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NH Humanities Council Presents A Free Talk On “God And The Constitution” By Noah Feldman, Constitutional Law Expert And Best-selling Author

CONCORD – In a period of sweeping political change, questions about the intersections of religion and American political life remain in the forefront. Noah Feldman will offer an address on “God and the Constitution” in a free public event sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council on Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center at St. Anselm College in Manchester.

Feldman is one of the nation’s foremost constitutional experts. He is a Professor at Harvard Law School, a contributing writer for the New York Times Magazine, and an adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2003 he served as senior constitutional advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. He is the author of four books, including the NY Times best-sellers *Fall and Rise of the Islamic State* and *Divided by God: America’s Church-State Problem and What We Should Do About It*.

Feldman’s talk is the final event in the NH Humanities Council’s two-year project, *Shifting Ground: Religion and Civic Life in America*. The project included a national conference, six-week community forums in more than a dozen communities across the state including one specifically for legislators, and a series of public addresses by nationally-renowned experts on the intersections of religion and public life in our nation. The Humanities Council’s next major initiative, slated to begin in 2009, will address the issue of immigration in the Granite State.

While Feldman’s talk is free and open to all, space is limited and reservations are strongly recommended. Reserve seats online at <http://noahfeldman.eventbrite.com> or call the Humanities Council’s office at 224-4071. Learn more on the Humanities Council’s website at www.nhhc.org.

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CASA NH Offers Holiday Cards By Local Artists And Children

Check one thing off your list of things to do and help New Hampshire’s children by ordering your holiday cards from CASA of New Hampshire. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of NH is pleased to offer a fantastic array of holiday cards featuring the artwork of local artists including Manchester native, Jim Burke. His “Archangel Gabriel” card is inspirational. Other artists featured on the CASA holiday cards are Ann Trainor Domingue of Goffstown, well-known for her portrayal of coastal life images in contemporary, boldly rendered paintings and Dr. Robert

Kozlow and Bob Legg whose photographs capture the beauty of New Hampshire landscapes. Several selections designed by local children round out the collection with something for everyone. The proceeds from the sale of the holiday cards, created by NH children, photographers, and artists help to ensure that CASA can continue their important work. Cards come in packages of twenty with envelopes for \$ 15.00 a box. Select from over twenty holiday designs.

To see cards visit www.casanh.org/holidaycards or call 1(800) 626-0622 x241.

Quilts for Children of the World – November 15th

AMHERST - The Gifts of Grace Foundation invites quilters and non-quilters to participate in its Quilts for Children of the World project at the Tree of Life School for Sacred Living, 8 Northern Boulevard, Unit 8, Amherst, 9:30 AM to 2 PM. Community Quilting Days are held the

third Saturday of each month except for the months of July, August and December. For quilters who cannot make one of the community quilting dates, donated quilts are welcome. For more information, visit their website www.giftsofgracefoundation.org or call 546-2320.

Cultural Arts Award Event Held

NH American Mothers held an awards ceremony for its 24th statewide, annual cultural arts event recently.

Winners in the music categories performed at the ceremony, which was held at the Bedford Public Library: Jennifer Erdody, from Milford, sang “The Wizard and I” from the musical *Wicked*, while Amherst resident Jayne M. Young, pianist, performed beautifully “Reflets dans l’eau” by Debussy. Melissa Provost, from Portsmouth, read her poem “How Many Kisses?”

Other award recipients were, in Art: First prize, photography, Mary White from Londonderry; fiber arts – quilt, Paula Burpee from Merrimack; computer graphics, Alhan Irwin, Nashua; mixed media, Heather Harvey from Dalton; and, in pastel, Judith Doughty from West Nottingham. Award recipients in Literature were: First prize, poetry, Rye resident Amy Ray’s “Eleven Minutes”; essay, Exeter’s Fran Hall; short story,

Anne Kelsey from Windham. Other entries included Kristen Cohen – Bow, Amy Cousins – Stoddard, Irene DuPont – Manchester, Carol N. Goff – Derry, Susanna Hargreaves – Hooksett, Sita Johnston – Northwood, Carrie Lopez – Raymond, Lisa Mailloux – Weare, Evelyn Saucier – Littleton, and Mindy Shoals – Bedford. The event’s coordinator was Nancy L. Hansen, Stratham.

