

FROM THE PASTOR

When Karen and I lived in Dover, NH in the early 1970's we were active at First Parish Church. The pastor, Art Domingue, preached extemporaneously every week. It was years before I attended theological school, but I liked his way of speaking, and I thought if I ever worked in a job, self to familiarity between listeners and the speaker. It enables the speaker to register the impact of the spoken word as the listeners' expressions vary. Smiles and frowns are evident. Excitement and boredom can be read clearly. Glazed eyes can be noticed before the stage of snoring is reached. Affection between speaker and listeners prompts respect. Practicing affection mindfully enables patience, forgiveness, and humility, features that are necessary for community life to be sustained.

Art once said that the sermon needs to be part of the ongoing conversation with the community during the rest of the week. Since I began working in Canterbury in September, 2012 I have received more active responses to my sermons than in any other time in 36 years of parish ministry. You have engaged me in many ongoing conversations. And, many of you have shared with me copies of essays and books that relate to subjects we discuss. Stacks of these adorn my study at home.

While pondering a writing task several days ago, I remembered a copy of an essay by farmer, poet, essayist, novelist and environmentalist, Wendell Berry, given to me in the fall of 2012. "It All Turns on Affection". I needed to return to that essay, but I had forgotten where I'd put it (a careful place, no doubt). Fortunately, memory served me well, and I found the essay within a couple of minutes.

Affection is the ingredient that holds families and communities together, sustaining them. Berry says that this is the most important part of what it means to be human, and without it we are wandering, mobile seekers after one stimulating and distracting thing after another. If done to excess, Berry says doing it at all, we give affection to things which destroy, and this is wrong. Berry says that the word "affection and the terms of value that cluster around it – love, care, sympathy, mercy, forbearance, respect, reverence – have histories and meanings that raise the issue of worth. We should give our affection to things that are true, just, and beautiful."

Affection is given and received, we learn how, in small communities that are sustainable. To be sustainable we need to honor two cycles, the fertility cycle of birth, growth, maturity and death, in harmony with a cultural cycle. The cultural cycle is an unending conversation between old people and young people. "The fertility cycle turns by the law of nature. The cultural cycle turns on affection."

As we feel ourselves stretched too thin by our schedules, full of many things that are essentially good, but straining every day the weave of affection in our families by the sheer weight of them, I wonder if we are indeed doing violence to ourselves, having lost the art of continuous conversation between people of all ages.

I invite you to join us for this conversation at Canterbury United Community Church, or by other means in our community, at nightly supper tables, and in the center of town gathering places. This is not an issue for church people only. If we care at all for the life of this community, this small and intimate gem of humaneness, then this conversation requires our attention, our affection.

Gratefully,

Bill Donoghue

(Reprinted from March 2016)

March - Month At A Glance

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

March 14 - Town Elections, 1st session- Town Hall

March 14 - Shaker District Voting - BHS

March 17 - Town Meeting, 2nd session - CES

March 23 - Child Find Clinic - CES

March 26 - Sugarin' Off

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MONTHLY MEETINGS
Meet at the Meetinghouse (MH) unless
Otherwise noted
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm MH
Fire & Rescue
(at Municipal Complex)
Business Mtg., 1st Mon., 6:30 pm
Officers Meeting: Last Thurs., 7:00 pm
Trainings: All other Mondays, 7:00 pm
Library Trustees
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, Elkins Library
Planning Board
2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, MH
4th Tuesday, as needed
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HOW TO PLACE A NEWSLETTER AD

The deadline is the 16th of each month. \$7 for 30 words
or less or \$14 for up to 60 words. Please email ad to
newsletter (see address below) and mail payment to
CUCC, PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224.

Must be received by the 16th!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Trustees will meet on Mon. March 6 at 7:00.

ROCK N' READ is a music and movement program for babies and toddlers. Come join the fun on **Tues. March 14 and 28 at 10:00**. We have a wonderful group of children that meet, sing and play together. We have children as young as 3 months old participate! Start them young!

