

Region



A Northern Saw-whet Owl and an Eastern Screech Owl join 4 other owls at Marcia and Mark Wilson's Eyes On Owls presentation.

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32nd Annual Fall Festival and Nature Art Show at Beaver Brook Association

HOLLIS – Beaver Brook Association invites the public to their 32nd annual Fall Festival and Nature Art Show. Artwork by dozens of regional artists will be on display September 29th and 30th from 11 am-5 pm at the Maple Hill Farm on 117 Ridge Road in Hollis, NH. The featured artist this year is photographer Shel Michaels of Hollis. Visitors on Saturday can judge art work by voting for the People's Choice Art Award. There is also a children's art exhibit in the historic Cooper Shed at Maple Hill Farm. Artwork is accepted until September 24th. All rules, details and entry forms can be accessed at www.beaverbrook.org.

The Art Show opening reception is Thursday, September 27 from 7-9 pm in the Maple Hill Barn.

The Fall Festival is the signature annual event of Beaver Brook Nature Center. There are activities of interest to people of all ages. Ongoing activities include apple cider pressing, nature crafts for children including activities by Wild Salamander Art Center, fairy house building, live music, and homemade food for sale. The Maple Hill Gardeners sell original arrangements and wreaths made from the dried harvest of their gardens. They also offer dried herbs, notecards, and ornaments.

Entertainment on Saturday Sept 29th includes fiddle and guitar music by Tina & Sierra Landel from 11am-noon followed by Amy Conley "Songs of the Forest" 12-1pm. Amy Conley plays acoustic or electric guitar, harmonica, banjo and percussion specializing in music for youngsters but also leading sing-alongs and singing games. Julie Collier and Jim Parks of Wingmasters will present Live Birds of Prey from 1-1:50 and 3-3:50 pm. Wingmasters are "Dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of North American birds of prey". This program is designed to explain predation, the birds' place at the

top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world.

On Sunday Sept 30th Amy Conley will return with "Songs of the Forest" from 11-12 noon followed by Robie Bones playing harmonica, bones and Bodhran (Irish Drum) and several percussion instruments of his own discovery. His instrumental repertoire is very diverse and ranges from American, Irish and Scottish tunes to Blues, Beatles, Cajun, Rockabilly and even Disney 12-1pm. Eyes on Owls presents "Owls of the World" at 1-2 and 3-4 pm. Harmonica Saints will entertain and lead a sing-a-long from 2-3 pm. Kip Ferguson will round out the live music from 4-5 pm.

Guided hikes will be conducted by BBA Staff from 2-3 on Saturday and Sunday.

This event is free to the public. Sponsors include BAE, Autodesk, McLane, Graf, Raulerson, & Middleton, Professional Association and Markel Insurance.

Schedule - these events are subject to change.

Saturday, September 29th
11:00 AM- Tina and Sierra Landel- Fiddle and Guitar Music
12:00 Noon- Amy Conley "Songs of the Forest"
1:00 PM- Wingmasters- Birds of Prey Show
2:00 PM Guided Hike Led by Beaver Brook Staff
3:00 PM- Wingmasters- Birds of Prey Show
4:00 PM- Storytelling and Guided Hike to Wigwam
Sunday, September 30th
11:00 AM- Amy Conley "Songs of the Forest"
12:00 Noon- Robie Bones- Harmonica and Percussion
1:00 PM Eyes on Owls -Bird Show
2:00 PM Harmonica Saints Sing-A-Long
3:00 PM Eyes on Owls -Bird Show
4:00 PM Kip Ferguson- Live Music

Downtown Nashua's Fall Restaurant Week

NASHUA – Great American Downtown (GAD) is excited to present the 5th Annual Fall Restaurant Week: Monday, September 24 through Sunday, September 30 when participating restaurants will pair incredible dining with incredible discounts.

"We received feedback from diners during the spring restaurant week asking for discounts to extend into the weekend. So in conjunction with our downtown restaurants, we decided to extend Fall Restaurant Week to a full seven days", said Rebecca Dixon, Executive Director at Great American Downtown. "Our goal is to give as many people as possible the opportunity to sample downtown Nashua's fabulous range of dining options." continued Dixon.

The Fall Restaurant Week eateries feature special week-long offers that best showcase their restaurants, such as seasonal dishes, multi-course prix fixe dining, 20+%

off your meal, beer tastings, special wine pairings, and many other extraordinary offers.

The deals offered during Fall Restaurant Week are open to all customers dining at the participating restaurants from September 24 through September 30, with no additional purchase or tickets required to take advantage of the discounts. With a wide range of restaurants and numerous bargains, Downtown Nashua's Fall Restaurant Week appeals to every consumer's taste and budget.

This Fall's featured Restaurants include Stella Blu, Unums and Portland Pie Co. Some of the participating restaurants include Saffron Bistro, Villa Banca, O'Brien's Sports Bar and The Peddler's Daughter. Visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.downtownnashua.org/fallrestaurantweek/"](http://www.downtownnashua.org/fallrestaurantweek/) for a complete listing of establishments, menus and special promotions.

LaBelle Winery Opens Sept. 28th

AMHERST – LaBelle Winery will open its much anticipated 11-acre winery, retail and event facility to the public on September 28th. Located on Route 101, the multifaceted property is surrounded by vineyards that produce five varieties of grapes used in winery-made products. The winery's twenty-three foot tall stainless steel tanks and automated state-of-the-art bottling line will allow LaBelle Winery to increase its winemaking production from 18,000 to ultimately 60,000 gallons per year, as LaBelle expands distribution beyond New England. At 20,000 square feet, LaBelle Winery also features a full service retail space, tasting room and event center that will offer a wine experience unique to New England.

