8/17/2018 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE: Middle Road remains the last impassable road damaged by the storm. The highway department processed a Request For Proposal to replace the failed culvert and repair the collapsed road bed above earlier this month. The culvert is specified to be replaced by a larger 72” version. Bids were opened this past Thursday (9/20/2018) and are now under review. The winning bid will be announced at Monday night’s board meeting (9/24/2018) with details posted to the town website. The magnitude of expenses associated with this repair will most likely and unfortunately bring us over our town budget. We are finalizing this expense estimate and will be processing the required notifications to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA); including scheduling a public meeting reviewing the details. We have processed a claim with our insurance company and received the maximum $50,000.00 to help offset the expense. The Board of Selectman is doing all we can to minimize this exposure.

A detailed description all the damages incurred and the recovery efforts put forth can be viewed on the town web site. (www.hancocknh.org: Storm Recovery Plan 2018).

TRANSFER STATION USAGE: “Dump stickers” are issued as part of the vehicle registration process. These are colored coded for the current year and must be visible on the driver’s side (“port side” for the nautical minded) of the vehicle. If you have not updated your sticker, please do. If you need a sticker, visit town hall.

LONGVIEW BRIDGE REPAIRS: Repairs are underway and the bridge will be closed to traffic for the next few weeks. Detours signs are in place designating the alternate route. A map is available on the town website showing the detour path.

HANCOCK CHARTER SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:
Mission: Committee to Research the Feasibility of a Charter School in Hancock, NH. As the Town of Hancock is deeply committed to maintaining a community elementary school, the Committee was formed to ascertain the feasibility of creating a Charter School should the voters of the ConVal School District vote to close the small elementary schools in the district. The Committee’s goals are to study the process and details of acquiring a charter and creating the school if necessary. The Committee welcomes any or all community input.

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS:
Cemetery Trustees: Roberta Nylander has been appointed to the Board of Cemetery Trustees.

Hancock Charter School Committee: The following individuals have been appointed to the Hancock Charter School Committee: Stephen DiCicco, Joyce Perry, and Dan Pickering.

New DPW Employee: Please welcome Jeremiah Paquette as the newest employee to the DPW. He will be joining as an Equipment Operator.

New Tax Collector Hours: Thursdays 9:00am to 4:30pm

Hancock Happenings
Mission Statement
Hancock Happenings is the monthly newsletter of the Town of Hancock, established in 1999 for the purpose of publishing news articles by Town Departments and local organizations. The publication is self-supported through the sale of block and classified ads. Hancock Happenings is not a forum for opinion pieces of any nature, political advertising and political columns; any such submissions will be edited or rejected.
October has been designated as National Fire Prevention Month -- a time when public service departments across America join forces to spread the word about fire safety. Each year, the campaign focuses on a different aspect of safety, from preventing forest fires to planning an escape route during a blaze. While the campaign lasts the entire month, most fire and police departments designate the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week. The goal of Fire Prevention Week, and its corresponding month, is to make the public more aware of how fires start, how to prevent them and how to be protected during blazes. However, fire prevention has gone beyond not playing with matches. Today, children and adults can educate themselves about the dangers associated not only with fires, but with natural disasters and household hazards as well. This year the theme is “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere”. People take safety for granted and are not aware of the risk of fire. Paying attention to your surroundings, looking for available exits in the event of a fire or other emergency, and taking the smoke alarm seriously if it sounds can make a potentially life-saving difference in a fire or other emergency situation. Don't wait until disaster strikes to find out about fire or medical safety. Please contact any member of the Hancock Fire Department if you would like more information.

Last month I mentioned that chimneys and furnaces should be checked now that the heating season is upon us. I’m sure every person that read this article contacted their local service technician right away and scheduled a check-up. However, if you didn’t make that appointment then now is the time to get this done. We would much rather have our Firefighters and EMS personnel see your shining faces on a good day than coming to see you on a not-so-good day.

Working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are a must have item in every home. A reminder that daylight savings time will change on Sunday, November 4th. Get ready now to change your batteries in your detectors when you change your clocks.

I am very proud of the men and women who are a part of Hancock Fire and Rescue. Our citizens should be aware of the amazing, talented group of people who understand the meaning of personal sacrifice in the work that we do. We have some of the best trained and talented individuals that you will ever know. It’s our pleasure to serve the Hancock community on a daily basis.

Anyone wandering around Hancock knows there are still has a few road repairs and road closures. Please be careful and heed any warning signs. Also, the evenings are upon us sooner. Be mindful of people on their daily walks. It’s harder to see someone in the shadows. Thanks for being safe.

The Auxiliary would like to congratulate Karen Johnson of Rindge (formerly of Hancock) as the winner of the Kayak Raffle. Thank you to all that bought tickets. The proceeds enable the Auxiliary to support the department. The proceeds from the 2017 raffle purchased a new stove and microwave hood for the Fire Station so that food and drink can be prepared during fire calls and emergencies.

