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## Hearing to be Held on Proposed Design

By Bruce Simpson

Cheshire Oil Co., the owner of the Citgo station and convenience store most Dubliners still call "Carr's Store," is seeking town approval for some major changes to the site. The proposal calls for the current building to be removed and replaced by a new, slightly larger structure that would be built in a different place, nearer the location where the mobile home once stood.

The new building, designed by Dan Scully, would be about 4,000 sq. ft. and would be shingled, with columns along the front reminiscent of the columns on the Town Hall (see sketch). The building would have a drive-up window in the back where motorists could get coffee, doughnuts, etc.

The current fuel island would be replaced by a bigger one with six fueling stations instead of the current four, which the company feels would reduce congestion during busy times.

The company feels that the proposed plan would improve the appearance of the site and allow better service for its customers. It would, however, require three variances from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as it does not comply with zoning rules relevant to wetlands impacts, drive-up windows, and the number of fueling stations allowed.

The ZBA will hold a public hearing on the variance requests on January 10.

BRUCE SIMPSON is chair of the Dublin Planning Board.

### TOWN OF DUBLIN PUBLIC NOTICE

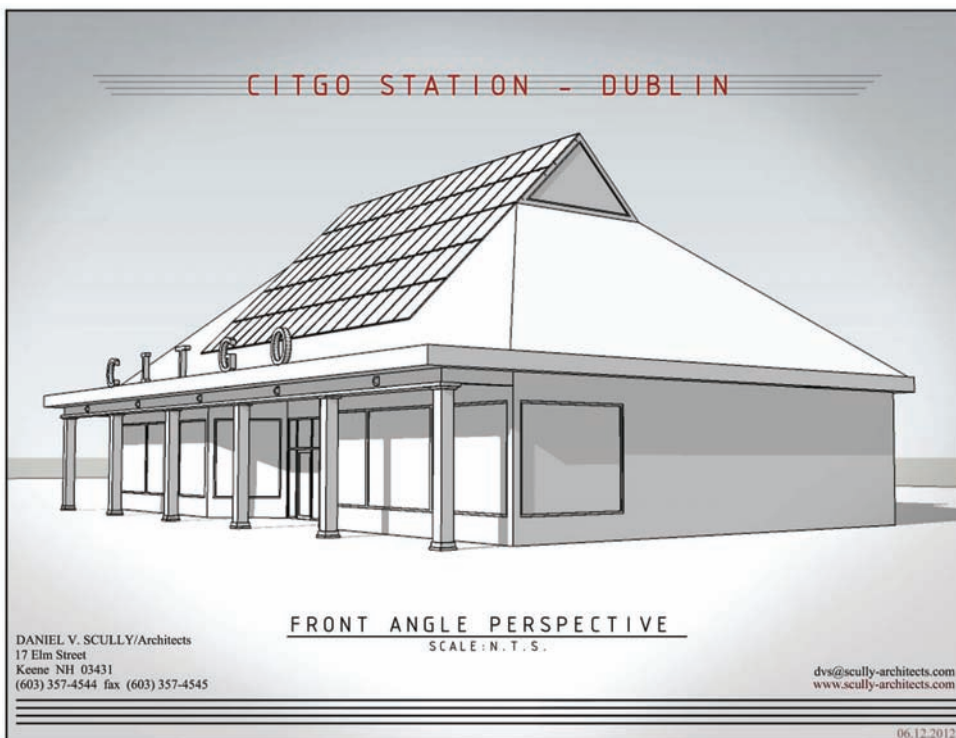
#### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:15 pm at the Dublin Town Hall to hear an application by Cheshire Oil Company, Inc., to reconstruct their store and expand their retail gasoline business on their property at 1561 Main Street (Route 101), Dublin, NH, Tax Map 8, Lot 22. The proposed expansion of the property requires three variances from Dublin's Land Use Regulations and the hearing will treat each application for relief separately as follows:

1. A Variance is requested from Article XIII, Section E.1 to permit building within the 100-ft. wetland buffer.
2. A Variance is requested from Article X, Section Table of Uses, C.10 to permit a drive-through window for coffee and doughnuts.
3. A Variance is requested from Article XII, Section E.4.e to permit 3 fuel islands having 6 fueling stations where the ordinance allows 2 islands with 4 stations.

You are invited to appear in person or to respond in writing prior to the above meeting date to state reasons why you think the above relief should or should not be granted or to identify specific concerns you believe should be considered by the Board when hearing the appeal. Should a decision not be reached at the above hearing, the meeting will be continued to a later date and the appeal will remain on the Board of Adjustment's agenda until such time as a decision is rendered.

