

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Amy Lapointe, Library Director
14 Main St., Amherst NH
Phone 673-2288 Fax 672-6063
email: library@amherstlibrary.org
web http://www.amherstlibrary.org
Mon-Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri & Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

COME TO STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY! SESSION 3
Starts Jan. 5 and runs through Feb. 13

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.

Pajama Storytime! (ages 3-6 yrs.)

Mondays at 6:30pm

This is a 'Book Bunch' for the after-hours set! Put on your 'jammies' and head on down to the library for some stories and fun. Then it's home to brush your teeth and hop into bed. The perfect program for working families, or for those kids who like a little 'nightlife'!

Amherst Town Library

Jet Setting 101: You Can See The World On A Budget!

AMHERST – Marcy Yeager, coordinator of International Studies at Northern Essex Community College and an adventure travel junkie, presents "Jet Setting 101: You Can See the World on a Budget" at the Amherst Town Library on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. The program is part of Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel, and Anything Chocolate April series for adults at the Amherst Town Library. Do you dream about taking a hiatus from your everyday life to reconnect with yourself through exploration and travel? Do you have a list of countries you long to see and no idea how to make your travel dreams a reality? Whether solo or as a group there is a trip that is just right for you! Marcy will share her own travel triumphs and woes and help make international travel a reality for you.

Marcy is a graduate of Northeastern University (B.S.) and the University of New Hampshire (M.S.). She joined the Northern Essex Community College's Natural Sciences Department in 2003 and soon after was named chair of the department, a position she held until 2010. Working with employers from across the Merrimack Valley and faculty within her department, she created an associate degree pro-

gram in lab science which leads to immediate employment in one of three emerging fields—biotechnology, environmental sciences, and chemical analysis. Believing that community service is an important part of student learning, she has spearheaded volunteer community projects including an assessment of trees in downtown Newburyport for the Newburyport Tree Commission and an energy audit of Lawrence city buildings. She serves as co-chair of the college's Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee which was formed to integrate the economic, social, and environmental principles of sustainability through the curriculum and operations of the college. Her love of the South American rainforest (she teaches an NECC course there every other year with one of her colleagues) led to a month spent in the summer of 2009 volunteering on a small farm/eco-tourism center in Ecuador.

Please also join us for the final program of the Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel and Anything Chocolate April series for adults: "Cooking with Chocolate" on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

All programs in the Field of Dreams series are free and open to



Marcy Yeager

the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. You can register for all these events by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherstlibrary.org or by visiting our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

It's About Conservation

Springing Into Spring

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



It rained a bit last night. Not much, but enough to moisten trees and leave water-drop jewels on the twigs. It was enough to fill the air with the scents and sense of spring. Spring is more storms and cold nights away but the birds knew a new season is itching to explode. Titmice and cardinals were calling for it. A downy woodpecker was beating on a pine snag – not for food but to proclaim to all creation, "This is my territory and I am glad."

Spring is well on its way! Red buds on maples are swelling. Beside the brook, skunk cabbages are melting their way up through the last white vestiges of winter. Around the marsh, the ice is receding, leaving enough open water for a pair of early-bird mallards to dabble in.

Over the years, writers and theologians have expressed their views regarding the relationships of God and Nature. One wrote, "Nature is God's artist." John Ruskin put it this way, "Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." The pictures are out there waiting to be captured digitally or as pictures of the mind. They stretch from the long viewsheds of Grater Woods to the fuzzy cattails of the Pond Parish.

The secret is to get out, to smell and see and feel re-emerging Nature. Recreation Department Director Craig Fraley joined the Conservation Commissioners for a discussion of outdoor programs and education, two of Craig's interests and specialties. All of us favored more programs at Peabody Mill Environmental Center where the Recreation Department plans to expand the summer camp program this summer to a longer day.

The popular Tuesday morning walks led by Craig on ACC trails will be resuming as trail conditions improve for walks. Looking ahead, ways were discussed to expand the in-town system of cross-country ski trails located on ACC and private lands. A senior project proposed by Souhegan High School senior Jim Callahan was favorably received. Jim's plan is to start a XC ski club that would focus volunteer efforts and the resources of the ACC and Rec. Dept. on developing and maintaining ski trails for public use.

Mr. Fraley also described a popular program he encouraged in Peterborough that he wants to begin for all hikers in Amherst. Called "Walk The State", hikers would walk the equivalent of the state's width and length and keep a tally of the distances walked.

A good marriage of interests and goals has been given form by the two town agencies. We are looking good! The outdoor world, be it in the backyard or statewide, is a special place and we are special to have it to spring into.

To enhance the quality of life for all Amherst residents: Offer a diverse cultural community and special event activities for all family members; Provide environmental education and leisure opportunities; Provide quality leisure opportunities in a safe and healthy atmosphere; Provide a well maintained park system and recreational facilities to be used in an optimal, fair and equitable manner. -- Amherst Recreation Department Mission Statement

Klezwoods Quintet to Perform April 12

continued from page 1

"Klezmer Christmas" event. Since that fateful day, Klezwoods has played The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., The Helsinki Klezmer Festival in Finland, and tours across the globe playing festivals and concerts.

