News from the Selectboard
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

Town Meeting will soon be upon us and the voters as the Legislative Body of the Town will decide whether to approve the Articles as put forth in the Warrant. The Article for the replacement of the ten-wheel dump truck is an unusual step for the Town. The lease of the truck was approved at the 2018 Town Meeting. It was proposed as a more efficient way to deal with both snow storms and hauling duties. The intent was to be able to do the most distant plow run without having to return to the Town Garage to refill with sand. Our gravel roads are narrow. The truck with the plows mounted is both considerably longer and wider than can be easily used on these roads. It is very difficult to maneuver on the narrow roads and must travel at a slower speed to avoid damage to the plows from rocks or trees. The time required for the plow run is longer than was previously necessary even with having to refill the sand on a smaller truck. The ten-wheeler is simply not suitable for our roads. When it meets another vehicle coming in the opposite direction, that vehicle has to back up to the nearest driveway or intersection. The Warrant Article proposes to sell the ten-wheeler and lease two smaller trucks which would be the size of our current Dodge dump truck. The Town has contacted the leasing company and they are willing to work with us on the change. There will be no additional funds needed to be raised. The value of the ten-wheeler is slightly more than the two smaller trucks. If the Town is to make this change, it is best to do it at this time since the ten-wheeler has low mileage.

The proposed operating budget for the Town is up by $114,446.00. This figure includes an increase in new debt service of $97,701.00 and an increase of $44,602.00 in paving. The increase in debt service is due to the new fire truck, backhoe, and repairs to Duncan Road. The increase in the paving budget is to allow the Town to catch up on necessary preventive maintenance. The Selectboard has tried to keep any increases to a minimum to accommodate these increases.

This is my last Selectboard Report for Happenings. It has been an excellent way to communicate with the citizens of Hancock. I have mostly enjoyed writing the reports although there have been times when my reaction was: “Is it another month already?” The years I have served as a Selectman have been a very gratifying experience. I would like to thank the citizens of the Town for their support. The Town is in good hands and I have enjoyed working with the many people responsible.

Please see page 3 for important information from the Town regarding the Election and Road Postings
HANCOCK HAPPENINGS

March 2020

Hancock Fire & Rescue
Tom Bates, Chief, Hancock Fire Department

Many times, in past articles we have talked about the importance of smoke detectors and how after 10 years they should be replaced. Thanks to the many townsmen that have done this. In January we had a fire call for a smoke detector activation. When we arrived on scene we found the alarm was coming from a dumpster. No fire. Someone had replaced their old smoke detector and discarded it in the trash. After a little “dumpster diving” we found the culprit. The well-meaning citizen forgot to take the battery out of the detector, and it was going off in the dumpster. Funny story to us at the time. And then, just a few weeks ago, the same thing happened at the transfer station. A smoke detector alarm was coming from the compactor area. The town employees shut down the compactor and went looking for the detector. One of our firefighters on scene did find the old detector and took out the battery. No more noise. Of course, we want everyone to be safe and have up to date detectors in their home. We just ask that when you discard your old detectors please take the battery out.

Speaking of the trash compactor at the transfer station, perhaps we should have left that smoke detector there. You may have noticed the fire trucks and firefighters on the scene with the compactor pulled away from the building. The fire department was dispatched for a dumpster fire next to a building and upon arrival we found smoke coming from the compactor. Someone had cleaned out the ashes from their fireplace. I’m sure they felt cold but after they were placed in the trash bag which was then thrown away at the dump the ashes combusted and started a fire. I have been to many fires where the homeowner thought the ashes were cold, placed them in a plastic pail, set them on the deck, and suddenly we have a deck / house fire. Before disposing of your fireplace or wood stove ashes make sure they are dead. Put them in a metal bucket and put some water on them. Or better yet, throw them in a snow pile. Ashes can reignite 2 – 3 weeks after removal.

Please remember this important tidbit of information. If you have any kind of emergency please call 9-1-1. Even if you think it is just a “little” emergency call 9-1-1. Because we are a volunteer department we do not have someone on duty day or night. All of us work a regular job and are fire and EMS personnel the remaining hours in the day. Don’t leave a message on the fire station answering machine or any members home answering machine. We probably won’t get the message for a few hours. Or we might be out of town and not get the message for a few days. I have heard the same comments many times: “But I didn’t want to bother anyone”. Believe me when I say your emergency is not a bother. It is our choice to respond because it gives us a good feeling about helping and saving people. The mission of your fire department is to bring calm to chaos, and I think we do it quite well.

