Halloween 2020 in Amherst

The Town of Amherst is encouraging folks who plan to Trick or Treat to do so in their own neighborhood and not in the Amherst Village. In years past the Amherst Village has been a popular destination for Trick or Treating and can see up to 2,000 Trick or Treaters on Halloween from both Amherst and surrounding towns. We respectfully ask that people from outside of Amherst also follow this suggestion and Trick or Treat in their own towns and neighborhoods. We also ask participants to be courteous and to visit houses who have their outside lights on and have made it obvious they are participating in Halloween. Anyone who is Trick or Treating should be familiar with both the NH and CDC Halloween event guidelines.

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Amherst School Board Thanks Everyone For a Positive Start to the School Year

To the editor:

It pays to plan! After a long and tumultuous summer of planning and discussing and replanning and then planning some more, Amherst schools have now been open for almost a month. While everyone acknowledges there are still kinks to work out, our town of educators, administrators, and community members should feel proud of the plan they created and implemented.

Decision from DOE on unreserved fund balance: Last month’s letter to the editor from the board explained that, per Governor Sununu’s emergency order number 38, we were requesting to use our remaining unreserved fund balance (URFB) of $1.5 million to offset the cost of running our schools safely and effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic. We followed the prescribed protocol of petitioning the state Department of Education and recently received word that our petition was approved. While we had hoped to return these funds to Amherst residents this year, we can now move forward without further impacting the bottom line of Amherst taxpayers. If our pandemic related expenses are less than we expect, we will be returning any unused funds.

FY-22 Budget Season: By the time you are reading this, our budget process will be in full swing. On Oct. 1, the Board got its first look at next year’s budget. On Oct. 15, various subcommittees that are responsible for doing a deep dive into different areas of the budget will begin to meet, and the results of the subcommittee meetings will be presented back to the board on Oct. 27 and Nov. 4. At the Nov. 9 board meeting, the Board will hear a report from the Ways and Means committee regarding their findings from the subcommittees’ review. On Nov. 16, the Board will conduct a joint meeting with Ways and Means to discuss their findings more deeply and come to a consensus on potential changes to the proposed budget. The plan is to vote on a final proposed budget on Dec. 14, which the Board will bring to the spring town deliberative session.

JFAC news: On Sept. 30, the JFAC held a meeting to present final ideas and plans for any new construction or building renovation needed in the Amherst and Souhegan School Districts. A recording of that meeting can be found on the SAU Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Policy Palooza: After a summer of work by the SAU policy committee, the SAU board sent 54 of 55 policies to the district boards (Amherst, Mont Vernon and Souhegan) for a final review and approval. A 98 percent approval rate deserves a round of applause, and the one swing and miss was a technical error that has already been fixed and will be presented to the SAU board on Oct 29. If you have interest in reviewing current policies, you can follow the hyperlinks for the SAU and District websites. The Amherst School Board will complete their first read of the 54 policies at the Oct. 1 meeting with the final read and adoption on Nov. 9.

Thank you!: At our last board meeting we voted to accept over $4,000 raised by the Amherst Junior Women’s Club and the Amherst PTA. These funds will help pay for large tents at our schools. These tents will allow students and teachers to get outside, taking advantage of our beautiful grounds for months to come. Thank you so much to both organizations for their constant dedication and commitment to our community!

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Amherst School Board’s next two meetings are Oct 1 and Nov 9. The SAU Board will be meeting Oct 29 and Nov 19. Finally, we want to thank everyone for a positive start to the school year: parents, teachers, administrators, and the community at large. So many are bearing new burdens, but the strength of this beautiful little town shows clearly when we all lift together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Amherst School Board at ASB@SAU39.org.

Amherst Lions Club Thanks Donors for Their Support

To the editor:

The Amherst Lions Club would like to express our gratitude to the participants, donors and sponsors of our first virtual fundraisers. Because of Covid-19 we were unable to hold our Pancake Breakfast, the July 4th activities, the Red Sox Ticket Raffle and the Car Show and more. We miss these times with you and truly hope that next year things will be better.

The Wood Flowers Fundraiser was great. We had over 140 community members participating by purchasing the Wood Flowers, engraved with thoughts of love, memories, birthdays, graduations and many other happy phases. They added sparks of color to the Bridge of Flowers.

The September Calendar Raffle was also a hit. We had over 425 tickets purchased, and we just finished giving away daily cash prizes for every day in September.

The Bridge of Flowers has been a welcoming sight this year in the light of Covid 19. Its ribbon theme sent a message of hope and joy. Folks could enjoy it as they passed by. We added a raised bed for perennials that will back up the annuals in the coming years.

A special thanks to our Bridge sponsors. They are Bo Dean, Currier Lumber, Novia of Salem, NH, House by the Side of the Road, Sunny Valley Farms, Home Depot, Siciliano Landscape, Amherst Garden Center and Lowes.


The Amherst Lions appreciate the community support we get as it provides an opportunity to share that generosity with local charities supporting the blind, hearing impaired, homeless, abused, diabetes and food for the needy.

If you are interested in learning more about the Amherst Lions Club and our activities, please check out our website www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh or email us at amherstlionsclub@gmail.com.

Thank You to Amherst Voters
SEASONAL HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS at the LIBRARY

ON ZOOM

ZOOM MINECRAFT CLUB
Mondays from 3:45 - 4:45pm through October 26. No meeting on October 19.
Come and join Miss Sarah for ZOOM Minecraft Club on Monday afternoon.
As always, there will be a CHALLENGE—Miss Sarah will have a new challenge for you at the beginning of each meeting. You will need a device that can run the ZOOM program.
For kids ages 7 and up. Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link will be sent before each program.
Link for information and to register:
http://www.amherstlibrary.org/libraryrooms-zoom/halloween-virtual-clubs

ZOOM MINECRAFT CLUB for kids 5-8!
For ages 5 to 8. No registration required.
New videos will be released on Thursdays through October 29. You can watch these videos on the Amherst Town Library’s YouTube Channel.

