

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Rockin' Out At The Amherst Town Library: NH Mineral Species Display On Exhibit

The Amherst Town Library is pleased to present an interactive New Hampshire Mineral Species Display on exhibit from January 2 through January 15, 2013 near the entrance to the Library. The collection of 293 New Hampshire mineral specimens was assembled together by Amherst resident Tom Mortimer. He has been actively field collecting New England minerals for the past 35 years. An early childhood visit to Mt. Mica in Maine was his first exposure to mineral collecting and he has been hooked ever since. A retired electrical engineer, Tom is an active member of the Micromounters of New England since 1984, and was a member of the Nashua Mineral Society from 1974 until its disbandment in 2010. With other interests in hobbyist electronics and wood-working, the New Hampshire Mineral Species Display project combines many of Tom's talents. You can visit Tom's website to learn more about the project at http://mindatnh.org and come visit the Library to experience it in person! The Exhibit is free and open to the public during the Library's open hours.

E-Book Classes For iPads, Kindles, And Nooks

Got an e-reader for a holiday gift? Want to learn how to download free library e-books on it? Come to the Amherst Town Library and take a hands-on class and learn how! We'll have three different classes for three different types of devices. Come with your device and a laptop and we will show you how to set up your account and get you ready to read library e-books.

The classes will take place on the following dates:

- January 10th at 6:00 PM - Apple devices (iPad, iPhone, etc.)
- January 17th at 6:00 PM - Nook (please note, a laptop is required for this class)
- January 24th at 6:00 PM - Kindles

The event is free and open to the public. Please register for this event and all the upcoming adult programs and events by calling (603) 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME!

SESSION 3

Starts the week of January 7th and goes through Feb. 8th. There will be no storytime on Tuesday, Jan. 8. We will have a make-up session on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Baby Listeners (newborn-2yrs.)

Fridays at 10:30

Caregivers present

Our "baby" group offers an opportunity for babies and their caregivers to gather for rhymes, songs and puppets. Emphasis is on traditional rhymes that reinforce language patterns and provide for parent/child interaction. A simple book or two intended for this age is generally highlighted.



Toddler Time (2 and 3-yr. olds)

Tuesdays at 10:00
Caregivers present

Toddler Time is for our 2 and 3 year olds who are just beginning to discover the joy of books and stories! We mix it up with simple rhymes, songs, and puppets to appeal to a toddler's attention span. Each session concludes with a simple craft for the caregiver and child to create together. Come and join us, we have lots of fun!

Book Bunch (3-6 yrs.)

Thurs. at 10:00
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Our "Book Bunch" storytime is designed for the longer attention span of the preschool-kindergarten set. These action-packed 40 minute programs include a wide variety of books, finger plays, and songs. At the conclusion of each session, caretakers are invited to come in and assist their children with a simple craft.

All groups meet once per week for six-week sessions which run from September until June. No registration is required.

For more information, please call 603-673-2288 and ask for Miss Sarah or Miss Sue. For up-to-date information concerning library programs and events, please visit our website, www.amherst.lib.nh.us and click on Calendar of Events.

Paws for Reading---Come read to Anna and Leo!!

Anna and Leo, our reading therapy dogs, and their handler, Carol, will be here to listen to our children read on Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 3:30 to 4:30, and on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10:30 to 11:30. This is a wonderful way for beginning readers to practice their skills, and it's lots of fun for more experienced readers, too! To register for a 15-minute reading appointment, please call Miss Sarah or Miss Sue at 673-2288.

Junior Book Clubs

Our elementary-age book clubs will meet this month on the following days:

2nd/3rd grade---We'll meet on Wednesday, Jan.9th, at 6:30pm to discuss the book The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer. This is a funny story about two brothers who are "sentenced" to spending afternoons in the Children's Room of their local library for a summer. Please contact Miss Sarah at 673-2288 or shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us if you are interested in joining our group.

3rd/4th grade---We'll meet on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30pm to discuss the book Wild River by P.J. Petersen. This is an exciting survival adventure story about two brothers who run into trouble on a whitewater canoeing trip. Please contact Miss Sarah at 673-2288 or shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us if you are interested in joining our group.



Let's Get Social!

Kilimanjaro – Journey to The Roof of Africa

AMHERST – As part of the Amherst Town Library's Life at the Top series of programs for adults, respected adventure photographer Peter Christoph presents "Kilimanjaro – Journey to the Roof of Africa," on Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Room. Peter will lead you on a photographic journey through 5 climate zones from tropical rain forest conditions to arctic conditions in his quest for the summit of 19,340 foot high Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa and the only freestanding mountain in the world. Providing commentary throughout the presentation, Peter also includes behind the scenes photos of how he trained for his adventure. Christoph currently resides in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Born in Massachusetts, with his parents and siblings he spent many years in Ghana, Africa, before returning to Massachusetts.



