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## Christmas Events in Dublin

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Dublin's annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 1 at 6 pm in the Yankee parking lot outside the Fire Station. Refreshments include hot chocolate, cookies and more.

Organized by the Recreation Committee, now administered by the Dublin Community Center, this event is the first of many this winter.



sing-along to celebrate the holidays. Bring your voice – and your instrument if you play one – as well as some holiday treats on Friday, December 15, at 7 pm.

**Christmas Show at DelRossi's Trattoria:** On Saturday, December 16, at 8 pm, a folk duo from Portsmouth, Susie Burke & David Surette, will perform seasonal and

holiday gems featuring David's mandolin virtuosity and Susie's entrancing vocals; with multi-instrumentalist Kent Allyn. \$15 at the door. Call 563-7195 for details.

**Mountain View Bible Church:** "Night of Light" is a Christmas program and carol sing on Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 pm. It is open to the community—all are invited to join us. Please call 563-8069 with questions or email [pastor@mtnview-bible.org](mailto:pastor@mtnview-bible.org).

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,** Dublin Community Church, 7 pm. All most welcome.

**Small Treasures Art Show:** You will not want to miss the DubHub's Small Treasures Art Show from December 2 through 4 featuring a sale of small works of art by more than 40 Dublin and Monadnock Region artists. Read all about it on Hub Events, page 6 in this issue.

**School Concert:** The Annual Holiday Concert at the Dublin Consolidated School will be held on December 8 from 6 to 7 pm; all are welcome to attend.

**Dessert Banquet:** The annual Christmas Dessert Banquet at Fairwood will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 6:30 in the evening. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and festive song, celebrating Christmas with neighbors in a beautiful setting with amazing food (not just desserts!). RSVP to 563-8492, or just show up on the 10th.

**Children's Pageant:** The children of the Dublin Community Church offer their annual Christmas Pageant during worship on December 17, which begins at 10 am. The Story of Christmas is most meaningful when seen through the eyes of children. All are welcome.

**Holiday Sing-Along:** The Monadnock Ukulele Group, under the leadership of Nancy Nolan, and the DubHub Song Circle, under the leadership of Bruce Simpson, will combine this month for a joyful

## More Holiday Events Nearby

**Keene:** Vintage Label Co. announces Holiday Lantern Market & Bazaar on December 2 from 8:30 am to 4 pm in Keene, at the Student Center of Keene State College (24 Madison St.). More than 50 vendors and artisans; parking is free; \$5 entry per person with kids 16 and under free.

**Peterborough:** Join The Monadnock Chorus in the Christmas Cantata "Sing Noel" by American composer Hal Hopson along with pieces by Palestrina and Poulenc on Saturday, December 9, at 7 pm. Features the Apple Hill String Quartet and the Hancock Village Ringers. This concert, in the Peterborough Town House (1 Grove St.), is performed again the next day, Sunday, December 10, at 3 pm.

**Keene:** Cheshiremen Chorus presents the Holiday Festival of Harmony on Saturday, December 16, at 4 pm, at the United Church of Christ, on Central Square in Keene. Tickets available at the Toadstool and [www.Cheshiremen.org](http://www.Cheshiremen.org).

**Nelson:** The Annual Holiday Music Miracle & Cookie Giveaway, with the Nelson Town Band, to benefit the Nelson Congregational Church performs Sunday, December 17, at 4 pm.

**Jaffrey:** London's Royal Ballet *The Nut-*

*cracker*: shown in HD video and sound. Two showings: Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm and Wednesday, December 20 at 2 pm. For tickets (\$20, students and teachers \$15), call 532-8888 or go to [RiverSt.org](http://RiverSt.org).

**Jaffrey:** The Jaffrey Civic Center's annual Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, December 9, from 9 am to 2 pm. The Fair will have handmade items, art, jewelry, gourmet foods, and gingerbread cookie decorating for the kids. And, through December 16, the Center hosts its Annual Autumn Art Show. The Jaffrey Civic Center (40 Main Street, Jaffrey) is also hosting a Caroler Holiday Doll Display in the Display Case Gallery through December 23. Admission is always free. For details, call 532-6527 or e-mail [info@jaffreyciviccenter.com](mailto:info@jaffreyciviccenter.com)



## Dublin Public Library

Over the holiday season treat yourself to a Christmas story. Lots of books featuring crafts, cooking, and themes of the season will be on display.

