the town and perform the duties by law prescribed.” (RSA 41:8). This statutory phrase was first stated in the Provincial statute of 1679. At that time the Selectboard had relatively restricted powers. Whereas, today it seems the Selectboard has a vast list of duties assigned by never-ending additions of state laws and authorization of duties by local warrant articles. In general though, the Selectboard is empowered to act only as necessary to meet the demands of ordinary town business.

Simply put, at town meeting you vote to appropriate money for specific purposes to run the town, and RSA 41:8 gives the Selectboard authority to spend your money, only for the purposes approved by you at town meeting.

Of importance is the Selectboard must act as a whole to exercise the Board’s authority. No individual selectman has any authority to act as an individual. Remember that when you ask any of us a question on the street. All actions must be voted on by a majority of the Selectboard at a public meeting complying with the right-to-know law (RSA 91-A) or a court could invalidate our actions. Openness is essential in a democratic society. Public right to know will be the topic of my next civics lesson.

In April we dealt with the warrant articles passed at town meeting; started the purchasing process for big-ticket items; entertained auditors to confirm last year’s financial performance; and took stock of how our budget projections fared against actual expenses and revenues in the first quarter of the year. In general, we managed “the prudential affairs of the town”.

The Selectboard will be working throughout May in two areas: (1) Addressing the recommendation made by Jeff Wright, Director of Public Works, in his department assessment that a skills gap at the director level needs to be filled, as the department transitions from the 18-years of management under Kurt Grassett. And, (2) working with the findings of the employee classification and compensation study. Wage adjustments to bring our employees into market equity rates were completed in April. We are now working to establish a systematic performance review procedure for all employees. I encourage you to follow our Selectboard minutes to keep up to date on our progress.

See page 3 for the schedule of Memorial Day activities
Protecting Our Little Piece of the Universe!

We finally have spring weather and I see all kinds of indications that the neighbors are doing yard work. I still have to do some dirt work from where we tore up the yard during the winter to put in a new well pump. With all of the dead branch cleanup and other yard waste the fire department has had quite a few requests for burn permits. In case you have been hiding under a rock, or want to just say “I didn’t know”, any property owner in Hancock that wants to burn outdoors must have a valid burn permit. Getting a burn permit is pretty easy. Just contact Nevan Cassidy, the Hancock Fire Warden, or any of the Deputy Fire Wardens; Tom Bates, John Pirkey, or Mark Thompson. When you get and sign your permit you should read the back of the piece of paper that spells out the rules! You can also get a burn permit online through the state website for $3.00. By having a permit the fire department can let our dispatch center in Keene know about the burn and thus avoid being dispatched for a permitted fire. Sometimes we cannot give out permits because of dry and/or windy weather conditions. Each day the State of New Hampshire determines the fire index. We can only allow burning on Class 1 and 2 days, and only after 5:00pm. That rule is suspended if it is raining; however we still need to be aware of any burning. If you call one of us for a permit and we are not available at that time DO NOT just leave a message saying you are going to burn. That doesn’t count and if a fire is reported we will come out and either have you extinguish the fire or we will do it. There are other basic rules to follow but those can be explained when you get your permit. Just remember, it is never legal to “smoke the neighbors out”! We also issue seasonal burn permits for campfires, portable outdoor fireplaces and the chimineas. Burn Permits: Easy to get and easy to use.

The Fire Department recently held its’ annual dinner and awards night. Two important awards were presented that evening. First was a 25 year award for Nevan Cassidy. That’s right. Nevan has been hanging around for that long! Of course, I’m sure you are aware that Nevan served as Fire Chief, but did you know he has been an EMT for many of those years, as well as serving as a Captain on the department? We thank him for his service. The other big award of the night was to Spencer Thompson who is our Hancock Firefighter of the Year. Spence is a third generation firefighter, the son of our 2nd Assistant Chief Mark Thompson and the grandson of firefighter Bill Eva. Spencer is currently a Captain on the department and is a Paramedic with DiLuzio Ambulance. Congratulations to both of these great members.

