News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

Town Meeting was very well attended with many good comments, suggestions, and questions. The Meeting has been described as the World’s most democratic institution. Your participation is essential in helping the Selectboard to identify the community’s concerns and to set priorities. The increase in the town tax rate is a primary concern as well as a need to complete work on some of the Town’s policies including a vehicular use policy. The work on improving access to broadband is just beginning and we want to thank the Telecommunications Committee for their efforts. It is the efforts of all of our committees and boards that accomplish the necessary tasks for the operation of the Town. These committees and boards are listed on the first nine pages of the Town Report. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Most of the appointments for these committees and boards are for three year terms. The terms are staggered so that there is continuity in the membership. There have been a number of retirements this year which leave a number of positions to be filled. The following committees and boards have openings. Any resident with an interest in serving on one or more of them should contact Jonathon Coyne at the Town Office.

- Planning Board
- Historic District Commission
- Road Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Concert Series Sub-Committee
- Fireworks Committee
- Old Home Day Committee (The oldest continuous town picnic in America)

We are also in the process of finding the proper person to fill the position of Treasurer for the coming year. There was no candidate who filed for the position and none of the write-in votes were interested or reached the minimum number required for election.

The Selectboard is sorry to report that Mia Lee is resigning as our Director of Public Works. She has done an excellent job of rebuilding the staff of the Highway Department, Buildings and Grounds, and Transfer Station. We appreciate the work that she and her staff have done. It has been a difficult year especially with the damage from the heavy rains. She leaves a very capable and competent staff. We will make every effort to give them the necessary support as we are beginning the process of finding a new Director. Our thanks to Mia and we wish her the best.

As is customary, I will be the Chairman of the Selectboard for the coming year. Please feel free to contact me or Jonathon Coyne, our Town Administrator, with any concerns you may have.

Thank you
As I write this, it is still unreasonably (and unreasonably) cold outside; however, spring is coming, and with it comes our worst season – Mud Season. John Pirkey gives our members an annual speech about not getting a fire truck stuck on a dirt road, or worse, tipping one over into a muddy ditch. Be aware that if you encounter a fire engine or tanker on a back road, the driver has been instructed to not yield the center of the road. Our fire trucks are wide, tall, long and extremely heavy, with a high center of gravity. We can't afford to get stuck in a ditch, or wreck an expensive truck, particularly on the way to an emergency call. You, in your smaller Prius or Subaru, however, should feel free to shift way to the right on a back road. If you get stuck, we will be glad to help to get you out as soon as we can. Thanks for your help and understanding!

The Fire Department recently held its’ annual dinner and awards night. Our notable award of the year was presented that evening. Bill Eva was recognized as our Hancock Firefighter of the Year. Also present at the dinner were members of the Fire Department Auxiliary, retired members of the Fire Department, members of the Hancock Police Department, Hancock Highway Department, and the Hancock Town Administration. Thanks to the Northern Lodge staff at Sargent Center for another good meal. The Fire Department Auxiliary also was active the next day at the Town Meeting. They served coffee, tea, water, cookies, brownies, munchkins and more for the attendees. The donations they received will be used to purchase additional water rescue equipment. This is just another example of the various ongoing fund raising projects that help to keep your taxes in check.

With the change to daylight savings time I hope you also replaced the battery in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors. Test all smoke and CO alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working.

As the snow melts the fire department will have quite a few requests for burn permits. In case you have not been paying attention or want to just say “I didn’t know”, any property owner in Hancock that wants to burn outdoors must have a valid burn permit. Getting a burn permit is easy. Just contact Nevan Cassidy, Hancock Fire Warden, or any of the Deputy Fire Wardens; Tom Bates, John Pirkey, or Mark Thompson. When you get and sign your permit you should read the back of the piece of paper that spells out the rules! You can also get a burn permit online through the state website for $3.00. **If you call one of us for a permit and we are not available at that time DO NOT just leave a message saying you are going to burn.** That doesn’t count and if a fire is reported we will come out and either have you extinguish the fire or we will do it. There are other basic rules to follow but those can be explained when you get your permit.

Important Phone Numbers:
- Tom Bates Fire Chief 525-3789
- John Pirkey 1st Asst. Chief 966-5214
- Mark Thompson 2nd Asst. Chief 562-6630
- Nevan Cassidy Fire Warden 525-4786

It’s that time of year – Stay Off Thin Ice!!!

Raffle winners:
- $40.00 – Pat Gaudreau
- $20.00 – Steve Froling
- $10.00 – Deb Porter-Hays, Anna Mary Wallace, & Loretta Ball.