SEASONAL HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS at the LIBRARY

ON ZOOM

ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:30am through October 27.
Come join Miss Sarah and Princess Lovely for a fun-filled family program!
For ages 3-4: younger siblings are always welcome.
Registration is required. An email with the ZOOM link and a materials list for the craft will be sent before each program.
"Family Storytime Take-Home Bags" are available for pickup at the library. These contain a 'twinkle star' and other assorted materials which can be used to enhance your child’s experience of storytime.
Link for information and to register:
http://www.amherstlibrary.org/libraryrooms-online-storytimes

VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH MR. AARON

ON ZOOM

WEAR YOUR COSTUME and Join Us on ZOOM!

Virtual Storytime with Mr. Aaron!
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 4pm on ZOOM - We were just TOO scared to think about cancelling our annual Halloween party—so, we’re going virtual! Mr. Aaron, a fantastically fun musician from Concord, NH, will be joining us live on ZOOM to sing, dance and get happy in a Halloweeny way.
He’s hoping to see you in your Halloween costumes, and inviting you to bring a favorite stuffy along to join the fun. If you have a shaker, drum, or some other kind of instrument, bring that along, too! We’ll have lots of fun together—so register now! Link to register:
https://www.linkedin.com/events/virtual-tales-2020-ja-169151-cf5c65b519a%40

PROJECT: FUN!!

For our youngest patrons, these videos are short, sweet and engaging. They feature our favorite rhymes, songs, and the occasional science, cooking, or maybe a bit of all three! Videos will be available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library’s YouTube Channel.

LITTLE LISTENERS “SHORT-TAKES”
For ages 5-8. No registration required.
New videos will be released on October 28. For kids ages 5-8. No registration required.

CHILDREN’S SPOOKY POEMS AND PICS

ON ZOOM

ONLINE STORYTIMES
http://www.amherstlibrary.org/childrens-room/online-storytimes
Link for information and to register:
http://www.amherstlibrary.org/libraryrooms-zoom/halloween-virtual-clubs

ON ZOOM

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ON ZOOM

We All Read Book Club for Kids and Parents, too!
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Library
New Hampshire State Primary Results ~ September 8, 2020

Important Voting Information:
Click on the form below to download complete Voter Information and your options for 2020

Election Results Posted When They are Available
AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT
4 Cross Rd, Amherst, NH 03031
603 673-6248
Peabody Mill Environmental Center
66 Brook Road
603 673-1141
www.amherstrec.org

Fall Recreation Programs
Register now for the programs that interest you! Video shows how easy it is to select, register and check out.

For Adults

Barre and Pilates
Keep up with your physical and mental health and well-being and zoom Barre and Pilates classes with Shannon.
New Session Begins August 24th
Mondays from 6-7pm
Thursdays from 6-7pm
Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am

What the Buck 2020! 5k
The Amherst Recreation Department wants to welcome you to the Buck Meadow Conservation and Recreation Area. We are hosting the inaugural What the Buck (Meadow)?! 5k to introduce the facility and run off any frustrations from 2020.
Register by Oct 7th for a free T-Shirt!
Race Day: November 1st

For Kids

Compass of Writing
Do you love to write? Are you working on the next best selling story, book, or play?
Writing fiction or non-fiction is easy, fun, and so rewarding — both to the writer and the reader!
Comme le “compass” of good writing, with a touch of science!
Oct 14, 21, 28 Ages 8-10, 11-13 (2 sessions)

Backcountry Survival Skills
Have you ever wanted to learn how to survive in the outdoors? We will be teaching the basics of backcountry survival skills with lessons including shelter building, hiking, and first aid. All middle schoolers are welcome to join this fun-focused program, no previous outdoor experience necessary.
Sat 10/24 Grades 5-10

Home School Science
Welcome to Homeschool Science Class 2020!
We are thrilled to be kicking off the Fall school year with an exciting Homeschool curriculum. This year PMEC will be offering science classes once a month beginning Tuesday, September 22nd. The structure for each session includes, one hour Education and one hour Play/Social Interaction.
Oct 20, 11/17 Ages 5-10 (2 sessions)

Spooktacular Full Moon Hike
Grab your Halloween costume but leave the flashlight! You will be amazed how well you can see in the full moonlight without one. Afterwards there will be hot coco or lemonade (depending on the season) around the fire, as well as stories to share.
October 30 All ages & families welcome
Peach Farmers in 19th-Century Amherst

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

One of the pleasures of late summer here in southern New Hampshire is eating locally-grown produce, especially corn – and peaches! As I write in September, I savor “local” peaches from farm-stands, grown by professional farmers in Hollis, Milford and Lyndeborough, and a box-full from a little private orchard in Wilton.

Back in the 19th century, edible-peach trees were common in Amherst, both in private gardens and on farms growing them for market. An historical detective, attempting to figure out the locations of those peach orchards, can find names of peach growers in the local newspaper, the Farmers’ Cabinet, in four types of items: farm-for-sale notices; exhibitors and/or winners at annual agricultural fairs; acknowledgments by the newspaper editor for gifts of locally-grown produce; and reward notices by irate victims of fruit larceny. Even with a focus on peach growers, a picture emerges of the agrarian community that Amherst once was.

Productive Peach Farms

Here are seven Amherst farms that produced peaches for market in the second half of the 19th century; and one nursery.

In the western part of Amherst, on 65a farm of Loea Pratt (1785-1875) with house at 14 Green Road, his son William Pratt (1830-1920) & Chas. Twiss ran a commercial nursery in 1853 offering “a good variety of the various kinds of Fruit Trees, such as Apples, Pears, Peaches, Cherries and Quinces, of good size for transplanting.” As of 1881, William was a farmer still living there and still growing peaches.

