8/17/2018 STORM DAMAGE UPDATE:
Unfortunately weather patterns came together Friday night to give us over 4 inches of rain in a very, very short time; resulting in massive amounts of runoff creating a collection of road materials and debris. A number of town and state roads were closed as emergency personnel and repair crews responded. The towns of Hancock, Dublin, and Harrisville bore the brunt of the storm.

Our Fire, Police, and DPW departments responded in the early hours on Saturday to assess damage and begin the recovery process. DPW crews were at work clearing debris and repairing and rebuilding roadways by 2:00am. As of this writing, only Middle Road is still closed. A complete failure of the stone culvert resulted in the collapse of the roadway. A professional assessment and a repair plan is in the works (follow our Selectboard minutes for updates).

The board commends our town employees for their quick, professional, and dedicated response to this emergency.

Transfer Station Closure: An unanticipated equipment failure necessitated the closure of the “dump” Saturday. The personnel who would normally address these issues were predisposed with road repair assignments and unavailable to respond. Our apology for any inconvenience this created.

RECYCLING IS IN EVERYBODY’S INTEREST: Even with our smaller selection of plastic categories (1 & 2), we are still able to “sell” recycled material at a profit versus paying to cart them away. Last year we had $19,000 in revenue for all our recyclables (paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, and plastic) However, the rules are getting tighter for acceptance. If the lot is contaminated (wrong or unlike items) they are not accepted and a charge is imposed – the same as trash. Remember, waxed or coated paper is not recyclable. For a complete list of the “Do’s & Don’ts”, check with the center.

MOBILITY FUND II CHALLENGE TEST: The Town of Hancock is taking part in a “challenge”, headed up by the Public Utilities Commission. The purpose of the test is to collect data to either substantiate or refute carriers’ claims that they are providing adequate service…standard 4G LTE service. If successful, the town along with other towns in the state can put in a claim against $4.5 billion to be spent nationwide, over 10 years, to improve mobile infrastructure and attain adequate cell phone signal strength and speed. On Friday August 17th, Janet Gugliotti, PUC representative, along with Jonathan Coyne, Town Administrator, drove every accessible road in town testing service on multiple carrier phones. Additional testing will be conducted to reach areas not accessible by vehicle.

RECENT TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS:
The BOS supports the continual training opportunities for town employees. The following employee accomplishment is noted:

Mia M Lee: Water Works Operator, Distribution Grade I-OIT
Thank you to everyone who came to Old Home Day and partook of our Annual Chicken Barbeque. Because of the intermittent rain, our ticket numbers were down a bit, but we still had a good time feeding hundreds of hungry people under our big tent. I owe a “Big Thank You” to the spouses, significant others, and kids of HFD members, and all the others that materialize every year to help us out with serving that much food.

Seven Maples Campground invited us all to their pool the day after Old Home Day. We spent a couple of hours in their pool, putting the water slides to the test, and then we enjoyed their own barbeque; not chicken! Our thanks to the Seven Maples crew for a great afternoon. We also would like to acknowledge Seven Maples for a great donation to both the Fire Department and Police Department. Each year they host a fund-raising event at the campground. They are an amazing part of our community.

I’m sure you probably noticed we were a bit tired that Saturday. Many of us had been up the Friday night before working late in the pouring rain with traffic control, emergency inspections, and other safety concerns that occurred from the flooding and road washouts. Believe me when I tell you we were all soaked to the bone! The Police Department was also running around trying to help where they could. But the real heroes of the night and the next day was the Highway Department Crew. Those guys kept going and going fixing the roads. The next time you see any of them make sure you greet them with a “Thanks for the Great Work.”

Speaking of roads, now is a good time to remind everyone of Safety First. We placed numerous cones and barricades on the affected roads, but still I saw many people drive around them only to find a washed-out road or a very dangerous situation. Then the driver either must try and turn around or be ignorant and keep going. Luckily, we didn’t have anyone drive into the 4 and 5-foot craters out there or the caved in road edges. I’ve said this time and time again – the cones and barricades are there for a reason. Don’t drive through a dangerous area. I don’t think we have found all our cones so if you see one would you kindly drop it off at the fire station. Thanks.

Just a reminder, the Hancock Fire & Rescue is always looking for new members. Come join us if you would like to be a part of our great adventure. We offer free training, an amazing sense of family, personal satisfaction, long hours, dangerous work, and less than minimal pay. However, Firefighters and EMT’S are some of the most selfless public servants you will ever encounter.