Check out our Facebook page. Eric Aldrich is always adding exciting news for all to share.
April 2019

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Reminders from the Town Clerk:

Does your Lab have a Tag?

Dog Registrations are due April 30th!
- Spayed or Neutered: $6.50
- Intact: $9.00
- 1st Dogs belonging to Seniors: $2.00

**Bring or mail a current Rabies Vaccination from your vet.

Checks should be made out to:
“Town of Hancock” and sent to:
PO BOX 6 with a self-addressed stamped envelope to ensure prompt return.

Are you buying a new vehicle this spring?

If the owner’s name on both vehicles is exactly the same, you may be able to transfer your old plates to the new vehicle. Fees paid on the old vehicle will be prorated and credited toward the fees for the new one—and you won’t have to memorize a new plate number! We need to have your old registration form in order to do this, so be sure to bring it with you. Do not leave the form or the plates with the old vehicle. The plates belong to you, not the vehicle.

Easter Luncheon
12:00 Noon - 2:30 PM
Sunday April 21st
Reservations Required
Seasonal Opening
May 1st
Wednesday - Saturday
Small Plates & Bar Service 4PM
Dinner Served 5:30PM-8:00PM
Sunday Lunch 11:30AM - 3:30PM
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Hancock Woman’s Club

As I sit writing this news clip, I’m pleased to be looking out upon a sunny, warm day, thankful that Spring is just a few days ahead of us. Please come join us for our **April 10th** meeting in the Hancock Vestry at 2:00 in the afternoon. Our program this month is a presentation on the “Wrap-A-Smile, Sew a Gift of Love” project sponsored by worldwide Rotary in conjunction with medical overseas projects instrumental in correcting the condition of children with Cleft Lip/Cleft Palate. Ann Demeranville, D.M.D, a member of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, will present to us how the Rotary is assisting and spreading the word about this project by making quilts for the children undergoing corrective surgeries. We all know how a special gift of love can bring such comfort to children in need.

After the presentation a tea will be served and all are invited to come.

**Also, a reminder to our community and beyond, the Hancock Woman’s Club will be hosting the Community Supper on April 25th at 5:30. Always an enjoyable evening with lot’s of yummy food!!**

Respectfully submitted by Sara LeFebvre

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**Hancock Historical Society**

News and Upcoming Events

Jeff Warner will be performing “*Songs of Old New Hampshire*” on **April 7th** at 2 pm in the Eaton Room at the Historical Society. Don’t miss this fascinating program with an accomplished performer!

Jeff is among the nation’s foremost performer/interpreters of traditional music. His songs from the lumber camps, fishing villages and mountaintops of America connect today’s audiences with the everyday lives — and artistry — of 19th century Americans. This free performance is offered thanks to the support of New Hampshire Humanities.

We hope to see you there!
Another Ice Out Sales Star

If you purchased an Ice Out ticket this season, the chances are good that you were in the Hancock Market when you did the deed. Like Fiddleheads and the Hancock Inn, the vast majority of Ice Out tickets each year are sold at the Market. Ice Out Central set out to discover...why? So, last month we interviewed Jarvis Coffin and Market Director, Mark Eaton [Waving in photo], at the market.

IOC: The Market does not make a single penny peddling these Ice Out tickets. Yet you do it efficiently and cheerfully year after year. What’s up with that?

JC: It’s all about community, of course. We are a community grocery store and Ice Out is a community effort. Do we need a better reason?

IOC: Well, the Ice Out Team is deeply grateful to you for supporting the effort so faithfully and well? Do you have any tales to tell?

JC: Not especially except to point out that the Inn across the street did sell the winning ticket a couple of years ago. We’re very proud of that.

IOC: Suggestions? Comments?

JC: I think we’re all ready for Ice-out about now!

IOC: Thank you and your team again Jarvis for your support and your time. As you know, the sales for the contest ended on March 15th and as of The Hancock Happenings’ deadline, March 22nd, the ice had not yet gone out. Final sales indicated the winner’s prize would total around $480.00.

Note: Thank you everyone who participated this year. May’s Hancock Happenings will announce the results.

Ice Out Committee of 2019
Community Supper
The next Community Supper will be on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30pm in the Vestry hosted and organized by the Hancock Woman’s Club.

