

Bulletin Board

Nashaway Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society

Upcoming Events Birding Adventures in the West Indies

On Wednesday December 17 at 7pm, the Nashaway Chapter of NH Audubon will host NH Audubon Senior Biologist Dr. Pam Hunt. Pam will share her adventures from nearly 25 years of birding the West Indies. The West Indies are one of evolutions great laboratories. They harbor a great diversity of birds and entire vertebrate families found nowhere else in the world. Pam is a dynamic speaker who will surely spark your interest in visiting these exotic islands. This program takes place in the downstairs theater room of the Nashua Public Library and is free. Registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Richard Maloon 424-5621 or richard.maloon@att.net.

115th Annual Chapter Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

On Saturday, December 27 the Nashaway Chapter of NH Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count in the Nashua-Hollis region. If you are familiar with bird identification and would like to participate, either in the field or at home as a feeder counter, join in for the day or part of the day. Individuals or groups will be assigned specific areas to bird. At 5pm, after the count, we will be tallying our sightings over dinner at the Lawrence Barn, 28 Depot Rd. in Hollis. A small fee will be collected for dinner. To read more about the Christmas Bird Count, go to www.nh-audubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-count. To register, contact Richard Bielawski at 429-2537 or rbielawski@mac.com.

Amherst Area Newcomers Club Monthly Meetings

Amherst Area Newcomers Club holds monthly social meetings both informative and entertaining. We have many interest groups that also meet weekly or monthly including book group, knitting, bunco, crafts, golf (is still meeting), out to lunch, movie night, poker and more. For more information on our activities visit our website at www.nhnewcomers.com We would love to meet you!

DISCUSSION GROUP at TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOP

On the first Thursday of each month, the discussion group meets from 7PM to 8:30PM. We share ideas on philosophy, current affairs and familiar truths. For more information contact: Norah at 673-6948.

Open to All Southern New Hampshire Women

The Amherst Area Newcomers Club has been an active social organization in the area for 45 years.

The club is open to all women in the Souhegan Valley, regardless of how long she has lived in the area. We hold monthly general events on a wide variety of topics along with smaller special interest groups which cater to socializing with others of similar interests. The club is a great way to meet new people, get to know the area if you're new, or cultivate a new passion. We currently host interest groups for crafts, knitting, bunco, walking, charity, lunch, poker, healthy eating and golf. For information and a calendar of events visit: NHNewcomers.com

Amherst Juniors Open for New Members!

Our mission is civic needs, educational advancement and those less fortunate. Our goals are achieved with the assistance and generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals.

We are in need of women with motivation and dedication to join us in growing our mission even further within our surrounding communities.

Please email us at memberships@amherstjuniors.org. Our website is www.amherstjuniors.org. Call Barb @ 508-783-3686 or Karen @305-3046 for more information. Join Us!

Did you know? Amherst Fire Department

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Under the On-Call system in Amherst, an AFD emergency call generally runs as follows:

- 1) The dispatch center in town receives a call from 911 indicating a fire emergency.
- 2) The dispatcher on duty determines the nature of the call and alerts the appropriate assets for the emergency through a radio/phone/pager system.
- 3) The on-duty officer heads directly to the location of the emergency in their AFD vehicle (during working hours) or personal vehicle (after hours and on weekends) from wherever they are when the call comes in to
- 4) Meanwhile, On-Call Firefighters who are in town and available drive to their assigned station houses (Central or South Station) to retrieve fire apparatus and head to the scene. In general, FireTrucks leave the stations with at least four firefighters aboard - one driver/operator, one officer or ranking firefighter, and two firefighters.

As apparatus and FireFighter companies arrive at the scene, the incident commander assigns roles and jobs as needed.

Per Amherst Fire Department policy and tradition, On-Call Firefighters must respond to at least 15% of toned emergency calls in a calendar year to remain in good standing as members of the department. In 2014, the top ten responders in the department averaged between 30-60% response to calls. For emergencies that require more manpower than currently available in town, the Amherst Fire Department may draw on assets in neighboring towns under the Souhegan Fire Mutual Aid Association agreement.

2014 Memory Tree

Remembering Loved Ones

AMHERST – The special tree located across from town hall on the Amherst Green, with its little white lights during the holidays, is the Amherst Garden Club's "Memory Tree". For a small donation, anyone may have a loved one remembered on the "Memory Tree". It's pretty special when passing by it in the evening to be reminded of your loved one.

Each year the donations from the tree have supported a number of

community efforts. This year donations will be going to a local organization that supports the mission of the Amherst Garden Club, which provides education, resources and networking opportunities for our community to promote the love of gardening, civic landscaping and environmental responsibility. Thank you for your support of the Memory Tree!

