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SHS Boys Nordic Ski Team finishes 2nd at Division II State Championships..

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BRIEFS

Amherst Town Election will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2010

NH law requires that you vote in person at the polling place (in Amherst that is Souhegan High School) unless you plan to be absent on election day, cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment, are unable to vote because of a disability or you cannot appear at any time during the polling hours because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from the time the polls open until after the time polls close. Polling hours in Amherst are 6AM to 8PM at Souhegan High School.

Absentee Ballots

To obtain an absentee ballot please submit a written request which requires a signature of the voter. They are available from the Town Clerk, during regular business hours 9AM to 3PM Monday through Friday and Tuesday night from 4:30 to 6:30. Ballots may be requested by mail or in person and must be received back by 5PM Monday night on March 8th if returned in person and by 5PM on election day if returned by mail. No absentee ballots may be returned in hand on election day.

Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote before the election is Saturday, Feb. 27th. Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session between 11AM and 12PM at the Amherst Town Clerk's office. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day. NH law also allows voter registration on election day. Voter registration is accepted during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office. Please bring proper proof of residence and identification with you. The Amherst town clerk's office will be closed all day on election day as we will be working at the polls.

Candidates Forum Sponsored by ACA

The Amherst Citizens Association will be sponsoring a Candidates' night on Wednesday, March 3rd for Board of Selectmen candidates. It will be broadcast on ACTV. The event will be starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room. All the candidates are invited to participate. Members of the public attending will ask questions if they wish. The location is tentative at this time. Call Town Hall to verify location.

BALLOT NOTICE

The Amherst Town Warrant has three bond articles that require a 3/5 ballot vote to pass. Article 22 (Road Construction Bond) has the wording that says that a 3/5 vote is required to pass. Article 23 (Open Space Land Bond) and Article 24 (Recreation Land Purchase Bon) also require a 3/5 vote to pass although the wording is not included on the ballot.

2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Team Earley is holding their Second Annual Pancake Breakfast for The Melanoma Foundation of New England. The Event will be on Sunday, March 14th at Souhegan High School from 7 - 11 a.m. Also, as part of the fundraising efforts, there will be raffling an Adirondack Chair which has been handpainted by local artist, Tracy Tobin to depict the Boston Marathon route. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

DAR March Meeting

The Captain Josiah Crosby Chapter, DAR will hold their March meeting on Monday, March 1st at noon in the Amherst Fire Hall Community Room. Featured guests are the Good Citizen Recipients: Jessica Beliveau, Souhegan High; Zoë Falk, High Mowing and Alex Taliadoros, Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative. A light lunch will be served. For further information, please call Sandi DeCicco 424-9848.

SHS Indoor Track Team are State Champions

Members of the Souhegan High School indoor with their championship plaque and banner in the Village.

Designing a Four Season Garden in a Changing Climate

Claudia Everest

AMHERST – At its March 4th meeting, the Amherst Garden Club will present professional landscape designer, Amherst Garden Club member, and Master Gardener instructor, Claudia Everest, speaking on designing a four season garden in a changing climate.

Claudia will talk about creating livable landscapes reflecting individual styles and needs while harmonizing with the natural environment. Using the idea that the landscape surrounding a house is the owner's private refuge, Claudia will help her audience explore how gardens should be viewed from the house and be designed for family enjoyment, not just for people driving by.

After a successful twenty year career as a commercial actress in television, radio and video, Claudia Everest returned to school and earned a master's certificate in landscape design from Radcliffe College. In 1989, she moved to New Hampshire and started her company, North Land Design, specializing in residential design. Since then, Claudia's portfolio of designs have expanded to include public landscapes such as the Milford Oval gardens, the Amherst Library gardens, portions of the Town Hall gardens, the Brick School gardens, and various civic projects for the Amherst Garden Club.

The Amherst Garden Club monthly meetings and presentations are open to all. Starting at 9 AM on Thursday, March 4, please join the garden club for refreshments, then a brief meeting followed by the presentation located at the Amherst Congregational Church at 11 Church St, Amherst, NH.