Per order of the  
Zoning Board of Adjustment,  
Neil R. Sandford, ZBA Secretary



## Dublin Public Library

Wednesday, January 2, the Dublin Public Library will offer the 9:30 am story time hour by ushering in the New Year with a program about the months. We will look at calendars and every child will have the opportunity to find their birthday and share the date. We will end the program with a 2013 crown to decorate and wear home. January 9 we will introduce the topic of mountains and how the weather affects them. January 16 we will find out if animals can live on mountains. If you want to learn about adventure on the mountain, come on January 23 and learn about mountain climbing and skiing. On January 30 we will make a three-dimensional mountain and learn about some important rescue work done on mountains. A different craft is offered each week and the following books will be read throughout the month: *Mountains Have Snow on Top*, *Sally Goes to the Mountains*, *Henry Climbs a Mountain*, *Mountain Dance*, and *Mountain Song*.

### BOOKS

*Flight Behavior* by B. Kingsolver  
*An Irish Country Wedding* by P. Taylor  
*Merry Christmas Alex Cross* by J. Patterson  
*The Black Box* by M. Connelly  
*Hallucinations* by O. Sacks  
*Help Thanks Wow* by A. Lamott  
*Notorious Nineteen* by J. Evanovich  
*Sweet Tooth* by I. McEwen

### DVDS

*Brave*  
*The Odd Life of Timothy Green*  
*The Amazing Spiderman*  
*Ice Age*  
*Continental Drift*

## Edie Clark: The Dublin Art Colony

On Saturday, January 19, at 10 am, Edie Clark will present her program about the Dublin Art Colony at the FDPL Annual Meeting: "In the Latin Quarter: The Story of the Dublin Art Colony" includes thumbnail sketches of artists George de Forest Brush, Joseph Lindon Smith, Alexander James, Rockwell Kent, Richard Meryman, and Frank Weston Benson.



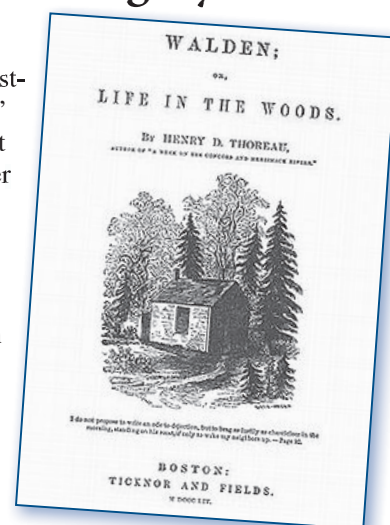
Photo by Sally Shonk

## FDPL Presents Bird, Water, Mountain: Thoreau's Legacy

By Catherine Boeckmann

The book discussions, "Recasting Monadnock's Classics," proved so popular in the fall that we are happy to continue to offer our reading, art, and conversation series at the Dublin Public Library.

The theme for winter and spring is Nature, beginning with Bird, Water, Mountain: Thoreau's Legacy. Thoreau's journals and *Walden* inspired many great writers familiar with our Monadnock Region, and we'll enjoy exploring their stories, essays, and poems.



Original title page of *Walden* features a picture drawn by Thoreau's sister Sophia.



"How can you expect the birds to sing when their groves are cut down?"

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU, *Walden*

The first session is Saturday, February 16, 2013. You may pick up the readings any time after January 15 at the library desk. Pre-registration is not required.

All sessions are Saturdays from 10 am to noon, downstairs at the library. Come to one session or come to them all (March 9, April 20, May 4).

This series is sponsored by the Friends of the Dublin Public Library and a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

Open to the public. Refreshments and coffee served.

CATHERINE BOECKMANN is secretary for the FDPL.

## Biennial Regional Jurors' Choice Exhibition

January 25 – March 7, 2013

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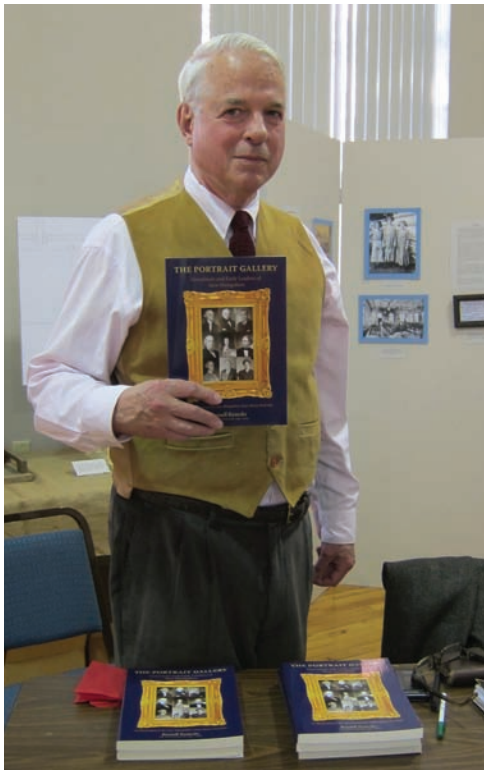
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Sally Shonk was able to capture this photo of Rusty Bastedo signing his book, *The Portrait Gallery: Governors and Early Leaders of New Hampshire*, December 15th at the Cheshire Historical Society in Keene. For the full story, see the November issue of the *Advocate*, p. 4.

