

**Annual Meeting and Picnic - Historical Society of Amherst**

Members of the Historical Society of Amherst receiving award from the NH Preservation Alliance for the Walking Tour Booklet: Bill Veillette, Neil Benner, Bill Wichman, Jackie Marshall, Katrina Holman and Jennifer Goodman of NH Preservation Alliance.

**Amherst Historical Society Wins State Award**

AMHERST - The Annual Business Meeting and Members Picnic of the Historical Society of Amherst was held under a tent on the "Buck Buchanan" field on Middle Street on June 13th. The business meeting was held at the Wigwam where Janice McDermott, president gave a brief summary of the accomplishments of the past year.

The executive director of the NH Preservation Alliance, Jennifer Goodman was on hand to present an award to the Historical Society for the Walking Tour Book. The award recognized the tour book for documentation and education. Ms. Goodman in presenting the

award noted that importance of recognizing outstanding projects and offer thanks to inspire others.

Board members of the HSA, Bill Veillette, and Susan Fischer presented Bill Dunlap, executive director of the New Hampshire Historical Society the newly restored and digitized Proprietary Records of Souhegan West. These are the earliest official records of Amherst, hand written and bound in parchment. The conservation work was done by Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, MA.

Tracy Veillette and Patty Benner introduced this year's Historical Society scholarship winner, Neal Bonenberger, a graduate of Bishop Guertin (photo on page 15).

The HAS will be restoring the historic watering trough that was donated to the town in 1910 by the Souhegan Grange. The cobblestone trough which stands next to town hall on Manchester Road was built in the Arts and Crafts style and is badly in need of repair. It will be dismantled and rebuilt using proceeds from the Mansions Tour conducted in September of 2010.

The members and their families enjoyed the annual picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and sides with yummy desserts held under a tent on the "Buck Buchanan" field on Middle Street.



Bill Dunlap, Bill Veillette and Susan Fischer

**Summer Concert Series on the Common**

AMHERST - The Recreation Department is happy to announce that it will again sponsor a mini concert series this summer in addition to the concerts performed by the Amherst Town Band on 6/21, 7/19 and 8/30. We hope that you will join as we enjoy live music and performances on the Village Green. The concerts begin at 6:30pm and you are invited to come early, bring a picnic supper, chairs or a blanket, find the best spot to dine, and settle in to be entertained. In the event of rain, an alternate location for the concert will be posted on our website and on Facebook the day of the concert.

**Tuesday, June 28th - The Folksoul Band**

With rich layers of percussion, colorful horns, driving guitar, and beautiful vocal harmonies, the Folksoul Band's energetic performances get kids and adults out of their seats and dancing. The band, comprised of eight members, plays New Orleans-style celebration and dance music, mixed with great original songs and West African folk tunes. Folksoul has played at numerous venues, including The New England CultureFest in Lowell; Milford Pumpkin Festival in Milford, NH; The Mariposa Museum in Peterborough, NH; The Mamapalooza Festival in NYC; and many more.

**Tuesday, July 12th - The Amoskeag Strummers**

The Amoskeag Strummers is a NH band that brings a foot-stomping, hand clapping style of playing old-time favorites that make you want to sing along. The Strummers' repertoire includes patriotic numbers, classical rags, Broadway tunes, Dixieland, and sounds of the 20s, 30s and 40s. This unique band uses



Folksoul band

all types of instruments, everything from banjos to a tuba, to spoons & a wash board. The Amoskeag Strummers have played at a variety of venues in the US and Europe, and have hosted "In the Good Old Summer-time" banjo-fest in Manchester and Bedford since 1984.

**Tuesday, July 26th - Tom Callinan & Don Sineti**

Tom Callinan and Don Sineti are members of THE MORGANS, Connecticut's Premier Irish, Folk, and Sea Chantey Band. Masters of generating audience participation, their infectious performing style blends sea songs and traditional folksongs with folk-revival and original compositions. With banjo, concertina, guitar, spoons, bodhran, ocarina, penny whistles, bones, and limber-jack, Tom and Don effortlessly shift gears from ballads to toe-tapping instrumentals, to silly songs with even sillier gestures. Since 1971, they have presented their extensive repertoire of Irish, British Isles, and American folk music throughout the Northeastern United States and elsewhere.

**Tuesday, August 9th - The Little Red Wagon performing Totally Red!**

The Little Red Wagon, a UNH Theatre Arts Program, is the longest running nonprofit children's theatre tour in the U.S. Since 1971, the Wagon has performed throughout New Eng-

land at more than 70 locations every summer. Their performance, *TotallyRed!*, is a retelling of the popular fairytale *Little Red Riding Hood*. During the play the story is retold many times using different theatrical conventions from various theatre genres ranging from: storytelling, 80's Hip Hop theatre, Elizabethan, Avante Garde and Musical Theatre. Appropriate for families and children.

**Tuesday, August 23rd 5-8pm - WZID Neighborhood Block Party at Souhegan High**

For the third summer in a row, 95.7 WZID is hosting parties and inviting everyone in the neighborhood to come and enjoy, for free! WZID Neighborhood Block Parties invite friends and neighbors for an evening of music, great food, activities and games for "kids" of all ages, all at no charge. Food will be provided by Papa Ginos, Nadeau's Subs, Salads & Wraps, Riga Tony's, and/or Nicky D's (food will be dependant on location). Blake's will scoop free ice cream. Vertical Dreams will keep the kids happy with free climbing walls, and Kids Like to Party will provide fabulous Bounce Houses. A variety of vendors will provide information, additional food, and fun. And, of course, WZID will provide the music, and DJs Mike, Tracy, Suzanne, Heather, Pat and Marga will make the rounds. Mark your calendars, join us at Souhegan High School, and prepare for a relaxing evening! No cooking or cash required!



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- Laura Richmond, (pictured left) with her oncologist, S. Gautami Rao, MD

Oncologist Gautami Rao, MD, immediately arranged for Laura to see a genetic counselor and to obtain a second opinion from breast cancer specialists at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. After consulting with her medical team in both Nashua and Boston, Laura chose to have her surgery and follow-up treatment close to home in Nashua.

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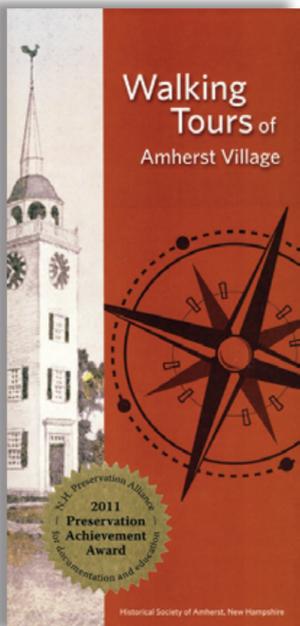
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