Free Smoke Alarms and Home Safety Check
The New Hampshire and Vermont Red Cross currently has a program funded by a grant to install free smoke alarms plus give a free home safety check. It is not dependent of the income level of the owner. If you are interested: call: 1-800-464-6692 or visit the website: redcross.org/nhvt/in-home-smoke-alarm

The home safety check among other suggestions will help you to plan an escape in the event of a fire.

In a home fire, you and your family should be able to escape in 2 minutes. This may sound extreme, but with modern building materials and home furnishings, fires spread much more rapidly than they did in the past. The temperatures are much higher and the gasses produced by the fire are much more deadly.

Friends of Willard Pond
Do you enjoy going to Willard Pond for a peaceful interaction with nature?

Along with the Audubon Society (owners of the land surrounding Willard Pond), a group of people is seeking to establish a group called “Friends of Willard Pond” to help address some problems and keep Willard Pond a place for all to enjoy.

The first meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at 7 pm at the Hancock Town Library. Please feel free to come to this meeting for a discussion of how this group might function. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate or know more, please contact Anitra Sorensen at (603) 731-9764 or anitrasorensen@gmail.com.

Submitted by Anitra Sorensen

Potluck celebration of Pat Soucy’s life at the Harris Center on Sunday, April 28th at noon

Let’s visit and share memories of Pat Soucy, former postmaster of Hancock and Franconia. Pat loved good times with friends and deeply cared about community. If you cook, consider bringing your favorite dish to serve ten. If not, bring your appetite. We’ll enjoy a seated potluck with non-alcoholic beverages. Lunch will be preceded by a simple grace in a circle, and will be followed by sharing stories. Feel free to bring flowers, if you like. Please RSVP: 933-1117 or paul@alwaysonthemove.net. The Harris Center is at 83 King’s Highway in Hancock, NH.

Friday gathering with Pam and Paul Garcia Friday April 26, 7-9 PM

Pat Soucy’s son and daughter, Paul and Pam Garcia, will host an open house with light refreshments for friends on Friday, April 26, 7-9 PM, at the Hancock Depot on Depot Road, Hancock. BYOB. Sean Sweeney & family will provide the music … something for everybody.

Stories About This Place
Saturday, March 30th 6:30pm.
Peterborough Town House

Join us for an evening of stories spoken from the heart by people in our community who love the land. This annual event is a crowd-pleaser and will leave you with a sense of gratitude about this beautiful region you call home. This year, you’ll enjoy listening to Hancock’s Kin Schilling as well as Sebastian Lockwood, Jesseca Timmons, Swift Corwin, Martha Pinello, and Mitch Thomashow. Dessert potluck; we’ll provide the coffee, tea, and cider.

This event is free and open to all.
Register here: tiny.cc/MCStories2019

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

My new Fitbit watch encourages me to stay in shape by keeping track of how far I walk in a day.
It calculates my stride length and then multiplies that by the number of steps I take.
Last night it congratulated me for walking 8 miles during the hours I was playing a gig on piano!
Apparently I tap my foot quite a bit.
Hancock Town Library Events

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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
Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm

Literary Peep Dioramas Visit the library to get inspired!
The Literary Peep Dioramas have begun to come in. Check out the display case for some beautiful work: The Peeps of Wrath, Make Way for Peeplings, The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Peep, and How the Peep Stole Christmas are here as of this writing. Be sure to bring your peep diorama in by mid-April. All ages participate. At the end of April we will announce the Peeple’s Choice Awards!

Yoga at the HTL
Mondays 9:00-10:30am with Chris Justice
Fridays 9:00-10:30am with Betsy DiPrima

Cookbook Book Club
The cookbook book club meets the first Monday of the month to share recipes from a single cook book or theme. Currently we’re at capacity but check in if you’d like to join, we’ll put you on the waiting list. Just give us a call at 525-4411 or email hancocklibrary@comcast.net!

Game Night for Grown-ups
Spring fever got you itching to get out and play? Come down to game night! Find out what your friends and neighbors have been up to all winter as you hone your scoring strategy with a trusty favorite or challenging new-in-the-box game (board not required!). Bring a game if you’ve got one, and a snack or beverage to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm.

An Evening of Poetry & Percussion with
Becky Dennison Sakellariou & Tara Greenblatt
Becky Dennison Sakellariou and Tara Greenblatt will present an evening of poetry and percussion/voice. Becky is a familiar voice for poetry in this region and has read many times at the library. She has a new book out, Undressing the Earth, and will perform some poems from this work and others. Tara is a singer, song-writer and percussionist who has played all over New England for over fifteen years. She will provide textured sound landscapes that both support and respond to Becky’s poetry.