At the northern edge of the Village, at the large farm associated with house (originally tavern, built 1760) at 18 Jones Road (labeled “L. Jones” on 1858 map), Peter W. Jones (1817-1886) raised peaches. In the fall of 1852, the newspaper reported: “Col. Levi Jones [1799-1858] of this place [Amherst] [presented the editor with] a basket of most superb Essler Sweets, from the Peach Orchard of his son P. W. Jones, Esq., on the farm near the village, in the occupancy and improvement of which they are associated. This orchard under skilful management has furnished over 100 bushels of splendid peaches for the neighboring markets the present season (fall 1852).”

In the north-most part of Amherst on the west side of Chestnut Hills, 6 miles from Amherst Village and 1 mile from the No. 9 schoolhouse (still standing at 97 Chestnut Hill Road), on 100-acre farm (now off-limits as part of the 2600 acres in three towns of the Air Force station established 1942), Capt. Charles Melendy (1797-1883; buried Chestnut Hill Cemetery) grew “apples, pears, peaches and grapes in abundance,” living in a 2-story house with ell, and utilizing two barns (one 38x60 feet and the other 25x30 feet, cellar under both), corn barn, and blacksmith shop. Chas. Melendy regularly exhibited fruit at the annual Hillsborough County Fair held at Milford, usually winning in some fruit category or another: in 1856, best “show of fruit” overall; in 1857, best specimen of seedling apples ($1 premium); in 1860, “most interesting exhibition of fruits of all kinds” ($3, where $3 was highest amount for fruit prizes but other crops and livestock earned higher) and for “best and largest quinces” ($3); in 1867, was the leading fruit exhibitor, having 3 varieties of peaches, 3 of grapes, 3 of plums, 1 of quinces, 4 of pears, and 66 of apples, 40 autumn and 26 winter, winning best show fall apples ($2), best show winter apples ($2), and best native grapes (50 cents); in 1868, Melendy displayed 75 varieties of apples, and took first place on fall and winter apples ($2 each), and 2d best native grapes (50 cents); in 1869, 2d best show of fruit of all kinds ($3, whereas first place got $5) and 2d best winter apples ($2), and best native grape ($1) while a farmer from Lyndeborough won best plate of peaches.
Peach Farmers in 19th-Century Amherst

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($1). In Sep. 1870, at the State Fair at Manchester, Melendy won $6 for 3d best collection of apples, while a fellow from Goffstown won merely $4 for best peaches; at the County Fair in Milford the next month, Melendy displayed 64 varieties of apples – 38 fall, 26 winter and 5 summer; 7 of grapes; 4 of pears; 1 each of peaches and quinces. Now that is an impressive record.

In the north-most part of town, on 130a farm on Chestnut Hills (formerly the Luther Melendy homestead, now swallowed by the New Boston Air Force station), William B. Sargent (1824-1886), who had arrived in Amherst in 1866/7, grew multiple varieties of grapes, pears and peaches. One indication of his peach crop: in 1879, by 23 Sep., Sargent had “already sent 48 bushels to the Manchester market.” His specialty, however, was the manufacture of wines. He regularly exhibited and won at the agricultural fairs. At the Hillsborough County Fair of Sep. 1871 at Milford, Sargent “showed some very handsome winter rye which weighed 60 pounds to the bushel (taking the first premium at the New England fair), some fine excelsior oats, onions, and a splendid display of domestic wines – grape, currant, elderberry and red cherry.” The local newspaper also reported: “Among the leading exhibitors of fruit at the State fair [Oct. 1876] at Manchester was William B. Sargent, our well known fruit raiser and wine manufacturer, and we notice that he carried off a goodly number of premiums, taking the first on Concord, Hartford Prolific, Catawba, and Dracut Amber. He also had the Delaware grapes. “Mr. S. [was] one of our most enterprising fruit growers and farmers, and his success [was] that of no little care, study and labor in fruit-culture,” as the local newspaper noted (Oct. 1877).

In the western part of Amherst, on 84-acre farm on Christian Hill with house at 23 Green Road (“A. Green” on 1858 map): “Among our most successful fruit raisers are the Misses Green, in District No. 4, who annually bring to this market large quantities of apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, etc., which for quality cannot be excelled.” (Farmers’ Cabinet, 22 Sep. 1875.) At this time, Mary (d. 1888) was 64; Jane (d. 1896), 59; and Augusta (d. 1888), 52. This news item is particularly interesting because one could never guess their agricultural occupation from the censuses of 1870 and 1880, where the oldest sister was “keeping house” while the other two were simply “at home.” A male relative shared the house and farm they inherited from their father: in 1870 a brother, working as farmer and keeping a couple horses and 8 cows and 1 sheep, and in 1880 a 27-year-old nephew working as their farm laborer and his wife as servant.

In the western part of town, on 76-acre farm: Farmer Joseph P. Trow (1826-1907) presented the newspaper editor “a basket of Crawford peaches, large, handsome and luscious” at the end of August 1880. The following year: “Among the successful peach growers, in this section, is Mr. Clarence Trow [(1860-1952); Joe’s son, all of 20 years old, at this time], whose orchard on “Christian Hill” has yielded some 30 bushes, with 20 bushes of the Crawford variety ripening. Mr. Trow sends his fruit to the Boston market.” (Farmers’ Cabinet, 9 Sep. 1881.) In 1891, at the Souhegan Grange fair in Amherst, C. L. Trow exhibited “18 plates of apples, 16 of pears, 5 of peaches, 4 of plums, 4 of grapes.” Clarence “engaged with his father and brother in milk, fruit, and berry production, with the exception of a year or so in the management of a general country store in Amherst village. In Amherst, he served six years upon the school board, as tax collector two years, and selectman one year.” He married 1893 and removed in 1894 to Milford where he ran a poultry operation. (N.H. Agriculture Personal and Farm Sketches, by Henry Metcalf, 1897; portrait photo with stupendous mustache on p. 195.)

On the eastern side, on 200-acre farm partly in Amherst and partly in Bedford, N.H. (house in Amherst at 348 Route 101), “our friend Hartshorn of “the Hillside” [grew] delicious Peaches, of which they have an abundant supply, which they will soon bring to this market.” The farmer was Timothy Hartshorn (1793-1868), who owned and occupied the place since 1831, and the year was 1862 when some of his adult children ran a boarding school there.

