ELECTIONS

Amherst Goes to The Polls

Polls Open 6:00AM-8:00PM
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Souhegan High School
412 Boston Post Rd.
Amherst, NH

November 3rd Election

AMHERST – On Tuesday, November 3rd, the polls will be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Souhegan High School. The Amherst Citizen will post results when available. Covid-19 protocols must be maintained ...

VOTING

November 3rd Election

AMHERST – The polling location at Souhegan High School will provide excellent shopping opportunities and holiday fun during November! ...

Sleigh Bells Market

AMHERST – The Holiday Fair at the Amherst Congregational Church will provide excellent shopping opportunities and holiday fun during November! ...

ZOOM Town and School Board Meetings

AMHERST – The selectmen and school boards are compiling their budgets for FY22 top and are expected to contain some major expenditures. ...

Squam Lakes Science Center Kids’ Program

AMHERST – program will feature the Squam-Lakes naturalists answering the question we’ve all asked from time to time: Why Do Animals Do That? ...

Digital e-papers Now Online:

- APRIL 2020
- MAY 2020
- JUNE 2020
- JULY 2020
- AUGUST 2020
- SEPTEMBER 2020
- OCTOBER 2020
VIRUTAL 'FIELD TRIP': SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER PROGRAM FOR KIDS – WHY DO ANIMALS DO THAT?

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 4pm on ZOOM - Register now for this virtual 'field trip' to see the folks (and some of the animals) at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Ctr. This program will feature the Squam Lakes naturalists answering the question we've all asked from time to time: Why Do Animals Do That?

Why do animals throw up when they're not sick? Why do they grow on wood if they don't eat it? With a Squam Lakes Natural Science Center naturalist and three live animal ambassadors we'll explore some of wildlife's unusual behaviors and reveal the benefits of these peculiar habits.

For kids ages 4 and up.
Register online to receive your ZOOM link for the day of the program. Link to register: https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1n&cnf=1&lmx=%CF%60b%2C%A3%AFv

ZOOM FAMILY STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 10:00am November 17 - December 15.
Come join Miss Sarah and Princess Lovely for a fun-filled family program!
For ages 3-6, 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. Link for information and to register: https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1n&cnf=1&lmx=%CF%60b%2C%A8%A5r

ZOOM MINECRAFT CLUB

Mondays from 3:45 - 4:45pm November 16 - December 14.
Come and join Miss Sarah for ZOOM Minecraft Club on Mondays from 3:45 - 4:45pm November 16 - December 14.

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COMING IN DECEMBER...

ZOOM FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS

Join Miss Sarah for a holiday gingerbread-house construction party in the comfort of your own home! Families are invited to pool their creativity and make a graham-cracker gingerbread house for the holidays.
We'll provide a take-home kit containing the graham-crackers, frosting and a few 'starter' decorations to include in your creation. You provide the rest of the decorations that you want to use, spread up ZOOM, and we'll get together to build some beautiful houses. Midway through the program, Miss Sarah will read a story or two to the kids while the frosting sets up—join us to get the whole family in the holiday mood! Two ZOOM sessions will be offered. Please sign-up for just one session:

Saturday, December 12th - 10-11:30am. Sign-up link: https://www.libraryinsight.com/eventdetails.asp?jx=1n&cnf=1&lmx=%CF%60b%2C%AFA%Av

ZOOM BOOK CLUB: Great Stone Face Reviewers

The Great Stone Face Award is a statewide reading list for kids in grades 4-6. Our club reviews from a master list of the newest middle-grade fiction and comes to meetings prepared to evaluate these books for possible inclusion on next year's Great Stone Face List.

We learn book-review skills, to stand up in front of a group to give our opinions, and we always have a lot of fun!

For kids in grades 5 and 6.
Meets the First Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Next Meetings: November 5 & December 3

Sound like fun? It is! Contact Miss Sarah at shydorn@amherstlibrary.org if you are interested in joining.

