News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

We have hired a new Director of Public Works, Tyler Howe of Bennington. Tyler has worked for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in both Hancock and Greenfield. Most recently, he has been employed by a private excavating contractor. He is a graduate of Conval High School and is very familiar with the region as well as knowledgeable about its resources. We look forward to working with Tyler. He will begin work on June 26th and has already had a meeting to introduce him to the public works personnel. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the members of the Hiring Committee, Bill Ruoff, Chris Streeter and Mark Thompson, who conducted the initial interviews with the applicants for the position and provided the Board with their recommendations. Having an independent group provide an initial review in the hiring process is extremely helpful to the Board in offering an objective analysis of the candidates. The Hiring Committee did a terrific job in a timely manner and the Board is grateful for their assistance.

The Town is still in need of filling two positions, one is Treasurer and the other is Cemetery Sexton. Both positions involve a time commitment and we understand the hesitancy of anyone considering volunteering. Both positions include a stipend to provide some compensation for the work involved. The Town is entirely dependent on the many volunteers who staff our boards and committees. All of us are grateful for their service which is at the heart of our sense of community. Anyone interested in these positions should contact our Town Administration, Jonathon Coyne who will pass their names on to the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees.

It is now officially Summer and it looks as though the rain may lessen a bit to allow us to enjoy the many outdoor opportunities in our town. ENJOY

The Town Office is closed Thursday, July 4th

Special Tax Collector Hours:
Friday, July 5th 9:00am—4:30pm
It’s finally summer for us in the wonderful world of Hancock. We have been waiting for the warmer temperatures so we can all get out and enjoy the warmth. With this weather thoughts turn to hiking, grilling, and swimming. All great activities but also all with their own dangers. Hiking – falls, ticks and other bug bites, Grilling – burns, and Swimming – sunburn, as well as many other dangers. In this article we are going to focus on swimming and cold water. The warm air temperatures in the 70s may cause people to underestimate the dangers of the cold-water temperatures which are currently only in the 50s in the region’s smaller lakes and rivers. The cold-water temperatures can quickly cause hypothermia to anyone immersed in the water. When the water temperature is below 60 degrees, the average submerged person could lose dexterity within minutes and be unable to accomplish simple tasks. Anyone on small boats, canoes, or kayaks should plan accordingly if recreating this weekend and use extreme caution to avoid this threat. Paddle smart from the start and always wear your life jacket!

And here’s some more important Water Safety words of wisdom. We are so lucky to have the many lakes and ponds around Hancock. I’m sure many of you even know someone with a pool at home. Although this section is about children, some of the tips are for the adults, too. Never leave your child unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Put the cell phone away (you know who you are), forget about all the other things you have to do and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water. Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child’s life to another child. Teach children to always ask permission to go near water. Maintain constant supervision. If you have a pool, secure it with appropriate barriers. When using inflatable/portable pools, buckets and water activity tables remember to empty them immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children’s reach. Even these types of items can be a drowning risk.

For those of you that can’t spend time in the water you’ll probably be doing yardwork so please be careful. Lawn mowers, weed trimmers, and chainsaws can be dangerous if not used properly. It’s also time for other work around the house for those of you that have not done your spring cleaning. And for Pete’s sake, whoever he is, use good old common sense when climbing ladders. When you fall from a ladder it usually doesn’t hurt until you hit the ground. While you’re at it, check to make sure that your address numbers are still up, not faded and clearly visible from the street. When we respond to an emergency it’s good to know your address. You know where you live but we might not!

Raffle Winners for the month: $40.00 - The Welch Family, $20.00 - Francelia Clark, $10.00 - Anna Mary Wallace, Butch & Barb Latti, Helen Bickford
Town of Hancock
Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 6
(rain date Saturday, July 13)

6-9pm Ice Cream Social, hot dogs, drinks - Vestry
6-7pm Bell ringing with Bob Fogg - Meetinghouse
7pm Reading of the Declaration of Independence
7:30pm Concert by “Eyes of Age” - Bandstand
Dusk - FIREWORKS over Norway Pond

Help support the Fireworks! Please -- VOLUNTEER or DONATE!
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- All proceeds go to funding the Fireworks. -
**2019 Old Home Day Theme is**

"Our Vast Community: All the Critters of Hancock"

**Mark your calendars--August 16th, 17th, and 18th!!!**

This should be great grist for creative parade entries! We hope to see all sorts of Hancock creatures, large and small, represented in the parade!! (Humans eligible too of course!) If you'd like to be a parade judge, please let us know.