STORY HOUR on **Tues. March 7 and March 21 at 10:00**. Each story hour includes songs, a book, a five-minute dance party, a craft and sometimes a goodie to eat! What fun!

LEGO CLUB: Come create! **Tues. March 7 and 21 from 4:00-5:00**. This is a "drop in" club that requires no sign up. Come when you can and stay until your parents tell you it's time to leave! This is a time for parents and children to play together.

MAKER SPACE: Back by popular demand –Snap Circuits! Join us every Mon. and Tues. after school to play after your homework is complete.

YOUNG READER'S CLUB: **Mon. March 27 at 3:15**. Grades 4-6 are having a dance party to shake out the winter blahs. Come be involved in this BIG group – join in an ice breaker activity and learn more about each other. Let's enjoy some Smores!

TAG: Teen Advisory Group: Mon. March 27 at 6:00. Let's take this new movie screen out for a spin (a gift from FOEPL, thank you). You decide what we want to watch and we can eat smores together.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Studies show that reading to your baby is the most important thing you can do. Come in for a chart and some stickers. When you complete a chart showing that you have read 100 books and turn it in to Mrs. Baker – the next time you come to the library, there will be a present waiting for you! We have three children who have reached the 1000 goal and 7 who will reach the goal by the summer. Currently, we have a total of 27 children involved in this program. We could not be happier!

CES Outreach: We are excited to participate in the I Love to Read program at Canterbury Elementary school. We will be visiting each classroom to read some new titles to the classes.

OMBBC (Old Man Boring Book Club, not just for men!) Join the group on **Thursday, March 2 at 7pm** to share the historical and biographical books you have recently enjoyed.

The BOOK GROUP meets **Tues. March 21 at 7:00** to discuss, *Lacy Eye* by Jessica Treadway. Copies are available at the library.

The Zen of Adult Coloring: A great way to spend a wintry afternoon at the library. Enjoy quiet music, conversation if you choose and homemade treats while coloring relaxing designs with colored pencils and gel pens. **Every Thursday from 1:30 – 3:00**. **The Knitting Group** continues meeting Wed. evenings at 6:30 by the fireplace.

Quilters every Wed. morning from 10 – 1.

Scrabble every Monday night at 5:00. Come join in!

Games! We have popular board games for all ages to enjoy at the library.

Puzzle Swap – stop by, take one and leave one. All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition with all pieces in the box.

"A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falling"
Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? People who experience a fear of falling often limit their physical activities, which can result in loss of strength, reduced muscle tone and balance problems, making the risk of falling greater. **"A Matter of Balance"** is an eight week fall prevention program that gives older adults the self-confidence to reduce their fear of falling and improve their activity levels. The program will be held on **Mondays beginning April 3 through May 22 from 1 – 3 p.m.** at This program is offered at no charge. **To register call Concord Regional VNA at (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.**

MEDITATE: Looking to unwind in these hectic times? Join Fran Nash for an hour of gentle stretching and meditation **Friday, March 17 at 6:30**. Wear loose comfortable clothing and bring a mat or blanket to lie on.

Chromebooks! There are two new Chromebooks at the library which gives access to seven stations for public use. **Chromebooks** run Google's Chrome OS. These machines are designed to be used primarily while connected to the Internet, with most applications and documents living in the cloud.

Family passes to the SEE Science Center and The Currier Museum of Art are available to borrow.

Download audio books, e-books & magazines! Check out the website <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com> for more details and then contact the **library** if you would like to **register** for this service and receive the code required.

FRIENDS OF ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOEPL) UPDATE

Our Frontier Soup fundraiser over the holidays was a great success — thanks to all who purchased them! The soups were delicious and we promise to be back next fall to repeat this event.