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

LITTLE LISTENERS “SHORT-TAKES”

For our youngest patrons, these videos are short, sweet and engaging. They feature our favorite rhymes, songs, and the occasional book. Since they can be accessed whenever it’s convenient for you, there’s no need to worry about scheduling your little one to be available at a certain time. Videos will be available for viewing on the Amherst Town Library's YouTube Channel. For Newborns-3yrs. No registration required.
New Little Listeners Videos will be available on November 19 & 26.

YouTube Channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Wux3cClmgcotaFAdpMev/videos

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Letters

Lisa Nash Has My Full Support!

To the editor,

I always vote, and it’s certainly more satisfying when I’m wholeheartedly enthusiastic about a candidate. Lisa Nash is such a candidate! As an independent voter, I look for candidates like Lisa Nash. Lisa is committed to finding solutions to difficult problems. Lisa is not partisan; she will work effectively with people on the other side of any given issue. Lisa has a lot of experience and involvement within the local community, and she will think critically about the issues in order to make wise decisions about policies that will affect our children, our livelihoods, our health, our environment and our community.

I know Lisa, and she is running for the right reasons. She is committed to good government and will take her role and responsibility to represent us to heartedly enthusiastic about a candidate. Lisa Nash is such a candidate!

Thank you,

Tom J. Ettman
Amherst

Vote November 3rd

To the editor,

Choosing your next representative(s) to the NH House will determine the direction of our state for the next 2 years and its future forever. It’s your civic duty to vote and to take part in our democratic process. To make informed decisions, it’s important to understand how our State House members vote and what role they play in increasing or decreasing the costs for municipal and school building projects to be more costly than necessary. The facts show the direction chosen by the incumbents.

This last term Amherst State House members voted For: HB 560- banning gender neutral language in schools and Zero emission (ZE) policies; creating an income tax in NH; HB 2- increasing taxes on businesses large and small during this difficult time; HB 275- lowering the sales taxes and HB 271- raising the costs for municipal and school building projects to be more costly than necessary. The facts show the direction chosen by the incumbents.

It is up to you to decide in which direction you wish our state to proceed.

The link below will allow you to verify both the voting records by name of the incumbents and also the records of past house members running this term seeking to alter the course of NH.

http://votecenter.state.nh.us/2020/record/legislature.aspx

Peter T. Hansen
Amherst

Economic Growth

To the editor,

If you are an undecided voter and are about to vote, you might consider this: We took a look at the unemployment rate in the United States every year under several Presidents, the economic growth per year for Democrats was 4.4 percent and for Republicans 2.5 percent. Another study that went back to 1947 showed a Standard and Poor's 500 index of changes over the summer but the linkages work by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Northern England Chapter and Cystic Fibrosis Northern England Chapter has ensured that Taste '20 happened! Thank you to our sponsors who supported us despite a very difficult event. A huge thank-you to the local restaurants and businesses who donated auction items, we know that a rough year this has been, but truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, bid on auction items, and made donations, every $ counts. I want to give a special mention to Porter Dodge for his continued participation in and support of Taste.

I don’t have any photos to share of the event so please know that I am happy and everyone who had an auction table this year and everyone who had a family member or friend with CF are eternally grateful. New drugs that have been approved by the FDA this past year has helped improve the quality of life for many people living with CF, we are so grateful. I know that many are getting nearer to a cure and have often said it takes a village and honesty. It took a village to ensure that Taste '20 happened. Thank you and mark your calendars for Taste '21 on November 4th2021!