In the northern part of town, from a farm of about 120a on Chestnut Hills: Farmer James U. Prince (1828-1897) “realized” $30 from one load, comprising four barrels of fall apples and nine baskets of peaches, delivered at Manchester in Sep. 1890; the apples were Gravestens [Gravenstein?] and brought $5 per barrel. At the Goffstown fair late Sep. 1882, Prince exhibited “80 varieties of apples, pears, and grapes.” At the Souhegan Grange fair in Amherst in Sep. 1891, he exhibited “potatoes, cabbages, squash, beans, sweet and feed corn, 20 plates of apples, 3 of grapes, 9 of peaches.” Prince died on the farm on which he was born, in house built by his father. His estate auctioned off 2 mares, 7 milch cows, 1 bull, 1 beef cow, 1 shoot, and chickens.
AAUW Southern NH Branch News

First Program in Civic Engagement Series – Part 2

October 21, 7pm via Zoom

Featuring Guest Speaker Dr. Monica Galizzi, "The Gendered Workforce"

Dr. Monica Galizzi Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Economics and a Senior Associate of the Center for Women and Work at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

The Southern NH Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has voted Professor Monica Galizzi (Ph.D.), Chair of the Department of Economics and a Senior Associate of the Center for Women and Work at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, to present the program "The Gendered Workforce" via Zoom. Dr. Galizzi comments, "During the last 30 years, the gender wage gap has experienced a dramatic decline, but US women still earn 83 cents for every dollar earned by men. It is easy to read with data to that number, it is much more complex to identify why this discrepancy exists and the differences between men and women pay. This conversation will explore different explanations that scholars have offered to understand the gender wage gap and discuss some of the policies that are often suggested as potential solutions."

Dr. Galizzi was born and raised in Piacenza, Italy. After earning an Italian Baccalaureus in Economics, she entered the University of Massachusetts Lowell to teach in the Principles of Micro and Macro Economics, Labor Economics, and Health Economics. She has also written extensively on issues related to women and work receiving awards and recognition for her work. NOTE: Dr. Galizzi was originally scheduled to speak in March but the program was cancelled because of the pandemic.

Two more programs in the series are being planned for 2021. Diversity and the Pandemic, a program about workplace diversity in the pandemic, will be lead by Jocelyn Guzman, Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Hampton University. Dr. Guzman will present the program "The Gendered Workforce" via Zoom. Dr. Galizzi comments, "During the last 30 years, the gender wage gap has experienced a dramatic decline, but US women still earn 83 cents for every dollar earned by men. It is easy to read with data to that number, it is much more complex to identify why this discrepancy exists and the differences between men and women pay. This conversation will explore different explanations that scholars have offered to understand the gender wage gap and discuss some of the policies that are often suggested as potential solutions."

AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. It is a non-profit non-partisan organization that promotes policies and programs that advance women's and girls' contributions to society and the economy. The organization whose roots date back to the 1880s has two branches in New Hampshire. The Southern NH Branch, established in the 1970s, hosts a variety of programs concerning women's education and equity issues that are open to the public. Members of the branch led in the following New Hampshire communities: Amherst, Dover, Exeter, Hanover, Nashua, Wilton, and Wilmot.

For more information about the organization, contact Membership Chair Coz-虬 MacStewart at liz@macstewart.net.

Amherst Garden Club Presents: Holiday Pies: Sweet & Savory

November 5, via ZOOM

Making pies isn't as hard as you thought. Liz Barbour, Chair of the ZOOM Engagement Series, allows us to learn about the history of pies, how to make tender, flaky crusts and what sweet and savory fillings to use at the Wednesday, November 5 program. Following the discussion, Liz will demonstrate how to make the perfect pie crust followed by the demonstration of two delicious pies you can try at home. Recipes will be provided in advance for those who wish to bake along with Liz.

Liz Barbour has been cooking professionally in the Boston area since 1988 and started The Charlee Rose in 2008. Recipes and talks have been featured on New Hampshire Chronicle, Cheddar Blue "Cook's Corner" and in various publications including New Hampshire Magazine. In 2017, Liz published her first cookbook "Beautifully Delicious: Cooking with Herbs & Edible Flowers." During the COVID-19 pandemic, the garden club has been meeting online. Our business meeting will begin at 9 am, followed by Liz's presentation at 10 am. Advanced registration is required for the presentation and attendance is limited to 100. Garden club members will be preferred, but there are unassigned spots available. The Zoom meeting can be accessed via the garden club's Facebook. Contact the garden club at info@amherstgardenclub.org if you would like to attend the business meeting or be added to the waiting list for Liz's presentation.

Wigwam Garden Memorial Walkway

Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Memory Tree Tradition for 2020

AMHERST - The lighting of the Memory Tree is a 25-year-old tradition in our community sponsored by the Amherst Garden Club. The Ritual of the Blue Spruce Tree, the blue spruce tree planted across from the American Legion on Main Street, is our tradition of remembrance this year. Although the spruce tree is in its infancy and still quite small, the memory tree holds special significance this year.

The Memory Tree is as beautiful and appropriate for such a time of year as any, set in the grounds of the Wigwam, the tree is surrounded by historic and beautifully maintained plantings – a serene place for those who wish to pause and reflect. A powerful reminder that we can include those who have died in our Christmas celebration, though, just in a different way. "The beauty and light reminds us of our loved ones. This is a moment to remember loved ones who have passed."

In this era of Covid 19, we've made it easy. You can participate from home. To order by mail, complete the Brick Order Form and send it to the garden club at info@amherstgardenclub.org if you would like to order a brick. Bricks for the last five Board members who have passed - Charlie Duval, Susan Church, Mary Fieger, Barbra Kicks and Barbara Galizzi – are already placed.

