

People in the News

Kilcrease Receives 2012 Teaching Excellence Award at UNH

AMHERST - Kelly K. Kilcrease, Ph.D., Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the Business Program, is the 2012 recipient of the University of New Hampshire at Manchester Teaching Excellence Award. Dr. Kilcrease of Amherst was recognized at UNH Manchester's 27th annual commencement proceedings on May 17.

The Teaching Excellence Award recognizes a residential faculty member who is an inspiring, challenging and effective teacher whose concern and respect for students is evident both in and out of the classroom. Dr. Kilcrease was selected based on student evaluations and recommendations from UNH Manchester students, faculty and staff. He has a constant desire to see students apply what they learn by using the classroom as a simulator to the real business world. He believes that it is not enough that students understand how a theory works; they must experience its ramifications and changes within the organization once it is applied.



Kelly Kilcrease of Amherst

Dr. Kilcrease has earned the respect of colleagues and inspired students as an "excellent" teacher who is dedicated to "preparing students for this world." In addition to his research and contributions to University and college committees, he always puts his students first and they know it, even if his courses are "very challenging." They value his "effective and organized teaching style and his knowledge of business." Through SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), he has guided students to apply what they learn through their community-based team projects.

Dr. Kilcrease earned his BA from the University of South Florida and an MBA from Tampa College. He earned his Ph.D. in Management with an emphasis in productivity

from The Union Institute and University. His published dissertation focused on the productive impact the microcomputer has on outside sales forces. He has presented and published in a variety of business areas including business history, teaching effectiveness, tools for non-profit business, assessments of service delivery in business incubators and the relationship between the liberal arts and management. His recent published articles include: Multi-Factor Assessment of Service Delivery in Business Incubators: Perspectives from Incubator Tenants in the Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship; A Lesson in Longevity: How J.E. Rhoads Survived for Over 300 Years and Became the Oldest U.S. Manufacturer in Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies. Dr. Kilcrease is a member of the American Management Association, the Business History Society, the Society of Human Resources, the Chairmen's Club (through Manchester Chamber of Commerce), and the American Productivity and Quality Center.

Moose Visit in Amherst



Photo was taken on Christian Hill Road May 29th. Just visiting.

Amherst Lions Club  
2012 Amherst Citizen of the Year  
Nomination Form

The Amherst Lions Club invites nominations for the 38th Amherst Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the Fourth of July celebration on the Common following the parade. All citizens of Amherst are invited to submit nominations for the individual(s) who best manifest good citizenship through volunteerism, participation, concern and actions to help make Amherst the great community that it is today.

Past Citizen of the Year honorees include: 1975 Roy E. Maston; 1976 Elizabeth Arnold; 1977 Barbara H. Landry; 1978 Robert Crouter; 1979 Dorothy Davis; 1980 Richard Crocker; 1981 Ann and Peter Bergin; 1982 Louise Ainsworth Marley; 1983 Marshall D. Strickland; 1984 Marion and Harding Sortevik; 1985 F. Tenney Clough; 1986 Louis Heaton; 1987 Elliot and Jean Lyon; 1988 Arnie Wight; 1989 Thomas Grella; 1990 Jean Pituck; 1991 Peg Jones; 1992 Jean Butler; 1993 Ann C. Bergin; 1994 Elizabeth (Pixie) Lown; 1995 Buck Buchanan; 1996 Dave Hanlon; 1997 Doug Kirkwood; 1998 Janet Woodbury; 1999 Bonnie and Harold Struss; 2000 Bob Schaumann; 2001 Helen Burns; 2002 Donald Young; 2003 Marie Grella; 2004 Charlie Duval; 2005 Bruce Beckley; 2006 Lee Slocum; 2007 Bill Wichman; 2008 Nancy Johnson Head; 2009 Vern and Christina Trudo; 2010 Carolyn Quinn, 2011 Charlie Vars.

Nomination for Amherst Citizen of the Year – 2012

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications: (Attachments encouraged)

Additional Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Amherst Lions Club  
PO Box 1105  
Amherst, NH 03031

Please submit no later than June 15th

Car Raffle for 2012 Toyota Prius Benefits Historic Meeting House of Amherst

Early Bird Raffle Winners Announced!

AMHERST - Congratulations to our Early Bird winners: Brian Hall won an Apple iPad 3, and Trish LaBarre is on her way to watch the Red Sox play the Yankees. Their names have gone back into the main drawing, for a silver 2012 Toyota Prius, valued at \$25,000, to be held July 14th at the Congregational Church of Amherst. The raffle benefits the preservation and maintenance of the building and grounds of the Historic Meeting House of Amherst, NH. It's not too late to be part of the excitement!

Perhaps you've been to the Meeting House for one of many community events, including Boy and Girl Scout meetings, Fourth of July activities, and the Amherst Tree Lighting festival. Or perhaps you use the building as a convenient "pit stop" when out running or walking along the Amherst Green. The Historic Meeting House, home of the

Preschool in the Village, is at the heart of Amherst.