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This presentation is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for this program due to space limitations. You can register for this event and all the programs of the Library's Life at the Top 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." Other upcoming programs in the Life at the Top series include: "Bicycling Around the World," on Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m.; and, "Hiking the Appalachian Trail: an evening with Roger "Hammer" Tetreault," on Tuesday, January 29 at 7 p.m.

Hiking The Appalachian Trail:

An Evening With Roger "Hammer" Tetreault

AMHERST - The final program of the Amherst Town Library's Life at the Top series of programs for adults is "Hiking the Appalachian Trail: An Evening with Roger "Hammer" Tetreault," scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Roger took the phrase "take a hike" literally when he decided to walk the 2,176.4 miles of the Appalachian Trail. A carpenter by trade, Roger is a backpacking and hiking enthusiast. After ten years of hiking the local terrain (he lives in Boxborough, Massachusetts), he decided early in 2008 to hike the Appalachian Trail.

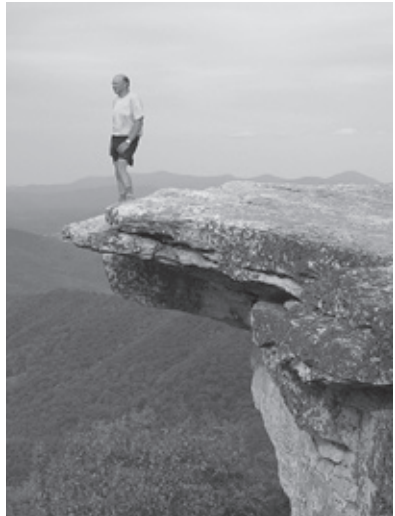
With the support of his wife, Roger organized his adventure. There is much to do before you take that first step on the Trail. The weight that you carry will influence your hike and the comfort and enjoyment of the experience; the less weight the

better. Roger says you start worrying about ounces, not pounds.

It took Roger 5.5 months to hike from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. He hiked from March 25 until September 7. During the hike he encountered temperatures ranging from 18° to 100°, snow, lots of rain, deer, wild horses, wild long horned cattle, wild boar, mountain lions, bears, snakes, and many wonderful fellow thru-hikers.

Roger has produced a presentation in which he chronicles the many sights and sounds of the Appalachian Trail. Roger made this presentation to show you just what it would be like to hike the Appalachian Trail. After the presentation, Roger will take questions and lead a discussion.

This program is free and open to the public. However, registration is



Roger "Hammer" Tetreault

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► Harpsichord Recital With Paul Cienniwa

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Town Library is appreciative for the funding provided by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library for this 2013 music series which also includes the following programs: "The Music of Love: Jayne Kelly with Jerry Germer in Concert on February 10th; "The Willow Flute Ensemble in Concert" on March 3rd; and, "Old Favorite in Concert" on April 14th.

Cited by the Huffington Post for his "inner sense of creative flow, fueled by an abundance of musical imagination and desire," harpsichordist Paul Cienniwa has a burgeoning career as a soloist, recording artist, ensemble player, and

music educator. As organist and conductor, he is Music Director at First Church in Boston, where he leads the fully professional First Church Choir and can be heard weekly on WERS (88.9 FM) Boston. For the 2012-13 season, he is serving as Chorus Master for the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. His first solo recording, "Harpsichord Music for a Thin Place" (Whaling City Sound), exemplifies his artistic goals as a "transport to the threshold between the ordinary and the spiritual...to the point where the ordinary becomes spiritual and spiritual becomes ordinary." He received his Doctor of Musical Arts

degree from Yale University, where he was a student of Richard Riphann. He has studied with renowned harpsichordist Peter Watchorn, John Whitelaw, and David Schrader.

To register for any or all of these programs, please 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. All these concerts are free and open to the public.

► Ruler of The Inverted Year: Mythological Tales

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cient and modern imagination has tried to explain why a season of dormancy and deprivation fits in to the natural cycle of life. In each of us there is a need to seek equilibrium, an urge to search the edges to find the middle ground. The mythology of many world cultures reveals their desire for balance, and it is most obvious in stories of winter or of dormancy when nature seems to hide us from its comforting plenty. Nancy will use art, music, and natural philosophy to help connect these stories across time and place. The format is interactive, being both informative and a sharing of ideas. No previous study of any of the disciplines is expected and all in-class

and follow-up materials will be provided. The two part series will be connected, but you are welcome to attend one or both. Attending this series is one way to embrace winter in all its glory.