If you'd like to join the Old Home Day Committee, it is not too late. We meet Monday's at 4:30 in the Daniels room. Or if you'd like to volunteer for a smaller project, that's also possible--call Sarah --525-3300.

Seeking all Children Entrepreneurs: Do you want to join the Kids' Craft Market on Old Home Day (Sat-11:00-12:30?) Make a little pocket money for Old Home Day weekend!! Parents--would one of you like to organize this (very easy--primarily just be the contact for interested kids, and a few logistical details)? If so, be in touch! 525-3300. Or if you have an idea and want to organize something new for 2019, that would be terrific.

We are looking for someone to organize the talent show. Be in touch if you are the one! And, as always, we will need volunteers for the weekend itself--call 525-3300 to get on the list.

Thanks, in advance, to all you Critters of Hancock for helping with 2019 Old Home Day.

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**Dear Fellow Artists,**

The Old Home Days Art Exhibit will be held on Saturday, August 17th, at the Vestry, and once again we are inviting Hancock area artists and photographers to display some of their work.

Each item to be exhibited should be framed or matted, wired, suitable for hanging. Please label the back of each painting with your name, address and phone number. If it is for sale, the price should be put on the front of each painting.

There will be a $5.00 per person hanging fee to cover exhibited work which can be paid that Saturday morning. If you have questions, please call Sue Francis at 525-3313.

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**Tradesman’s Alley – Saturday August 17th**

Seeking artisan crafters and makers of handmade items for Hancock’s Tradesman’s Alley. Also welcoming farmer’s bounty. All products must be handmade or homegrown by the vendor.

Amy 603.234.6845 sulborskia@gmail.com

Angie 603.491.5956

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**Run for the Honey**

**Saturday August 17th 8:00am**

Please register early & online! The strongly preferred method to register for the 5K is to fill out the form on the webpage, save it to PDF, and email the completed form to ginger3502@myfairpoint.net. Pay on race day. Race -day check-in takes place from 7:00 to 7:45am.

The Fun Run is at 9:00am, free, and sign-in anytime after 7:30am.

https://jbdowse.com/hancock5k/

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**Hancock Historical Society**

**July News**

The Historical Society museum will be opening for the summer this month. Keep an eye out for our sign out front with the specific date.

We hope you will stop by when the museum is open – it’s a great opportunity to explore our collection and get a glimpse of Hancock’s past. Our volunteers are always happy to answer questions and help bring Hancock’s history alive for visitors of all ages.
Hancock Recreation Dept
We are excited to confirm that the Hancock Recreation Summer Program is on again for this year. We will start June 24th -28th and then resume after the July 4th holiday week from July 8th -August 2nd. We have some returning lifeguards, counselors and campers, as well as: new faces in all positions. We will be spending time at the pond, in our town library and with some community members in learning and in play. We have been working on new ideas, activities, team building games and general summer camp antics.

There is still time to sign up your campers (school ages 5-13). Applications can be obtained online or at the Hancock Town Office. Check us out online - Town of Hancock web page under the recreation committee. Please direct any questions you might have to Deb Coyne coind5@aol.com or Jen Booth at booth14@juno.com.

This year lifeguards will be on duty Monday-Friday from 10am to 5pm, beginning July 1st to August 17th. Please note that children under the age of 12 will need to be supervised by an adult. This has changed from previous years and we wanted our beachgoers to be aware of this change before the season begins. The lifeguards are not considered the supervising adult and children will be asked to refrain from using the water without proper supervision during the time the guards are on duty. Please remember that this is a town beach and resident stickers are required as proof of residency to use the beach.

Thank you,
Deb Coyne and Jen Booth, Camp Directors
Another "Tale From Home" at www.herb-gardner.com

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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

Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories is this year’s SRP theme and we have a lot of programs planned! As always, there will be raffle prizes for both children and adults – the more books you read the better your chances to win! Lots of fabulous books out right now with new ones by your favorite authors. And if you have suggestions for new purchases, just let us know!

On another note, this August it will be 50 years since Woodstock. Let that sink in for a moment. And then mark your calendars for Tuesday July 30th when Professor John Kane will present Pilgrims of Woodstock, which includes never-before-seen photographs and interviews of those who attended this seminal 1960s event.

