

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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~ Happy Spring ~

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Breakfast on Easter morning!

Everyone is invited to the annual community breakfast on Easter morning. We welcome one and all no matter how you are choosing to celebrate this morning, and hope that you will invite a friend.

Buffet-style breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes and more! If you are interested in helping out in any way for this event (food prep, donating groceries or money, cleanup, etc.) please give Polly Camire a call at 603-848-1862 (before 9 pm please.) Proceeds go to the CUCC.



What: Breakfast, buffet style

When: Easter Sunday, April 9

Where: Parish House, in the center

Time: 7-9:30 am

Cost:
Children 5 and under free

Seniors and kids ages 6-11: \$6
Adults 12-64: \$10

Families (immediate, 4 or more): \$25

~ We hope to see you there!



4H Canterbury Rascals Easter Egg Hunt a big success

The event was held on Saturday, March 25, at 10 am at Canterbury Elementary School. The weather was great for an egg hunt, and we were so excited to welcome 75 children to this fun event. Everyone enjoyed finding their colorful eggs with friends and family. Two lucky children also won Easter baskets full of goodies during our raffle drawing. This event is a well-loved Canterbury tradition, and we would like to thank all the participants, volunteers, and 4H members and leaders who made it possible. We can't wait for next year's event!

~ Emily Perlet

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CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Open Monday-Saturday, 6:30-6; Sunday, 8-4. You'll find our usual great local foods and products as well as a wide variety of convenience store items (and your Canterbury neighbors). If you don't see something you'd like, ask! Call us at 783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.

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This Is the Season to Perch in Sunlight and Sing

Dear Friends,

Preoccupied after a recent visit at Concord Hospital, I was driving a little too fast toward home. I was thinking about the suffering I'd seen, the exhaustion and the courage, too. I always



Pastor Becky

feel deeply privileged when I'm invited to sit with individuals and families in these shadowy times. So often in the mess of healing and illness, something beautiful and deeply human rises up. So, I was speeding along when those graceful curves in Boyce Road shifted my foot to the brake. And then I came to a field of standing reeds, and one blackbird perched on top of a cattail. I slowed and pulled over. I opened the window.

On a dull field of dead reeds under a grey sky, that blackbird was trilling and chipping and flashing his colors. He was warning off competitors, I suppose, though I couldn't see any; or perhaps he was showing off for his beloved, wherever she was. And I, foolish human racing along in my tin can of a car, I was returned to the beautiful now of springtime.

This return is part of what so many April religious traditions and rituals bring. Christians remember life and sacrifice through Holy Week and Easter; Jews remember life and liberation during Passover; Muslims remember life and holiness through Ramadan and Laylat al-Qadr. It's no coincidence that these

CUCC Easter observances

April 2: Palm Sunday, 10 am

April 6: Maundy Thursday Tenebre, 7 pm in the Parish House, a service of shadows

April 7: Good Friday, 7-8 pm, Sanctuary, Meditation and Prayer

April 9: Easter Sunday

6-6:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service** at Shaker Village

7 am-9:30 **Community Breakfast**

10 am **Easter Worship** at the church

Sunday, April 23: Earth Day Celebration, 10 am

festivals that bring us together come in the spring, when we, like blackbirds, need to perch in the sunlight and sing. I hope, whatever your tradition or spiritual path, you have a chance to gather with others in the light of life, liberation, and holiness as the earth tips our hemisphere a little closer to the sun's heat, and we bask in the warmth of community.

~ In Peace
Becky

Peepers

(Thanks to the guy at Granite Ledges)

Across the road
is the old foundation
of that Baptist church.
I go over there
late afternoons,
sit on the stoop,
listen to the peepers.
In good voice they do
Amazing Grace,
Worthy Is The Lamb,
belting them out
in good fashion.
But on Easter Sunday
they launched into the
Halleluia Chorus
like I have
never heard before.

~ Dudley Laufman, Canterbury dance
caller, musician and poet

New volunteers give Canterbury Fair planning a boost

The Canterbury Fair has a big infusion of new energy and new talent! We welcomed close to a half dozen new folks who are committed to the spirit of volunteerism and community that is the fair. We're still welcoming anyone who wants to volunteer, so don't be shy! The Fair Chairs, Bob and Rick, still intend to step down after this year's fair so if you have a hankering to herd cats, let us know. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 4, in the Parish House behind the Country Store. We invite all from near and far to be there.

