

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ~ NOVEMBER, 2009

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Sophie's Poem

This year's Merrimack County winner of the Robert Frost Youth Poet Contest was Sophie Miller. Here is her winning poem:

Dreamy Silk Stream

*Walking down Prickle Hill
in the evening,
I catch a glint in the
corner of my eye.*

It is the stream.

*I see the water dancing
over the mossy rocks.
It glitters like a diamond
and is as smooth as silk.*

*I pull off my shoes and
socks and slip in.*

*The cold water absorbs me
and turns my feet numb.
Now, I don't mind the only
crawfish in our stream,
Tiny Tim, pinching my toes.*

*What a perfect way
to end the day.*

I am content.



Pastoral Perspective

By now Halloween ("All Hallow's Eve") has passed and Canterbury kids, of all ages!, are recovering from sugar overdose and a lot of spooky fun. Soon many of us will sit down to a big Thanksgiving dinner and then scramble to prepare for Christmas. Some without jobs or caught short may not be so fortunate. The holidays too often become a rush of activity that leave us exhausted or depressed or empty. The original meaning of "holiday" was "holy day," but that's often not how we feel. It's time to step back from our culture's holiday sale fliers and consider adopting some new special occasions, or re-making the existing ones.

Both Buddhism and Christianity have a strong focus on mindfulness of the present moment. Jesus said "who of you can add days do your life by worrying about it?" I believe his promise of life beyond death frees us from fearing the future so we can focus on living out God's purposes freely in the present. American culture is continually striving to distract us from contentment in the present, by making us feel dissatisfied or incomplete if we don't have the latest, newest, best, most convenient, easiest, tastiest, most pleasurable thing in the present.

True mindfulness begins, and perhaps grows, in an environment of gratitude; an "attitude of gratitude." The old hymn words, "count your blessings, name them one by one" has some deep truth in them. In this time approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas, take time to ponder the goodness in your life. Take some time to write those blessings down. Then read slowly over the list and see what other things come to mind.

Offer thanks to whatever you believe to be the source (you know what

I believe!- "dog" spelled backwards). Keep that list somewhere handy (in your Bible??) so you can look at it, especially when you're having "one of those days." If there's a thing or "toy" that consumes your psychic energy or time, could you rid yourself of it? If you think there's no goodness in your life, read a book like Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons to give you some perspective. Or make time to visit someone who lives alone.

Now you're beginning to live out of gratitude and grace (undeserved goodness). How about establishing a weekly or monthly "holy day" when you try to practice simple, grateful mindfulness and let it rub off on others, especially those who are struggling or are rushing headlong toward the holidays. Practice generous outreach, free affirmation, out-of-the-blue greetings. Perhaps you might even re-make a cultural holiday into an occasion of blessing. Who doesn't believe in miracles?!

In faith,

Pastor Mel Burrowes

Thank You Kindly!

A heartfelt thank you to the church for enabling me to experience the sabbatical. A travelogue will eventually happen when Linda and I can edit 1,300 photos & video clips!

Also a sincere "thank you" to parishioners and townsfolk who responded to my invitation to pledge to support the CUCC with "per mile" donations. My 1,036 miles resulted in a total of \$3,705.00, which is a timely financial boost as the church approaches year end.

— *Pastor Mel Burrowes*

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be closed

for the following holidays in November: Veteran's Day Wed. Nov. 11, Wed. Nov. 25 at 4:00 and Thurs. Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

The Library Trustees

will meet at 7:00pm on Mon., Nov 9.

Join us for Story Hour

on Thurs. Nov. 12th at 10:00 and the following Wed. Nov. 18th at 10:00.

The Book Group

will gather on Tues. Nov. 17 at 7:00 to discuss *The Longest Trip Home: a Memoir* by John Grogan. Copies are available for anyone wishing to join us.

The Knitting Group

meets every Wed. evening at 6:30 by the fireplace. If you're a beginner bring yarn & knitting needles and learn how to make a simple scarf. Have some other handwork project going and would like to meet new friends, chat and have an evening out? Bring it along and join us.

Enjoy Native American Style Flutes

with Contoocook resident Todd Aubertin Tu. Nov. 10th at 6:30. Todd is a sculptor, artist, furniture maker and self-taught maker of Native American style flutes. This interactive family program encourages children and adults to bring their flute, ask questions and enjoy Todd's music.

Food Drive for Local Food Pantry

If you would like to help families in need please drop off items in our collection box by Thurs. Nov. 12th. Items most needed are pie fillings, packaged pie crust mix, peanut butter, soup, canned meat, and other canned goods. There's also a need for household paper products, soap and shaving cream. Financial contributions can be made to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon, 03307.

Holiday Open House

Come to a gathering of friends and neighbors at our Holiday Open House Sat. Dec. 5 from 10-12. Enjoy homemade baked goods and mulled cider, visit with Santa, and create an ornament to bring home, decorate a cookie and listen to holiday music by the fireplace! Elkins Library Gift Shop returns with a variety of hand-made craft items such as jewelry and cat nip mats, as well as gift bags with recipe cards & cookie cutter, scented trivets, tile & wood party servers, cookbooks and more. Shop locally and support your library!