Exciting news! FOEPL received a generous donation from the Grappone Group in January. The donation was to be used for children's programs and supplies. The money was immediately put to good use, paying for a performance by Judy Pancoast during the library's vacation-week program, and for Rachel to cross a few more items off her wish list for the children.

Ken Folsom donated a cord of wood to be raffled off by FOEPL, and the lucky winner was Chuck Sanborn, with a second prize of Valentine chocolates going to Rick Crockford. Thank you to Ken and to Scott Rueswick for delivering the wood to the winner.

FOEPL volunteered to do shelf reading for the Library the last two weeks in February and are taking care of baking for the vacation-week program.

We have also hired blues musician TJ Wheeler to perform for all on May 18. More details to follow!

Our membership is growing, and we are always looking for new members and new ideas. If all you can do is contribute you membership fee, we love you for that! Membership forms are at the library. Any questions contact: Mary Ellen MacCoy at: marymaccoy@myfairpoint.net, Sarah Crow at: smcrow@comcast.net, or ask at the Library.

AROUND TOWN

CANTERBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Do you like to read? Come to the next meeting of the Benevolent Society being held at Elkins Library and hear about presentations of several book reviews. We will be meeting at 1 PM on March 8th. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend whether you are a member or not.

~ Judith Patterson

Morris Practices On The Horizon!

Adult and young adult (5th grade and up) Morris Dancing practices are back on track! For any current dancers, former dancers, and by all means, anyone interested in joining! Morris Dance is a type of old English Folk Dance, which includes wearing awesome bells, sporting white snazzy hankies, and of course, CRASHING STICKS! You need to bring water, solid shoes (no sandals or crocs,) a set of hankies if you've got them, and a fun attitude! Practices are held at the Parish House from 6:30-8:00pm on the following dates:

March 16
April 27
May 25

We will begin with the young children in June (grades 1 and up) so stay tuned for further information. If you are interested or have questions, please give Polly a call (783-8374, before 9 pm) and be ready to give her an email address. Hope to see people then!

~ Polly Camire



March is "I Love to Read Month" at CES.

This year students in grades K-5 will have the opportunity to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital while they compete in a read-athon.

Students can either get donations for each book read, or for the number of minutes they read. Students in grades K-2 can also count books read to them by others.

The read-athon will run from March 1-31. We are reaching out to the Canterbury community as well.

If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Kim Wieck at kwieck@sau80.org, or leave a message at 783-9944.

For more details about St. Jude, visit stjude.org. Thank you!

CES NEWS



Voting for the Shaker Regional School District will take place on March 14, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Belmont High School. Prior to adopting SB2, voting took place at the district meeting, usually held on a Friday night in March. This year residents from both towns need to go to Belmont High School to vote on the school district budget and warrants which include the election of officers, the teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, additions to the Facilities and Grounds and the Technology Expendable Trust funds, the Authorization of Voting Places in each town and a warrant to rescind SB2. More related information can be found on the District's webpage. www.shaker.k12.nh.us under Budget Development 2017-2018.

March is "I Love to Read Month" at CES and we are looking for volunteers to come into school to read to the children. If you can spare 15 to 20 minutes to read a book of your choice or one provided, please contact the school and we will schedule a time, date and class to meet your preferences.

Registration of new students for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on March 16 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. A copy of a birth certificate and immunization records are required for registration. Incoming kindergarteners must be five years old as of September 30, 2017, and children registering for first grade must be six years old as of September 30, 2017. Students who have attended kindergarten in the district do not need to register for grade 1. Please call the school if you have any questions concerning registration. (783-9944)

This year's "Monster Concert" will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at Belmont High in the school gymnasium. Music director, Carlos Martinez, will lead the district's beginning bands and High School music director, Lauren Fountain, will conduct the middle and high school bands. The CES beginner and second year band will be performing. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M.