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

Wednesdays Starting July 10th, 10am-Noon
FOUR SESSIONS: Wednesday July 10, 17, 24, and 31
The Search for Gardens and Toads: Spontaneous Writing with Martha Yates
The poet Marianne Moore said that poets create “imaginary gardens with real toads in them” which is true of all writers of fiction. In this four-session writing workshop we’ll search for gardens and toads by using the art of spontaneous writing, one of the best ways to find a path-way to our imagination, inventiveness, and originality. And it’s fun to keep your pen moving non-stop, repeating words or phrases until a new direction arises. No one is obliged to read what they have written. During a portion of each session we will read poems by others and writings that we especially love. Martha Yates is a published poet and member of the Squaw Valley Community of Writers since 1993 where she has worked with Galway Kinnell, Sharon Olds, Yusef Komunyakaa, Robert Hass and others. She has been selected for workshops with Mark Doty (Napa), Marjory Agosin (San Miquel), and Louise Gluck (UCLA). Martha is a winner of the Barbara Deming Memorial Poetry Award and the Southwest Literary Discovery Competition. We’ll need at least 4 people to run this free class so please register at the library (525-4411) by Monday July 8th.

Thursday July 11th at 7:00pm
Water Connections: What Fresh Water Means to Us and What We Mean to Water
Longtime journalist Jim Rousmaniere will discuss some of what he learned over the course of the last six years while researching his new book, Water Connections: What Fresh Water Means to Us and What We Mean to Water. His talk will touch on floods and flood control, watershed protection, hydropower, and pollutants. He’ll also describe why Hancock’s public water system is unique in the state of New Hampshire. Co-sponsored by the Hancock Town Library and the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Tuesday July 16th at 7:00pm Free-Form-Français
The popular French conversation group hosted by the Hancock Town Library meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The setting is very informal and will be open from 5:30 to 7:00. 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 trois rouillé”), will help to keep the conversations going “Venez tous!”

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Pilgrims of Woodstock with John Kane
In the summer of 1969, 400,000 people from across the country came together and redefined the music scene forever. Though the legacy and lore of Woodstock lives on in the memory of its attendees, a new generation can experience the real and unedited festival through Richard Bellak’s never-before-seen photographs and John Kane’s incredible new interviews. Pilgrims of Woodstock offers a vivid and intimate portrait of the overlooked stars of the festival: the everyday people who made Woodstock unforgettable. The photographs and interviews capture attendees’ profound personal moments across hundreds of acres of farmland, as they meditated, played music, cooked food at night, and congregated around campfires. For three days, they helped and relied on each other in peace and harmony. For most, it was a life-changing event. Now, as the 50th anniversary of the famed festival approaches, relive their experience firsthand. John Kane is an educator and artist. He is a college professor teaching media, leadership, and visual art courses. He grew up in Somerville, MA, and now resides on the seacoast of New Hampshire. By 1969, photographer Richard F. Bellak’s work was in several major publications. In August of that year, the aspiring photojournalist traveled from his home in Brooklyn, NY to the rolling Catskill Mountains on an adventure of a lifetime. For two days he aimed his lens at the Woodstock audience. The result is a beautifully atmospheric collection of images capturing the essence of what it was like to attend this life-changing event.

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From the Children’s Room
Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

A Note from Miss Jenn
Summer Reading has begun! Summer reading will work a little differently this year. Raffle tickets for our large prizes will be given out for each book you check out at the time you check out. Reading logs will be used to earn the smaller prizes and free books.

Tuesday July 2nd 2pm – 3pm Astronaut IDs and Photos
Make your very own astronaut ID and take pictures in our rocket ship. Sign up at the front desk!

Wednesday July 3rd 2-6pm
Lego Sorting (Earn a FREE bag of Legos!)
Sign up at the front desk for a 30-minute time slot. Earn a free bag of Legos for helping us sort!

Monday July 8th & 22nd 3:30pm-4:30pm
Read with Coffee
Come by the library and practice your reading with Coffee the Chihuahua! Coffee, a registered reading therapy dog, loves when kids practice their reading with him or tell him stories. Also, if you bring 3 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry, you get to choose a free stuffed animal graciously donated by Douglas Cuddle Toys!

Tuesday July 9th 2pm-3pm Intergalactic Tea Party
Back by request it’s a tea party! Join us for a space themed Tea Party. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Games and snacks will be provided. Tea will be served in real tea cups with saucers!

Wednesday July 10th 3pm Lego Space Crafts
Join us for a Lego building session to see what type of space craft you can build. Participants will be allowed to take their creations home with them! Sign up is required as supplies and space are limited. This is for library patrons under the age of 20 only, adults may assist younger participants if required.