It’s getting cooler this time of year. Now is the time to have your chimney cleaned or furnace checked. Beat the rush.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 Sue Roper
$20.00 David Boh
$10.00 Art Bryan, Alan Chandler, Mike Cass
A Note From Hancock Common Commission

Hancock’s common is our lovely, open green space there for all of the community to enjoy. This is a gentle reminder to contact a member of the Common Commission as a courtesy if wanting to have an event on the common. Most recently the common was a busy location all of Old Home Day and that is to be encouraged.

Parking is never encouraged on the common. In some recent years parking was permitted for the fireworks; however, it isn’t a given from year to year. If the lawn is stressed due to lack of rain or if it is too wet parking will be denied. The final decision lies with Mia Lee, Public Works Director.

Thus far August has been the wettest month on record in New Hampshire. Thinking back to July, in contrast, drought conditions were in everyone’s thoughts; lawns in particular were beginning to show signs of stress. It had been decided earlier in summer that the common wouldn’t be watered this season in order to help conserve town water. Without water the lawn on the common would have gone dormant and return to green next spring.

Mother Nature had other ideas for August….lawns are now very green! Can we turn the faucet off please!

Submitted by Sonja Mucha, Hancock Common Commission

The Town Offices, including the Town Clerk’s Office, will be closed on Labor Day, Monday September 3rd.

New Tax Collector hours:
Thursdays 9:00am—3:00pm
HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

September 2018

September Events
at the Hancock Historical Society

Please join us on Thursday, September 20th at 7pm for a fascinating program at the Hancock Town Library. **Rosie’s Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War** will give you a glimpse into a world that has been almost forgotten.

One hundred years ago, a full generation before Rosie the Riveter, American women rolled up their sleeves and entered war industries where they had never been welcome before. They ran powerful machinery, learned new skills, and faced the sullen hostility of the men in the shops. In this illustrated lecture, historian Carrie Brown reveals their courage and their hard work, asks what impact “the Great War” had on their lives, and explores how these women helped shape the work that their more famous daughters would do in the next World War.

This program is cosponsored by the Hancock Historical Society and the Hancock Town Library.

Submitted by Pat Payne

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Hancock Vestry Auxiliary

As many of you know, the Vestry is a popular place for families 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.

Beginning this fall, we are establishing something we are calling The Hancock Vestry Auxiliary. There will be 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. 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). This would give us a wider pool of people to draw on for help, and you can let us know by event as to your availability.

So, 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.

Yard and Pie Sale on September 29th

It’s a bit earlier in the fall than in previous years, but we will be having a Yard and Pie Sale on Saturday, September 29th. As you clean out your garage and attic and do your semi-annual decluttering, please remember us. Items can be dropped off at the Vestry following the Community Supper on September 27th (from 7:00 – 8:30pm) and on Friday afternoon and evening, September 28th (3:00-7:00pm). The sale itself will begin at 8:00am on Saturday and run until noon. Also, we encourage bakers to make and donate a pie. All proceeds from this sale will be used to offset Vestry maintenance expenses.

Note: Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept donations for refugee families as the number of arrivals has dropped, and the agency we have worked with in the past is not able to accept additional donations.

Submitted by Judy Copeland

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September 2018

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The 9th
Caprese Salad
Eggplant Parmesan
Raspberry Balsamic Panna Cotta

The 16th
Green Goddess Salad
Curried Chicken Stew & Biscuits
Creamsicle Sundae

The 23rd
Cucumber, Tomato, Pepper & Cilantro
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Apple Crisp

The 30th
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Another "Tale From Home"
One night at the Cajun restaurant the entire audience had left by the beginning of the last set.
Stan Rubin’s big band played the last 45 minutes to one enthusiastic Japanese gentleman sitting in the front row.
After the last tune I naturally announced, “Thank you, one and all!” …which, of course, he was

Community Supper
Our next Community Supper will be hosted by the Hancock Republicans and will be held on Thursday, September 27th. We still have a few months in 2019 that are in need of sponsorship and we are always looking for volunteers to help with setup and clean up. If you are interested in supporting this effort please contact me at bvolz@arcne.org
Thank you from the Hancock Community Supper Committee
Submitted by Brad Volz

FOUND
At the Town Hall on or about 08/23/18:
Pair of reading glasses - reddish tortoise shell frames
Earring - long, silver colored spiral
Hancock Town Library Events  
Amy Markus, Hancock Library Director  
http://hancocktownlibrarynh.wordpress.com  
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 to 6:00pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am to 7:00pm

Mondays from 9:00-10:15am Yoga with Chris Justice  
Our ongoing yoga class! Bring a mat and any yoga accoutrements you might need. $15/session or $60 for six sessions. Lovely way to start your week!