## Needed: A New School Board Rep

The Town of Dublin's School Board Representative is up for election. Mary Loftis' term ends after the March election in 2013. The term is for three years. Candidates for School District Office shall file their declaration of candidacy with Brenda Marschok in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 106 Hancock Rd., Peterborough, NH, not earlier than Wednesday, January 23, 2013 or later than 4 pm, Friday, February 1, 2013.

### TOWN OF DUBLIN PUBLIC NOTICE Filing Period for Town Offices

Residents interested in declaring their candidacy for the following town offices may do so at the Town Clerk's office beginning Wednesday, January 23, 2013 and ending on Friday, February 1, 2013. For those residents wishing to file for office on February 1st, the Town Clerk's office will be open from 3 pm to 5 pm.

|                        |             |         |
|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Selectman              | 1 position  | 3 years |
| Library Trustee        | 2 positions | 3 years |
| Water Commissioner     | 1 position  | 3 years |
| Budget Committee       | 2 positions | 3 years |
| Cemetery Trustees      | 1 position  | 3 years |
| Planning Board         | 2 positions | 3 years |
| Planning Board         | 1 position  | 2 years |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | 1 position  | 3 years |

Jeannine Dunne, Town Clerk

## Save the Date: Winterfest Is Feb. 9th

By Jen Bergeron

The Dublin Recreation Committee invites you to Winterfest 2013 on Saturday, Feb. 9th, from 11 am to 2 pm at DCS. Save the date and think snow! Join us for a day of winter fun.

Snowmobile tow rides will be sponsored by the Monadnock Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

The famous Box Sled Races will also be held — so start building your Box Sleds now! Remember: only cardboard boxes and duct tape allowed.

A bonfire is in the plans as well as hot dogs, chili, and hot cocoa to keep us all warm.

Look for more details soon!

JEN BERGERON is a member of the Dublin Recreation Committee. She can be reached at 563-8308 or [jberge@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jberge@myfairpoint.net).



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## News from the Dublin Consolidated School

By May Clark

Our Community Supper was wonderful! We had well over a hundred people, all with their own bowl, spoon, and “proper” napkin. We enjoyed three kinds of soup: Butternut Squash, Kale and White Bean, and Leek and Potato, as well as two kinds of bread: whole wheat and French.

All the DCS students cooked for a day and a half in preparation, and prepared all the food, including the delicious zucchini chocolate cake for dessert! Attendees had the pleasure of hearing haikus about bread from fourth and fifth graders, and vegetable poetry from third graders. We might have to make this a regular thing!

Thanks go to Kin Schilling, of Cornucopia, who cooked with us for hours, and her crew of two who swooped in to help with set up and clean up. Supper was served by fourth and fifth graders, and everyone pitched in to help put away tables and chairs at the end. It was a special evening!

It's hard to believe the New Year is already here. We had a lovely December, with thank yous due to our wonderful PTO, who put on their annual Holiday Shoppe for the children, and to Mr. Parshall and Mrs. Harrison, who pulled off a successful

holiday concert on the 19th. And let's not forget our fabulous Fire Department, who got Santa to come with gifts for all Dublin children! Our whole school enjoyed crafts on the last day before vacation, as well as a traditional reading by Tim Clark of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.

January brings mid-year testing, with NWEA and Aimsweb, as we continue to



ABOVE: Kindergarteners preparing kale for homemade Kale and White Bean Soup.

LEFT: Fourth and fifth graders serving homemade soups and breads to Dubliners on Friday, November 30, at DCS. Just look at how long the line of people is!

collect data to see how well our kids are progressing. We wish everyone a Happy New Year, and extend an invitation to visit any time. Just call or email first!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS. She can be reached at 563-8332 or email [mclark@conval.edu](mailto:mclark@conval.edu).

## Head Lice and Money Problems

By Mary Loftis

At a recent School Board meeting a large crowd showed up to question the District's Head Lice Policy JLCC. Although this policy was revised in June of 2011 and corresponds to the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, some in attendance felt that the policy should be altered to require general parental notification in the event of a case of head lice in a classroom. After an informative presentation by two of the District's nurses, various people vehemently objected to our policy, which focuses on education and treatment and does not exclude children from school. While I was listening to the public comments, I tried to be empathetic. In fact, I did remember what an expensive nuisance it was when my two kids got head lice in elementary school. But I also remembered that the kid who was suspected as being

the source of the problem was embarrassed and ridiculed. Our current policy attempts to deal with this chronic problem without blowing it out of proportion. In the end, the Board voted to retain the policy as it is.