Thursday, July 11th 10:30am
Storytime with Officer Rookie!
Join us for a special storytime with Hancock Police Chief Andy Wood and chocolate lab Officer Rookie. Officer Rookie lends support to the Hancock Police Department. Stop by to meet this friendly service dog!

Tuesday July 16th 2pm Rocket Launch
Join us as we participate in the global rocket launch. Sign up is required as supplies are limited.

Wednesday July 17th 2pm-6pm
Astronaut Training Course
Try out our Astronaut Training Course! Weather permitting it will be outside in the back field, otherwise a smaller version will be set up in the Daniels Room.

Tuesday July 23rd 7pm Animal Astronauts
Join Susie Spikol, animal advocate and Harris Center naturalist, for an evening slideshow on the history of animals in space as part of the Hancock Town Library’s summer reading program. Find out which animal was the first living creature launched into space, who Laika was, and the name of the only cat to ever go beyond the earth’s atmosphere! This program will be entertaining for elementary-aged children and older, as well as adults.

Wednesday July 24th 2pm-5pm
Escape Room (sign up for time slots required)
You are trapped on the international space station and it has malfunctioned! Can you solve all the puzzles to escape before time runs out? We have 4 time slots available for teams to test their puzzle solving skills. Sign up at the front desk. This escape room is recommended for older teens and adults as the puzzles are fairly tricky.

Thursday July 25th 10:30am Touch A Truck Storytime
The trucks are coming back to Hancock! Join us in the back lot as we explore the working trucks of Hancock from the Highway, Fire, and Police departments. Books will be read outside weather permitting.

Tuesday July 30th 2pm Galaxy in a Jar
We will be making mini galaxies in a jar. Aliens, water, glitter and glue. Mix it all together for your very own galaxy in a jar. Please sign up at the front desk as supplies are limited. This program will involve glitter, weather permitting we will be doing this craft outside!

Wednesday July 31st 3pm Teen Chef: Astronaut edition
Each team will be given an astronaut ice cream sandwich. Your mission is incorporate your astronaut food into a new earthing dessert.
Sign up is required for this event. Supply is limited.

Tuesday AUGUST 6th 2pm Constellation Craft
Join us for a fun space themed make and take craft event. All ages are welcome.

Wednesday AUGUST 7th 6pm
Finale Event featuring Wildlife Encounters (with LIVE animals!)
Join us as we celebrate all our reader’s achievements with the raffle drawing and a live animal show. This is a great program for all ages. Make sure you have all your raffle tickets in before 6pm!

Thursdays at 10:30am Family Storytime
Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement!
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Recycling is Mandatory in the Town of Hancock
Help Recycling Pay for Itself

Reminders
Please ask attendants to verify that your items are recyclable, acceptable, require a fee or are free to dispose.

All recyclable materials – glass, plastics, aluminum & tin MUST be clean: lids & caps trashed!

#1 Plastics – only clear plastic No colored or opaque items

Burn Pile: NO painted or treated wood and plywood

Paper & Cardboard
Some changes regarding paper & cardboard regulations: Help recycling pay for itself.

Into the Mixed Paper Bin:

YES
Newspapers & non glossy inserts
Mail & junk mail
Shredded non-glossy paper
Paperboard – cereal & snack boxes
Paper shopping bags
Other household paper
Toweling & tissue rolls

NO
Plastic “window” envelopes
Boxes for freezer & refrigerated foods
Wax coated paper cardboard
Tissue paper
Paper toweling & tissues
Pizza boxes, paper plates-food containers
Take home “Doggy Bags”-food containers

Into the separate bin near the Mixed Paper Bin:

Magazines, glossy flyers, advertising & catalogs. This helps the Recycling Ctr. pay for itself.

All changes help keep the town in compliance with current recycling regulations and keep the operating costs down. While recycling IS mandatory the town does not yet charge residents for the service.

Please help us remain in compliance and keep costs down.

From the Dump Committee
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

June 22 – July 31

When Oil and Water Mix

Artwork by Marilyn (Mer) Wyzga and Kin Schilling

Paper and canvas, oil paints and watercolors — their mediums may not blend, but Kin and Mer can mix it up. And when oil and water do mix, you get an art show!

These two Hancock friends first met over a school garden. Since then, they’ve built a water temple yurt, paddled in kayaks, chased after chickens, walked sheep, laughed, cooked up good food ..., and painted. Where they live and what they do informs their art. “Painting makes you slow down, really look and see,” says Mer. “Then you turn around and see the world with different eyes.” Kin agrees, “I’m always aware of the light on the mountain or the apple orchard in the morning, that can be so different on different days.”