Saturdays September 8th through October 13th from 9:00-10:00am Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis and Health with Howard Eng  
A safe and gentle exercise program for adults with arthritis and others interested in a beginning level of Tai Chi movements and general principles. Learn an easy arrangement of moves from the latest Tai Chi style promoting health and wellness. This program is supported by the Arthritis Foundation of USA, UK, and Australia. There is a $50 fee for 6 weeks of classes. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and shoes with flat soles (ie, sneakers). Howard Eng is the instructor. Howard has been studying Tai Chi Chuan since 2006 with inspiration from one of our Hancock residents, Andrew Shier. He has been teaching since 2012 with classes held at both the Hancock and Greenfield libraries. Currently, Howard teaches at the Bond Wellness Center in Peterborough. He is a member of the Tai Chi Health Community [https://www.tchc.info/] and certified by the Tai Chi Health Institute [https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/] to offer both Yang and Sun styles. To register or more information, please call: (603) 933-1463

Mondays September 10th through October 29th from 4:30-6:30pm  
American Sign Language Class with Christine Swain  
Ever wanted to learn American Sign Language? Here’s your chance! Join ASL Interpreter Christine Swain in a Level 1 Beginning ASL class. You will learn the tools you need to meet and greet a neighbor or a local store clerk, to make new acquaintances, learn about a new culture, and of course, dazzle your friends. In these 8 weeks you will learn approx 200 ASL words and phrases, numbers to infinity (and beyond :-), fingerspelling, and ASL grammar and sentence structure. Did you know that you can change the entire meaning of a sentence by just raising your eyebrows? You will be exposed to a culture that busts the myths and wrong perceptions we tend to have about the Deaf. By the end of the very first class you will know how to engage in a basic sign conversation and we promise that you will have a lot of fun doing it.

Fifty years ago Christine Swain took a Sign Language class out of curiosity and was instantly hooked. She continued her schooling at the Austine Residential School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vermont and soon began working there and interpreting in local churches. She has worked for 15 years in the school system as an Educational Interpreter and many more in independent contracting positions. ASL is now among the fastest growing foreign languages, second only to Mandarin Chinese. Please consider joining us and learning more about this beautiful language and the fascinating people behind it. Please register by September 7th at the library (feel free to call 525-4411 or email us at hancocklibrary@comcast.net). The cost of the entire course will be $180 per person and must be paid in full by the 9th. Open to adults and students 15 years and older (you don’t have to live in Hancock to attend). A certificate of completion is available if needed for work or school. We love having a wide variety of ages and signers! Don’t forget to register soon!!

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Tuesday September 11th at 6:00pm
State Representative 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.

Thursday September 13th at 7:00pm
Don't Be Bitter about Twitter or Why You Should Care About Twitter with Chris Halvorson
Twitter makes the news every day. Haven't a clue? Written it off? This practical tour through the social media site will show you how you might use it to read and learn from others (not just politicians!), get to news sources you respect, find people to follow--maybe your favorite comedian or someone high-up in your industry--and just how the heck the whole thing works, including hashtags! You'll get practical tips and be pleasantly surprised at Twitter’s hidden benefits. And, we promise, you don't have to Tweet yourself, but if you want to, you'll learn how here. Chris Halvorson (the Hancock Library’s favorite Social Media Maven) wrote one of the first blogs in the country for Stonyfield Farm Yogurt way back in 2004. Since then she’s spoken to groups from the Silicon Valley to the Harvard Club to Manhattan, teaching and consulting about social media. She’s funny and clear and knows her stuff. Don’t miss this chance to learn all about Twitter! Bring your smart phone. Free and open to all.

Tuesday September 18th 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!”

Wednesday September 19th at 6:30pm
Wild About Turtles
Crazy fun program for kids of all ages. Recommended for ages 3-10 but we thought the grown-ups might want to come too. All are welcome to this free program from Project Nature.

Thursday September 20th at 12:30pm
Books Sandwiched In
Join the Hancock Town Library’s monthly book club, just starting up again after our summer hiatus. This month’s book will be Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Carol Fraser, the 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner in Biography. Bring a bag lunch and discuss what has been called the first comprehensive historical biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk. No obligation to attend every month—drop in!

Thursday September 20th at 7:00pm
Rosie’s Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War
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Friday September 28th at 7:00pm
AT THE HARRIS CENTER
Gilgamesh: A Retelling of an Ancient Tale
Join master storyteller Sebastian Lockwood as we gather around the campfire for a new telling of the 4,000-year-old epic, Gilgamesh—a Mesopotamian myth filled with adventure, friendship, loyalty, and even a monster. Weather permitting, we’ll gather in the Harris Center’s lower courtyard. Bring chairs and blankets, and if you wish, come early to enjoy your own packed picnic. If it rains, we’ll bring the storytelling inside.

