

# Events Calendar

### Nashaway Audubon Eyes on Owls!

On Tuesday, September 14 the group will host Marcia and Mark Wilson for Eyes on Owls, a live owl presentation. The Wilsons care for disabled wild owls under strict federal and state guidelines and their live animals may only be seen at programs put on by groups like NH Audubon. Come join the group for this rare live bird encounter and say hello to Nyctea, a Snowy Owl and his friends. In the past, the Wilson's have also been known to bring along some four-legged friends as well! This free event is open to the public and will be held at 7pm in the downstairs Theater Room of the Nashua Public Library. No registration is necessary, but if you would like more information, contact Richard Maloon 424-5621 or richard.maloon@att.net. For more information about the Wilsons, go to www.eyesonowls.com

### Nashua Historical Society Hosts “A History of Nashua”

Tuesday, September 21, at 7:30 pm the Nashua Historical Society will host a program entitled “A History of Nashua: The Nashua Symphony Chorus. Diane Cushing, Director of Choral activities, will deliver a talk about the origins, history and future plans of this important Nashua area cultural asset. Several early members, who are still singing with the group, will be recognized. The presentation will be followed by a short live performance by the Nashua Choral Ensemble, a 20-voice ensemble comprised of members of the Symphony Chorus. Free Admission and open to the public.

### AAUW To Hold Membership Meeting

The Southern New Hampshire Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its annual membership meeting on Tuesday evening, September 21st, from 7-9, at the home of Ruth Krumhansl, 27 Walnut Hill Road, in Amherst.

AAUW is an organization with more than 150,000 members nationwide. It serves as a powerful voice to promote equity and education for all women and girls. Our local branch functions as a social group with a serious purpose. Social activities include a gourmet dinner group, a book club, and several fund raising events. Our serious purpose is to award annually a substantial scholarship to a young woman graduate from one of our local high schools. We also support the Teen Health Clinic in Manchester, SHARE in Milford, and various other organizations dedicated to the well being of women and their families.

Currently we have over 40 women from the towns of Amherst, Bedford, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Nashua active in our local branch. We welcome members from all the towns of Southern New Hampshire. Membership in AAUW is open to all who hold an associate's or higher degree from an accredited college or university. New members are always welcome. Come to the membership meeting on the 21st to learn more about this fun, worthwhile organization.

For more information about our branch, contact Aggie Vaughn, membership chair, at aggievaughn@hotmail.com.

### Photographers Forum Meeting

Photographers Forum camera club will hold their first meeting of the 2010-2011 year on Monday, September 20th at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH at 7:30 p.m. We are an informal club offering educational programs for all ability levels, club competitions, and the opportunity to meet people with similar interests. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Categories for the September 20th competition are: Assigned-People (candid), Challenge-Fireworks, and Open.

Be a guest for your first meeting. Dues are \$30/year thereafter. For more information go to www.photographersforum.org, email colettecricsp@earthlink.net or call 880-1420

### Amherst Town Band Concert Schedule

<b>Saturday, September 25</b> 3 PM Concert on the Amherst Town Common Amherst 250th Anniversary celebration	<b>Saturday, October 16</b> Noon Pumpkin Festival Parade, Keene For more information about the band, see their web site: www.amhersttownband.org.
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### Department of Public Works Amherst Transfer Station Hours

Tuesdays:	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays:	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Saturdays:	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Amherst’s 250th Anniversary

McMullen's Amherst's Town Band. Our Celebration just wouldn't be complete without them and we're looking forward to enjoying a wonderful concert.

To bring a happy conclusion to what we hope will have been a very satisfying day we would love to have you join us for an Old Fashioned Ham and Bean Supper which will take place in the Community Room of the Congregational Church and is being provided by the Amherst Lions Club. We look forward to sharing the day - and the supper - with

you. Tickets for the Lions Club supper are available at Moulton's and may also be bought on September 25th on the common.

And, please don't forget that on Sunday we will be hosting tours of three Amherst mansions along with a docent led tour of our old Burying Ground. And, to join in the festivities why not purchase your new “Walking Tour of Amherst” book on Saturday and join us on Sunday as we stroll along Amherst's beautiful Village roads. Hope to see you there!

### AMHERST 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

#### TIME TO CELEBRATE AMHERST’S CHILDREN

9:30 – Colonial Dress Parade – Wilkins School Children  
9:30 – 2:30 – Horse & Wagon Rides  
9:30 – 2:30 – Get Close - and Friendly -With Farm Animals  
10:30 – 3:30 – Meet an Old Sturbridge Village Farmer  
12: p.m. Have a Hot Dog, Hamburger or Slice of Pizza  
12:30 – 1:15 – Enjoy the “Magic” of the Amazing David Hall  
1:45 – 3:45 - Marvel at the ease of the Juggling “Suspenders”

#### Lots More Fun - All Day - On the Green

Play Baseball Pitch and Enjoy Some Popcorn  
See -Touch - and - Play with Historic Reproduction Toys  
Enjoy Historic Games – Such as: Blind Man’s Bluff and Shooting Marbles  
Meet a Woman Dressed in Period Clothing who will Help Our Younger Children Learn to Play with “Games of Old”  
Have a Very Talented Caricaturist “Draw your Picture”  
Discover the Pillory of Days Gone By – and Give it a Try!  
Learn how to Write with Pen & Quill  
Meet the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Regiment  
March with Reproduction Revolutionary Rifles and Sign Your Enlistment Papers – with an X  
Have your Face Painted by an Expert  
Learn How Our Fire & Police Departments Work to Care for You!  
Visit our Museum and see a Historic N.H. Concord Coach  
And, when you’re Hungry – Stop for a Hamburger, Hot Dog or Slice of Pizza – and Don’t Forget a Drink!