Story Time: Frozen grapes hidden in an ice cube and our first

### BOOKS

*Rescued* by P. Zheutlin

*An Irish Country*

*Practice* by P. Taylor

*Point of Contact*

by T. Clancy

*The Rooster Bar*

by J. Grisham

*Upstream* by M. Oliver

*Deal of a Lifetime*

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*Why We Sleep*

by M. Walker

snow in November had the children very excited! Scents of the season will be our theme during December. The crisp cold air, sometimes with a hint of wood smoke, evergreen trees, ginger, cinnamon, clove and of course peppermint.

We will read *Goodbye Autumn*, *Hello Winter* by Kenard Pak, *The First Day of Winter* by Consie Powell, *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* by Colleen Monroe, and *The Gingerbread Christmas* by Jan Brett. It is a wonderful month to bring your child to the library. We will be

doing holiday crafts and sharing stories and traditions with other families. We serve refreshments and always have games, puzzles, and small toy animals to entertain the children. The program begins at 9:30 every Wednesday morning.

The Book Buddies program meets on Tuesday afternoons

**Dublin Public Library Trustees:** Gail Bartlett, Nancy Cayford, Connie Cerroni, Willard Goodwin (chair), Bill Gurney, Jane Holmes, Celeste Snitko, Bethe Walker. Alternates, Rusty Bastedo, Marty Smith.



Many were in attendance at the Library to honor Adele Knight's service to libraries statewide. Here Adele is flanked by Trustees of the Dublin Public Library.

at 3:30 pm. When we read the book *The True Gift* by Patricia MacLachlan, it created an opportunity for great discussions. Children learned they are never too young to make a difference and made lanterns to remind them to shine! We reached our goal of 100 snowflakes (no two alike) and they were mailed to a school where families have been devastated by storms. Although a small gesture, we hope a little NH cheer will brighten their month.

We will talk about holiday traditions during December and learn from one another about what makes us unique. Legos, puzzles, chess, and a few surprises make the one-hour program go by quickly. Don't forget to check out some books and movies for school vacation week. Keep reading!

## Season's Greetings!

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## Brian Barden Retires but Continues to Serve

BY MARY LOFTIS

**B**rian Barden, Dublin's Road Agent for nearly 30 years, will be retiring on December 31. His amazing service to the Town will continue, however, as he marks 50 years as a volunteer fireman.

Brian grew up in Keene and graduated from Keene High School in 1960, the last class to attend the school on Washington Street. After serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam for 14 months, he returned to the area and got a job plowing snow for the Town of Dublin and later at Arthur Whitcomb in Keene.

In 1967 he met Jean, who was attending Keene State College, and they married in 1968. Brian and Jean moved to Dublin, and Brian began work at Worcester's Garage in the center of town. While at Worcester's, Brian was recruited by Selectman John McKenna to be Road Agent in February of 1988. He's been plowing and grading Dublin's 42 miles of roads ever since – through torrential summer downpours, ice storms, and blizzards – and every road condition in between.

Dublin's roads are evenly divided: 21

miles of dirt roads; 21 miles of paved ones, which amount to 84 "lane miles." Over the years, Brian has figured out how often to do the grading and ditching, and where he and his crew of three work on a given day depends on where the need is greatest. He is accustomed to receiving calls about road emergencies late at night and on weekends. In winter there can be occasional 30-hour shifts; he's good at "cat naps," he says.

Over the years, Brian and his crew have not only maintained Dublin's roads but also tackled big projects, such as the culvert and bridge reconstruction on Pierce Road a few years ago. Not having to hire outside contractors for these projects has saved the Town thousands of dollars.

Brian says he will miss his job and his crew (Mike Howe, David Stone and Roger Trempe) but is looking forward to a more relaxed pace and to having more time to work on his collection of five antique cars. Traveling to "T-Tours" with his beautifully



Brian made his Model T roadworthy so he and Jean could travel to antique car shows in warmer months.

restored Model T Ford is a pastime both he and Jean enjoy, and they have made many friends among fellow antique car enthusiasts.

The Town of Dublin is so grateful for Brian's long service; year after year, day after day, he has allowed us to drive out of our driveways and get where we need to go. We hope he has many happy years going where *he* wants to go in that shiny Model T!

