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Feeding Birds All Year Long

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The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments and a short business meeting. The program will start at 10:15 a.m. Following the program, there will be a drawing for door prizes. Please join us! The public is welcome.

► Answers to Amherst History Quiz from page 4

cupant of 15 Middle Street was Gilbert Small (1820-1877), blacksmith, who bought it in 1854 and spent the rest of his life there. Although not built by/for a blacksmith, the house at 92 Boston Post Road was home for four decades of blacksmith Joel F. Osgood (1807-1891), who bought it in 1841.

**Shops:** The furniture making shop of Ephraim Blanchard (1778-1841) was at 2 Middle Street (one storey at that time) and his home next-door at 94 Boston Post Road [Amh Citzn 24 Nov. 2009 p. 10]. At least seven of the old houses in Amherst Village once housed a millinery shop: 97 and 91 Boston Post Road, 6 Courthouse Road, 8 Main Street, 10 Cross Street, 15 Middle Street, and 4 Foundry Street (at its prior location). Among the milliners were: Mrs. Mary W. Few who resided at 8 Main Street; Sophia Phelps who resided with her parents at 18 Foundry Street, and Miss Louisa C. Eastman, daughter of the pipe maker whose home was at 4 Middle Street. [Amh Citzn 9 April 2013 p. 4,8; 26 March 2013 p. 4,5; 7 March 2013 p. 7, 10.]

**Robert Frost:** The famous poet spent a childhood summer in 1885 in the Timothy Smith House at 324 Boston Post Road in the south part of Amherst [Amh Citzn 28 June 2011 p. 4, 6].

Buildings Now Gone

**Foundry:** Amherst’s foundry was on Foundry Street, of course, on north side (opposite Clark School) set back from road, active there about 1850 to 1876 (its largest building removed 1908). Its main product line was iron stoves (a good collection in Wigwam museum). Bonus point if you also identified 3-story brick building (“Cushing’s Folly”) as location where the Foundry Street foundry started (around 1840 by Daniel Hartshorn). I will not accept “in backyard of [any] house on Main Street” as answer because I have found no deed or other evidence for it. However, double bonus points if you knew that E. & T. Woolson erected a furnace in Amherst as early as 1814 for casting iron machinery, hollow ware and flat-irons, and sleigh shoes; in 1838, the furnace of Ezra Woolson & son was in westerly part of town. [Amh Citzn 26 Jan. 2010 p. 8; 9 Feb. 2010 p. 6]

**Stores:** Stores of 18th and 19th centuries, now gone, were located at: 1 Pierce Lane (opened 1772, bought by Robt. Means 1774; burned 1863); SW corner of Middle & Main Streets, north side yard of 4 Main Street (started c. 1786; razed 1940) [HSA newsletter April 2013]; first lot on Main Street, next to Means store (Eber Lawrence et al.; burned 1863); Soldiers’ Monument Common (started 1792; Read Store from 1806; torn down 1858) [HSA

Winter Birds

welcome to attend the meeting.

Thanks go to the Evening Steering Committee for their continued support and leadership – Amy Hanson, Linda Madden, Mary Snaith and Tina Summers as well as Marti Warren for great speaker selection and as always, Sue Spies, Doffie Farar and Linda Fraser.

NL Feb. & April 2015]; first building at 5 Courthouse Road (built & opened 1792 by Abraham Kimball; brief); 3-story brick buildings (1802-1948, burned); “5A” Church Street, middle of three buildings in now-empty space (c. 1816-1890; burned 1909) [HSA NL Aug. 2014]. Buildings still standing in Amherst Village that served as stores include: Prior House at 11 Courthouse Road (few years from 1799); 2 Middle Street; 8 Main Street; former hotel carriage house at 12 Middle Street.

**Factories:** The card factory was located at 8 Main Street since 1824. The cards were used for carding (combing) wool and cotton, part of the process of creating yarns that could be turned into cloth. [Amh Citzn 10 June 2014 p. 4, 6; Historical Society newsletter April 2014.] The owners of the card factory were David Holmes who built his house at 6 Main Street in 1823 and Jonathan White who built his brick house at 4 Main Street in 1828. The whip factory was at 110 Boston Post Road since 1831. The owners were Samuel B. Melendy, who lived in the David Holmes House at 6 Main Street, and Barnabas B. David who lived in the brick Robert Means Jr. Mansion at 201 Boston Post Road.

**Fulling Mill:** It was located about a mile south of the Village Common, just southeast of the bridge over Beaver Brook. It was established in 1784 by Ebenezer Taylor Sr. (1761-1835) [Amh Citzn 8 Nov. 2011 p. 4, 5]. A fulling mill cleaned and thickened woven cloth. The clothier, as the occupation was called, also dyed the cloth; Taylor’s successor, Enoch Stevens, in 1795 offered “deep blue, scarlet, crimson, and other colours.” Although the mill is long gone, the house built (c. 1788) by Ebenezer Taylor still stands at 6 Ponemah Road.