Kin and Mer have applied their distinct styles to similar subjects: mountains, animals, water, leaves, light. While each works in multiple mediums, this show will feature Mer’s fluid, bright watercolors and Kin’s charming and evocative oils. Those will be on display with some new pieces (and a few surprises).

The exhibit 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. Call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.

AUGUST

There will be no exhibit for month of August as the Library will be hosting the very big annual book sale!

COMING SEPTEMBER 7

Julie Gargan of Birch Tree Studio, Harrisville
News from the Depot

PLEASE NOTE: This month, we'll hold the Depot Cabaret on FRIDAY night, July 5th, rather than Saturday. (The Hancock Independence Day fireworks event is on Saturday.)

This month, we are honored to be featuring FOUR super-talented, seasoned singer-songwriters:

- **KIRSTEN MANVILLE.** An accessible singer/songwriter with a strong, supple voice, Kirsten's music is honest and heartfelt, whether she's telling a story, delving into an emotion, or capturing a moment in time. With a relaxed stage presence and ready smile, Kirsten invites her audience to share her love of music and songwriting. Kirsten performs as a solo act, and as one half of the duo Kirsten & Dave. She is also an accomplished flutist and loves to accompany other musicians, both on flute and harmonies.

  Kirsten's songs have received radio airplay on a number stations both in the United States and overseas, including WUMB and KZUM. Her song “A Simple Life” spent time in the Top 30 charts (peaking at number 11) of The Globe Radio, an Adult Album Alternative format internet radio station, and her song “Play My Guitar” has been in the Top 20 songs on WOSRadio. In July 2013 she was a finalist in the songwriting competition at the Ossipee Valley Music Festival, and in February 2016 she was a winner in the Maine Songwriters Whittlesey Barn Songwriting/Performance Contest. Kirsten performs regularly in the northeast, and has had the honor of opening for well-known folk artists Don White and Joe Jencks.

  Learn more about Kirsten here: http://www.kirstenmanville.com/index.htm

- **JANE ROSS FALLON.** Currently living in New Hampshire, Jane was born in California, she spent her formative years on the West Coast. As a member of a large musical family, she began singing and writing songs at an early age. Raised on Traditional country, Appalachian Folk, and Gospel, and trained in classical and jazz, Jane has sung everything from Barbara Allen to Ain't Misbehavin' and La Boheme and back again. Her own songs cover a wide variety of topics with a contemporary flair that incorporates those influences of pop, folk, swing, and country. Her literary background and ear for the music of words leaves her music tight and well-constructed.

  With a repertoire straight from the vaults of Americana, jazz, and blues, Liza’s singing evokes the sounds of Diana Krall, Billie Holiday, and Patsy Cline, all bold and sensitive singers.

  We'll only have a handful of open mic spots at this event, so if you want to sign up please come early!

- **JUSTIN TAYLOR LANG.** Hailing from Antrim, Justin has been playing keyboards and writing songs for more than/nearly two decades. With a strong tenor/baritone voice and keyboard chops to match, his songs reach deep to touch the soul and tug at the heart.

  A 2006 graduate of Conval, Justin has performed throughout New Hampshire and appeared on several radio programs, including Portsmouth 106.1 and New Orleans 105.4 NOL. At the Cabaret, he will perform songs from his debut recording, 21, as well as his sophomore release, Into the Wild, which is due out later this summer/this fall.

  Check out some of Justin's recordings here: https://soundcloud.com/justin-taylor-lang

- **LIZA HOWE CONSTABLE.** Liza performs songs to break and mend your heart, sung soulfully and played with sweet rhythm and completeness that years of musical love brings.

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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 old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

All shows begin at 8:00; doors open at 7:30 if you want to sign up to play at one of several open mic spots. In addition to the music, visitors will enjoy snacks, veggies, and drinks (BYOB!).

Like us on Facebook and receive automatic notifications about upcoming shows: www.facebook.com/hancockdepotcabaret

UPCOMING FEATURE ACTS

--> August 3: The Jenni Lynn Duo

--> August 17: The Rusted Bucket Band & Eyes of Age

--> September 7: Hanstock ... more to come ...

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.
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.