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



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## Fall Events at DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

It is quite amazing what we can make happen in a "short" month with only 17 days. Among our many regular events were PAWS to read at the Community Center on the first and third Mondays, Book Buddies at the DPL on Tuesdays after school, and our Harvest Lunch.

Other notable activities include the end of Quarter 1, writing to local veterans in honor of Veteran's Day, and the return of Troy Wonderle with his Big Top Circus! While you might think the Circus came to DCS, instead we all embraced the fact that our school can be a circus. Troy's effusive energy and ability to engage all students resulted in an amazing Artist Residency culminating in many of our students participating in a circus performance. Thanks so much to the Dublin Community Foundation, the Arts Enrichment Program, and our wonderful PTO for supporting such a wonderful experience.

This month we honored a wonderful memory: one of Miss Emily's favorite things was the "snow dance." Sometimes this happened when she (and her students) were wishing for snow when there wasn't



any, or when they wanted more snowflakes to pile up! We revisited this tradition with our first snowfall in November and held a school-wide snow dance! It was a bitter-sweet dance and many of us hope that we will have a snow-filled winter.

I am so looking forward to the Thanksgiving break, not only because it means I can try to catch up on the many bits that I do not have enough time for, but also because this holiday is simply about family, friends, and of course, food! We all hope you and your families had time to enjoy each other's company!

As we begin to plan for the holiday season, we wanted to share that the annual DCS Holiday Concert will be held on Friday, December 8, from 6-7 pm. We will have a blend of classroom presentations and musical performances!

Wishing you a happy and healthy end of 2017 and a wonderful New Year!

NICOLE PEASE is Principal of Dublin Consolidated School.

## Singers of the Season

BY KRISTIE SCHWANKE

Local resident homes in the Peterborough Larea were so kind to let the K5-6th graders of Dublin Christian Academy perform a short Thanksgiving Program for the elderly. The students worked hard to learn songs, Bible verses, and a short play about the First Thanksgiving. This performance also taught young people the importance of giving and making others happy. This year they performed at Pheasantwood, Scott Farrar, and Summerhill adult care centers.

KRISTIE SCHWANKE teaches 3rd-4th grade at DCA.

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## Cross-Country Ski Opportunities in Dublin

BY HOLLY MACY

Two years ago, a group of families in the Monadnock Region created a new cross-country ski club to help share our love of the sport and to take advantage of the wonderful resources in this area. The club is designed to support complete beginners and elite skiers alike. We support skiers from kindergarten through masters divisions. It is not uncommon to find masters skiing well into their 80s!

The K-8 ski program is run by Sean Macy, Lindsey Masterson, and me and we invite any kids to sign up to ski one or two days a week. Our goal is to get young people playing games on skis while learning balance and introducing basic fitness.

Kathy Maddock, one of the most experienced and accomplished coaches in New England, coaches the junior program, which draws high school skiers from Bedford to Keene, NH. Skiers entering the junior program should have some experience with cross-country or downhill skiing and the willingness to train hard.

Kathy works with the juniors two or three times a week in this year-round program. Lastly, we have a masters program for skiers of all ages who want to train together or race headlamp races and tours.

All practices take place at Dublin School's Nordic Center. To learn more, visit [dublinxc.com/](http://dublinxc.com/).

If you are interested in the K-8 program, please come to an informational meeting November 30 at 5:30 pm at the Dublin School Recital Hall or contact Holly Macy at [holly@dublinxc.com](mailto:holly@dublinxc.com).

For the high school/junior program, please contact Kathy Maddock at [Kathy@](mailto:Kathy@)



[dublinxc.com](http://dublinxc.com). For the masters program, please contact Michael Ames at [Michael@dublinxc.com](mailto:Michael@dublinxc.com).

Club members receive generous discounts on ski equipment at Norm's in Keene. We welcome new families and hope you will consider joining this club and experiencing the joys of cross-country skiing in Dublin!

HOLLY MACY is the Director of College Counseling at Dublin School, as well as a member of the Board and youth coach of Dublin XC Ski Club.

## Update from the Schoolboard Rep

BY BERND FOECKING

In early November, the ConVal School Board kicked off the development of the school budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board provided Superintendent Kimberly Saunders with guidelines to use in developing a preliminary budget that was submitted for review at a working session of the Board held at SAU 1 on November 4.

The Board budget guidelines included a "zero-based review" of all teaching staff requirements, analysis of historical spending, projected health-insurance costs, and the capital improvement plan, among others. The capital-improvement plan will address proposed renovations to high school science laboratories.