Last month I told you about a couple of families in town that gave us a donation so we could update our cold water rescue suits. Once again I would like to thank another one of our residents who also gave us a donation to purchase another of the suits. With those donations and help from the Fire Department Auxiliary we have purchased four new suits and are adding to our complement of water rescue equipment. The department thanks you very much for your generosity. By the way, the Fire Department Auxiliary is always looking for new members to help support us.

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Monday, 6 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday, 3 pm to 6 pm

OR

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Raffle winners for the month of April were:
$40.00-Don Lussier
$20.00-Edward Kokoski
$10.00-Marty Covington
Hon. Samuel K. Lessey Jr.
Lew Feldstein

Important Phone Numbers:
Tom Bates Fire Chief 525-3789
John Pirkey 1st Asst. Chief 966-5214
Mark Thompson 2nd Asst. Chief 234-6418
Nevan Cassidy Fire Warden 525-4786
Memorial Day Committee: Activities prior to and on Memorial Day

Saturday, May 20th 10am to 1pm:
Place new flags and plant geraniums at graves of veterans.
Start at Pine Ridge Cemetery, then proceed to Norway Plains and Hillside Cemeteries. Volunteers welcomed; bring a trowel if you have one.

Sunday, May 28th 12 Noon:
Brief ceremony to honor veterans buried at Hillside Cemetery.

Monday, May 29th Memorial Day:
1:30pm: Parade assembles on School Street.
2:00pm: Parade sets out for Main Street and Norway Plains Cemetery.
Parade Marshall will be Ed Adams. Bob Fogg will be parade commander.
Conval High School band under direction of Jim Wickham will play. Rev. Judith Copeland of the Hancock Congregational Church will offer prayers at Norway Plains, and then at Pine Ridge.
All Hancock veterans are encouraged to join the march; uniforms are not required. Cars will be provided for those who wish to ride. To request a ride, for more information, or if you have questions, please call:
Hank Drury, 525-3375 or Ken Davis, 525-3505.

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO THINK ABOUT OLD HOME DAYS

Hello Townsfolk!
Spring is here and before we know it, summer. Remember that Old Home Days always happens on the third weekend of August. Please let us know if you are interested in being involved.
We need a good theme …..Ideas?
The whole event is a group creation and we want it to include the events and activities that you want.
We will be contacting those who helped before and keep everyone on board that chooses to be.
One new feature will be a large map of the town where people can post a note such as “learned to swim at Norway pond” or “first kiss in the bandstand” or “Easter morning Hike on Bald Mountain” or “spotted two bear cubs out on Old Dublin Rd” This idea from Susie Spikol! Kim Cunningham volunteered to do the shirt design!
Hope to hear from you!
Melody Russell melodyzahrn Russell@gmail.com Mandy Whicker mjwhicker15@hotmail.com
HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB
Our 2016-17 final meeting will take place at the Hancock Inn on **Wednesday, May 10** at Noon. A paid reservation is required to attend and to select an entree. Please contact Sonja Mucha at 525.4970 by May 3 to reserve a place at the table. Only $20! Marcia and Jarvis always make us feel right at home as well as preparing a delicious meal.

Induction of officers and committee members and a congratulatory appreciation to President, Diane Loomis will take place at the luncheon. Perhaps a member will come forward interested in the Vice President's position! As of this writing VP hasn’t been filled. Like Uncle Sam, "We Need You!"

**Wednesday, May 24** the Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at the Hancock Fire House from **1PM to 6PM**. Woman’s Club members will assist donors and offer refreshments. Please mark your calendar for this important day.

The Scholarship committee will be contacting the recipients receiving this year’s award very soon.

This will be my last article for Hancock Happenings as Hancock Woman's Club Publicity Chairman. I have enjoyed writing the monthly articles for the past four years and might just miss it a little. Sara LeFevbre will be our new Publicity Chairman who will keep you informed through Hancock Happenings, the local newspapers, etc. of the club’s upcoming events.

Let's not forget......Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14; Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20; and Memorial Day, Monday, May 29!

Check us out on FB: Hancock Woman’s Club New Hampshire or www.hancockwomansclubnh.org

Submitted by Gertie Kanner

ROADSIDE CLEANUP
Once again, the town's annual roadside cleanup event was a success. A lively group of residents and friends gathered on Earth Day to patrol the roads gathering roadside debris. Sherry Williams, at Fiddleheads Cafe, donated 3 beautiful cakes for the finders of the 'Oldest, Biggest and Strangest' trash. Thanks, Sherry!

