News from the Selectboard  
Submitted by John Jordan, Chairperson

The Town Office Staff and our new Treasurer are busy with the implementation of the Municipal Fund Accounting Software that was approved as a Warrant Article at Town Meeting in March. The software is specific to the way that governmental funds are managed which is very different from accounting for private businesses. It will give the Town Administrator a more efficient method of managing the budget, providing reports as required by the State of NH, and developing information as needed by the Selectboard. The software will be put in service on the first of January for the new fiscal year. It will be used in the coming months to develop the 2020 Budget for the next Town Meeting so that in January we will have it fully operational for managing the Town.

The DPW has been working to prepare the roads for the winter with grading and the maintenance of the culverts. We have many culverts and keeping them clear and in good repair is no small task. The paving of the damaged section of Duncan Road is complete along with new culverts which were installed by the DPW. The cost of the new (used) backhoe and the work on Duncan Road will likely be less than the $140,000 total of their Warrant Articles. Any savings will be used to pay down the principal of the loan which was taken to fund the projects.

It had been expected that we would need to replace the DPW pick-up in 2020. However, inspection of the truck indicated that the frame and running gear was in good shape with the major problem being the rust on the pick-up bed. Rather than ask for a new truck, Tyler Howe proposed removing the existing bed and replacing it with an aluminum flatbed. This will give us a few more years with the truck and the flatbed can be used on subsequent trucks which will also reduce their costs since we will be able to purchase a cab and chassis. The cost of the flatbed is $45,000 which we were able to fund this year with money from the equipment rental budget which was not needed. A new pick-up would be in the $40,000 range and we certainly appreciate the initiative of the DPW.

From what we have been hearing, Hanstock was a success and we may be seeing a repeat next year. It is creativeness such as this that contributes so much to our community spirit.
October has been designated as National Fire Prevention Month—a time when public service departments across America join forces to spread the word about fire safety. Each year, the campaign focuses on a different aspect of safety, from preventing forest fires to planning an escape route during a blaze. While the campaign lasts the entire month, most fire and police departments designate the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week. The goal of Fire Prevention Week, and its corresponding month, is to make the public more aware of how fires start, how to prevent them and how to be protected during blazes. However, fire prevention has gone beyond not playing with matches. Today, children and adults can educate themselves about the dangers associated not only with fires, but with natural disasters and household hazards as well.

Last month I mentioned that chimneys and furnaces should be checked now that the heating season is upon us. I’m sure every person that read this article contacted their local service technician right away and scheduled a check-up. However, if you didn’t make that appointment then now is the time to get this done. We would much rather have our Firefighters and EMS personnel see your shining faces on a good day than coming to see you on a not-so-good day. Fall is here, and it's time to think about heating your house safely. Get your oil or propane boilers and furnaces inspected and cleaned before it gets too chilly. Wood and pellet stoves need to be checked out and cleaned as well. With wood stoves in particular, it is important to get your chimney cleaned out. Creosote can build up on the chimney lining and cause a chimney fire. If you have never experienced one, you are lucky because it can sound like a jet engine is running in your house. It is not uncommon for a chimney fire to put your chimney out of commission. Worse than that, the extreme heat can catch your house on fire. That's not good. Get your chimneys cleaned and check them a few times during the heating season. Don't forget to check the soundness of stove pipes as well. Flue gasses can eat up that thin metal over time.

I’m sure many of you have seen the members of the fire department training on our new fire engine. Like any new piece of equipment, we need to be able to operate and use this engine correctly. Next time you see this engine, as well as any fire truck, driving around town or an obstacle course know that we are training to serve you. I am very proud of the men and women who are a part of Hancock Fire and Rescue. Our citizens should be aware of this amazing group of people who understand the meaning of personal sacrifice in the work that we do. We have some of the best trained and talented individuals that you will ever know. It’s our pleasure to serve the Hancock community on a daily basis.

Raffle winners for the month:
$40.00 – Scott Manning
$20.00 – John Schadegg
$10.00 – Joan Huber, Beverly Monkton, Karen Baird
Hancock Elementary School is off to a great start! The school year began with an assembly to introduce new staff and students. In order to welcome new members of our community, the students sat in a circle with staff and parents sitting around them. As students, staff, and family members were introduced, the community offered greetings. The children then said their goodbyes and families headed to Fiddleheads for a cup of coffee and conversation!