A few weeks ago, HFD responded to a medical emergency on Bald Mountain. This was a long, drawn out response. Fortunately, the victim was OK but needed to be placed in a stokes stretcher and carried through the smoke, snow, and rough terrain. I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the responders that dropped everything and assisted. This was not an easy hike in or carry out, and everyone was cold and tired when the call was finished. We were there because we care. These responses do not just involve the Fire Department. Our gratitude goes out to the Hancock Police Department and the Hancock Highway Department as well as the Mutual Aid Departments that assisted. I hope everyone in Hancock realizes how fortunate we are to have such a great working relationship amongst our departments.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 – Linda Coughlan
$20.00 – David Wliusz
$10.00 – Judy Copland, Robert Sharpe, Roger Larence

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From the Town Clerk’s Office

Our Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10th from 8:00am until 7:00pm in the Caverly Meeting Room on the lower level of the Town Hall to elect town officers. Town Meeting will be Saturday, March 14th at 9:00am in the lower level of the Meeting House to review and vote on the budget and other Warrant Articles. You can find a copy of both on our website, hancocknh.org

Also, don’t forget to register your dogs! In NH, all dogs must be registered before April 30th each year.

Carolyn and Alisha

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THE DIRT

Did you know that the highway department schedules most annual and semi-annual routine maintenance using a quadrant system? The town is divided into four geographical quadrants and maintenance work is finished in each quadrant before moving on to the next. This system has proved to be more efficient in terms of labor and the transporting of materials so the quad system not only saves the town money but it also saves mileage on our vehicles. So the next time you feel your section of town is being ignored, just be patient and remember that the maintenance in your quadrant will be completed soon.

ROAD POSTING

With the recent warmer weather leading to muddier roads than is usual at this time of year, the Select Board approved the early posting of Hancock’s roads. Starting February 24th, a 6 ton weight restriction for all town roads is in effect. If you have a situation that requires a vehicle over the 6 ton limit to use a town road, you can obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Works (525-4087 or hwydept@hancocknh.org). Waivers are granted on a case by case basis and are dependent on overnight temperatures.

Submitted by Tyler Howe and DPW
Hancock Historical Society
News and Upcoming Events

Please join us for Sustainability: An American Literary History, an event held at and cosponsored with the Hancock Town Library on Thursday March 26 at 7pm.

What is sustainability? And how has American literature shaped our understanding of this concept, in ways both surprising and disturbing? This interactive program begins with a discussion of current ideas about sustainability before going back in time to examine Thomas Jefferson's vision of American agricultural abundance. Throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, writers such as Walt Whitman and Charlotte Perkins Gilman drew on Jefferson's agrarian vision to respond to sustainability crises of their time. But they depicted selective breeding and racial "improvement" as the solution to population crises and the path to agricultural plenty. This program, led by Professor Abby L. Goode of Plymouth State University, will explore this and discuss what new or different versions of sustainability might be more useful in our current moment. It is offered through NH Humanities.

Hancock Elementary School Update
Amy Janoch, Principal

We have had a couple of busy months at Hancock Elementary School.
In January, the children enjoyed the New Hampshire Dance Institute Residency. Students danced to songs such as The Road Less Traveled and Rockin’ On Top of the World. All of the songs encouraged children to “Reach Their Peak!” In addition to dancing, HES students were cooking in January.

Students worked with parents and me to prepare a meal for the January Hancock Community Supper. Third and fourth graders used their reading and math skills to prepare chili while first and second graders did the same to prepare corn bread. Kindergarten students assisted with salad preparation by ripping lettuce. The evening of the supper, fourth graders welcomed residents while serving dinner. We love this event because it is an opportunity for us to give back to a community that does so much for us!!!

On Valentine’s Day, the children participated in a social emotional learning day. They worked together and supported one another in multiaged groups as they completed activities celebrating their individuality. Children took great care to write letters reminding themselves what makes them special. Students also painted self-portraits, practiced yoga and created calming jars and “pieces of my heart” posters.

We have many more activities scheduled for the month of March.

Hancock PTO is hosting the Winter Frolic on Sunday March 9th from 11am – 3pm. See Winter Frolic Flyers at the market or Fiddleheads for more information.

Hancock Elementary School will host a Circus Residency the week of March 9th. Children will build confidence and coordination as Troy Wunderle teaches them to juggle, clown, and balance objects. On Friday at 11:30am, students will showcase their new skills.

