

Business

New Hampshire Historical Society Executive Director To Leave Post

CONCORD — Bill Veillette, executive director of the New Hampshire Historical Society since 2004, will leave his position on September 1 to head the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Mass. The Society's board of trustees has begun the process to search for his successor.

"The Society is infinitely stronger today than it was when Bill took the helm almost five years ago," said John Robinson, president of the Society. "His successful tenure will long be remembered as one of solid leadership, practical vision, fiscal responsibility, and significant accomplishment."

Under Veillette's leadership, the Society adopted a new business plan focused on improving stewardship of its vast collection of artifacts and archives; expanding access to its collections and research resources through digitization and the internet; and increasing support services to the state's 206 local historical societies. Veillette will continue his involvement in the New Hampshire Historical Society as a lifetime member and as a volunteer to assist with several important initiatives of the business plan currently underway.

"I have been honored to lead one of New Hampshire's oldest and most cherished institutions," said Veillette. "The New Hampshire Historical Society is quite simply a public treasure. It has been a privilege to work with the Society's trustees, staff, and volunteers, and to get to know the hundreds of people who love New Hampshire history and support the Society's work to save, preserve, and share it."

After earning an MBA at Harvard Business School, Veillette worked in the business world for more than ten years before moving to New Hampshire in 1998 with his wife Tracy and three children. Since then, he has immersed himself in the preservation of New Hampshire's historic buildings and the promotion of its history.



William Veillette

In 1999, Veillette purchased the Colonel Robert Means House, a circa 1785 house on the village green in Amherst, and rehabilitated the New Hampshire landmark in an historically accurate manner. The house was built by Colonel Means, the grandfather of Jane Means Appleton, wife of the only U.S. President from New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce. It also is where the Pierces married in 1834.

Veillette is an active volunteer for local, state, and regional historical organizations. He co-founded the Heritage Commission of Amherst, New Hampshire, and served as treasurer and chairman of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. He is a trustee of Historic New England; a board member of New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program authority; and treasurer of the Historical Society of Amherst, New Hampshire. Veillette has co-authored two publications, An Early History of New Concord, N.Y. (1990) and Amherst Historical Moments (2004).

Psychology Practice Opens in Amherst

AMHERST — Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Deborah Levasseur, announces the opening of Amherst Psychological Services and welcomes clients seeking therapy for anxiety, stress, and health-related concerns. Evidence-based treatment is practiced. Insurance accepted.

The new practice is located at 27 NH-101A in Amherst. For more information, please visit: amherstpsych.com.



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Local Businesses Team Up for Annual Summer Food Drive

NASHUA, NH—Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation and this year, with a slumping economy, the need is greater than ever.

The Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Hospital, and Southern New Hampshire Medical Center are teaming up again this year to launch the annual Summer Food Drive to benefit local food pantries. The Drive will kick off on Saturday, June 27, at the Market Basket located at 261 Daniel Webster Hwy from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mayor Donalee Lozeau will greet shoppers while Val Wilson and Mike Liston from Off the Wall Promotions pass out free give-a-ways from 11 a.m. - noon. Representatives from the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Hospital, and Southern New Hampshire Medical Center will be on hand to coordinate the event and to answer questions.

Traditionally, food pantries receive the most donations around the holidays, leaving supplies at local food banks dangerously low in the summer months. Demand on food pantries increases in the summer because many families rely on school lunches to help feed their children. That's why Nashua's hospitals and local agencies are asking for your help.

Please donate personal hygiene items, as well as non-perishable food products including peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Spaghetti-O's or other Chef Boyardee products, breakfast cereal, macaroni and cheese, Dinty Moore stew, tuna fish, diapers and toilet paper. Cash donations are tax deductible and are also gratefully accepted.

All items collected will benefit Greater Nashua food pantries, including The Upper Room, Corpus Christi, Main Street Methodist Church, Nashua Salvation Army, Tolles Street Mission, St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson, The Nashua Pastoral Care Center, Ann Marie House in Hudson, St. John Neumann Church in Merrimack, the SHARE program at St. Patrick's Church in Milford, Christian Bible Church, and the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Visit www.snhmc.org for additional donation locations.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Kathleen Kirwin at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center at 577-7563, Jerry Leclerc at St. Joseph Hospital at 595-3097, or Mary-Ellen Marcoulier at the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce at 881-8333.

What's "More" About The Color Shop . . .

WILTON — The oldest building on Main Street in Wilton—home to The Color Shop for more than three decades—has re-opened with a slightly longer name and a considerably enlarged mission.

The front apartment upstairs has been converted into the new offices of Center for Anthroposophy (CfA), which purchased the two-story building from the shop's founder, Carl Anderson, a month before he died in August of 2008. Downstairs the store has been completely renovated to house arts supplies, Waldorf books, and fine crafts including wooden toys and games. The store, which reopened last November, is run by Dawn Sekella, the store's newly appointed manager.

The building boasts a rich history. Built from sturdy brick and stone as Wilton's first town hall, it was the only building to survive three ravaging fires that swept through the town in 1874, 1881, and 1885. To

this day one can visit two small jail cells—one marked for men, one for women—in the basement of the building.

Beyond selling arts supplies and Waldorf merchandise, "The Color Shop & More" (as the store is now called) also offers workshops in the arts as well as seminars connected with child development and Waldorf education. In the newly expanded window casements at the front of the store, seasonal displays showcase the artwork of Waldorf elementary and high school students. The shop will eventually open an online store for sales via its new web site: www.colorsshopandmore.com.

"Our mission is to serve regional artists by continuing to carry fine-quality art supplies, but we are here also to support the work of Waldorf schools," says Douglas Gerwin, CfA director and head of its high school teacher education program.





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