New Titles

The Professional,
by Robert Parker

Even Money,
by Dick & Felix Francis

True Compass,
by Edward Kennedy

The Lost Art of Gratitude,
by Alexander McCall Smith

Thanksgiving Pie Orders

We have wonderful homemade apple, pecan and pumpkin pies baked by your neighbors and friends available for your Thanksgiving table. Stop by or fill out two forms to order (one for you and one for us) by November 16th.

Pie Order Form #1 (for you)

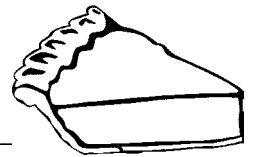
Name _____

Phone _____

Apple _____ Pumpkin _____ Pecan _____

Pies are \$10 each

Paid _____



Pick up pies at the Library on:
Tues., Nov. 24 from 12-6
-- or -- Wed., Nov. 25 from 9-3.

Pie Order Form #2 (for the library)

Name _____

Phone _____

Apple _____ Pumpkin _____ Pecan _____

Pies are \$10 each.

Paid _____



Pick up pies at the Library on:
Tues., Nov. 24 from 12-6
-- or -- Wed., Nov. 25 from 9-3.

CES SCHOOL NEWS

The postponed Plymouth State University TIGER production, "Safe and Sound All Around" has been rescheduled and will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:00 A.M. TIGER is a professional theatre company designed to help children, schools, parents and communities deal proactively and positively with social issues and concerns. The program will begin at 10:00 A.M. Homeschooled and private school children are welcome to attend.

There will be no school for students on November 11th as this day is scheduled for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Appointment notices will be sent out at the beginning of the week of October 26th. Parents are asked to contact the school if they have not received a conference schedule by Friday, November 6th. As always, we encourage people to write down questions or information they wish to share ahead of time so that all important topics are covered.

CES students will conduct their annual Holiday Food Drive during the months of November and December. Maria Manus Painchaud from the

Capitol Region Food Program will meet with students on Wednesday, November 4th to talk about needs and how we can help others. Donations of non-perishable items will be collected at drop boxes in the front hall of the school until December 18th. The food will be made available to families in need throughout our area during the Holiday Season.

All Canterbury senior citizens are invited to the CES Student Council's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 12:00 p.m. in the school library. As always, the children try not to miss anyone when they send out invitations, however if you know of anyone who would like to attend and may not have heard from us, please have them call the school any time before the 18th. (783-9944)

The CES PTO Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. There will be a variety of vendors, refreshments and a large assortment of prizes in a silent auction. Join us for shopping, food and holiday fun.

The PTO will also be holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale in the town center on the following Saturdays: November 28th, December 5th and December 12th. All proceeds from the Fair and Tree Sale go to support CES students.

Nov. Calendar

Mon., Nov. 2

PTO 6:00 P.M.

Tues., Nov. 3

Re-scheduled TIGER production, CES 10:00 A.M.

Weds., Nov. 11

No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thurs., Nov. 12

School Board BES 6:00

Weds., Nov. 18

Senior Citizen's Luncheon

Weds. – Fri., Nov. 25-27

No School - Thanksgiving Break

POST OFFICE NEWS

Post Office will be closed...

Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.
Thursday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Stamps Are In

Choose from contemporary winter holiday items; reindeer, snowman, gingerbread man, and nutcracker. The religious stamps have Sassoferato's Madonna and sleeping Child.

Self-designed postage stamps are also available. You can get them by going to websites such as zazzle.com, stamps.com, or endicia.com. These websites let you create postage with your own design (there are limitations). The drawback is the cost, which is much more than a regular book of stamps.

Holiday Mailing Dates

- Mail/packages to Africa, Central and South America should be sent by Dec. 4. All other international addresses should be mailed by Dec. 11.
- For all APO/FPO addresses – Dec. 4 for APOs starting 093, Dec 11 for all other APO/FPO addresses. If you are sending large packages to APO/FPO addresses, items sent parcel post should be mailed by November 13. It would be helpful (for both of us) if you had the customs forms filled out ahead of time.
- Global express mail can let you wait until about Dec. 17. (There are no delivery guarantees on Global express mail, unlike domestic express mail.)

Global express mail for parcels can sometimes be only a little more than airmail, so it is worth considering.

Choose Canterbury

Let me encourage you to do your mailing at the Canterbury Post Office. I can't guarantee that there won't be a line but I'm quite sure that the wait will be more pleasant than at the larger offices!

I know that we are going in to a hectic time of year. I hope that you can find time to get together with family or friends! Have a good Thanksgiving, and thank you for your encouragement and support. We are here to serve you.

— Ted LeClair Postmaster, 03224

Property Tax Bill Update from the Selectment

The December property tax bills will be going out soon and while a tax bill is never something to celebrate, there is some good news in an otherwise grim fiscal reality: The 2009 property tax bills in Canterbury will actually be lower than last year. The tax rate for 2009 will be \$17.70 per thousand dollars of assessed value, down from \$19.14 per thousand in 2008. While at the time of this writing the Department of Revenue Administration in Concord has not yet sent us final approval of this year's rate, we are expecting their confirmation of the \$17.70 rate any day now.

While revenue and expenses are always a major concern of the Selectmen, it has been particularly worrisome this year given the tough economy and the precarious nature of the State finances. The Board and Town Administrator Roger Becker watched warily as the legislature debated the state budget and discussed proposals to cut some or all of the revenue to cities and towns. In the end, the legislature did cut some shared revenue but preserved the town's portion of rooms & meals tax revenue and the highway block grant funds. The loss of these funds would have spiked the December tax bill sharply upward and we are fortunate that our representatives in Concord were able to save them.