On Wednesday, March 18th, Hancock Elementary School will host a math night. Adults will spend an evening learning about our math curriculum, Eureka. Teachers will share the instructional priority for the grade level and teach parents strategies for supporting their children at home. Childcare and dinner will be provided at this event.

In between these fun activities, we continue to have our celebration of students’ learning at assemblies and biweekly adventure recesses. Please join us for any or all of these events.

If you are interested in volunteering at HES or helping out with one of these events, please contact Lindsay Carter at lcarter@conval.edu or call the HES office 525-3303.
Hancock’s Winter Frolic
Sunday, March 8th*
@ 11:00

- Cardboard box sled races @ Norway Pond sledding hill starting at 11:00
- Chili, Mac & Cheese and cornbread for sale after the race
- Bonfire & S’mores on the beach
- Pond or street hockey (Depending on the condition of ice)
- Nature scavenger hunt around Norway Pond

*Sunday, March 15th in case of no snow

Sled race rules:
Sleds should be constructed only of cardboard, tape and glue.
Any type of material may be used to decorate the sleds.

Awards:
6 & under, 7+, parents run and most creative.

Sponsored by the Hancock Elementary PTO
Contact hesnhpto@gmail.com for more information

Cait Murphy MS LCMHC
Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Hancock Professional Center
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Hancock, NH 03449
603-831-1686 www.cdliving.com
The re will be no Community Supper in March.

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

Some people must really love the holidays. They have their Christmas decorations up already!

To place an ad, email is the best way happenings@hancocknh.org or call 603.903.0190

Spring Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice at HCS is offering a volunteer training program for those who are interested in becoming volunteers. The training will begin on April 2nd from 1:30 to 4:30pm and continues Thursday afternoons through May 14th. Training will be held at the agency’s Keene office at 312 Marlboro Street.

Volunteers are members of the hospice care team, providing support to the patient and to family members. After completing the training, volunteers assist hospice patients with interests such as writing letters, reading, playing board games, scrap booking, or may accompany a patient to a community event or to visit friends; volunteers also provide respite to family members. Hospice volunteers are especially needed during the day, but scheduling can be very flexible and worked around employment and travel commitments.

The training program is offered free of charge, but class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. To register, contact Lorraine Bishop, Hospice at HCS Volunteer Coordinator at lbishop@HCSservices.org or 603.352.2253.

Hospice at HCS is a not-for-profit hospice with offices in Peterborough, Charlestown, and Keene. Care is provided wherever a person calls home – their own home, or in an assisted living facility or nursing home.

Make a Dinosaur Egg

The Hancock Congregational Church and the Hancock Library are co-sponsoring a Make a Dinosaur Egg event for children on Tuesday, March 24th, 3:30-4:30 at the Hancock Vestry. We’ll create the eggs then, with a baby dinosaur nestled inside, but they will need to go home to incubate for a few days, and dry to be solid, before they can be hatched. Please pre register so we have enough supplies! We’ll be having a make your-own-hat (Fascinator or Tricorner) and Tea Party on April 21st!

Register at the library 525-4411 or with Kathy Anderson 525-4909 or hancock.andersons@gmail.com
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

It’s March and you know what that means, right? Get your thinking caps on and go round up some shoeboxes because it’s time to submit your Literarly Peep Diorama for 2020!! Think of a book you enjoy and then create a scene from that book using marshmallow peeps. Favorites from the past include A Tale of Two Peeps, Beopeep, and Le Petit Peep! We’ll collect dioramas through the first week of April. During the second week in April please stop by to vote for the Peeple’s Choice in the adult and children’s divisions. Call us at 525-4411 with any questions. Get your Peep on!

Yoga at the HTL (there is a fee for these classes)
Mondays 9:00-10:30am with Chris Justice
Fridays 9:00-10:30am with Betsy DiPrima

Monday March 2nd at 6:00pm
Cookbook Book Club
The Hancookers meet the first Monday of the month. This month’s challenge is to cook a dish from Greece. Space is limited so please call the library to see if there is room this month. 525-4411.

Tuesdays at 1:00pm – 3:00pm Mah Jongg
Join us as we learn and play Mah Jongg on Tuesdays afternoons. Newcomers welcome but do let us know if you’ll be joining us so that we make sure we have a teacher on hand!