Who knew picking up trash could be so fun!
**Ice Out Winners Announced**

The Ice went out on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 10:37am.

The winner of the 2017 Ice Out Contest is:

Jenn Sutton, Hancock (Receiving check from Ice Out Committee Member Dick Warner)

Winning pick: April 11, 2017 11:07am Award: $488.31

The second chance drawing winners picked randomly from all the tickets received ($25.00 each) are:

- Rachel Cass, Hancock, NH
- Andrew Hirsch, East Greenbush, NY
- Dotti Penny, Peterborough, NH
- Nancy Van Horn, Hancock, NH

Thank you again one and all for supporting this year’s contest. Enjoy the warm weather; see you all when the ice returns in December.

*Ice Out Committee for 2017*

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**Hancock Historical Society Annual Plant Sale**

The Hancock Historical Society will be holding their annual plant sale this month

Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Presented by: The Hancock Historical Society

Friday May 19th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm for plant contributions to be dropped off

Location: Hancock Historical Society

Ready to start thinning out those flower gardens? The Hancock Historical Society will gladly accept your excess. There are always residents looking to add variety to their perennial garden, so no matter how common or how plentiful you may think your flowers to be, there is someone looking to expand or replace some of their own. The Plant Sale is our major fundraiser each year and we depend on your botanical contributions to complete this effort.

We will also be offering home-baked goods for sale to enjoy while you are picking out what to purchase for your garden. We ask that if you are donating a plant to please identify the plant and their sun/shade needs with a stake or piece of paper. Plastic pots can be found at the recycling center.

Contact us at: 603-664-8877 or mcdomingue@comcast.net with any questions you may have.

*Submitted by Mike and Carol Domingue*
Another "Tale From Home"

Playing a Sunday brunch with a strolling banjo band, Henry Newberger, with a napkin over one arm and his horn in the other, strode up to the startled couple at the quiet table in the corner.

“I’m Henry, and I’ll be your tuba player for the afternoon!”

We would like to thank the Hancock Women’s Group for hosting our April Community Supper. As always, the food was plentiful and delectable. Thank you all for all the hard work you put into serving the community such an outstanding meal.

Our next Community Supper will be held May 25th and hosted by the Community Supper Committee. We will be serving up tasty sandwiches with plenty of fixings, sides and desserts, we hope you make it over to the vestry and enjoy the last Community Supper with us for the summer.

*Students if you are looking to earn community service hours we can always use a hand with set up at 4:30 and/or clean up commencing after all have eaten, just simply show up and we will gladly put you to work!

Next Community Supper will be held September 28th.

Submitted by: Mike and Carol Domingue

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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

Ping Pong Champions
At long last, the results from the first annual HTL Ping Pong Tournament are in! Here are the winners: Beginner – Rita Bruder; Intermediate – Peter Toumanoff; Advanced – Peter Andersen. To see the winners with their prizes (collected from the swap shack and made into trophies by the artist Kim Cunningham) see our Facebook page. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated! We’ll do it again next winter – feel free to come in and practice on our table anytime.

The Wall-to-Wall Campaign
Something’s underfoot at the Hancock Town Library, and you can be part of it! We’re in the second phase of a three-year carpet replacement plan. Last year we installed new carpeting in the Daniels Room; this year’s goal is to extend that warm and colorful wall-to-wall carpet to the adult section of the library. Your donations will help! With a gift of $20, you can sponsor a carpet tile. $10 sponsors half a tile. Come in and sign your square on our big map of the library floor at the front desk! We’ll happily accept any contribution, large or small, to install new carpet, wall to wall. Thank you!

LIBRARY CLOSED
The library will be closed from Tuesday May 23rd through Tuesday May 30th for the Grand Carpet Installation Lollapalooza. We will re-open Wednesday May 31st.

Book Sale
Refresh your collection! The Friends of the Library are ready for your donations of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs for the annual book sale in August. Please, no textbooks, out of date medical, legal, or computer books, no encyclopedias or magazine collections. And no musty books! Drop off your donations anytime the library is open (library closed May 23rd-30th).