Since our first day, we have settled in to a wonderful rhythm. Every day staff and students are solidifying supportive and caring relationships. Our fifteen kindergarteners are learning all about the HES community and the returning students are embracing our new community members. As the children become comfortable with one another, the staff at HES will expand our connections to the broader Hancock community. Take a look at what is happening during the month of October.

The Fire Department will visit HES the week of October 6th. The children will learn about fire safety. Volunteer fire department members will dress in fire safety equipment and students will check out a fire truck. Employees of the Department of Public Works will also be at HES that week to explain how they care for the roads, water community buildings. Finally, Chief Wood and I will work to integrate a new DARE program into the school.

Starting October 3rd, HES teacher, Sarah Wright will lead an afterschool Spanish Club. HES students and family members will learn the five C’s of essential foreign language education: Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons and Community.

HES’ annual Harvest Feast and Silent Auction will also take place in October. Students and families will prepare and serve soups made from local gardens including the vegetable garden planted and harvested by our 2nd grade students. The tentative date for the feast is October 24th. Keep an eye out for flyers and invitations.

Finally, we will have our Halloween parade down School St. and Main St. on October 31st at 2pm. Please come wave to the children as they show off their creative costumes.

We are excited to continue these community connections throughout the year as well as expand our connections to new community members. In addition to joining us for our celebrations, consider volunteering. We are always excited to have guest speakers, readers, or bulletin board creators!!!
News from the Hancock Congregational Church
Rev. Judy Copeland, Pastor

There will be a Pumpkin Painting Party in the Vestry (co-sponsored by the Church and the Library) on Wednesday, October 23rd from 3:30 to 4:30pm. All children in the community are invited, although we do ask you to sign up ahead of time so we can make sure to have enough pumpkins. Please contact Kathy Anderson for more information at hancock.andersons@gmail.com or 525-4909.

The Semi-Annual Church and Vestry Clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 26th beginning at 9:00am. Groups that use the Vestry are asked to make sure that they have removed and returned to their owners any items left behind on the kitchen counters and labeled anything in the refrigerator that they want to keep before this date.

Save the date! The Journey to Bethlehem is scheduled to make a return appearance this year on Sunday, December 8th. We are looking for children and adults who would like to take part in this outdoor telling of the Christmas Story. Please contact Judy Copeland at hancockcongregationalchurch@gmail.com if you are interested or want more information.

Hancock Historical Society
News and Upcoming Events

November 5, 2019 will mark the 240th anniversary of the date the petition for incorporation of the Town of Hancock was granted by “The Honorable Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire.”

A commemorative town quilt, made by Hancock women 40 years ago to mark the 200th anniversary of the town’s incorporation will continue to be on display at the museum every Sunday from 2 to 4pm until the end of October, when we close for the season.

An exhibit about the life and work of Neal Clark, late resident of Hancock, will open in mid-October and continue through next spring. We’ll use our sign out front to announce the date of opening.

In addition, we will open the Historical Society for some wonderfully scary Halloween trick or treating.

We hope to see you at the Historical Society this month!

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Contact Farmer Audrey at by voicemail or text with any questions (603.493.6570), or send your reservation to: Meka Farm, 17 Norway Hill Road, Hancock, NH 03449

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During October 2019 the Hancock Cemetery Trustees will survey the three Hancock cemeteries, Pine Ridge, Norway Plain, and Hillside, to ensure that they are properly maintained and in compliance with the current cemetery rules and regulations *

The Trustees request that, by October 1, 2019, all those holding intermet rights remove, from their plot(s), any unauthorized objects, ornaments or materials. As per rules & regulations (C.Deed holder, H.5, J.5, J. 11), unauthorized material found during the survey will be removed without further notice (Above ground urns are not permitted.)

*hancocknh.org boards/committees/cemetery trustees/rules and regulations
Questions may be referred to:
   Rita Klug, Cemetery Trustees, PO Box 6 Hancock NH 03449
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Community Supper
The next Community Supper will be Thursday, October 24th.

HCS Care Talks
Join us for HCS Care Talks, a monthly informational series that will provide tips for caregiving, as well as navigating the common day-to-day challenges of aging.

Tuesday, October 22nd 4-5pm
Legal Issues Facing Family Caregivers
Susan R. Abert, Norton & Abert, P.C., will lead this discussion covering a range of legal concerns when planning ahead for a family member with chronic illness or incapacity. Whether you have started the process or need a jump start to begin planning, this workshop will focus on answering your questions.

