

Mont Vernon

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Just part of the gathering at Mark Walker's tractor show October 11, 12. RAND PECK PHOTOS

a screwdriver to hold or how an electrical system works as you labor through a winter project. Mechanically these machines are very simple, maintained with hand tools and designed to be "fixed in the field." Parts, decals and manuals are readily available and tractor clubs with knowledgeable members are easy to find on line. Enjoy painting it yourself, or for a showpiece, contact Scott Walker if you desire a finish on par with his father's Allis-Chalmers. But be forewarned, the

first restoration generally leads to another.

So next autumn, join Mark and his friends and satisfy your curiosity about Farmall's, International's, McCormick's, Oliver's and Ford's. Be the first in your neighborhood to leave the snow blower in the garage, drop your plow and clear your driveway with a vintage Farmall Cub. They're not difficult to find, some 200,000 were built between 1947 and 1964. And you'll look forward to the next snowstorm!

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The meeting will take place on December 1. For a copy of the complete list of books for 2008, stop in at the library. Questions, please call the library.

Passes to FIVE Museums at the Library

Looking for some activities for the fall? Passes are available to library patrons to five area museums. The SEE Science Center offers hands-on experience for kids. The setting of the Canterbury Shaker Village up on a hill during foliage season is quite breathtaking. The tours, both formal and informal, of this unique NH landmark are informative and interesting. The recently re-opened Currier is receiving great reviews. Call or check the websites for updated information on current exhibits and hours open at the following:

- Currier Museum of Art**
201 Myrtle Way
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-7194
Website: <http://www.currier.org/>
Two passes - each pass admits two
- Millyard Museum**
Corner of Pleasant and Commercial Streets
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-662-7531
Website: <http://www.manchesterhistorical.org/>
4 passes

SEE Science Center
200 Bedford Street
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-0400
Website: see-sciencecenter.org
3 family passes

Canterbury Shaker Village
288 Shaker Road
Canterbury, NH
Tel: 603-783-9511
Website: <http://www.shakers.org/>
Take away passes - one pass admits two
(NOTE: There will be a \$5 co-pay for EACH adult and \$2.50 for EACH child ages 6-17; 5 and under free)

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA
Tel: 617-267-9300
Website: <http://www.mfa.org/>
Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults
(NOTE: \$5 co-pay for EACH adult) Some special exhibits at the MFA require a ticket which is an additional charge - check the website for details.

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 penalty. To reserve passes stop in or call the library at 673-7888. All passes made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Library.

Meet Your Democratic Local Candidates

All are welcome to meet your Democratic candidates for State Representative in Hillsborough District 4 (Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Temple, and Wilton), your candidate for State Senate District 9, which includes Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, and New Boston, and your candidate

for State Senate District 11 which includes Temple and Wilton.

Please join us for coffee, cider, questions, and conversation on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 PM at the Mont Vernon Library, Route 13, Mont Vernon. Questions? Please call Linda Foster, 673-6104.

Mont Vernon Artisans 3rd Annual Show and Sale

Come see beautiful art and fine craft created by the Mont Vernon Artisans at their 3rd annual show and sale, November 8th (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and November 9th (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.), at the Mont Vernon Town Hall and Fire Station, 1 Main St., Route 13. Meet artists and artisans and enjoy their varied and exciting work at this stop on the NH Open

Door tour, in collaboration with the League of NH Craftsmen and NH Made. Get a jump on holiday shopping, and win a basket brimming with handcrafted gifts. Proceeds of this year's community service raffle benefit the town's Fire Department. For more information, e-mail montvernonartisans@comcast.net.

Halloween in Mont Vernon Village

Though it's supposed to be all about the kids, Halloween in Mont Vernon is a great excuse to get out and meet your neighbors while little ghouls and goblins haunt Main Street. Trick-or-treating will start in the Village at 6 pm on Friday, Oct. 31. As a special treat this year, PTA and the Cub Scouts are teaming up to run a concession stand on Main Street so folks can stop for dinner (hot dogs, chili, chips, sodas, cocoa, coffee) on Halloween night.

Halloween Donations Needed

In a rural community like ours, being able to depend upon the folks who live in the center of town to host trick-or-treating makes Halloween much safer and a whole lot more convenient than trying to go it alone. But as the town grows, and more and more kids turn out for

Halloween each year, the burden on the families in the village is growing too. Some homes saw nearly 700 children last year.