It's easy to help support this building, and get your chance to win. Tickets can be purchased from Congregational Church of Amherst members, at Moulton's Market and the Homestead Grocery & Deli in Amherst, the Toadstool Bookstore in Milford or online at <http://ccamherst.org/raffle/>. Please check the website for more information, full terms and conditions. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased until 11pm EST July 10th, and sell for \$100 each. A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place Saturday, July 14th, 2012, at the 5:00 p.m. Bean Supper at the Congregational Church of Amherst.

Tickets are going quickly, so get yours now! You can preserve the past and look to the future, when you support the Historic Meeting House with your chance to win a 2012 Toyota Prius.



Pastor Dick Levitt announces the winners of Early Bird Raffle with Sally Hooper, Art Leknes, and Todd Whitney assisting.

► Fire of 1892 – The End of Amherst's Alms House

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1886, claiming that the second and third children were not his and that he had left his wife in July 1882, on account of her conduct, and moved in with his mother. (Fred's mother remarried in 1889, to a divorced man then of Milford who had been in trouble with the local law in 1874, when he was accused of stealing from his brother-in-law, a farmer in Amherst's Cricket Corner, and then convicted of threatening to kill his sister and her husband and burn their buildings. Ellen died at the age of 33 in Worcester, Mass. in Sep. 1890 and was buried with her parents in Amherst.) So Fred was only two years old when turned over to the care of the alms house, and seven years old at time the fire was set.

After the alms house burned, Fred continued to board with Mr. & Mrs. Cross, who had raised him, except now in their private home, the town continued to pay for his clothes, shoes, medical care and board. In 1900 census, Frederick A. Hill, 15, was a "servant", working as farm laborer, in the household of William L. Cross, 47, farmer & his wife Betsey, 56, married 26 years and childless, who lived in the south part of Amherst. Fred married c. 1909 Emma F., about 12 years his senior, and the newlyweds started keeping house in Amherst, where he was a teamster, but then they moved to

Ayer, Mass. (1920, 1930 census). As a 52-yr-old widower of Ayer, working as a gardener, he remarried in Hollis, a woman aged 44. Seems to have made out fine.

Blind man Cram

Daniel Walter Cram (1854 -1904), born in Milford, moved to Amherst as a baby less than a year old when his pa Daniel Cram (1799-1880) gave up the foundry business in Milford to become a farmer in Amherst at 30 Thornton Ferry Road2. The family next occupied the farm at 102 Spring Road from1860 to 1876, where at age 15 in 1870 Walter was a farm laborer. But ten years later, he was blind, and he and his elderly pa were living with his older, widowed half-sister Julia A. Hill and her children.

Annual reports of town/poor farm expenses, starting in 1883/4, contain a line item of clothing for D. W. Cram, classed as a county pauper. (Fortunately for him, Amherst provided the care locally and the county reimbursed.) At the alms house, five different superintendent wives took care of Cram, the childless Mrs. Vienna (Jackson) Merrow (1862-1941) being the one on duty for the two years from March 1889-March 1891 when he was the only adult inmate there. Thomas S. Merrow (1861-1941), originally of Mad-

ison, N.H., lately of Nashua, and Vienna had married in Amherst in 1886. Curiously, Merrow purchased the 50-acre farm & house at 376 Boston Post Road (for \$1600) in March 1889, the same month that he began his job as superintendent of the nearby town farm. The next year, while still working as superintendent for an annual salary of \$400, he sold that farm and instead bought the 75-acre farm and house across the road at 377 BPR plus a 52-acre parcel for \$5000. The Merrows would live there until 1910.

After the fire, it looks like Walter was first sent to his nearest relative and then the Merrows came through to meet his need. Cram's share of the \$310.35 that were Amherst's expenses for county poor that year, besides \$27.45 for clothing and \$2.90 for boots, were board fees of \$36 to W.L. Cross (surely as superintendent, so for five months at alms house) plus \$4 to Julia Hill (for a short stay, I guess) plus \$52 paid to T. S. Merrow. In subsequent years, Merrow was paid for boarding Cram. The 1900 census of Amherst shows Daniel W. Cram, 45, single

with no occupation, a boarder living in household of farmer Thomas Merrow, 38, & wife Vienna, 37. Walter died 9 March 1904, aged 49 years 7 months at Amherst, N.H.

Tramps in the Town Lobby

When the insurance adjustors "inspected the town farm ruins," they agreed with the selectmen upon a pay-out of \$2915, of which \$15 were for the corn barn, leaving \$2900 for rebuilding. The house was rebuilt, after much debate, but no more paupers were housed there. In the meantime, tramps who applied for lodging in Amherst "were fed and furnished beds in the lobby" (FC, 8 Dec. 1892), presumably of Town Hall. (There was another story in the paper late in 1892 about two tramps who went from house to house, getting food: one would enter the front door without knocking as the other entered the back door.) Before the town farm was sold in 1898, it was again operating as an agricultural farm with livestock, and the new house served to lodge and feed tramps – 55 of them in the year 1896/7.

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