Gail Quigley
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Vote For Biden

To the editor:

The U.S. needs a president who knows what they are doing. Joe Biden has always thought of how things can be improved, while keeping every important law in mind. Joe Biden believes in LGBTQ+ equality and race equality, as well. Joe Biden supports equality for sexuality and ethnicity. In the U.S., people from the LGBTQ+ community and people of color are not treated fairly and Trump does not help. Joe Biden is a man who supports every person, and this is why he should be our next U.S. president.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Eggleston
Amherst

Taste for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

To the editor,

Dear friends, we are delighted to share the great news that Taste for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis 2020 was a huge success! We organized our first Taste for a Cure 14 years ago and in that time we have twice surpassed the $1.3 million to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which has helped support research and get us closer to a cure for CF. Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that causes the production of abnormally thick mucus leading to the blockage of the pancreatic ducts, intestines, and bronch, resulting in respiratory infections, difficulty to digest food properly and other issues. Even though we have experienced there is still no cure.

This year’s event was quite different, we changed from an in-person event, to an amazing online auction and event on October 1st. We raised over $60,000! It could not have happened without the amazing support of so many people. Firstly, I am so very grateful for our amazing Taste committee Lisa Brosch, Dianne Jacobs, Shannon Kobler, Michelle Lyod, Katry MacPhed, Sharon Neal, and Jeanne Redmon for their flexibility and willingness to change plans frequently. We had to make a lot of changes over the summer but the linkages work by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Northern England Chapter has ensured that Taste '20 happened! Thank you to our sponsors who supported us despite a very difficult event. A huge thank-you to the local restaurants and businesses who donated auction items, we know that a rough year this has been, but truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, bid on auction items, and made donations, every $ counts. I want to give a special mention to Porter Dodge for his continued participation in and support of Taste.

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Late 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

Weekly Walking Group
Bring your friends and meet new ones at our Weekly Walk in the Woods around Amherst. Every week we will take a different trail to explore for about an hour long walk.
Beginning Tue, Oct 20th

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!
Nov 4, 11 & 18 Ages 8-13

“My Love Nature!” Series
Is your preschooler eager to learn about the world they live in or love wandering through the woods? At I Love Nature, we have lots of fun exploring different habitats and learning all about what you can find out in the amazing woods all around you. Each class we will begin with a story, then circle time to discuss a new topic and do an activity related to the topic. We will end with a take-home craft.
Starting in November Ages 3-6

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.
Nov 17 Ages 5-10 (2 sessions)

Safe Sitter Babysitting Course
Safe Sitter® is a medically-accurate, up-to-date babysitting course that teaches young teens life and safety skills. This course includes a copy of The Official Safe Sitter® Babysitter’s Handbook for each registered participant which they will bring along on all accepted babysitting jobs.
Tuesday, November 3rd
Woman Suffrage in Amherst – 1920

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage via the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Congress finally approved the 19th Amendment in June 1919, but at least 36 states had to vote in favor of it for it to become law. New Hampshire voted to ratify the 19th Amendment on 10 Sep. 1919. By August 1920, the requisite 36 states had ratified the amendment and it became part of the Constitution. The Secretary of State of N.H. estimated about 148,000 women in the state who would be eligible to vote that first year.

Amherst Women Vote in 1920

A significant number of Amherst women immediately took advantage of their new legal right in 1920. "At the primary elections [in Amherst, N.H.] 123 votes were cast, 72 by men and 51 by the women, of whom 80 had registered. Democratic ballots were few." (Milford Cabinet, N.H., 9 Sep. 1920, p. 4.)

Shortly thereafter, as of 16 Oct. 1920, according to the Supervisors of the Checklist, there were 366 registered voters in Amherst, of whom 129 were women; but the Supervisors met again on 30 Oct. to “revise and correct" said list, which may explain why there were more voters when the presidential and state elections rolled around. In Amherst, in Nov. 1920: “There were 295 votes cast, of which 199 were by women.” (Milford Cabinet, 4 Nov. 1920, p. 4.) (That is what the newspaper printed; due to the present pandemic, I have not attempted to independently verify those figures.)