To help lighten the load placed on our neighbors, the Mont Vernon Recreation Commission, with the help of local Girl Scouts, will collect donations of bagged, wrapped candy that can be distributed around the village. By contributing two or three bags of candy for each trick-or-treater in your family, you can help keep the cost to the village residents down. Mont Vernon is lucky to have such incredible neighbors in the village, but they need your support to keep this amazing community activity alive. Donations can be dropped off at the Post Office, School, General Store and Library through Oct. 26. Late donations will be gladly accepted.

Email Announcements

Want to be kept in the loop about upcoming events and activities in Mont Vernon? Send an email to montvernonrec@comcast.net and ask to be put on the email list!

Yoga in Mont Vernon

Bend, stretch, breath and relax with Yoga in Mont Vernon.

Adult classes are available Wednesdays at 9 am at the Fire Station starting Oct. 29, and Thursdays at 7:30 pm

at the Mont Vernon Village School Art Room starting Oct. 30. Cost is \$50 per session (\$40 for Sen-

iors 65+).

Classes for kids aged 9 to 13 will be held on Fridays at 3:15 pm at the Village School library beginning Oct. 17 (no class Oct. 31).

Cost is \$25 per session. For more information on how to register, email montvernonrec@comcast.net.

Mont Vernon Gardeners Annual Meeting

7 pm on October 15, 2008, Mont Vernon Firehouse

It's our Fall Wrap-Up and Planning meeting to thank all who participated in design, soil lifting, leadership and plant sales this past year, and to thank Jennifer Bernard for her efforts in leadership and coordination over the past three years.

Come and have a voice in new and exciting plans for 2009. The garden leaders as a group are already planning how to Make gardening in Mont Vernon more rewarding and fun for regulars and new members. We will be talking about:

- In-The-Garden Education
- A Village Herb Garden
- An Attractive and Informative Newsletter
- An Organic Community Garden

So bring your ideas, meet your neighbors, and help us brainstorm plans for the next year. Enjoy some cold apple cider and goodies. Then, decide if you want to support Mont Vernon by being a Mont Vernon Gardener in 2009.

Daffodil Planting Day in Mont Vernon

If you enjoyed the daffodils blooming on Main Street in Mont Vernon last spring, plan to be a part of the 2nd annual planting. Join in the fun and help plant over 2,000 daffodil bulbs that will add to our town's "Daffodils Down Main Street" display in 2009.

Where: Mont Vernon Fire Station
When: Sunday, October 26th at 1 P.M.
Rain or shine.
Tools: Garden gloves and trowel
Sponsor: Mont Vernon Beautification Comm.
Refreshments will be served

Register or Registrar?

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone that has inquired about the term "Registrar" and "Register" of Deeds. I am a candidate for the Hillsborough County "Register of Deeds". I understand and appreciate that some confusion exists between the term "Register" and "Registrar". The best way to explain how I decided to use "Register of Deeds" on my signs and campaign material is simply because Article 71 of the New Hampshire Constitution provides the office by title as "Register of Deeds". Also, as a more practical matter the office of "Register of Deeds" is the term that will appear on the Ballot in the General Election scheduled for November 4, 2008. If I am fortunate to be elected to the position of "Register of Deeds", I will then become the "Registrar".

I appreciate everyone's insightful observations and inquiries.

Thank you,
Pamela Coughlin
Candidate for Hillsborough County
Register of Deeds
Mont Vernon

Time to Return to Our Roots

To the editor:

I would like to thank the voters of Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Temple and Wilton for their overwhelming support in the primary election. They clearly understand the dangerous direction in which New Hampshire is headed.

For those of you who did not come out to vote in the primary, I urge you do so on Nov. 4th. Your votes will help determine who will represent your principles in Concord this next term. If your principles are the same as mine, of fiscal restraint, strong family values, personal freedom and responsibility, smaller government, free enterprise, and the right to bear arms, then I ask for your votes so we can return New Hampshire to its "Live Free Or Die" roots.