Ironically, although a big crowd came to discuss head lice, only a few stayed on to hear the Board's deliberations about the 2013-2014 District budget. As I wrote in December's *Advocate*, this is a uniquely challenging year because of increased fixed costs and the “downshifting” of costs from the State. While the ConVal budget has averaged just 0.7 of one percent increase during the last five fiscal years, this year is different: the first draft of the budget shows a \$2 million increase (5.03%). Please keep in mind that this is a first draft; we know it won't fly! So, now comes the painful process of prioritizing. What do we cut out? The Board suggested that the SAU admin-

istration trim a bit over \$1 million. At our next meeting, we'll look at another version – and decide if we have to go further.

As this article indicates, the subjects covered in any School Board meeting range from mundane to deadly serious. The meetings are often long, sometimes contentious, sometimes fascinating – but always important. My second term is finished in March, and I will not be running again. If you are interested in kids and schools and public education, please consider being Dublin's representative. I urge you to attend a School Board meeting as well as one of the Committee meetings – and call me (563-8884). I promise I won't minimize the time commitment, which is significant. We can be so proud of DCS, as well as SMS and ConVal. What could be more important than helping them evolve into the future?

MARY LOFTIS is nearing the end of her second term as Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board, SAU 1.



## Elizabeth S. Pool: A Remembrance

By Dick Meryman

Elizabeth Shallcross Pool died at age 98. Her life was a continuation of the line of such Dublin spirits as Abbott Thayer, Raphael Pumpelly, Joseph Lindon Smith, George de Forest Brush, creators who found Dublin the place to feed their imaginations.

Elizabeth's childhood was in New York City in a highly structured and high achieving family with a prim mother and a dreaded British nanny. Standards were clear and permanent — knowledge of right and wrong, exacting expectations of self and surroundings. "I kept my peculiar side to myself," Elizabeth remembered. And she never cared whether people might consider her eccentric and odd.

In 1918 at age four she began Dublin summers that were an explosion of freedom — wonder made palpable. Now she could begin fulfilling what she was: a person of hypersensitivity, imagination, curiosity and intelligence. She reveled in whole days exploring and feeling the forest, sometimes on her pony named Peggy, its hooves slipping on the pine needles. With a fringe of trees along the lake, houses hidden in the woods, roads dirt — there was a wonderful quiet, a feeling of safety. Under bushes she built little villages with tiny, wire people living there. She wrote plays for herself and tried to persuade people to act them with her. She began tuning into the pulse of the land, especially of Monadnock. She felt a hub of magnetic ley lines radiating vibrations of magic, and it became a lifelong totem.

In 1950, with Beekman Pool, she became a year-round resident in her parents' Snow Hill house, which became a portrait of her mind. She created a circular maze for meditation. She accumulated a lifetime collection of toy pigs and unicorns and kept dogs and cats. A vexologist, she hung her flag collection in the front hall. Stacks of beautiful boxes housed her memory-laden acorns and shells and old coins. She refurbished a pair of doll houses lived in by Mr. and Mrs. Day, complete with gardens, furniture, and mice in the back hall. When children visited, she delighted in their delight, which communed with her own childlike immediacy. As the years evolved, artistic sensibilities combined with a sense of drama. She wrote and directed some 40 plays and pageants for grownups and children. Known for her deep-seated generosity, she was Dublin's Brownie and Girl Scout leader, organizing art and

woodworking projects to instill thinking and dreaming — which she practiced herself as a member of the Dublin Garden Club and the Dublin Community Church.



Photograph by Linda Van Wyk

In 1951 Elizabeth was the force behind the creation of its masterpiece Christmas Crèche where children could place gifts. An art work in all its details, including her Steiff animals, it has been a beloved fixture year after year. "In her unique brand of spirituality," remembers Pastor Mike Scott, "she found a tremendous amount of joy — and it was a joy to be with her."

Elizabeth's endless wish to know explored both imaginary and reality worlds. Her prodigious memory became a resource for the Dublin Archives. Books were a second home and a way to explore the world. She accumulated over a thousand volumes and bookshelves spread through the house. During the day she read history, religion, travel, philosophy, science and poetry. She had a collection of art books

and one or another was always open on a lectern in the front hall. In the evenings she relaxed with popular detective fiction. Her most intense social issue was human overpopulation, a threat to both people and the planet's birds, animals, fish and plant life. "Our home place is so beautiful," she often mused, "but our species is destroying it." She herself wrote in long-hand six published books, including the life of Jesus for young people, the magical unicorn in myth and legend, a three-volume history of the world from the beginning of recorded time. With her lifelong best friend she wrote the whimsical "God of the Hinge," centered on a pervading Hermes, a prankster and inventive genius who was the god of shepherds, land travel, merchants, weights and measures, witchery, literature, athletics, thieves, and poets — and the father of Pan.