New Website
We have a new and better website up and ready for you. Be sure to bookmark it: https://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com/. And do keep checking our Hancock Town Library Face book page.

The Hancock Inn

Innkeepers’ Sunday Supper
May 2017

The 7th
Spring Greens
Swedish Meatballs over egg noodles with traditional pickled cucumber
Green Apple Sorbet & Melon

Mother’s Day Brunch
Serving à la carte menu
11:30AM – 2:00PM
Reservations Required

The 21st
Savory Cheddar-Scallion Pancake
Braised Chicken with barley and peas
Butterscotch Pudding

The 28th
Baby Spinach Salad Vinaigrette
Porchetta Style Pork Roast with potato, onion & lemon
Brown Sugar-Sour Cream Pound Cake

Sunday Supper $18.99 per person
Excludes tax, gratuity & beverage
5:30 – 7:00PM
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HTL Spelling Bee Team
The Hancock Town Library will be competing in the River Center’s annual spelling bee this year. Our team members are Amy Markus, Larry Schwartz, and Jenn Wood. Please come cheer us on Sunday May 7th at 2:00pm at The Peterborough Players.

Tuesday May 9th from 6-7 pm
State Representative Jon Manley
Come with your questions for Rep. Manley (District 3: Bennington, Greenfield, Hancock) as he reports to his constituents on current legislation. Rep. Manley is at the Hancock Town Library the second Tuesday of every month. Free and open to all.

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Thursday June 1st at 7:00pm at the Harris Center for Conservation Education

Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale
In 1947, Edwin Way Teale, the most popular naturalist in the decade between Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, followed the progress of spring over four months from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington. His best-selling book, *North with the Spring*, recounts the epic journey he and his wife Nellie undertook. In 2012, **John Harris** set out to retrace Teale’s route, stopping at unfamiliar wild places on the same calendar date on which Teale visited. Using Teale’s journal notes and photographs, Harris examined and compared changes in the flora, fauna, and lives of the people along the way. His account documents the losses, details the transformations, and celebrates the victories, for a remarkable number of east coast refuges have grown wilder during the intervening years. John R. Harris is currently Projects Coordinator for the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at Franklin Pierce University. He holds a PhD in British and American literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has taught courses in nature writing, environmental literacy, regional history, American literature and composition at Franklin Pierce University. In addition, he has organized and helped to edit two regional anthologies—*Where the Mountain Stands Alone* and *Beyond the Notches: Stories of North Country New Hampshire*. This program is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities and is co-sponsored with the Harris Center. Free and open to all.

May 10th 4:30pm-5:30pm
**Tween/Teen Advisory Board**
This will be the last meeting for this school year. We will be making our final decisions about the Teen Summer Reading Program and our last picks for the Summer Books and Movie suggestions.

May 11th 4pm-5pm
**Egg Carton Flowers**
Come make a bouquet or wreath for that special person in your life for Mother’s Day.

Saturday May 20th 11am-Noon
**Toven the Reading Dog**
Come read to the gentle giant Toven. Toven is a Great Pyrenees Mountain Dog and he LOVES when children read him stories. All Ages Welcome!

Tuesdays 10:30am
**Family Storytime**
Come join us for stories and songs. This story time is open to all!

In honor of National Poetry Month, GBS students are reporting to you in poem form.

**Great Brook School**
By Maggie Baribault, and Sabrina Leahigh and Sarah Holdredge

I wake up in the morning and go to school everyday
A million, billion miles away.
We kids have no uniform
To you we inform
This school is the best
Forget the rest
It is a fact
Not one of us has slacked
Great Brook is more than a school
It’s like a jewel
So unique, and smart
This place has got heart

See next page for another poem about Great Brook School
HANCOCK GUILD

It seems spring has officially arrived. Our guest speaker for the April meeting, Allison Kerwin, led a wonderful discussion on preparing your gardens for spring planting. She is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker who sprinkled her talk with information, personal anecdotes, and humor. She answered a multitude of gardening questions from both beginners and those who have earned their “green thumbs”. It seems gardening takes just as much patience as it does hard work…and sometimes the patience is the harder of the two.

