

2014 Amherst and Area Holiday Events & Fairs



Two of our Amherst Girl Scout Elves who assist Santa at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday and at the Fire Station on Saturday.

Christmas House Tour in Amherst Village



Beautiful Table setting from a prior house touse

AMHERST – The Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour is planned Saturday, December 13. This very successful and popular holiday tradition attracts men and women interested in Amherst history, historic homes and holiday decorating.

From 10 am to 4 pm., five beautifully decorated houses are open to ticket holders. Varying in style, history and stature, the houses are decorated for Christmas by their homeowners, interior decorators and professional florists, including The Garden Party, My Feathered Nest, Deb's Décor and Terri Tiedt Designs.

The tour is sponsored by the Congregational Church of Amherst, 11 Church St., Amherst with support from the Black Forest Café, Boyd & Bouffard Insurance Agency LLC, Brian McGuigan/Edward Jones Investments, Dovetail Dental Associates, Susan Frenette/Citizens Bank, Hampshire Hills, and TD Wealth.

All proceeds support the continued preservation of the historic meetinghouse on the Town Green. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$40

on the day of tour. Additional information and tickets available at www.ccamherst.org/cav or at 673-3231. Tickets are also available in Amherst at the Black Forest Cafe, Moulton's Market, Amherst Garden Center & Flower Shop and in Milford at the Toadstool Bookshop.



Flower arrangement

21st Annual Share Christmas Fair

SHARE's Festive Annual Christmas Fair, Saturday, December 6 from 9:00-2:00 at 1 Columbus Ave in Milford will feature elegant handmade crafts, Christmas decorations, jewelry, and many other unique items made by professional craftspeople. New this year are FREE cash door prizes that will be drawn every hour. In addition to the craft tables, there will be a raffle table with many incredible items, including Gift Certificates and many beautiful gift baskets. Also, children will be able to

sit on Santa Claus' lap to have their pictures taken. Plan on enjoying lunch with us. We'll have delicious chowder, chili, hot dogs along with homemade baked goods. Proceeds will benefit SHARE Outreach, a non-profit, non-denominational group providing food, clothing and financial assistance to people in need. The SHARE Center is well located, handicapped accessible, and has plenty of parking. For more information, contact SHARE at 673-9898.

Church of Our Saviour to Host Christmas Fair With Cookies, Crafts, And More!

MILFORD – The Church of Our Saviour in Milford will ring in the holiday season at its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fair will feature homemade treats, gifts, decorations, activities for children, and a tasty luncheon.

The church's large space will be filled with great gifts and tasty treats for all. Visit the Children's Room to decorate a gingerbread house to take home. Travel through the Cookie Shop to mix and match selections from a huge variety of holiday cookies. Explore the homemade preserves, candies, breads, and sliced to order off-the-wheel Cabot Cheese at the Country Store.

Find unique hand-made gifts at the Craft Shop. Complete your day with a stop at the Village Café for a luncheon featuring homemade soups, assorted sandwich choices and delectable desserts.

The Church of Our Saviour is an Episcopal parish in Milford, NH open to those seeking a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith. The church is located at the intersection of Amherst and Grove streets just outside of the Milford Oval, across from the post office. For more information call 673-3309, email office@coosmilford.org, or visit online at www.facebook.com/COOSMILFORD or www.coosmilford.org.

SHARE the Holidays

MILFORD – SHARE Outreach, serving those in need in the Souhegan Valley with a food pantry, clothing barn, and emergency financial assistance is looking to our generous community to make the lives of those less fortunate a little brighter this holiday season. The demand for SHARE services continues to be high. Since January of this year, SHARE has assisted over 600 families (1600 individuals) with food and other basic necessities.

SHARE's Holiday Program is a decades-old tradition in the Souhegan Valley. There are many ways one can participate and celebrate the holidays by helping a family in need, including collecting food at your business, holiday party, or family gathering; donating gift cards which are used for the older clients; donating money to help defray the cost of the food baskets; or

adopting a family. SHARE's adoption program has been very successful in the past and we hope to increase participation this year. Many local families choose to adopt a family in need. Book groups, churches, businesses, and simply groups of friends often pool their resources and adopt. It is a satisfying way to share your own fortune with those who have little.

Last year, SHARE helped 426 local families with holiday food and gifts. We need the support of the local community to make this program a success. Please consider adopting a family or making a monetary gift to SHARE's Holiday Program. For more information on SHARE's Holiday Program, contact holiday@sharenh.org, call 673-9898, or check out the website at www.sharenh.org.



Louise Dube exhibits her creative fabrics

Amherst Lions Club's 34th Annual Craft Fair on December 6th

AMHERST – Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on December 6th, 118 of New England's finest crafters and their wares will be waiting for you at the Amherst Middle School. The Fair will begin at 9:00 a.m., and end at 3:00 p.m. Parking will be available at the Middle School or Souhegan High School with complimentary transportation being provided by Contemporary Chrysler toll from the Souhegan High School parking lot, if desired. Last year over 1300 people came to see what is believed to be the largest and, in the view of this writer, best Craft Fair in New England. If it is a quality craft you are looking to buy your wife-mother-son... In-law, we will have it there. Lion Frank Lombardi has organized this Craft Fair for many years and he carefully selects the crafters based on their variety and quality. Additionally, for \$1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, over 60 craft items and local business donations will be raffled off. Also a "Silent Auction" will be held for nine high value items donated by local business-

es. You will not be required to be in attendance to win. However, if you are the "Silent Auction" winner of the Mailbox and Post donated by Crowe Fences, it is hoped that you will come with a truck or SUV as it is very heavy.

The Lions Club's food service line headed by Lion Anne Hoag will be serving beverages and donuts as well as sandwiches and, of course, Lion Richard Ball's renowned "Chili". If past history is repeated, you had better get in the "Chill" line before 12:30 or it will be all gone. Finally, the Amherst Lions Club uses the total net proceeds from this Craft Fair to support Sight and Hearing charities (Lions Club primary choice of charities) as well as local Community Service Projects such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Holiday Toy Store, Amherst Junior Women's Christmas Baskets, Camp Allen, SHARE, Bridges, Meats on Wheels, and, last year, \$1,500 college scholarships to two deserving Souhegan High graduates.



Delicious hot chili. A favorite at the Lions Club Craft Fair.




"On Friday, December 12, at the Amherst Tree Lighting, we shall read the list of on-duty names, sent in by Amherst Residents who have loved ones who are Military Soldiers, Foreign Service Diplomats, Police Officers, Firefighters, EMS Paramedics and EMTs, who cannot be home for the holiday/s they celebrate, because they are on duty. We pay tribute to them for their service and sacrifice. Please email names to ACBergin@aol.com"



Newcomers Club Sponsors Annual Breakfast with Santa


The Amherst Area Newcomers Club will be running their annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 13th from 9-11 a.m. at the Amherst Congregational Church. Families will enjoy breakfast and music, and children will make crafts and receive a

photo taken with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$7/person, children under 12 mos. are free. Please contact Jessica Steele at NHNewcomers@gmail.com for your reservation. Payment is due by 12/10 to guarantee your spot as this event will sell out.



Souhegan Valley CHORUS

Christmas in Hollywood



December 14th 7:00pm
The Amato Center
56 Mont Vernon Rd, Milford NH

Jennifer K. Erdody, *Director*
Kimberly Vars Whitehead, *Accompanist*

For ticket information:
www.souheganvalleychorus.org

"Celebrate the spirit of the season with holiday music from the silver screen!"