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian
A Message from Miss Jenn
Summer Reading was a blast! We had 40 programs this summer and read 654 hours. Our mosaic will stay up a little longer as we finish up our picture. We are SO close to finishing our picture! Just as a reminder to parents there is no Lego Club in September. Lego Club will begin on October 2nd!
**HANCOCK HAPPENINGS**

**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.

**Monday September 10th and 24th 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!**

**September 19th 6:30pm Wild About Turtles**
This program includes storytelling, singing, movement, and creative arts. Enjoy live box turtles, aquatic turtles and our most popular NH native turtle, the Common Snapper. **Wild About Turtles** has been described as “delightful, informative, fast-paced, and crazy-fun!” Come see for yourself!! Recommended for Ages 3-10. Free and open to all!

**Tuesday October 2nd 3:30-4:30 Lego Club**
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.

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**HANCOCK GUILD**

The Hancock Guild will be coming off their summer hiatus and gearing up for fall activities with their annual members “Welcome Back” pot luck supper on Weds., September 19th. The yearly tradition is eagerly anticipated as we come together and share summer adventures, catch up on family news, and begin planning scholarship fund-raising events for the new season.

The first fund-raiser will be our semi-annual clothing sale. It seems like we just closed out the summer one and its already time to start planning the Fall/Winter sale! As you begin to pull out those fall clothes, and weed through your family’s gently worn but outgrown, no longer needed, “time for a change”, or “making room in the closet” items, please keep us in mind. Our next sale will be taking place on **October 5th and 6th**. Clothing drop off times and sale times will be in the October Happenings.

Also right around the seasonal corner is The Guild Holiday Craft Fair. We are always looking for new crafters to sell their wares. This year the Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd**. The venue is in both The Vestry and The Meetinghouse offering plenty of space for up to 30 crafters and vendors. If you’d like more information please email either Darlene or Linda at hancockguild@gmail.com.

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

*Submitted by Darlene Tarr, Hancock Guild President*

“There is no beginning too small”—Henry David Thoreau

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2018 OLD HOME DAYS HIGHLIGHTS!

39th Betty Pels Run for the Honey
The 39th Run for the Honey road race and Kids’ Fun Run was held on Saturday morning August 18th as part of Hancock’s Old Home Days celebration.

The first female runner was Rachel Hurley from the Con-Val cross-country team who finished in a time of 20:12. The first male runner and overall winner for the second straight year was Hancock resident and ConVal cross-country runner Evan Coyne who finished in 18:08. Many of the ConVal team ran the race with their coach Lance Flamino of Hancock. 130 entrants ran the race, starting in the misty morning of a humid summer day.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the race this year, including the Hancock Police Department who made sure that the course was safe for the runners.

The Seven Maples Campground water stop was a welcome pause for runners at mile two. At the finish, the professional timers were aided by the registration team, label writers, results runners and helpers at the results board. The food table was ready for the runners after the race. A special acknowledgement goes out to Ginger Smith, Race Director, for another smoothly organized race. Right after the 5K road race, Bob Fogg took over and organized all the kids for the Kids’ Fun Run around the Common.

Thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the race. See you next Summer!
Submitted by Hunt Dowse

3 on 3 Basketball
For the third straight year the Fabulous Fabers are champions of the Hancock Old Home Days 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Michael Faber, Henry Walters and Phil Brown took home the top prize on Saturday in Hancock.
Submitted by Kary Shumway

Old Home Days Library Book Sale 2018

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!
Another amazing year where many people, known and unknown, supported our gem of a library through donations and muscle. It is an honor to witness and share in the hard work and generosity of these Hancock People.
Just a few: Bill II, Bobby, Maddee, John, Phil, Ron, Amy, Tim, Jane, Jim, Kim, Steve, Jaime, Jim, Judy, Mary, Anne, Sarah, Jean and many more. We missed you, Betsy Sakur.

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HANCOCK WOMAN’S CLUB

On July 21 the Hancock Woman’s Club sponsored a Historic Homes & Summer Gardens Tour. It was a beautiful day and Hancock really shown brightly; displaying for our guests all that makes our town truly exceptional. The Club was fortunate to host over 400 guests from all over New England and elsewhere. By the end of the day over $10,000 was raised for the benefit of the Club’s Community Needs and Woman’s Scholarship Funds.

This was a Woman’s Club event but so many other Hancock citizens helped us that we really must call it a town event and therefore we owe some special “thank yous”. First. There would not have been an event without the generosity of the home and garden owners. Lauren & Dave Carney, Nathaniel & Anne Peirce, Anne Baddour, Lexy Heatly & Neil Cass, and Emily & Scott Daniels opened their homes and were gracious hosts to attendees. Deborah Priest of DaybyDeb Daylilies, Joyce & Rod Perry, Alison & Dennis Rossiter, Eleanor Briggs, Eileen & Bill Elliot and the volunteers of the Harris Center welcomed attendees at their gorgeous gardens. Thank you!