Free & Open to the Community
312 Marlboro Street, Keene

Harris Center Celebrates 50 Years of Connecting People to Nature
Making Tracks Since 1970!
By Susie Spikol

The Harris Center is turning 50! The festivities will kick off with our 49th Annual Meeting on October 20, 2019 and run through the 50th Annual Meeting in October 2020. Along the way, there will be dozens of special events, stories, photos, art, two special books, profiles of people who hold a special place in the Harris Center’s history, commemorative merchandise, and more.

The Harris Center for Conservation Education was started in 1970 by Eleanor Briggs of Hancock. Eleanor, who lived on Long Island as a child, had grown up visiting her grandmother’s home in Hancock each summer. On Long Island, she witnessed the transformation of beautiful farms, woodlands, and shorelines into strip malls and parking lots. As a young woman, she hoped for a different future for the Monadnock Region. Her vision was to create a place where people of all ages could connect to the natural world.

Eleanor’s vision inspired the Harris Center and all that it has accomplished over the past 50 years. Since its founding, the Harris Center has protected more than 23,000 acres of land in the Monadnock Region for people and wildlife alike; brought transformative, hands-on environmental education programs to tens of thousands of students in more than 30 local schools; and inspired thousands of people through innovative citizen science programs like the Salamander Crossing Brigades. The Harris Center also maintains 21 miles of scenic hiking trails, and offers a diverse array of public programs to help people of all ages – from babies in backpacks to residents of assisted living communities – better enjoy, experience, and understand nature in the Monadnock Region.

Currently directed by Jeremy Wilson, a former forestry professor at the University of Maine, the Harris Center has over 15 employees and a Board of Trustees made up of community members from throughout the region. Former director Dr. H. Meade Cadot ran the Harris Center from 1975 until he retired in 2009.

To learn more about the many special events being offered throughout the Harris Center’s 50th Anniversary year, visit harriscenter.org.

Another "Tale From Home"
at www.herokuapp.com

Last December astronomers discovered a remote object in the solar system furthest from the sun which they named, “Farout”. They should have known better because later in the winter they found one even further away, which became “Farfarout”. The search for Farfarfarout and its siblings continues.
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

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

Mah Jongg
Join us as we learn and play Mah Jongg on Tuesdays afternoons. Newcomers welcome! Someone is always on hand to teach the basics to get you started in this fun and challenging game. Every Tuesday from 1 – 3pm in the Daniels Room.

Tuesday October 1st at 7:00pm
Mah Jongg for Beginners
For those of you who prefer or need evening hours, we will start a beginning Mah Jongg class on Tuesday October 1st at 7:00pm. We need at least three people to run this program. Please sign up with a librarian! Stop in or call us at 525-4411.

Thursday October 3rd at 7:00pm
Poetry & Pie with Paul Hostovsky
Irene Applebaum Buchine brings the challenges of childhood depression into the light through her own personal experience and thoughtful reflection. From struggling with dyslexia to raising a child with depression, Irene has known what it is like to be unseen, marginalized and helpless. She hopes her book gives voice to children in the darkness of depression and encouragement to those who love them. Celia and the Little Boy is the original story of two children trapped in the darkness and isolation of depression and what it took for them to find their way out. Irene holds a Master’s in Education and worked in early childhood settings for more than a decade. In 2006, Irene began writing memoir and returned to her love of illustration, sparking the creation of Celia and the Little Boy. Irene lives in New Hampshire with her husband, Herb, and their dog, Woody.

Monday October 7th at 6:00pm
Hancookers Cookbook Book Club
We’ll be cooking from Ina Garten’s The Barefoot Contessa at Home and there will be plenty of copies of the book to borrow at the front desk. Join us! Here’s how it works: we each get a copy of a cookbook and share what we’ll be making for our group dinner. We gather on the first Monday of the month in the Daniels Room to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Please stop by the library to sign up for this delicious monthly event! (Open to all those who have a Hancock Town Library card!).

Wednesday October 9th at 7:00pm
Game Night for Grownups
It’s our third year of playing around! Whether word games, board games, story games, games of wit, mind-benders or just plain out-and-out entertainment — everything is on the table. 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 with the talented Mer Wyzga facilitating.

