

# Bulletin Board

## AMHERST REPUBLICANS

Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, September 5, 8:00 AM  
Joey's Diner, Route 101A,  
Amherst

Our guest speaker will be former Hewlett-Packard CEO and Candidate for President Carly Fiorina. Read more about Carly at <https://www.carlyforpresident.com/>

## Nashua Chapter of the NH Audubon Society

### Upcoming Events

Raptors are birds of prey, e.g., an eagle, hawk, falcon, or owl. Did you know that there are two places in NH where you can actually see these magnificent birds during their migration flight? On Wednesday, September 16, NH Raptor Observatory Coordinator, Phil Brown, will speak about both the Carter Hill and the Pack Monadnock observatories and the birds that migrate through every fall. This program takes place in the downstairs theater room of the Nashua Public Library and is free and open to the public. Registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Richard Maloon 424-5621 or richard.maloon@att.net

On Saturday, Sept 19, the group invites the public to take a field trip to the Pack Monadnock Observatory to see this spectacular migration live. Meet at 8am in Nashua at the Exit 7 Park & Ride, on the hill behind the Granite Inn. If you prefer to meet at the observatory, contact Richard Bielawski 429-2537 or rbjelawski@mac.com or go to [www.nh.audubon.org/locations/raptor-observations](http://www.nh.audubon.org/locations/raptor-observations)

## Amherst Heritage Commission on Farmsteads that Shaped Amherst's History

In August 2014, the Amherst Heritage Commission received a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources to study and provide insight into how 18th through 20th century farming life shaped Amherst and our rich heritage. On Thursday, 10 September 2015 at 7:30PM at the Amherst Town Hall a presentation to the public will be given on the results of our grant. The Heritage Commission and our grant consultant, Ms Katy Holmes, will present findings on how four unique farmsteads helped shape our town's history and how small scale farming impacted the families and the town. The public is invited to attend the session. Light refreshments will be provided. Any questions, please call 673-1072.

## The Bookside Café Now Open At The Toadstool Bookshop In Milford

The Bookside Café at the Toadstool Bookshop in the Lorden Plaza Milford is now open. An intimate part of the bookstore, the café welcomes book browsers as well as those just looking for a quick cup of coffee, tea, or pastries or a more substantial breakfast or lunch. Breakfast is available Monday through Friday beginning at 8 am and Saturday at 9 am. The café closes at 4 pm.