One of the Auxiliary activities is delivering poinsettias to the elderly and shut-ins in town and former residents who are now in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, etc. They are updating their list of recipients. If you know anyone who would enjoy a short visit and a poinsettia, please contact Maryanne Bates at mhbates86@comcast.net or at 525-3789. Lastly, they are always looking for new members. If you would like to support your local Fire Department, please contact Maryanne.

Raffle winners for the month were:
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Join Us for Halloween
at the Hancock Historical Society

As we have for the past several years, we will be opening the historical society for Halloween trick-or-treating. We hope to see you there!

The museum is now closed for the season. We hope you had the chance to see our World War I exhibit, which focused on the war experiences of Hancock residents both at home and overseas. Look for a new exhibit when we reopen next spring, as well as events throughout the winter.

Submitted by Pat Payne

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HANCOCK VESTRY AUXILIARY

As many of you know, the Vestry is a popular place for families of all religious persuasions (and none) to hold gatherings at times of bereavement. Sometimes these follow Memorial Services in the Meetinghouse, and sometimes they do not. Sometimes they are catered, but often the food is provided and the events are staffed by our Deacons and other members of our congregation. We love to do this and feel that it provides a real service to families at a very tender time.

As one helper commented after one of these events, “You feel good when you’ve helped out at one of these.”

We have been thinking that if would be beneficial to open this up to others beyond our church membership. This would enable us to keep up, as the number of requests continues to grow, and it would provide members of the wider community with the opportunity to do a good deed and help others in town at a difficult time.

Last month we put out the call for folks who would be willing to be part of something we are calling The Hancock Vestry Auxiliary. It’s an easy gig—there are no meetings, and if you join, it means only that you are willing to be contacted as such events come up. Typically, we would send out an email, stating when and for whom the reception was being planned and asking if you are available to help for that particular event. You can say yes or no, event by event. There are usually several ways to help—making and delivering a plate of sandwiches, cookies, fruit, or cheese and crackers to the Vestry ahead of time, providing flowers for the tables, or serving at the reception itself (setting up, making punch and coffee, keeping plates replenished, and helping to clean up).

Please don’t miss this opportunity to become a charter member of The Hancock Vestry Auxiliary. If you would like to join, please email us at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com with your contact information (name, address, phone number and email address), so that we can be in touch as occasions arise. And thank you in advance for helping in this small way to make Hancock an even better place in which to live.

Halloween at the Vestry

Halloween on Main Street is lots of fun, and sooner or later, most of the trick or treaters end up in the Vestry. We usually have cider (hot or cold, depending on the weather) and put out whatever goodies have been donated. If you can help serve, donate a gallon of cider or baked goods, please let us know (hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com). If you live in a spot where you don’t get any trick or treaters or your own are grown and gone, it’s a great way to be part of the night’s fun.

Community Appeal

Many thanks to those who have already responded to our 2018 Community Appeal and to those of you getting ready to do so. Our volunteers are in the process of sending out individual thank you notes, but we want the entire community to know how grateful we are for this annual show of support from the wider Hancock community. Our congregation is small and the overhead to keep the Sanctuary and Vestry open and available for community use is daunting, but your gifts are of great help. And of course, all are welcome at our weekly worship services at 9:45 am on Sundays.

Boxes of Cereal Needed

The Meetinghouse vestibule is the collection point for cereal for End 68 Hours of Hunger. This year, approximately 165-185 bags of food are going home each week with food-insecure children in our school district. Please remember that in order for the cereal to fit into packing bags and children’s backpacks, we need 10-13 ounce boxes (not the jumbo or family sized ones).

Save the Date—November 11

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is our Annual Tempting Tastes Event. Please mark your calendars now and come prepared to sample delicious bites and bid on auction items. We will be holding the event on Sunday, November 11 at 4 pm, and in honor of Armistice Day, we will be providing all attendees with lapel poppies.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor
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Another "Tale From Home"
After a concert in Syracuse, NY, some musicians were relaxing with a few drinks at an outdoor cafe.

At midnight the owner came out and said they’d have to move inside, since Syracuse had a law against serving outdoors after midnight.

Trumpeter, John-Erik Kellso remarked, “Wow, that’s the first time I’ve ever been kicked INTO a bar!”

Community Supper
Our next Community Supper will be hosted by the Hancock Democrats and will be held on Thursday October 25th. We still have a few months in 2019 that are in need of sponsorship and we are always looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. If you are interested in supporting this effort please contact me at bvolz@arcne.org

Thank you from
Hancock Community Dinner Committee

Mary Garland Memorial Service
There will be a memorial service for former resident, Mary Garland, at the Hancock Meeting House, Saturday, October 27th at 2pm. All residents are welcome back to Mary’s for a tea after the gathering. Questions can be directed to ntgarland@mac.com.