A "Child Find Clinic," sponsored by the School District, will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at Canterbury Elementary School. This assessment service is for children ages 2 1/2 through 5 who are not enrolled in a public school program and may have a disability or a developmental delay. The screening and evaluation (if deemed necessary) are free of charge. Required appointments can be made by calling the Office of Student Services at 267-9222.

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| March 10 | PTO Family Movie Night 6:00 |
| March 14 | School Board BHS 6:00 |
| March 14 | School District Voting BHS 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. |
| March 16 | Kindergarten Registration |
| March 16 | Monster Concert |
| March 20 | PTO 6:30 |
| March 24 | In-Service – No School |

~ Mary Morrison

AROUND TOWN



Canterbury 4H Rascals

Our last meeting was held February 6th. The members who participated in the lamp base making project displayed their finished lamps. A big thanks to Ted West and Emily Preston who led the class.

Upcoming projects are ice fishing, rug hooking, lamp shade photo panel class, and lamp shade cut and pierce class. Upcoming events are the photography critique session, poster workshop, Easter Egg Hunt, Teen Conference, and Presentation Day. Presentation Day will be held at Merrimack Valley Middle School on March 11. This event will include public speaking, posters, photography, demonstrations, and action exhibits.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 1, at 10:00 AM at Canterbury Elementary School. This event is for children 11 and under who live in Canterbury. Please bring your own basket.

Please contact Laura Crockford at either 540-9877 or canterburyrascals4H@gmail.com with any questions.

~ *Ethan Condi - Reporter*



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ANNOUNCING:

DROP-IN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, is looking for support, and/or desires to connect with others, this free bereavement program may be what you are looking for. Located at our office.

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DROP-IN DATES: 2:00 TO 3:30 PM
March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10

Open to all. No registration needed and regular attendance is not required but encouraged

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SUGARIN' OFF

It's that time again for Maple Season and SUGARIN' OFF at Hutchinson Family Sugarhouse. Sunday March 26th we'll kick off the annual family-friendly party at our Hackleboro Rd Sugarhouse with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by music and dancing with *Two Fiddles*. We'll be raffling off a delicious maple gift basket filled with locally made products and announce the winners of our annual "half-pint" coloring contest! We hope you'll join us for this FREE annual event as we celebrate the end of our 57th year of Maple Sugaring here in Canterbury NH!

~ *Brian & Adrienne Hutchinson*
HutchinsonFamilySugarhouse@gmail.com
271 Hackleboro Road
Canterbury NH 03224

CONGRATULATIONS TO BHS CANTERBURY SENIORS COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Nicholas Galambos – Paul Smith College, Lakes Regional Community College
Lindsey Huckins – Western New England University, Southern New Hampshire Univ.
Sophie Miller - Univ. Rhode Island, Keene State, Lakes Regional Comm. College
Makenzie Morse – Keene State College
Calvin Poitras – University of New Hampshire

CONGRATULATIONS

William Chiang of Canterbury has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning High Honors for the fall 2016 semester. Chiang is majoring in Political Science.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Belmont High School Indoor Track & Field Team successfully competed in the Division II State Championship on Sunday, February 5 at Dartmouth College. Nick Randos placed 5th in the 1500m (4:23.85); **Alice Riley** placed 6th in the 3000m (10:46.19 - new school record) and 7th in 1500m (5:16.68); **Jasmine Syed** placed 7th in the 1000m (3:19.98 - new school record); **Eli Allman** placed 7th in the 55m Hurdles (8.58); Ian Remenar placed 12th in the 55m Hurdles (8.97). Belmont's three relay teams set new school records - girls' 4 by 800m (7th, 10:34.95) (Alexus Day, **Emma Chase**, **Jessica Hutchinson**, **Jasmine Syed**), girls' 4 by 200m (14th, 2:01.47) (Kaitlynn Delisle, **Sana Syed**, **Emma Chase**, **Jasmine Syed**), boys' 4 by 200m (9th, 1:39.86) (**River Mathieu**, **Eli Allman**, Ian Remenar, Ben Hillsgrove).