Thursday March 5th at 7:00pm Antarctica!
Antarctica, a trip of a lifetime and one that will change your life! Join Mary Seebart and Emily Wrubel as they share about their travels to Punta Arenas in Chile, the Falkland Islands, on to the Antarctic Peninsula and across the Antarctic Circle. Hear about trip planning, life aboard ship, surreal scenery, amazing wildlife, and challenges our largest continent is facing. Watch the fantastic photography presentation with oboe accompaniment done by Emily. Then start planning your own adventure!

Wednesday March 11th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grown-ups!
Got a touch of cabin fever? Keep those blues at bay with your word wisdom, trivia wit or scoring strategy. Relax, have fun, meet up with friends and neighbors over 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 drink to share if you like. Every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm.

Thursday March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th at 7pm
New Hollywood Film Fest with Jim Frame
Network
New Hollywood refers to a movement from the mid-1960s to the late 1970s when a new generation of young filmmakers came to prominence in American cinema. Their work was thematically complex, formally innovative, morally ambiguous, anti-establishment, and rich in mythic resonance. They spoke for a generation disillusioned by the Vietnam War, disenchanted by the ruling elite and less willing to conform than their parents. Although these films were mostly financed by the major studios, they introduced subject matter and a new stylistic approach that set them apart from studio traditions. Influenced by the revolutionary new waves of cinema coming out of Europe, New Hollywood filmmakers re-worked and re-imagined classic Hollywood genres. By doing so they presented a more critical view of America, past and present, and produced a body of work now considered to be a golden age in American cinema. Our first film is Network, a 1976 American satirical drama film written by Paddy Chayefsky and directed by Sidney Lumet, about a fictional television network, UBS, and its struggle with poor ratings. The film seemed to prophesy the next forty years of sensationalist television programming and increasingly subjective broadcast news. With startling accuracy and cultural outrage, Chayefsky looks inside a television network and, through his biting narrative, guts the format and those involved forevermore. And while television seems to be his main target, Chayefsky’s commentary extends to all of American culture. The film stars Faye Dunaway, William Holden, Peter Finch, and Robert Duvall. Jim Frame will lead a brief discussion after the movie (though no obligation to stay for the discussion – an optional bonus to the evening!). Jim is retired from a career in advertising as Director of TV Production at Deutsch Advertising in New York. He’s been a movie buff since the ripe old age of 4 when he saw his first movie, The Time Machine, in 1960. Free popcorn!

Saturdays Beginning March 21st 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. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and shoes with flat soles (ie, sneakers). Howard has been studying Tai Chi Chuan since 2006 with inspiration from one of our Hancock residents, Andrew Shier. Currently, Howard teaches at the Bond Wellness Center in Peterborough. He is a member of the Tai Chi Health Community and certified by the Tai Chi Health Institute to offer both Yang and Sun styles. To register or more info, please call: (603) 933-1463. *There is a $50 fee for 6 weeks of classes, a portion of which goes to the library.
Tuesday March 17th 5:30-7:00pm Free-Form-Français
“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 hosts 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-a-Parler,” the sessions are 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 March 18th at 7:00pm
Ladies Light Home Repair with MimiLou
The first in a series of home repair workshops led by MaryLou Cassidy. For her first home repair demonstration she will show you how easy it is to repair or replace the screening of a window or door. MaryLou Cassidy was raised in an old Yankee family full of carpenters whose philosophy on repair was to roll up your sleeves and get busy: "It's not going to fix itself.” She is also married to a man who is very handy and they have enjoyed working on and restoring many homes. MaryLou is a nurse practitioner living in Hancock and has been fixing screens since her children could push on them.

Thursday March 19th at 12:30pm
Books Sandwiched In Book Group
Join us as we discuss Robert Penn Warren’s All the King’s Men. Books are available at the front desk so stop by to pick up a copy and join us on the 19th!

Thursday March 19th at 7:00pm
A Family in War and a Secret Revealed
Historian/Artist Paul Merrill presents a lecture/performance, “A Family in War, and a Secret Revealed”, about an incident in WWII. This will be the first public performance of this multi-media event with an opportunity for an audience talk-back at the end. Paul Merrill’s family has had a home in Hancock since 1957. He is co-director of NVCBoston, also a performer of Playback at True Story Theater, and was the former lead-singer of the rock band, Joan.

Saturday March 21st 1:00-4:00pm
Tiny Books Workshop with Connie Gray
Long-time Hancock artist Connie Gray will lead a workshop on making small or tiny books with Polymer clay and paper. Participants will make their own colorful creations (with words or without), unique pieces of artwork of folded paper and Polymer covers, in this 3 hour class. Participants will be encouraged to fill their own pages (bring a pen or pencil). The program is meant for adults and teens. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required as class size is limited. Please stop by or call the library at 525-4411 to register for this fun workshop!