Tuesdays Beginning April 16th from 1:00-3:00pm
Mah Jongg Class
Come and learn the ancient Chinese game of Mah Jongg! The Hancock Town Library will be hosting a beginner class for those who would like to learn to play the game of American Mah Jongg. Mah Jongg, which originated in China, is played with small rectangular tiles stamped with symbols and characters. The object of the game is to collect combinations of these tiles that correspond to the groupings displayed on the National Mah Jongg League card. The first person to complete a hand declares Mahjong and it's the winner. You assemble these combinations by picking and discarding tiles. Susan Geer, a Hancock resident and avid Mah Jongg player for the past 5 years, will teach the class. The class is free but please call 525-4411 to register as seating is limited.

Tuesday April 16th 5:30-7:00pm – POSTPONED to Thursday April 18th at 7:00pm
Free-Form Français will not meet on its regular day and time 'en Avril' but will instead sponsor the Thursday April 18th program on the French language (see below). The group will provide French, Acadian, Franco-American, French-Canadian, and Cajun refreshments. We hope to see you there. Non-French-speakers encouraged to attend on the 18th!

Tuesdays Beginning April 16th from 1:00-3:00pm
New Hampshire's Lakes and Ponds: The Good, the Bad and the Really Neat with Amy Smagula
Amy Smagula from the NH Department of Environmental Services will provide an overview of lakes and ponds in New Hampshire. Topics will cover general facts about our surface waters, threats they face, and what we can do to help limit those threats. The presentation will cover different monitoring activities the state is doing, as well as some of the lesser known neat things that you might find in lakes. Amy Smagula is a freshwater biologist with the NH Department of Environmental Services. She has 21 years of experience studying lakes and watersheds in NH. Her focus is on working with invasive aquatic plants and also doing special studies of lakes and ponds in the state. She was born and raised in New Hampshire, and lives outside of Concord with her family.

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Thursday April 18th at 7:00pm
An Evening of French Canadian Dialect
Did you know that the French Canadian dialects of Quebec and the maritime provinces of Acadia are old dialects that developed from the different regions of France where these settlers originated? Did you know that these dialects contain many ancient words and expressions that are closer to Latin and the other romance languages than modern French? Join us for an exploration of these ancient dialects and how they have survived in pockets of New England, Quebec and Acadia to the present day. Robert B. Perreault, renowned writer and historian of French culture, and native French speaker from Manchester, NH along with Henri Vaillancourt, a native French speaker from Greenville, NH will lead the audience in an interactive discussion of the richness of these dialects - dialects that are a mix of many of the local languages of France from the 1600’s, and contain as well words of the Native American tribes of New France. Come and share your expressions and dialect, or just listen to those of your neighbors, and experience the richness of the old French Canadian language and how it differs from modern international French. Presented also will be film clips from a 1967 interview with the writer Jack Kerouac in Montreal and others from his hometown in Lowell Massachusetts, which highlight the common French Canadian dialect spoken throughout New England.

Thursday April 25th at 7:00pm
An Evening of Music with Off the Cuff
Off The Cuff has been delighting audiences across southern New Hampshire and surrounding areas for 20 years. Incorporating elements of jazz, swing, blues, bluegrass, rock, folk and world music styles, Off The Cuff infuses its own special blend of vocal and instrumental harmony into every song to reinvent it as something new and personal. Once this is done, the song is “Cuffed” – given that Off The Cuff touch. Audiences love this music! Whether an original tune or an old standard, a pop tune or a nugget by some little known songwriter, the music touches a familiar chord in everyone, whether they grew up dancing to the big bands or to rock bands. It is music that each generation has managed to share; a part of the American musical soul. The music is upbeat, energetic and fun, and The Cuffers have a great time playing and interacting with the audience. Off The Cuff is Harry Lowenthal – Flute, Guitar, Mandolin, djembe, bongos, percussion, vocals; Pamela Smith – Guitar, Harmonica percussion, vocals; Jonas Taub – Guitars, Dobro, vocals; Dan Wheeler – Electric and Upright Bass.

Tuesday April 30th at 7:00pm
The Venemous Shrew and the Secrets of the Deep Dark Below with Susie Spikol
Venom like a cobra and an unstoppable appetite, all packed into a creature who weighs less than a penny? Yes! This is not fake news. Come hear about the remarkable life and times of the short-tailed shrew, who lives right beneath your feet. It might be even more unbelievable than the star-nosed mole! Co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library and the Harris Center.