## 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.



Carley Fiorina

# Town News

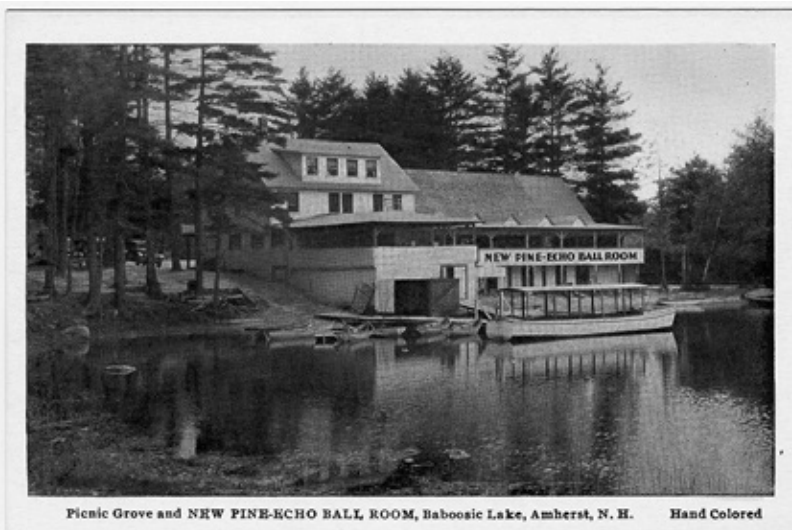
## Historic Amherst

# Baboosic Lake Summer Resort

## Timeline of Its Development

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

It's hard today to grasp just how popular a summer resort Amherst was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The biggest draw was Baboosic Lake – it was a “pond” until tourism turned it into a “lake” – which boasted of a hotel, two ballroom pavilions, two picnic and boating groves, bowling alleys and pool room, general store and even summer-only post office. The resort grew primarily out of two old farms situated on the lower half of the western shore. Already in the second half of the 19th century, the lake's two groves were a favorite day-trip destination for local groups, such as churches and granges and the firemen (1874 clambake) from Amherst and surrounding towns having annual picnics, as well as for ad-hoc outings of summer visitors staying elsewhere in the vicinity, such as the urbanites who rusticated for weeks at a time or even for the entire summer at several Amherst farmhouses and in Village hotel as well as guests of Milford's Ponemah and the grand hotels of Mont Vernon. In the early 20th century, larger groups such as Manchester factory employees and Nashua government employees and Knights Templar of Lynn (1929) went to the lake for their annual outing. Sometimes there reportedly were 1000 visitors there on a Saturday. There were several dances a week. A Tuesday evening dance at Point of Pines Pavilion in July 1915 drew over 50 couples, including automobile parties from Bedford, Milford, Merrimack, Manchester, Nashua, Wilton, and even the Grand Hotel in Mont Vernon. A considerable portion of the police department budget went toward monitoring dances at the lake. In 1937, Town paid Constable Hubley \$220.50 for policing Baboosic dances (out of total police dept. budget of \$364). As beds increased, the lake drew more and more folks from Massachusetts, some renting, some owning. The lake's summer colony fielded a baseball team to compete with Am-



Picnic Grove and NEW PINE-ECHO BALL ROOM, Baboosic Lake, Amherst, N. H. Hand Colored

Pine-Echo Pavilion with ballroom at Baboosic Lake, built as Point of Pines Pavilion in 1898 by hotel-owner Wm. H. Colston; second-floor apartment added in 1924 as summer home for proprietor & family. Sign with new name affixed 1927 after bought by G. F. Wenzel & Son Herb (“Sr.”). Photo c. 1930. Notice automobiles on left near entrance and large boat with awning in water. Building demolished by snow & Town in 1978 but this land has been Amherst's Town beach since 1971.

herst's team. With the advent of the automobile, stays got shorter, but still they came.

### Here's how Baboosic Lake resort developed.

**1873:** Hotel purpose-built to accommodate around 25-35 summer guests by Philip S. Barrett (1817-1892), expanding existing farmhouse (the only one on western shore) of late father-in-law John N. Wheeler (1791-1859), on 80-acre property that included lakeside picnic grove (now Town beach) with 4 boats. It was a “farm hotel” in contrast to grand-type hotel in Village (1868-1876). Name was changed from Baboosic House to Point of Pines House in 1914 by new owner Charles S. Nichols. It burned 1939, as proprietor-owner Niles Tenneson (1898-1968), a waitress, and four guests escaped in their nightclothes. (Duplex cottage built c. 1945 on hotel site, 12 Broadway.)

**1892:** First cottage subdivision created on western shore by Lemuel Fuller (1839-1929) with 55 lots, mostly tiny, near his lakeside grove, on about 10 acres of his 110a farm (formerly Isaac Weston's, owned by Fuller 1881-

1903) which adjoined north bound of hotel property. Cottage lot deeds stipulated that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold on premises. Fuller also pioneered the summer lakeside rental cottage.

**1898:** First pavilion for dancing erected on shore in (lower) grove by Wm. H. Colston (1847-1931), proprietor of hotel since 1879 and owner of its farm since 1892. Veranda added in 1914 and upstairs apartment in 1924 by C. S. Nichols. Name changed from Point of Pines to Pine-Echo in 1927 by new owners, German-born Gustav F. Wenzel (1870-1955), blacksmith, & son Herbert G. (1904-1953), musician and auto mechanic, of Manchester, who opened ice cream and confectionery stand. In summers of 1950s-'60s, when owned by third-generation resort proprietor Herbert W. Wenzel, Pine-Echo contained store and restaurant and pinball machines; besides dances with BYOB, movies were shown once a week and Catholic church services held on Sundays. Sold to Town 1971. Demolished 1978 by snow & Town.

**1900:** Train station opened at Baboosic Lake (near western shore, north of resort groves), on Milford-Manchester line that also stopped in Amherst Village (SE corner), separate line from Ponemah station in south part of town opened in 1848; discontinued Jan. 1926.