The Historical Society has created a Memorial Walkway in the garden behind the Wigwam. Engraved bricks can be purchased and placed in memory of deceased Historical Society members, or for those who resided in Amherst and passed on their loved ones. Members of the community have been encouraged to submit the names of people to be remembered as part of the Walkway.

In the arena of COVID 19, we've made it easy. You can participate electronically. We have created a site that is user-friendly, easy to access and secure. The website was designed by Barbra Galizzi and proceeds from October 1 through December 4th will go to the Historical Society. Online access will be available from October 1 through December 4th. Please click here to learn more. The Historical Society kicked off this walkway project by placing the engraved bricks for the last five Board members who have passed - Charlie Duval, Susan Church, Mary Fieger, Barbra Kicks and Barbara Galizzi – are already placed.

To order by mail, complete the Brick Order Form and send it to the address on the form with a check made payable to HIST. To order electronically, email the pertinent information on the form (or attach a scan) to historicalsociety@hsanh.org, and pay with the link below. Your order will be acknowledged, and you will be notified when your brick is in place. All proceeds will go toward the maintenance and preservation of the Historical Society’s two museums and the artifacts they house. Engraved bricks will be installed in groups throughout the non-frozen year.

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Thanks for helping us in our mission of remembering those who have passed.

Amherst Garden Club file photo
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Photos at Wigwam provided by Marnie Magoon

Children waiting their turn for treats

School children join in the fun

Super heroes dressed for action

Homeowners love Halloween and dress for fun

Doors on the Green are closed for 2020

Adult Unicorn romping around

Scouts served families at their biggest fundraiser

Marnie helps a blue bird tweet for a treat

Marnie greets a bubbly beverage

Marnie Magoon welcomes trick or treaters to the Wigwam on Halloween past

Tootsie Roll Twins bring smiles to Marnie

A snow queen gets a cool treat from Marnie

Carved pumpkins lit the way home

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AMHERST – The Amherst Garden Club has decorated the town garden spaces with fall flowers, mums, sunflowers and more, with overlooking scarecrows dressed accordingly or like “suffragettes” in keeping with the 100th Anniversary of women’s rights.

Take a tour around town in your car, or follow the AGC Garden Tour map. Better yet... why not decorate your own home and yard with your creative things to celebrate the season?
Girl Scout Troop 10448 Completes Bronze Award Project

Girl Scouts 10448 installed a bench on the Tucker Brook trail in Milford, NH, on August 22, 2020. The troop has been working on this project for months as their Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

Girl Scout projects are girl led, and this project began with the troop brainstorming what they could do to fix a problem in the world. They decided on a problem: not enough people get outside and explore New Hampshire’s beautiful trails because enough people get outside and explore New Hampshire’s beautiful trails because they are located far away from the major cities. The troop noticed that Tucker Brook did not have a bench, so they chose a nice place where people could sit and enjoy the falls. Then they went shopping for the supplies and built the bench, and with the help of troop leaders and parents, they installed it on the trail. Selah and Alex hope that you will enjoy the bench and the view. If you find a nice bench in the park, you can let them know by leaving a message in the comments section.

Karen Werner Named Girl Scout Volunteer of the Month

AMHERST—One would be hard-pressed to find someone with a greater passion for Girl Scouting, someone who has truly given her all to her communities, than Karen Werner. This lifetime member and volunteer has been named the Volunteer of the Month for October by Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the council serving more than 10,000 girls across New Hampshire and Vermont.

Werner, 73, of Amherst, is currently a volunteer support coordinator for the council, helping the community of roughly 200 Girl Scouts and their families in Amherst and Mont Vernon with organizing troops, assisting leaders, and generally offering a lifeline of her wisdom. She serves the council on the Gold Award Girl Scout Support Committee, assisting high school girls who are earning the highest awards in Girl Scouting. She is considered a Gold Award Girl Scout herself, having earned her equivalent, the Curved Bar, as a Girl Scout Senior.

"Girl Scouting has been a real passion of mine," said Werner. "It’s opened a lot of doors. I could always find a home with Girl Scouts.

With a husband in the Navy, Girl Scouting truly offered Werner that home community, as they lived in California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and even in England, before coming to New Hampshire. She is a Scouting-oriented family, with her father, brother, and son all Eagle Scouts.

She led a troop for 15 years, during which her daughter, Alison, earned, Werner her Girl Scout Gold Award. She has a granddaughter earning her Girl Scout Silver Award, and grandparents working toward their Eagle.

"She is absolutely fantastic to work with," said Amanda Powell, Volunteer Support Specialist for the Girl Scout council. "She knows everything going on in her community and is happy to go the extra mile - or five - to help her volunteers. She does special hand deliveries to every troop leader in her service unit for Volunteer Appreciation Month every year! She meets with new leaders in person to help them get oriented."

"Her sincerity and commitment to young girls and women is truly admirable and her heart is larger than life!" said DeeDee Rice, Volunteer Support Specialist for the council.

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Werner jumped into leading a Girl Scout troop before she even had children. She has filled a variety of roles, including troop leader, training coordinator, volunteer service coordinator, council board member, and Gold Award committee member. She was recognized with the Volunteer of Excellence Award by Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains in 2018. It’s when one speaks with Werner, however, that her passion for the Girl Scouts shines through. The community of Amherst and Mont Vernon is very active, with roughly 200 Girl Scouts in dozens of troops, to whom she lends her experience. The COVID-19 pandemic was this year’s challenge, and Werner helped keep those girls engaged.

"Amherst is lucky," she said, "kids around here five days a week. But with older group they really want to be together. You don’t have to have much of a program. Go for a walk! Sit on a blanket! I love the idea of getting them outside more.” She tells of a troop of Girl Scout Ambassadors, those in 11th and 12th grade, who had been finding it difficult to meet until they could do so safely in person at their leader’s front lawn. "Once they had that face-to-face experience, they wanted to begin meeting weekly rather than monthly. "They sat on the front lawn,” she said, "and the girls said, 'Can't we please meet every week? They need the socialization, the support.”