From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian
A Note from Miss Jenn
Are you in need of community service hours? We will be doing a great purge during April and May of old supplies we don’t use and organizing the ones we want to keep. If you are interested in helping us sort or clean please contact Miss Jenn either in person at the library or by sending an email to hancockkidlib@gmail.com.

I am very excited to announce that we will be partnering with the HES PTO to sponsor a summer reading kick-off event at the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share resources and provide valuable educational programming to the community. Stay tuned for more details in May’s Hancock Happenings!

Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement!

Tuesday April 2nd 3:30-4:30pm 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.

Monday April 8th & April 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 April 24th 3pm Spring Flower Craft
We will be welcoming in the warmer weather with a few flower themed crafts. Younger children are encouraged to attend with an adult helper.

Thursday April 25th 1pm
Gender-Free Tea Party (with Special Guests!)
Join Anna, Snow White and Prince Charming for a fancy dress tea party. There will be little finger sandwiches and tea or apple juice. We will be using real tea cups and saucers! Recommended for ages 3-10yrs.

Sign up is required to ensure you get a seat at the table. Please sign up at the front desk or by calling us at 525-4411.

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Hancock Town Library  
Thursday, April 4th  7pm*

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*RSVP appreciated but not necessary

For more information contact: Angela Ramsden, District Leader, Primerica 603-491-5956

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For the complete job description, application and instructions follow the **Quick Link to Employment** on the town website contact Jonathan Coyne, Town Administrator 525-4441 or email  
townadmin@hancocknh.org.

**Closing Date:** Until filled

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**From the Deering Community Church**
**Easter Services**
**April 21, 2019**

Easter Sunrise Service: 6:00 am  
Location: Intrepid Farm, Hillsborough

Sponsored by the Hillsborough – Deering Ecumenical Clergy Group

Deering Community Church Easter  
Worship Service: 10:00 am  
Reverend Bill Beardslee
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Currently showing
An exhibit of large format abstract paintings by Antrim artist Amber Marie Martin, which opened at the end of March, will be on display until May 8. Amber paints with colorful, emotion-driven, intuitive, and inventive techniques, and was the first-place winner of the “People’s Choice Award” in the 2018 Jaffrey Civic Center’s Annual Fall Exhibit.

Coming May 11th
Jerome Varnum of Bennington will be exhibiting his artwork in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Library May 11th through June 19th. There will be an opening reception with refreshments Sunday May 12th, noon to 3:00pm.

Jerome’s acrylic paintings are generally realistic and colorful, covering a wide variety of subjects including wildlife, landscapes, and people. A house painter by day, Jerome became interested in doing more with paint when he took a painting class. Since then, he has been painting most anything that captures his eye or evokes pleasant memories.

Exhibits can be viewed during regular library hours: Mon. and Wed., 2-6 pm; Tues. and Thur., 10 am-7 pm; and Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Please call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.
News from the Depot

April 5, 2019 Cabaret

This month we are excited to welcome Crabgrass back to the stage!

After participating in a Keene-based bluegrass jam every week in 2013, Guy Soucy and J. B. Mack formed Crabgrass, a local bluegrass act. Nancy Salwen joined soon thereafter, and the band expanded their repertoire to include country, folk, and blues numbers. Forrest Seymour joined the group in 2017 adding percussion and harmonica layers to the Crabgrass sound.

Crabgrass has performed at several Keene Music Festivals, the Keene Fall Festival, and numerous open mics and farmers’ markets. Blending acoustic instrumentation and rich harmonies, Crabgrass is sure to get your toes tapping as they bring you their take on old favorites and new original songs.

About the Venue
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 Hancock Train Depot, 27 Depot Road.

All shows begin at 8:00pm; doors open at 7:30pm 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!

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, renting 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

· May 4: Tom Smith – the quintessential folk artist …
· June 1: Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards … super-amazing Americana singer-songwriters

Monthly Association Meetings
Interested in joining the Hancock Depot Association? If you’d like to help out with planning, events, cleanup days, etc., feel free to join us! For information about our next meeting, give David Young a call at 525-3085.

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 at 525-3085 or Nancy Adams at 525-4176.

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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

Apr 5 (Fri) Easygoing Hike along Old King’s Highway
Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 4-mile hike to explore the discontinued section of King’s Highway that runs north of Lake Nubanusit. Bring lunch for a picnic on the shore of Rye Pond. Meet at 10am at the Harris Center. Back by 3pm. For more info, contact Lee snowman3137@gmail.com, 525-5262 or Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com.