The preliminary proposed gross budget was \$45,968,413, which is a 1.3% increase over the 2017-18 budget approved by voters in March of this year. The expected impact on assessments to towns in the district is expected to be significantly higher on a percentage basis due primarily to expected decreases in state revenue and the Unreserved Fund Balance.

The proposed budget will be reviewed,

modified, and approved by the Board over the next

several months. The approved budget will then be presented at a public "deliberative session" that will be held in early February. Any modification to the budget approved at that session will be subject to approval by voters in the District on election day on March 13. A "Default" budget will also be presented as required by NH statutes.

Election day will also provide the voters with an opportunity to vote on a new contract currently being negotiated between the Board and the Contoocook Valley Education Association (CVEA). The current three-year contract expires on June 30, 2018.

For Dublin Consolidated School, shrinking numbers projected for a school size of under 50 students means that DCS will be budgeted to have a teaching principal. The projected number includes incoming fifth graders. Some of the community elementary schools in the district used to have teaching principles before the principals' job was divided into building principal and district coach for ELA or math.

BERND FOECKING ([bfoecking@conval.edu](mailto:bfoecking@conval.edu)) is Dublin's rep to the SAU 1 School District.



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## DubHub Events in December

### Small Treasures Art Show

You will not want to miss this first, unique Small Treasures Art Show on December 2-4 featuring a sale of small works of art by more than 40 Dublin and Monadnock Region artists.

More than 200 entries include water-colors, oils, pastels, photography, as well as blown glass, pottery, origami, jewelry, and more. The pieces range in size from 3x3 to 5x7, and include 3-dimensional pieces. They are affordable,



Painting by Joan Barrows

portable, and ready to wrap for holiday gifts.

A fundraiser for the Community Center, the Small Treasures Art Show will run for three days: December 2, 10 am-2 pm; December 3, 12-3 pm; and December 4, 10 am-3 pm.

### MVBC Craft Night

On Tuesday, December 5, members of the Mountain View Bible Church will be making more fleece hats and neck warmers for the homeless. Join in from 7 to 9 pm to help. Please email Liz Ogden at [secretary@mntnviewbible.org](mailto:secretary@mntnviewbible.org) or call 563-8069.

### New Coding Club for Kids to start at DubHub

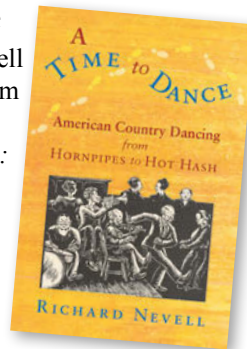
The Dublin Community Center has received three grants to start a new after-school Computer Coding Club for kids in January. With those funds, we have purchased a dozen HP Chromebooks to be used in the program. We have an instructor on board, and have made a decision on a curriculum.

We will begin offering our first session to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in the Dublin community. While a fee has not been set, it will be minimal. The Coding Club is open to all students, whether in public or private school, or homeschooled.

To learn more, contact Volkert Volkersz, program coordinator at the DubHub, at [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org) or call 563-8080.

### Richard Nevell Reads & Signs A Time to Dance

Author Richard Nevell will be reading from his newly published book, *A Time To Dance: American Country Dancing from Hornpipes to Hot Hash*, on Monday, December 11, at 7 pm. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is free, and donations to the Dublin Community Center are welcome.



Richard Nevell is a photographer, author, filmmaker, and songwriter. He is a member of ASCAP. With funds from the National Endowment for the Arts he co-produced two films with Robert Fiore: *Country Corners* and *Full of Life A-Dancin'* based on material in this book. He lives in Bali, Indonesia, and New Hampshire.

Of this book the American Library Association writes: "The immense scope is handled with clarity and insight, fitting American country dancing into the broader context of American studies... Nevell records American country dances as historical artifacts, as social expressions of rural and urban communities, as manifes-

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## Events in December *continued*

tations of democracy, and as an evolving traditional art that changes to meet the needs of a changing American society.”