While our overall town budget was down 6% from last year, the town portion of the tax rate still rose slightly, from \$3.89 last year to \$4.06 this year due to shortfalls in revenue from such sources as motor vehicle registrations, Gold Star rent, shared State revenue, fees and income from various departments. Early in the year we asked the department heads, Town Clerk Cheryl Gordon, Road Agent Phil Stone, Fire Chief Pete Anqwin and Police Chief John Laroche to scrutinize all expenditures and curtail all but the most necessary spending. They have done a very good job and we are on track to come in under budget at year end.

The real benefit that has reduced our tax rate came from the School Board and Shaker Regional School District. They informed the Selectmen at the School Board meeting last week that the school district was going to end the year approximately \$900,000 under budget. The local school portion of the tax rate is down \$1.65 per thousand from \$10.68 last year to \$9.03 this year! Thank you Shaker Regional School Board!

As always if you have questions about your tax bill you can contact us at Sam Lake House: 783-9955.

— *Selectmen Bob Steenson,
Briggs Lockwood, & Ken Folsom*

AROUND TOWN

CORRECTION

There seemed to be a miscommunication about the hours of operation concerning the transfer station... they are currently 5-8pm Wednesday evenings, and will be changing to 4-7pm starting Wednesday, November 4 with the daylight savings time change. Thanks!

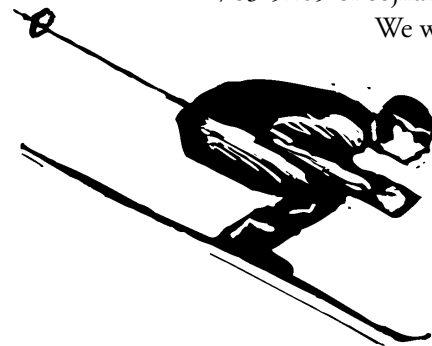
Registration Starting NOW

2009 Canterbury Ski/Board Recreational Program

Signups are beginning immediately through November 13, 2009. Signup sheets and packets will be available at Elkins Library and Canterbury Elementary School. We will be skiing again at Gunstock Ski Area. The dates of our 5 sessions are Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2010. The cost of the program has not changed from last year. This is a great opportunity for children to learn to ski. If you have any questions please contact Denise or Jim Sojka at 783-9209 or sojkahouse@comcast.net.

We would like to thank Ronna Cadarette for bringing this program to Canterbury and working so diligently to make it a success for the past 6 years.

— *Denise Sojka*



The Merrimack's Fall Art Exhibit

An open house for The Merrimack's Fall Art Exhibit will be held on Wednesday, November 4th, 5:00 - 6:30pm at Merrimack County Savings Bank, 89 N. Main Street, Concord (across from Eagle Square). This free event features photography by Kathie Fife and four other local photographers. Artists will be on hand to share and discuss their work. The photographs can be viewed in the branch from Nov. 2 until November 30 and are available for purchase from the artists. Branch hours are Monday - Thursday, 8am-5pm, Friday, 8am-6pm, and Saturday, 9am-12noon. For more info: www.mcsbnh.com or 1-800-541-0006.



Local Business and Services

OLD WAYS TRADITIONS at Dave Emerson's. Antique machinery demos, steam engines, windmill, hiking trails, country and Shaker style furniture, decorative accents, art, antiques. Shaker Road, 603-783-4403 efurnitr@comcast.net, and www.oldwaystraditions.net

MAQ DESIGN offers quality custom draperies, shades, blinds, slipcovers, and upholstery. Large selection of decorator fabrics. Since 1989. By Appointment. WWW.PictureTrail.com/MAQdesign Mary-Ann Quinn 783-9640.

Holiday Specials

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT Artemis photo greeting card gift packs include The Canterbury Collection and Canterbury Shaker Village Sets with history and recipes included. Also Fine Art prints of Canterbury Center & Shaker Village available in various sizes. Visit me during Open Doors Studio Tour Nov 7-8 to purchase, or email kathie@anrdllc.com. Kathie Fife 783-9334

BODY & SPIRIT DAY SPA is giving you 10% off all services when you bring in a non-perishable food item to the spa. All items will be donated to a local food bank for the holidays. Offer valid Nov. 1st - Dec. 15th, 2009. We are located at 254 North State St. Concord, NH. www.bodyandspiritdayspa.com Call 226-4261 to set up your appointment.

HACKLEBORO POTTERY & QUILTS will be open weekends through Christmas between 10am and 4pm, featuring cobalt blue decorated stoneware pottery, bed quilts, wall hangings, tablerunners, hand braided wool rugs, hand painted goose eggs and more. Inquire about winter session rug braiding classes. 376 Hackleboro Road. 783-4079. <http://johngoegel.com/hackleboropottery>

HACKLEBORO ORCHARD Farmstand open daily 9-6 until Thanksgiving. McIntosh, Cortlands, Honeycrisp, Mutsu, Red & Golden Delicious, Empires, Northern Spy. After Thanksgiving available by appointment until February. Contact us at 603-783-4248 or www.HackleboroOrchards.com