AROUND TOWN

Friends Youth Mentoring Program

Upcoming Orientations for new mentors & interested parties:

Thursday, March 2, 2017 5-7:30pm w/Maureen Desmond
Saturday, March 25, 2017 10am-12:30pm w/Brian Bernard
Thursday, April 6, 2017 4:30-7pm w/Maureen Desmond

Call [\(603\) 228-0108](tel:6032280108) to register.

This session would equip you with information about Friends Youth Mentoring and introduce you to some best practices. This opportunity is for those who are considering stepping up and stepping in to help a needy child, as well as for those who are already on the path to becoming a youth mentor.

All orientations held at the Friends Program offices, 202 North State Street, Concord, NH 03301.

We greatly appreciate your participation with our event listings, thank you for helping us find new mentors!

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Youth Mentoring Program Intern
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TRANSFER STATION

It's that time again, time to pick up the litter along our roadsides across Canterbury. The annual Town-wide Roadside Cleanup is happening again next month, on Saturday April 22nd, Earth Day!

Past years have seen participation on a grand scale, with literally hundreds of bags of recycling and trash removed from our beautiful town in just a single day. Growing this wonderful community event with even greater resident participation will be something to be truly proud of.

To sign up for your favorite stretch of road, please contact Patrice Rasche at mattieandriley@yahoo.com or 783-9360. The blue bags specially designated for use in the roadside cleanup can be picked up at the Transfer Station.

~ Patrice Rasche

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

In the last newsletter, I was happy to report that we had found and repaired the water leak in our water line. Well, bad news, we developed another more substantial (14,000 gals. in two days) leak. Good news, we found it the following week. The leak was in the line going into the Town Hall. We have shut the water off to the Town Hall until repairs can be made in the spring.

The town report is complete and should be available soon. Thank you to everyone that got the reports in and to the staff here at the Town Office that worked on it and to the Historical Society for the cover design and historical essay.

Jim Snyder has tendered his resignation. Jim is the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Jim has served in this position since 1996. We would like to thank Jim for his many years of service.

The Sam Lake House Renovation Committee is hosting a Public Information Meeting on Friday March 3rd at 7 PM at the Meeting House.

April 1st is the start of the new tax year. The Assessor will be out visiting properties that have recently been issued building permits or verifying previous construction projects.

April 15th is the last day to file for any property tax exemptions and or credits. It is also the last day to file any new current use applications.

See you at the Town Meetings, 1st session Tuesday March 14th at the Town Hall, 2nd session Friday March 17th at the Canterbury Elementary School.

~ Ken Folsom
Town Administrator

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSE TAGS are now available. RSA: 466:1 mandates licensing of all dogs in the State of New Hampshire no later than May 1, 2017.

JUST A REMINDER: If you are appointed or elected to a town board or commission Tuesday, March 14th, it is your responsibility to present at the Office of the Town Clerk to be sworn in to your position.

~ Ben Bynum, Town Clerk

Town-Wide Email List

The Town of Canterbury has a Town-Wide email list to distribute information. If anyone is not on the list and would like to be, contact me at : canterburytownemail@gmail.com
This is a great way to get information out.
Thank you!

~Laura Crockford

AROUND TOWN



SHAKER VILLAGE NEWS

While the winter landscape around the Village is quiet this time of year, there is a lot of activity within our office walls. We are pleased to welcome a number of newcomers who are bringing fresh energy to our mission of "Rethinking Tradition."

~ Duke LaFlamme - Trustee and Finance Committee member

As Vice President, Eaton Vance Investment Counsel, Duke provides investment management services to individuals, corporations, foundations and endowments. He is a member of the Boston Security Analysts Society (BSAS) and the CFA Institute and currently serves on the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Lakes Region Advisory Board as a member.