A message from the Hancock Town Library
Book Sale Committee for 2019.

Yes, we are open to donations again.

As this sale is a fundraiser, please bring only clean, gently used books.

Our volunteers appreciate when you inspect and cull books according to the following:

no encyclopedias, textbooks, old travel guides, musty, or dirty books. Sadly, they do not sell.

Thank you. 😊

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Hancock Town Library Events

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Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm

Monday October 1st at 7:00pm
Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution
The evening is designed to encourage an open and thoughtful conversation on race and how as a community we can learn to appreciate and understand experiences and perspectives different from our own. At the center of the conversation will be the experiences of two local African-American residents, Grace Aldrich and Jim Guy. They have generously offered to share their personal experiences of what it means to be African American in the US today. These experiences will be the starting point for our group conversation as the participants examine what they learned, and how they can move forward individually and as a community to be even more inclusive and compassionate with the resources at hand. Grace Aldrich is a massage therapist, singer, and storyteller. She became interested in the healing practice of storytelling after performing in the local Black Fly Story Hour Series in Peterborough. Jim moved to New England in 1973 to work as a sales professional. Jim and his wife, Rosemary, have been living in NH since 1985 and moved to Dublin in 1998. Jim is semi-retired, is a member of the Monadnock Rotary club, and performs volunteer work for local and international organizations. The program is free and open to the public. RSVP’s are appreciated but not required. For more info about the workshop please call the Library at 525-4411 email hancocklibrary@comcast.net. This program is co-sponsored by the Davis Public Library in Stoddard. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 4th at 7pm
Rise of the Superstorms
Join Jon Manley, retired Conval High School science teacher, as he talks about the rise of superstorms in the 21st century. We’ll watch some of the NOVA documentary, Rise of the Superstorms and then Mr. Manley will expand on some of the topics raised. Free and open to all.

Monday October 8th at 7pm
Taking About Race, Part II Join us in a follow-up discussion to our October 1st presentation.

Tuesday October 9th 6-7pm State Rep Jon Manley
Join Rep. Manley as he updates his constituents on what’s going on at the statehouse in Concord. Rep. Manley represents Bennington, Greenfield, and Hancock. All are welcome.

Wednesday October 10th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grown-ups is Back!
The days are getting shorter but the nights won’t feel so long if you’re scoring at Scrabble or getting confounded by Cranium. Come relax, have fun, meet new friends and neighbors with an old fave or challenging new-in-the-box board game. Bring a game if you’ve got one, and a snack or drink to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm. RSVP to the library: 525-4411 or hancocklibrary@comcast.net just so we have an idea of numbers! Free and open to all.

Thursday October 11th at 7:00pm
The Soul of Hancock: The Wildlife & People of Kulish Forest & Welch Farm
Join us to learn about the ongoing care of wildlife habitat and recreational trails at Hancock’s Kulish Forest and Welch Farm. Presented by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Hancock Town Library. Join Dave Anderson, the Forest Society’s senior director of education and co-host of NHPR’s Something Wild, journalist-photographer-conservationist-camera trapper Eric Aldrich of The Nature Conservancy, and the Harris Center for Conservation Education’s Community Programs Director and Teacher-Naturalist Susie Spikol Faber for a discussion of the rich history and future of Hancock’s Kulish Forest and Welch Farm. Enjoy evening refreshments while learning about how these reservations relate to the founding of NH tourism and the Forest Society, and continue to influence Hancock landscapes and life today. The SPNHF has a $10,000 fundraising goal for the ongoing care of these woods and fields, for the sake of the critters who make them home, and the people who regularly visit. Free and open to all.

Tuesday October 16th 5:30-7:00pm
Mais, Oui! Free-Form-Français continue cette été!
“Parlez vous Français?” Are you learning French and would like a chance to get better at speaking it? Were you fluent once and wish you had the opportunity to converse once again? Or would you just like to brush up on this romance language? The Hancock Town Library continues to host a French language conversation group and you’re invited! The setting is very informal and is open from 5:30 to 7:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Arrive and leave at your leisure. All levels welcome. Modeled on the Manchester Franco-American Centre’s “Prêt-à-Parler,” the sessions will be free flowing and with your help, fun. Hélène Laliberté Bickford, French first-language speaker (“mais tres rouillé”), will help to keep the conversations going. “Venez tous!” Free and open to all.