The cultural arts event is held annually to promote the artistic, literary, and musical talents of women in the state. It is open to all women over 18. NH American Mothers is a registered nonprofit organization in New Hampshire, dedicated to parenting education, service, and the recognition of outstanding women through cultural arts and its Mother of the Year and mother of young children programs.

For more information contact Valerie at 472-3032 or email AMINHH@comcast.net.



Mary White won First Place in Art for photography.

Annual Church Fair



Silent Auction Features Quilt by Lynn Maxfield

Lynn Maxfield enjoys quilting, and she took on a major project for the silent auction at the Amherst Congregational Church Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 22.

“I saw a picture of a wall hanging, and I increased it,” she explained, large enough to cover a queen size bed. She found the quilting fabric she wanted while on a trip to Virginia.

The 98-inch by 110-inch quilt has 72 doily squares and another six doilies on each sham. It took several months of searching to get the required number of doilies. She sewed them onto the individual squares while on vacation in Colorado.

“It was fun to pick out the colors, and I had fun doing it, but I was glad when the last doily was in place,” she admitted. The quilt was machine sewn and the last step was tying off with buttons on each of the squares.

The Holiday Fair will welcome shoppers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on November 22. Silent auction bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. In addition to the queen quilt, the auction includes needlepoint and handcrafted gift items, art, antique dolls, American Girl doll and clothes, pottery and more.

Fair shoppers will also find treasures, fresh baked goods, gifts and holiday decorations, hand knits, freshly cut holiday greens, cutlery, pecans and cheese and gifts for children. Complimentary cider, coffee and cookies will be offered.

Hampshire Hills Programs

Do you have a babysitter in the making, a babysitter in training or a babysitter in NEED of training? We are offering the Red Cross Babysitting Course at Hampshire Hills

on November 1 & 8, 2008. Space is limited. Sign up today and get all the training necessary to be a great babysitter! 673-7123, Ext. “0” to sign up!

The Next Mill City Contra Dance is Friday, November 21!

The Mill City Contra Dance takes place in the historic Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH in the “Mill-a-Round Dance Studio” on the third Friday of each month.

Music by JumpStart (Paul Lizotte, fiddle; Victor Troll, piano; Gene Albert, bass). Calling this evening by Nils Fredland.

Beginners’ Workshop at 7:30 p.m. Dance from 8 - 11 p.m. No partner necessary; all dances taught. Please bring clean soft-soled shoes. \$8/ adult, \$5/student, under 12, free.

For more information contact Paul Lizotte: plizotte@rivier.edu or (603) 595-4484. Website: <http://www.nhdances.org/millcity/>

CALENDAR LISTING:

November 14th - Tasting and Tapas Fundraiser - Wine tasting benefit to help the Dreher Family as they battle cancer. 7-10 at Monadnock County Club, Peterborough, NH. \$15 per person includes wine tasting, tapas and live music. Email TastingandTapas@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

TASTING & TAPAS

Wine-Tasting Benefit

Friends of Tonya Dreher and family are holding a benefit wine-tasting. Come taste some delicious Spanish wines and enjoy live music (of the MacKay children from Fraceestown!) and delectable tapas!

Friday, November 14th, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Monadnock Country Club, Peterborough, NH
\$15 a person

Email TastingandTapas@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Call Diana Place at 547-2719 with questions or if you want to donate a silent auction item. All proceeds to benefit Fraceestown’s Dreher family battling cancer.

Toast for a Cure
for cystic fibrosis



Join the Garveys and other local families affected by CF at The Peddler’s Daughter & raise your glass to find a cure!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

6 - 9 PM ~ Music, Raffle, Silent Auction & More!

Tickets are \$10 and include hors d’oeuvres donated by The Peddler’s Daughter, a pint of Guinness, music by the New Hampshire Police Association Pipe & Drums & more!

Purchase tickets ahead of time by calling the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (603) 598-8191 or buy them at the door.

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