Apr 13 (Sat) Following in the Footsteps of John Kulish
Join Stan Smith, an expert on the hunting and hiking habits of John Kulish, and Vic Starzynski for a moderately strenuous, 2-mile hike at one of John Kulish’s favorite haunts along the North Branch River, through land recently conserved by the Harris Center. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the pulloff on the south side of Route 9 in Stoddard, 1,000 feet west of the junction with Route 123 North. Dress for wet ground, and be prepared for bushwhacking. Back by noon. For more information, contact Stan at (978) 827-5185 or srsantq@yahoo.com.

Apr 18 (Thu) Shinrin-Yoku: A Forest Bathing Experience
Shinrin-Yoku, also known as Forest Bathing, is gaining popularity in the U.S. after being practiced in Japan for decades. Through yoga poses, deep breathing, and quiet sensory observations, our revitalizing Shinrin-Yoku sessions will help you slow down, catch your breath, and find solace in nature. These gentle rambles will wake up your senses and give you a chance to reconnect to the natural world and to yourself. 11am to 12:30pm at the Harris Center. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Apr 20 (Sat) Exploring Stone Work in the Lyndeborough Hills
When clearing fields for agriculture, early farmers used a variety of methods to dispose of glacial till. The French Road area in Lyndeborough provides examples of these methods, from the primitive to the sublime. Join Dave Butler and Ben Haubrich for a moderately strenuous, 2.5-mile exploration of the area. Wear waterproof footwear and dress for ticks, and meet at 1pm on Russell Station Road at the pullout on the Greenfield/Frances town line. The turnout is 0.4 miles east of the junction with East Road in Greenfield, and 3 miles west of the Francetown Turnpike in Francetown. Back by 3:30pm. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy. For more information, contact Dave at davidbutler@comcast.net or Ben at (603) 547-2075 or bph03043@gmail.com.

Apr 23 (Tue) First Session of ESI Course:
Beyond the Basics of Tracking
Tuesdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7
10 a.m. to noon at the Harris Center and local field sites
$40 for Harris Center members / $60 for all others
Stretch your tracking skills beyond winter snow with master tracker and educator Scott Semmens. Learn how to look for animal tracks and sign in sand and mud, and in a variety of habitats. This course will primarily take place in the field. Participants must feel comfortable moving on uneven terrain and through some physically challenging landscapes. Some previous experience with tracking is highly recommended. Scott Semmens taught high school science for 28 years, and now teaches in the Environmental Studies Department at Keene State College. He’s been tracking animals for more than two decades, throughout the U.S. as well as in South Africa, Botswana, and Nepal. One of Scott’s greatest passions is getting young people outdoors to reconnect with the natural world. Space is limited, and registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sara Lefebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

Apr 25 (Thu) Landscaping for Wildlife, Part I
Musing about your spring garden? Why not make a plan to welcome birds, butterflies, and other creatures to your yard while enjoying the benefits of color, shade, and sound? In this two-part workshop, Marilyn Wyzga – landscape designer and co-author of Integrated Landscaping – will guide you through the process of enhancing your yard for wildlife by taking cues from nature. Working both indoors and out, we’ll address the essentials: habitat through the seasons, design fundamentals, mapping and inventory techniques, and plant recommendations. You’ll leave with a basic plan for your yard, including ideas to start working on this spring. 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Harris Center. (Part II takes place at the same time on May 2.) You can choose to attend one or both sessions. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org. For more info, contact Eric Masterson at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Apr 26 (Fri) Vernal Pools 101
Glance at a vernal pool in October and you’ll see a dull, dry depression in the forest floor. Look again in spring and you’ll find a woodland pond, teeming with life. Dig into the exquisite, ephemeral world of vernal pool ecology in this afternoon workshop with Brett Amy Thelen. We’ll start indoors with an illustrated lecture, then venture outside for hands-on exploration of a nearby vernal pool complex. 1 to 4pm at the Harris Center. For more info or to register, contact Brett at 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Apr 28 (Sun) Bird Banding Demonstration
Get an up-close look at the science of songbirds during this bird banding demonstration by ornithologist Dr. Patricia Wohner. You’ll get great glimpses of some of the songbirds that make their home in the Harris Center woods and fields, and hopefully see a few spring migrants as well. 9 to 11am at the Harris Center. Registration is required. For more info or to register, contact Eric at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Apr 30 (Tue) The Venomous Shrew and the Secrets of the Deep Dark Below
Venom like a cobra and an unstoppable appetite, all packed into a creature who weighs less than a penny? Yes! This is not fake news. Come hear about the remarkable life and times of the short-tailed shrew, who lives right under your feet. It might be even more unbelievable than the star-nosed mole! 7 to 8pm at the Hancock Town Library. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Hancock Town Library. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.
Not to be missed……

