

## Amherst Town Library News

I Can't Die But Once –  
Harriet Tubman's Civil War

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library presents the living history performance of Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti portraying Harriet Tubman in "I Can't Die But Once—Harriet Tubman's Civil War" on Thursday, July 9th at 7 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. This program is made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is the second program of the adult summer series at the Library called Minds Wide Awake. Quezaire-Presutti's characterization of Harriet Tubman is a well-researched biography about the remarkable life of an enduring warrior. As Harriet Tubman, she weaves a tale of truth, pain, courage, and determination in the quagmire of racial exploitation.

The United States Government enlisted Tubman as a scout and spy for the Union cause and she battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. But, Tubman is best known for her role as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Though she is one of the most famous women in our nation's history, we have come to know her in life through fictionalized biographies written for children. Quezaire-Presutti separates reality from myth to reconstruct a richer and far more accurate historical account of Tubman's life. And, affirming her important role in American History, Harriet Tubman has been in the news recently as the top choice for her image being on a new series of \$20 bills.

Quezaire-Presutti studied under Professor Lloyd Barbee at the University of Wisconsin and has been a committed scholar of African-American Studies, in particular Women of Color. She is dedicated to studying the character, philosophy, courage and grace that have helped black American women survive and flourish. She is listed on



Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti portrays Harriet Tubman, Thursday, July 9.

the Performing Artist roster, Artist-in-Residence at the Connecticut Arts for Learning, and Nassau BOCES Arts in Education. In recognition of the quality and range of her work, she received The Institute of Texan Cultures Director's Award for Excellence, The Greater Hartford Arts Council/the Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, first place in the International Toastmaster Award competition for Interpretive Reading, and crowned Ms. Senior Connecticut 2010.

This event and all programs in the summer long series Minds Wide Awake are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. Other upcoming programs for adults in the Minds Wide Awake series include: "A Night of Old-Time String Music and Song" on Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m.; "Iran: Persian Glory and Islamic Revolution" on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m.; "Hiking the John Muir Trail" on Wednesday, July 29 at 7 p.m.; and, "Mindful Eating with Chef Liz Barbour" on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. 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."



Sarah Jane Nelson and Woody Pringle perform Wednesday, July 15

## A Night of Old-Time String Music and Song

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library invites you to "A Night of Old-Time String Music and Song," on Wednesday, July 15th at 7 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. In this third program of the adult summer series at the Library called Minds Wide Awake, live music is brought to us by Sarah Jane Nelson and Woody Pringle. Multi-instrumentalist Sarah Jane Nelson loves nothing more than to fiddle and sing and she will be joining musical forces with instrumentalist Woody Pringle to present a concert of Appalachian string music and song. Nelson and Pringle will play banjo and fiddle sets and do some twin fiddling. Nelson will share stories about her writing life and sing her favorite traditional songs. Audience members will be encouraged to join her on some of the songs.

Sarah is an old-time fiddler, guitarist and vocalist with the duo High Strung Strummers, a member of Banjos & Old Lace, and a pianist for Gypsy Miller, a dance band that is regularly featured at both the New England Folk Festival and the Down East Folk Festival each spring. She was recently a finalist in "twin fiddling" at Lowell's Banjo and Fiddle Contest. When she is not playing, Sarah writes about traditional music. Over the years she has written arts stories and commentaries for a variety of publications including: NHPR, Orion, *The*

*Concord Monitor*, *American Craft*, and *Fiddler* among others. Her stories about Fiddle Hell weekend and her profile of musician and NH "Artist Laureate" Rodney Miller recently appeared in *Fiddler*.

Woody Pringle, a member of The Bradford Bog People, is an award winning banjo player who plays old-time fiddle, and mandolin. Woody performs American Roots music and is a rostered performing artist with the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the NH State Arts Performing Council with the band, Big Paws.

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Iran – Persian Glory  
And Islamic Revolution

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library presents the intriguing program, "Iran—Persian Glory and Islamic Revolution," on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. Presenter Barry Pell traveled nearly 4,000 miles in Iran, last year, through the country's magnificent landscape, visiting historic cities and monuments, and meeting with Iranian people who openly shared opinions about their lives and relations with America. This program is accompanied by Mr. Pell's photography. This is the fourth program in the Library's adult summer reading program called Minds Wide Awake.

With a history dating 2,500 years, the Persian Empire was the largest of ancient times, extending from Central Asia to North Africa. The legacy of this power and wealth is manifest in the stunning tiled architecture of mosques and secular mansions, the distinctively spiced cuisine, the arts and crafts including arguably the world's most beautiful rugs, and the diverse people who comprised the Empire as invaders or subjects. Iran's recent history is marked by religious rule following the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Barry has traveled widely over the past 40 years, visiting and documenting landscapes and cultures in 161 different countries. He has also lived and traveled in China, Eastern Europe, and North Africa. He currently lectures on international cultures at schools, universities, and institutions in the Boston area.

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"YOUNG GIRL IN PALANGAN VILLAGE" PHOTO BY BARRY PELL

"Iran – Persian Glory and Islamic Revolution," will be presented on Wednesday, July 22 at the Amherst Town Library.

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PAUL DOIRON

Thu, June 18, 6:30 pm

The best-selling author and Edgar award finalist visits to sign and chat about his latest in the Mike Bowditch, Maine Game Warden series, *PRECIPICE*. Two hikers go missing on the AT – are they lost, or is something more sinister?

GAYLE LAURADUNN

Sun, June 21, 1 pm

*REACHING FOR AIR*, Gayle's debut poetic storytelling collection, recalls a childhood spent in a landscape of beauty, hardship, and violence. Meet the Albuquerque writer, and pick up a signed copy.

ELAINE ISAAK &  
E.C. AMBROSE

Thu, July 9, 6:30 pm

Book release party for the author's third book in her Dark Apostle series, *ELISHA REX*. Magic – Intrigue – Medieval Surgery!

HARPER LEE DAY!

Tue, July 14

"GO SET A WATCHMAN" is on sale today! We are discounting it 30%, or \$19.59. What happened in the years surrounding "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"?

BRAD PARKS

Fri, July 31, 6:30 pm.

The award-winning mystery author rolls into town on his "Fifty Shades of Khaki Tour" to celebrate the release of his new novel, *THE FRAUD*. Investigative reporter Carter Ross is assigned the story about a rash of carjackings in the city. This will be a Brian's Books 'n' Brews event – come enjoy an IPA with us!

Visit our website:

www.toadbooks.com

M-T-W: 9-7, Th-Fr 9-8

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## Something for Everyone!

**Annie Musical Theatre Camp**  
Grades 5-9,  
August 3-14 from 9-3  
or extended day  
until 5

**Summer Dance Program**  
Preschool-July 6-30  
Beginner to Advanced  
July 28-  
August 20

**Creative Kids Summer Program**  
2's Readiness  
Summer Program or  
3-6 Year Old Summer  
Preschool Program  
July 7-30

**Rock Band Camps**  
Grades 7+  
July 6-10 4-9pm  
and Grades 4-6  
July 27-31  
9-2pm

**Magic Tree House Musical Theatre Camp**  
Grades 1-4,  
August 3-14 from 9-3  
or extended day  
until 5

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*August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>*

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July 18th-25th

**Shakespeare Remix - Andy's Midsummer Night Dreaming**  
July 26th - August 1st

**Into The Woods Jr.** August 7th-15th

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