Noted gardener, landscape designer and author, Margaret Hensel gave freely of her time and was available during the day at the Perry Gardens. She gave 2 very informative talks on “Creating the Cottage Style” garden. She was quite a draw as both were well attended. Thanks, Margo.

We also must thank all of the husbands, family and friends who provided manpower and to the HFD for loaning us tables & chairs. A special “thanks” goes to the many local businesses who purchased advertising in our Tour Booklet and a big “thank you!” to our sponsors, The Hancock Inn, Our Town Landscaping, Achille Agway and Scully Architects. Thank you especially to Marcia Coffin who not only put together a very special event at the Inn, Wine & Nibbles, but also helped with writing our promotional copy.

David Drasba and Tim Lord were available to people interested in learning about the amazing restoration and renovation projects at the Meetinghouse and Historical Society. Bobby Nylander assisted home owners with writing bios of their antique homes and was on hand along with other Society members to welcome people to the Historical Society and Museum. Mark Schaal provided extensive information regarding his renovation and restoration of the Baddour House on Main Street and was available to attendees on Tour day. Many thanks to them.

The Club also held a very popular and successful Craft Boutique and Raffle. Twelve local businesses, artists and artisans set up shop in the Meetinghouse that day and we thank them for so generously donating Raffle items.

Musical entertainment was provided during lunch time by Decatur Creek and Project Shakespeare performed a short act at their intermission. Both made the day even more special.

And a special thank you to the Monadnock Ledger for the nice article published just before the event. It was the icing on the cake for the extensive coverage we received in other publications and on various websites.

Finally. Thank you, Hancock, for giving us a community we loved showing off!

Submitted by Diane Loomis
Tour Chairman
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Local Artist to Show “Local Colors”

Alicia Drakiotes of Marlborough will exhibit her oil paintings – “Local Colors” – from Sept. 1st to Oct. 11th in the Daniels Room of the Hancock Town Library.

Drakiotes is a full time New England artist, born in Worcester, Massachusetts. She completed her formal education at Keene State College where she earned a B.A. in Visual Art / Communications with a concentration in painting. Currently an adjunct art instructor for New Hampshire Institute of Art on the Sharon Arts Campus, she also instructs for art organizations throughout New England, and serves as an Artist in Residence at NH and New England Inns. Additionally, she has been a curator and committee chair for several community art exhibitions.

Her primary medium is oil, and her paintings focus on vintage Americana subjects and rural landscapes. Her work is energetic, in a colorist interpretation:

"I am inspired by the world around me and try to convey the moment and the mood in my color choices, painterly marks and arrangements. Whether the piece is accomplished entirely on site or finished in the studio post outing, capturing and conveying a sense of place is my goal."

Drakiotes has studied with several distinguished artists, including Richard McKinley, Lauren Sansaricq, Albert Handell, and Robert Carsten. She has participated in many shows both on the national and international level as well as local venues. Her work resides in private US and international collections, and one of her landscapes was purchased for a permanent collection in a Vermont Institution.

Drakiotes’ studio in Marlborough is open by appointment. The studio will be open for the Monadnock Art Tour 23 Oct 6-8th. Her work can also be found at Hannah Grimes in Keene. For further info, contact her at info@aliciadrakiotes.com.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours. The Daniels Room is sometimes reserved for community activities, so please check with the library (525-4411) to confirm the room will be available at the time of your visit.

NH WOOL ARTS TOUR

October 6 and 7, 2018 (Columbus Day Weekend)
Sat. 9-5:00, Sun. 9-4:00

Celebrating our 35th year! Come visit participating farms and studios in the Monadnock Region. Fiber artists will demonstrate knitting, spinning, dyeing, crocheting, rug hooking, needle felting and weaving and see the animals that produce the fiber. Vendors selling hand knit garments, fleeces, roving and yarn, photography, artwork, crafted items, accessories, related gifts and much more. Come be inspired and find the artist in you!

Admission is Free. www.WoolArtsTourNH.com

Like us on Facebook!
Greetings from the Depot! Thanks so much to all the wonderful musicians and fans who attended our Third Anniversary Show on August 18. We had a great audience, and everyone had a wonderful time listening to the tunes of Crabgrass and Crazy Cowz!

September 8 Cabaret
Please note that the September Cabaret will be on Saturday, September 8 (not September 1). We changing the day just this once to accommodate our very excellent feature performer, Teresa Storch, who had a travel conflict Labor Day weekend.