~ Rick Crockford

Benevolent Society to meet at library in May

The Canterbury Benevolent Society will meet at the Library on Wednesday, May 17, at 1 pm for a program on book reviews led by our librarians. Refreshments and socializing will follow the program.

~ Judy Nelson

Quaker Meeting welcomes all every Sunday

The Quaker Meeting meets every Sunday morning, and all are welcome to attend and experience unprogrammed "waiting" worship. For those who enjoy singing, come at 10. Worship is from 10:15 to 11:15 followed by introductions, announcements and fellowship. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation with an active children's program that emphasizes God's love and our Quaker values of simplicity, equality, community, honesty, peacemaking and Earthcare, along with Bible stories, learning about other faiths and Quaker history. For location and more, check out our website ConcordFriendsMeeting.org, contact Ruth Heath, 724-4343, or info@concordfriendsmeeting.org. (Upcoming events, Page 6!)

Celebrating Our Children Outside of School ...

Cloverbuds in action: from celebrating good health to a Memorial Day march

The Canterbury Cloverbuds had lots of fun during the meeting on Monday, March 6! During the meeting we focused on the 4H learning theme of Healthy Lifestyle. The participants, children ages 5 to 7 years old, learned about the 4H pledge and the 4H core values, created healthy food art, made My Healthy Plate food collages, and enjoyed jumping rope and dancing to get their hearts pumping.

Upcoming Cloverbuds meetings and 4H learning themes are listed below, and new members are always welcome. Unless otherwise noted, Cloverbuds meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5 pm at the Canterbury Parish House, 6 Hackleboro Road, behind the Country Store.

Monday, April 3: Plants and Animals. We will learn about animals and plants that live in our region, paint birdhouses, plant seeds of plants that are beneficial to native wildlife, and do animal and plant themed yoga activities.

Monday, May 1: Citizenship and Civic Education. We will learn about being good citizens of our community, learn about Memorial Day, and make shirts and a banner for the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. We will also begin a food drive that will culminate on Memorial Day!

Monday, May 29, time TBA: Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. Cloverbuds are invited to walk in the parade with their 4H banner and T-shirts in the center of Canterbury.

Monday, June 5: Field trip to a dairy farm! Following the 4H theme of Consumer and Family Science, we will visit a dairy farm, observe milking time and learn about how dairy farms support our communities. We will also try our hand at milking the cows and making butter!

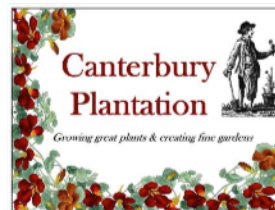
Find more information about 4H and the Cloverbuds Club, and links to sign up your child at:

<https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>

~ Emily Perlet



A healthy food artist at work in the March meeting.



Opening April 1st

April Hours

Saturdays 10:00 to 5:00

Sundays 10:00 to 4:00

- April starts off with Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths and more for your Easter decorating. Also, our pansies and violas will be available, although you may want to cover them up on those nights that drop below 30 for a bit.
- Mid-April brings on a larger selection of cool-soil tolerant annual and vegetable transplants, along with some of our perennials as they emerge from dormancy.

So, grab a friend and stop by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping excursion, some unique plants and helpful advice. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Calling all kindergarteners in the making!

Do you have a student who will be five years old by Sept. 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! You can register in person at Canterbury Elementary School from 9 am to 2:30 pm, or you can register online. To access the online registration, please go to www.sau80.org, and click on Resources, then Kindergarten Registration/ALMA Start. Please reach out to Mrs. Nelson at bnelson@sau80.org with any questions. We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends. Fall will be here before we know it!

Kids Heart Challenge: Mrs. Doucette recently completed a jump rope unit with the physical education classes. A school-wide goal was set to raise \$2,000 for the American Heart Association. CES students exceeded this goal, raising over \$4,000, a CES record! The top earning classes were Ms. Hebert's class, Mrs. Briggs's class, and Mrs. Wieck's class. In celebration of their efforts, we held a dance party for the K-2 students and a staff vs. students scooter hockey game for the students in grades 3-5. Thank you to everyone who supported us in raising funds for this worthy cause!

Author visit: We were fortunate to have the opportunity to host **author and illustrator Marty Kelley** at CES. Marty gave a fantastic presentation in which he shared his writing process with students and staff. In the lead-up to Marty's visit, students read Marty's books and participated in various artistic projects related to his work. I'd like to share a special thank you to Mrs. Desborough and Mrs. Drouin, along with the entire CES staff, for their efforts in organizing this opportunity for our learners. In addition, I'd like to thank the CES PTO for purchasing a title for each classroom! Lastly, many thanks to Marty Kelley for the inspiring and amusing presentation!