Tuesday March 24th at 7:00pm
In the Footsteps of the Madonna ~ Hiking the Jesus Trail & Beyond    Art, Artifacts & Adventure
Join Mary Sawich on her pilgrimage through Israel on the Jesus Trail. Her travels took her from Nazareth to Capernaum, at the Sea of Galilee. Mary will share her experience hiking through these holy sites as well as some of her artistic creations inspired by the trail. Mary Sawich has lived all over the world and now resides in Hancock.

Thursday March 26th at 7:00pm
Sustainability: An American Literary History
What is sustainability? And how has American literature shaped our understanding of this concept, in ways both surprising and disturbing? Co-sponsored with the Hancock Historical Society. See their entry on page 14 for a more complete description of this program.

Saturday March 28th 1:00-3:00
3rd Saturday Crafternoon—Felting with Melody Russell
This class is currently full but feel free to sign up for the waiting list. Call (525-4411) or stop by to register. There are often cancellations and if so, we’ll give you a call!

From the Children’s Room
Karen Dunham, Children’s Librarian

Tuesday March 3rd 3:30-4:30pm Lego Club
Join us for our regular free build session. Build your own creation and then put it out on display for everyone to see.

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

Monday March 9th and 23rd 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 March 18th 3:30-4:30pm
Get ready for spring and paint and decorate a small flower pot!
Add some soil and flower seeds-take it home and watch it grow! All supplies will be provided. For grades K-Grade 4.

Tuesday March 24th 3:30-4:30 AT THE VESTRY!
Dinosaur Eggs!
Come over to the Vestry and create some giant dinosaur eggs with us! Co-sponsored with the Hancock Congregational Church.
Name that Naiad

Last month we were introduced to Norway Pond’s resident Naiad – the one among us who is most likely to accurately guess the date, hour, and minute the ice will go out this spring. But by what name shall our Naiad be known? The Ice Out Committee requests nominations and will set aside all tickets submitted from March 1, 2020 through March 15, 2020 for additional scrutiny: those which have a name suggested for our Naiad will be entered into an additional contest. The winner whose name is picked will earn enormous bragging rights and a $25 thank you from the Committee.

Down to the wire; Tickets at $2 for one and $5 for three are available at Fiddleheads, the Market, and any member of the committee you see about town. Also, keep up to date on current conditions at the pond online at iceout.us. All sales and collections of tickets end on March 15, 2020.

Good Luck, and thanks for participating in the 2020 Ice Out contest.

Ice Out Committee for 2020
Submitted by Phil Jones
Another 10 Good Reasons to Shop the Hancock Market

1. We can help you make something different for dinner tonight.
2. Last week you had chicken, burger, chicken, pork, chicken. Yeah, we got that.
3. How about steak & kidney pie, beef heart chili, curried lamb shepherd’s pie, New England seafood stew or mussel soup? Yeah, we got that too.
4. Also fresh seafood from Monadnock’s finest purveyors.
5. Locally made Longview maple syrup and locally roasted Parker House coffee.
6. Pastries baked right in the store.
7. Fox Tavern soups, everyday + croissants, breads, baguettes & pretzels.
8. Unique cuts of beef relying on the whole animal.
9. Your independent grocer means your independence.
10. Come with us if you want to live in a world not run by Amazon.

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From the Dump Committee
Recycling in the Town of Hancock is mandatory
A dump sticker is required on your vehicle in order to use
the recycling center and
visit the Swap Shop

Recycling Center Hours: Wednesdays: 3pm - 7 pm & Sat-
days: 8 am - 5 pm
Swap Shop Winter-Hours: Wednesdays: 3 pm - 5 pm &
Saturdays: 8.30 am - 4 pm

Please donate used motor oil to the transfer station. It is
used to heat the place.

Reminders:
METAL CONTAINER: Disposal of metal into the
“metal container” is free of charge.
BULKY CONTAINER: Please, see Ricky or Chester to
determine the fee for disposing anything into the
“bulky container”

ELECTRONICS CONTAINER: As of January 1st: new
charges for the disposal of TV’s; Flat screens,
computer monitors, etc. Please see Ricky or Chester.

GLASS CONTAINER: Only clear clean food-grade
glass bottles and jars can be recycled in the “glass con-
tainer” -
all lids, caps and corks removed. A contaminated load
costs 5 x as much to the town!