IN MEMORY OF:

Lee and Vincent Andreano, Marilyn Apiki, Robert Bacon, Wendi Badgley, Alison Werner Barton, Barbara Berlack, Frederick Bewersdorff III, Dick Brams, Jan Brams, Chere Brodsky, Sharon Burgess, Peter Burel, Helen Calvert, Don Carper Sr., Jackson Bryce Clemens, L.James Dailey, Windows Dailey, Joana Dean, Mary Donovan, James Dowd, Donald Dutremble, Pat Duval, Gertrude Dzenis, Walter Dzenis, Lewis Fursich, Bill Gambee, Scott Gambee, Cameron Gilligan, Janet Head Gustafson, Ken Harrison, Tom Head, John Hoch, Millie Hoch, Kathleen Hodge, James Hoyer, Helen Hoyer, Keith Hunt, Mary and Gregory Iaquineto, Gregory Jannery, Barbara Z. Johnson, Melvin T. Johnson, Paul Kerlee, Lucy Kopf, Lynne Kovacs, Daniel Lapoint, Richard Lessard, Mary and William Lodes, Eileen Logan, James Logan, Martin Madden, Annette Marino, Ruth McKinstry, Mark Melle, Bobby Moore, Dorothy Nakamura, Majorie Odell, Louisa and Michael Perricelli, Julie Pfeifer, Paul Pfeifer, Fred Porter, Julia E. Prew, Robert H. Prew, Gene Pringle, Janet Reis, Charles Rossi, Charlotte and Mario Rossi, Eleanor Rossi, Maurice Rossi, Ruth Sammis, Addie and Thomas Schiavi, Elfriede Schmidt, Herman Schmidt, Judith Schmidt, Lucille Schulz, Richard Schulz, Terry Shields, A.J. Sikora, Jean Sikora, Odette Smith, Rachel Steele, Dr. R. Emerson Sylvester, Lorraine Vierno, Tony Wojciki, Maureen Zimmer, The Frank Cuddy Jr. Family, The Dokmo Family, The Johnston Family, The Kraham/Julian Family, The Lamont Family, The Wilson Madigan Family, and the Spiess Family.

Town News

Amherst Town Library

Sundays at 4 Music Series Presents Bill McGoldrick Acoustic Duo

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library begins the 10th year of its very popular Sundays at 4 Music Series on Sunday, January 11th with "Bill McGoldrick Acoustic Duo" performing from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Library.

Bill McGoldrick has been playing guitar and gigging his entire life. He also works with a number of the best female vocalists in the greater Boston area. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, his initial influences were rock and roll and blues, listening to great guitar players like Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck, Duane Allman, Eric Clapton, Pete Townsend, and Carlos Santana. He has played with a host of different bands and musicians throughout the years, all the way to playing in Hong Kong, China, with Herb Reed and the Platters in 2010 to a sold out show of 8,000 people. AND, he is bringing the wonderful female vocalist, Danielle Jean. Recipient of numerous talent awards including Miss NH National Teen-Ager Talent Winner, along with numerous titles of Miss Greater Derry,



Vocalist, Danielle Jean with guitarist Bill McGoldrick

Miss Winnepesaukee, Miss Deerfield Fair, Miss Seacoast, and Miss NH National Teen-Ager, Jean is currently the owner of "The Voice Studio" in Derry, NH. She is very involved in the Miss America pageant and Ms. NH this year was one of her students. Her musical inspirations include Ella Fitzgerald and

Whitney Houston.

Bill McGoldrick's Duo was voted "The Best Local Acoustic Act" at the 2012 WMRC Music Awards and was nominated for 2013 and 2014 as well as recently playing at the Summer NAMM 2014 in Nashville, TN. The whole concept of the duo was to more or less do an MTV unplugged

type thing, doing popular tunes normally associated with bands or other Pop Artists with full production, but "pairing" it down to just an acoustic guitar and a vocalist.

The Amherst Town Library is appreciative for the funding provided by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library for this 2015 music series which also includes the following programs: "Boston Saxophone Quartet performs Duke Ellington: Beyond Category Concert on February 8th; "Gateway Trio: Music as Language" on March 1st ; and, "Klezwoods Quintet" on April 12th. We invite you to join us for all of these amazing concerts!

All events are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each performance due to space limitations. To register for any or all of the Sundays at 4 concerts, please call 673-2288, email library@amherstlibrary.org or visit our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and select the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

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Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919



Author, historian, university teacher, public speaker and communications professional Stephen Puleo presents the program, "Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919," on Tuesday, January 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Puleo's presentation is part of the January series for adults entitled, Boston History Comes Alive! Shortly after noon on January 15, 1919, a 50-foot-tall steel tank filled with 2.3 million gallons of molasses collapsed on Boston's waterfront, disgorging its contents in a 15-foot-high wave of molasses that traveled at 35 miles per hour. The Great Boston Molasses Flood claimed the lives of 21 people, injured 150, and caused damage worth over \$100 million in today's money. Puleo shares this story in its full historical context, from the

tank's construction in 1915 through the multi-year lawsuit that followed the disaster. Dark Tide uses the gripping drama of the flood to examine the sweeping changes brought about by World War I, Prohibition, the anarchist movement, immigration, and the expanding role of big business in society. It's also a chronicle of the courage of ordinary people, from the firemen caught in an unimaginable catastrophe to the soldier-lawyer who presided over the lawsuit with heroic impartiality.

