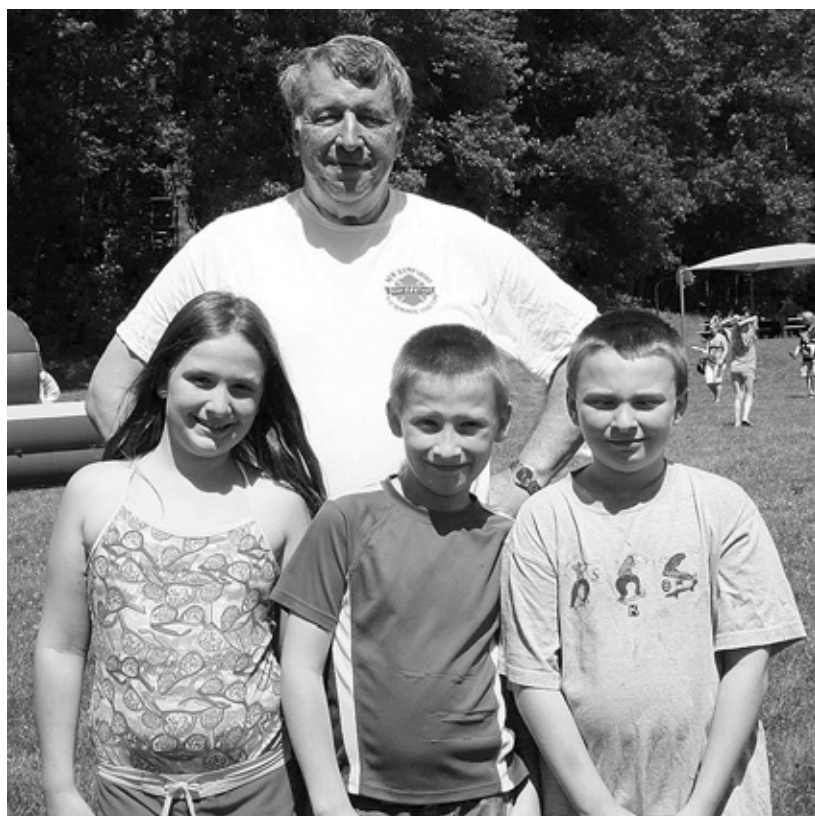


# Region

## The Bedford Strawberry Festival, A Great Day For The Family



**Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest 2014 Winners – Dave Daniels, Master of Ceremonies with Zoie Love, Jacob Richard, Zach Love**

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BEDFORD – Looking for a fun outing? The Seventh Annual Bedford Strawberry Festival will take place on Saturday June 20th from 11AM to 3PM. This is a family event with activities for all ages, but with special emphasis on the kids. Strawberries are the featured item with delicious Strawberry Shortcake donated by Hannaford Supermarkets, then prepared by volunteers from the New Hope Christian Fellowship Church.

Of course there is also a Shortcake Eating Contest with prizes. There'll also be hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. In addition Face Painting will be available for kids and any adult so inclined.

The kids also enjoy free use of the large inflatable Bounce House and Obstacle Course, so parents have plenty of time to browse the many local vendors. You'll recognize many of them from the Farmer's Markets but there'll be new ones too, along with non-profit and Town organizations. In fact, the Bedford Men's Club will be there, offering the final raffle tickets with subsequent drawing scheduled to

take place for three Weber Grills. The Bedford Police and Fire Departments will have Fire Engine and Police Cruisers on display to show off their latest technologies.

As with previous years, the Strawberry Festival will be held at the Performance Field immediately adjacent to the Town Pool on County Road and near the intersection of Nashua and County Roads.

Plenty of signage will be provided as well as an overflow parking area.

The Strawberry Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries, whose mission is to protect and maintain the many historic grave markers in the town which are not cared for by public funds, and to provide education about their history. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization of volunteers and all funds raised, goes for this important work. Admission to the Festival is free.

For further information, please contact please see <http://friendsofbedfordcemeteries.org/> or contact David Mackey at david-mackey@comcast.net.



## The League of NH Craftsmen's Nashua Fine Craft Gallery Celebrates Five Year Anniversary

NASHUA – The League of NH Craftsmen's Nashua Fine Craft Gallery opened its doors to the public during Memorial Day weekend, five years ago. Its owner, Ruth Boland, says success was a long shot at the time. Downtown Nashua was in a major slump with empty storefronts on every block. The gallery has thrived however, bringing its many fans to the downtown area. It appears that Nashua and the surrounding towns including those in northern Massachusetts, are full of wonderful people who appreciate fine craft. Previously they travelled to Concord, or got their fix at the League's Annual Craftsmen's Fair. Now they can come downtown at their convenience, park in the gallery's convenient, private lot in back, enter through the front door, and explore! The gallery is relaxed and beautiful and shows work from over 180 juried members of the League. The gallery fulfills its education mission by offering classes in the evenings and on weekends, demonstrations on special occasions and through everyday interaction between the knowledgeable staff and the public.