Werner sees such value in the Girl Scout program, teaching valuable life skills, that she said "I wish this would be a graduation requirement.” She points out that in this age of bulling, Girl Scouts makes sure every girl is listened to and gets a chance to try new things. "In school sometimes it’s tough for them," she said. "It builds the girls' confidence and character and helps them discover that they can make a difference.”

When she’s not giving back through Girl Scouts, Werner is also involved in the Circle Program a mentoring program for girls, whose values align with Girl Scouts’. Her involvement there followed the loss of her daughter in a car accident 11 years ago. "You never imagine that you’ll lose somebody so early in life,” she said. "That’s when we got involved in the Circle Program. She would have liked this whole program. It was something to do in her memory.”

With a family history of giving back, it’s no surprise Werner finds Girl Scouting fulfilling – no matter one’s age. "It’s a great way to feel like you’re part of the community," she said. "We had the chance to live in England for four years. I talked to one British woman who said once we hit 70, we can’t be a leader anymore. To me, it’s been a wonderful opportunity.”

Werner credits her entire community for pulling together for their kids. "It’s such a dedicated group of leaders here in Amherst and Mont Vernon,” she said. "They just have a commitment to these girls that is just amazing.”

Girl Scout Troop 10448 completed the Bronze Award Project by building a bench on the Tucker Brook trail in Milford, NH. The troop’s goal was to create a bench to encourage people to get outside and explore the trail. The bench was installed on the trail and is available for public use. The troop worked together to plan and build the bench, with help from troop leaders and parents. The bench was installed using materials provided by the troop leaders and is available for public use. The troop hopes that others will enjoy the bench and the trail it is located on. Karen Werner, the troop leader, is the Volunteer of the Month for October, as recognized by the council for her dedication to Girl Scouting and the community. The council is grateful for her tireless efforts to support Girl Scouts and their leaders, and her commitment to the community. She has been a Girl Scout for over 50 years and has led and supported numerous troops. Karen Werner is a role model for all Girl Scout leaders and volunteers, and her dedication to the organization is a testament to her love for Girl Scouting and the impact it has had on her life and the lives of others.
Themselves of the multiple stores in this shire town. Edward D. Boylston traveling from Vermont or the towns along the 2nd N.H Turnpike to Boston as a tavern can be documented from 1813 to 1836, split among five is one of the oldest houses in Amherst, but when-exactly in the 18th line with station in the SW corner of Amherst, eliminating the need for teamsters to spend the night in Amherst.

With "about 80 acres of good wood-land, pasturing and [a small orchard]; "there was plenty of land for that peculiar early 18th-century fall and winter entertainment, the turkey (and sometimes goose or chicken) shoot of farm-raised birds. There was also a "brickyard on the property, which explains the unsightly stacks of red clay for a property for a couple of the innkeepers here. They all had the dual occupations of innkeeping and farming – but some even had treble occupations.

Jonathan Foster (probably c. 1737-1949) kept this tavern-inn, possibly as early as 1811, but definitely 1813-1817 and again 1818-1820. Foster organized "Tuckers Tavern" and held on 1 Jan. 1814, with "thirty or forty turkeys." Foster was an experienced taverner, but bounced around. Foster resided in Milford Feb. 1806 before moving to Amherst to keep the inn. He had just barely moved to Amherst from Dartmouth's Corner on Pomeraun Road near the Hollis line, obtaining his first tavern-keeping license from Amherst Selectmen in Sep. 1806, until March 1809; occupied Ponemah Road near the Hollis line, obtaining his first tavern-keeping license from Amherst Selectmen in Sep. 1806, until March 1809; occupied this pit on the property. Eleazer Rhoads in 1823 offered "sportsmen" the benefit, for every lad had his whip, and was on the lookout for their choice of successor. Camp Collyer survived for only a few more years, starting in 1920, Ernest H. Kirby (1881-1974) & his wife Daisy nee Coley (1897-1943), both Sisters, opened a place as a fresh-air summer camp for city boys from Boston and vicinity later also from cities of other New England states. During the first summer they hosted three batches of 40 boys, each group for two weeks. In 1926 the Kirby's renovated the place "it holds 100 boys besides the family." The boys, largely from roadside families, would arrive by train, disembarking from the rail line behind the house. Some boys returned for multiple summers in a row. M. K. sold out in 1943 after the death of his wife, and despite the careful choice of successor. Camp Collyer survived for only a few more years.

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Fall Recreation Programs
Register now for the programs that interest you! Video shows how easy it is to select, register and check out.

For Adults

Barre and Pilates
Keep up with your physical and mental health and well-being and join Shannon for Zoom Barre and Pilates classes.
New Session Begins August 24th
- Mondays from 6-7pm
- Thursdays from 6-7pm
- Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am

What the Buck 2020?! 5k
The Amherst Recreation Department wants to welcome you to the Buck Meadow Conservation and Recreation Area. We are hosting the inaugural What the Buck (Meadow)?! 5k to introduce the facility and run off any frustrations from 2020.
Register by Oct 7th for a free T-Shirt!
Race Day: November 1st

For Kids

Compass of Writing
Do you love to write? Are you working on the next best selling story, book, or play?
Writing fiction or non-fiction is easy, fun, and so rewarding — both to the writer and the reader!
Come learn the “compass” of good writing, with a touch of science!
Oct 14, 21, 28 Ages 8-10, 11-13 (2 sessions)

Backcountry Survival Skills
Have you ever wanted to learn how to survive in the outdoors? We will be teaching the basics of backcountry survival skills with lessons including shelter building, hiking, and first aid. All middle schoolers are welcome to join this fun-focused program, no previous outdoor experience necessary.
Sat 10/24 Grades 5-10

Home School Science
Welcome to Homeschool Science Class 2020!
We are thrilled to be kicking off the Fall school year with an exciting Homeschool curriculum. This year PMEC will be offering science classes once a month beginning Tuesday, September 22nd. The structure for each session includes, one hour Education and one hour Play/Social Interaction.
10/20, 11/17 Ages 5-10 (2 sessions)

Spooktacular Full Moon Hike
Grab your Halloween costume but leave the flashlight! You will be amazed how well you can see in the full moonlight without one. Afterwards there will be hot coco or lemonade (depending on the season) around the fire, as well as stories to share.
October 30 All ages & families welcome
**AMHERST – Sunny skies and comfortable temperatures were the backdrop for a very successful 18th Annual golf tournament held on Saturday, September 25 at the Buck Meadow Conservation and Recreation Area. Souhegan freshmen Stephanie Swendsen took the lead early and never looked back, enroute to her first place finish in 19:18, while Amanda Ullsey earned second place with a time of 19:42. Taloosh Anderson (19:06), and Owen Stine (19:06). The final scores were Souhegan 24, Hollis-Brookline 54, Milford 55.

