

Events Calendar

A Little Bit of Ireland

The Knights of Columbus Councils of Merrimack and Milford present their annual "A Little Bit of Ireland" show on March 6th at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts, located at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, 56 Mont Vernon Street, Milford. The Dinner starts at 5:30 PM and the show kicks off at 7:15 PM.

The show features tenor John Ogrodowczyk joined by a host of young and talented guest performers, including The McGonagle Irish Step Dancers, the Youth and Community Fiddle Orchestra, the Souhegan Valley Chorus under the direction of Jennifer Erdody, The Shenanigans, Carol and Caterina Yetto, David Ogrodowczyk on mandolin, Annie Reilly, nominated for two NH Theater Awards and Sue Reilly and her Broadway kids, Fiona Graham and her magical harp, and more. And of course, the wonderful accompaniment of Jared Holland, also a NH Award winner and a musical fixture here in New Hampshire.

Tickets for the dinner and show - \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 juniors (ages 12-17), children under 12 are free. Show only tickets are \$12 for all ages, 10 and over. Call 672-7021 for tickets and information. All proceeds from this show will go towards the Nancy O Fund and the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Toastmasters Fifth Annual Speech Jam

Toastmasters of Milford is hosting The Fifth Annual Speech Jam on Saturday, March 20 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Amato Performing Arts Center, Milford. Area Toastmaster Members will give live microphone speeches and evaluations in a 468-seat amphitheatre. Light refreshments will be available. A minimum donation of \$5.00 per attendee is kindly requested. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley.

For more information call Glenna Kakos (603) 878-6199 or email - glennak03048@aol.com

MOMS® (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) Club of Amherst Announces 2010 Meeting Dates

The east and west sister chapters of MOMS® (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) Club of Amherst recently announced their business meeting schedules for the first half of 2010. Route 101 delineates the split into East and West chapters.

The East chapter meets 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The West chapter meets 9-11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Both groups' meetings convene in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Amherst, 2½ 1/2 Middle Street.

MOMS Club of Amherst is a chapter of MOMS Club International, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting stay-at-home mothers and their children. To learn more about our club visit <http://sites.google.com/site/amherstmomsclub/> or e-mail: amherstmomsclub@yahoo.com.

January-June 2010 Meeting Dates:

EAST—	WEST—
February 16	February 17
March 16	March 17
April 20	April 21
May 18	May 19
June 15	June 16

Audubon Society of New Hampshire

Nashaway Chapter
Come explore the "other" Cape!

Come join the Nashaway Chapter of the NH Audubon Society as they explore the "other" Cape of Massachusetts. The public is welcome to come and look for wintering and migrating sea birds. Bring binoculars and pack a lunch for this all day trip to Halibut Point and other areas in Cape Ann, MA on Saturday, March 13 from 8am - 4pm. To carpool, meet at the Exit 7 Park and Ride on the hill behind the Granite Inn. To meet at the destination and/or to register, contact Richard Bielawski 429-2537 or rbielawski@mac.com. There is no fee for this trip. For more information about Halibut Point, go to <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/northeast/halb.htm>

If it's still not warm enough for you to venture out, please join the group in the warm and cozy downstairs Theater Room in the Nashua Public Library as they learn about Jeffrey's Ledge. Jeffrey's Ledge is a large glacial remnant, located off the New Hampshire coast. It is a long, linear bank extending from Cape Ann to Cape Elizabeth. Historically, Jeffrey's Ledge has been an important fishing ground with high yields of cod, haddock, hake and flounder. On Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm, Greg Wells will speak about the important role that Atlantic Herring play in this unique ecosystem. There is no fee for this program and registration is not required. For more information contact: Richard Maloon 424-5621 richard.maloon@att.net. For more information about Jeffrey's Ledge, please visit <http://www.jeffreysledge.org/>

REMINDER

250th Amherst Through the Years ~ Gala Event

The 250th year celebration of Amherst has begun! As several events have already taken place, a Gala event will be the event you won't want to miss!