Thursday October 10th at 7:00pm
Celia and the Little Boy
To place an ad, email is the best way
happenings@hancocknh.org or call 603.903.0190
Tuesday October 15th at 7:00pm
1816: The Year Without A Summer

Following the devastating eruption of Indonesia’s Mount Tambora, 1816 came to be known as “the year without a summer.” Join Mount Washington Observatory’s Will Broussard to explore the many natural and cultural impacts this event had on the world, including right here in New Hampshire. You might want to read up on the event by checking out the book, Tambora and the Year Without A Summer by Wolfgang Behringer. You know where to find it! This program is co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Thursday October 17th at 7:00pm
Don’t Run In Camp in the Pantanal Region of Brazil!

Join Tianne Strombeck on a fascinating journey to the Pantanal region of Brazil. The Pantanal region contains the world’s largest tropical wetlands. It is an isolated area that is reached via a single rutty dirt road. The land floods in the summer, and during the dry season distinct rivers form which Tianne and her group navigated with small boats looking for jaguars. The area is filled with life. The inhabitants include river otters, caimem, monkeys, capybara, anacondas, bats, and all kinds of tropical birds. They were advised not to run in camp lest they spark the prey drive of a lurking jaguar! Tianne will share her journey with you exploring this abundant environment. Tianne Strombeck is a wildlife photographer who creates portraits of nature to promote conservation and education. Her images have been published worldwide in newspapers, magazines, and books - including Sy Montgomery’s "Soul of an Octopus." Her photographs are portraits of her wild subjects. She seeks to understand them, to capture their essence, and to show how they interact with their environment and each other. Samples of her work can be seen at tianimal.com.

From the Children’s Room

Jennifer Wood, Children’s Librarian

Thursdays at 10:30am
Family Storytime

Every Thursday we will gather in the children’s room for stories, songs, and movement!

Tuesday Oct 1st 3:30-4:30pm
Lego Club is back!

Join us for our regular free build session. Build your own creation and then put it out on display for everyone to see.

Thursday October 17th 3:30-4:30pm
Jack-O-lantern Craft

This is a craft aimed at our younger artists. We will be creating paper jack-o-lanterns out of precut pieces and glue sticks. All Ages are welcome. Parent participation strongly encouraged.

Wednesday October 23rd 3:30-4:30pm
AT THE VESTRY!

Painting Pumpkins

Join us at the Vestry to paint a pumpkin. Painted pumpkins are a great seasonal decoration and can be done by all ages. Bring painting clothes and be prepared to have fun! Pumpkins, paint, and a few stencils will be provided. Sign up is required for this program as the supply of pumpkins is limited so please call us at 525-4411 or stop by the library to register. This is a joint program with the Hancock Congregational Church.

Thursdays for 6 weeks beginning Oct 24th from 3:30 – 5:00pm After School Yoga and Art for ages 8+

A creative integration of yoga and drawing for kids 8 years & older with Betsy DiPrima and Jean Mann. Each class begins with snack. We will then focus and center with yoga and transition into drawing. Students will learn gesture, contour, and value drawing with a live model in yoga poses. Over the course of the session these elements will be put to use as students create a final realistic animal drawing. The session will end with a reception for parents. Betsy DiPrima began practicing yoga in 2007. After her retirement from the public school system as a Special Educator, she completed her 200 hour, “Advanced Yoga Studies & Teaching Training Program” and 40 hour, “Yoga for All of Us” in June of 2018. She teaches weekly classes in the Monadnock area. Betsy is looking forward to bringing yoga to young people in combination with a drawing class. Jean Mann is a NH artist who has enjoyed many years of drawing, painting and teaching art to children and adults. With a background in education, she inspires children of all ages to develop creativity resulting in wonderful finished products. Jean teaches privately, in school venues, and at the Peterborough Art Academy. She is also on the Monadnock Art Tour.

6 week session beginning Oct. 24, Nov. 7,14,21, Dec.5 (skipping Halloween & Thanksgiving) $75 fee

After school arrival (3:30-3:45)-5:00pm pickup. Snack, yoga mat and art materials provided.

Please sign up at the library for this class by October 17th. Permission forms MUST be filled out by parents before children can participate in the class.

Saturday October 26th 10am – noon
Mask Making with Melody Russell

Join Melody Russel for a fantastic Saturday morning of craft mask making. Make a mask for your Halloween costume, or just for fun. Ages 8 and up. Sign up is required as space is limited. Please call us at 525-4411 or stop by the library to register.