CHRISTMAS AT CLOUGH TAVERN FARM, Nov. 27th - Dec. 6th, 9-7pm Fri, Sat, Sun and 9-5pm weekdays. 10 days of holiday shopping from an eclectic collection of NH artists' and artisans' wares. 23 Clough Tavern Rd., Canterbury, NH

HOLIDAY PICTURE FIXES Want a good picture for your holiday card? I can retouch digital photos so the whole family looks good (within reason). Bad-hair-day fixes, blemish removal, ugly background cover-ups, wardrobe malfunction adjustments, and even face swaps! Contact Beth Blair 783-4333 beth@casablair.com

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Creative Memories, 126 Baptist Rd. Two days: Friday, Nov. 20, Noon-3pm and 5-8pm / Saturday, Nov. 21, 9am-1pm. Contact Donna Miller at 783-0220 for more info.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA The 50th anniversary of the Canterbury Fair has been commemorated in a 20-page photo scrapbook by Donna Miller. Order by December 1st for Christmas delivery, 783-0220. \$43.95 Browse a sample copy at the Elkins Library.

HOW TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED

Deadline: 25th of each month. \$7 for 30 words or \$14 for up to 60 words. Make checks payable to CUCC. Mail ad copy and check to Beth Blair, Box 239. All proceeds offset cost to produce and mail the newsletter. Questions? 783-4333—or—beth@casablair.com

Canterbury Kids Clothing Exchange, Sat., November 14

A hand-me-down event to help local families pass-on and pick-up kids clothing. Come to the Town Hall to pick up free hand-me-downs from 9am-2pm. There will be clothing, winter outerwear, and boots available for children up to 12 years-old.



Do you have children's clothing, outerwear, or boots you wish to contribute?

Please drop off items at Piggie Toes Preschool and Learning Center Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm prior to November 14th, or on the evening of November 13th at the Town Hall. All clothes should be size 12 and under, clean and in good condition. THANK YOU! ****All clothing that is not taken on November 14th will be donated to charity.****

For questions or more information

Piggie Toes at 783-4370, or Tabitha Riley at 783-9389.

Loudon Food Pantry

Huge THANKS to the Elkins Library for hosting a food drive on Thurs., November 12. When you stop by the library that day, please remember to bring a non-perishable food item. Note: We cannot use items that are outdated, in poor condition, opened, or prepared in your home kitchen. These items pose a health risk to those who come to us for food. Thanks!

There are several different food drives going on in the area — if you want your donations to go to the Loudon Food Pantry, make sure we are listed as a benefactor!

We are also asking for your help with funding. As we get deeper into our busy season, we will be using more supplies and visiting the Food Bank more frequently to keep up with demand. Also, as with last year, we will need money to supplement donations from the food drives so that there is enough food in each of the approximately 200 Thanksgiving boxes we prepare.

You can donate through LoudonFoodPantry.org, mail your donation to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307 or just drop into the pantry. We always look forward to visitors!



— Thank you!
Sarah & Sue

Many Thanks!

To CROP Walkers and CROP Walk Sponsors

Canterbury's CROP Walkers were a small but dedicated group, and we still managed to raise \$630. Good job, folks! Many thanks to all those who walked and gave generously to support this ecumenical Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) event on October 10th. Over 20 faith communities participated, plus the Pembroke Academy Key Club. And what great weather we had! 25% of the funds raised will stay right here in the Concord area for the Friendly Kitchen and area food pantries. We will let you know more about the totals raised as we learn them. THANK YOU ALL!

— *Linda Burrowes*

Thanks by the Mile

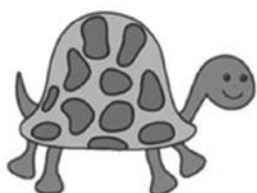
A sincere "thank you" to parishioners and townsfolk who responded to my invitation to pledge to support the CUCC with "per mile" donations. My 1,036 miles resulted in a total of \$3,705, which is a timely financial boost as the church approaches year end. Thank You All!!

— *Mel Burrowes*

Dance at Da Dump Sponsors

We would like to thank the official sponsors and the local businesses that made this year's Dance at Da Dump happen! The dance drew fewer attendees than in some past years, but there was plenty of merriment and dancing to go around! The King and Queen '09 are Allison Wischonke and Nicholas Lockwood, court are Abby Sutton, Jessica Hutchinson, Becca Camire and Malia.

— *Adrienne Allaire*



THANK
YOU!

LOTS MORE AROUND TOWN

Open Doors Studio Tours, Nov. 7th & 8th

As part of the statewide event sponsored by The League of NH Craftsmen and NH Made, a select group of Canterbury artists will be participating in the NH Open Doors studio tour. You are invited and encouraged to visit with the artists at their studios and shops on Veterans Day weekend. The studios and shops are located along a scenic nine-mile loop including historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Hours are 10-5, Nov 7 and 8, unless otherwise noted. During the weekend, white NH Open Doors directional signs will guide visitors to the artists studios and shop locations around town.

Participating Canterbury Artists:

David Lamb; renowned furniture and cabinetmaker

Kathie Fife, Artemis Natural Resource Designs; fine art photography of NH landscapes and historic villages

Canterbury Shaker Village

Dave Emerson, Old Ways Traditions; antiques, country & Shaker style furniture, decorative accents, toys, art-prints, and accessories. View an antique machinery demonstration and take a stroll on a easy hiking trail.