Elizabeth Pool will always have a prominent place in Dublin's list of formidable originals.

DICK MERYMAN grew up in Dublin, the son of the painter, Richard Meryman. He says, "Abbott Thayer was my father's mentor." He attended both Dublin Consolidated School and Dublin School, and went on to become a reporter then writer for Life magazine in New York. He has written several books, and returns to Dublin every summer. He and his wife, Liz, live in New York City.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Readers can read an earlier article by Felicity Pool about her mother published on p. 10 in the June 2011 Advocate.



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## PERSON OF THE MONTH

**Bob Weis and the Farm***By Rusty Bastedo*

**B**ob and his wife Mary (a cousin of the late Peggy Clement, of Peterborough) have been a part of Dublin for most of their fifty-one years of married life together, and Bob's involvement with the family's Cricket Hill Farm in Dublin goes back many more years before Bob and Mary's marriage, in 1961.

Bob is the son of Rev. Frederick L. Weis, a Unitarian minister preaching for many years in Lancaster (MA). Bob and his sister grew up at the Unitarian Church parsonage, and Bob became an engineer who taught hydraulic engineering at Worcester Tech (Worcester, MA).

Reverend Weis retired from the ministry in 1951, and he was persuaded (by Peterborough's legendary realtor Richard Alan Day) to buy Cricket Hill Farm, a "hard-scrabble" Dublin property. The Dublin property was rented out, first to Peterborough resident Rusty Carr (13 years), then to Dublin School teacher Charles T. Gillespie and his family (several years), and to other tenants. The rental income helped Reverend Weis in his retirement years, and it helped the family pay Dublin property taxes.

In 1961, Bob Weis married Mary, and he began a 31-year teaching career at Northfield Mount Hermon School, in Gill, MA. During summers Bob drove up from to Dublin to mow the fields and to do maintenance at Cricket Hill Farm. When Bob retired from Mount Hermon School, in 1992, he and Mary Weis finally became full-time Dublin residents – after Cricket Hill Farm had been a family property since 1951! With four children living within an

*Bob and Mary Weis at the farm.*

hour's drive of Dublin, it looks as though Cricket Hill Farm will continue to be a Weis Family property for years to come.

As a Dublin resident Bob Weis has contributed time and effort to the Town of Dublin's Finance Committee, and to other Town of Dublin needs and projects, over the years. He is proudest of his involvement (with Brian Barden, of Dublin) with moving the Dublin Gas Engine Meet from Dublin Town Center to a field at Cricket

Hill Farm. The move to larger quarters helped to ensure that the Gas Engine Meet would be a success. The Dublin Gas Engine Meet is today an annual September event that celebrated its 40th birthday at Cricket Hill Farm during 2012. And Bob and Mary Weis have transferred ownership of their field to Dave and Marsha Whitney so that this annual event will continue at its present venue for many more years.

*RUSSELL BASTEDO was formerly New Hampshire State Curator from 1997 to 2009. He has served on the staff of the Advocate since 1999.*



**New England cottontails** are endangered in NH and are a candidate for listing under the Federal Endangered Species Act. They occur in parts of southern Maine, southern NH, MA, CT, RI and southeastern NY. Their current distribution is less than a fifth of their historic range. The Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program seeks public support for this restoration effort. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Visit [www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/Nongame/support\\_nongame.htm](http://www.wildnh.com/Wildlife/Nongame/support_nongame.htm).



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*Skeeterbytes' Team captains are Gregg Fletcher, Heather Fletcher, and Seth Ogden. Other members of the team are Colby Mitchell, Andrew Fletcher, Ian Sage, and Noah Ogden.*

## DCA Robotics Team Update

By Gregg Fletcher

This year, Dublin Christian Academy participated in a new program called the FIRST Lego League. Students were given several challenges. First, they had to design and program a robot to autonomously accomplish a series of challenges. Second, they were to research a specific topic, and the area they were assigned this year was aging and the elderly. Their research was focused on finding some way to help the elderly deal with the hardships of aging.

DCA's team, "The Skeeterbytes," designed a lift system for staircases that help older people carry heavy objects up stairs. They competed against other Lego Teams and finished 16th overall in the NH state tournament. Congratulations, Skeeterbytes!

GREGG FLETCHER is a Science and Math teacher at DCA.