On Saturday, April 17th, 2010 from 8pm til midnight at the Manchester Country Club, come prepared to mingle and share in all that is Amherst ~ past and present. The Gala will be an evening to celebrate Amherst with entertainment and

hor d'oeuvres in an intimate venue for both old and new townsmen and women as we commemorate our history and look forward to our future! The cost is \$35 per person with cash bar. It is semi-formal attire, but we also encourage those interested to come in historical or period type attire as well!

For more information, you can contact amherstgala@aol.com.

Town News

Amherst Town Library

Kate Chadbourne in Concert at the Library, March 21

AMHERST – As we continue throughout the year to celebrate Amherst's 250th Anniversary, please join us on Sunday, March 21st from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Amherst Town Library for Kate Chadbourne in Concert. This uplifting and entertaining performance will be a perfect mix of Irish music, enchanting Celtic stories and poems about the sea. And, in honor of Amherst's 250th Anniversary, her program is sure to include an Irish tune or song which would have been sung or played in Ireland in 1760. Yes, that's across the water, but the world is the world, and music has a way of traveling over seas and mountains, borne aloft on pleasure's wings!



Kate Chadbourne performs in honor of Amherst's 250th Anniversary

Kate Chadbourne is a singer, storyteller, and poet whose perfor-

mances combine traditional tales with music for voice, harp, flutes, and piano. She holds a Ph.D. in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard where she teaches courses in Irish language and folklore—but the heart of her understanding of Irish folk tradition comes from encounters with singers, storytellers, and great talkers in Ireland. She has been featured as "tradition bearer" in the Revels Salon series and in the Gaelic Roots Concert Series at Boston College. Her music was featured recently on NPR's programs, "Cartalk" and "All Songs Considered," and songs from her latest CD, The Irishy Girl, are played on Irish radio programs throughout the country. The Harp-Boat, a col-

lection of poems about her father, a Maine lobsterman, won the Kulu-pi Press 2007 Sense of Place Chap-book Contest and was published in 2008. Whether she is singing, telling stories, teaching, or sharing a poem, she aims to leave her audiences moved, enlivened, and eager for their own adventures.

This event is free and open to the public. To register for this enchanting program, call the Amherst Town Library at 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us, or visit the Library's web site at <http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us> and click on the calendar icon, labeled "Calendar of Events" on the homepage.

Jud Hale Comes to Amherst

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commander from 1955 to 1957. He is married to the former Sally Huberlie of Rochester, New York. They have three married sons, Judson Jr., Daniel, and Christopher, and seven grandchildren.

Yankee Magazine was founded in 1935 and is based in Dublin, New Hampshire. It is the only magazine devoted to New England through its coverage of travel, home, food, and features. With an audience of nearly 2 million, it is published by

Yankee Publishing Incorporated (YPI), a family-owned and independent magazine publisher. 2010 marks Yankee Magazine's 75th year as New England's magazine, fulfilling founder Robb Sagendorph's gut feeling that the six-state region should have a magazine of its own, "for Yankee readers, by Yankee writers, and about Yankeedom." YPI also owns the nation's oldest continuously produced periodical, The Old Farmer's Almanac.

AJWC Funds Available for Non-Profits

The Amherst Junior Women's Club invites non-profit organizations in need of charitable contributions to apply for a donation. Throughout the year, the AJWC raises money and then disburses those funds within the community.

Request must follow these guidelines:

- Requesting organization must be affiliated with a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
- Organization does not need to have an Amherst address but must service the local community.
- Request must be submitted by March 31, 2010, in writing or by e-mail.