Matt Fox, Fox Country Smokehouse; view a traditional New England smoke house, tour the curing and processing coolers and step inside the 2,000 lb. smokehouse oven

Kate Goegel, Hackleboro Pottery; traditional cobalt blue pottery, hand quilted bed quilts, wall hangings, hand braided and laced wool rugs, folk art painting and hand painted goose eggs.

Tom McLaughlin, McLaughlin Woods; learn what it takes to make fine quality furniture from a master craftsman, tour the high-end custom furniture shop, and see current work in progress.

Visit the Open Doors website, www.nhOpenDoors.com for a detailed map of the Canterbury artists. For further information, you can also contact Kathie Fife at 603-783-9334 or kathie@anrdllc.com

— *Thank you on behalf of all of us!*

Barn Dance, Saturday, November 14, 7pm

Come one, come all and join us for an Old Fashioned Barn Dance in the Canterbury Parish House "cuz the bahns are a might bit cold this time of yea'ah, ayup!"

Featuring Canterbury's own Two Fiddles – Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman.

Dudley was recently named a National Heritage Fellow, the highest honor in folk and traditional arts! Come ready to dance. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for teens and seniors, \$20 for families

This event is a fundraiser for the Canterbury United Community Church. Thanks for your support!



Take the Challenge – The Carbon Challenge

Have you heard the news? Concord, NH is winning the New England Carbon Challenge! Hooray for our neighbor to the south, but Canterbury, what are we waiting for? You may ask, what is the New England Carbon Challenge? It is a way for households throughout New England to reduce their energy use and costs and therefore reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that they add to the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is one of the major greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change.

Taking the carbon challenge only takes about 10-15 minutes and can save \$753 in energy costs per year for the average household. Visit the NE Challenge website at <http://necarbonchallenge.org> Before you begin, you'll need to know what your fuel and electricity uses are for your home (check recent utility bills) and the gas mileage for your vehicles. When you enter your data, the online calculator will determine how many pounds of CO₂ your household currently produces, and provide tips on how you can reduce that. If you pledge to make some changes in behavior or equipment (some of which are very easy), the calculator will tell you how much carbon and money you will save. For example, I have pledged to insulate my hot water pipes and wrap my hot water heater. When I do, I'm likely to reduce my carbon output by over 200 pounds and save about \$45 in propane per year.

The challenge between rival cities Concord, Keene and Portsmouth has been fierce, but I think on a per capita basis Canterbury should be able to give them a run for their money. So what are you waiting for?

Take the challenge and if you make some changes, email me (ruthnaturally@myfairpoint.net) so that we can highlight them in future newsletters and inspire your neighbors. Concord may be bigger, but we know Canterbury is tops!

— Ruth Smith,
for the Canterbury
Energy Commission



A Visit to the Riverland Conservation Area

The Riverland Conservation Area is just off Old Boyce Road near Exit 17, as you head toward Penacook. We urge you to pay a visit. It's one of our beautiful town owned conservation lands.

Many of you know the Town Beach there, which is part of the 60-acre conservation area, but the trail is an less-known gem. The trail is just off the rear of the beach parking lot and provides a dramatic walk to a lookout deck commanding wonderful views of the Merrimack and the 294 acre Oxbow property. Note: The Oxbow was recently slated to occupy a major landfill dump operation, but plans changed and the Forest Society has received a grant of \$300,000 from the NH-DES to begin fundraising to purchase and conserve the land!

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Holiday Recycling tips

Did you know that 2.6 billion holiday cards are sold each year in the USA, enough to fill a football field 10 stories high! And between Thanksgiving and the New Year an extra million tons of waste are generated in the USA each WEEK. That's over 57 million pounds of extra trash per day all through December! As the Holiday season creeps closer, it seems prudent to offer a few earth-friendly tips for the gift-giving holiday season:

- Everyone appreciates home cooking and baking. Pack home-made goodies in a reusable tin box, kitchen container, or basket.
- Tickets to a sporting event, movie, play, or concert are a real treat!
- Make a charitable donation in someone's name.
- When you go shopping downtown or at the mall, bring your own reusable bags. They aren't just for groceries anymore!
- Decorate your home and tree with holly, cedar, berries, fruits & nuts, and cranberry/popcorn strands, all of which can be composted after use.
- Instead of paper, use a colorful tablecloth or dishtowel to wrap kitchen

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Stephen Rasche to Leave Recycle Committee

My term as chairman is coming to an end as is my term on the committee. (I'll continue as the town's representative to the co-op unless someone else would like to take on that task). So the committee is looking for at least one new member. The position of chairman is open as well. This is your chance for fame and glory. Maybe you can think of some other ways to get folks to recycle more.

After giving this a great deal of thought I believe that in order to increase recycling we ought to do three things. First, use the bag price as a motivational tool rather than a budgeting tool. Second, use the charge back mechanism to influence the private dumpster prices upward as much as possible. Third, make recycling as simple as possible and include as many

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HOLIDAYS AROUND TOWN

Thanksgiving Dinner Hosted by CUCC Youth Group

Come one come all to this year's Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Canterbury United Community Church's fabulous Youth Group! This year's dinner will be held on Sunday November 22, from 5-6:30pm in the Parish House. Get into the Thanksgiving spirit early in the week with our yummy collection of traditional Thanksgiving foods, including turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, PIES, and more! Are your taste buds going crazy yet? Plan to join us for a wonderful evening of sharing and celebrating with your Canterbury neighbors. Costs are as follows: Seniors (55+) \$5; Adults 13 + up \$7; Families \$20; Kids 6-12 \$5; Kids 5 and under FREE. We hope to see you there!