Our special guest speaker in May will be James Mangkok Wol and His Story as One of the Surviving Lost Boys of Sudan. This program will be on Weds., May 17, at 7:00pm in the Vestry. James lives in Manchester. This program is free and open to the public. Our regular business meeting will take place following the program.

Also coming soon is our semi-annual clothing sale. Details can be found separately in “The Happenings”. Please look for information on clothing drop-off times as well as sale dates and the always popular bag sale! We love seeing our “regulars” and welcome new shoppers as well. There’s always something new for you at a great bargain!

If you’re interested in finding out more about The Hancock Guild, our email is Hancockguild@gamil.com. We welcome all area women looking to become involved in the community.

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President

Hancock Guild Spring/Summer Clothing Sale

Location: Meetinghouse

Clothing Drop Off Dates/Times

- Tues May 30th 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-7:30
- Weds. May 31st 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-7:30
- Thurs. June 1st 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-7:30

(accordingly, gently used men’s, women’s, tweens’ and children’s clothing [which is ALWAYS in short supply] including outerwear, boots/shoes, socks, scarves, accessories including handbags, backpacks, belts, hats, linens, blankets, sheet sets and bedding with sizes labeled please)

Sale Dates

Friday, June 3rd 1:00-5:00
and
Saturday, June 4th 8:00-1:00

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We are in need of clean, sellable items to be donated to the Hancock Elementary School PTO. Books, toys, housewares, bric-a-brac... All proceeds from the sale of these items will directly benefit HES children. Items can be dropped off at 16 Carriage Hill in Hancock, anytime but no later than June 8th. Pick-up may also be arranged. Please call Megan Dodge at 525.9465 with any question or to arrange a small pickup.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The sale will take place Saturday, June 10th at the Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough at Kiwanis Club Spring Yard Sale.

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The Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center invites men and women, age 55+, to consider becoming an America Reads volunteer to help children that are struggling with reading.

Under the supervision of a teacher, volunteers will engage children in Pre-K through 3rd grade in literacy activities and one-on-one reading time.

RSVP is actively recruiting volunteers for two new locations – the Monadnock Community Early Learning Center, Peterborough and the Ashuelot Head Start, Hinsdale, as well as one current site – Francestown Elementary. We also continue to expand our volunteer placements in schools and early learning programs across the Monadnock region where we are currently serving. The commitment is for one hour, once a week, throughout the school year.

For more information contact Allison Riley, America Reads Program Coordinator, at ariley@mfs.org or 603-283-1686. Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

“An amazing show with such a variety of beautiful paintings!” That’s one of the many comments left by visitors to the “Two Cousins” art exhibit, which is on view in the Daniels Room until Thursday, May 11. The oil and watercolor paintings by Hancock artists (and cousins) Jean Mann and Kin Schilling include landscapes, still life, and animals—chickens, pigs, donkeys, sheep, cows, and more. The settings, as varied as the subject matter, range from Hancock (“Sheep at Jane’s”), the Isle of Shoals, and the coast of Maine to New Mexico (“Ghost Ranch, N.M.”), Montana, and the coast of Oregon.

Starting Saturday, May 13, and continuing through Thursday, June 22, Lauryn Welch will exhibit her newest body of paintings in the show “At Home.” The artist will host a reception on Tuesday, May 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Daniels Room.

“At Home” features paintings that Lauryn has created in response to her return to New Hampshire in 2015 after spending several years abroad. “Each painting,” she writes, “explores my identity as a resident of ‘The Shire,’ be it through the sunroom of a childhood friend, or memories of frigid awe encountering the winter ‘blood moon’ outside my doorstep in Peterborough.”

Lauryn has a background in camouflage, and uses color and pattern to describe relationships between people and their surroundings. “Much of my patterning is based on textures and motifs that occur in plants and animals in the Northeast. I also study textile patterns and see clothing as a means to connect and communicate with one’s environment. I use painting to emphasize these intentional and unintentional visual conversations.”