Teresa is a critically acclaimed international performer of joyful strength and riveting, emotional power. Her soulful-Americana songwriting balances on the fence between folk and jazz, drawing comparisons to Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, and Shawn Colvin. Audience members say it’s like seeing Bonnie Raitt when she first started. She has recorded 3 studio and 2 live albums and toured for 12 years, bringing her songs to theaters, clubs, coffeehouses, and living rooms. In 2009 she returned to Colorado after 10 years in the Boston music scene.

Teresa’s latest album “Come Clean”(2014) produced by Philip Parker and Jamie Mefford (Gregory Alan Isakov) has garnered international attention, being chosen for The Top Country/Americana Albums of 2015 by Martin Chilton of The Telegraph (UK). John Apice of No Depression Magazine states “Emmylou Harris would find a wealth of inspiration in these songs…” She was chosen a 2015 GrassyHill New Folk Finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival, selected as an Emerging Artist at the 2015 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, and received Honorable Mention in the 2015 Rocky Mountain Folks Fest Songwriter’s Competition.

Here’s what the press and other are saying about Teresa:

• “…Someday this artist will be in the league With Emmylou Harris, Patti Griffin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Shawn Colvin, and Roseanne Cash.” –John Apice, No Depression Magazine.

• “She inhabits her songs so fully you can’t help but be pulled into her world.” – Boston Herald writer Daniel Gewertz

• “Mesmerizing vocal riffs…bounding folk-rock sound.” – Northeast Performer Magazine

• “One of the most inventive writers and solid performers of the current crop of singer/songwriters coming out of Boston. [She] makes me proud to be one.” – Veteran singer/songwriter Vance Gilbert

• “Infuses contemporary singer/songwriter with traditional folk vibe. It’s no wonder she’s being recognized in her genre.” –Soundcheck Magazine

Check out Teresa’s web site: [http://www.teresastorch.com/](http://www.teresastorch.com/) to listen to her music and see some cool videos!

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](http://www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret)

Upcoming Feature Acts
• October 6 – Lori Diamond & Fred Abatelli
• November 3 – Three for the Taking
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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.

HARRIS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Sept 9 (Sun)  Family Program: Raptor Ready with New Hampshire Audubon
Sunday, September 9th 10 to 11:30am at the Harris Center
Free of charge
Get ready for the greatest show above earth — the fall raptor migration! Come learn what to look for, where to look for it, and how to identify raptors by shape alone, then experience a close encounter with one of NH Audubon’s live raptors. Take the binocular challenge and see if you can identify our raptor mounts and pictures using binoculars and field guides. We’ll also have a chance to look at and touch raptor feathers, talons, wings, and skulls.
You’ll leave this morning ready to be a hawk watcher! Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more info, contact Susie Spikol Faber at (603) 525-3394 or spikol@harriscn.org.

Sept 10 (Mon)  Tracking Ospreys from New Hampshire to South America
Join Iain MacLeod, Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, for an introduction to Project OspreyTrack, a multi-year project that uses GPS trackers to follow Ospreys from their nests in New Hampshire to their wintering grounds in South America and back. Hear the amazing and sometimes tragic stories of fifteen local Ospreys, including Art, a male who traveled 5,000 miles to his winter home in Brazil and was greeted by a film crew and reporters upon his return to Bridgewater, NH. 7 to 9pm at the Hancock Town Library. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Hancock Town Library. For more info, Eric Masterson at 525-3394 masterson@harriscn.org.

Sept 12 (Wed)  Fall Hawk Watch Tune-up
Why are Broad-winged Hawks social migrants, filling the skies when conditions are right, while other raptors fly solo? How do the flight patterns of Bald Eagles differ from those of American Kestrels? To find out, join Francie Von Mertens for a review of basic raptor ID tips at the beginning of the fall hawk watch season. Whether you watch with others at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory or from your own backyard, tune-up to better tune-in to one of the wonders of the natural world! 7 to 8:15p.m. at the Harris Center. For more information, contact Francie at (603) 924-6550 or vonmertens@myfairpoint.net.

Sept 13 (Thu)  Nocturnal Nature:
Listening to Bird Migration
Every fall, the night sky comes alive with the sound of migration as songbirds join geese, ducks, herons, gulls, shorebirds, and more in an epic exodus that is one of the great natural wonders of the world. For the last several years, Eric Masterson has been operating a nocturnal flight call station from his yard in Hancock, recording and analyzing the calls of migrating birds as they pass unseen overhead. Join him to learn about this fascinating and little-known window into bird migration. We’ll listen outside with Eric’s recording equipment (weather permitting), then move indoors to discuss what we’ve heard. 7 to 8:15 p.m. at the Harris Center. Please RSVP to Eric Masterson at (603) 525-3394 or masterson@harriscn.org.

