

Holiday Fairs

Details in Amherst Living's Holiday Supplement enclosed with today's paper or available online: www.amherstcitizen.com

Saturday, December 3

AMHERST LIONS CLUB

AMHERST - The Amherst Lions Club will host their 31st Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Amherst Middle School on Cross Road. This craft fair has earned a well-deserved reputation for the quality and variety of the hand-made items offered. While many familiar crafters will return, about twenty crafters will be new to this fair. There is no admittance or parking fee for the public. A shuttle van will be available for their convenience. The Amherst Lions who sponsor the fair will be selling tickets for their annual raffle for over 100 prizes donated by local merchants and crafters. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

MILFORD - The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Milford will be having its Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 9 to 2, and you know from past years that it is a Fair you won't want to miss. A mini-muffin and coffee will greet you at the door - and then, the Fair - an opportunity for you to shop for decorations, gifts, cheese and other food items, as well as relax with friends at our delicious luncheon.

One of the most popular spots at the Fair is the Children's Gingerbread Room which will have gingerbread houses and cookies waiting to be decorated with fluffy frosting and all sorts of candies. This is always a joy for the children as well as their parents.

The Cookie Shop will be remembered for its hundreds of homemade cookies from which you can make your own selection. Each shopper is will be given a box to fill, and plastic gloves, and sent off to wander and choose among bins of beautiful and delectable holiday cookies.

Eye-catching crafts, decorations and gifts will be available in our Craft Shop for the holidays. We are especially pleased that we will have the Church Of Our Saviour Cookbook available - a perfect choice for Christmas giving.

New this year is the Saint Nicholas Room for children of all ages. There will be various activities to prepare for the holiday season.

Be sure to visit our Outreach Room to see how the Church of Our Saviour reaches out through our various ministries to the community and beyond. Some of those ministries include Habitat for Humanity, Anne Marie House, Marguerite's Place, SHARE, and our companion parish St. Andre's in Angola in Africa. Christmas items for sale will include beautiful fresh holiday swags made by our Young Adults of the Church.

The Country Store is always a popular spot at the Fair. This year we will again be having our extra sharp and tangy Cabot Cheese wheels cut to exactly the size you wish for yourself or for gifts. We will also have homemade preserves,

candies, breads, and - the ultimate gift - those beautiful and delicious chocolate Christmas trees and chocolate which are always early sell-outs!

And finally, there will be a delicious Soup And Sandwich Luncheon served to complete your day,

18TH ANNUAL SHARE CHRISTMAS FAIR

MILFORD - SHARE's 18th Annual Christmas Fair will feature elegant handmade crafts, Christmas decorations, jewelry, and many other unique items made by professional craftspeople.

The Fair, which will benefit the SHARE organization, will be held at the SHARE CENTER at 1 Columbus Ave. in Milford, NH. SHARE is a non-profit, non-denominational group providing food, clothing and financial assistance to people in need.

In addition to the craft tables, there will be a raffle table with many incredible items, gift certificates and gift baskets. Also, children will be able to sit on Santa Claus's lap to have their pictures taken.

Delicious seafood and corn chowders, chili, hot dogs will be available along with home made baked goods. Plan on enjoying lunch with us.

If you are a crafter and would like to rent a table to sell your crafts at the Christmas Fair - we have tables available for \$40. The SHARE Center is well located, handicapped accessible, and has plenty of parking, an ideal spot to sell your handmade crafts.

For more information, contact SHARE at 673-9898.

November 25 - December 20

THE CRAFTWORKERS' GUILD OPENS THE HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOP

BEDFORD - The Craftworkers' Guild announces its Holiday Craft Shop, which takes place from Friday, November 25th through Tuesday, December 20th at the historic Kendall House, Bedford. This winter's seasonal shop will be open every day from 10am to 4pm.

The Guild's more than 50 artisans and craftspeople have worked hard over the year to develop new work, and will be showing an impressive collection of handcrafted work at the shop, many of them one-of-a-kind. All of the arts and crafts are juried by the Guild to maintain a high standard of quality and originality.

Arts and crafts include winter-themed and holiday accessories and décor, fiber and fabric arts, gourmet treats, silver, gold and beaded jewelry, paintings and photography, paper arts, pottery, baskets, wood crafts and more. "All of our Guild members look forward to the Holiday Craft Shop because it gives them an opportunity to show off their creativity and skills. We think the shop makes finding that perfect gift a lot easier because we offer such a wide variety of work," says Carol Davis, president of the Craftworkers' Guild.

The Holiday Craft Shop takes place in the Kendall House at 5 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. The Kendall House is located behind the Bedford Public Library. Parking is free and plentiful.

Region

New Hampshire Historical Society Celebrates Centennial Of Its Landmark Building

CONCORD - November 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of the New Hampshire Historical Society's landmark headquarters and library building at 30 Park Street in Concord. This milestone will be commemorated through the new documentary film, Tuck's Gift, produced in partnership with New Hampshire Public Television with support from Merrimack County Savings Bank and the New Hampshire Humanities Council. A public showing of the film and a birthday party for the building will be held at the Society on Saturday, November 26, at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Inextricably linked with the story of this structure are the individuals responsible for its creation more than 100 years ago. Their backgrounds and circumstances varied widely, but all shared the conviction that history's rightful place is at the center of our civic life. The grandeur of the building has been ever since a fitting symbol of the place and power of history in shaping New Hamp-

shire's identity.

The story of how the New Hampshire Historical Society's building came into being, occurring over a period of 10 years, is worthy of a stage drama. The leading man is Edward Tuck, a wealthy New Hampshire native and expatriate living in France. Evidence of Tuck's beneficence toward his home state abounds, most notably at his alma maters, Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College, and at the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Working with Tuck was a fascinating cast of supporting actors, beginning with the poignant figure of Society President William Todd, the initial advocate for an expanded home for the Society, who died six years before its cornerstone was laid. Guy Lowell, designer of the renowned Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, was chosen as architect; Benjamin Ames Kimball and Timothy Sullivan, building committee chair and project superintendent respectively, oversaw the construc-

tion; and prominent sculptor Daniel Chester French created the building's monumental portal sculpture. The endeavor was marked by transatlantic voyages, labor discord, disputes among the principals, a corporate near-bankruptcy, and the death of the Society's president, all set against the backdrop of the extraordinary generosity of Tuck, the artistic genius of Lowell and French, and the dogged determination and sheer stamina of Kimball and Sullivan. Tuck's wife, Julia, was a quiet force, always believing that the building should be "nothing but the best" in every respect.

At center stage, surrounded by the supporting human cast, stands the building itself. Of classical design, with perfect symmetry, constructed of Concord's enduring Rattlesnake Hill granite, decorated with exquisite Siena marble, and completed with meticulous attention to detail, the structure is a testament to the aspirations of its creators. Tuck apparently heeded the

admonition of fellow philanthropist Andrew Carnegie: "The millionaire should not figure out how cheaply [a] structure may be built, but how perfect it can be made."

The documentary film Tuck's Gift is part of a multi-faceted centennial celebration program that includes a special issue of Historical New Hampshire (in both print and audio versions) and an exhibition drawn from the Society's extensive museum and library collections called "Icons of History: Objects that Define New Hampshire." In addition to the public showing at the Society, Tuck's Gift will be aired on New Hampshire Public Television on November 21-24, and November 28-29, 2011. Check nhptv.org or your local listings for program times. All components of the centennial celebration program, including the film, print and audio publications, and the exhibition will be available online at nhhistory.org and nhptv.org.



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