10 days of Christmas at Clough Tavern Farm

23 Clough Tavern Rd. (off Old Tilton Rd.),
Canterbury, NH

**** November 27 – December 6**

**** 9am – 7pm Fri, Sat, Sun.**

**** 9am – 5pm weekdays**

Two Sisters' Garlic of Canterbury and Winding Wicks Candles of Chichester invite you to join us at Clough Tavern Farm starting the day after Thanksgiving for 10 days of holiday shopping. We have gathered a diverse collection of NH artists' and artisans' wares.

Be sure to pause by the wood stove to taste the mulled cider!



Annual Tree Sale

The CES-PTO will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale in the town center on the following Saturdays: November 28th, December 5th and December 12th. All proceeds from the Fair and Tree Sale go to support CES students.

Senior Holiday Day Trip

The Seniors at The Penacook Community Center are planning a Holiday Day Trip to Indian Head Resort. The trip includes a deluxe luncheon buffet, a floor show, dance band, Christmas Carols, a photo with Santa and a jolly good time! The entire trip is only \$65/person. Call for a reservation 753-9700

The Elkins Library Holiday Open House

Come to a gathering of friends and neighbors at our Holiday Open House Sat. Dec. 5 from 10-12. Enjoy homemade baked goods and mulled cider, visit with Santa, and create an ornament to bring home, decorate a cookie and listen to holiday music by the fireplace!

Elkins Library Gift Shop returns with a variety of handmade craft items such a jewelry and cat nip mats, as well as gift bags with recipe cards & cookie cutter, scented trivets, tile & wood party servers, cookbooks and more. Shop locally and support your library!



Creative Memories Holiday Open House

Finding just the right memorable holiday gift can be a challenge. Why not forgo all the hustle and bustle and let Donna Miller, your local Creative Memories Consultant, help you? We have gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list including organizational solutions for prints and digital images, photo-safe albums and supplies, top-notch digital scrapbooking software and easy-to-create photo gifts, calendars and more. Check us out – we're not just for scrapbookers any more!

The Open House will be held Friday, November 20 from 12-3pm and 5-8pm plus Saturday, November 21 from 9am -1pm. We are located at 126 Baptist Rd. All guests will receive a free gift for stopping by! Contact Donna Miller at 783-0220 for more information.



Hackleboro Orchard Open 'til Thanksgiving...

Farmstand open daily 9-6 until Thanksgiving. This November we have: US Grade Fancy McIntosh, Cortlands, Honeycrisp, Mutsu, Red & Golden Delicious, Empires, and Northern Spy. Note: After Thanksgiving we will have these varieties available, by appointment, until February or even longer —just ask! For a great deal check out drops at .30/lb. and baking apples .40 /lb. See ya at the farm!

— *The Weiser Family, Hackleboro Orchards, 61 Orchard Road, (.5 mile from the Center off of Hackleboro Road), 783-4248*

www.HackleboroOrchards.com

The CES PTO Holiday Fair Friday, Dec. 4

From 5-8pm. There will be a variety of vendors, refreshments and a large assortment of prizes in a silent auction. Join us for shopping, food and holiday fun!

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Shaker Village in November

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Changes in Museum, Store, & Restaurant Hours

Shaker Village Museum and Exhibits will close for the season on October 31 and reopen mid-May, 2010. However, the Museum Store and The Shaker Table Restaurant will remain open during the winter season according to the following schedule:

Museum Store

November 1 – 26 open Fridays – Sundays, 10am-4pm

November 27 – December 31 open 7 days a week 10am-4pm

(Closed at 1pm on Christmas Eve, Closed Christmas Day)

January 1 – mid-May open Fridays – Sundays, 10am-4pm

The Shaker Table Restaurant

November 1 – mid-May, open for Lunch & Dinner on Fridays & Saturdays 11:30-4pm; Brunch on Sundays 9am-4pm

Join for a special feast on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., November 26, 11:30am-4pm, this event is always a sell out, so make reservations early!

The Shaker Table will also hold its annual New Year's Eve Dinner on Thursday, December 31, 5pm-9pm, and New Year's Day Brunch

Reservations recommended 603.783.4238

www.theshakertable.com

Upcoming Events

November 7-8, NH Open Doors

Canterbury Shaker Village is pleased to announce that they will be participating this year in the NH OPEN DOORS event with several other Canterbury artisans. Stop by and do some early shopping for the Holidays. Demonstrators include Printmakers, brush makers, and spinners. Open 10am-4pm.

November 27-29, Gift in Hand

Canterbury Shaker Village Presents GIFT IN HAND, an Artisan Gathering and Holiday Sale to be held November 27 – 29, 2009, 10am-4pm. Come enjoy a Unique Holiday Shopping Experience, Meet Talented Area Artists, See Ongoing Demonstrations, Shop for one-of-a-kind Handcrafted Gifts, or Take a Workshop with our Herbalists in the Syrup Shop. Admission to the Show is free. Enjoy Brunch, Lunch or Dinner at the Shaker Table Restaurant. Enjoy live music and demonstrations. The Museum Store will hold its annual Seconds Sale. For more

information, visit us online at www.shakers.org, email us at shop@shakers.org, or call us at 603.783.9511.