Author and illustrator Marty Kelley entertains his attentive audience!

Thank you, volunteers: CES received the Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for the extraordinary efforts of the school volunteers for the 2021-22 school year. Parents, community and family members assisted with serving as a room parent and coordinating class events and parties, chaperoning field trips, providing classroom support, serving on the PTO and reading to classes during I Love to Read month. We are truly fortunate to have such amazing volunteers and we appreciate all that they do to make CES such a special school. A very special thank you to our volunteer coordinator, Heather Drouin. She does a fantastic job coordinating all of the volunteer efforts.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

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Quakers offer advocacy, singalong events

Speaking Truth to Power: The Role of Storytelling in Advocacy. Sunday, April 2, from 12:30-1:30 pm at the Quaker Meetinghouse at 11 Oxbow Pond Road in Canterbury. Registration is required; you can use this shortened URL to get there: rb.gy/tkyxoo. (Attendance via Zoom is available.) We all have stories to tell and a moral voice to share about the change we want to see in our society. Learn how to frame and tell your story in order to be an effective advocate. Our practice topic will be peace building, but the activity will apply to any kind of advocacy topic. This workshop will be led by a staff member of Friends National Committee on Legislation, the Quaker advocacy organization located in DC.

"Love's Gonna Carry Us" Singalong Concert

Sunday, April 16, 4 pm
Quaker Meetinghouse, 11 Oxbow Pond Rd, Canterbury



To benefit the Asylum Seekers Support Fund. Suggested donation: \$25 Under 18 free. Or pay as you are able. Featuring Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, the creators of Rise Up Singing and Rise Again songbooks, which have created a quiet revolution of group singing across North America. Advance tickets and more info at:

www.RiseUpAndSing.org/events.

~ Ruth Heath

It's almost Roadside Cleanup time!



It's never too soon to think spring, which means it's never too soon to sign up for Townwide Roadside Cleanup.

It's happening on Saturday, April 22: Earth Day! The rules are the same as last year, but it's always helpful if you sign up for your favorite stretch of

road by contacting Patrice Rasche at mattieandriley@yahoo.com or 603-783-9360. 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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~ Mark and Brenda Travis, co-editors

Town, School Voting Results ~ and More Town News

Wintry weather on election day did not keep voters at home

Thank you to all who attended the two sessions of Town Meeting this year. The snowstorm on Tuesday the 14th didn't keep voters away. There were 287 ballots cast on the 14th and the town clerk received 100 absentee ballots. All the warrant articles passed at the second session on Friday, which was well attended. The results of both sessions are available on the town website, canterbury-nh.org.



We heard from Comcast that the second round of grants for statewide broadband expansion was awarded to Consolidated Communications. We had issued an RFP to them in August of 2021 but they didn't respond. There is a third round of grants coming up later in the spring and

we hope that the state will see fit to award the grants to more than one company. Please feel free to contact your state representatives to inquire about the grant process and why when there are multiple companies offering broadband for New Hampshire, the awards are only going to one company. It would make sense to spread the awards around to multiple companies in order to complete "last mile" connections of existing infrastructure.

We have been having technical problems with our GoToMeeting platform that we use for broadcasting committee and board meetings. We are working with our IT company to fix the problem. The meetings and links are always posted to the town website, and if GoToMeeting is not working we also post an announcement so that anyone interested in joining knows they need to attend in person.

Our Highway Department has been working hard to keep our dirt roads passable for all traffic during the mud season. Please let them know if there is a road that needs attention.

The April Board of Selectmen's meetings will be on April 3 and April 18.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Waste Committee has new chair, schedule

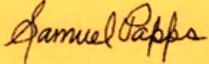
The Solid Waste Committee has a new chairman, Rich Marcou, and a new meeting day: the second Monday of the month at 3:30 pm in the library meeting room.

~ Lois Scribner

OFFICIAL RESULTS
OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD
IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14th, 2023

SELECTMAN for Three Years Vote for not more than (1) one:	PLANNING BOARD for Three Years Vote for not more than (2) two:
Doherty, Scott 212	Marcou, Richard 214
Dole, Sumner 45	Nichols, Lucy 184
Todd, Calvin 124	Snyder, Logan 205
CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years Vote for not more than (1) one:	LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Two Years Vote for not more than (2) two:
Goegel, John 369	Riendeau, Linda 345
	Melasecca, Sarah 324
MODERATOR for Two Years Vote for not more than (1) one:	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS for Three Years Vote for not more than (1) one:
Miller, Jim 364	Heath, Gregory 360

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March 14th, 2023



Shaker School District voters approve new budget

Here are the results of voting in the Shaker Regional School District.