# Town News

### Little Red Fire Truck

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the ladies decided they better sell it before some one else got hurt. It was at that time that Norm Milne of Auburn bought it.

This pumper was then on the move. She surfaced in Plymouth, MA and was purchased and restored to her former glory by Betty Negus and her family from Ames, NY in 1997. Rick learned of the truck in 1998 and drove to Ames to meet Betty and view the town's former property. He was able to supply her with many vintage photographs, answer many historically related questions and remained in touch with her family. Betty knew that this truck had been in New Hampshire because it still had a 1975 inspection sticker on its windshield.

Rick explains that she's a pumper with a 150-gallon water tank and a positive displacement piston pump and most of her original accessories still in place. Amherst village had water cisterns, not hydrants at that time so this small amount of water was sufficient for village fires.

The 31 Chevy witnessed several spectacular fires in Amherst including “Cushing Folly's” fire in February 1948. This prominent brick building stood where Moultons Market stands today at the corner of Main Street and Boston Post Road and housed A.L. Martins General Store & Filling Station and the Post Office. This structure was owned by Louis Martin, then Amherst Fire Chief, who was familiar with this little truck.



Louis Martin, owner of A.L. Martins store and former Amherst Fire Chief with 31 Chevy in 1957.

It helped fight the massive Bellevue Hotel fire in Mont Vernon in March 1933, that brought to an end the era of large wooden hotels with prominent walking decks and spacious living quarters for visitors seeking refuge from New York and Boston summer heat. “The Mont Vernon volunteer fire company was so appreciative of Amherst's assistance, they sent them eight cigars,” says Rick. “Mont Vernon knows how to stay within a budget!”

Betty generously lent her 1931 fire truck to Rick just before his father, Red Crocker died in 2005. Rick thought his Dad would enjoy riding in and seeing a truck that he'd driven many times during his time as a young fire fighter from 1945 to 1956, missing three years from 1950 to 1953 as a Marine attached to the First Marine Division in Korea. He promptly returned Betty's truck after his father's death.

In February 2010, twelve years after tracking down and locating the Chevy, Rick received a call that he'd been long hoping for. The Negus family was moving to Plymouth, MA and found it necessary to sell

their fully restored, '31 Chevy. But only to Rick and thought it fitting to see it in Amherst again. The details were worked out and the little red fire truck would return home to Amherst shortly. But then a hitch.

Les Negus called and asked Rick if they could delay the transfer. The Negus family had arranged a family reunion and hoped to use the truck in their town's Fourth of July celebration filled with their grandchildren. Rick's reply of course was, “send her along when ever you're done with it.”

That day arrived on July 7, 2010, when Les and Betty Negus, their son and several grandchildren arrived in town escorting their fire truck to its new quarters; Rick's barn. They enjoyed a tour of our town, visited sites of many fires that their truck had fought and enjoyed a BBQ at Rick and Lib Crocker's that night.

So when you see Rick slowly driving through the village and around town in his treasured little 1931 “pumper,” stop and talk with him about it and learn about a wonderful little piece of living Amherst history.



The 31 Chevy, far left, with other Amherst equipment in front of the old Fire Department on Boston Post Road, in the village, in 1957. The Jenney Station was “Bobs Auto” run by Bob Locke, now “Mike's Auto” owned by Mike and Mickey Larivee.

### Amherst Town Library

# Wildlife From Yellowstone National Park

AMHERST - As part of “The American Connection” adult evening series at the Amherst Town Library this fall, local professional wildlife photographer and naturalist John Rockwood presents the program, “Wildlife from Yellowstone National Park” on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. John is very knowledgeable when it comes to the topic of the great outdoors and he has gleaned much information from being in the field and observing his subjects. Audiences especially enjoy John's easy going style of presentation and his amusing anecdotes of the interaction with some of the animals while taking their photos.

This program will feature awe-inspiring photos of the wildlife of Yellowstone National Park from his trip



The second program in The American Connection evening series for adults is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 7 p.m. and is entitled, “Wildlife from Yellowstone National Park.”

in June 2008. It snowed every day of the 12 days he was in the Park, helping to keep most of the wildlife in closer proximity to the roads. John will be showing close ups of Black and Grizzly Bears, Bison, Badgers, Elk, Antelope and other mammals, as well as some birds. The photos are such that you will feel you can reach out and touch these magnificent animals. Landscape photos from the Park will also be included in his presentation.

Photographer John Rockwood is a frequent contributor to *Birds & Blooms* and *Natural New England Magazine*. He has lectured and exhibited at the Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Harris Center in Hancock, the McLane Audubon Center in Concord, and the Massabesic Audubon Center. In his re-

cently published book, *Adventures with Grapenut*, John chronicles a loon family on New Hampshire's Massabesic Lake during the 2007 season.

The American Connection series continues on Tuesdays in the fall on October 19th with “New Taste Traditions for Thanksgiving” (cooking and tasting demonstration); October 26th with “Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks” (a live interactive theater production); and, November 9th with “Picturing America: Art and American Identity.”

The event is free and open to the public. You can register for this event and all the upcoming year's events by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting “Calendar of Events.”

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