December 5 & 12, Christmas at Canterbury**

This is our 2nd annual Christmas at canterbury event! Stroll the Village grounds amid hundreds of luminaries; enjoy horse drawn sleigh and wagon rides, a 19th Century Magic Show, a Puppet Show, enjoy hot cider while listening to musical entertainment including The Canterbury Shaker Singers, femme m'amie, and Harvey Reid. Shop at the Museum Store for unique, handmade gifts. Craft demonstrations, food sampling, children's crafts & activities, and candy demonstrations. We are also hosting our Annual Gingerbread Showcase! To participate or inquire on our Gingerbread Showcase, please contact Beth Pappas at 603.783.9077 ext. 202. The Shaker Table will be open for this event, consider making your reservations early to avoid disappointment! There will also be a toy drive to benefit our local community.

Program Admission: \$17 Adults; \$8 Children 6-17; \$42 Family (2 adults and 2 or more children); Children 5 and under are free. Members are free!

****Sponsored by Merrimack Savings Bank and NH Council on the Arts.*

For a full schedule of events, go to www.shakers.org



Shaker (inspired) Applesauce

3 lb. Honeycrisp, Empire, or other apples that hold shape when cooked.

Peel, core, and dice apples into 1/2" cubes

1/2 cup or more Grade B maple syrup

In a wide, shallow pan, sautee apples over low to medium heat. As soon as the apples start to release their juices, begin stirring in the syrup. Keep stirring gently and often, so that the liquid reduces to a glaze while the apples still retain some shape.

Remove from heat and let cool in pan. Serve warm or cold, as an accompaniment to meats or over vanilla ice cream.

LBS Meets again on Wed., November 18

The next meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 1PM in the Parish House. (Note: this is the third Wednesday because of Veterans Day.) The program will be Yellowstone Park led by Judy Nelson and Ron Turcott. Hostesses will be Sandi Scripture and Olivia Henry. All are welcome.



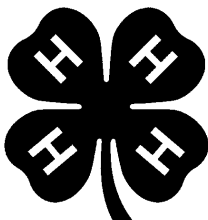
4-H News

New Officers Elected

The Canterbury Rascals 4-H Club welcomed 20 new members to the club at the Honors Evening meeting. Maria VanderWoude from the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation inducted the new officers and they are: President Katie Riendeau, Vice President Kate Witschonke, Secretary Sarah Chase, Treasurer Karl Wieck, Reporter Beatriz Gillespie, Historian Sophie Miller, Refreshment Chair Madison Duclos and Recreation Chair Margaret Witham.

The next meeting will be Nov. 2

The meeting will start at 6:30. It will be held at the Parish House. At the meeting the club will be planning for the Santa's breakfast and the club holiday party. Thanks to everyone who supported the cookie sale and the Uno's fundraiser. Club members have been working on different projects such as photography, sewing and questing. Thanks to all that support the club.



CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“Ruptured Ducks Of Canterbury, New Hampshire” ...Canterbury World War II Stories

Join us on Sunday, November 8, 2-4pm in the Town Hall

Mark Stevens is Canterbury's version of Ken Burns. Mark's great interest in Canterbury's history has been demonstrated through the Canterbury Barn Project, resulting in the creation of a history of many of our barns, a poster depicting them and a wonderful program explaining the many aspects of their creation and heritage. Many of us have also been thoroughly entertained by his program detailing the “Great Brinks Robbery and Canterbury's role in the “heist”.

Mark has been working in our Houser Central Schoolhouse teaching our schoolchildren about the role Canterbury's World War II Veterans played during the great war. He has personally interviewed hundreds of veterans and family members, as well as done extensive research in our Archives and pursued other sources to develop a program that will touch, entertain and pay respect to Canterbury's World War II Veterans. Mark's program provides a sense of what it meant to individuals leaving our small town to be engaged in this super war effort .

The Historical Society is proud to sponsor this program and invites you to attend. Mark your calendar for Sunday November 8 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served after the program. A short Annual Meeting will also be conducted.



Thank you to the Rodney Dollar Family

Recently, the Society was offered some old home movies dating from the 1950's & 1960's. Nobody really knew what was on the film, nor were we able to view them because they were of the 8 millimeter and super 8 millimeter format... long gone. However, the Dollar Family came forward with the offer to donate their projector, which could handle either format. Now we will be able to view these old films, document and transfer them to a digital format, thus making the images available in our Archive Collection. If you have old movies of events, town happenings or occasions you think might be of interest, please contact us. This could be a great way to preserve images that otherwise would be lost. Our sincere thanks to the Dollar Family.

Our many projects go on.... Come join us!

Much work is being accomplished by the Historical Society. Our Houser One Room Schoolhouse project continues to demonstrate the value of sharing this experience with our schoolchildren and helping them understand the value of our Town's history and experience. Ours is the only program in the country where the actual one room schoolhouse is being experienced. Our Elkins Memorial Building continues to evolve with shows, discussion groups and our Friday Fun Nights. Our Archive project is ongoing, as we create a digital record of our Collection. We continue to sponsor programs that give us all perspective and frames of reference to our past. We are working to expand our oral/visual history collection of Canterbury residents and to sponsoring events like our recently successful Antique Day. We invite you to be part of any or all of these efforts. You would be most welcome!!