Susan Bennett - Interim Executive Director

During Susan's twelve-year tenure as Executive Director of the Lexington (MA) Historical Society, the Society renovated and restored its buildings, overhauled the care and public use of its collections and archives, reinvigorated program offerings, and developed new interpretive programs for its house museums. Susan has undergraduate and law degrees from Yale University and a masters in archives management from Simmons.

Cornelia Purcell - Interim Development Director

Cornelia has years of experience working at Dartmouth College in development and has helped smaller institutions in their fundraising efforts. She will work with Juliana Phillips, Development Committee Chair, and Susan to shape the Village's development program.

Caroline Golja - Development Associate

A New Hampshire native, Caroline graduated from Beloit College in 2013 in Wisconsin and then joined the college's Development Office. She also has museum experience at the Beloit College Museum of Art and the New Britain (CT) Museum of American Art. Caroline is a welcome addition to our hardworking Village staff.

*The work of the Village also requires the help of many additional hands. We are fortunate to have volunteers who provide invaluable assistance supplementing the work of our staff - please consider contributing your time and talent. **To learn more about different volunteer projects at the Village, please contact 603-783-9077 x.284 or rsoules@shakers.org. New volunteers will be asked to fill out a simple application available on our website at www.shakers.org.***

CANTERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

As winter fades into the background and better weather is just around the corner.... Well maybe, the weather still can be unpredictable so keep in mind a few more safety tips: Winter takes a toll on your vehicle so getting a tune-up is a good idea. You might need an oil-change, new filters, or brake inspection. Check your tire pressure. Harsh winter weather can deflate your tires. (A bonus; proper tire pressure can help increase your mpg). Check your lights; headlights, taillights, back up lights, turn signals, parking lights, brake lights and license plate lights. Also, a thorough cleaning to get the salt off your vehicle, especially underneath. When you're at the gas station, wipe the sand and salt off your head and tail lights and clear your license plates of snow. Don't forget to use those fog lights, especially during the early morning hours. As the weather gets warmer, the animals start moving, which means more animals are crossing roadways. The most active time is at dawn and dusk.

Keep your eyes peeled for bad road conditions. Remember, winter weather brings frost heaves, potholes and other driving obstacles. Rainy days can bring slippery road conditions, big puddles and flooding. Spring thaw can create deceptively deep areas. When driving through standing water, slow down and keep a steady speed. After you get back on dry surface, check your brakes by pumping them a few times.

Water can reduce braking efficiency until the brakes dry off. Also, driving slowly through standing water helps prevents splashing onto other vehicles and an unwanted shower to pedestrians and bikers! Be careful that standing water isn't ice, especially if temperatures are hovering around freezing. Also, please be aware of State and Local Highway vehicles in the roadways cleaning, sanding and/or plowing. A reminder, Town Ordinance of plowing snow or ice in or across the road is still in effect. Weight limits will soon be posted on the roads.

As we step into March 2017, we would like to let you know that from January 16th, 2017, which was the last newsletter deadline through February 16th, 2017, which is the deadline for this article, your Canterbury Police Department has answered 123 Calls For Service, responded to 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, issued 90 citations (which includes warnings), conducted 12 investigations and have arrested 7 individuals.

Remember: It's Time to Spring Ahead - Daylight Savings Time, March 12th 2017. As always, if you have an emergency call 9-1-1, Merrimack County Sheriff's Department Dispatch, 228-1010.

Canterbury Police Department will be hosting a blood drive again this year. It will be at the Elementary School on April 4th, from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We're hoping for 25 units or more. Hope to see everyone there.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael P. Labrecque and Sgt. Ernest L. Beaulieu, Jr.

AROUND TOWN

Hike Canterbury March 2017 SEEING

I walk in the woods because I need the exercise, but also to get my “woods fix.” This time of year, I can often get this from animal tracks. I’ve seen weasel tracks this year. Don’t remember ever having seen them before. And rabbit – one. Hadn’t seen any for years. Apparently, there are more of them up north.