## Dublin School: View the Winter Night Sky

Dublin School welcomes the community to join us to View the Winter Night Sky on Wednesday, January 9, from 7-8 pm at the Perkin Observatory. Dessert and coffee will be served. Fun and educational for all ages!

View the Orion Nebula, especially visible in the winter sky, through the Perkin telescope and learn about this giant cloud of star forming gas, from Jonathan Weis, director of the Observatory. Spend time under the stars with Henry Walters who will explain the origin of the constellations, and learn about moon phases and the *Almanac* from Mare-Anne Jarvela, Senior Editor of the *Old Farmers Almanac* and Catherine Boeckmann, New Media Editor at the *Old Farmers Almanac*.

Please park near the gym and walk up to the Observatory. Wear warm clothing and bring a flashlight. If you need special parking or more information, contact Lucy Shonk at 563-1232 or email lshonk@dublinschool.org. (The snow/cloud date to be announced.)

## Stefan Jadaszewski Earns Award at UNH

Robert Mair, Chair of the Department of Psychology at UNH, congratulates Stefan Jadaszewski on being selected as the 2013 recipient of the Herbert A. Carroll Award for outstanding senior psychology major. He states the faculty was impressed with Stefan's academic record, his performance in his psychology courses, and his scholarly promise in the field of psychology. The Carroll Award includes a \$100 prize and will be presented at the Haslerud Undergraduate research conference in the spring.



## Local Ski Pro Chosen

Jim Rodrigues was selected to be the head official at the Cross Country Junior National Championships this March in Fairbanks, AK. He already made his site visit in November to make sure they are ready for the event.

You may recall Jim was responsible for clearing several trails behind the Dublin Consolidated School that are open to the public for summertime hiking as well as winter sports such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. [See the *Advocate*, August 2012, page 4 and Dec. 2011, page 5.]

*In the start of one of three races Jim officiated in November, they skied at -3 degrees F all three days. (The cut off is -5 degrees F.)*



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## DCP's Wish List

This list is published in hopes that some of our community folks may wish to donate any of the following items to the Dublin Community Preschool:

- ☐ Small & large paper plates
- ☐ Styrofoam trays
- ☐ CD/Cassette player (used is fine)
- ☐ Unscented shaving cream (6)
- ☐ Plastic straws
- ☐ Clear tape for writing center
- ☐ O Cello kitchen sponges
- ☐ O Cello scrubby sponges
- ☐ Salt (for cooking & art projects)
- ☐ Cream of tartar (for making play dough)
- ☐ Cornmeal
- ☐ Oats
- ☐ Assorted dry beans for sensory table
- ☐ Assorted pasta for crafts (wagon wheels, rigatoni, etc.)
- ☐ Craft feathers

- ☐ Puppets: community helpers, woodland creatures, astronauts
- ☐ Rocket ships or plastic space crafts
- ☐ Heart doilies (4" or smaller, white or red)
- ☐ Pipe cleaners: assorted variety of textures and colors
- ☐ Foam stickers: letters, dinosaurs, space, shapes, holiday, Valentine's, winter, Jungle
- ☐ Stickers: transportation, community helpers, winter, farm, fruits & veggies, family, sea/beach, Valentine's Day
- ☐ Books: "Abiyoyo" by Pete Seeger; "Who's Been Here? A Tale in Tracks" by Fran Hodgkins
- ☐ Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- ☐ Dress-up clothes: boys button down shirts size. 7+; boys suit jackets size. 7-10; clip-on ties
- ☐ Doll clothes for 10" dolls (used is fine)
- ☐ Yarn: red, green, royal blue
- ☐ Ribbon: 1/4" satin ribbon, assorted colors
- ☐ Toy gas pump (used is fine)

- ☐ Play broom or real child-sized broom
- ☐ Music: "A Child's Celebration of Folk Music"
- ☐ Puzzles (25-piece max): family theme, New England animals, birds, winter, holiday
- ☐ Stories on CD for rest-time listening
- ☐ Set of KidK'nex
- ☐ Colored copy paper (assorted colors)
- ☐ Colored sand
- ☐ Sweat pants for school extras (sizes 3-8 unisex; used is fine)
- ☐ Rubber bottom bathroom mat (small) w/ child motif (ex. Colors, ABC's, etc.)
- ☐ Pedal toys for playground (used are fine)
- ☐ Small metal pretend washtub for storytelling
- ☐ Cash register
- ☐ Black food coloring
- ☐ Holiday-themed snack-sized plates, and napkins

To contact Dublin Community Preschool, see their ad on page 3.



Fletcher Wilson, M.D. (left), Pamela Stetzer, M.D., and David R. Levene, M.D., surrounded by the cast of MCH babies

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Monadnock Community Hospital is a not-for-profit health care provider offering comprehensive health care services to the Monadnock Region. Financial Assistance information is available upon request.