Once they gained suffrage, women in N.H. had to meet the same requirements and follow the same procedures as men before they could vote. They were required to appear before the Supervisors of the Check List for their town and “declare themselves citizens, [be] 21 year of age or more, and read a section of the Constitution in English" [to prove they were literate]. "The requirements as to residence are that one shall have lived for at least six months preceeding the election in the town." (Milford Cabinet, 26 Aug. 1920, p. 4.)

Who Were Amherst’s First Women Voters

Among the 129 Amherst women who had registered to vote by mid-October 1920:

There were 41 farmer's wives, 3 wives of farm workers, and 2 women who managed a farm – for a total of 46, not surprising in an agrarian community. These farm women ranged in age from 22 to 69. Among them was Josephine W. Hare (39), the only “colored” woman in town (in the 1920 census the race of all the family members was called “mulatto,” meaning mixed black and white). The Hares at that time had seven children and lived since 1913 on a farm on Route 101 near the Bedford town line, and from 1921 to about 1925 ran a tea room aka wayside refreshment stand selling drinks and fruits and produce nearby on the highway. There were 14 career women or women who had occupations outside the home: Viola Blair (26), stenographer for counter factory; Edna G. Burtt (21), public school teacher at No. 3 Cricket Corner; Helen Converse (33), piano teacher; Helen J. Currier (37), dressmaker; Marion Dodge (27).
Amherst, NH’s DIGITAL NEWSROOM

Engagement Series – Part 2
First Program in Civic Engagement Series – Part 2 that featured 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. Her focus was the gender wage gap giving reasons why US women still earn only around 82 cents for every $1 earned by men.

The program described below was developed by AAUW and mentioned several times by Dr. Galizzi in her presentation

Closing the Gender Wage Gap – Work Smart Online - FREE Course

While waiting for the economy to get back on track, consider a program developed by AAUW to help women in salary negotiation. Work Smart Online is a free course that helps women earn the pay they deserve. To access the online course type salary.aauw.com in your search bar and begin preparation to negotiate a better salary and benefits. An easy, engaging e-tool will teach participants to learn the market value of their skills and experience, determine an equitable “target salary” based on skills and experience, and ask for the pay they deserve. In surveys nearly all participants reported having more confidence and better negotiating skills after taking the class. For additional information, contact Susan Hoover at 213-6601.

Two more programs in the Civic Engagement Series – Part 2 are being planned for 2021. On Tuesday, January 26, photographer and author Becky Field and SNHU alumna Mahboba Akhtarzadah will present their program, Diversity in New Hampshire, via Zoom. The third program is still being planned.

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Amherst Memory Tree 2020

The Memory Tree: A LIVING Tribute to Honor our Loved Ones

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The Regional Gardening Guide

Amherst Junior Women’s Club

Ready ... Set ... GO!

AMHERST – As a way to honor those who have come before us, the Historical Society has created a Memorial Walkway in the garden behind the Wigmans. Engraved bricks can be purchased and placed in memory of deceased parents, friends, or community members. The Historical Society will be happy to make it the wonderful community it is today.

Sleigh Bells Marketplace Coming November 10th

Some holiday Fair favorites will be part of the auction, including holiday lights, themed gift baskets, Amherst memorabilia, jewelry, toys and games and much more. Proceeds will go to support church programs and local charities.

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Wigmans Garden Memorial Walkway

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Alex David Stone

AMHERST – Alex David Stone brought his light into the world on December 31, 1980. From the moment of his birth, he was a gift to everyone who knew him. His tremendous kindness and tender spirit were hallmarks of his personality. He believed strongly in being a fundamentally good human and caring for others, qualities he demonstrated in every aspect of his life. His patience, level-headedness and thoughtfulness shone through from the moment you met him.