Situated at the peak of the former Bragdon Farm, LaBelle Winery's many amenities will attract local residents as well as tourists. LaBelle Winery's wine tasting room is open Wednesdays through Sundays and holiday Mondays. Guests can taste and purchase all 25 varieties of LaBelle wine including a new sparkling wine, Shimmer, and a spiced dessert wine called Dulce. Table service of wine, cocktails and small plates is also available on the light bites terrace which features a copper fire bowl to provide warmth against the autumn chill. Art exhibits, guest chef series, wine pairing dinners, music series and cooking and wine making classes will delight visitors throughout the year. To learn more about special events at LaBelle Winery, guests can sign up for LaBelle's newsletter at www.labellewinerynh.com.

LaBelle Winery provides a stunning location for social and corporate events in four unique spaces – the Great Room, Vintage Room, Gallery and Winery. With its timber frame vaulted ceilings and private outdoor terrace, the Great

Room can seat up to 230 for weddings, corporate events and celebrations. The Great Room is also available for standing receptions with 350 guests. The Vintage Room and Gallery both accommodate up to 60 people and offer views of LaBelle Winery's vineyards from a private terrace. Located amid the stainless steel tanks and Barrel Room, the Winery is on the lower level of the facility and is available for unique functions of up to 65 seated or 100 standing guests.

Winemaker Amy LaBelle explained that LaBelle Winery was designed to not only produce world-class wines and products but to also be a place for the community to come together. "We create award winning wines that reflect New England and the fruits and vegetables that grow in the region," stated LaBelle. "Our new winery takes our mission a step further by offering guests a gathering place to savor these fine tastings and create memories with family, friends and business associates. The architecture and atmosphere reflects the beautiful natural environment found in our great state."

LaBelle Winery will celebrate its official grand opening with several ticketed events. For more information or to learn how to become a sponsor for one of the events listed below, visit labellewinerynh.com or call 603-828-6862.

LaBelle Winery has been producing elegant and award winning wines since 2005, fermenting for the first two years in a historic apple barn and then moving the winery to a larger barn in Amherst. Winemaker Amy LaBelle and her husband and co-owner, Cesar Arboleda, turned a love of wine making as a hobby into a highly successful business. For more information, visit labellewinerynh.com and labellewineryevents.com.

The Monadnock Humane Society's 10th Annual Hair Ball Fundraiser -

SWANZEY - The Monadnock Humane Society will host its 10th Annual Hair Ball – Under the Harvest Moon - on Saturday, October 6th at the Keene Country Club, Keene to benefit the animals at the Monadnock Humane Society. Voted the #1 Charity Event in the "Best of Monadnock" awards for the third year in a row, it will be a fun-filled evening of fabulous food, beautiful surroundings, dancing with "The Nines", and bidding on incredible auction items. Attire is black tie optional.

Each year, people gather together at the Hair Ball in the spirit of community and generosity to benefit the homeless animals of the Monadnock Region. Throughout the evening, attendees will be served hearty hors d'oeuvres and be able to sample fare from delicious carving stations and decadent desserts. Attendees are also invited to bid on 200+ auction items and services

that have been donated by many local businesses, companies, and stores. The live and silent auctions will feature a wide range of fabulous trips, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, home décor, original artwork and lovely jewelry.

The Hair Ball will begin at 7:00 pm and goes until midnight. Early Bird Admission (before Sept. 14th) is \$80 /person, \$150/couple, and \$675/table of 10. Regular admission (after Sept. 14th) is \$100/person, \$175/couple, and \$750/table of 10. Reservations can be made now by mailing a check to the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 West Swanzy Road, Swanzy, NH 03446, by calling Carol Laughner at 352-9011, x115, or go online to www.monadpets.org/2012hairball.

All proceeds from this benefit event will be applied to the operations of MHS for the care of our homeless animals.

America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers and Veterans' Fund Raising Week

NASHUA America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers and Veterans, a New Hampshire based 501 (c) (3) charity will be holding two fund raising events during the week of September 10-15th.

America Cares will hold its fifth annual fund raiser, Blue Jeans for America. All proceeds from the fund raiser go directly to purchase items for each Gift of Comfort box sent to a family of a fallen soldier in recognition of the sacrifice of their lives to our country. To date, America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers has provided Gifts of Comfort to the families of our fallen soldiers in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Louisiana, to all the families who attended the 25th anniversary of the Beirut Massacre, and to the families of the Navy Seals and oth-

ers involved with the special operational mission regarding B.L.

Business, individuals, organizations and groups wishing to contribute to America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers may call 886-4200 for more information or visit [America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers](http://Americacaresusa.org) and Veterans' web site: www.americacaresusa.org. Contributions may be made through the America Cares web site or mailed directly to America Cares-For the Families of Our Fallen Soldiers and Veterans, 1 Prospect Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

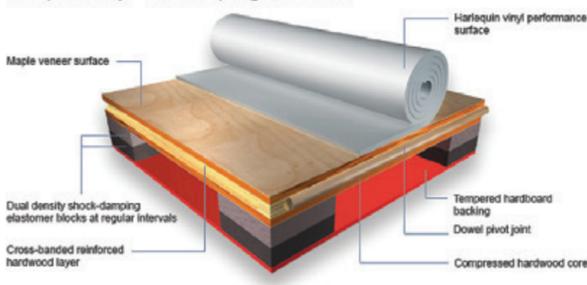
All proceeds raised from both of these fund raisers will provide for future shipments of Gifts of Comfort boxes to other families of a fallen son, daughter, father, mother, husband, wife, sister or brother.



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