Photo by Jeff Oja

The Town's Christmas Tree Lighting was a big success one rainy Friday night in early December, with a larger than ever crowd. The switch for the tree was lit by Miss Dublin, Gabrielle Oja, and the hot chocolate and cookies warmed our souls. Marshmallows were roasted fireside and many sang carols in the full spirit of the season. Many thanks to the Dublin Recreation Committee for coordinating these efforts.



## A New Vision for Early Literacy

By Mary Loftis

Laurie Meyer is a woman on a mission. An American Sign Language interpreter since 1977, Laurie is passionate in promoting her educational series, ASL Tales, which she characterizes as a paradigm shift in the field of literacy for both deaf and hearing children. The problem, she recently explained, is that well-meaning parents and teachers have often approached sign language without realizing that the benefits of learning sign are so much more than just sign vocabulary.

American Sign Language is its own dynamic, kinetic language in which gesture and facial expressions both play a major part. She showed me a DVD in which the storyteller Pinky Aiello was signing an emotionally fraught encounter between a prince and princess. Her animated facial expressions, which Laurie characterized as the “grammar” of the story, were part of the captivating non-verbal communication. Laurie envisions that these materials, which include colorfully illustrated hardcover books and DVDs, will benefit the literacy development of all young children, including those on the autism spectrum, who have often been exposed to a woefully inadequate version of sign language.

Laurie grew up in Houston, Texas, and moved to Dublin in 1982 after graduating from college with a degree in Hindi and course-



Laurie donated Rapunzel to the Dublin Public Library in 2010.

work in German, French and Spanish. Being a lover of language, it was natural to embark on another one, American, Sign Language, which she began learning from deaf friends and has been working on ever since. This skill is her passion and her livelihood: through moves to Washington, Oregon, Maryland and back to Dublin, she has done interpreting in doctor's offices, college classrooms, kayaking expeditions, the jungles of South America as well as public school graduations and political rallies. Of her job, she says, “I love it every day!”

Now, Laurie is looking for collaborators to create and test curriculum, help with social networking and develop a marketing plan to promote ASL Tales and get the materials to families, early childhood programs and school classrooms. She is certain that these stories, which involve quirky twists on traditional stories in the public domain such

as “Rapunzel” and the “Princess and the Pea,” will be valuable educational tools for cognitive language development and will transcend regular and special education. She talks to everyone she sees about her vision!

If you want to be convinced, just call Laurie Meyer at 933-0985 or email her at [lmnh@aol.com](mailto:lmnh@aol.com). An updated ASL Tales.net and an iPad app will be available soon.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the Advocate.

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CASA of NH invites all interested individuals to learn more about the program, download the application, or view the statewide training calendar at [www.casanh.org](http://www.casanh.org), or call 800-626-0622 for more information.



## Yoga Day Benefits Hospice at HCS

By Susan Ashworth

Yoga Day is set for Sunday, January 27, 2013, in Keene as an opportunity for those new to yoga as well as the experienced yoga student to try a variety of yoga styles first hand. More than 25 different classes will be available. Classes will start at 9 am and the last class will begin at 3 pm. Classes are one hour; and people are encouraged to take as many sessions as they would like. No registration is necessary.

Massage and Reiki will be available throughout the day. Breakfast and lunch are available sponsored by the Works Bakery and Café. A silent auction will be held from 9 am to 2 pm.

Yoga Day will be held at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, 312 Marlboro Street in Keene. All classes, massage, Reiki and breakfast and lunch are by donation, with proceeds benefiting Hospice at HCS, the local nonprofit hospice serving Dublin and southwestern New Hampshire. This year's major sponsor of the event is Yoga with Josephine.

For more information, call HCS at 352-2253.

SUSAN ASHWORTH is Director of Community Relations at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services.

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## Descendants of Joseph Lindon Smith to Exhibit at Putnam Art Gallery

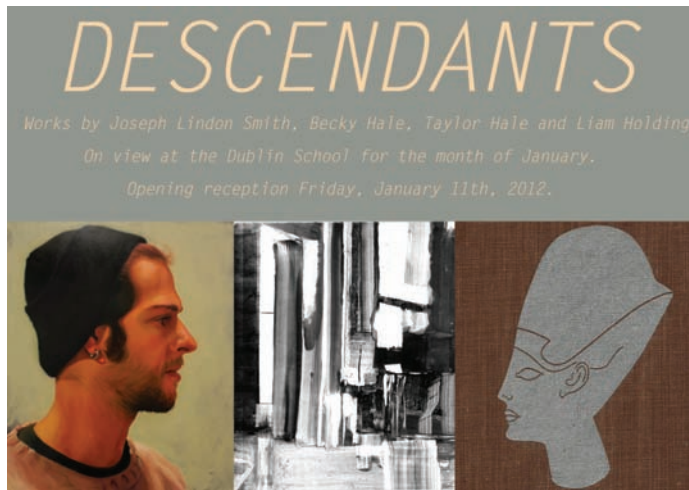
A show of the works of Joseph Lindon Smith and three of his young descendants will be held from January 4 to February 1 in the Putnam Art Gallery at Dublin School.