HOLEs IN THE FLOOR
FOUR CELLOS: ONE CONCERT
presented by
Music on Norway Pond
Sunday April 7th
4 pm at the Hancock Meeting House

An ensemble of four cellos that calls itself Holes in the Floor has already got an extra helping of panache right out of the gate. But this quartet of stellar, award-winning cellists Jonathan Butler, Eunghee Cho, Yejin Hong and Joy Yanai, who first banded together as students at the New England Conservatory of Music, is a serious outfit. They’ve commissioned work from their peers, and they boast a surprisingly wide and varied repertoire.

(and they promise not to actually leave any holes on the floor!) One hour, no intermission.

students free
others: $20

tickets available at the door or online at musiconnorwaypond.org
A Heartfelt Thank You to the people of Hancock for your support of our 2019 town funding warrant article in support of The Grapevine and Avenue A Teen Center. We greatly appreciate your continued support!

April and Mid-Spring Programs

For more information on programs and events, contact us at 588-2620 or email: info@grapevinenh.org

IT’S NOT TOO LATE! WEEKLY through April 15th: Free Tax Preparation with Larry Schwartz of PCH Financial: IRS-certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz is providing free tax preparation at The Grapevine on Monday afternoons through April 15th. All returns will be filed electronically. Call The Grapevine to schedule your appointment!

SAVE THE DATE for our 15th Annual Spring Walk for Families, Saturday, May 11th! This year we have a planned a shorter, more family friendly route in Antrim. Stay tuned for more details – you can find our pledge sheet at our website: www.grapevinenh.org

SPRING CLEANING? Donate your new or gently used items NOW for our Learning Vine yard sale fundraiser to be held in June. Call Carol to arrange your donation at 588-2620.

Open registration for our weekly Parent-Child Programs! Please call Carol at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information.

For our full program schedule, check out our website at www.grapevinenh.org

Youth Programs at Avenue A Teen + Community Center, 42 Main Street, Antrim

Community Open Mic Night | Saturday, April 20th | 6:30-9pm | 42 Main Street, Antrim

Our last Open Mic was a wonderful night of music...We've decided to make this a monthly event on the third Saturday of each month. Join our fun, relaxed atmosphere & show off your musical stuff... Come alone or with a group! Come to perform or just to watch! Everyone is welcome! This event is free (donations welcome). Email avenuea@grapevinenh.org to sign up to perform. Open to performers of all ages.

Spring Schedule:

Tabletop Game Club | 7th grade and up | Mondays 5:30-8pm
Middle School Writers' Society* | 7th and 8th graders | Tuesdays 3-5pm
High School Writing Club | 9th - 12th graders | Tuesdays 6-8pm
Avenue A Afterschool Club for Middle Schoolers* | Wednesdays 2:15-4:15pm
Pick-Up Basketball | Guys in 8th grade and up | Starting March 20 | Wednesdays 7:15-8:15pm
Woodworking* | 9th-12th graders | Thursdays 3-5pm
Art at the Avenue* | 5th grade and up | Monthly on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm
Jam Time | 8th grade and up | Monthly on Thursdays from 6-8pm
Free Yoga Fridays | ages 12-18 | Fridays 3-4pm
Expressive Art | 9th-12th graders | Fridays 4:30-6pm

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, Franconestown, 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 our center at 4 Aiken Street. Visit us online at www.grapevinenh.org, LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/ and on Instagram: @thegrapevinefrc.
News from the Hancock Congregational Church

As Spring finally arrives, we invite you to join us not only for our usual Sunday Morning Services at 9:45 am, but also for these special observances:

Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday, April 14, 2018, 9:45 am

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae, April 18, 2018, 7 pm

Many experience this as the most sacred service of the entire year. On this night, we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. Tenebrae, also known as the Service of the Shadows, refers to the falling darkness that occurred at Jesus’ crucifixion. This is represented by the gradual extinguishing of lights and candles.

Good Friday, April 19, 2018, Noon until 3 pm

The Church will be open for those who wish to drop in for prayer and quiet reflection. A handout of readings and prayers appropriate to the day will be provided.

Easter Service, Sunday, April 21, 2018, 9:45 am.

We all love colored eggs and chocolate bunnies, but the real meaning of Easter goes much deeper. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and is the most important holiday of the Christian year. We hope you will join us for a joyful celebration on Easter morning.