**Train Stations:** Amherst had 3 train stations. The first, opened 1848, was called Danforth’s Corner and later Ponemah station, located by existing tracks near SE corner of intersection of Rts 122 (road to Hollis) and 101A (road to Nashua). The other two, on a different line, opened at the very end of 1900: Amherst station at southeast corner of Village near intersection of Courthouse Road & Thornton Ferry Road One and Baboosic station on west side of lake, north of the resorts. [Amh Citzn 12 May 2015 p. 4, 7.]

Well, how did you do? Are you wondering about a particular topic? For a full list of Katrina Holman’s Historic Amherst columns (and errata) for the past six years, see the reference librarian at Amherst Town Library. Many of the historic buildings covered in this quiz are included in *Walking Tours of Amherst Village* (2010) by the Historical Society of Amherst, N.H.



Woman’s Association members Cynthia Sears and Carol Lyon examine some of the donations for last year’s Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale at Congregational Church on October 2 & 3

AMHERST – The Woman’s Association of the Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC, will hold its fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 2, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

This well-organized sale will feature clothing, jewelry, toys, games, puzzles, books, linens, small house-

hold items and home decorations at very reasonable prices. On Saturday morning, all remaining items will be available at \$5.00 a bag!

The church is located at 11 Church Street. Use the side entrance. Questions? See the church website at [ccamherst.org](http://ccamherst.org) or contact the church office at 673-3231.



► Amherst Recreation Programs from page 4

make a basket from scratch to finished project. These beautiful and useful baskets can be given with pride as a holiday gift.

**Who:** Adults 18-108  
**When:** Saturday 9/26; 8am-4:30pm  
**Where:** AMS; Life Skills Room  
**Fee:** \$125R; \$135NR

Adult Basketball and Adult Volleyball

Sign up for some pick-up adult basketball or volleyball games through Amherst Recreation. Only \$35 per session.

Family Programming

Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride Season Pass

The Amherst Recreation Department is now selling Crotched Mountain Season passes at a discounted club price to Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. These passes are for the 2015-2016 season. Save big by purchasing with the ARD. Proceeds from pass sales go to help fund our Thursday Night Lights Ski Program.

Birthday Parties at PMEC!

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

We have several themes to choose from or we can work together to tailor one just for your Birthday Girl or Boy. Please visit [www.amherstrec.org](http://www.amherstrec.org) for more details.

Adult & Youth Horseback Riding Lessons

In conjunction with Walnut Hollow Farm of Amherst, horseback riding lessons for kids & adults are back. Students will learn the anatomy of a horse, barn management, tack, grooming and ride in their outdoor or indoor ring. See more information on our website.

(Please be sure to call before registering. Day/Time must be verified with the farm.)

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!

Amherst Garden Club Charitable Fund at Work at Women’s Prison



Amherst Garden Club member, Anne Krantz with vegetable plants



Gardeners at the Women’s Prison in Goffstown help prepare and plant vegetable plant gardens for use in the prison kitchen

AMHERST – For the past several years, Anne Krantz, a past president and long-time Amherst Garden Club member, has been working with Margaret Hagen at the Women’s Prison in Goffstown to help the women plant and nurture vegetables that can be used in food preparation in the prison kitchen. Margaret is the Food & Agriculture Field Specialist with the UNH Cooperative Extension in Hillsborough County, and has been a past speaker at the AGC.

Anne knew that the project needed funds to improve the gardens and approached the Amherst Garden Club Charitable Fund. Once the form was filled out and the Charitable Fund committee agreed that the project fulfilled the mission of the club, the committee members recommended that \$300 be given to the cause.

The results have been outstanding. The women planted seven kinds of lettuce, radishes, kale, cucumbers, zucchini, green and purple bush beans, sugar snap peas and pink pumpkins from seed. They also grew hot peppers, tomatoes, herbs and garlic. On one day in July, they sent 25 pounds of produce to the kitchen. The herbs that they sent were used in pizza.

Margaret says that she emphasizes growing both greens and cherry

tomatoes as they produce in large enough volume to actually incorporate them into a salad for 100+ people. With less than 400 sq. ft. of garden space, the gardeners can’t fit in a large number of plants, so the rest come in smaller quantities.

While eating the produce is a great outcome, the process is even more important than the product and how it is used. Margaret teaches skills: how to plan a garden; how to amend and fertilize the soil; how to mulch, irrigate, compost; how to scout for insects and weeds and deal with them; and how to harvest, clean and prep the garden for next year. This is the fourth year for the garden and Margaret says that the women are beginning to take on leadership roles. The goal is to have the experience and skills to aid them in the future. Anne has dedicated her time and knowledge and has kept the club connected to this project.

An important part of the garden club mission is to “provide education and resources...to promote the love of gardening.” The AGC has provided the funds to educate and the resources to teach women in very different circumstances than their own to garden and to have pride in what they accomplish.

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AMHERST – Winter is coming again soon with potential snow, ice, high winds, power outages, floods, etc. The town of Amherst has instituted the CODE RED Emergency Notification System, an ultra-high speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows the town to telephone all or targeted areas of town in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. It then delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

THE SYSTEM WILL ONLY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.

- Severe weather situations
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- Missing or lost persons
- Fires or floods
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