Presenter Nancy Baker, one of the Founding Faculty at Souhegan High School, was runner up as New Hampshire Teacher of the Year in 2004. During her time at the school, Nancy taught Mythology, History of Ideas, Philosophy, Ancient History and Latin. 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. Currently, Nancy is a presenter and docent at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester.

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Winchester Art Show through Mid January

AMHERST – The Friends of the Library are delighted to welcome Harriet Winchester, Liz Winchester-Larson, and Stephen Winchester to the Amherst Town Library to show their beautiful artwork from December 2nd to mid January. These talented siblings have a diverse showing of paintings, pastels, color pencils, and wood working to share.

Harriet Winchester began drawing and painting while growing up in southern New Hampshire. After earning her BFA from Rhode Is-

land School of Design in 1972 she settled in Nashua. Some of Harriet's favorite subjects include still-life paintings of cherished objects and landscapes of New Hampshire mountains and marshes. Her most recent paintings focus on old and interesting trees.

Liz Winchester-Larson lives in Keene where her studio is filled with objects and plants for still-life set-ups and a view of Mount Monadnock from her window for a backdrop and inspiration. She is an artist and print-maker with more

than forty years of experience.

Stephen Winchester has a studio in Center Barnstead where he creates unique furniture that incorporate natural material such as saplings, bark, twigs and other natural found objects. All of his furniture are his original designs. Stephen often uses recycled material and locally-sawn lumber.

Together this family will delight with heartfelt still-lives, inspiring landscapes, and stunning natural beauty of wood worked frames.

“Above and Below: Skyscapes and Landscapes”

For the second half of January and the month of February, The Friends of the Amherst Town Library would like to welcome Becca Anderson and Mary Carroll Moore with their combined art show entitled "Above and Below: Skyscapes and Landscapes". A collection of wonderful soft pastel paintings depicting beautiful scenes and skies. Both Becca and MaryCarroll share a studio at the Riverview Mill Artist Studios in Wilton, NH. Come on out on a cold winter's day and browse these warm inviting scenes on the main floor of the Amherst Town Library.

Becca Anderson, of Upstream Studios, is a lamp-maker and painter who has exhibited throughout New England. Her work is also in private collections. Her lamps include multi-level chandeliers made of silk and standing lamps created from copper wire, beads, and handmade papers. She paints in pastels and also creates decoupage furniture and boxes.

Mary Carroll Moore, of Healing Images--Art for the Heart Company is an internationally known pas-



"Clear Journey" will be one of the paintings on display at the Library.

tel painter whose work is in private, corporate, and university collections. She has exhibited throughout the U.S. and has won multiple awards for her landscape and still life paintings in the American Im-

pressionist tradition. Her paintings have been featured in the Pastel Journal and two were chosen to represent breast cancer research fundraisers.

Bicycling Around The World

AMHERST - As part of the Amherst Town Library's Life at the Top series of programs for adults, bike touring aficionado Denis Beaudry presents "Bicycling Around the World," on Tuesday, January 22, at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Room. He traveled 9,623 miles by bicycle around the world in 121 days in the summer of 2012. He comes to share stories and photos, tips of travel for bike touring, and inspiration.

Personal trainer and avid amateur cyclist Denis Beaudry lives in Reading, Massachusetts and is 58 years old. For the early part of his adult life he was an avid jogger. For twenty years he averaged 30-50 miles a week jogging. At around the age of 40 he decided to do a bit of "cross training" so he bought a road bike. He worked out on the road bike, fell in love with cycling, and never returned to jogging. Within months he was riding almost 200 miles a week.

Most of his training miles were commuting to work. He lived 15 miles from his workplace and biked to and fro whenever possible. By his second year of riding he began to think about bike touring. He thought if he could ride 200 miles a week while holding down a 45 hour a week job, he should be able to ride 500 miles a week given enough



Denis Beaudry presents "Bicycling Around the World,"

time. With that time frame in mind, he planned his first bike trip the next year and successfully biked the Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to Seattle, 2,200 miles, in less than five weeks. He was hooked.

A year later he did a 1,500 mile bicycling tour in Western Europe, through the Pyrenees Mountains from France to Spain, traveling on a portion of the route followed by the Tour de France participants. A few years later he did a short tour of

Morocco and a tandem trip to Iceland. Since then, he has been able to do some interesting trips almost every year including the South Island of New Zealand; across the United States; northern Scandinavia; a handful of New England trips; and, most recently, the epic "around the world" trip. In his summer of 2012 "trip around the world," Denis cycled across southern Europe in to Russia, Kazakhstan, and China. From Shanghai, China, he flew to San Francisco and biked home, no days off, 3,200 miles in 37 days across the central U.S. He has been fortunate to see the world at ten miles an hour and hopes his presentation will encourage some people to take that first step to do the same.

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