**1903:** Second pavilion, Moonbeam dance hall, erected on western shore in (upper) grove by Louis E. Clark (1866-1942) shortly after buying Fuller's farm. Clark ran his farm and summer pleasure resort with pavilion, bath houses, grocery store, pool hall, boats for hire and gas pump until 1923. Owned & run by Charles E. Crockett (b. 1873) from 1923-'26, and by Harold C. Gault (1886-1939) from 1926-'36. Moonbeam rebuilt by Gault in 1931 after collapsed from snow. Defunct by ca. 1950, pavilion was converted to private

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## ► AJWC Rummage Sale

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contact Tracey Hanlon at (603) 673-8777 or [nhshutterbug@comcast.net](mailto:nhshutterbug@comcast.net) to arrange for storage of items. Rummage Sale event details: Date: Sat., Sept. 26, 2015 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.) We thank you for your support! Amherst Junior Women's Club

About the Amherst Junior Women's Club

The Amherst Junior Women's Club is an organization of women who volunteer their time, energy and talent to enhance the community. We focus our efforts on civic needs, educational advancement and those less fortunate. Our goals are achieved not only through the efforts of our members but with the assistance and generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals. [HYPERLINK "http://www.ajwcnh.org"](http://www.ajwcnh.org) [www.ajwcnh.org](http://www.ajwcnh.org) Find us on Facebook.

## ► Releasing the Bonsai Artist

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The presentation will be a discussion of the horticultural practice of bonsai along with a live demonstration of the process. Bonsai is the Japanese word for “tray planting.” Through shallow planting, careful pruning, and other techniques, the bonsai artist emulates the look of a mature tree in miniature form.

Cultivating these living works of art is a peaceful and rewarding pursuit. “I discovered that bonsai teaches mindfulness, attentiveness, creativity, discipline, and purpose in a quiet and serene manner,” Myrlla says.

During the program, David and Myrlla will share their recommendations for plants particularly well suited to bonsai and explain how to care for them properly. “A healthy bonsai plant needs water, light, and consistent care,” says David. With proper attention, a bonsai tree can live for centuries.

Together, David and Myrlla have sixty years experience in the art of bonsai. Myrlla was first drawn to bonsai in her early twenties while living in the Philippines. She stud-

ied under local Bonsai Master Mario Estiva, who recognized her talent and encouraged her development as an artist. Soon she was exhibiting her work at local garden and flower shows, and from there went on to build a successful business cultivating and selling bonsai. David came to bonsai with a diverse business background, including experience in management, sales, marketing, and teaching. He has spent the past fifteen years developing new skills in bonsai design. At their studio in Keene, DBMB Bonsai and Saikai, they offer workshops and sell the bonsai trees that they have cultivated.

Following the presentation, guests will have the opportunity to purchase bonsai trees at a 10% discount. In addition, the tree created during the demonstration will be raffled off.

The club's general meeting will begin at 9:15 AM, followed by a short social time. The bonsai program will begin at 10:30 AM. Guests are always welcome at meetings with no fee.

## ► Putting Your Gardens To Bed

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bulbs. Marti Warren, a past garden club president and committee member of the “Plant it Pink” event in Amherst two years ago, will tell you everything you need to successfully plant bulbs. There will be handouts on bulbs and best places to purchase. This is perfect timing for these two fall activities in your garden.

Last year's “Evening Meetings” of the Amherst Garden Club brought many local citizens out to learn more about gardening and landscaping. The programs were designed for those who are unable to attend our monthly daytime speak-

ers, because they work or have young families. Once again the garden club will be offering a series of fall and spring speakers. We meet the first Thursday night in September, October and November for the “Fall Series” and March, April, May for the “Spring Series”. We invite all to come and share the love of gardening as well as enjoy our guest speakers. Meetings are held at Parkhurst Place, 11 Veterans Road, Amherst from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. You do not need to be a member of the Amherst Garden Club to attend, meetings are open to the public with no fee.

## AMHERST RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Trips

#### Three Rivers Overnight White Water Rafting Trip

Finish summer off with a huge splash while rafting down the Kennebec River in northern Maine! Join us as we embark on our first overnight trip with our new mini bus! More information can be found at [amherstrec.org](http://amherstrec.org).

#### White Water Rafting Trip Details

Who: Ages 12+  
What: Overnight White Water Rafting Trip, West Forks Maine  
Where: West Forks, Maine (meet at Souhegan High School)  
When: August 26-August 27  
Fee: \$125R; \$145NR

#### Foxwoods Casino Day Trip

The Amherst Recreation Department invites you on an adventure to Foxwoods Casino in Mashantucket, CT.