Best is when animals tell their stories with their trails. One of my favorites was following a fox trail that went right over a stump. I could visualize the fox jumping up on the stump just for the fun of it.

Otter tracks can tell you about the fun they’ve had. I once followed an otter’s tracks from the brook in the valley all the way up to Shaker Road. The otter had made the trip just so it could slide all the way back down on the crust perfectly dusted with snow. They also come up the brook to slide back down it on the sections of ice.

I once saw a deer and a bobcat’s tracks intersect. At the intersection, there were several clumps of deer hair on the trail.

Our free-flowing brook often provides a good show of different ice forms including ones that resemble the pom poms on Mexican sombreros. At one spot, there’s a small waterfall which is sometimes flowing under its ice. One year there was a small geyser where the water came out from under the ice. Every few minutes it would shoot up two or three feet.

I could go on and on. Being a wood guy I’m constantly checking out the trees. Being an old guy though, I have to spend too much time checking where my feet are going. Snow shoeing relieves this somewhat.

The Spring brings the endless show of regeneration, the Fall it’s colors. I love seeing moss and mushrooms reminding me how much more life is going on beneath the surface of the soil than above it. I love lichen and glacial erratics. We have one as big as a small cabin! (Not on our trails – special guided tour required.)

It’s forever possible to go over the same trails and see things you’ve never seen before.

~ Dave Emerson

Town Newsletter

In an effort to cut printing and mailing costs, we are in the process of cutting back on newsletters that are sent out as first class stamped. At the present time, we are mailing out 59 newsletters. These are all being mailed to readers that do not live in Canterbury. If those readers do not want to continue receiving their stamped newsletters, or want to get it via email, please contact Denise Sojka at 387-5380 or newslettercanterbury@gmail.com.

Note: this does not apply to those who get theirs via bulk mailing.

Newslettercanterbury@gmail.com



Canterbury Excursions

John Muir, one of our nation’s leading conservationists spent countless hours in nature and wrote many inspiring essays. A frequently used quote from his writings includes: “Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves” (Our National Parks, 1901). Another is: “Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike” (The Yosemite, 1912).

These days, many of us are feeling stressed, uncertain, and overwhelmed – a time when we could benefit from Nature’s peace and healing ways. We don’t have to go far to find that. Canterbury is blessed with an abundance of open space, including trails, public natural areas, waterways and more.

Starting on March 18 there will be monthly excursions to places throughout town with the purpose of exploring some of Canterbury’s peaceful and beautiful places, taking time to refresh our bodies and spirits by spending time outside, and connecting with neighbors and friends (longtime and not-yet met).

These excursions will be coordinated by Canterbury resident Ruth Smith, environmental educator and author of “Take Me Outside” a nature column which appears monthly in the *Concord Monitor*. Excursions will be guided by a variety of land owners, hosts and leaders and may include a simple walk in the woods, an evening of stargazing, or a paddle on the river. We are open to suggestions. If you have a favorite place in town that you’d like to share, let us know.

No RSVP is necessary, just come prepared to be outside for about 90 minutes. If there are specific instructions/needs for each excursion, information will be provided in this newsletter and on the town email. Send questions or suggestions to Ruth Smith at ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net. We hope you will join us. If you can’t make the scheduled events, take time outside on your own – it’s worth every minute.

March Excursion – Saturday, March 18, 10:00-11:30
Wildlife wanderings on Emerson Easement
418 Shaker Road, 1.25 miles north of Shaker Village
To learn about this property visit:

<http://5rct.org/properties/emerson-easement/>

Bring snowshoes or micro-spikes, depending on conditions.

Dress warmly.

Please arrive a few minutes early so we can get started at 10.

AROUND TOWN



March is CCFMA "Market Member Month"

First let us say "Thank you!" to all our members for your support last year! To all of our new and renewing members, please know that your \$25 membership dues helps to support the Canterbury Community Farmers Market mission to promote community, local food and agricultural products through regular dynamic farmers markets.

