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Door, Roof, Floor: Dwelling in Poems & Art

The Amherst Town Library is pleased to continue its yearlong series of literature and arts conversations with "Door, Roof, Floor: Dwelling in Poems & Art," beginning Wednesday, March 3rd. This year-long series, funded by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library, invites you to live in houses both familiar and strange, dark and light, near and far, through rich readings, lively conversations, and writing opportunities. Poems and paintings, sometimes called "the sister arts," have long inspired each other, sharing a space lively with color, form, line, and close attention to feeling and experience. If you would like to escape the world of skimming, texting, and twittering for a little while, then come settle down and dwell in a poem's image or a painting's story. During the series we will enjoy the voices of writers such as Rilke, Stevens, Auden, Williams, and Levertov, whose poems share an especially



close relationship to artists such as Brueghel, Velazquez, Cezanne, Van Gogh, and Picasso. The series continues on March 24th and April 14th with lively conversations about selected poems and paintings, and on April 21st with an opportunity to write art-inspired poems in a "wordplay workshop." Join us for any or all at 1-2:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. All materials will be provided by the library.

Facilitator Emily Archer, who holds a doctorate in American literature and is a published writer, has designed this series in consultation with Ruslyn Vear, Head of Reference.

Please register for this special series by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting the website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and click on the calendar icon labeled "Calendar of Events" on the homepage.

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From Honor To Integrity: Exploration of What It Means to Adhere to The Common Good

AMHERST – In the first program of the "Let's Talk History" five-part adult evening series at the Amherst Town Library, Aine Donovan, Executive Director of the Ethics Institute at Dartmouth College, presents, "From Honor to Integrity: An Exploration of What it Means to Adhere to the Common Good" on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. As we are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the incorporation of our Town of Amherst this year, all five programs of the "Let's Talk History" will weave in interesting and informative pieces of Amherst history into the presentation. Professor Donovan will include in her program local history and some of the work she is currently doing with Justice Souter on civic responsibility. Currently working on a new book, Reconstructing Honor, Aine is an excellent speaker who is nationally known and consulted. This program is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to the public.

Scandals in business, governments, and schools have become

commonplace, but has it always been so? Is the societal moral compass spinning out of control, or do we merely have a "different" value orientation? This presentation explores the notion of "honor" as an element of societal cohesion and explores whether "honor" exists in the 21st century.

Aine Donovan is the Executive Director of the Ethics Institute, a consortium of faculty concerned with teaching and research in applied and professional ethics. She received her doctoral degree from the University of San Francisco in 1994, and taught at several colleges and universities before accepting the position of Executive Director at Dartmouth's Ethics Institute. Dr. Donovan's research emphasis and publications are in the areas of moral education, applied and professional ethics, business ethics, and bioethics. At Dartmouth, she is the primary point of contact for faculty and administrators in integrating ethics into the curriculum. In 2002, Dr. Donovan received a faculty appointment to the Dartmouth Medical School. And in 2003 she



Aine Donovan, Executive Director of the Ethics Institute at Dartmouth College

received a faculty appointment to the Tuck School of Business.

Please join us for the entire "Let's Talk History" series including "Amherst Stories" on March 16 at 7 p.m.; "Meet Henry David Thoreau" on March 23 at 7 p.m.; "Vera Meyer Plays The Glass Harmonica" on April 13 at 7 p.m.; and, concludes with "And Now...Mark Twain!" on April 20 at 7 p.m. You can register for this special evening on "Honor" 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."

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Outdoor Ministries

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
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We are called to be ministers on March 9.

Ministering outdoors is something we can all take part in. There are several avenues for our ministry to travel. Foremost, we have a ministry to Nature, a ministry of stewardship. Care and protection of Nature begins with the land, natural space. We talk about open space, what we mean is Nature's space: land, woods, water and all the species – leafy, walking or flying in Nature's hands.