Alex spent his early years in the woods of NH, which he and his younger siblings considered their playground. Those early years were spent riding bikes and playing in “forts” throughout the property. He always had a big imagination and curiosity about the world around him. Despite his outwardly and sometimes boisterous appearance, one of his family often joked that he was born 65 years old – he enjoyed some troublesome teenage years with his friends. Always managing to avoid getting caught or injured, he later told many stories of “near misses” from his adventures. He also took great pride in getting the attendance policy changed at Conant High School by outwitting the administration on a technicality in the student handbook. He graduated in the Class of 1999 among many friends. Because of his early and full facial hair by the age of 15, his friends nicknamed him “Abe,” “Ivan” and “the Russian.” He was proud of his beard and kept it until the end.

From his first job at the Monadnock Inn, where he worked in the kitchen, he demonstrated a strong and dedicated work ethic. Notoriously responsible, and always arriving early, he was an extremely reliable worker. Alex wisely chose to make his hobby of “tinkering” with computers into his career, successfully working in information technology for over 20 years. Most recently, he worked for the Amherst-Mont Vernon SAU39 School District as their Director of Technology, a job and community he cherished despite his short time there. The family would like to thank the School District for their incredible support in recent months.

Gary’s interests revolved around music. He was a drummer having played in several bands in following 28 years of service. Alex’s greatest joy was his family, and especially his wife of ten years, Abby, and their daughter, McKayla. They were his whole world and he loved them beyond measure. Their family enjoyed regular visits to the ocean in Maine and mountains of New Hampshire for family vacations. He is also remembered with fondness by his younger siblings, Zack Stone (and partner Leah Astore) of Rindge, NH, and Erin Ericson (and husband Ben) of Salem, NH. He leaves his parents Mark Stone (and wife, Steven) of Rindge, NH, his grandmother, Bertha Robichaud of Jaffrey, NH, and his two younger siblings, Zack Stone (and partner Leah Astore) of Jaffrey, NH, and Erin Ericson (and husband Ben) of Salem, NH. He leaves many other loving relatives and friends, far too many to name.

Memorial visiting hours were held on Friday, October 16 from 4-7pm at the Smith & Heal’d Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH. The family had a private celebration of life on the following Saturday. In lieu of flowers, McKayla’s grandparents have set up a memorial fund for her to attend college.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH. The family encourages friends to continue to support human rights, no matter what race, religion, sexuality or socio-economic status. In fact, you were often more likely to win his favor if you, like he, had to overcome some hardships in life. He never wished suffering on anyone, but understood and appreciated how resilience could shape the human spirit.

In 2014, Alex was diagnosed with stage four neuroendocrine tumors, a rare form of cancer. The family expresses their deepest gratitude to his care team at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute who provided him with exceptional treatment. He lived with cancer for six years, which he filled with happy memories and adventures with his loved ones. He passed away on October 8, 2020. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of memorials, the family requests donations can be made payable to Monica Lemaire for his daughter, McKayla. They were his whole world and he loved them beyond measure. Their family enjoyed regular visits to the ocean in Maine and mountains of New Hampshire for family vacations. He is also remembered with fondness by his younger siblings, Zack Stone (and partner Leah Astore) of Jaffrey, NH, and Erin Ericson (and husband Ben) of Salem, NH. He leaves many other loving relatives and friends, far too many to name.

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Recent Video Meetings of Amherst Town Committees, School and SAU Boards and Facilities Task Force

SAU Board Meeting - October 30, 2020. Discussion begins immediately regarding specific needs

Joint Schools and SAU #39 Board Meeting, October 29, 2020. Discussion begins 31:55 into the video

Trustees of the Trust Funds 10/29/2020.

Souhegan Cooperative School Board - October 26, 2020. Discussion begins 30:32 into the video

Conservation Commission 10/14/2020

SAU #39 Re-Opening Task Force - October 21, 2020. Discussion begins 45:11 into the video

Planning Board 10/07/2020.

Ways and Means Committee 10/26/2020

Board of Selectmen 10/20/2020. Discussion begins after roll call and required reading of Covid regs
NASHUA – The Amherst Middle School Cross Country team closed out their season with another successful showing, October 17th at the Tri-County I-X Championship on the Mine Falls Fauklinwood South-J Hill Trail. The team took third place, with a strong showing from their junior athletes.