Monday Oct 14th & Oct28th3:30-4:30pm 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. 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!
Hancock Woman’s Club

The beautiful crisp weather we’ve been having reminds us that fall is here! The Woman’s Club is beginning another year of fun meetings with interesting topics. We have many great programs planned again this year and hope you’ll consider joining us on the second Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are open to the public, no matter what town you live in within the Monadnock community, and all are welcome. Members may pick up the 2019/2020 Yearbook at the first meeting in October at the Vestry.

Our first club meeting will be held on October 9th at 2:00 pm. Our very own Wayan Suarni, originally from Bali, will be helping us to celebrate Bali cultures and cuisine. This promises to be one fun afternoon and we invite you to bring a friend. To help you participate in this fun afternoon, please bring a stapler and a pair of scissors!!

November 13th - All about Glass Blowing! Jim Hassinger, who has studied under Jordana Korson for four years at the Hot Glass Art Center in Marlborough, will teach us about this wonderful art form. Jim specializes in glass garden art.

On December 11th we’ll enjoy our Christmas Luncheon at 12:30. We all enjoy a delicious potluck meal with many homemade entrées and desserts. It always proves to be a fun time bringing in the joy of the holiday season.

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**Yoga and Drawing for Kids**
Awesome yoga and drawing for kids ages 8 and up with Betsy Diprima and Jean Mann at the Hancock Library. Six Thursdays after school starting Oct 24th. For details and cost call or text 831-0200.

**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 continues to become more challenging and more costly. Our Hancock recycling center’s ultimate goal is to have the recycling center pay for itself.

**PAPER recycling:**
There are three separate bins for paper recycling:
- Magazine/Catalogue paper, Newsprint, and Mixed Paper
- The price offered by recycling companies for magazine paper alone and for newsprint alone is higher than the price for mixed paper!

**GLASS recycling:**
**Food Grade bottles and jars** only can be recycled CLEAN & without tops/caps/corks go into the glass container.

When glass is contaminated by caps and unclean glass, recycling cost is much higher and/or the whole container load is refused which then costs the town a lot more per ton to dispose of.

**Reminders:**
Pizza boxes, wax coated freezer/refrigerator food containers are considered garbage and should be disposed of into the compactor. If these are found mixed into the cardboard or mixed paper the whole load will be considered contaminated and refused by recycling companies also resulting in high disposal cost to the taxpayer.

**Hazardous waste collections**
Free collections for Hancock residents at the Keene recycling center:
November Sat. 5th, Wed. 16th, Sat 26th from 8 am to 1 pm.

**Traffic Flow**
Please, keep the road passable for other cars at all times.
Please, close the doors of your vehicle. When visiting the swap-shop, please, DO NOT park in front of the metal- and bulky containers to allow cars who need to pull up for disposing.

Please, see attendants for questions
ART EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Current
Julie Gargan’s exhibit ‘Creating Nature Artwork with Nature’ opened at the library on Sept. 7th and continues through Oct. 16th. Julie creates nature and wildlife artwork with birch bark, a unique organic material, which is both inspiring and challenging. Bark is harvested from already-downed trees, cleaned, soaked, and then pressed. The shapes and contours of the bark determine the layout, while the bark’s tones affect the mood and color palette. Julie works out of Birch Tree Studio, 155 Seaver Road, Harrisville. You can view her work on facebook at Birch Tree Studio.

Coming
Hank Huber of Hancock will be exhibiting his photography along with artwork in several other mediums at the Hancock Town Library Oct. 19th to Nov. 27th. Hank has spent many decades seeking out beauty both in nature and in human creations. Always ready with his camera to find and document interesting landscapes, he also shoots close up and intimate objects and textures. This exhibit will include a wide range of photos from winter and summer mountain scenes to abstract prints and montages. There will be an opening reception for the show on Saturday, Oct. 19th, 4-6pm.

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. Call the library (525-4411) before your visit to ensure no special events are scheduled at that time.
WHAT can we say except THANK YOU to everyone who came out to participate in Hanstock -- musicians, artisans, farmers, chefs, and music & art lovers! It was a lovely day filled with wonderful music, great food, and a true sense of community as everyone worked together to pull it off.

Special thanks to the Hancock Selectmen for giving us the thumbs up to host the event on the town Common; to Chief Wood, Sergeant Horne, and Public Works Director Tyler Howe for working with us on logistics; and to Sherry Williams of Fiddleheads, Jarvis Coffin and Marsha Coffin of the Hancock Market, and the Depot Association for serving up epicurean delights fit for a royal entourage!