July 10 (Wed)  First Session of ESI Course: Natural Mind, Body, and Spirit Wellness
Wednesdays, July 10, 17, and 24  •  10 a.m. to noon at the Harris Center and local field sites
$45 for Harris Center supporters / $65 for all others
Recharge your spirit and reconnect with nature through practices such as Shinrin-yoku (forest bathing), outdoor yoga, deep-breath singing, and moving meditation. Susie Spikol, Marilyn Wyzga, and other special guests will be your guides for these restorative mornings, which will bring you to local trails, meadows, waterfalls, and even a secluded hilltop cabin. Treat yourself this summer to this deep experience in nature! Space is limited, and registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org. Susie Spikol is a long-time naturalist for the Harris Center. Marilyn Wyzga is an environmental educator and certified yoga instructor. They’ve both been forest bathing since before they could walk.

July 11 (Thu)  Water Connections: What Fresh Water Means to Us and What We Mean to Water
Longtime journalist Jim Roussaniere will discuss some of what he learned over the course of the last six years while researching his new book, Water Connections: What Fresh Water Means to Us and What We Mean to Water. His talk will touch on floods and flood control, watershed protection, hydropower, and pollutants. He’ll also describe why Hancock’s public water system is unique in the state of New Hampshire. 7 to 8 pm at the Hancock Town Library, (Co-sponsor). For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org. 

July 12 (Fri)  Easygoing Hike to Wilson’s Tavern
Join Rich Taylor and Lee Baker for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile roundtrip hike from Bailey Brook Road in Nelson to the historic site of Wilson’s Tavern (now a cellar hole) in Stoddard. We’ll be hiking on trails with a modest elevation gain of approximately 150 feet. Bring water, lunch, and bug spray, and meet at 10 am at the intersection of Routes 9 and 123 South in Stoddard. Back by 3pm. For more info, contact Rich at (603) 827-4105, kayaks100@msn.com, or Lee at 525-5262 or snowman3137@gmail.com.

July 14 (Sun)  Family Program: Frogs by Flashlight
Sunday, July 14  •  8 to 9pm at Merrill’s Pond  •  Free
Ever wonder who’s who in the summer frog serenade? Join us to discover what sounds are frogs, what sounds are not, and why frogs sing anyway. Pull on your rubber boots and bring your flashlight; we’re sure to have a croaking good time! Meet at Merrill’s Pond on Jaquith Road in Hancock, 0.2 miles east of the junction of Old Dublin and Jaquith Roads. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394, spikol@harriscenter.org.

July 20 (Sat)  Wildlife Photography Workshop
Join Frank Gorga and Eric Masterson for an afternoon of wildlife photography. We’ll begin indoors with a presentation on approaches to wildlife photography, focusing on birds and the larger insects (dragonflies, damselflies, and butterflies). Most of the afternoon will be spent outdoors, taking photographs in the Harris Center field and around the bird feeder. 1 to 5pm at the Harris Center. Rain date: July 27. Bring your camera, water, and bug spray, and wear comfortable shoes. For more info, contact Frank at (603) 588-2569, fgorga@gmail.com, or Eric at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

July 22 (Mon)  First Session of ESI Course: Drawing with the Birds Mondays, July 22, 29, and August 5  •  10 to 11:30am at the Harris Center
$40 for Harris Center supporters / $60 for all others
In this course, fine artist Lauryn Welch will introduce you to techniques for drawing our avian neighbors, from quick gestural drawings of songbirds at the bird feeder to detailed observational studies of preserved birds from the Harris Center’s extensive taxidermy collection. Students will learn drawing basics like composition, anatomy, and drawing from life in pencil, pastel, and marker. We’ll also learn about bird behavior, coloration, and habitats. Some materials provided, but bring your own sketchbook! Lauryn Welch is a longtime artist and resident of the Monadnock Region. She studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design, and received her BFA from SUNY Purchase College in 2013. Her work as an artist and teacher has been featured in publications such as Art New England, The New York Times, and New American Paintings, as well as in exhibitions across the Northeast. Space is limited, and registration is required. For more info, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

July 23 (Tue)  Space Animals
Join Susie Spikol, animal advocate and Harris Center naturalist, for an evening slideshow on the history of animals in space as part of the Hancock Town Library’s summer reading program. Find out which animal was the first living creature launched into space, who Laika was, and the name of the only cat to ever go beyond the earth’s atmosphere! This program will be entertaining for elementary-aged children and older, as well as adults. 7 to 8pm at the Hancock Town Library (Co-sponsor) For more info, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