The Saber Girls Cross Country Team displayed excellent early season form as they captured 7 of the top 8 spots to easily outdistance Campbell Hills 19-45 in a dual meet on Saturday, September 19. Chloe Trudel led from wire to wire as she won the course in a blistering 18:30, over the 5k course at the Buck Meadow Conservation and Recreation Area. 18 year old Madeleine Glover (19:18) and 19 year old Madeleine Newhouse (19:25) respectively for 3rd place. Another battle raged for 4th place, with Souhegan's Madeleine Newhouse taking the lead in the last lap. Campbell Hills’ Katie Glen (19:13), and Kylee Stine (19:10), 2nd, both made more Salisbury right on their heels (Newhouse, Mean Newhouse, Taloosh Anderson, and Madeleine Newhouse. John Quinn completed the scoring for the Sabers with his 9th place finish in 19:18.

**Sports**

**New Hampshire’s Ski Area COVID Guidance Released**

Governor Sununu announced COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for ski areas to be implemented statewide.

**CONWAY —** The Reopening Guidance for NH Ski Areas was released by the Office of Governor Sununu, and all ski areas in the state are looking forward to continuing to develop their operating plans for the year around the guidance provided.

"The draft guidance that we submitted and presented to the Governor’s Reopening Task Force was put together with input and consensus across our ski areas. It’s been a real team effort and I’m very proud of the fact that our operating committees and ski area members have been able to accept together," said Jaysee Keeslar, President of NH Ski Areas. The approved guidance takes the health and safety of our guests and staff seriously, and with additional input from the Department of Health and Human Services, we believe that we have a guidance document that will lead us through this very different upcoming ski season.

The COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for NH Ski Areas will be implemented statewide and includes guidelines on physical distancing, capacity and safety plans for indoor and outdoor areas such as ticket windows, food service, and lodges. The guidance also references that will be followed, including the NH Universal Guidance and guidance for the Food Service Industry, Child Care, Retail Stores, and Guidance for NH ski areas to be implemented statewide. The approved guidelines for NH ski areas to be implemented statewide.

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"All ski area operators are expected to be stepping up and dealing with adversity and this year, for sure, it’s pronounced. With that said, we think NH ski area operators are used to stepping up and dealing with adversity and this year, for sure, it’s pronounced," said Kris Blomback, General Manager at Pat’s Peak Ski Area.

"With all the input from the Department of Health and Human Services, we’re very confident that we’re going to do the best job we can providing a safe environment for our guests. The approved guidance takes the health and safety of our guests and staff seriously, and with additional input from the Department of Health and Human Services, we believe that we have a guidance document that will lead us through this very different upcoming ski season.

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The Redfern’s Fall Programs explore Human Resilience with Gorgeous Guitar and Cello, a new Podcast Series, a Dance Film, and a Downtown Choral Concert

KEENE – The Redfern Arts Center, Keene State College’s arts presenter of dynamic and multifaceted arts experiences, launches virtual performances and programs this fall. Based on current state and College Covid-19 restrictions the Redfern will remain closed to the general public and will pivot to virtual programs as a space to engage with various community members. While the performance season will look different from those in the past, highlights this fall include innovative approaches to performance, a new monthly podcast series called Inside the Redfern, and virtual engagement activities with visiting artists. Virtual performances and activities made available to the general public will be offered at no or minimal charge to audiences, with some events requiring a registration process.

Attendees are encouraged to make a contribution in lieu of purchasing a ticket.

The Redfern Arts Center Box Office is currently closed to foot traffic. Redfern In-person events are open only to faculty, staff, and students who have been approved to be on campus. The Redfern’s event schedule is forthcoming: performance updates and pre-show reminders will be available on Redfern’s website at http://www.keene.edu/arts/redfern. For questions regarding upcoming events, please call 603-358-2168 and leave a message or email boxoffice@keene.edu. Someone will return your call or email as soon as possible.

Audience members are encouraged to sign up for Redfern’s newsletter for more information.

Through the countless moving parts to implementing safety protocols in the building, adjusting classes and productions, the bright spots are how ingeniously and resilience are surfacing as faculty, students, staff and artists reimagine performances and respond to these challenging times. This is a running theme to the Redfern’s new monthly podcast series. Inside the Redfern. Developed as a partnership with the KSC Department of Journalism, Multimedia, and Public Relations, the podcast explores how and why artists, students, and faculty at the Redfern create, collaborate, and share their work. Listeners will enter rehearsal spaces and will hear from various artists, creative partners, and guests about their work across creative fields, providing listeners with more insight into the arts. The first episode will air on September 18 and can be accessed from the Redfern’s website http://www.keene.edu/arts/redfern.

October performances will venture into hybrid and outdoor spaces with the KSC Theatre and Dance production of Brangelina, an original dance film event, running from October 15-18 (Q&A follows the performance on October 15), and the Keene State Concert Choirs performing on October 17 at 3 p.m. in the Central Square Gazebo. In Brangelina ordinary meets the extraordinary as a single domestic moment expands and contracts throughout a stream of time and place. The production is conceived of and directed by KSC Coordinator of Dance Cynthia McLaughlin. Inspired by Alan Lightman’s Einstein’s Dreams, Brangelina imagines a world of infinite possibilities. The KSC Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Vocal Consort, directed by Dr. Matthew Leese, KSC Lecturer in Music, invite audience members to participate in a safe physically distanced performance on Saturday, October 17 at 3 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m.). Choirs will perform with amplification from the Gazebo, and to maintain safety protocols, audiences are encouraged to enjoy the music from one of the restaurants or cafes around the square (not inside the square).