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Thursday October 18th at 7:00pm
Cheshire County Drug Court
Learn about the good work being done at the Cheshire County Drug Court with David Ruoff and Alison Welch. The mission of the Cheshire County Drug Court (CCDC) is to enhance public safety, reduce recidivism, and rehabilitate felony level offenders who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder. This is accomplished by providing a judicially supervised, community based, comprehensive treatment program to empower the individual to develop a substance free and law-abiding lifestyle in a fiscally responsible manner. Judge David Ruoff was admitted to the bar in 1996. He started his career as a staff attorney with the New Hampshire Public Defender’s Office and then became a violent and sexual crimes prosecutor at the Rockingham County Attorney’s Office. He left that position to become an assistant attorney general where he served as a homicide prosecutor for almost seven years. He was appointed by Governor Hassan in January 2016 and has been serving as the presiding Justice in the Cheshire County Superior Court since August 2016. Alison Welsh received a B.A. from Union College in Schenectady, NY. She received her JD from Boston University School of Law. Alison served as a prosecutor in the Manhattan D.A.’s office and as a public defender in Eugene, Oregon. While in Oregon she participated in Drug Court over 25 years ago. She currently serves as the Drug Court Coordinator for Cheshire County. Free and open to all.

Monday October 22nd at 7:00pm
New Collaborative Book Group – Hancock & Peterborough Town Libraries
The Hancock Library and the Peterborough Town Library are excited to announce the forming of a collaborative book group. The book group which evolved from the workshop “Talking about Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward and Being Part of the Solution” was created to explore in greater depth the issues of race in our world today. The book that will be under discussed at the October meeting is “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” by Michelle Alexander. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Free and open to all.

Wednesday October 24th at 7:00-9:00pm
Zen Buddhism: An Introduction
With Reverend Wade Hancock, Bear Tree Zendo. Free and open to all.

Thursday October 25th at 7:00pm
Medicare for All – Why a Single Payer System Makes Sense with Dr. Ahmed Kutty
Dr. Ahmed Kutty will discuss the Single Payer initiative promoted by the Physicians for a National Health Program. Physicians for a National Health Program believes that access to high-quality health care is a right of all people and should be provided as a public service rather than bought and sold as a commodity. Their mission is to educate the public about the need for a comprehensive, high-quality, publicly-funded health care program, equitably-accessible to all residents of the United States. Dr. Kutty will discuss the benefits of such a program as well as answer some of the myths that have evolved through the years. The presentation will focus on the situation in New Hampshire, as well as touch on the issues at the national level. Dr Ahmed Kutty, a retired physician, has lived in Peterborough since 2013 and is an activist in healthcare financing. As a member of the Granite State chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, he is engaged in educating and increasing awareness of the unsustainability of the current system and the inherent inequity in access because of significant financial barriers. Free and open to all.

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian
A Message from Miss Jenn
This month we are excited to have quite a few seasonal programs to offer everyone. On Halloween the library will be participating in Trick or Treat until 7pm. We will have a variety of things for those dressed in costumes to choose from, including small toys and stickers for those who would rather not have candy.

Thursdays at 10:30am Family Story time
Every Thursday morning, we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement! All ages are welcome.

Tuesday October 2nd 3:30-4:30
Lego Club is Baaaaaack!
Free build with Legos. Each participant gets one base to build on. At the end of the one-hour build time we put all our creations up on display! This program is open to all Lego fans and builders, all ages welcome.
Boy Scout Troop 2 is a very active and prepared group of boys ages 11-17 from Hancock and the surrounding towns of Greenfield, Francestown, Bennington, and Antrim, and they have had a busy summer!

For Memorial Day, the Boy Scouts honored veterans who had died while in service by placing American flags at 5 Antrim Cemeteries and 3 Hancock Cemeteries, and also marching in the Memorial Day Parades for Hancock/Antrim and Bennington. They also lead in a reading of the Gettysburg Address in Hancock.

On Earth Day, the Boy Scouts cleaned our 2 mile stretch of adopted highway on Rt. 202 at the Bennington/Antrim line, and were able to collect up to 90 bags of trash. That is an amazing amount of trash for such a short distance, littering a scenic portion of the road we all travel on a regular basis.

During the summertime Troop 2 does not rest! The boys planned activities such as Battle Boats (sinking canoes and learning how to rescue overturned canoes), Ultimate Frisbee, rope lashing competitions, fundraisers, and many more awesome activities! Also during this summer Troop 2 boys decided to go out of their comfort zone and try something different. They went to summer camp at Camp Yawgoog in Rockville, RI, and had an awesome experience with a new camp!

The Boys as individuals have been very active as well this summer, completing 3 Life Rank service projects and starting 1 Eagle Rank service project, all to benefit our community. Star Scout Evan Rogers led the boys in a Francestown roadside cleanup, collecting a lot of trash from the side of the road, including a full-size mattress! Star Scout Daniel Veverka led the boys in the disassembly and refinishing of a Hancock Beach picnic table. Star Scout Michael Redmond led the boys in refinishing the floor and painting the exterior of the Gregg Lake Beach House in Antrim. Last but not least, Life Scout Maxwell Davie, who for his Eagle Scout Project, is leading the boys in the building of a badly needed wheelchair ramp at the Bennington Congregational Church.