Submitted by Judy Copeland, Pastor

Don’t miss Fred Marple with tales from Frost Heaves

Yankee humorist Fred Marple returns to the Hancock Vestry at 7pm on Saturday, May 4th, bringing the news from the town of Frost Heaves.

"Frost Heaves is pretty darn close to Hancock," says Fred. "In fact, some people can't tell the difference."

You've seen Fred Marple on New Hampshire Chronicle, in the pages of Yankee Magazine and New Hampshire Magazine, and maybe even at the swap shop at the dump! Fred will update us on the latest happenings at the Bluebell Diner, the Frost Heaves Market, the Bait 'n Beauty salon, and all the other semi-fine establishments in town. He'll entertain us with funny songs, and lead us in singalongs. There will be prizes, surprises, and more.

It's an evening of laughter for the whole family, to benefit the Hancock Congregational Church. Tickets are just $15, available at frostheaves.com and at the Hancock Market and Fiddleheads. Call Kathy Anderson at 525-4909 for more information.

Recycling Center
from
the Dump Committee

Recycling in Hancock is Mandatory

Did you know that:
- the Salvation Army picks up periodically
- that anything for the Salvation Army booth needs to be bagged

If the box is full, please, do not leave contributions outside, but try another time.
Regrettably, the swap shop is no longer allowed to accept electrical items.
See Town website for updated ordinance.

Questions? please ask attendants
Submitted by Evelein Bachrach
Finally, spring seems to have arrived! And with its arrival, The Guild will be hosting Allison Kerwin again. Her visit will be just in time for spring garden planning. She has been with us before and her gardening conversations are fun, informative and full of humor. **This program is free and open to the public. Please consider joining us on Weds., April 17th at 7:30 in The Vestry.**

The Guild had taken a brief winter hibernation, but we celebrated our return and the arrival of Spring with a presentation by Brian Murphy at our March meeting. He brought several of his favorite guitars and treated us to anecdotes of how he had acquired some of them by just being in the right place at the right time. Each one had its own individual history, style, and sound which seemed to lend itself to specific genres. He was partial to his 12 string that night and admittedly, the Vestry acoustics were a perfect match. Brian said he was hooked when his Kindergarten teacher let him play the ukulele she used in class. He’s been playing ever since and was playing in his own band, The Protons, when he was TEN!

Before we took a few months off, we were busy preparing Christmas baskets for local shut-ins and delivering holiday cheer to some local folks who have relocated to nearby elderly facilities. The baskets were well-stocked with home baked goodies, small personal toiletries, candies, stationery items, and of course, a good luck clementine.

We owe a huge thank you to Corey of “Monadnock Oil and Vinegar” for graciously offering to shrink wrap each basket. This added a professional touch to the hand delivery ensuring that each basket arrived safely and securely. They were received with smiles and great thanks for the remembrances from the community.

In November, The Guild also hosted an evening with local author of *Views and Voices*, Margaret Carlson. She talked about her writing process and shared some ways that aspiring writers, “those thinking they’d like to write” writers, and even “non-writers” could jump start their creative process. She also talked about the possibility of another book based on local stories.

The Hancock Guild is always welcoming new members from Hancock and surrounding communities. If you’d like to see what we are all about, feel free to drop in at a monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 7:00 pm at the Vestry.

*Submitted by Darlene Tarr*

_Hancock Guild, President_

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Nameplate by Eleanor Amidon
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Annual Roadside Cleanup
Saturday, April 13, 2019
12:00 – 1:30

Let’s gather once again to clean up our lovely Village and roads! Please plan to meet at the Town Office at 12:00, noon. Participants will be given safety vests and trash bags and then join a group of volunteers to scour our town roads to pick up lots of trash and treasure.

Participants will then meet back at the Dump at 1:30 sharp to award

Prizes for the

Strangest, BIGGEST, and Oldest trash!

Sponsored by the Hancock Conservation Commission

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Yard Sale

Donations Needed... Spring cleaning?

We are in need of clean, sellable items to be donated to the Hancock Elementary School PTO. Books, toys, housewares, bric-a-brac... All proceeds from the sale of these items will directly benefit HES children.

Please call or text Karie @ 860.882.9315 to arrange drop off or a small pickup. Items can be dropped off between April 6th and May 3rd.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

The sale will take place Saturday, May 4th at the Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough at Kiwanis Club Spring Yard Sale.

All unsold items will be donated to the Kiwanis Club.