The Redfern’s community engagement programming invites the KSC campus and local community members to participate in a range of creative and interactive experiences with artists, including workshops, artist residencies, and post-performance talks. In mid-October, the Redfern hosts artists Music from the Sole, NYC-based tap dance and live music company drawing from Afro-Brazilian, Tropicália, soul, hip hop, house, to offer some virtual workshops on tap and percussive dance. Community engagement offerings will be announced as the fall progresses.

More than ever, memberships are an excellent way to support the cultural programming that audiences value at the Redfern and our commitment to the communities and artists we serve. Members enjoy exclusive digital offerings and virtual engagement activities with visiting artists. Memberships can be purchased at https://www.keene.edu/arts/redfern/ or by phone at 603-358-2168.
Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation Announces Gift Supporting New Library Project

The Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation is delighted to announce an additional gift in support of Mont Vernon’s new library project. As announced last year, upon her death, Sheri Conyers, a Mont Vernon resident, bequeathed the sum of one million dollars to the Foundation in memory of her late husband, David Lawrence Moore. In addition to this extremely generous gift, Sheri also left a collection of books and artwork to the library and asked that the proceeds from any books sold during her estate sale be donated to support the library project.

In August, David Sturm, representing the Conyers estate presented Cindy Rappell, Foundation President, with a check for $1200 from the sale proceeds. The exchange took place at the current library where they also reviewed the bookplates that have been designed by local artist and Library Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the DalandMemorial Library Collection as a to the DalandMemorial Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the current library where they also reviewed the bookplates that have been designed by local artist and Library Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the DalandMemorial Library Collection as a to the DalandMemorial Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the current library where they also reviewed the bookplates that have been designed by local artist and Library Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the DalandMemorial Library Collection as a to the DalandMemorial Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the current library where they also reviewed the bookplates that have been designed by local artist and Library Trustee, Jill Weber, to designate the books added to the DalandMemorial Library Collection as a
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Sheri’s gifts continue a tradition started in 1899 by the late Sophia Daland when she left the town the funds to establish the existing library. The Sophia G. Daland Trust has continued to support the library that bears her name for more than a century. The Daland Trust has also pledged significant financial support of the new library project and to continue to maintain the new library in the future as they have the current facility. The new library, designed by Dewing Schmid Architects + Planners of Concord, MA, is expected to be built on town owned land on Grand Hill Road in Mont Vernon, NH.

The Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) organization in 2015 specifically to support this project.

Daland Memorial Library Reopens

The Daland Memorial Library has reopened to the public. The staff welcomes you back to the library for Walk Through Service. A maximum capacity of 3 patrons at a time is allowed and building capacity is limited. Social distancing rules are required. Curbside Pickup Service remains open for those who prefer touch free service. The building remains closed to indoor programs and public meetings.

We have provided an outdoor space in the backyard of the library with lawn seating and FREE WiFi as an alternate meeting and programming space that follows social distancing rules. Open hours are as follows. Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am-8:00pm, Friday 2:00pm-6:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm.

Tiny Town Library Podcast

Have you listened to the library’s podcast yet? We are celebrating our one year anniversary of Tiny Town Library with our special guest Charlene Brown from the Mont Vernon Village School. Subscribe to the podcast and catch all the news from around the town in book recommendations, and an interview with a monthly special guest. Simply search Tiny Town Library on iTunes or Spotify to catch up on all our past episodes.

Explore Mont Vernon

The Daland Memorial Library and Mont Vernon Conservation Commission have teamed up to create a new guide book to Mont Vernon Conservation Land and Recreation Areas. Pick up a free copy of “Explore Mont Vernon” at the library and head out to find local outdoor attractions. The guidebook highlights seven different locations in Mont Vernon and includes a brief history, site location, landmarks, pictures, and maps. Visit the library to enter to win our Explore Mont Vernon starter kit pack that includes a compass, first aid kit, sunscreen, animal tracker pocket guide, binoculars, and a NH themed mask. Winner will be announced Sat., October 10th. A PDF of the guide book will also be available on the library website. Enjoy the great outdoors!

Adult Book Clubs

The library currently has three adult book clubs that have continued to meet over the past months thanks to Zoom. Copies of books have been made available through Request Digital and NH Overdrive. We are happy to announce that Inter Library Loan has reopened and multiple copies of adult book club titles will be available for pick up at the library. Meeting times will continue to be held by Zoom as the library remains closed to public meetings. Our current clubs, titles, and meeting dates are as follows. To join simply pick up a book at the library and Zoom into a meeting. New members always welcome! For more information visit the library website at www.dalandlibrary.com

Morning Book Discussion Group - “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson. Group meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00am. Meeting Date: Monday, November 2nd.

Just the Classics - “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley. Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Meeting Date: Thursday,October 15th.

Black Books Matter - “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi. Group meets the second Friday of the month at 6:30pm. Meeting Date: Thursday, November 12th.

StoryWalk at Carleton Pond

Miss JoAnn has updated the StoryWalk at Carleton Pond! Stop by the pond on Grand Hill Road just past the library for a story and a stroll around the pond. This month you can read from the pages of “The Great Uprisings” by Julia Donaldson. Watch for frogs and other wildlife! Enjoy!

Halloween Happenings

This year, Halloween falls on a Saturday and we can expect a full moon! The Town of Mont Vernon is expected to make a decision about Main Street Trick or Treating in the upcoming weeks. Until then, the library invites you to visit their website at www.dalandlibrary.com for up to date information about Halloween-related activities for children and adults as we get closer to the big day. Thank you for your patience as we plan for a fun and safe Halloween.