School District Moderator: Sumner Dole 361, William Wright 357

School Board members, Belmont (pick two): Jill Smith 534, Mark Ekberg 427

School Board member, Canterbury (pick one): Alice Todd 345, Marcelle Pethic 249

Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 513, No 243

Operating Budget: Yes 592, No 180

Addition to School Facilities & Grounds Expendable Trust Fund: Yes 569, No 201

Addition to Technology Expendable Trust Fund: Yes 609, No 161

This Month at the Library: Read All About It!

Director's note: A sincere thank you to all of you who came to Town Meeting to support your favorite library. Your daily praise and support of our programming and collection mean a great deal to me and the staff. Thank you, Canterbury!

National Library Week 2023, April 23-29: We are using this opportunity and its theme of "There's More to the Story" to promote our library as the community center of town. We have a lovely coffee cart near the fireplace that was a gift from The Friends of Elkins Public Library. Residents come every week to enjoy the space, meeting for a chat or to grab a cup of tea before starting their walk. Come in and see for yourself.

The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, April 17, at 6pm.

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on April 6 at 6 pm. This group enjoys titles from our collection but also maintain their own collection of private books. Come see what it's all about.

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, April 19, at 6 pm. We will be discussing the book *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk or downloadable on Hoopla.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: This month we will be playing the ultimate mystery game: Clue! Who did it? In what room? And how did they do it? This is a participant driven club around the MMM theme, so come join us on Tuesday, April 25, at 2 pm to see what we are all about. We welcome your ideas.

Elkins Café. We start with coffee, tea, biscuits and conversation. We will meet on Thursday, April 6, at 2 pm for adult coloring. Thursday, April 20 at 2 pm Louisa Simpson of WellSense will be here—and again on May 18 and June 22—to present a short Powerpoint about Medicare and to answer questions. Louisa has over 15 years of Medicare experience working for the state of New Hampshire and nonprofits.

Sweet Grass Group: Thursday, April 6, at 6 pm. This group wanted to bring Maria Noël Groves to the library—see our speaker series listing!—so this will be the April meeting for this group.

Game Night! Come join your friends and neighbors for an evening of games on Wednesday, April 12 and 26, at 5:30 pm. We'll play Scrabble or Katan or whatever you fancy! Bring your favorite along as well. This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

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One month, three talks in Speaker Series!

Wild Backyard Medicinal Herbs: Thursday, April 6, at 6 pm in the Town Hall with Maria Noël Groves, RH (AHG), clinical herbalist and author. Interested in medicinal, healing, and edible herbs? This program was made possible thanks to funding from the Augustine family.

Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyotes with Chris Schadler on Thursday, April 13, in the Town Hall at 6 pm. While wolf recovery was the focus of her early work, Chris's attention shifted to the Eastern Coyote when she and her flock of sheep moved to New England. She is now the NH and VT representative for Project Coyote, a national organization promoting coexistence with coyotes. Chris founded the NH Wildlife Coalition, which aims to defend predators and broaden public input into wildlife decision-making.

Beech Hill: The Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers with Galen Beale on Thursday, April 20, in the Town Hall at 6 pm. Galen has been involved with both the Canterbury and Enfield Shaker Villages for many years. This program tells a new story about the New Hampshire Shakers and their apostates.

Free tech help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue.

The Children's Room

Story Time: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children birth through kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading.

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! Perfect for our youngest patrons ages birth through preschool. Help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community.

Teen Room: Teens are invited to a Pizza Party/Movie Night on Tuesday, April 25, at 5:30 pm. Check out our new Teen Only space and let us know what programs you would like to see!

School Vacation Week!

Tuesday, April 25: Join us for a drop-in LEGO time from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be a table of Duplos for our younger patrons.

Thursday, April 27: Join us for an afternoon children's movie at the library at 2 pm. Call the library to see what's playing. Popcorn and juice will be provided.

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Stores

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Brookford Farm Store: 7 am to 7 pm daily; 783-4084

106 Beanstalk: 6 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

Loudon Food Pantry

Hours: Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4.

Service: By appointment only at same hours as above.

