

Town News

Community Spirit and The House Tour



Table all decked out for the Amherst Village house tour.

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AMHERST – One of the many characteristics that makes Amherst special is its community spirit. It is evident on the Fourth of July, on Halloween, and at the Tree Lighting. The Christmas in Amherst Village house tour is a more recent, exciting example of community spirit.

Sponsored by the Congregational Church of Amherst, the house tour has become a town-wide effort. It combines a unique opportunity to view the interiors of historic village homes while supporting the renovation of the church building. The landmark meetinghouse on the green serves as a gathering place for many town meetings and events.

The previous four house tours have each showcased six different houses decorated for Christmas. This year, six generous village residents who are not members of the church have offered to support the meetinghouse renovations by opening their homes to the public on this one special day.

Each home is decorated for the holidays with the homeowners' personal touches and with decorations by local professional florists. For this fifth tour, the Amherst Garden Center, The Garden Party (Milford),

PJ's flowers and Antiques (Bedford), Ponemah Farms (Amherst), and Woodman's Florists (Milford) are donating their time and expertise.

The tour is Saturday, December 6. Homes will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A delicious lunch, prepared by Moulton's, will be served in the church Community Room. While many of the homes are within easy walking distance, courtesy vans supplied by the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club will be available to shuttle ticket holders to all homes.

Four exclusive Christmas ornaments depicting Amherst landmarks will be available during the tour. They can also be purchased at the Woman's Association Holiday Fair at the church on November 22. The ornaments are perfect Christmas gifts for yourself, your family, friends, and for grown children who have moved away from Amherst.

Tour tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour. Luncheon tickets must be preordered and are \$10. Ticket forms and further information are available at www.ccamherst.org or by calling the church office at 673-3231.



From left to right: Kathy Freitas, Frankie Straccia, Barbara Eriss, Suzanne Bergeron, Lorie Ruland, Collen Lynch & Elaine Kearns.

Cause For Celebration

AMHERST - The Amherst Area Newcomers' book club recently took the opportunity to turn their monthly meeting into a surprise baby shower for Suzanne Bergeron of Amherst. Suzanne was "show-ered" with members' favorite children's books to jumpstart baby David's personal library.

The book club meets monthly for a lively discussion of books ranging from the classics to biographies & everything in between. If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more about any of the Newcomer's interest groups, visit our website at www.nhnewcomers.com or call Susan Wheatley at 673-1439.

Sign Up and Help Historical Society Win \$25,000

The Historical Society of Amherst is entering the home stretch of the Robert & Karin Finlay Foundation Challenge. The society has a chance to win a one time award of \$25,000 if it achieves the greatest increase in membership among 33 other participating N.H. historical societies. The deadline to join is October 31, 2008.

Nearly 200 new members have joined the society since the contest began a year ago. We still need 150 new members to reach our goal of

500 total members in the historical society. The membership form can be downloaded from the historical society's website: www.hsanh.org, or the Amherst Citizen's site. Kindly mail your check to HSA NH, P.O. Box 717, Amherst, N.H. 03031. An annual family membership is \$25 and a single is \$15. Students are encouraged to join for \$5 annually. Thank you very much to all who have joined during this exciting contest. The winning town will be announced in November.

Remembering

Donald and Judith (Pearson) Stubbs

Judith and Donald Stubbs were high school sweethearts, graduated from Lyons Township High School, La Grange, Illinois class of 1961, were together in marriage for 45 years, and passed away together in a one vehicle accident on September 23rd, 2008 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

They loved to travel, play golf, bridge, and visit with their family and many friends across the nation. The accident occurred as they drove from their summer home in Maine to their winter home in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Don, born in Mankato, MN on January 30, 1943, was the son of the late Freda and Cooper Stubbs. After high school, Don joined the Marines and was always very proud of his time spent in service to his country. He then attended Arizona State University, and was a dedicated fan of their football team after moving back to AZ. Don retired as a captain with Delta Airlines in 2002, having started his flying career with Ozark Airlines and being with Pan American Airlines for many years. He also loved classic and hot rod cars and restoring them to their original state.

Judy, born December 22, 1942 in Illinois was the daughter of the late Paul Pearson and Eleanor Pearson Seegers. After high school, Judy became a dental assistant and continued that career after marriage. She was an advocate for Special Needs students, serving on several boards and task forces for that endeavor. She loved everyone she met and was a fabulous cook and hostess. Give her a baby to hold, and she was content!

They leave two sons: Cooper and his wife, Karen of Truckee, CA and Paul and his wife, Kim of Scottsdale, AZ and their granddaughter Brittany Kelly of New Hampshire.



Judy is survived by her sister, Nancy Brinkman of Burr Ridge, IL and Judy's twin sister, Susan Pearson of Nekoosa, WI, and Sun City Center, FL.

Don is survived by his brother, Gary and his wife, Vikki of Scottsdale, AZ and his sister, Nancy Lasky of Alameda, CA. Many nieces, nephews and their families also grieve their passing.

Judy was preceded in death by her brother, Lt. Col. Wayne Pearson,

Don and Judy had raised their sons in Amherst and retired to Arizona. Don was a volunteer member of the Amherst Fire Department and Judy worked in Dr. Charles Lambert's dental practice. They had many close friends in Amherst and visited frequently over the years. They had visited with friends in Amherst only days before the accident.

Services will be held at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 East McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ on Saturday, November 1.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Don and Judy's support of River-view School where their son, Paul attended, or your favorite charity in their name.

Riverview School
551 Route 6A
East Sandwich, Cape Cod, MA 02537
Contact: Jeanne Pacheco, Director of Admissions
www.riverviewschool.org

Bids for Historical Work in Amherst

The Amherst Heritage Committee is soliciting proposals from qualified Historical Preservationist firms for assistance with the 9/09 completion of an Area Wide Form for the town of Amherst.

Proposal details may be obtained through Mary Mahar at marysmah@yahoo.com.

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