The gallery will celebrate its five year anniversary on June 6 from

11am to 3pm with interesting demonstrations, yummy snacks and gift certificate give-a-ways. Boland will hold a basket weaving demonstration from 11am to 1pm. Boland has been a basketmaker since 1991. Her hand-shaped baskets often involve strong colors, intricate patterns and a contemporary feel. She has shown her work at juried exhibits throughout New England and her work has been included in the book, "500 Baskets".

From 1-3pm Joe Farchaus will demonstrate pewter work. Farchaus's study as a pewtersmith began nearly a decade ago. His work is based upon fashioning items by hand starting from sheet pewter. The pewter is cut, hammered, soldered and finished with a series of polishing steps. The polished or satin finished products include contemporary plates, bowls, candleholders, napkin rings, cups, and boxes. Many of Joe's works include enamel or hand engraved features to accentuate the work by adding color and textures. Typically, the enamel or engraving work adds a symbolic touch of New Hampshire. Email [nashuarg@nhcrafts.org](mailto:nashuarg@nhcrafts.org), or visit [www.nhcrafts.org/nashua](http://www.nhcrafts.org/nashua).

## Granite State Cabinetry is the First Stop on the Palace Theatre's 11th Annual Kitchen Tour

BEDFORD, NH -- Known for their amazing kitchen design and attention to detail, Granite State Cabinetry in Bedford is pleased to once again host the Palace Theatre's 11th Annual Kitchen Tour. This fun-filled tour will feature six beautiful kitchen designs in Bedford, NH.

Registration will begin at Granite State Cabinetry at 9:30am where ticket holders can pick up their badges and maps of the kitchen locations. In addition, prizes will be raffled and light refreshments will be served.

**Date: Sunday, May 31, 2015**  
**Time: 9:30am**  
**Place: Granite State Cabinetry, 384 Route 101 Bedford NH**  
**Tickets & Info: \$45 each. For tickets and more info please visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org)**

Our selection for this month is In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larsen. Copies are available at the Main Desk. Newcomers welcome.

**Thursday, June 18**  
**Business Research? Job Search? Looking for an Old Friend? Use AtoZdatabases!**  
**7 p.m.**

This business and residential directory freely available to Wadleigh Library cardholders and the Milford Community helps entrepreneurs conduct prospecting, helps students complete market studies, helps job seekers research potential employers, and even has a resume template available for creating an updated resume. Search by geographic location, business size, type of business, and more.

Come meet Christine Smails from AtoZdatabases. She will provide an in depth look at the features and functionality of this multifaceted database.

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Evening Book Group**  
**7 p.m.**

Our selection for this month is Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. Copies are available at the Main Desk. Newcomers welcome.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**1st and 3rd Monday of the month**

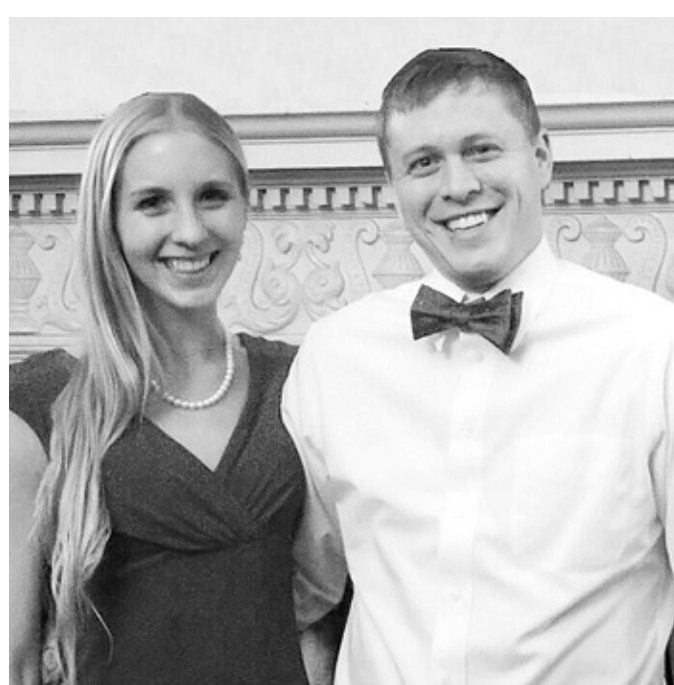
**Knit 1, Crochet 2**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Are you looking for other yarn addicts? Do your Monday nights seem dull? Look no further! Don't have a project in mind? Can't seem to finish that scarf for Grandma? Or are you a complete beginner with an itch to stitch? Bring your project in & be inspired; if you're a beginner, your local craft store can help you select a project & requisite supplies. There will be no formal instruction but 'knitwits' are a helpful bunch and love to indoctrinate the uninitiated into the cult of knitting.