New Hampshire Historical Society Names New Executive Director

Bill Dunlap

CONCORD—The New Hampshire Historical Society has named William H. Dunlap of Amherst its new executive director. Dunlap, selected in a nationwide search, begins work on April 1, succeeding Michael C. Sununu, who has served as the Society's interim executive director since September.

"In Bill Dunlap we have found a proven leader with strong connections throughout New Hampshire and a deep understanding of our state's cultural distinctiveness," said John S. Robinson, president of the Society's board of trustees. "His experience bridges the business and nonprofit sectors, and that is just what we need for our historical society to meet 21st-century challenges and opportunities."

Dunlap has most recently been a consultant for nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire in the areas of strategic and business planning, governance, and fundraising. He is prominent in the state community, having served in numerous board leadership positions at Colby-Sawyer College, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, the Derryfield School, the New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts, and the

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Dick Fischer Exhibits at the Amherst Library

"Red Geraniums" by Amherst resident Dick Fischer

AMHERST – Visit the library and see Dick Fisher's exhibit of oil paintings on display the entire month of March. This exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of the Amherst Library.

Dick has been painting in oils for approximately 40 years because of its flexibility and capacity to create subtle tones and moods. His approach to painting is uncomplicated, taking subjects he loves, such as old houses, barns, rural landscapes and seascapes. While he tries to represent what he sees, he also attempts to create a mood or response, which he senses from the subject. He always stays focused on the drawing throughout the painting process since he believes that even painters with sophisticated techniques can not mask a poor drawing. Among artists he feels most influenced by are the painters of the 20th Century Realists, Edward Hopper and John Carlson.

Over the years, Dick has won over 80 awards at local, regional and national exhibits, including the Honors Award (1st) for Oils at the 2007 Academic Artist Association's 57th National Exhibition of Contemporary Realism in Art, and the Jack Richeson Certificate for the Association's 59th Exhibition in 2009.

Opening Day Experience winners Bill and Kathi Jordan and family along with Boston Red Sox Manager Terry Francona.

Lucchino, Epstein and Francona Greet Winners of Opening Day Experience At Fenway Park

Winners lunched at GameOn!, enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of Fenway Park and received their Opening Day tickets

BOSTON, MA – Winners of the Opening Day Experience contest held during the recently concluded 2010 Red Sox Road Trip. One winner from each New England state was chosen and invited to the ballpark to have lunch with their group or family at GameOn!, enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the ballpark and receive their Opening Day tickets from Red Sox Management: President/CEO Larry Lucchino, Executive Vice President/General Manager Theo Epstein, Manager Terry Francona, and Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer Sam Kennedy.

Amherst residents, Bill and Kathi Jordan were NH winners.

Amherst Town Library

The Mirror And The Mask

AMHERST - "The Mirror and the Mask" is a two part series scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 17 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room of the Amherst Town Library. Using myth, story, theology, and art history, this two part interdisciplinary program, with presenter Nancy Baker, explores the ways that human beings try to capture self-images or mask the essential self in interactions with others and the world at large. Is it ever possible to see ourselves as others see us? How does self-reflection define the human condition? The short story "The Mirror and the Mask" by Jorge Luis Borges, is the centering work of literature for the program which also includes Margaret Atwood's poem "Tricks with Mirrors," the theological concept of the Imago Dei, mythology ranging from the Greek myth of Narcissus to the folklore of Tolkien, and art that features mirrors and masks. The art history component will also focus on the history of the self-portrait from Gothic to modern art. No previous study of any of the disciplines or specific works is expected, and all in-class and follow-up materials are provided. You are welcome to attend any or all parts of the series.

Nancy Baker, recently retired teacher, is one of the Founding Faculty at Souhegan High School. During her time at the school, Nancy taught Mythology, History of Ideas, Philosophy, Ancient History, and Latin. She was runner up as New Hampshire Teacher of the Year in 2004. A Classical Languages major at Harpur College, SUNY at Binghamton, Nancy continued graduate work in Egyptology at Brown University. She also worked in the Research Department at Colonial Williamsburg, was Director of Research at the Historic Annapolis Foundation, and is the author of several articles on early Annapolis, Maryland, silversmiths in the 18th century, and colonial ship chandlery.

The event is free and open to the public. You can register by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

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