Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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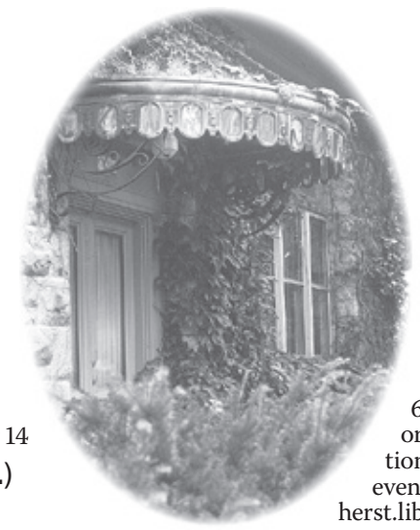

Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!
SESSION 2
Starts Nov. 6 and runs to December 14

Baby Listeners (newborn-2yrs.)
Fridays at 10:30
Caregivers present

Our "baby" group offers an opportunity for babies and their caregivers to gather for rhymes, songs and puppets. Emphasis is on traditional rhymes that reinforce language patterns and provide for parent/child interaction. A simple book or two intended for this age is generally highlighted.

Toddler Time (2 and 3-yr. olds)
Tuesdays at 10:00
Caregivers present

Toddler Time is for our 2 and 3 year olds who are just beginning to discover the joy of books and stories!

We mix it up with simple rhymes, songs, and puppets to appeal to a toddler's attention span. Each session concludes with a simple craft for the caregiver and child to create together. Come and join us, we have lots of fun!

Book Bunch (3-6 yrs.)
Thurs. at 10:00
Thurs. at 1:00pm

Our "Book Bunch" storytime is designed for the longer attention span of the preschool-kindergarten set. These action-packed 40 minute programs include a wide variety of books, finger plays, and songs. At the conclusion of each session, caretakers are invited to come in and assist their children with a simple craft.

All groups meet once per week for six-week sessions which run from September until June. No registration is required.

For more information, please call 603-673-2288 and ask for Miss Sarah or Miss Sue. For up-to-date information concerning library programs and events, please visit our website, www.amherst.lib.nh.us and click on Calendar of Events.

Paws for Reading---Come read to Anna and Leo!!

Anna and Leo, our reading therapy dogs, and their handler, Carol, will be here to listen to our children read on Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 3:30 to 4:30, and on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 to 11:30. This is a wonderful way for beginning readers to practice their skills, and it's lots of fun for more experienced readers, too! To register for a 15-minute reading appointment, please call Miss Sarah or Miss Sue at 673-2288.

Monday, Oct. 29 @ 3:30pm

THIS JUST IN!!!

Steve Blunt

Will be joining us for our 3rd annual

Not-So-Scary

Halloween Party!!

Everyone is welcome-

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It's About Conservation

Peace Waiting To Be Found I

By Bruce B. Beckley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Passing the peace is not something limited to an hour or so on a Sabbath morning. Nature has her peace to pass every day to anyone with eyes and ears open to her. Recently we found her gift in two Lakes Region settings. One on the water, the other ashore. In a subsequent article we will write about peace-filled waters. Today it is:

Peace Among The Giants

A loon called plaintively from somewhere out on the misty lake. A terrier sporting a bear bell ran past, heading for a late fall swim in Squam's clear water. These sounds against the background melodies of the wind in tree tops 100 feet above greeted us as we entered the186-acre Chamberlain-Reynolds Forest in Holderness.

The trail, part of a 3.5-mile system, is a former skidder road. It enters the forest beside an obscure cellar hole. The massive trunk of a 150-year old sugar maple that stood between the house and the road hangs on to life. The historic road was laid out to connect Portsmouth scholars with Dartmouth College – much like the Second NH Turnpike down here in the flat land. This forest is rich in cultural and natural history.

Proceeding down the well-marked trail, we walked through a forest that demonstrates what forest management can accomplish. Pines and hemlocks over three feet in diameter stand near openings created periodically as spaces for seedlings to begin new generations. The ground cover for the season is an amber blanket of fern species.

Down at the lake elevation, the trail reaches the new 300-foot long Heron Cove boardwalk. The elevated structure crosses over sphagnum moss and ferns between cattails, blueberry, and maleberry bushes. Part way across a bench invites hikers to pause, rest and listen to the sounds and silence of nature's peace. Ducks are still paddling in the cove but the redwing blackbirds and loons that nested here two months ago have gone south.