CARDBOARD: Please, fold or breakdown all card-
board boxes.

NOT recyclable are:
Wrapping paper; tissue paper; pizza boxes; waxed food-
containers both for liquids and frozen food; beer cartons. These cannot be recycled and are considered trash.

SWAP SHOP
The swap-shop is run by volunteers and abides by the se-
lect board’s decisions.
Please, remember there is a 5 item limit to take from the
Swap Shop.
Please, only contribute items which are clean and in good
working order.
Not accepted are: spray cans; bulky furniture; flammables;
guns; ammunition; neon lights, etc.
If items have been there for a considerable time, they are
packed up and donated to the Salvation Army.
When not sure or if you have questions, please, ask attend-
ants.

SALVATION ARMY BIN
Please, bag and tie everything for the Salvation Army bin
to prevent soiling and spoiling.

Please, see attendants for questions
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Ansel Adams said it: ‘Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.’

Making no claim to ‘significant,’ but feeling that he might just the same have amassed a ‘good crop’, Lawrence Bickford of Hancock will present some of 2019’s crop at the Hancock Town Library. The exhibit will run from Feb. 15 to March 25. There will be an opening reception in the Daniels Room of the library on Monday, February 17, 6-8 p.m.

Lawrence’s interest in photography began when he was in high school, but the next forty years of teaching in the mathematics classroom left little time for camera work. Now retired he finds more time to chase the light. As he gathered photos for this exhibit, several themes surfaced. Moving water was one; long exposure was another. “Consider long exposure. I love that moment when, after a wait of some time - sometimes a long time - the image appears on the back of the camera looking nothing like what I had seen with my eyes.”

Though he may not get out to photograph as much as he’d like, he does get out often enough to reap a respectable crop, and invites you to share the bounty of his experiences and vision.

Lawrence’s work can be viewed at www.500px.com/lawrencebickford and at lbickford.zenfolio.com.

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.

Coming March 27 – May 6 EarthSong
Nine local artists in the EarthSong Artists group will showcase their recent paintings. Participating artists are Tamara Benaquist, Barbara Danser, Carol Doleac, Bill Gill, Mary Kirk, Ilona Kwiecien, Arlene Laurenitis, Christy Meinke, and Anne Marie Warren. An opening reception is planned for Friday, March 27, 4-6 pm in the Daniels Room.
News from the Depot

This month, our feature will be Three for the Taking on March 7th. After a break of a year and a half, the core trio of Three for the Taking began playing out again. Using the standard rock format, bass, guitar, and drums, the band covers a variety of music, including classic bands like Led Zeppelin and Tom Petty to jam bands like moe. and Umphrey’s McGee. This Cabaret will be a little more “rockin’” than some, so bring along your dancing shoes—and if you’re signing up for an open mic spot, feel free to bring your electric instruments!

For more information, visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/threeforthetaking.1000

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

Sponsored by the Hancock Depot Association and the Keene Music Festival and hosted by Crazy Cowz, the Hancock Depot Cabaret is a music, arts, and function venue located in the old Hancock Train Station/Depot on Depot Road.

If you are interested in performing as a feature performer, want to sign up for an open mic spot, rent the Depot for an event, or simply want more information:

--> E-mail: hancockdepotcabaret@yahoo.com
--> Phone: 508-641-0076

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

UPCOMING FEATURE ACTS
• April 4: Green Heron -- Old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Irish, and blues music ... you don't want to miss this dynamic duo!
• May 2: Tara Greenblat Band -- Luscious harmonies, decadent strings, groovy hand drumming, & poignant lyrics ... and more!

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! We meet up at the Depot on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For information about our next meeting, give David Young a call at 603-525-3085 or send him a note via Facebook. RENT THE DEPOT!
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 603-525-3085 or Sean Sweeney at 603-381-1351.
Mar 7 (Sat)  Sheldrick Forest Preserve Hike
Join Swift Corwin – who was instrumental in the protection of this special Nature Conservancy preserve – and Richard Pendleton for a 2-mile roundtrip hike on easy trails, where we’ll see impressively large trees, interesting geological formations, and magnificent laurels. Bring snowshoes or creepers, and **meet at 9:30 at the Sheldrick Forest trailhead on Town Farm Road in Wilton.** Back by noon. For more info, contact Swift (603) 562-5620, swiftcorwin@gmail.com or Richard at (603) 924-7491 cell or 111rmp@gmail.com.