Raised in Hancock, Lauryn is a performance artist as Bridget by Lauryn Welch of Design, and received her BFA at SUNY Purchase College in 2015. Her work has been included in shows and publications across the Northeast, as well as national art publications, such as New American Paintings and Formerly Known As Magazine. Lauryn currently lives and works in Peterborough.

Art shows can be viewed during regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00 – 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The library is closed 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.

Submitted by Sandy Taylor
May 6 Depot Cabaret: Flowers & Music Abound!
This month, our feature will be Aaron Shadwell. Over the course of the last two decades, Aaron has done it all. A dynamic solo troubadour, rock band front man, and terrific singer-songwriter, he captivates audiences everywhere he goes. For more information and to listen to some of Aaron’s music, visit http://www.aaronshadwell.com/.

About the Venue
The show begins 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
· June 3: Liza Constable
· July 1: Tim Robinson and Jon Albrink

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? In general, we meet at the Depot on the third Monday of each month from 7:15 – 8:00. If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us!

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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  Anne Marie Will, CST, RMT - 845-800-3764
Soul Auras & Past Life & Angel Card readings -
  Susi Marrotte, BA, RM, CST - 603-547-7604

Sound Therapy Workshops will be offered in June.

Spring Gardening Tips:

Gardening by the Moon: Years ago, when I lived on a farm with my parents; I learned about by gardening by the Moon. Here are some suggestions from my experience. Our vegetable garden was always productive and successful.

Plants that produce their bounty above the ground; vegetables such as kale, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, beans, peas, cucumbers, squash and annual flowers will give you good results if you plant them during the "light of the Moon". I. E., beginning with the New Moon and through to the Full Moon. Suggested dates: May 1st, 9th, 10th & 28th.

Plants that produce their bounty below ground; potatoes, turnips, parsnips, (the root crops) will do best when planted during the "dark of the Moon". You can begin planting these crops after the Full Moon. Suggested dates: May 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th.

I love wildflowers and this Spring I just found a couple of wildflower blends at Wal-Mart by "encap". One is the butterfly & hummingbird mix and the other is an aromatic mix. Each covers 200 square feet. Cost per bag $5.65 which is reasonable.

Happy planting! Respectfully submitted Arlene Smith
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Sunday, May 14th 6pm

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or online at TicketStage.com/PFMS
Info: (603) 827-2985 Email: deb@pfmsconcerts.org
Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

As warm weather greets us, please consider joining The Grapevine this month for our Annual Spring Walk for Families on Saturday, May 13th. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and is critical in raising funds to support all of our family and community programs and resources. If you can’t join us, consider sponsoring a walker or making a pledge online www.grapevinenh.org. Thank you as always for your support!

Grapevine Special Programs and Events this Spring/Summer - for all programs please call 588-2620 to register or email: info@grapevinenh.org

The Vine Story Hour "New Beginnings" May 4th 7pm
The Vine Story Hour invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A "stage". Our theme for this event is "New Beginnings". Admission is by donation. Proceeds benefit Avenue A. This event is intended for adults and older teens.

Spring Walk for Families Sat May 13th at 9:30am
Tune up your strollers, lace up your walking shoes and get your pledges for The Grapevine’s 13th Annual Spring Walk for Families on Saturday, May 13th. This is The Grapevine’s biggest fundraiser and we count on your support, so please call 588-2620 or stop by to get your pledge sheet. Then meet us in The Grapevine parking lot at 9:30 on May 13th to register and walk in support of our families and community.

Black Fly Community Art Show, June 3rd 10am-12:00
Our popular annual art show features multi-media art by local children and youth, community and family art activities, and more. Stop by and see the artistic talent of our community’s youth! If you have art you would like to show, please call us.

Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center – Contact Jacqueline Roland at jacquelin@grapevinenh.org for more information

Creative Writing Club – 9-12th graders
Our Creative Writing Club meets on Tuesdays from 6-8pm 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. Join us from 6:30 - 9pm for snacks, karaoke, games, music, Xbox games, and fun!

Avenue A Club – 5th-8th graders
The Avenue A afterschool club meets on Wednesdays from 2:20 – 4:15. Students enjoy group activities, snacks, and free time in Avenue A’s awesome space. School bus transportation to Avenue A from GBS is available with late bus pick up. Contact us for info.