As you can see Boy Scout Troop 2 is a very active troop group of boys, led by the boys, focusing on service to our community, leadership and character development, and lots of adventure and fun! We camp almost every month of the year, and in October, the Boy Scouts will be camping, canoeing, and fishing in Maine. We also like to plan one large trip each year, in addition to our week at summer camp. Last year we spent a week in New York City. This summer, we will be spending two weeks (yes… 2 whole weeks!!) in Yellowstone National Park!

If your son has interest in the outdoors, camping, hiking and wants to develop leadership skills and make memories that will last a lifetime, email scoutmaster@troop2nh.org or visit us online at troop2nh.org.

Submitted by Michael Redmond, authored in part by Daniel Veverka, Troop 2 Life Rank Boy Scout from Hancock

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**Monday October 8th & 22nd 3:30pm-4:30pm**

**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!*

**Wednesday October 17th 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**The Bats of Batman**

Join Harris Center Naturalist Susie Spikol for an evening of stories and natural history about New Hampshire’s only flying mammals, Bats! Find out how these insect eaters find their prey, live their life and communicate to each other. From the little brown bat to the big brown bat and all the bats in between, this evening will really put some bats in your belfry.
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- Drive when you want, as often as you want
- Mileage reimbursement is available

To learn more about our Volunteer Driver Program
Call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 5
To learn about Monadnock Rideshare,
our free online carpool rideboard at www.cvtc-rih.org
or call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 2
HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB
The hot, humid weather is finally behind us and fall is here! The Woman’s Club is beginning another year of fun meetings with interesting topics. We have many great programs planned again this year and hope you will consider joining us on the second Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are open to the public, no matter what town you live in within the Monadnock community, and all are welcome. Members may pick up the 2018/2019 Yearbook at the Hancock Market or at the first meeting in October at the Vestry.

Our first club meeting will be held on October 10th at 2pm. The presenter will be Jacqueline Roland who is the Coordinator of the Avenue A Teen Center in Antrim. She will talk about the Avenue A and The WriteOut! Project. Several teens from the Project will read from some of their published anthology, I Need to See this on Paper. A tea will be held with delicious homemade goodies immediately following the program.

Our November 14th meeting is on Meditation for Health with River Buffum discussing and explaining how and why meditation can be used in many ways to improve your health.

December 12th we’ll enjoy our Christmas Luncheon at 12:30, a potluck meal with many delicious entrées and desserts.

On January 9th several of our scholarship recipients will come to tell us about themselves and how they were able to further their education/career with the help of the scholarship they received from the Woman’s Club.

Our February 13th meeting is all about Glass Blowing! Jim Hassinger will tell us about this art form. Jim specializes in glass garden art.

March 14th will be an evening meeting at 7:00! The topic will be The Settlement of Hancock’s Main Street, 1785 – 1950 presented by Ellena Weston Zimmermann and Bobbie Nylander.

Wrap A Smile, Sew a Gift of Love presented by Ann Demeranville, D.M.D. This is a project sponsored by worldwide Rotary in conjunction with medical overseas projects that correct the condition of children with Cleft Lip/Cleft Palate. The April 10th meeting will be held at 2:00 in the Vestry.

Last but not least will be our May 8th Luncheon at 12:30pm. Location to be announced as we draw closer to May.

Please visit our website at www.hancockwomansclub.org or on Facebook: Hancock Woman’s Club Hancock NH.

Art Party
Saturday, November 10
2 – 5 pm
Hancock Woman’s Club

Due to the success of and a continued enthusiasm for our first Art Party held last February, the Hancock Woman’s Club is pleased to sponsor another Art Party this November. Come and enjoy an afternoon with adult friends while painting a finished work of art. Art Parties are creatively fun in a relaxed, casual group environment, where beginners and more established artists come together and paint.

Barbara Danser will guide artists in completing a finished acrylic painting in only 3 hours. Beginner artists will receive instruction in the process and basics of painting your own work of art. Composition, values and color will be discussed. Freedom to creatively express oneself through individual style and artistic voice will be encouraged. Yes indeed! Everyone will finish and take home a painting that they are pleased with. No experience necessary!

All art materials and a bounty of refreshments are included.

To register, please contact Doreen Ames at 525-4464 or doreen@doreenames.com.

Only 20 spots are available, so sign up soon.
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Reflections on Nature
An Exhibition of recent work by the EarthSong Artists
Eight local artists in the EarthSong Artists group will showcase their recent paintings at the Hancock Library, starting Oct. 14th. The exhibit will include new works, extolling the beauty of nature, painted both in the landscape and in the studio. Participating artists are Tamara Armstrong Benaquist, Beatrice Corriveau, Barbara Danser, Carol Doleac, Susan Ellis, Mary Kirk, Ilona Kwiecien, and Arlene Laurenitis.