Location: Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

Town offices and organizations

EMERGENCY? Dial 911

Police Department: Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Concord police dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire@canterburynh.gov

Town website:
canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation@canterburynh.gov

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterburynh.gov

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. Emails: selectmen@canterburynh.gov
assessing@canterburynh.gov
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Highway Dept: 783-4123
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Planning Board: 848-2059
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Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:** Monthly on 2nd Monday, 3:30 pm, Library, or as needed.
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Tues., 6 pm

Farmers Market blossoms again on May 31!

There may still be snow on the ground, but behind the scenes and under the drifts, the Canterbury Community Farmers Market and the vendors who are part of the market family are already hard at work. Opening Day is Wednesday, May 31, from 4 to 6:30 pm in the parking area and field adjacent to the Elkins Library.



Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? Please do!

Check out our website, canterburyfarmersmarket.com, for all the info you need, including how to become a vendor and how to sign up for our weekly Market News email.

The market depends on, and is greatly appreciative of the volunteers who help set up and break down the market each week. It's fun—really! If you are interested, please email Ruth Smith at ruthnaturally234@gmail.com or stop at the market info tent at any Wednesday market. We will be happy to talk with you.

This is the market's 17th year in Canterbury center. If you haven't visited us yet, we wholeheartedly invite you to do so. There's a bounty of local goodness and great music every week!

~ Beth Blair

Food pantry provides for almost 6,000 meals

In February 2023 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 261 individuals for them to prepare 5,988 meals. Of these people, 142 were age 60 and older (54 percent), 48 were age 18 or under (18 percent), and 71 were between those ages (27 percent).

What is better to donate, food or funds? There is what is known as a Meal Conversion chart. When donating food, the formula is weight-divided by 1.2 = meals. When donating funds, the formula is dollars times 4 = meals. Here are a few examples: A donation weighing 1 pound of food provides 1 meal, and a donation of \$1 provides 4 meals. A donation of 5 pounds of food provides 4 meals, and a donation of \$5 provides for 20 meals. Finally, a donation of 10 pounds of food equates to 8 meals, and a donation of \$10 to 40 meals.

Food donations allow us to incorporate a needed variety in the diets of those we feed. Financial donations allow us to purchase needed items that we don't receive in food donations. We can also purchase items in larger quantities.

So, whether you donate food or funds, you are still helping us feed those in need. Thank you for your contribution!

Do you need food? The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment! Go to LoudonFoodPantry.org and click on Need Help? or call Sue Houck at (603) 724-9731.

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Canterbury Historical Society receives Civil War history donation

A Civil War “dog tag” belonging to Henry W. McDaniel has been donated to the Canterbury Historical Society. McDaniel was listed in Lyford’s *History of Canterbury* as having enlisted on Sept. 17, 1862. His tag identifies him as being attached to Company G of the 15th New Hampshire Regiment. The 15th New Hampshire Infantry was organized in Concord between Oct. 6-16, 1862, and mustered in for nine months’ service under the command of Colonel John W. Kingman. The 15th New Hampshire Infantry mustered out of service Aug. 13, 1863, at Concord. The regiment lost a total of 161 men during service, with 27 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded while 134 enlisted men died of disease. The dog tag is a gift of Ms. Janice McLaughlin of Franklin, for which the society is most grateful. The society is working with Elkins Library to create an appropriate place to soon display this rare find and important addition to our Archive.

Archival volunteers needed: We are asking for volunteers to assist us in preparing Archive materials for entry into our computer system so that the resulting information can be made easily available to researchers, students and the public. Currently we are working on church records, old deeds, old houses and oral histories, but there are many other areas that also need work. Our Research Area is ready to welcome you whether you are available for a few hours a week or more (it’s up to you). Please contact our archivist Sam Papps for information. He will coordinate efforts and oversee training.

Canterbury Players history to be posted: Our Archives contain scrapbooks from each of the ten Gilbert & Sullivan



The treasures on the historical society website include this Luther Morrill Cody photo of Shaker brethren hard at work.

shows produced and directed by Jackie and Bill Mears beginning in 1983. Soon we will begin posting photos (along with cast and program information from their first production of “H.M.S. Pinafore” to our website, canterburyhistory.org. All productions will subsequently be posted.

Website revamp: With the great help of Jane Balshaw, our website has been revamped and reorganized to make navigation and information searches more friendly and easier. When you are there, you can sign up to receive information through our blog. It’s easy, just go to canterburyhistory.org to sign up.
~ Bob Scarponi, President