Mar 12 (Thu)  Family Program: Babies in Backpacks and Toddlers in Tow
10 to 11am at the Harris Center • Free of charge
Join naturalist Susie Spikol for a gentle winter hike around the Harris Center’s grounds, specially geared towards babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. We’ll search for tracks, watch the winter birds, and listen for the first songs of spring. If conditions are right, bring snowshoes or borrow a pair of ours. For more information or to reserve snowshoes, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Mar 13 (Fri)  Family Program: Owl Moon Owl Prowl (50th program)
Join naturalist Susie Spikol for this classic Harris Center family program. We’ll start indoors, where we’ll discover the fascinating adaptations that help these nocturnal birds of prey survive. Then we’ll walk quietly outside in hopes of calling in a barred owl or two. Come hoot it up on this full moon adventure for families and children of all ages! **7 to 8pm at the Harris Center.** Free of charge. For more information, contact Susie at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.

Mar 21 (Sat)  Bluebird House Workday (and Birding!)
Join Eric Masterson at the Brown Easement in Hancock to clean and repair the 30 bluebird houses that grace the farm. The Harris Center was involved in the protection of this property, so any birds we see or hear will go on the Big Year of Birding list. Bring a hammer, and **meet at 9am at the Harris Center to carpool to the site.** Back by noon. For more information, contact Eric at 525-3394 or masterson@harriscenter.org.

Mar 22 (Sun)  Salamander Crossing
Brigades Workshop
As the earth thaws and spring rains drench NH, thousands of amphibians migrate to vernal pools to breed. Many are killed when their journeys take them across busy roads. Every year, we train citizen scientists to serve on Salamander Crossing Brigades at amphibian road crossings throughout the Monadnock Region. These heroic volunteers move migrating amphibians across roads by hand during one or more "Big Nights" each spring, keeping count as they go. To join the ranks – or simply to learn more about the remarkable spring amphibian migration – join us for this fun, informative, indoor volunteer training. **1 to 3pm at the Harris Center.** For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or 603.358.2065.

Mar 27 (Fri)  Salamander Crossing Brigade Workshop
For a full description, see the March 22 event. **7 to 9pm in the Putnam Science Center at Keene State College (Room 101).** Co-sponsored with Keene State College. For more info, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org.

Mar 29 (Sun)  36th Annual Waterfowl Safari Along the Connecticut River
The spring bird migration begins in March as waterfowl move north through the state, with 36 species of ducks, geese, and swans recorded on the Connecticut River from Hinsdale to Charlestown. We’ll carpool to the best birding spots, with a little easy walking as needed, in hopes of seeing the spectacle. Wear muddy boots, bring lunch, and **meet at 8am in the Home Depot parking lot off Route 9 in Keene.** Carpools return by 1pm. For more info, contact Eric Masterson at masterson@harriscenter.org or 525.3394.
Music on Norway Pond

Spring Is on the Way!

Music on Norway Pond has exciting events in Hancock this month – and more to follow. On Sunday, March 1, renowned cellist Jacques Lee Wood returns, but this time to Jody and Rick Simpson’s living room. Jacques is a founding member of the Boston-based ensemble Antico/Moderno, who delighted our main concert series audience in 2016. He is a frequent guest artist with A Far Cry and principal artist with the Trinity Baroque Orchestra. He will offer the monumental Kodaly Solo Cello Sonata, reputed to be the most difficult work in the cello repertoire, pushing the cellist (and cello) to the absolute limit, and the Cassadó Suite for Solo Cello which was composed in direct response to the Kodaly sonata five years later. These two works are definite crowd pleasers!

This is a house concert at Jody and Rick’s, so only forty tickets will be sold, at $25 each. Come hear the special sonorous sound of the cello in a home setting, expertly played by Jacques Lee Wood!

Also in March, the Junior Minstrels start rehearsing for their Saturday, May 9th performance of Gilbert and Sullivan’s Pirates of Penzance. See our other notice in this issue of Hancock Happenings for details on how your child can join the fun.

And finally, we have the special return of brilliant jazz pianist Henrique Eisenmann on March 29, at 4:00 p.m. at the Meetinghouse. Henrique charmed and challenged everyone here in 2015 as a member of Choro Bastardo. He has since continued to perform around the world, completed his doctorate on free improvisation as an international phenomenon, and joined the New England Conservatory of Music faculty.

Drawing inspiration from different world genres, chants, voices, poems and animal sounds, Henrique Eisenmann is changing the paradigm of contemporary improvisation, creating an original musical universe that is powerfully inventive, authentic and accessible to anyone. His latest album "The Free Poetics of Henrique Eisenmann" (Red Piano Records) has drawn unanimous praise from critics across the world.