Coaches, Michelle Donohue and Tivan Casavant, gave a huge shout-out to the SAU-39 administration and AMS Athletic Director, Jeff Wing, for their guidance that allowed this shortened and truncated season to move forward—with masks & safety protocols in place.

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This year, they are only graduating Ethan, and so promise to be strong again next Fall! The Pythons struck first from 30 yards in the 33 minute to waken the Souhegan Freshman! The Pythons went on to capture 5th place overall, with a time of 19:56, the highest place ever at the state meet for a Division II team.

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November Performances at the Redfern:

Collaborative Piano exploring Japanese and French Musical and Visual Arts Culture, Percussion in the Gallery, Samuel Beckett’s Happy Days, Student Recitals and More

KEENE, N.H. 10/29/20 – The Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College offers a steady stream of performances by faculty and students this November that reinforce the essential power of art to foster social cohesion, learning, and enjoyment during this challenging time. This month features a compelling piano collaboration between pianist Christina Wright-Ivanova and animator Christine Banna; a Percussion Ensemble performance exploring percussion music tradition in art galleries; a performance by Keene State Jazz Combos; and Samuel Beckett’s Happy Days, a tragicomedy featuring two actors in two acts that offers a resonant story of resilience for our time. The November lineup includes various Keene State Department of Music student recitals and ensemble concerts. A full list of events and links to the Livestream is accessible at https://www.keene.edu/arts/redfern/.

On Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m., the Music Faculty Performance Series presents Hall! Oui! A Dance Between Countries: French & Japanese Piano Compositions, a one-hour collaborative performance between pianist Christina Wright-Ivanova and animator Christine Banna. It highlights the influences between Japanese and French musical and visual arts culture through piano compositions with representations from 19th-century classical piano works and 20th-century new music. Featured composers include Claude Debussy, Olivier Messiaen, Jo Kondo, Akira Miyoshi, Toshi Ichiyanagi, Sonoo Terauchi, and Toru Iwamoto. Compositions, a one-hour collaborative performance between pianist Christina Wright-Ivanova and animator Christine Banna. It highlights the influences between Japanese and French musical and visual arts culture through piano compositions with representations from 19th-century classical piano works and 20th-century new music. Featured composers include Claude Debussy, Olivier Messiaen, Jo Kondo, Akira Miyoshi, Toshi Ichiyanagi, Sonoo Terauchi, and Toru Iwamoto.

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Keene State College Jazz Combos presents its autumn concert of traditional and contemporary music on Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 p.m. KSC Jazz Combos are students from all disciplines who enjoy learning and sharing the art of performing live music. Bassist Steve Cadby directs and arranges for three separate combos which will present material ranging from Chick Corea to The Champs and from Duke Ellington to Freddie Hubbard.

This semester’s KSC Percussion Ensemble concert explores the relationship between new music and art galleries on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. Artists and musicians have long inspired each other and formed collectives. Robert Rauschenberg, Jackson Pollock, Buckminster Fuller, and Marcel Duchamp were part of the “New York” School that was associated with sound artists like John Cage. The concert will feature percussion, found objects, organized sound, spoken word, hand drums, and even theater spread through the gallery as sound sculptures. Composers include John Cage, James Tenney, Jun Ito, Alice Gomez, Pauline Oliveros, Glenn Velez, Jason Treuting and Christopher Swist. Swist’s “Chance 64” is a computer piece written in tribute to John Cage. The computer creates the form in real time using the I Ching Hexagram of 64 random possibilities. Access Livestream HERE.

Nominated in The Independent as one of the 40 best plays of all time, Samuel Beckett’s Happy Days is a two-act play containing one of the most famous images of a middle-aged woman buried up to her waist in act one and to her neck in act two. Widely recognized as one of the greatest dramatists of the twentieth century, Samuel Beckett (1906-1989) wrote his sixth play Happy Days in 1960. The KSC Theatre and Dance department production of Happy Days will be performed for campus audiences and available for livestream for the general public November 18-21 at 7:30 p.m. (2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, November 21). Access Livestream HERE.