Our ministry to Nature can ensure Nature's family has healthy spaces to live and reproduce. Through gifts, purchases and easements we can make sure Nature's space is never paved over, that houses are not planted on it, that water on the land and in the rock below remains safe for all. Preservation of natural spaces is the first order for our ministry.

In the outdoors and through the outdoors we reach people of every age with eye-opening realizations of the beauty and intricacies of the natural world we live in. The natural space is a classroom for some, a gym for others and a listening, resting music room for many others. For families the natural spaces around town are easily-reached togetherness spaces.

Outdoor ministering goes beyond caring for Nature. It's caring for people through Nature who need to see beauty and who need nearby places to lay aside chores and suck in the air and quiet of woods and meadows, if only for an hour.

Our ministry to the out-of-doors and to those who see and enjoy Nature's world is called to action at the polls next week. A vote for Article 23 will enable qualifying natural space to be preserved for Nature and for you forever.

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Amherst Stories: Places, People, And Events

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library is happy to present, "Amherst Stories: Places, People, and Events," as the second program of the "Let's Talk History" five-part adult evening series at the Library. Scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Library, this presentation brings together the wonderful panel of Amherst residents Bill Wichman, Jackie Marshall, Bill Veillette and Bob Rowe to share Amherst stories in history and engage in a much anticipated lively and informative exchange with the audience.

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Amherst, this event will begin with Bill Wichman giving an introduction and reviewing Amherst maps. He will reconstruct the changes in town lands over the history of the town, from "howling wilderness" in 1735 to the present. Jackie Marshall will present information about Amherst's ethnic past. Were there Native Americans in our area? Did people in Amherst own slaves? What about the Irish on the Acre? Amherst may have

had more diversity than previously thought. Bob Rowe and Bill Veillette will tell the story of the widow Anna Ayer's murder and Daniel Farmer's subsequent trial, conviction, and hanging in Amherst in 1821-1822. Upwards of 3,000 people attended the trial and 10,000 viewed the hanging, which was the last to occur in Amherst. After the presentation, the panel will entertain questions from the audience.

Bill Wichman moved to Amherst in 1967. A retired system engineer, he edits the Newsletter for the Historical Society of Amherst. Jackie Marshall is a Professional Genealogist, Genealogy Chair of the Historical Society of Amherst and Assistant Museum Curator of the Wigwam and Chapel Museums. She is a Regent of the Capt. Josiah Crosby Chapter, DAR. Bob Rowe is a forty year resident of New Hampshire, a retired attorney and former New Hampshire judge. He is currently an elected member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives for Amherst and Milford. Mr. Rowe has written four books describing the Colonial and

Federal period in Amherst. Mr. Rowe and his wife Helen reside in Jones Tavern, the first tavern in Amherst Village and the site of inquiries of suspected Tory sympathizers during the Revolutionary War. Bill Veillette is a twelve year resident of Amherst. He is Treasurer of the Amherst Historical Society and former Executive Director of the New Hampshire Historical Society. This panel presentation is a night to be remembered in Amherst history!

We invite you to also join us for the remaining "Let's Talk History" series programs at the Amherst Town Library including "Meet Henry David Thoreau" on March 23 at 7 p.m.; "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 of "Amherst Stories" 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."

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Recreation Commission to Meet with Residents

The Amherst Recreation Commission is asking for help with developing a comprehensive recreation master plan.

A vital aspect of the plan is surveying the Amherst community to determine the needs and wants of Town residents with regard to Town recreational facilities and programs. In November, they developed a simple 12 question survey and made it available to residents. Over 950 people responded to the survey.

The second phase of developing their plan is to hold public forums where voters can express their views regarding recreation programs and facilities.

The first meeting was held March 3, to focus on youth sports and facilities. The second meeting will be held Monday, March 8, 7 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium and will focus on both passive and active general recreation programs and facilities

At both forums voters will have an opportunity to have a dialogue with Commission members and other residents on the present and future needs and desires of recreational services and facilities.

Please contact the Recreation Department 673 6248 if you have any questions or concerns.

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