Middle School Creative Writing Club – 7th and 8th graders
Avenue A has partnered with New England College and local writer Becky Sakellariou to offer a Creative Writing Club for Middle Schoolers on Tuesdays from 2:15 – 4:15. Join us for fun writing activities, prompts, and the chance to share your writing!

Melissa Gallagher, Executive Director
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 harriscenter.org; call our office at (603) 525-3394; email Diana at jacobs@harriscenter.org; or visit us in person at 83 King’s Highway in Hancock. For information about our community and education programs, visit us at harriscenter.org.

May 5 (Fri) Easygoing Hike to Pitcher Mountain
Rich Taylor and Lee Baker will lead this moderately strenuous, 5-mile roundtrip hike to the famous blueberry fields of Pitcher Mountain. We’ll be on the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway for part of the way, with great views from Pitcher Mountain’s peak. Bring water and lunch, and meet at 10 a.m. at Mr. Mike’s on Route 9 in Stoddard. Back by 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rich at (603) 827-4105 or rtaylor@gerkensinc.com.

May 6 (Sat) Canines – In the Wild and In Your Own Backyard
2 to 4 p.m. at the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey
For dog lovers age 5 to 95 Have you ever wondered how your pet dog differs from a wolf? Do you know which wild dogs live in New Hampshire? Find out the answers to your questions when Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol Faber brings skeletons, pelts, and more to the Monadnock Humane Society (MHS). We’ll compare the domestic dogs we know and love with their wilder cousins, and search the MHS property for signs of wild canids. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register, call (603) 352-9011, ext. 135, or email social@humanecommunity.org.

May 6 (Sat) Birding Elmwood Junction
Join Francie Von Mertens and Meade Cadot for a leisurely birdwatching walk at Elmwood Junction, with its varied wetland and riparian habitat. Meet at 8 a.m. at Elmwood Junction, just off Route 202 on South Elmwood Road in Hancock. Back by 11 a.m. For more info, contact Francie at (603) 924-6550 or vommertens@myfairpoint.net

May 6 (Sat) Trail Run–Harris Center to Juggernaut and Back
Join our truly active board members Dan Langille and Tyler Hogan for a Harris Center first – an adventurous, 3½-mile trail run. Starting at the Harris Center, runners will head down the road to Juggernaut Pond, the pristine and picturesque water supply for the town of Hancock. Then, we’ll follow a narrow woodland trail around the pond and up into the Thacher Forest before heading back home to the Harris Center on a combination of dirt and paved roads. This is not a race, but a chance to run in a new area and meet other trail runners. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Harris Center. Back by 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Dan at (603) 827-3665 or danlangill3@yahoo.com.

May 11 (Thur) In Bloom in Keene: Promising Practices in Nature-based Early Childhood Education
Thursday, May 11 9:00am to 4pm at Antioch University New England, 40 Avon Street, Keene, $125
This one-day conference brings together early childhood educators who yearn to get young children outdoors. This year’s keynote speakers are Joan Almon of the Alliance for Childhood in Annapolis, MD and Meghan Fitzgerald of Tinkergarten in Amherst, MA. Cosponsored with Antioch University New England, Wild Roots Nature School at Stonewall Farm, and Sophia’s Hearth Family Center. Space is limited and registration is required. For more info visit antioche.edu/in-bloom-2017, or contact Peg Smeltz at (603) 283-2301 or MSmeltz@antioch.edu.

May 20 (Sat) Hiking through Grief
Meet in the Harris Center parking lot at 10 a.m. Back by noon. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at (603) 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.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
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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MUSIC ON NORWAY POND

Norway Pond Festival Singers invite you to “Tunes, Tea, and Cupcakes”
a Mothers’ Day Party on Sunday, May 14, 2017, 4 p.m.
Hancock Meetinghouse
Free, but reservations required – R.S.V.P to musiconnorwaypond@gmail.com

THE NORWAY POND JUNIOR MINSTRELS PRESENT
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Saturday May 6th at 3pm
at the
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Gently used items—clean and 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/serving 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 cleaners
—Soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste
—Diapers, sanitary napkins
—Pens, paper, scissors

In conjunction with our Yard Sale on June 3, 2017.

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