Puleo is the author of five narrative non-fiction works including, The Caning: The Assault That Drove America to Civil War; A City So Grand: The Rise of an American Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900; The Boston Italians: A Story of Pride, Perseverance and Paesani, from the Years of the Great Immigration to the Present Day; Due to Enemy Action: The True World War II Story of the USS Eagle 56; and, Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919. A former award-winning newspaper reporter and contributor of feature stories and book reviews that include American History magazine and The Boston Globe, he holds a master's degree in history from UMass-Boston and he teaches at Suffolk University in Boston. The Associated Press included Dark Tide in its "round-up" selection of books to read, a recommendation that appeared in 80 newspapers nationwide. The AP said Dark Tide was "thoroughly researched...[and] weaves together the stories of the people and families affected by the disaster, with often heartbreaking glimpses of their fates. Puleo sets the scene carefully, in the context of the time and social conditions, and follows through with the years of lawsuits that ensued."

This program is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED due to space limitations. You can register for this event



by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherstlibrary.org or by visiting our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

The start of the Holiday Season is underway! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and visit www.amherstcitizen.com for frequent updates on events and celebrations.

AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Peabody Mill Environmental Center
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The holiday season is here! What better way to celebrate with family and friends than taking part in our recreation programs. Take a look at our new camps, shows, and trips. What perfect holiday gifts these programs make!

NEW Programming

NEW February Vacation Day Camp

The ARD will be running a day camp at PMEC from Feb. 23-27 for children in grades K-5. Each day of the week will be geared towards a specific theme. Campers will become mad-scientists for the day, explore the adventures of the great outdoors, and even create their own Winter Wonders! Visit the ARD website for daily schedule and themes.

Who: Grades K-5
What: February Vacation Day Camp
When: February 23-27, 2015; 8:30am-4pm
Extended care available from 7:30am-5:30pm
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center

Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

Early Bird Fee (before 1/15/15): Res: \$35 per day, or \$150 for the week; NonRes: \$45/\$160
Late Fee (after 1/15/15): Res: \$45 per day, or \$175 for the week; Non-Res: \$50/\$185
Extended care Fee: \$10 extended care fee per child, per day

NEW Start Smart Basketball for ages 3-6

This once a week program is an opportunity for children to be introduced to the game of basketball with the support of a parent. This year we will be offering two sessions of each age group. You may register for the session that best fits your schedule:

Players ages 3-4
Session 1: Saturday mornings 9am-10am
Session 2: Saturday afternoons 2pm-3pm
Players ages 5-6
Session 1: Saturday mornings 10am-11am
Session 2: Saturday afternoons 3pm-4pm
Season runs from 1/17/15-2/21/15

Who: Children ages 3-6
What: Start Smart Basketball
Where: TBD
Fee: \$40R; \$50NR
NEW Cherry Blossom Festival & Washington D.C. Sightseeing Trip (April 9-12)

Join the Amherst, Merrimack, and Milford Recreation Departments for a trip of a lifetime! Experience the history and attractions of this great American City. Trip Includes:

5 meals, Coach Buss transportation, Native Washington D.C. tour guide, Overnight stay at the embassy Suites

Who: Amherst, Merrimack, & Milford Residents
What: Sightseeing Trip
Where: Washington D.C.
When: April 9-12, 2015
Fee: \$559 pp Double
\$549 pp Triple
\$689 pp Single
\$459 Child w/ 2 Adults

NEW Irish Cabaret Day Trip

Join Best of Times in 2015 for our Saint Patrick's Day celebration program! This day trip includes tickets to the Tony Kenny Irish Cabaret, a dinner choice of corned beef/cabbage or baked schrod with Venus De Milo's famous Minestrone soup, and transportation to get you to and from the show.

Who: Adults 18+
What: Tony Kenny's Irish Cabaret
Where: Venus De Milo Swansea, MA; Pickup Location TBA
When: Wednesday, 3/11/15; arrival time 11:30am; pickup time TBA
Fee: 85\$ (includes tickets, meal and transportation)

NEW Snowshoeing at PMEC

The snow is here! Head on up to PMEC for a fun-filled afternoon of snowshoeing. Snow shoe rentals will be available Saturdays, starting December 6, 2014 from Noon to 4pm.

Fee: \$6R; \$8NR single
\$15R; \$20NR family

Family Programming

Fall Family Fun Days

Come to PMEC for our new monthly event!

December 20th – Dream-catchers: (indoor program) Learn how to make your own dream-catcher! Native Americans made these beautiful pieces of art to help them have pleasant dreams. Make one to take home!

Who: Families and Individuals
When: 10/11 1:00-3:00pm

Cost: \$4.00 per person, with a family maximum of \$20.00
Where: PMEC, 66 Brook Road

Birthday Parties at PMEC!

Create amazing birthday memories this year with a Birthday Party for your child age 3-12 at the Peabody Mill Environmental Center!

We have several themes to choose from or we can work together to tai-

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