An Artists’ Reception will be held at the Library Sunday, Oct. 14th, 3-5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come for refreshments and to meet the artists. Viewing hours at the Library are Monday and Wednesday, 2-6pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am-7 pm; and Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Call before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.

For more information, contact Barbara at bd@danserart.com or call the Hancock Library at 603-525-4411.

Afar, acrylic, Carol Doleac

Sunset Dance Monadnock, acrylic, Barbara Danser

NH WOOL ARTS TOUR
October 6 and 7, 2018 (Columbus Day Weekend)
Sat. 9-5:00, Sun. 9-4:00
Demonstrations of knitting, weaving, dying, spinning, rug hooking, felt making, as well as other fiber-related crafts, will be ongoing daily at each host site. Locally-produced sheep wool, alpaca, llama, angora rabbit, and mohair will be available in forms such as raw and processed fleeces, as top, roving and in bat form. Handspun and commercially-spun yarns, kits, patterns and beautiful handcrafted finished goods also will be available for purchase.

The Wool Arts Tour was established by a small group of local wool producers 35 years ago. They did so to raise awareness of, and to share both their passion and love for, natural fibers and the animals they harvested it from. This tradition is carried forward with the 2018 host sites for the New Hampshire Wool Arts Tour as follows: Spring Pond Farm, a working alpaca & honey bee farm in Greenfield; Spinner Farm, a working sheep farm and equestrian facility in Deering; Western View Farm, a working sheep farm and home of a well-known weaver in Hillsborough; and new this year, Brimstone Hollow Farm in Hancock, featuring Romney sheep, all-things-fiber and other farm fresh products.

Admission is Free. Food and other amenities are available at host sites. www.WoolArtsTourNH.com. Like us on Facebook!
News from the Depot

This month, we are thrilled to feature Lori Diamond and Fred Abatelli! Lori and Fred have been creating and performing music together since their "destined" meeting on Myspace in 2007. Lori, an award winning songwriter (finalist, Great American Songwriting Contest 2010, Best Female Vocalist, Pulse Magazine 2011, 2012), combines alluring, soulful vocals and seasoned piano playing with Fred's solid finger work and clever phrasing on both bass and guitar. Their songs explore the many facets of the human condition with hope and an esoteric sensibility. Fans of Norah Jones, Sarah MacLachlan and Joni Mitchell, quickly become fans of Lori & Fred as they explore Jazz, Acoustic, Folk, Pop, Gospel, and blues influences and gently infuse them into their own fresh and original style.

Lori & Fred have been showcased on the main stage of the legendary, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival and have also headlined at many prominent music festivals. Sometimes as openers and other times as accompanists, Lori & Fred have performed alongside John Gorka, Peter Yarrow, Joan Osborne, Amy Ray, David Wilcox, Michael Johnson, Susan Werner, Vance Gilbert, Ellis Paul, Tracy Grammer, Brother Sun, Brooks Williams, Jimmy Lafave, Mary Gauthier and more!

For more information and to listen to samples of Lori and Fred’s music, visit https://loridiamond.net/index.php.

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!).

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.

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 3: Three for the Taking – get ready for some rock & roll!
· December 1: The Kingsnakes – Jazz, and Popular music from the 20s, 30s, 40s

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? Our next meeting will be at 7:00 on Monday, October 1 in the Depot. 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!
Have a birthday party or other significant event coming up? Consider hosting your event at the Hancock Depot! The venue is available for parties, meetings, celebrations, concerts, and other special events. To learn more, call David Young 525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 525-4176.
Thank you to our supporters who makes these programs possible.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment.

Oct 1 (Mon)  Shinrin-yoku / Forest Bathing
Shinrin-yoku, also known as Forest Bathing, is gaining popularity in the US after being practiced in Japan for decades. Through yoga poses, deep breathing, outdoor meditation, and quiet sensory observations, our revitalizing shinrin-yoku lunch break will help you catch your breath, slow down, and find solace in nature. Mondays, September 17, 24, and October 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at Shieling Forest off Old Street Road in Peterborough. Cosponsored by the Harris Center with the Peterborough Town Library. For more information or to register, contact Susie Spikol Faber at (603) 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Oct 5 (Fri)  Easygoing Paddle on Ashuelot Pond
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 4-mile roundtrip paddle on scenic Ashuelot Pond in Washington. Bring lunch and meet at 10am in the parking lot across the street from the Ford dealership at the intersection of Rtes 202 and 9 in Hillsborough. Back by 3pm. For more info or if you need to borrow a kayak, paddle, or PFD, please contact Lee 525.5262, snowman3137@gmail.com, or Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com.