July 24 (Wed)  Norway Pond Series: Pond Life Exploration
Come explore the edges of Norway Pond with Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol! Using long-handled dip nets, kitchen strainers, and buckets, we’ll search for dragonfly nymphs, whirli-gig beetles, and caddisfly larvae. We may even hum to a snail, hold a frog, or find a stinkpot turtle. Great fun for families. Meet at 4pm at the Norway Pond beach. Done by 5pm. Co-sponsored with the Norway Pond Commission. For more info, contact Susie 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.
School is out, warmer weather has arrived, and Summer is finally here. The Guild had a busy Spring hosting a return visit with Allison Kerwin. She is a delightful local master gardener that never fails to entertain as well as inform on a variety of gardening topics. Her casual question and answer style of presentation ensured that guests were comfortable and informed on the topics they were most interested in. She opened with a challenge to “Stump the Gardener”. She happily answered questions on a variety of garden topics, not once getting “stumped”. It was a wonderful way to welcome spring.

The Guild also held a successful Spring/Summer clothing sale at the beginning of June. The proceeds of this and our Fall/Winter clothing sale go toward our Scholarship Fund for Hancock’s graduating high school seniors. This year we were able to award five students scholarships toward their continuing education. We congratulate Rachel Cass, Evan Coyne, Isabelle Laskey-Rigrod, Daisy Young, and Clare Veverka on their accomplishments. They are quite an impressive group of graduates!

We also held our annual year end banquet at DelRossi’s Trattoria in Dublin. An evening of lively conversation, catching up with old friends, topped off with an outstanding meal is not a bad way to wrap up another successful year. Of course we still have a few things left to accomplish.

If you or someone you know is a crafter looking for a venue to sell your creations, keep us in mind. The Guild Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, November 2nd and we are always open to new crafters. If interested, please mail hancockguild@gmail.com.

Our last event before heading off for a much deserved summer hiatus will be our annual Ice Cream Social. This year the event will be held Saturday, July 6th, from 6 pm- 9 pm. Come for a delicious ice cream sundaes “made to order” with scrumptious toppings of chocolate, strawberries, whipped cream, rainbow jimmies, and of course it wouldn’t be complete without a cherry on top. All for only $5.00 a bowl! Find a spot outside to enjoy your treat, visit with friends, listen to some music, and stay for a wonderful fireworks display over Norway Pond. What better way to start the summer?

Submitted by Darlene Tarr, President
Grapevine Summer Hours:
The Grapevine office will be closed June 17th - July 5th
Office will re-open July 8th - August 23rd; Monday –
Wednesday from 9am – 12pm or by appointment

Grapevine Community Tool Lending Shed -Come
borrow tools and light equipment throughout the season!
Tool pickup is by appointment. We are also accepting
donations of your gently used items. For borrowing or
donation, please email: toolshed@grapevinenh.org.

Avenue A Teen & Community Center
Our Summer Program Schedule includes something for
everyone! Email us at avenuea@grapevinenh.org to
register! For the full summer schedule, visit Avenue A’s
Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/
AvenueATeenCenter/. Here’s what’s in store:
Tuesdays:
Try It Tuesdays | Grades 6-12 | 1:30-3:30pm
Writers' Society | Grades 7-8 | 4-5:30pm
Writing Club | Grades 9-12 | 6-8pm
Wednesdays:
The Idea Incubator | Grades 9-12 | 1-3pm
Dinner Club | Grades 7-12 | 4-6:30pm
Pick Up Basketball | Guys in Grades 8-12 | 7:30-8:30pm
Thursdays:
Woodworking Crew | Grades 9-12 | 3:30-5:30pm
You: The Filmmaker | Grades 9-12 | 6-8pm
Fridays:
Yoga | Ages 12-18 | 3-4pm
Expressive Art | Grades 9-12 | 4:30-6pm
Open Hours | Ages 13-18 | 6:30-9pm
Saturdays:
Community Open Mic|3rd Saturday of each month|6:30-9pm

Want to get involved? We are always looking for help!
We need help with the following:
Become a Community Tool Lending Shed volunteer!
Help us loan and organize tools and equipment; become
involved and home maintenance and teaching projects.
Email toolshed@grapevinenh.org to learn more.
Maintain our veggie and flower gardens over the summer
Clean and reorganize our wood bank area and restack
what’s left to get ready for next season.

We welcome summer donations of firewood – preferably
split and ready to be stacked! Please contact us prior to
dropping wood donations.