In Sorrow



Ethan James Carter

Ethan James Carter, 6 months, of Concord, died Wednesday, October 14 at Boston Children's Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Christopher and Cheryl Carter of Concord, his maternal grandparents, Bruce and Cheryl Ciccone, his paternal grandparents, Jim and Sandy Carter of Canterbury, his great-grandmothers and three uncles.

Richard Ackley Dickson Jr.

Richard Ackley Dickson Jr., 67, of Abberton Road, died October 8, at home after a long, courageous battle with multiple system atrophy. Dick proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a lifelong resident of Canterbury. His livelihood was engineering surveying and land development for several years. He was most recently employed as a mortgage specialist for 20 years before retiring in 2007. Dick enjoyed cutting wood, gardening and woodworking at home and he loved spending time at his camp in Millsfield, hunting, fishing and ATVing. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Kathryn Dickson of Canterbury, three sons, Corey Dickson and his wife Michelle, Mark Dickson and his wife, Kris and Ryan Dickson, a daughter, Erin Libby and her husband Brady, grandchildren, his mother, Catherine Dickson of Pittsburg, a brother and a sister.

Abner S. Pearl Jr.

Abner S. Pearl Jr., 85, died October 3 at the Mererimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. Mr. Pearl joined the U.S. Navy and served during World War II as a radioman. Abner then worked as a purchasing agent for the state of New Hampshire. He is survived by his wife, Muriel Pearl of Boscawen, three sons, including Peter Pearl of Canterbury, two daughters, a brother, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kimberly Hayden Doughty

Kimberly Hayden Doughty, 44, passed away in October. She attended Northeastern University in the criminal justice program. She was a police officer in Concord and Stow, Mass. for 20 years. She was a lover of people and animals. She was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, and she enjoyed kayaking and sihing in the Merrimack River. Survivors are her mother, Pricilla H. Tolman and her stepfather, John H. Tolman of Canterbury, one brother, Capt. Gardiner Doughty of Canterbury, one uncle, and one niece.

**** CORRECTION ****

Applying for a Canterbury Fund Loan or Grant

The information printed in last month's newsletter was not current. Please read further to learn the proper guidelines concerning the Canterbury Fund.

The Canterbury Fund is a charitable trust set up to aid those Canterbury residents in need financially, or in any other manner deemed reasonable and necessary, by making loans available to such persons. This financial aid is available for, but not limited to, such things as damage to one's residence, physical or mental handicaps, special education or treatments as a result of physical or mental handicaps, college tuition, poor health, or any other worthy cause as may be determined by the trustees. These loans are non-interest bearing, and must be paid back by an agreed upon schedule.

The Canterbury Fund also makes grants to organizations in Canterbury to assist the funding of community projects which, in the opinion of the trustees, are in the best interest of all Canterbury residents.

For additional information, please contact Jim Wieck, Chair of the Loan and Grant Committee, for an application or any further information. Those applying for college tuition loans, please do not wait until the last minute, as sufficient time will be needed to process your application.

Jim Wieck, Chair, Loan and Grant Committee, 16 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH 03224, Telephone: 783-4774

**NOTE: Linda Burrowes Email was also listed incorrectly. Anyone needing to contact Linda may reach her at lmurrowes@gmail.com

Do you know...?

Cider freezes well, and keeps this way for up to two years! Pour a cup of cider out of each jug to allow for expansion when freezing. To thaw, rest jug in the sink for about a day, shaking now and then. Put it in the fridge as soon as it is fully thawed out.

Did you leave your cider a bit too long before drinking? "Fizzy" cider is still useable — mix one cup with 1-2 Tbsp. brown sugar, 1 tsp. soy sauce. Pour over chicken and baste throughout cooking.



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NOTE: The Town Crier needs news items by NOON on Wednesday to appear in the following Sunday's Concord Monitor.

Thanks to Kinko's of Concord for their ongoing commitment to the quality and cost-effectiveness of the newsletter!

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On a bright Saturday in October, Conservation Commission members and local neighbors met for a clean-up of the area. Jen Taylor, Bob Fife, Galen Beale and Teresa Wyman cleared debris from the trail and cut back shrubs. Bob cut down a dangerous overhanging tree, and a helping neighbor benefited with some firewood. Clinton Pitts volunteered to mow the fields, which he does on a regular basis. Thanks!

— *Fred Ficken for the CCC*

or household gifts. If only paper will do, get creative — reuse blueprints, Sunday comics, the sports section, etc. Decorate brown paper with paints, markers, or stickers. Carved potatoes make a one-time stamp that bio-degrades after you are done!

- Make your own holiday cards out of last year's cards and colorful paper, ribbon, stamps, etc., or give them new life as gift tags. Also consider E-cards this year!
- Shipping a gift? Reuse foam peanuts, or use plain air-popped popcorn.
- Be sure to separate plastic/paper packages from new products and recycle the paperboard or cardboard backing.

— *Thanks for reading and happy recycling, Canterbury! Adrienne Allaire*

items as possible - in other words go single stream even if the revenue stream is somewhat less than you would get from separating by type.

Those are the only ways that I can see to improve our recycling rate and such are my powers of persuasion that I have been unable to convince either the selectmen or the rest of the committee that we ought to implement them. This, of course, continues my life long experience of never being able to convince anyone of anything. There is a sort of comforting continuity there.

— *Stephen Rasche*