Family Program: Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow in Keene, Wednesday, October 10 • Tenant Swamp Boardwalk in Keene, Wednesday, October 17 • Robin Hood Park in Keene, Saturday, October 27 • Goose Pond in Keene 10 to 11am Free of charge
Join us for one or more of these slow, simple rambles specially geared towards babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. As we go, we’ll search for signs and sounds of autumn - animal sign, migrating birds, acorns, beechnuts, wild seeds, and more. Come meet other people who want to hike with their children, and discover some beautiful, family-friendly trails to visit again and again! Meeting location details can be found at harriscenter.org. For more information, contact Susie Spikol Faber at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Oct 13 (Sat) “Big Sit” Migration Watch at Pack Monadnock
Join fellow birders and hawk watchers for the annual “Big Sit” event - a tally of all bird species as viewed from the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory. Come for an hour or stay the whole day, and lend your eyes to the skies. This is a fun event with a friendly-yet-competitive spirit, and all levels of interest and ability are welcome. Bring binoculars, a field guide, food, and drink, and dress for the weather. Join us anytime from 8am to 4pm at top of Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park Peterborough. Rain/fog date is October 14th. This event is free, though there’s a fee to enter Miller State Park ($4 per adult and $2 for children age 7 to 11. Children age 6 and under, and NH residents 65 and older, are free). Cosponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Phil Brown at 525-3394 or brown@harriscenter.org.

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Oct 13 (Sat) Youth Program: Wild Skills presented by ShelJumps Saturday, October 13th 9am to 12:30pm at the Harris Center For girls ages 9 through 12 Free of charge
ShelJumps programs give girls the opportunity to experience dirt under their feet, sun on their cheeks, and wind in their hair - all in a safe, supportive setting with positive female role models. During this morning with ShelJumps, girls will learn the survival and technical skills they need for outdoor adventuring, including basic first aid, navigation, leave no trace practices, and shelter building. For more info, contact Jaimee Rondeau at jrondeau@sheljumps.org.

Oct 13 (Sat) Exploring Monson Center
Join Dave Butler for a moderately easy exploration of the Forest Society’s Monson Center Reservation in Milford, an early settlement that existed from 1737 to 1770. We’ll use old roads and trails to visit original cellar holes, which have signs that describe the people who once lived there. Expect to hike 3 miles roundtrip along rolling terrain. Meet at 1pm at the Monson Center Reservation parking area in Milford. To get there, take Route 101 to Route 13 South in Milford. Take an immediate left at the light onto Emerson Road. In 0.3 miles, turn right onto Federal Hill Road. Parking is 2.5 miles down Federal Hill Road, on the left. Back by 4pm. Contact Dave at davidbutler@comcast.net.

Oct 18 (Thu) Camera Trapping Workshop: Where to Place Your Camera for Great Wildlife Images
Camera trapping provides an incredible glimpse into the lives of our wild neighbors, but success with a trail camera relies on good tracking skills, as well as knowledge of wildlife habits and habitat. Join Janet Pesaturo, author of Camera Trapping Guide: Tracks, Sign, and Behavior of Eastern Wildlife, for a presentation on how to use tracks, sign, and knowledge of animal behavior to find sweet spots for camera placement when searching for specific species. Janet will also have copies of her book on hand for sale and signing. This talk assumes familiarity with trail cameras, local wildlife, and basic tracking skills. If you have a trail camera and you’re ready to move beyond the backyard, this is for you! 7 to 8 p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Janet at janetpesaturo@comcast.net.

Oct 24 (Wed) Nature on Tap: Tiny Terrors
Carnivorous mice that stalk scorpions and howl at the moon. A parasitic fungus that turns ants into zombies, no longer in control of their brains or bodies. Join Harris Center naturalists John Benjamin and Brett Amy Thelen for a spine-tingling evening of true tales about ferocious mice, zombie ants, and nature’s other tiny terrors - just in time for Halloween. Drinks on you, conversation on us! 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 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. If you’d...
**JUNIOR MINTS STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS!**

Does your child love to sing, act, dance? Then Junior Minstrels (aka Jr. Mints) may be the perfect after-school activity—a veritable “incubator” for young talent.

Unique here in the Monadnock region, Jr. Mints is the brainchild of Jody Hill Simpson, who was honored last October with the Alfred Nash Patterson Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing individuals who have made exceptional contributions to choral music in New England. She is also the driving force behind Music on Norway Pond, which introduces local audiences to exciting young Boston performers well on their way to making their mark in classical music nationally and abroad, and the Norway Pond Festival Singers, which attracts women (and men) of all ages.

As former BSO Conductor Ozawa said, “Jody really has a genius way of teaching, of being inside the mind of a child, and knowing what will reach them. She is a remarkable musician.”

No wonder that some years the Jr. Mints have performed at Tanglewood. And every year, these young people delight audiences at the popular Hancock Family Christmas and put on their own legendary musical (this year, it’ll be *Bells are Ringing* and also the opportunity to participate in a concert performance of *Pippin*.)