And mark your calendars for the 5-woman eclectic ensemble “Byron’s Daughter” on April 19, and for our annual spring Join us for our annual fundraising fête on April 25 at Gold Comfort Farm with the energetic ragtime ensemble Petite Feet.

For tickets and more information, please visit www.musiconnorwaypond.org – and then join us!
Dear Hancock Friends and Neighbors,

This month The Grapevine and our Avenue A Teen Center will once again ask for your support as part of the Town Warrant Article request. Last year, the Grapevine served 170 Hancock residents, including 25 Hancock teens at our Avenue A Teen Center. Our programs and services provide meaningful support, connections and enrichment for our local families and youth. Town support is critical to our success. We welcome your ongoing input and feedback. You can reach me at melissag@grapevinenh.org

Special Grapevine Events & Programs in March

**Eat Out for The Grapevine!** We will receive twenty percent of the day’s proceeds from two wonderful restaurants!

- Rick and Diane’s in Antrim—All day Friday, March 6th
- Fiddlehead’s Café and Catering in Hancock—All day Thursday, March 19th

**The Vine Story Hour** - "Surprise!" | Thursday, March 5th | 7pm
Come just to listen or seize the opportunity to share your story! Your story must be a true account of something you experienced and must not exceed 5-10 minutes. Our theme for this event is "Surprise."

**Beginning March 11th** - Guiding Good Choices Parenting Program: FREE five-week program helps parents and caregivers of 9 – 14 year olds learn ways to impact their child’s choices and avoid risky behaviors. There are things you can do NOW to support strong family bonds, set clear family guidelines, and help your child make healthy decisions. Runs Wednesdays March 11 - April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30. Childcare and pizza dinner provided – contact us to register. Special thanks to Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring this program!

**Beginning March 25th** - Positive Solutions for Families: FREE five-week program for parents of 0 – 6 year olds. Struggling with tantrums, bedtime, mealtime, routines? Learn strategies to deal with these common parenthood struggles. FREE and hosted at Antrim Elementary School, led by Grapevine and Conval School staff. Runs Wednesdays from March 25 – April 22 from 5:30 – 7:00. Contact us to register.

**On Childhood Depression and Hope**: Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm, at the Tuttle Library, Antrim
Join local author Irene Buchine, who wrote Celia and the Boy to hear about her personal journey to support her son who has struggled with severe depression since the age of 8.

Appointments still available through April 13: **Free Tax Preparation with Larry Schwartz** of PHC Financial. At The Grapevine on Monday afternoons. All returns will be filed electronically.

To register and for more information on programs and events, contact us at email: info@grapevinenh.org or 588.2620. For our full program schedule, check out our website at www.grapevinenh.org.
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Hancock Hours and Meetings

Please review your listings
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Tax Collector - Thursday 9:00am to 4:30pm

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

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

Selectboard – First three Mondays at 3:00pm; 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 – as noticed

Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room

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

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

Dump Committee—3rd Tuesday at 1:00, Transfer Station

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Nameplate by Eleanor Amidon
The days are getting longer and the sun warmer now that March is here! We invite you to come to our meeting at the Vestry on Wednesday, March 11 at 2:00pm.

**Ellena Weston Zimmermann and Bobbie Nylander will present “part two” of their continuing talk about the development of Hancock’s Main Street. Ellena will share her recently completed research on the second phase of the Hancock’s Main Street from 1811 through 1830 when twelve structures were constructed on Hancock’s Main Street. She will give us details about four of the structures that still stand substantially unchanged and six that have been demolished or replaced.**

At tea along with delicious goodies will be served after Ellena’s and Bobbie’s presentation. We welcome all to join this interesting slice of history of our wonderful town of Hancock!!

Respectfully submitted by Sara LeFebvre

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

A Scholarship for Adult Women

The Hancock Woman's Club's Annual Scholarship is once again being offered.

To qualify, an applicant must be:

- An adult woman in mid-career. OR
- An adult woman who plans to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities.
- A current Hancock resident who’s lived here for 2+ years.
- Applicant must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment at an accredited school, such as a college, university, technical or other training school.

To Obtain an Application:

- Write to the:
  Hancock Woman’s Club
  PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449
- Call Joyce Perry, 525-3304

Deadlines

- Applications must be received no later than April 6, 2020
- Awards will be announced in May.