The dangerous direction I spoke of is reflected in the actions of the current legislative leadership which passed our first ever \$10.3 billion budget by increasing spending \$475 million, a 17.5% budget increase, and then raised 30 taxes and fees amounting to an increase of \$275 for each man, woman, and child in NH. Just to name a few of these taxes and fees, they included cars, motorcycles, trucks, tolls, hunting permits, court fees, small cigars and cigarettes, and shifting nursing care costs to the counties, directly increasing our local property taxes.

Other dangerous behavior last term was the suspending of legislative rules in order to avoid public hearings and approve borrowing a bond to pay off other bonds. This displays an arrogance of leadership and a total disregard for openness and transparency in government.

On education funding, legislative leadership seems to have confused quality of education with quantity of spending with their new formula raising the state commitment, including the statewide property tax, to roughly \$1 billion a year, and casting aside the constitutional provisions of local controls given to New Hampshire's citizens by our founding fathers 200 years ago. It is this local control of education, which has created an education system rated second in the nation. New Hampshire consistently ranks in the top 10 states regarding SAT scores, college placement, and over-all "quality" of education, while at the same time ranking near the bottom in money spent on education.

As the state demands higher taxes for increased spending, the spending isn't going to the classrooms or the teachers whose pay is rated 40th of all states, but rather to hire overhead staffs of principals, supervisors, administrators, and other noninstructional personnel. While the average of teachers to staff workers nation wide is 83%, New Hampshire is at 69.5%.

Lack of funding isn't the problem; it's how the money is being spent. Funding should be going directly toward teaching our children, not to non-teaching positions.

If you are frustrated by the ever-increasing taxes, remember what former Governor Mel Thompson said, "Low Taxes are the result of low spending." This unchecked spending, the continuing attack on parental rights, and ever-expanding social programs are taking New Hampshire in a dangerous direction. This is truly a case when less can be more!

Bob Mead
Mont Vernon

Pignatelli - A Voice for Common Sense on The Executive Council

To the editor:

Debora Pignatelli is no 'Joanie-come-lately' to New Hampshire politics. She and her family have a long history of public service. Debora served in the NH State Senate and House for 15 years and is now completing her second term on the Executive Council.

During her service on the Executive Council, Debora has worked to reverse the practice of awarding no-bid contracts. As a friend of Debora's, she has kept me and all of her other interested constituents informed by emailing us of the progress in the Executive Council. Debora has also led the effort to hold public hearings on all Commissioner nominees to lead our important state agencies. She is working to bring train service to NH while addressing our 10 year transportation plan.

Debora is committed to serving the people of her district and NH. Her opponent's sole claim-to-fame was the 'Shoot First' legislation (SB318) which he cosponsored.

As New Hampshire grows and the southern tier becomes more built-up, we will need a responsive, ethical, and committed Executive Council to address the many fiscal and personnel issues that confront the Governor and our State. Debora Pignatelli has shown by her public service and two terms in the Executive that she will be a positive force who is up to the demands of our future challenges.

Ray Iannuzzelli
Amherst

Senior Wisdom

To the editor:

As a senior citizen, I am voting for Barack Obama this November. Even though I was a registered Republican until last year, I voted for Democratic candidates during the last two presidential elections. After 8 years of failed Republican leadership, I feel that there are many reasons for senior citizens to vote Democratic this year.

Three of the most important reasons for senior citizens to vote for Barack Obama are:

- Obama has strong values: Obama has strong values that match mine-respect for all Americans regardless of their political leanings or background, a strong work ethic, and a refusal to make compromises with special interests that have dominated our political system far too long.
- He will keep social security public: Imagine how much worse our financial crisis would be if everyone's social security were subject to the same deregulation and privatization that has resulted in our current financial woes. This is the Republican plan, and the security of our seniors should not be subject to the same risks as the stock markets.
- Obama's health insurance plan is the best one: John McCain's plan would subject healthcare benefits to taxation and further deregulate the healthcare industry, which would benefit the insurance industry but do little to improve coverage for working Americans. Lack of regulation in national health care would result in a crisis similar to our present financial crisis. It's time to have the right kind of health insurance plan so that hard working Americans don't have to declare bankruptcy if they get sick.

In this election, more than ever, we need to pick the right person for president, and that person is Barack Obama.

Sincerely,
June Fabre
Amherst

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