Joseph Lindon Smith 1863–1950, was an American painter, best known for his extraordinarily faithful and lively representations of antiquities, especially Egyptian Tomb reliefs. He was a founding member of the art colony at Dublin. Smith's house at Loon Point formed an important nucleus of the Dublin Art Colony, whose regular members included the painters Abbott Thayer and Rockwell Kent, publishers Charles Scribner and Henry Holt and whose visitors included Isabella Stewart Gardner, poet Amy Lowell, Mark Twain, and painter John Singer Sargent.

Three of his great, great grandchildren are also exhibiting their work in the Descendants show.

**Becky Hale:** Becky is a National Geographic studio photographer and also free-lances as a photographer of events, weddings and portraits. Recent projects have included the dwindling number of red heads being born and photos for a series on domestic leave of absence.

**Taylor Hale:** Taylor is a Key Largo native who draws inspiration from his island hometown. While studying at the Rhode Island



School of Design he specialized in Italian Renaissance and received his Bachelors of Fine Arts in 2009. Hale's passion for portraiture has led him to complete many commissions throughout the country before returning to the Keys to continue his career. Some of his pieces can be found in the Matecumbe Studio Gallery at the Morada Way Art District.

**Liam Holding:** Liam received a BFA in painting at the Rhode Island School of Design. He currently lives and works in Philadelphia. In the last two years he has

constructed a plural practice, within which he shifts from painting to printmaking with references to photography. He has started an artist-run studio and gallery in the city of Philadelphia by the name of FJORD and has curated two shows, one of which included his own work.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, January 4 from 6:30 to 8 pm. The public is welcome.

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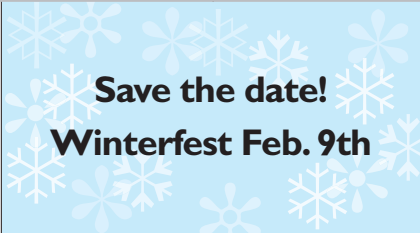


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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen<br><b>DCC</b> Dublin Comm. Church<br><b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School<br><b>DS</b> Dublin School | <b>DGS</b> Dublin General Store<br><b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library<br><b>TH</b> Town Hall<br><b>TSAG</b> Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery | <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b><br><b>DPL</b> closed                           | <b>2 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am;<br><b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7:30 pm   | <b>3 TH</b> Planning Board 7 pm   | <b>4 DS</b> Gallery Opening 6:30-8 pm; "Descendants" runs 'til Feb. 1                 | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7 TH</b> BOS 4 pm  | <b>8 DCC</b> Rotary 7:30-9 am;<br><b>DPL</b> Hill Top Group 6:45 pm  | <b>9 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Trustees Meet 7 pm<br><b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7:30 pm;<br><b>DS</b> Perkin Observatory Open 7-8 pm | <b>10 TH</b> Public Hearing, 7:15 pm                                    | <b>11 DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5 pm   | <b>12</b> Del Rossi's Bluegrass 8 pm                                |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>14 TH</b> BOS 4 pm   | <b>15 DCC</b> Rotary 7:30-9 am;<br><b>DPL</b> Hill Top Group 6:45 pm | <b>16 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am;<br><b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7:30 pm  | <b>17 DPL</b> Trout Unlimited 6:30 pm;<br><b>TH</b> Planning Board 7 pm | <b>18 DPL</b> Area Trustees Meeting 12 pm   | <b>19 DPL</b> FDPL Annual Meeting 10 am and Edie Clark Presentation |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b><br><b>DPL</b> Closed   | <b>22 DCC</b> Rotary 7:30-9 am;<br><b>DPL</b> Hill Top Group 6:45 pm | <b>23 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am;<br><b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7:30 pm<br><b>TH</b> Declare candidacy at Town Clerk 'til Feb. 1       | <b>24</b>   | <b>25 TSAG</b> "Jurors' Choice" Exhibition through March 7                            | <b>26</b> Del Rossi's Bill Staines 8 pm                             |
| <b>27 HCS</b> —Keene Yoga Day 9-4 pm (see p. 10)  | <b>28 TH</b> BOS 4 pm   | <b>29 DCC</b> Rotary 7:30-9 am;<br><b>DPL</b> Hill Top Group 6:45 pm | <b>30 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am;<br><b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7:30 pm  | <b>31</b>   |  |   |

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