Did you know that Market memberships represent 50% of our basic operating budget each year? Stall fees from our vendors and music sponsorships from certain Market friends make up the rest of our income. That's one reason why your membership is so important to us!

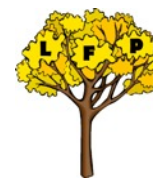
Some of the great activities that your membership dollars help support:

- Programs at the Elkins library featuring our vendors
- Weekly educational activities at the Market for kids and adults
- Great local talent to play live music at each weekly Market
- Food demonstrations at the Market throughout the season.
- Matching Funds available to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients. We match the first \$20 of SNAP benefit used.
- "Mary Ellen's Basket, the Market's charitable giving program named in honor of Mary Ellen Fifield. Each month a basket full of local produce, meat, cheese, bread and more is purchased from the Market vendors and given to a Canterbury family who could use a helping hand.

We love to see you in person, so please look for our table at the second session of Town Meeting in March. You will be able to renew your membership or become a NEW member, ask questions or just say hello, and receive a free apple! If we miss you there, please check our website www.ccfma.net for the 2017 Membership Form, or send your \$25 per member to CCFMA at PO Box 3, Canterbury, NH 03224. Please include contact info so we can keep you up-to-date on Market events.

Have we said THANK YOU yet? Well, if not, THANK YOU very kindly for your support of the 2017 Market season!

FYI: The Opening Market of the 2017 Season is Wednesday, June 7.



The LFP Challenge to Fight Hunger Update

The LFP Challenge To Fight Hunger is held every February, March and April. The donations from this challenge help to restock our food and funds after the holidays and during the time of the year when donations are low.

As of February 16th, we have received \$314.35 in food, \$529.01 in funds. That's a total of \$843.36.

Starting Date: February 1, 2017

Ending Date: April 30, 2017

Our 2017 Goal is \$10,000 in food and funds

To be part of this effort...

Donate In-date Food (It will be counted as \$1.00 per item).

Donate In-date Meat or Produce (It will be counted as \$1.00 per pound).

Donate funds (It will be counted dollar for dollar).

You must note your donation "LFPC" if you want it included or just verbally let us know. Everything from our donation sites will be automatically included in the LFP Challenge. All food and funds stay within Loudon Food Pantry!

How can you donate?

You can mail or drop off donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307-0734.

We also have drop off locations at the following:

Canterbury - Elkins Library – Food
Chichester - Camping World – Food
Epsom - Care Pharmacy – Cash Bin
Loudon - 106 Bean Stalk – Cash Bin
Loudon - Egg Shell Restaurant – Cash Bin
Loudon - Loudon Station - Food & Cash Bin
Loudon - Loudon Village Country Store – Cash Bin

Please spread the word! With your help, we can feed households in need. Thank you in advance for your consideration! If you have any questions, please call Sue at 724-9731.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help us process the food that was received during the holiday season. We need to have UPS's marked out, expiration dates marked on cans, food logged in, labeled, and sorted. Help is always need to bag and carry out food that we give out as well. Among other things.

To volunteer, just drop in during the following days and hours. Even if you can come in just for an hour, it will help! Thank you!

Monday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM and/or 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM and/or 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM and/or 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Easter Flower Order Form

\$10 per plant, \$20* for Bulb Garden

Easter Lily _____ Hyacinth _____

Tulip _____ *Bulb Garden _____
(combo of hyacinth, tulip, daffodil and crocus) \$20

Make checks payable to Donna Miller. Mail them to her at 126 Baptist Road,
Canterbury, NH 03224.

DEADLINE IS Sunday APRIL 9TH

Check one of the following:

- I will pick up my plant after Easter Service
- I would like my plant delivered to me after Easter service
- I would like the flower committee to deliver my plant to someone in the community.

Order Placed By: _____

Given in Honor or Memory Of: _____