Five members of the Klezwoods are joining us for this exciting concert: Sam Dechenne, Tev Stevig, Grant Smith, Jim Gray, and Becky Wexler. Trumpet player Sam Dechenne, is a composer and band-leader from Portland, OR. Sam has toured with various musical projects from France to Madagascar, Japan to New Zealand and more! A 2007 graduate of Berklee School of Music, Sam has played trumpet on many albums ranging from klezmer to jazz, reggae, funk, and rock music.

Guitarist and multi-instrumentalist Tev Stevig specializes in a variety of plucked instruments from the Balkans, Greece, and Turkey.

His music travels have brought him to the main stage at the Montreal Jazz Festival, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Apollonia Festival of Arts in Bulgaria, as well as many other venues in North America and Europe. Tev graduated from Berklee College of Music with a Bachelors of Music in Jazz Guitar Performance and received the prestigious Guitar Performance Achievement Award. He has studied performance styles on such instruments as the Macedonian tambura, Greek laouto, Turkish oud, cumbus, tanbur, and baglama.

Drummer Grant Smith has performed at the Hollywood Bowl and Symphony Hall, and has collaborated with poet laureate Robert Pinsky and Betsy Scholl.

Jim Gray on tuba has been featured at international music festivals from Berlin to Montreal, major movie soundtracks, and dozens of great recordings.

Cantor, educator, and klezmer clarinetist Becky Wexler is a passionate community builder, artist, and dreamer. Working with communities at home and internationally, she has a strong voice across global spheres of learning and creation.

We also invite you to come to the final concert of the 2015 Sundays at 4 music series: "The Boston Saxophone Quartet: Duke Ellington Beyond Category Concert" on Sunday, April 26th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each performance due to space limitations. To register for any Sundays at 4 concerts, please call 673-2288, email library@amherstlibrary.org or visit our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and select the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

500 Billion Dollar Energy Industry.

Currently seeking full or part time Energy Consultants currently living in New Hampshire, Boston, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois areas

The duties of an Energy Consultant is to help individuals, families and businesses save money on their energy bill. No license is required. No experience necessary. All you need is a computer, phone, and some free time and you can earn a monthly income between \$300 - \$2,000 part time. Full time position \$2,000-\$15,000 monthly. Training will be provided. Spanish speaking is a plus.

Please Contact: Rahul Heberaj at Proximity Energy
Phone: 1-574-302-1619
email: proximityenergy2783@gmail.com

Tree & Stump Removal

Call: 630-0622 or 487-1009

FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
Storm Damage Cleanup • Stump Grinding On-site
Tree & Brush Chipping Available • Bucket Truck Work

www.northeasttreeremoval.com

Election Results

www.amherstcitizen.com

Your New Dream Home Begins With Us

Why live with somebody else's choices?
Buy a NEW home that's just right for you!

Milford, NH
603-672-0224
Prices starting at \$296,400

Amherst, NH
603-673-3359
Prices starting at \$358,281

Stabile Homes
www.stabilehomes.com

THE MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1906, IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING LOCAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITIES OF MILFORD, AMHERST AND MONT VERNON.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF

2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (501 C(3)), GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND FAITH COMMUNITIES FROM MILFORD, AMHERST AND/OR MONT VERNON ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

TO OBTAIN APPLICATION MATERIALS PLEASE EMAIL:
MILFORDHOSPITALASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM
C/O JENNIFER WIERWILLE NORTON,
MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION GRANTS CONSULTANT

**APPLICATION RFP DISTRIBUTED:
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2015**

**DEADLINE FOR FULL PROPOSALS:
MAY 15, 2015 AT 5P.M.**

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE

MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM MILFORD, AMHERST AND MONT VERNON PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE CAN APPLY THROUGH THE NH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION WEBSITE AT WWW.NHCF.ORG.

CLICK ON STUDENT AID AND LOOK FOR THE ADULT STUDENT AID APPLICATION. HERE IS A DIRECT LINK TO THE ADULT STUDENT AID PROGRAM:
WWW.NHCF.ORG/PAGE.ASPX?PID=473

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY 3rd ANNUAL

Putting the FUN in fundraising!

WINNING TEAM WILL BE AWARDED \$150.00 IN ADDITION TO BRAGGING RIGHTS!

TRIVIA NIGHT TEAMS: consist of 10 adults 21 and older. (Maximum seating for 150 players. Open seats may be filled.)

What can be better than a night out to dinner with friends & Trivia???

Saturday March 28th
@ Hampshire Hills

Doors Open / Team check-in @ 5:30
Dinner & Raffle Bids begin @ 5:30
Trivia begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Event Hosted by Hampshire Hills

Raffle prizes sponsored by:

Karen Burns salon Apex
Moulton's Market
THE MILE AWAY RESTAURANT
LaBelle Winery
THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS
FRIDAYS
Innovations THE SALON & SPA
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

Just to name a few...

REGISTER TODAY!

Download or e-mail for registration form at www.amherstlibrary.org or TriviaNight@icloud.com. Please complete and return registration form, along with your payment by Fri., March 13th to the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main Street, Amherst NH 03031. Cost is just \$12.00 per player! Please make checks payable to Friends of the Amherst Town Library. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase the night of event, cost \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. All proceeds directly support the Friends of the Amherst Town Library. Dinners & Beverages are available for purchase the night of this event. Please contact Christine Farris with any questions or to register your team or if you would like to preview dinner menu for this event by e-mail at TriviaNight@icloud.com.