Junior Minstrels still has room for 7- to 14-year olds, with rehearsals beginning October 16th and running most Tuesdays through the fall and spring. There are no auditions (though a decent sense of pitch and attention span help). Membership is first come, first served (after youngsters from the previous year have let Jody know if they are returning). The ensemble has about 25 members, as a rule.

Tuition is $120 for one child, $100 for siblings with scholarships available as well. For more information, please call or email Director Jody Simpson (525-9303 jhspals@aol.com) with any questions—and to sign up your child.

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**MUSIC ON NORWAY POND**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday November 4th at 4pm**

**A Far Cry** returns to Hancock

*Boston’s most exciting ensemble*

*Not to be missed!*

**Saturday December 15th at 4pm**

**The Hancock Family Christmas Concert**

featuring

**Norway Pond Festival Singers,**

**Junior Minstrels, Conval Select Choir and Village Ringers**

with

**Mark Andrew Cleveland, bass-baritone**

as King Wenceslas
Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events

Still Accepting Fall Registrations for our weekly Children’s Programs! Please call Carol at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information.

Guiding Good Choices – Five Wednesdays: October 10th - November 14th at Great Brook School
This nationally recognized workshop introduces parents of children ages 9 to 14 to effective family management and the communication skills needed to help reduce their children’s risk for using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Says one parent, “Guiding Good Choices gave our family the skills to help our son deal with peer pressure. Now that he’s in high school, we’re thankful we took the course when he was nine.” Generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire. Pizza dinner is provided and childcare is available. Call Carol at The Grapevine for more info or register online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guiding-good-choices-tickets-50492815370

2018 Grapevine Online Auction – Donation deadline is October 15th
We are seeking donations of Gift Certificates, local, creative arts & goods or services. We will include a business logo or item photo that you provide, a description, and your website link if desired. Donations are tax deductible and proceeds go to support the many programs and events we offer. LIVE Bidding NOV 1-30! This year we will be hosting the auction through a new auction platform. Visit https://www.32auctions.com/grapevinenh on November 1st to join in on the shopping fun!

Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center, 42 Main Street Antrim
Friday Night Open Hours for Teens 13-18; 6:30-9pm
Tabletop Game Club for teens in 7th grade and up - Mondays 5:30-8pm
High School Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 6-8pm
Ave A Club for GBS Students: For grades 5-8, Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 pm; starting in October.
For our full Fall Schedule visit us at Facebook.com/AvenueATeenCenter!

Ongoing Programs & Resources
TOOL LENDING SHED IS OPEN! Come Borrow Tools and Light Equipment!
The Grapevine Community Tool Shed is open and we are loaning tools. Come check it out and sign up to borrow specialized tools and light equipment! Think of the tool shed as a loaning library, sign it out and bring it back. There is no charge to borrow tools, but donations are gratefully accepted. Please contact tool-shed@grapevinenh.org to borrow or donate tools.

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.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Francetown, Hillsborough, Deering 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/
Hancock Guild

As fall arrived, The Guild began its new session with our Annual Potluck Dinner. It has always been a festive event when old friends reunite and share their summer adventures, often bringing dishes made from their own garden harvest, and begin planning the new years’ events. This year we have several exciting programs scheduled that will be open to the public. These are generally free or donations are requested for our scholarship fund.

In October, The Guild will be holding our semi-annual clothing sale. Sale dates will be Friday, October 6th, and Saturday, October 7th in the Vestry. Please see our ad for clothing drop-off times and sale hours. This event is a very popular community affair. Great finds abound, and the bag sale held during the final hour is a definite highlight not to be missed by any serious bargain hunter.

The Guild will also be hosting Home Healthcare & Community Service/Visiting Nurses on Wednesday October 17th at 7:30pm in The Vestry. HCS brings health, independence, and well-being through a wide range of home care and community services. HCS has been the home care provider of choice for people of southwestern New Hampshire for more than 111 years. Please join us to find out more about this wonderful community-based program. This event is free and open to the public.

As the leaves begin to turn, and temperatures drop, it’s hard not to start thinking ahead to winter holidays. It’s never too early to start holiday shopping and there’s nothing better than finding the perfect gift at a local craft fair. The Guild’s Annual Craft Fair will be held Saturday, November 4th. Save the date for a truly unique shopping experience. More details will be in the November Happenings.

As always, The Guild welcomes area women interested in supporting their community through fellowship with like-minded women. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, eight months a year and hold 4 major fundraisers per year.

“Alone we can so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, Guild President
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm

Town Clerk – Monday 5:00 to 8:00pm
    Wednesday 3:00 to 6:00pm
    Closed on Federal Holidays

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

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 1:00pm; 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. Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office

Conservation Commission – 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Daniels Room

Recreation Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Hancock Inn

Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room

Water Commissioners – 4th Wednesday at 4:30pm, Town Office Main Floor

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 Main Floor

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

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TEMPTING TASTES
Sun., Nov. 11, 4-6 pm
Hancock Vestry

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