**Tuesdays**

**Spanish Conversation Group**  
**7 – 8 p.m.**

## ENGAGEMENT



**Coddington- Moran**

George and Sharon Coddington of Amherst are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily A. Coddington to Peter F. Moran, son of George and Karen Moran of Litchfield, NH. The groom-to-be is a 2011 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a 2013 graduate of the University of New Hampshire Master's in Chemistry Program. He is employed by a Boston-based Start-Up Company. The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Souhegan High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. She works for an International Pharmaceutical CRO in northern Massachusetts. An August 2015 wedding is planned. They will reside in the northern Massachusetts area.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at [www.amherstcitizen.com](http://www.amherstcitizen.com)) to Editor:

*The Amherst Citizen*, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031.

Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos  
Emailed photos must be 700kb or larger



## Opportunity Networks' 25th Annual Souhegan Valley Charity Golf Classic

AMHERST – Spring has finally arrived and what better way to enjoy the warmer weather than to be outside playing golf and supporting a wonderful cause.

Opportunity Networks' 25th Annual Souhegan Valley Charity Golf Classic and Dinner Auction will be held on Thursday, June 4th (rain or shine) at the Amherst Country Club in Amherst, NH.

Our golf tournament is sponsored annually by Hitchiner Manufacturing Company. This tournament is known for being one of the area's premier charity golf events, with meals and beverages provided on the course as well as the day ending with an exquisite dinner donated by Yankee Chef of Milford and a Live Auction with Auctioneer Steve Desmarais. The four player scramble is a great day of golf, food and fun ... all for a GREAT cause! The tournament features Hole-in-One prizes including chances to win a new 2015 Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep vehicle, a 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle, as well as many other chances to win on the course!

Opportunity Networks is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

with 35 years serving adult residents who live with acquired and developmental disabilities. We are committed to providing genuine Vocational

Opportunities and Social Activities that promote life enhancing skills for disabled adults in the Southern New Hampshire area. Over this past year, our agency has provided services to 85 handicapped individuals ranging in age from their early 20's to their upper 60's.

To register to golf, sponsor the event, donate a live auction item or to volunteer, please go to [www.opportunitynetworks.org](http://www.opportunitynetworks.org) or call Melissa Boyle at 883-4402.

Individual registration is \$150. If you have a team of four, sign up by May 15th and save \$50.00. Each registration per golfer includes all greens fees, cart and 3 meals as well as fantastic complimentary golf giveaways and a goody bag. Don't have a foursome? No problem! We will put together a foursome for you. All sponsors and auction donors are honored at the event and in our golf day auction booklet, on our website and much more!

## Win a Golf Foursome at the Nashua Country Club

**A \$360.00 Value!**

**Tickets are \$50 each.**

Winner to receive a voucher for golf and carts for four at the exclusive Nashua Country Club.

Proceeds help support Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

**Only 100 tickets will be sold!**

Winning ticket will be drawn July 1st at Bridges 33 East Pearl Street, Nashua NH. You do not need to be present to win.

Participants must be 18 years or older to participate. Any tax liability is the sole responsibility of the prize winners(s). Bridges employees and their families may participate. All players must have a valid USGA handicap and must be able to play a golf round in four hours and fifteen minutes. Ticket sales end June 15th. Prize must be redeemed by November 15, 2015.

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**Tuesday, June 9**

**Grail Mania: A 21st Century Re-telling of a 12th Century Heresy**  
**6:30 p.m.**

The Troubadours sang of it; courtly knights quested for it; Monty Python laughed at it. The Chalice beckons through the mists of pre-history to bind us in its intrigue still. Our fascination with this symbol is alive and well in New Hampshire. In this talk and re-telling by Diana Durham we get to understand why the young knight Percival's quest for the grail has as much meaning today as when the story was first told centuries ago. Humor and the rich symbolism of the Middle Ages combine as willing audience members act out a scene from a new dramatic re-telling, becoming King Arthur, Merlin, the Grieving Maiden, and other characters as we mix storytelling, acting and dis-

cussion.

Diana Durham is a New Hampshire Humanities Scholar with an M.A. from the University College of London (U.K.) and author of the book *The Return of King Arthur: Completing the Quest for Wholeness and two books of poetry, Sea of Glass and To the End of the Night.*

This program is funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

This program will be presented at the Milford Town Hall Banquet Room. Use the Middle Street entrance next to the old ambulance bays and take the elevator to the 3rd floor.

**Thursday, June 11**

**Morning Book Group**  
**10 a.m.**

Our selection for this month is *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Copies are available at the Main Desk. Newcomers welcome.

**Wednesday, June 17**

**History Book Club**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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## TEENS & TWEENS

For more information on teen programs, email [wadleighya@gmail.com](mailto:wadleighya@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, June 2**

**Dr. Who Fan Club**  
**3:30 p.m.**

Do you enjoy time travel? Do you know what a tardis is? Then here's a club for you!! This club is for Doctor Who fans! Join others for snacks, discussion, and trivia.

**Thursday, June 4**

**Teen Advisory Group**  
**3:30 p.m.**

Do you want to help decide which books the library buys for the teen section? Maybe you have an idea for a club or event? Join Katie on the 1st Thursday each month to discuss books, manga, comic books, etc. You'll have a chance to read reviews of upcoming books and offer suggestions.

All events: [www.wadleighlibrary.org](http://www.wadleighlibrary.org)