SUPER special thanks to Amy Markus and Wes Bockley for assistance with planning, marketing, and delivery -- we absolutely couldn't have done it without you ♥️

Based on preliminary feedback and overall results, we are hoping to make Hanstock an annual event ... stay tuned …

In the meantime, we still have a number of T shirts for sale, so if you want one, reach out to David Young or Amy Markus, and we'll hook you up!

**October 5th Cabaret**

On October 5th, the Hancock Depot Cabaret will feature Decatur Creek, an acoustic band based here in NH. Comprised of Doug Farrell (guitar and mandolin), Jack Henry (guitar, bass, dobro, and pedal-steel), and Beth Eldridge (fiddle), Decatur Creek's influences run from roots to Americana, country, singer/songwriter, folk, and rock. The group performs throughout southern and central New Hampshire and has been featured live on radio and internet stations. Their evolving original acoustic sound will bring a smile to your face, add toe-tapping rhythm to your feet, and leave you wanting more!

**About the Venue**

The show begins 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!).

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

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**Oct 5 (Sat) Family Program: Danika the Rose with Odds Bodkin**

Saturday, October 5 • 4 to 5 pm at the Harris Center • Free of charge

Families and friends, come experience Danika the Rose, a musical fairy tale adapted for a young audience! Hear master storyteller Odds Bodkin narrate this original fable interwoven with Dvorak’s sublime Moravian Duets, performed by mezzo-soprano Jazimina MacNeil, soprano Sarah Shafer, and pianist Emely Phelps. Presented by Electric Earth Concerts and generously sponsored by People’s United Bank of Peterborough. **Space is limited and registration is required.** For more info or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

**Oct 6 (Sun) Danika the Rose with Odds Bodkin**

As a prelude to the Harris Center’s 50th Anniversary, come celebrate how nature inspires art. Melding song and storytelling, Danika the Rose weaves together Dvorak’s sublime Moravian Duets with an original fable written and narrated by Odds Bodkin to create a musical fairy tale for our tumultuous times. Featuring Jazimina MacNeil, mezzo-soprano; Sarah Shafer, soprano; pianist Emely Phelps; and renowned storyteller Odds Bodkin. **4 to 6 p.m. in Bass Hall at the Monadnock Center for History and Culture in Peterborough.** Presented by Electric Earth Concerts and generously sponsored by People’s United Bank of Peterborough. **Seating is limited and reservations are required.** For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Electric Earth Concerts at electricearthconcerts.org or (646) 522-3352.

**Oct 10 (Thu) Film: A Squirrel’s Guide to Success**

Discover the extraordinary abilities of ordinary squirrels in this charming PBS NATURE documentary - from the brainy fox squirrel who can remember the location of 9,000 nuts to the acrobatic gray squirrel whose tree-top leaps are the basis for new designs in robotics. Following the film, Harris Center naturalist and mammal enthusiast Susie Spikol will be on hand for questions, along with some squirrelly selections from the Harris Center’s natural history collection. **7 to 8:30pm in the Putnam Theater at Keene State College.** Co-sponsored by the Harris Center with the Monadnock Conservancy and the KSC Film Society. For more information, contact Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065 or thelen@harriscenter.org

**Oct 20 (Sun) Harris Center Annual Meeting: We’re Turning Fifty!**

Join us as we kick off a year of celebrations for the Harris Center’s 50th Anniversary! Our Annual Meeting will feature highlights from the past year, special recognitions, inspiration from our founder Eleanor Briggs, and more. **1:30 to 3pm at the Harris Center.** Space is limited and registration is required. For more info, contact Lisa Murray at 525-3394 or murray@harriscenter.org.

**Oct 26 (Sat) Live Birds of Prey with Raptor Rehabilitator Tom Ricardi**

Join raptor rehabilitator Tom Ricardi at the Harris Center as he shares stories of his inspiring work and introduces us to eight live raptors! Find out how Tom’s involvement with the re-introduction of eagles to the Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts helped New Hampshire’s eagle population recover. This afternoon program is offered in celebration of the Harris Center’s 50th Anniversary, and our decades-long work to protect Monadnock Region raptors through land conservation, research, and education. **Space is limited and registration is required.** Exact time will be provided upon registration. For more information or to register, contact Sara LeFebvre at 525-3394 or lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

**Forest Bathing/Shinrin-yoku**

Monday, October 28 • 11:30am to 12:45 pm at Shieling Forest in Peterborough/$5 per class for Harris Center donors / $10 for all others