We will meet at the Walmart Supercenter in Amherst, NH on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. We will depart at 9 am and return to Amherst by 6 pm. The fee will include round trip traveling costs. Lunch/entertainment is on your own.

#### Trip Details

Who: Adults 21+  
What: Foxwoods Casino Day Trip  
When: Wednesday, September 16  
Depart: 9 am at Walmart Super Center in Amherst, NH  
Return: 6:30 pm at Walmart Super Center in Amherst, NH  
Fee: \$20R; \$30NR

#### Hobo Harvest Time Express Train Day Trip

This fall, we will be taking a day trip to Lincoln, NH during the peak of fall foliage season. Price includes round trip train ride, admission to the Hobo Harvest Festival activities, lunch, and transportation to and from the events.

# Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

### Trip Details

Who: Adults and Families  
What: Hobo Harvest Time Express Train Day Trip w/lunch  
Where: Meet at Souhegan High School Parking lot  
When: October 3rd; 9am-5:30pm  
Fee: \$35R per child; \$39R per adult; \$45NR per child; \$49NR per adult

### Sister Act Musical Comedy Day Trip

It is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that will have audiences jumping to their feet! Join the Amherst Recreation Department as we travel to Beverly, MA to enjoy the play, Sister Act! Price includes round trip travel to and from the play, as well as the play admission. We will be stopping for lunch before showtime. Please bring additional money for lunch, as it is not included.

### Trip Details

Who: Adults 18+  
What: Sister Act Performance  
When: Wednesday, November 4th  
Departure: 9:30 am from Walmart Parking lot, Amherst NH  
Return time: 6:30 pm (Walmart)  
Fee: \$59R; \$69NR- Includes roundtrip transportation and show ticket

### Pre-school Programming

#### Preschool Playgroup

We would like to offer a brand new program to the town of Amherst! This FREE program will give preschool age students and parents a chance to get out of the house and play together. This is a great way to get preschoolers out and engaging with children their own age.

No Registration Required  
Who: Preschoolers and parents/caregivers  
What: Preschool Playgroup  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
When: Fridays 11am-Noon (starting 9/11/15)  
Fee: FREE

#### Tot Soccer

Our program is offered to 3 and 4 year olds who will be introduced to the basic building blocks of soccer including dribbling, passing and kicking skills through games and activities appropriate for their age-

## Amherst Recreation Buys New Mini Bus



We took our maiden voyage to the NH Craftsmen Fair and the Lake Sunapee boat cruise this month thanks to a recent purchase of our new mini bus. We had a remarkable day, with smiles all around! Since then, it has been seen bringing our day campers to the town beach, and also bringing our residents to our weekly summer concerts on the Town Common. This wonderful addition will open up program opportunities that were previously cost prohibitive. The mini bus was funded through the Recreation Revolving Fund, established in 2001 by an overwhelming majority of the voters. This fund is designed to separate expenses and income related to programming from the operating budget of the Recreation Department. Recreation programming in Amherst is entirely self-funded through user fees. Please email us with trip ideas as we are always open to new suggestions for upcoming trips.

group. This program is offered on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings from 9/16-10/15.

### Tiny Toes Dance

Our Tiny Toes Dance program is for girls and boys ages 3-5. In this 4 week program, students will get an intro to dance.

Who: Boys and Girls ages 3-5  
What: Tiny Toes Dance  
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
When: 9/11-10/2 from 10:15-11am  
Fee: \$30R; \$35NR

### Youth Programming

#### Cross Country Team

This program will emphasize on learning how to run cross country and include trail running. We have two new levels of running this year; the fitness level and the competitive level. The program is open to

athletes ages 7-18.

### Yoga for Kids

Encourage children to turn off their devices and tune in to themselves with yoga.

Who: 1st-4th Graders  
When: Tuesdays 9/15-10/27  
Where: Wilkins School  
Fee: \$55R; \$65NR

### Yoga for Boys

Boys ages 1-6  
3:15-4:15 Thursdays,  
9/17-10/22 for, \$55R, \$65NR

### Yoga for Middle School

This yoga class is suitable for males and females who are experienced with yoga and those who are new to yoga.

Who: 5th-8th graders  
When: Wednesdays 9/16-10/28

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