

Town News

Boston Flower Show Trip
Wednesday, March 11

The Boston Flower Show trip has been arranged for Wednesday, March 11, by The Amherst Garden Club. Leaving at 2pm and arriving during the late afternoon is a less crowded time to view the show. This year's theme for the flower show will be "Season of Enchantment" and it promises to explore the mystical joys of the spring garden. The shows lush and inspiring landscapes will get you excited for the coming season. It is a great opportunity to learn more about garden design as each display is critiqued by judges. Also available to answer your questions are the garden designers. Each garden display will be labeled with latin and common names.

Don't miss the floral arrangements which are also judged and the judges critiques are very interesting and educational. This year professional florists will conjure up "Wizards Hats and Wands" in celebration of the theme and the container Garden Invitational will of-

fer dozens of ideas for creating your next potted masterpiece. Vendors are prolific and always fun to see what is new in gardening!

There is the opportunity to get in on one of the lectures. At 3:30 Andi Ross, a landscape designer and Garden Coach will speak on Hydrangeas for those who are interested.

The Amherst Garden Club will be arranging for a limo bus to do all the driving. The cost which includes the trip, ticket to the flower show and gratuity for the bus driver is \$53.00. Email Marti Warren (martwarren@comcast.net) to sign up. This is open to anyone to attend, why not invite a friend. We leave from the Meeting Place at 2pm and return at 7pm. Everyone will be on their own for dinner. You can eat on site, or wander across the street to the Seaport Aura Restaurant and enjoy a light dinner. The deadline for sign up and payment is February 10. Please make check payable to Amherst Garden Club.

Amherst Garden Club Annual Scholarship

The Amherst Garden Club is offering scholarship awards to qualified students this spring. \$4000.00 is available to Amherst or Mont Vernon residents who will be attending an institute of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscape design, or environmental science as it relates directly to horticulture. The Garden Club believes it has the opportunity to impact our planet in a beneficial way by supporting the education of students who have an interest in a field closely allied in some way with horticulture.

Applications are available from student services or guidance offices at Souhegan High School, Bishop

Guertin High School, and the Derryfield School. Other Amherst and Mont Vernon students or graduates can get the application from Sue Alger at 673-5664 or on the Amherst Garden Club website, www.amherstgardenclub.org. There are two applications forms available, one for high school seniors and one for high school graduates who are presently college age or older.

Souhegan High School students need to return their applications to the high school student services offices by April 1. All other applicants should mail their applications to the Amherst Garden Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 694, Amherst, NH 03031 by March 16.

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sai Artist Within". They will discuss bonsai history, various styles of bonsai, and perform a live demonstration of the bonsai process. Some large bonsai trees will be exhibited, and the care and watering procedures explained.

Myrla Bryant's beginnings as a bonsai artist began over 46 years ago in her hometown of San Pablo City, Philippines. She has always had an interest in art, especially beautifying her home and environment through bonsai culture. Shortly after she began cultivating her first bonsai trees, a local Bonsai Master saw her talent and began encouraging her as an "artist in the making". She studied under Mario Estiva and soon she was having one person shows of her own in her garden. Later she progressed to showing her art at local garden and flower shows in her province. She eventually developed a thriving business of cultivating and selling her trees from her home garden courtyard.

David Bryant comes to the business with a diverse background in business management, sales, mar-

keting and advertising, web design and teaching. For the past fifteen years he has been developing new skills in bonsai design.

Both Myrla and David believe that participating in bonsai art has a nurturing and creative effect on the artist. They know from their own experience that a bonsai tree has the potential to teach several wonderful characteristics: mindfulness, attentiveness, creativity, discipline and purpose. The tree has a way of accomplishing these lessons in a very quiet and serene manner.

David and Myrla run bonsai workshops for high school horticulture students. Following their demonstration, medium bonsai trees will be available for sale at 10% off and a door prize will be awarded. The club's general meeting will begin at 9:00 AM, followed by a short social time. The bonsai program will begin at 10:15 AM. Guests are always welcome to meetings with no fee. During the winter months if the Amherst Schools are cancelled the day of the meeting then the meeting will be cancelled.

AJWC Funds Available for
Area Non-Profits

The Amherst Junior Women's Club invites non-profit organizations in need of charitable contributions to apply for a donation. Throughout the year, the AJWC raises money and then disburses those funds within the community.

Request must follow these guidelines:
Requesting organization must be affiliated with a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

- Organization does not need to have an Amherst address but must service the local community.
- Request must be submitted by March 31, 2015, in writing or by e-mail.

Request must contain the following information:
Name of organization, mailing address, e-mail address, website (if available), telephone number, contact name.

- Dollar amount requested.
- How would donated funds be used?
- How does requesting organization currently benefit Amherst and greater community?
- How does organization's objective correspond to the mission of the AJWC? AJWC mission is explained below.
- When was organization established? Provide short history of organization.
- How does organization fund itself, ie. federal/state/local grants?
- What is organization's annual budget? Include any expected shortfalls.

The AJWC is an organization of women who volunteer their time, energy and talent to enhance the community. The club's mission is to focus efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and the less fortunate.