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, led by certified yoga instructor Marilyn Wyzga and Harris Center naturalist Susie Spikol, will wake up your senses and give you a chance to reconnect to the natural world and to yourself. No registration necessary! Come to one or all three, and dress for the weather. For more info, contact Susie Spikol at 525-3394 or spikol@harriscenter.org.
The 2019-2020 season for all the activities of Music on Norway is cranking up! Our women’s chorus, the Norway Pond Festival Singers, has already started rehearsing for the annual Hancock Holiday Concert, to be held this year on Saturday, December 21st in the First Congregational Church of Hancock. As usual, they will be joined by the Village Bell Ringers, guest artists, and our own Junior Minstrels, fondly known as the Jr. Mints. There are still 5 places left in Jr. Mints, so if you have a young singer who would like to join us, please get in touch with Jody Simpson at 525-9303 or jhspsals@aol.com. Rehearsals begin Oct. 6th, and scholarships are available for all who need them.

Looking ahead, this season’s major concert will feature a performance of Gabriel Fauré’s beautiful Requiem, accompanied by harp, horns, strings, and organ. Save the date: Sunday, February 16th. Four other Sunday afternoon concerts will be announced shortly, so look for another great series. And on May 9th, the Jr. Mints return to the operetta stage with Gilbert and Sullivan’s Pirates of Penzance, a crowd pleaser for all ages.

If you would like to join our email list for further updates and concert reminders, please email info@musiconnorwaypond.org. We can also be found at www.musiconnorwaypond.org.

Cheers to all,
Jody Hill Simpson

PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS UNVEILS 2019-2020 ARTS ON SCREEN SEASON
WITH NEW SPECIAL SCREENINGS SERIES

With our Summer Season behind us, the Peterborough Players launches into the 2019-2020 Arts on Screen Series, embodying the phrase, “There’s always something happening at the Players – in every season!”

This year, you’ll be able to travel to the Metropolitan Opera, the National Theatre of London, the flying trapeze of the Ringling Brothers circus and more, right from the comfort of our theatre. In addition to the return of our offerings from the Met: Live in HD and the National Theatre Live, the Players adds a series of three Special Screenings, bringing a unique, curated lineup of events.

Last but certainly not least, mark your calendars for our 31st Gala and Auction, live at the Peterborough Players on November 2nd! An enchanting evening of food, drink, entertainment, and bidding on an array of fabulous items awaits you – and you’ll do good for the Players.

Find information about the full 2019-2020 Arts on Screen series and our 31st Gala and Auction on the Players’ website, peterboroughplayers.org, or by calling (603) 924-7585. See you at the theatre!

Hancock Guild
Clothing Sale
(Gently used Fall & Winter Clothing)

Clothing Drop-off Times at Hancock Vestry- Main St
Accepting donations of gently used men’s, women’s, teen’s, and children’s clothing, footwear, outerwear, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, socks, linens, blankets

Tuesday, October 8th through Thursday October 10th
2:00-4:00pm

Wed. Oct. 9th take in 4:00-5:30 (not available 2-4)
6:00-7:30pm

Clothing Sale Times
Friday, October 11th from 1:00-6:00pm
Sat., October 12th from 8:00am-1:00pm
Bag Sale from 12:00-1:00

Proceeds from this Guild Fund-raiser go to the Scholarship Fund for Graduating Hancock Seniors
**Fall Grapevine Programs and Events**

**Better Beginnings for Babies** – Join parents and caregivers, share in the joys and challenges of babyhood! Share in the joys and challenges of babyhood! For parents/caregivers and their infants up to age 20 months. Songs, play and enriching discussion. Expectant parents welcome! Group supported by facilitator, Nancy Macalaster, M.A.

Community Wood Bank Party! Saturday, October 19th from 8 - 11am. Come help us cut, stack and sort wood. The wood bank is an important resource to families during the cold season. Great opportunity for youth seeking community service hours! Warm beverages and treats will be served.

**2019 Grapevine Online Auction – Donation deadline is October 18th!**

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

**Ongoing Programs & Resources**

**TOOL LENDING SHED IS OPEN!** Come Borrow Tools and Light Equipment!

The Grapevine Community Tool Shed is open and we are loaning tools. Come check it out and sign up to borrow specialized tools and light equipment! Think of the tool shed as a loaning library, sign it out and bring it back. There is no charge to borrow tools, but donations are gratefully accepted. Please contact toolshed@grapevinenh.org to borrow or donate tools.

