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### AMHERST REPUBLICANS

**Monthly Meeting**  
Saturday, September 6, 8:00 AM  
Joey's Diner, Route 101A, Amherst

Our guest speakers will be Walt Havenstein, candidate for Governor and Jim Lawrence, candidate for US Congress in CD2. Read about Walt at <http://walt-formh.com> and about Jim at <http://www.lawrence-forcongress.com/>. We will also hear from our local candidates for State and County Offices.

For more information please visit [www.amherst-republicans.org](http://www.amherst-republicans.org)

### Absentee Ballots

Primary Day is Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The polls will be open from 6AM to 8PM at Souhegan High School.

Absentee ballots may be requested in person at the town clerk's office from 9AM to 3PM, Monday through Friday and Tuesday night from 4:30 to 6:30 and up to 5PM on Monday, September 8th. They must be returned by 5PM on Monday, September 8th if returned in person or by 5PM on Election Day if received by mail. No absentee ballots will be accepted in hand at the polls. Absentee ballots may be requested by mail by submitting a request in writing with the signature of the requestor.

Any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. RSA 657:24. **More – page 7**

### TOWN OF AMHERST

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Clerk's Office at the Amherst Town Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Only new voter registrations and additions and corrections to the checklist may be made at this session. If already a registered voter, no party changes may be made at this session. This will be the last opportunity to accept new voter registration applications until the Sept. 9 Primary Election. (Those wanting to register after Sept. 2 may do so on Election Day.)

If unsure of your current party affiliation, you may go online to check at: <http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/PartyInfo.aspx> or check the printed checklists located at the Town Office or Town Library.

### Amherst Area Newcomers Club

Our annual fall kick-off meeting will be a "Wine and Cheese Tasting" night on Tuesday, September 9. ALL area women are welcome to join us.

Our social organization has been in the Amherst Area for 45 years and is open to all women in the Souhegan Valley, regardless of how long they have lived in the area. We have monthly general meetings and small groups dedicated to special interests such as crafts, charity, walking, lunch, knitting, bunco, books, and poker. If you would like to join us on September 9th for our yearly kick-off event, please contact Lorie 672-5975 or email: [newcomers@brains.org](mailto:newcomers@brains.org) for details and to reserve your spot.

### Amherst Farmers Market open through mid October

The Amherst Farmers Market open Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. located in the parking lot of Bedford Fields - Amherst, formerly known as Ponemah Farms Garden Center, at 42 Route 101A.

## Amherst Junior Women's Club Announces Annual Rummage Sale

Proceeds to benefit local communities in Amherst and surrounding areas

AMHERST -- The Amherst Junior Women's Club (AJWC), an organization of women volunteers dedicated to enhancing the community and quality of life of residents will host its annual rummage sale Sept. 20, 2014, at the VFW in Milford, NH. This is the one activity that AJWC sponsors to raise money in support of charitable activities throughout the year.

"This sale is famous for collecting wonderful items and offering them at great savings," said Linda Fraser, co-chairperson for the event. "It's a perfect opportunity for families to

get some super deals on a variety of things before the holidays."

AJWC has started taking donations of gently used items to prepare for the sale. Key categories are clothing, household items, toys, sporting goods, books and CDs, and furniture. Those interested in donating should contact Linda at 672-3400 or Cheryl at 424-6512 to arrange for storage of items.

**Rummage Sale details:**  
Date: Sat., Sept. 20, 2014  
Location: VFW, 1 VFW Way, Milford, NH  
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Special bag sale 12:00-1:00 p.m.)



## Amherst Garden Club Begins a New Year

AMHERST – Art Scarpa will be the speaker at the Amherst Garden Club meeting on Thursday, September 4, at the Messiah Lutheran Church next to the Amherst Garden Center on Route 101 in Amherst. Art will speak on "Miniature Plants for Home, Garden and Greenhouse: There's Always Room for One More!" Based on his obsession of trying to squeeze in just one more plant in tight quarters, Art has accumulated a large collection of unusual miniature plants. He has researched and found many plants that extend the growing season to year-round indoors. His greenhouse in Reading, MA, is home to thousands of plants from all over the world. The winner of numerous prizes for his flower show entries, Art is also a show judge with wide experience at the national level. The program on September 4 will begin at 10:15 AM following a short social time and business meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.