Though written 40 years ago, the play offers a powerful meditation on human struggle and resilience, themes that are especially resonant today. Confined, isolated, and buried up to her waist, Winnie’s zest for life transcends slight moments of apprehension and despair. Imaginatively she weaves “another heavenly day” by sharing stories, singing, and alternatingly quoting the classics. Winnie handles her situation with eternal optimism even in the face of what seems like insurmountable obstacles. Beckett offers a compassionate view of Winnie; while cognizant of her impossible predicament, she remains positive and hopeful.

Happy Days is presented in conjunction with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com. The Redfern’s new podcast series, Inside the Redfern, explores how and why artists, students, and faculty at the Redfern create, collaborate, and share their work. Developed as a partnership with the KSC Department of Journalism, Multimedia, and Public Relations, the podcast offers a behind the scenes perspective into how arts and culture is moving forward through COVID. Episodes are released on a monthly basis; episode 3 will explore the rehearsal process for Happy Days and will be released on November 13. Listen HERE.

Based on current state and College Covid-19 restrictions the Redfern will remain closed to the general public and is offering virtual programs as a means for community members to access Redfern’s programming. Virtual performances and activities are free and open-access for audiences. Attendees are encouraged to make a contribution in lieu of purchasing a ticket.

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 available on its website at http://www.keene.edu/arts/redfern. While the Box Office is currently closed to foot traffic, audiences can call 603-358-2168 and leave a message or email boxoffice@keene.edu. Audience members are encouraged to sign up for Redfern’s newsletter for more information and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @RedferArtsCenter.
Mont Vernon

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 are allowed in the building. Social distancing rules apply and masks 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.

Digital Streaming Services

The library offers two ways to borrow materials digitally online with a valid library card. Log into www.hoopladigital.com to set up a Hoopla account for access to 750,000 titles including movies, E books, audio books, magazines, television shows, documentaries and more! You can also use your library card number to borrow books from NH Overdrive. Visit www.nhoverdrive.com to borrow eBooks and audio books for children and adults. Need a library card? Stop in the library to sign up during open hours or visit www.dalandlibrary.com for more details.

Inter Library Loan - The NH State Library has reopened and our ILL services have resumed. If you need an item that is not in our collection, simply make a request in person at the library, online, by phone or email. The library receives once a week deliveries and will call you when it arrives. Questions? Call Amy at the library at 673-7888.


Morning Book Discussion - Meets the 1st Monday each month at 10:00AM by ZOOM. The group reads a mix of contemporary fiction and non-fiction titles. 2020 titles listed below.

November 2nd: “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson
December 7th: “The Christmas Train” by David Baldacci

Just the Classics - Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM by ZOOM. This book group is focused on reading classic titles selected by group members. 2020 titles listed below.

November 19th: “The Fall of the House of Usher” by Edgar Allen Poe
December 17th: “Ethan Frome” by Edith Wharton

Black Books Matter - Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM by Zoom. This is a newly formed book club that will focus on books by black authors and race relations. 2020 titles listed below.

November 12th: “Homegoing” Yaa Gyasi
December 10th: “The Water Dancer” by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Join the Friends!

Join the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library between now and the end of 2020 and your covered for the 2021 year! The Friends of the Daland Memorial Library are a group of people joined together for the well-being of the library, who express this through annual donations and/or by volunteering their time and talent. Through fundraising, the Friends support a variety of library programs including the children’s summer reading program, passes for library patrons to area museums, treats for Trick-or-Treaters who visit the library on Halloween, the “Books for Babies” program, and children and adult programs. Members also volunteer to maintain the library gardens. Membership information is available on the library website at www.dalandlibrary.com or at the circulation desk at the library.