Other Programs and Services Available at The Grape-
vine…

Home Visiting Supports
Information and supported referral for resources to
meet basic needs such as housing, home heating
and food
Community Wood Bank
Child and family counseling through RiverBend
Community Mental Health
Tax preparation and financial planning
Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support Group

The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind
the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock,
Bennington, Franconia, 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

Welcome Mackenzie Nichols, Home Visitor and Community
Resources Coordinator

We are excited to announce the addition of Mac-
kenzie Nichols to our staff team. Mackenzie joined
us this spring, in partnership with The River Center
in Peterborough. As leading members of the Mo-
adnock Home Visiting Alliance (supported by
Impact Monadnock and Monadnock United Way) The Grapevine
and The River Center provide home visiting supports to area
families. In our work together, we saw an opportunity to jointly
hire a highly qualified individual; this has resulted in increased
communication and collaboration in support of families in the
region.

In her role at the Grapevine, Mackenzie will provide home
visiting supports to families and help to grow this program by
increasing our outreach efforts and sources of referrals. She will
also lead our Information and Referral services to connect
individuals and families with the supports they need. Mackenzie
brings an impressive background in nursing, lactation expertise
and patient care at Monadnock Birthing Center and Monadnock
OBGYN. She was born and raised in Peterborough, is a graduate
of Conval High School and together with her husband is parent
to two young children.

Welcome, Mackenzie!
July at the Peterborough Players Brings Large Cast Comedy, Big Musical, and Unconventional Love Story

With June behind us, the summer season at the Peterborough Players is in full swing. The month of July begins with the witty and unconventional love story *Gertrude Stein and a Companion*, by Win Wells, which runs from July 3-14. The play explores the 40-year relationship between Stein, an avant-garde novelist, poet, playwright and art collector, and her partner, editor and muse, Alice B. Toklas — whose recipe for hashish brownies in her 1952 cookbook, Thornton Wilder called “the publicity stunt of the year.” Broadway veterans and Players’ favorites Becky London and Dale Hodges star.

The third show of the season is a hysterical semi-autobiographical comedy that captures Midwestern eccentricity to hilarious effect. *Morning’s at Seven* by Paul Obsorn follows the four highly strung Gibbs sisters, who have lived next door to each other most of their lives. What will they do when the only child produced between them (40-year-old Homer) finally brings home the woman he’s been courting for 11 years? With idiosyncrasies on full display, the family navigates the visit and each other. Audiences will recognize company members Tom Frey, Ken Sheldon, Kathy Manfre, Lisa Bostnar, Kraig Swartz and more. On stage July 17-28th.

One of the most charming musicals ever written, *She Loves Me* is the big book musical of the season; a heart-stopping comedy about finding love in a very old-fashioned way. Georg and Amalia, sparring co-workers in a 1930s Budapest perfume shop, simply can’t see eye to eye. But using the “lonely hearts advertisements” in the newspaper, each of them has found and fallen for the perfect secret admirer. Inspired by the same source material as *The Shop Around the Corner* starring James Stewart and *In the Good Old Summertime* starring Judy Garland, and written by the team behind *Fiddler on the Roof* (Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock) and the book writer for *Cabaret* (Joe Masteroff), *She Loves Me* is certain to make anyone fall in love. The show runs July 31st-August 11th.

Of course, our Second Company show *How I Became a Pirate* continues through July 20th and delivers swashbuckling, dancing, singing fun for all ages. All ticket options are available, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (603) 924-7585 or visiting www.peterboroughplayers.org. See you at the theatre!
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm and Friday, July 5th 9:00am-4:30pm

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

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

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 1:00pm; Fourth Monday at 7:00 pm, Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

Planning Board
On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes.
On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board.
Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office

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

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

Hancock Library Trustees – 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm 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 – 1st Wednesday of the month 10:00am, 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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HANCOCK
2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 11    SU’AL    A Blend of Celtic & Old Timey Music
Sponsored by: Deb & John Hayes (in memory of Steve Jones)

July 18    39th ARMY NATIONAL GUARD JAZZ BAND

July 25    EASY STREET    Cajun to Swing & Everything In Between
Sponsored by: Josie & Richard Warner and Bellows-Nichols Insurance

August 1   THE KINGSNAKES    Cool Tunes from the 20s & 30s
Sponsored by: Mollie Miller and Ronald Perkins

August 8   OFF THE CUFF     Acoustic Blues, Swing, Folk, & Rock
Sponsored by: Harv & Doreen Ames

August 15  SKIP PHILBRICK BLUES BAND    Blues
Sponsored by: Fiddleheads Café and Win & Vici Robinson

Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations!

Concerts 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM on the Common
IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, CONCERTS MAY BE HELD IN THE MEETINGHOUSE.
CONCERTS ARE FUNDED BY DONATION AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.