Sept 18 (Tue)  Raptor Migration in NH: What the Numbers Tell Us
Join Pack Monadnock Hawk Watch Coordinator Phil Brown for a talk about hawkwatching in New Hampshire, raptor identification, and the natural history of commonly-seen hawk species. He’ll share what we’ve learned from observing the spectacle of the fall migration at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory for the past 13 years, along with anecdotes from the observatory, identification techniques, and tips on timing for enjoying this annual event. You’ll also learn more about the new Harris Center –NH Audubon hawkwatching partnership. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harris Center. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with NH Audubon. For more information, contact Phil at (603) 525-3499 or brown@harriscn.org.

Sept 20 (Thu)  Bat Conservation in New Hampshire
Due to white-nose syndrome, habitat loss, and other threats, all of New Hampshire’s bat species are listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Species of Special Concern. Land trusts, landowners, and land managers can help bats by protecting and maintaining suitable habitat; many best practices for bats also benefit birds, fish, amphibians, water quality, and forest resiliency. Join Sandra Houghton (NHFG) and Jesse Mohr (Native Geographic) for this talk to learn about the ecology of New Hampshire bats, bat-friendly forestry, and what you can do to help local bats. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hancock Town Library. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Hancock Town Library. For more info, Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscn.org.

Sept 21 (Fri)  Family Program: Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow in Hancock
10 to 11am at the Harris Center Free of charge
Join us for one or more of these slow, simple rambles 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 harriscn.org. For more info, contact Susie Spikol Faber 525-3394 or spikol@harriscn.org.
Hancock Hospital Auxiliary
(Monadnock Community Hospital)

To All of the Supporters of the Hancock Hospital Auxiliary:

Even though the weather was not what we had hoped for we want to sincerely express our appreciation to all of the residents of Hancock, family, friends, and guests of Old Home Day who very generously supported the Bake Sale with your great Baked Goods and monetary donations and purchases. This is our only Fund Raiser and this has been a wonderful tradition added to the celebration of Old Home Day in Hancock.

As always it is so very rewarding for the positive response received from the 45 Callers when asked for your help. One can hardly comprehend but yet so touching to know of the dedication that you all have given to us. We appreciate each and every one of you for volunteering your time to help with all of the telephoning so that as many Hancock residents can be contacted as possible. It would be impossible to put this Bake Sale on and have it a success without all of your help.

Our special Thank You goes out to all of the CALLERS as following: Laura Akerley, Adine Aldrich, Doreen Ames, Kathy Anderson, Natalie Cass, Deborah Clatlin, Polly Curran, Sara Dowse, Edna Drasba, Ann Eng, Sandra Faber, Gail Fath, Marie Fogg, Lynn Frank, Joanne Frigulietti, Robin Gregg, Sarah Hale, Sarah Hutchins, Robbyn Jackson, Jan Johnson, Shirley Kane, Gert Kanner, Ellen Kidd, Roberta LaPlante, Sandra Levesque, Diane Loomis, Karen MacQueen, Mimi Mason, Peg McLeod, Sonja Mucha, Lorelei Murphy, Nancy Musarra, Karen Nigh, Roberta Nylander, Sherri Paquette, Bev Patten, Ethel Piotrowski, Karen Primiano, Angela Ramsden, "checks Schilling, Marcia Schwartz, Joyce Stevens, Debra Thompson, and Nancy Van Horn.

A Thank You to Linda Coughlan for helping out prior to the Bake Sale.

All monies made on the Bake Sale will be used for equipment/services at the Monadnock Community Hospital for the patients that will get direct benefit. Last year the proceeds of the Bake Sale we purchased a “Wheelchair Scale” for the Antrim Office Group and a “Shuttle Rebounder” for Physical Therapy.

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

Monadnock Roller Derby

Our Mad Misfits (juniors) and Mad Knockers(women's) teams just wrapped up a phenomenal season! That doesn't mean that the derby fun ends! We practice year round!

For more information or to become an official, volunteer, or member
www.MonadnockRollerDerby.com or Facebook.com/MonadnockRollerDerby or email contact@monadnockrollerderby.com.

Come see us in the Antrim Home and Harvest Parade! We will be on skates! The same day at 4 pm come watch our Mad Misfits at Great Brook School. Get your swag too! T-shirts, water bottles, stickers and much more! Don't forget to grab our cookbook! $20 each, packed with full-color photos of our games and community events, created by our own members, and featuring our favorite recipes, like "brute punch," "screaming spinach dip," and "assaulted caramel" cake.
Upcoming Grapevine Programs and Events

Now Registering for Fall!

Weekly Children's Programs: Please call Carol at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information.

Better Beginnings for Children - Groups available on Mon, Tues or Thurs from 9:30 to 11:30. Meets weekly, parents enjoy coffee & tea, conversation with other parents experiencing the same joys and challenges. Open to expecting parents, infants and children up to age 5.