Art Scarpa

New this year will be evening meetings of the Amherst Garden Club. Recognizing that many gardeners and potential gardeners are not able to attend daytime meetings, the club is offering evening sessions to be held the second Thursday of each month at Parkhurst Place at 7:00 PM. Different speakers will be featured. Members and visitors will have the choice each month of attending either the morning or evening meetings, or both, giving everyone more flexibility than is now possible. Members who find that they can attend only the evening meetings will have the same opportunity to be involved in garden club activities, such as the plant sale and civic gardens, as those who attend only the morning meetings. All members will receive the monthly newsletter and be involved equally in major club decisions.

The speaker for the evening meeting in September will be Claudia Everest, landscape designer and owner of North Land Design. She will speak on "Fall Gardening—Color till the Snow Falls." Further information will be available in the next edition of *The Citizen*.

## Amherst Board of Selectmen Launch Village Strategic Planning Process

AMHERST – As an element of a multi-year strategic-planning process, the Board of Selectmen, working with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC), are undertaking a Village Strategic Planning project to engage town government; boards, commissions and committees; schools; and residents and businesses in framing an holistic vision of what people hope the village to be in the years ahead, along with initiatives and investments needed to make that vision a reality.

The Amherst village area – an important town-wide resource – sits at the center of the Amherst historic district, which covers 2,600 acres, making it the largest historic district in New Hampshire.

For years, many separate conversations about the village have occurred, covering such topics as:

- Roadways, traffic flow, parking, walkability and overall public safety;
- The mix of utilities and how/where they are located/delivered;
- Preserving the historical nature of the area (buildings and landscape);
- Balancing the mix of residences and businesses;
- Attracting more people to the village, the common, and environs.

According to Vice Chairman Mike Akillian, who is leading the strategic planning process, "In September, we will launch a planning committee to solicit and integrate as many ideas as possible from residents and business people regarding their vision for the village area. Hopefully, this can be one of many opportunities for townspeople to help shape the future of Amherst."

NRPC will compile information and ideas into issue areas for further thinking and research by the committee, which will then craft a proposed vision, plan, and related investments to be reviewed by townspeople as part of preparing a more refined proposed plan to go before the BOS in spring 2015.

The committee will comprise 10-12 people, some drawn from town government, schools, and boards. Several residents and business people will also serve on the committee. Any Amherst resident or businessperson interested in being considered for committee membership should send their application to Mike Akillian, [makillian@amherstnh.gov](mailto:makillian@amherstnh.gov) before August 29, 2014. Application guidelines and other related project materials can be found at [amherstnh.gov/villageplan/](http://amherstnh.gov/villageplan/).

## James C. Starke, M.D. Served as Amherst Health Officer for 40 Years

AMHERST – James C. Starke, M.D., well-known dermatologist, age 85, died on July 6, 2014, from pulmonary fibrosis in the house he restored, lived in and loved for 52 years, known as the Melendy Farm, Boston Post Road, Amherst.

Starke was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Carl and Ada Starke. He attended the University of Wisconsin/Madison and received his medical degree from Marquette Medical School (now Medical College of Wisconsin). After graduation, Starke served his internship at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hos-



Dr. James C. Starke

pital (Dartmouth-Hitchcock) in Hanover, N.H. Following his internship, he served with the U.S. Coast

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### Amherst Town Library



Wildlife Biologist Ben Kilham

## The Social Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library presents Wildlife Biologist Ben Kilham's fascinating program, "The Social Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human," on Thursday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Ben's love of and devotion to black bears has enabled him to study their habits and interact with them for more than two decades. He and his wife, Debra, have accepted orphan bears into their home and enabled them to successfully return to the wild. Ben, who is based in Lyme, New Hampshire, has been the focus of several news articles and documentaries, including National Geographic's A Man Among Bears and Animal Planet's Papa Bear. He co-authored *Among the Bears: Raising Orphaned Cubs in the Wild*. His new book, *Out on a Limb: What Black Bears Taught Me About Intelligence and Intuition*, presents his intriguing studies of black bear behavior. Black bears, thought to be solitary, have a different type of social behavior that possibly par-

alle early human behavior. They show evidence of reciprocal altruism, food sharing, and early group formation of unrelated individuals. Bears can live for as many as forty years, which allow them long-term benefits from forming relationships with fellow cooperators. There will also be a book signing after Ben's presentation.

Ben's program kicks off a series of programs for adults at the Amherst Town Library called, Into the Wild. Other programs in this series include, "An Alaska Wilderness Canoe Journey," on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and "Ansel Adams as an Environmentalist," on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. You can register by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org) or by visiting [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

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