Request must contain the following information:

- Name of organization, mailing address, e-mail address, website (if available), telephone number, contact name.
- Dollar amount requested.
- How would donated funds be used?
- How does requesting organization currently benefit Amherst and greater community?
- How does organization's objective correspond to the mission of the AJWC? AJWC mission is explained below.
- When was organization established? Provide short history of organization.
- How does organization fund itself, ie. federal/state/local grants?
- What is organization's annual budget? Include any expected shortfalls.

The AJWC is an organization of women who volunteer their time, energy and talent to enhance the community. The club's mission is to focus efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and the less fortunate.

All requesting organizations will be notified when applications are received. Once approved, funds will be distributed no later than June 15, 2010. Only chosen recipients will be notified of disbursements.

Questions may be e-mailed to Christina Zlotnick at CIP@amherstjuniors.org. Please reference "CIP Request" in subject line. For more information, please visit our website at: www.amherstjuniors.org. Our mailing address is: AJWC, CIP Request, P.O. Box 513, Amherst, NH 03031.

Henry David Thoreau

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comparison, gave only 75 lectures in his lifetime. The Farmer's Cabinet on December 18, 1856 lists the following notice, "Amherst Lyceum! Lecture, Dec. 18th, by Henry D. Thoreau, Esq., of Concord, Mass—Subject, 'Getting a Living.'" Although, from Thoreau's journal and notes, it appears according to Richard Smith, that Thoreau ended up giving the lecture entitled, "Walking; or, The Wild." It was a piece he would deliver when he wanted to give an audience a "healthy dose" of himself and his philosophies. His book, Walden was published in 1854. At the time, some reviewers said he was quite Emersonian in his philosophies, while others said he was an abolitionist, and still others remarked that he was even worse than that—a Transcendentalist! We invite you to make your own judgment and come hear what Thoreau was all about.

Presenter Richard Smith has appeared as Thoreau on TV and on DVD. In 2001, he was featured twice on C-Span's "American Writers" series and he also has appeared on the Boston Television program,

"Chronicle." He can also be seen in the recent Thoreau Society DVD, "Life with Principle," looking philosophical and pensive as Henry. Smith frequently appears at Walden Pond, where Thoreau lived for 2 years, 2 months, and 2 days (1845-1847). He has performed living history programs at other historic sites in Concord, Massachusetts, including The Old Manse, Orchard House, The Concord Museum, First Parish Church, and MinuteMan National Historical Park.

In addition to this much anticipated Thoreau visit, we invite you to also join us for the remaining "Let's Talk History" series programs at the Amherst Town Library including "Vera Meyer Plays The Glass Harmonica" on April 13 at 7 p.m.; and, concluding with "And Now... Mark Twain!" on April 20 at 7 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. You can register for this special evening and the rest of the series 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."

Amherst Garden Club Offers Annual Scholarship

AMHERST - The Amherst Garden Club is offering two \$1,500 scholarship awards to qualified students this spring. The scholarship is available to residents of Amherst or Mont Vernon who will be attending an institute of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscape design, environmental science as it relates directly to horticulture, or another related field. The club believes it has the opportunity to impact our planet in a beneficial way by educating individuals and encouraging them to choose environmentally conscious careers.

Applications are available now from student services at Souhegan High School. Amherst and Mont Vernon students at Bishop Guertin High School, High Mowing, Derryfield or other high schools, should contact Marti Warren directly at 673-7054 for an application.

Completed applications should be submitted to the high school student services office by April 2 or mailed to the Amherst Garden Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 694, Amherst, NH 03031 by April 9, 2010.

Amherst Through the Years Gala Event!

*To a town that takes pride in it's roots,
Treasures it's long colonial history,
Celebrates it's growth and inspires it's people,
Here is to Amherst and 250 more years.*

*The Gala will offer you a night to celebrate Amherst,
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venue for old and new townsmen to come together and celebrate a way of life.*

April 17th, 2010
8:00pm—Midnight
Manchester Country Club
Semi-Formal Attire
\$35.00 per person
Cash Bar

*Additional Information Please Contact
amherstgala@aol.com*

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