

Town News

The 2014 Tree Lighting Festival

Look what is planned so far, for the Amherst Tree Lighting Festival December 12-13-14! ...SEE SCHEDULE!...and, Yes, we have to start planning NOW!! (...actually started August 8!)

We invite local groups who wish to create an event, such as offering refreshments at the Congregational Church on Sunday, between concerts, from 2-3 pm, to contact me, to join in and host an event like that.... or do something else in any open time slot.

Want to perform a brief reading or song at the Tree Lighting itself re: Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, La Posada etc.? Contact me, at acbergin@aol.com ("Brief" because it is COLD!! When the sun goes down!)

Ann Bergin

FRIDAY December 12 ~ KICKOFF ~ TREE LIGHT-UP AND SUPPER NIGHT!

6:30-7:00 WWI Common: The Tree Lighting Ceremonies! (across from Moulton's)

Then Walk On Over To....

7:00-8:30 The Village Congregational Church-UCC of Amherst: Lion's Club Spaghetti Supper! Donations Accepted

SATURDAY December 13 ~ SANTA SATURDAY!

9:00-11:00 Village Congregational Church-UCC of Amherst: New-comers Breakfast with Santa! Advance Ticket Sales Only

10:00-4:00 Village Congregational Church-UCC of Amherst: 2014 Christmas in Amherst Village ~ House Tour! Ticketed

2:00 - 5:00 Amherst Fire Station: Girls Scout Craft Fair AND GS Holiday Cookie Swap!

2:00- 4:00 Amherst Fire Station: Team Earley's Cocoa and Cookies ~ Free

3:00 - 5:00 Amherst Fire Station: Santa Arrives By Fire Truck! Free Pics with Santa in the AFD Station, when you Bring Your Own Camera

4:00- Souhegan High School Theatre: The Nutcracker by Voulidance! Tickets at Door, or on line at www.voulidance.com and at Voulidance 71 Route 101A, Amherst, Adults \$20, Seniors/Students under age Ten \$15, NEW THIS YEAR!

SUNDAY December 14 ~ CONCERTS SUNDAY!

8:00-11:00 Amherst Fire Station: Pancake Breakfast with Mrs. Claus! an AFD Association event. Free, Donations accepted, No reservations needed!

11:00-1:00 LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst: Wine Cellar & Art Gallery Open House. Wine Cellar tour, wine & winetini sampling & hot cocoa. Art exhibit works by Amy Brnger & John Bonner; arranged by McGowan Fine Art. NEW THIS YEAR!

~ Stroll The Colonial Village Of Amherst To See Our Charming Homes And Buildings! ~

1:00-2:00 Village Congregational Church-UCC of Amherst: Free Holiday Concert, By the Amherst Town Band and SHS Acappella Singers!

3:00-4:30 Village's Congregational Church-UCC of Amherst: Free Holiday Concert, By Congregational Church Choirs!

Celebrating any and all December/winter holidays that are celebrated by Amherst, NH Residents! Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, La Posada, The Winter Solstice, The First Snow, Epiphany and more!

Friends of the Amherst Town Library

Howard Muscott Photography Exhibit – Meet and Greet Nov. 9th



Amherst photographer Howard Muscott's works on exhibit during November

AMHERST – The Friends of the Amherst Town Library would like to welcome Howard Muscott and his breath taking photography to the Amherst Town Library during the month of November. Howard was born in New York City and has been a resident of Amherst for the last 22 years. When not out in nature with his camera, he is the Director at SERESC in Bedford. Howard finds balance with his career in Special Education with his love for photography which allows him to take in the world at a slower, less distracted pace.

Howard has been photographing landscapes and wildlife for more than 30 years. He spent his youth hiking and backpacking which laid the foundation for Howard's love for nature. His photography is fueled by the exquisite beauty of the natural world and the wildlife residing there. "The best photography combines one's vision for the image with the best natural light and requires both persistence and opportunity. That's why I'm always chasing the

golden light." Howard prefers to photograph either at dawn or dusk to catch the light that "paints the scenes he sees through the camera".

Howard is a self-taught photographer who is compelled to take time during his business trips to explore and capture the beauty surrounding him. In addition to the beauty, especially autumn, of New Hampshire, Howard has photographed the mountains of Alaska, Colorado and the Pacific Northwest and their wildlife as well as photographed the Southwestern peoples and light. Howard has had many shows and publications featuring his photographs. Most recently he was a featured artist at Beaver Brook in Hollis and featured in "13, 1 artist, 13 questions" in the Nashua Telegraph. His work can be found on his website, www.chasingthegoldenlight.com, and at various stores and galleries around NH. The Friends of the Amherst Library will be hosting a Meet and Greet with Howard on November 9, from 2 to 4pm on the main floor of the library.

Say Cheese – And Save The Date!

AMHERST – The Woman's Association Holiday Fair is an annual tradition. On November 22, from 9 am to 2 pm, the doors of the Congregational Church are open and shoppers will come ready to purchase gifts, unusual items and perennial Fair favorites. Circle the date on your calendar and be prepared to start—or finish—your holiday shopping!

Each year the Woman's Association searches for new items to add to their long list of gifts and goods. This year, noted Amherst artist Mary Salmon has graciously donated an acrylic painting of the 1774 historic meetinghouse, depicted on the cover of a 16" wooden Cabot cheese box. This beautiful heirloom painting will be auctioned at the Silent Auction. Bidding begins on Sunday November 16, continues during the week in the church office (9 am to 3:30 pm), and ends at the Fair on November 22 at 1 pm.

Mary has a BA in Design for the University of California, Berkeley and is well-known locally as a teacher of pottery, floral arranging, and many varied crafts. She has received awards in the Keyes Art Show in Milford, and been featured at the Amherst Town Library and the Fall Art Show at Beaver Brook Association in Hollis. A member of the Amherst Garden Club, she is also a Master Gardener and floral designer.

Mary's painted cheese box is one of several unique items available at the Silent Auction. Also new this year are handmade birch house ornaments and decorations. The raffle table includes wine and hostess gifts. Always popular are individually decorated fresh Maine balsam door wreaths and custom designed pewter ornaments of the historic church. Best sellers are Vermont cheddar cheese, deluxe South Carolina pecan halves, RADA kitchen knives, custom American Girl doll clothes, handmade knits and good used books. The treasures table showcases antique glass, vintage



Amherst artist Mary Salmon

jewelry and old and new collectibles. Delicious and varied homemade baked goods are perfect for your Thanksgiving table or as hostess gifts.

Tickets for the Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour on December 13 will be available at the Fair; plan ahead and purchase your tickets to enjoy this special Amherst tradition.

Luncheon of homemade soup, bread and cookies will be served. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. The church is handicapped accessible via the side door by the driveway. Visit www.ccamherst.org for more information.

The start of the Holiday Season begins with the November 11th issue! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and visit www.amherstcitizen.com for frequent updates on events and celebrations.



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