Better Beginnings for Babies - Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:30. Group for parents and their infants up to age 20 months. Songs, play and enriching discussion. Group supported by facilitator, Nancy Macalaster, M.A.

Better Beginnings Hillsborough Play Group - Tuesdays 1:00 to 2:30 & Fridays 10:00 to 11:30 at the Dubben House in Hillsborough (next to Smith Memorial Church). Parents gather for conversation, children's play supervised by Grapevine educators, Amy Doyle, M.Ed. and Paula Coombs.

2018 Grapevine Online Auction
We are now 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!

Join us on our Grapevine float for the Home & Harvest Parade in Antrim!
Come along with us for the ride! The parade is on Saturday, September 15th. We will be meeting at The Grapevine, 4 Aiken Street behind the James Tuttle Library to decorate and assemble. Meet us by 10:30 to decorate; 11:00 to ride.

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 SHED NOW OPEN! Come Borrow Tools and Light Equipment!
The Grapevine Community Tool Shed is now 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 toolshed@grapevinenh.org to borrow or donate tools.

Services at The Grapevine
• Information & Referral: Information about area resources for financial assistance, food, childcare, legal assistance, clothing, health and dental care, and other needs.
• Community Wood Bank: For those who use wood to heat their home and can’t afford to buy it. The wood bank has also helped residents who typically can buy their own wood but find themselves in a bind due to major ice and snow storms. Call if you need wood, if you have wood to donate, or to volunteer for the 2018-19 season.
• Heating Fuel & Electric Assistance: Call 924-2243 or 877-757-7048 for an appointment or The Grapevine for information.
• Child & Family Counseling by Monadnock Family Services and Riverbend Community Mental Health Help Finding Shelter for families who are homeless or face homelessness.

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Franestown, 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/
Announcing an exciting pre-2018/19 season opener for Music in Norway Pond!

Mark your calendars now for an early celebration on Sunday, 9/16 at 4pm—featuring music by Sunniva Brynnel, NightTree’s fabulous composer/vocalist/accordionist, and Scandinavian fiddler, Lydia Ievins (pronounced EYE-vinz).

Sunniva and Lydia will be the featured soloists this December for the beloved Revels production at Sanders Theater in Cambridge. And we are the lucky ones who get to hear a preview of their artistry!

Join the whole Music on Norway Pond gang for this house party-style concert at Jody and Rick Simpson’s home, 41 Main Street, Hancock.

Nothing will be finer than to listen to this fabulous duo while sipping on wine (or cider) and celebrating the beginning of our region’s most beautiful season.

Space is limited so as soon as you know you want to come, call Jody Simpson at 525-9303 to reserve your spot.

$20 per person.
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
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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The Junior Mints are getting organized for the fall season and are looking for kids between 7 and 14 who love to sing and act.

Junior Mints is unique in our region. We sing in the fall and in the spring, we put on a musical. The singing is quite ‘serious’ and has led to some truly peak experiences for our members. Their past performances at the Hancock Family Christmas Concert have been fabulous. And the show in the spring are legendary in the region!

Here is the fall schedule:

Rehearsals:
Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:45 October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20, 27 December 4
Friday, Dec 7 and Friday, Dec 14 4:15-6:30

The concert: December 15 call 1:30 performance 4pm

We like to have 25 members in our troupe. There are no auditions. It is first come, first served (after the children from the previous year have let us know if they are returning).

Tuition is $120 for one child, $100 for siblings. Scholarships are available for all who need tuition assistance.
Call 525-9303 or email Jody Simpson jhspals@gmail.com to sign up or to ask questions.

“Music can exalt us, divert us, cheer us up, or break the hardest of hearts with the softest of its melancholy tones. But its principal task is to lead our thoughts to higher things, to elevate, even to make us tremble.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

During this week’s heat wave, I find myself longing for the cooler air of September and the sound of voices singing (and trembling!) It must be time to form our ensemble for the Fall Session.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:45 in the lower floor of the Meeting House. We will be rehearsing for the Hancock Family Christmas concert on Saturday December 15th. People love this concert!

The first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 13th

The rehearsals are fast-paced and a lot of fun. We work hard and laugh a lot.

There are plenty of spaces for women who love to sing. Being able to follow music on the written page helps but it is not required. There are no auditions but there is usually a private meeting with me to make sure you are singing the right voice part and sitting where you will be happiest.

Tuition is $80 per session. Scholarships are available for anyone who requests one.

Come try us out for a couple of rehearsals without making a commitment until you are sure it is the right group for you!

Call or email Jody Simpson to ask questions or sign up.
525-9303 jhspals@aol.com