All requesting organizations will be notified when applications are received. Once approved, funds will be distributed no later than June 15, 2015. Only chosen recipients will be notified of disbursements.

Questions may be e-mailed to Christina Zlotnick at cip.ajwc@gmail.com. Please reference "CIP Request" in subject line. For more information, please visit our website at: ajwcnh.org. Our mailing address is: AJWC, CIP Request, P.O. Box 513, Amherst, NH 03031.



Bring A Smile To A Child...

Help bring a Smile to a Child February 2 - 27. Boxes will be collecting donations for Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) at the Amherst Town Library and at the Mont Vernon Village School during the month of February. Boxes are sponsored by Emma Farris, a Girl Scout in Troop 22752 in Amherst as her Bronze Award Project. Donate new board games, plastic toys, puzzles, DVDs, coloring books, crayons, gift cards or books and you can help bring a SMILE to a CHILD as children receive treatment at CHaD. If you have any questions please contact Troop Leader Shannon Daniels 672-3552.

Amherst Area Newcomers



Amherst Area Newcomers enjoyed food, good cheer and a Yankee swap at their annual champagne brunch on January 10th. Amherst Area Newcomers Club holds monthly

social meetings both informative and entertaining. We have many interest groups that also meet weekly or monthly including book group, knitting, bunco, crafts, out to lunch, movie

night, poker and more.

Our next general meeting will take place on Feb. 8th at the home of one of our members on Baboosic Lake. Depending on the ice conditions we will either

ice skate or snowshoe and enjoy a fire pit and hot chocolate.

For more information on our activities visit our website at www.nhnewcomers.com
We would love to meet you!

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The Amherst Recreation Department Presents the 2015...

Winter Carnival

Join us February 6th, 7th, and 8th for a FREE weekend filled with fun, games, food, and more!

The Inaugural Bear Fest Broom Ball Tournament:

The ARD presents the first ever Broomball tournament! This is a co-ed family tournament for all ages 14 and up. We encourage YOU to rally up your friends and family for a weekend of friendly competition.

Hockey Clinic with the Souhegan Sabers!

Come out for a morning of Ice Hockey lead by the Souhegan Sabers girls Ice Hockey team. This 2 hour FREE clinic will provide students in grades 1-8 the opportunity to meet, skate and play hockey with the Sabers! Students will get the chance to scrimmage with the Sabers! Helmets and ice skates are required. All other equipment will be supplied.

Where: AMS Ice Skating Rink
When: Sunday, February 8th
Time: 9am-11am

Save the date!

| February 6th | February 7th | February 8th |
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| Family skate/Bonfire | Disney's Frozen | Winter Carnival |
| Join us for the Ribbon Cutting of our AMS Ice skating rink. We will kick off the winter carnival weekend with some family skating, a bonfire, and music! | Let it go and relax for a night while watching Disney's Frozen on the big screen! Come to the AMS café with your PJ's on and blankets ready for our winter carnival movie night. | Snowshoeing Face Painting Meet the Amherst Bear! Make a craft Pony Rides Build a snow quinzhee Raffles FoodAnd more!! |
| Where: AMS ice rink Time: 6pm | Where: AMS café Time: 6pm | Where: Middle St Time: 1-3pm |

All proceeds will benefit future projects and maintenance for the AMS Ice Rink

Obituary

MARJORIE ALLEN

Marjorie Allen, creator of so much beauty, died peacefully at home in Sandwich, NH, overlooking her beloved Squam Lake on November 15, 2014. She was born December 25, 1946, grew up in Eastchester, NY, and graduated from Eastchester High School. Marj completed a BA in Education at Pace University and graduate coursework in gifted education at the University of Connecticut.

Marj taught for over 25 years at Putnam Valley Elementary School in New York. She was a dedicated teacher and volunteer coach of both children and adults in creative problem solving for 33 years in New York and New Hampshire. She changed many lives by giving others the ability to tackle any challenge they faced.

Marj is warmly remembered for her irresistible holiday cookies that led many to schedule a January diet each year. She won numerous blue and best-in-show ribbons for her flower arrangements, often containing beautiful blooms from her own prolific garden. Her elegant arrangements also graced antiques

shows in which she was an exhibitor. She enjoyed sailing, swimming and traveling, especially to places of natural beauty.

Marjorie was married for 49 years to Mark Allen and partnered with him in Mark & Marjorie Allen Antiques. She generously volunteered at The Samuel H. Wentworth Library, Destination Imagination, the local garden club, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes.

Marj is survived and cherished by her husband Mark; her daughters, Stephanie Allen (Xavier Becquer) and Samantha Allen; her parents, Dr. Martin and Vivienne Sokoloff; and siblings Myka-Lynne Sokoloff, Stephen Sokoloff and Beth Engerson.

A private burial took place on November 16, 2014, in Sandwich, NH. A memorial service will be held on June 27, 2015, on Squam Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations to the following would be appreciated: The Marjorie Allen Scholarship in care of New Hampshire Destination Imagination or Dana Farber Cancer Institute.