Forest management, as expertly demonstrated here by the New England Forestry Foundation, is based on periodic selective cuts that recognize the needs of the natural inhabitants and the human users for recreation as well as a sustainable economy and provisions for peaceful escapes. Over a 50-year time span, six timber sales have been made, improving the health and quality of the remaining trees and increasing the diversity of wildlife habitats.

Adjectives can be misleading – warming words to some, warning words to others. The word "selective" can be one of those words that can convey two or three meanings in the woods. Recently this was made clear near home as we met with a logger to review his intentions for a wooded hillside being considered by conservation organizations for permanent protection. The owner and seller said he had contracted for a selective harvest (nice sounding) to maximize (a warning) the value of the sale. The logger spoke with all the right words of a selective harvest while with wide eyes he marked the big trunk and big dollar trees. The buyer hears "selective harvest" and thinks of forest management as practiced by the New England Forestry Foundation and the Amherst Conservation Commission. We'll see which usage of the word prevails.

In its cutting, the ACC follows long-range forest management plans prepared for its properties by a professional forester. These plans make provision for habitat improvement, species diversity, non-invasive personal recreation and peace-filled settings. Cutting is not performed to produce income. However, any net income produced is returned to the ACC Conservation Fund and helps offset the costs of managing meadows such as the sliding hill at the Bragdon Farm.

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Holiday Adult Special: Jewelry Making Workshop

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library presents a Holiday Special program, "Jewelry Making Workshop for Adults," on Tuesday, November 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. You will leave with sparkly new accessories for yourself or a special holiday gift (with gift box included) for those you want to remember this upcoming holiday season. We will have a great time "playing" with beads and making bracelets and necklaces (along with a little creative break from Election Day activities). This workshop is specifically for adults and all materials will be provided.

Workshop leader Sharon Colvin is a jewelry maker, bead collector, and librarian. She has graduate degrees in Education and Library Science and has been teaching beading classes for 10 years. Encouraging creativity and individuality is one of her passions. She believes anyone can be creative in the right environment. And, the right environment is at the Amherst Town Library!

Free event, November 6, 6:30-8:30.

Presentations at the Library are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for our adult programs due to space limitations. You can register for this program for adults by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

AMHERST – Join us at the Amherst Town Library in celebrating our New England Autumn and Harvest through art and photography during the month of October. The Friend's of the Library is excited to present this diverse and beautiful show featuring many different local artists. The exhibit runs from October 2nd to November 3rd on the main floor of the library.

Come and see the talents of Brenda Ferro with her pastel landscapes, as well as Sherry Crow with her hand made floral arrangement. Nancy Frey, Janet Hymowitz, Elaine Riel, and Linda Feinberg will be showing a wonderful collection of watercolor landscapes and still lifes, while Christina Gagnon, Alberta Geyer, Cheryl Miller, and Josefina Clouse will be showing oil and acrylic paintings. Our photographers include Dick Crow, Chris Farris, and Jack Ahearn with beautiful shots of foliage and symbols of our unique autumns.

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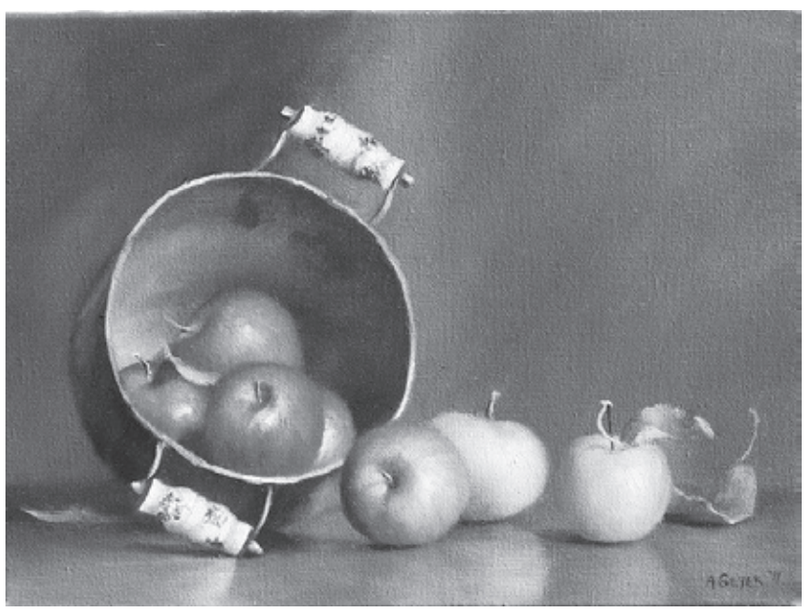
Celebrating the Harvest Art Show



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