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### Nashua Public Library

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### Nashua Photographers Exhibit

Photographs by Sid Ceaser and Sara Prindiville are on display at the Nashua Public Library in January and February.

Sid Ceaser is displaying portraits taken both in studio and on location. The images are recent work from both commercial and private study.

Landscape photographer Sara Prindiville is showcasing archival pigmented ink prints as well as albumen prints. Subjects include local landscapes, among them Mine Falls Park in Nashua and Beaver Brook in Hollis.

Both photographers graduated from the New Hampshire Institute of Art with bachelor's degrees in fine art. Their photography studio, Plastic Camera studio, is located in the Picker Building, a former mill, at 99 Factory Street in Nashua.

Sara is a juried member of the Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough. Sid is represented in New Hampshire by McGowan Fine Art of Concord. He has shown at museums and exhibitions throughout the Northeast and is the former executive director of City Arts Nashua.

The exhibit may be viewed anytime during library hours, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The library is located at 2 Court Street. Call 603-589-4610 for more information.

### Double Your Productivity

The Nashua Public Library will present "Doubling Your Productivity," a seminar on DVD, on Thursday, February 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

The seminar covers how to eliminate time wasters, to use your time in an extraordinary manner, to make yourself more valuable, and to stay motivated. It features best-selling author and frequent TV-show guest Brian Tracy.

### World War II Author to Speak

Robert Korkuc, author of "Finding a Fallen Hero: The Death of a Ball Turret Gunner," will speak at the

Nashua Public Library on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m.

Korkuc's book tells the story of how his uncle was killed while on a Flying Fortress bombing mission over Germany in February 1944. It also reveals how he went about researching a war death that took place over 50 years ago.

PBS' documentary filmmaker Ken Burns said that "Finding a Fallen Hero" was a "riveting story of what must have been one of the most dangerous and vulnerable jobs in all of war."

Korkuc's talk will be of interest to World War II buffs as well as amateur genealogists. It is free and open to the public.

### Images and Narratives from Northern Ireland

Kathleen S. Cain will present "Leaving the Trouble Behind: Images and Narratives from Northern Ireland" at the Nashua Public Library on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

With the Good Friday Agreement, the people of Northern Ireland hoped that the 30-year nightmare known as "The Troubles" was over. A decade later, however, militant political murals still adorn the walls of buildings in Belfast and Derry. These images provide a backdrop for tales of everyday life during the years of sectarian violence.

Drawing on her experiences during the year she spent living in Northern Ireland, Cain will explore the impact of civil strife on a resilient people and how stories and images can help heal the wounds of war.

From 2005 to 2006, Cain was a visiting professor at St. Mary's University College of Queen's University in Belfast. A professor of English at Merrimack College, she earned her Ph.D. in 20th century American Literature from Marquette University.

The program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It is free and open to the public. Nashua library: 2 Court Street. Information: 589-4610.

### McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Grand Opening



## In the Midst of a \$15 million expansion, New England's Premier Air and Space Science Center Opens March 6

CONCORD – With a Mercury-Redstone rocket at the front entry and a prominent observatory dome, New England's premier air and space science center will make its home in Concord opening on March 6. The new 45,000 square-foot McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will house new interactive science exhibits, an expanded gift shop, café, and theater space. The new Discovery Center is a major transformation of the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. The first phase of this transformation comes after ten years of planning and development.

"The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will expand the mission of the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, giving New Hampshire children the opportunity to learn and dream about the stars and beyond. It will also stand as a lasting tribute to two of our state's, and our nation's, greatest heroes and serve as a reminder of the important role New Hampshire has played in the exploration of space," Governor John Lynch said.

"The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will be New England's preeminent center for experiential education in space science, astronomy, aviation, and Earth science," says Planetarium Commission chair Rich Ashooh.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is a lively science center, featuring 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, and Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of science and engineering programs.

The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners of all ages. The Discovery Center will also offer space for conferences and special events, and a NASA Educator Resource Center.

The 45,113 square-foot science center, quadruple the size of the planetarium, was designed by Dignard Architectural Services of New Boston. The principal of the firm, Roger Dignard, was lead architect on the original planetarium building when he worked for Lavallee-Brensinger in Manchester.

Visitors to the Discovery Center will be greeted by an outdoor 92-foot-tall The Mercury-Redstone rocket. The interactive, multi-sensory exhibit around it tells the story of New Hampshire hero Alan Shepard, his historic flight as the first American in space on May 5, 1961, and the story of the Space Race that inspired much of our current aerospace initiatives and high technology spin-offs.

The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center honors the legacies of two New Hampshire heroes and is a place for visitors to explore, discover, and be inspired. As the only air and space science center in New England, it welcomes all ages to have fun while learning about the universe in which we live. The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center features 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, and Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of engaging programs. More information at [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com).

## Folk-Rock Duo Aztec Two-Step in the Spotlight Café

CONCORD — Folk-rock duo Aztec Two-Step will perform in the Capitol Center's new Spotlight Café on Saturday, February 14 at 8 p.m. One of acoustic music's most popular and enduring acts, the duo will perform original songs and selections from their new Simon and Garfunkel Songbook.

Aztec Two-Step's name comes from a Lawrence Ferlinghetti poem, and since 1971 Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have been writing and performing songs that helped make their generation's musical memories. The recording from their self-ti-

tled debut album (Elektra Records), The Persecution and Restoration of Dean Moriarty was the first song written about Jack Kerouac's iconic American novel On the Road.

The Spotlight Café is located in The Governor's Hall at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Seating is general admission at café tables and banquet chairs. Cash bar and concessions available. Tickets are \$25. For further info or tickets call 225-1111 or visit [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com). Doors to the Spotlight Café will open at 7 p.m.

## Rescheduled Magic Show Benefits Anne-Marie House

NASHUA - Magic and music combine for a wonderful afternoon of family entertainment beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Nashua Lodge of Elks, 120 Daniel Webster Highway in Nashua. The BJ Hickman Magic Show, postponed in December, will be joined by Amy Conley & Folkenergy! -- all to benefit Anne-Marie House in Hudson, an emergency transitional residence for families.

Come experience nearly two full hours of interactive family magic and high energy family music from

around the world. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. All seats are general admission: \$10 in advance; \$12.50 at the door. Tickets are available at Toadstool Bookshop in Milford, or call Laurie Skibba, Anne-Marie House director, at 883-7338 or [laskibba@gnih.org](mailto:laskibba@gnih.org).

Paid tickets from the postponed December performance will be honored. Refreshments and souvenirs will be sold at the event. And an afternoon of fun for all ages will benefit a program that benefits families.

## “Moose Plate” Grants Deadline Fast Approaching

CONCORD – Organizations interested in applying for Conservation License Plate Grants awarded through the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources must submit all application materials by Friday, March 27.

Three of the Department of Cultural Resources' divisions—the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the New Hampshire State Library—award Conservation License Plate Grants, which are often called "Moose Plate" Grants. While each division has specific requirements for its grant program, all focus on awarding grants to projects that involve restoration, preservation and/or conservation of public-

ly owned items significant to New Hampshire's cultural heritage.

The Conservation License Plate Program began in 1998 as a way to supplement existing state conservation and preservation programs with additional funding through voluntary public purchases of the plate, which features a bull moose along with New Hampshire's state motto, "Live Free or Die." Funds raised are reserved for publicly owned resources whose conservation and preservation will benefit and be accessible to the public.

For more information about the Conservation License Plate Program, including information about the grant programs, visit [www.mooseplate.com](http://www.mooseplate.com).

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