

Arts & Entertainment

Exhibits



“Blue”, photograph by Melissa Gentle

“A Closer Look”, a Photography Exhibit by Melissa Gentle, ends July 30th

The Jaffrey Civic Center is pleased to present Melissa Gentle's in-depth photographs in the first floor Display Cases through Thursday, July 30.

“Inspiration can bloom from many things, in my case it was family. Two grandmothers with an admirable amount of creativity have motivated me to explore and interpret the world in my own way. I began drawing as a child, and learned the techniques of painting from my grandmothers. I eventually realized photography was my true calling and became devoted to it. New Hampshire reveals many photographic opportunities, and more often than not, I find myself mesmerized by a single subject for hours at a time.

When I am looking through the camera it is as if the viewfinder is my picture frame. Macro photography inspires me to interpret textures, shapes and patterns to transform simple subjects into a particular composition, and even into abstract photographs. A developed patience for timing has become my biggest reward. Viewing each subject at all angles in different lighting helps me understand and connect with the natural world capturing it more appropriately.

Nature has a certain degree of healing, whether it is the shape of a bouquet after the passing of a loved one, or a simple walk through the woods to clear the mind. The connection between human and nature is undeniable, although it seems to be commonly overlooked, that is, until we need healing.

Jaffrey Civic Center is at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, next to Library, parking in rear. Hours are Tues: 10-6, Wed-Fri 1-5, Sat 10-2. Admission is always free. For more information about us, call 603-532-6527, e-mail us at jaffreycntr@aol.com, find our website, www.jaffreyciviccenter.com, or “Like” us on Facebook.

Andy’s Summer Playhouse Remixes Shakespeare To Tell A Fresh Story

WILTON – The kids of Andy’s Summer Playhouse have created their own version of a magical Shakespearean classic to tell a timeless story in their own words. Join this amazing ensemble as they visit venues around the region with this special production.

Directors CJ Lewis and John McCluggage (both professional theater artists with years of experience with both Shakespeare and youth theater) have worked with a talented group of eight young artists to reinterpret the tale of lost lovers, mischievous fairies, and want-a-be actors in a production that reflects today’s modern styles. What if you sat down at your TV and every channel was playing Shakespeare’s

A Midsummer Night’s Dream? But in modern language and with its own spin? What would Puck say on ESPN? And as in Shakespeare’s time this is truly an ensemble show. Every actor will play every character and is vital to the story. Whether on ESPN or the Cooking Channel all your favorite characters – from Oberon and Titania, Helena and Hermia, to Bottom and Puck – will charm you and tickle your funny bone.

This production will open with a performance at Andy’s Summer Playhouse on Sunday, July 26th at 7:30pm, and then will tour to 4 towns in the region. Admission is free at touring venues due to sponsorships and generous grants.

Wednesday July 29th at Jaffrey Elementary School @ 12:30pm
Thursday July 30th at the Mariposa Museum, Peterborough @ 7:30pm
Friday July 31st at The Congregational Church of Amherst @ 7:30pm
Saturday August 1st at The Temple Town Hall @ 11:00am
For tickets and more information call 654-2613



10 Years of Performances to Celebrate 20 Years as a Boys & Girls Club



Wizard of Oz performers at the Boys and Girls Club

Join us on August 1st

MILFORD – For 20 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley in Milford has been in the forefront of youth development in our community with a particular focus on providing opportunities for young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to be great today and reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens tomorrow.

For the last 10 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley’s home has been “at the bend” in the Souhegan Valley river. Our facility is located in the former Souhegan Valley Theatre, previously the home of the American Stage Festival and Playhouse 101. During the last decade, Boys & Girls Club staff and volunteers have empowered thousands of youth of in the Souhegan Valley, changing many young people’s lives. Whether performing on stage or participating in our after-school and vacation time programs, children have experienced life changing programs that help them perform better academically, develop good character and leadership

skills, and adopt healthy lifestyles.

On August 1st we will celebrate the impact our organization has on the Souhegan Valley community by revisiting theater performances from the past ten years, reflecting on our twenty year success as a youth development organization, and welcoming back many of the talented young people, supporters, volunteers, staff, and board members who helped shape our history.

Come join our celebration at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon Street in Milford! Event tickets are \$25.00 and include a 6:30 p.m. reception with appetizers and cash bar. Show curtains open at 8 p.m. Tickets are limited and available online at <http://tinyurl.com/celebrateSVBGC>. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the programs of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley.

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BRAD PARKS

Fri, July 31, 6:30 pm.

The award-winning mystery author rolls into town on his ‘Fifty Shades of Khaki Tour’ to celebrate the release of his new novel, *The Fraud*. Investigative reporter Carter Ross is assigned the story about a rash of carjackings in the city.

This will be a Brian’s Books’n’Brews event – come enjoy an IPA with us!

DANIEL KORSCHUN

Sunday, Aug. 9, 1 p.m.

The co-author visits to talk about and sign copies of his book with an insider’s look at the great grocery debacle of 2014. *We Are Market Basket* is the story of the unlikely grassroots movement that saved a beloved business. You were there - now get the whole story – and thanks for your support!

AUORE EATON

Saturday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m.

The Union Leader’s “Looking Back” columnist visits to discuss and sign her new book exploring the revolutionary industry and lasting significance in Manchester of *The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company: A History of Enterprise on the Merrimack River*.

LORRIE THOMSON

Saturday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

The charming local author of *What’s Left Behind*, and *Equilibrium*, returns with her brand new novel, *A Measure of Happiness*. Sometimes life gives you just what you need – illuminating the nature of friendship, motherhood, hope – and the gifts of second chances. *The Bookside Café* will be providing blueberry treats!

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