**Strong Living Wellness and Exercise Group**

Join seniors from your community in this twice weekly light weight exercise program held at the Grapevine. Meet and become part of a supportive, lively group who together strengthen mind and body! Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Grapevine from 1:30 – 2:30. Call the Grapevine for more information.

**The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization located behind the Tuttle Library and serving residents in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington, 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 the center at 4 Aiken Street (behind the library) Visit us online at www.GrapevineNH.org and LIKE us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grapevinenh.org/
HANCOCK GUILD

The Hancock Guild began the 2019-2020 year with its annual members potluck dinner. Many delicious offerings as well as delightful conversation was enjoyed by all. The summer didn’t seem long enough, but it was a pleasant evening spent catching up and and planning for the new year.

Fall is a busy time for the Guild and we are jumping right into our first much anticipated event. The annual Fall/Winter Clothing Sale will be held Friday, October 11th and Sat., October 12th. Please look for times and clothing drop off dates on our ad in “The Happenings” as well as flyers posted about locally. All proceeds from this sale and our Spring/Summer Clothing Sale go toward our Scholarship Fund for Graduating Hancock Seniors.

Also in October, we have invited Hancock’s new Town Administrator, Jon Coyne to join us. This event is free and open to the public. Perhaps you’d like to know what a Town Administrator’s job entails? Maybe you have a question or two on how a small town government functions? You might just want to get to who Jon Coyne is? This event will be held on Weds., October 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Vestry.

Also coming this fall is The Guild's Annual Winter Craft Fair. This year’s fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 2nd. from 9:00-2:00. Vendors will be in both the Vestry and The Meetinghouse for your browsing and shopping pleasure.

Don’t forget to stop by the kitchen in the Vestry! There’s always delicious homemade soups for sale for lunch.

That’s a pretty busy schedule for a small group of local ladies! If you’d like to join us, we’re always looking for new members to share the fun, fellowship, and sense of community giving. Feel free to drop by a meeting to see what we’re up to. Next meeting, Weds., October 16th following Jon Coyne’s visit. We guarantee you’ll be welcomed!

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Tarr, Guild President

The Annual NH Wool Arts Tour, Celebrating its 36th Anniversary on Columbus Day Weekend, Features New Hampshire Fiber Artists October 12th & 13th. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. For Farm Tour directions, list of vendors and more information go to www.WoolArtsTourNH.com or The Wool Arts Tour on Facebook. Come travel the colorful autumn roads of New Hampshire, be inspired and find the artist in you!

The FREE annual fiber arts tour is scheduled for the peak of New Hampshire's colorful fall leaf season. Hand painted sheep signs guide visitors to and from four official Wool Arts Tour stops consisting of fiber producing farms and studios. Each farm stop features many of New Hampshire's best fiber artists, one-of-a-kind fiber arts and locally-produced animal fibers. Most sites have fiber-producing animals on display. Raffles at each Farm Stop! Food and other amenities may be available at host sites.

· SPRING POND FARM 81 Muzzy Hill Rd, Greenfield
· SPINNER FARM 192 Old County Road, Deering
· GLORY BE FARM 268 Bible Hill Road, Bennington
· BRIMSTONE HOLLOW FARM 46 Middle Road, Hancock
Hancock Hours and Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Planning Board
On the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: may hold working sessions for planning purposes.
On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm: meets to process subdivisions, site plans and other applications which may legally come before the Board.

Appointments can be made by calling the Town Office at 525.4441. Applications must be received prior to the end of the preceding month to be included in the schedule and satisfy notification requirements. Barbara E Caverly Meeting Room

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

Advisory Committee – as noticed, Town Office

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

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

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

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

Town Archives Committee – as noticed, Town Office Archives Room

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

Dump Committee –3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm, DPW

Trustees of Trust Funds – as needed, Town Office

Cemetery Trustees – Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:00am-noon, 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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Nameplate by Eleanor Amidon
The Hancock Community is invited to join the families of Hancock Elementary School for a special

Harvest Dinner

Thursday, October 24th
5:30pm – 7:00pm
HES Multi-Purpose Room

Dinner will be prepared and served by the HES students with help from their families using the students’ harvest from their Cornucopia Garden as well as contributions from other local farms.
*No charge, but please bring your own bowl, spoon and napkin*

On the menu:
A Selection of Soups
Breads (including gluten-free)
Apple Crisp
Cider

Returning this year! Our second annual silent auction during the event to benefit the PTO

Sponsored by the HES PTO