### *Holiday Sing-Along with the Monadnock Ukulele Group & DubHub Song Circle*

The Monadnock Ukulele Group, under the leadership of Nancy Nolan, and the DubHub Song Circle, under the leadership of Bruce Simpson, will combine this month for a joyful sing-along to celebrate the holidays. Bring your voice — and your instrument if you play one — as well as some holiday treats, Friday, December 15. Doors open at 6:30, music starts at 7 pm. Volkert Volkertsz will serve as MC for the evening. Admission is free, but donations for the Dublin Community Center are accepted. This is a family friendly event — bring the kids or the grandkids! For details, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

### *Coffee & Conversation*

The DubHub is open for coffee and conversation every Monday and Wednesday, from 9 am until noon. The DubHub is open all day, along with free Wifi and a comfortable chair, on Mondays until 5 pm and on Wednesdays until 4 pm. The DubHub will be closed on Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday.

### *Lyme Disease Support Group*

If you suffer from Lyme disease, or know someone who does, please join Deb

The Dublin Community Center is located at 1123 Main Street, Dublin. Drop in Monday or Wednesday mornings, call 563-8080, or visit [www.dublincommunitycenter.org](http://www.dublincommunitycenter.org).

**The lighting of Dublin's annual Christmas Tree December 1** is organized by the Recreation Committee, now administered by the Dublin Community Center, as the first of many events this winter. Still to look forward to will be ice skating, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, and observing the January 31, 2018, lunar solar eclipse.

Because the town's insurance policy does not cover such winter events, we must ask participants to sign waiver forms acknowledging the risk of engaging in these outdoor activities.

Many of these events will be scheduled on short notice — depending on weather conditions — so do keep a sharp eye on the sign outside the Community Center, and if you want to be added to the DubHub weekly email newsletter, send your request to [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

The Recreation Committee consists of Rosemary Wolpe, Tom Warren, June Brening, and Neil Cotoni.



Golden for mutual support and to share valuable information. This group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month, which is December 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

### *Community Lunch & Nurse Is In*

Come enjoy delightful conversation with your neighbors over a tasty meal Tuesday, December 19, from noon to 1 pm. The menu includes an egg salad sandwich and chicken noodle soup, green salad, coffee and sweets. Cost is \$3. Plus, the HCS Nurse Is In at the same time. The HCS wellness nurse will check blood pressures and answer any questions about home care or health concerns you may have. This is open to residents of all area towns and is offered free of charge. No appointment necessary. Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency. For more information, visit [HCSservices.org](http://HCSservices.org) or call 352-2253.

### *Movement Classes Ongoing at the DubHub*

On Mondays, Zumba meets at the DubHub, led by Deb Giaimo, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Kick off the week with Deb. You may contact her at 563-4868. Cost is \$10/class or \$35/8-week session.

Every Wednesday from noon to 1 pm, QiGong meets, taught by Ginnette Groom. Come for a centering hour of the ancient Chinese practice. Call 313-9828 for more information. Cost is \$15/class or \$96/8-week session. Classes canceled December 20 and 27.

On Wednesday afternoons, Margaret Gurney teaches a Gentle Yoga class from 4 to 5:15 pm. Cost is \$15/class or \$60/6 classes. All are welcome.

### **No Community Forum in December**

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be a community forum in December. Instead, we encourage you to attend the Richard Nevell reading on Monday, December 11.



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## Photographs by Dubliner Showing at SAC

Lifelong Dublin resident Butch Sundstrom appears in a four-portrait set of photographs by Windmill Hill photographer Peter Tuttle in the Monadnock Photo Project now showing (through December 23) in the main gallery of Sharon Arts/ NHIA in Peterborough.

The New Hampshire Institute of Art (which encompasses the Sharon Arts Center) patterned its Monadnock Project on the nationwide Farm Security Administration photo project of the New Deal era, which included Dorothea Lange's famous Migrant Mother, a Dust Bowl refugee portrait, and known as one of the most renowned 20th century American photographs.

The NHIA Monadnock Region project, like the FSA pictures, sought to recognize and honor working people, their families, and their places in the region, just as the FSA photographers did in the 1930s. Seventeen local photographers took part in the year-long project, and of the 1600 photos submitted, 140 were chosen for the show. Peter Tuttle's work was chosen from Dublin.



Butch Sundstrom had probably been plowing snow for ten hours or more by the time Peter Tuttle took this photo.

## Volunteer NH's Spirit Awards

Volunteer NH's Spirit of New Hampshire Awards honor outstanding contributions to volunteerism throughout the state. Volunteer Service Awards recognize individuals and groups who provide volunteer services that strengthen communities and improve the lives of the citizens of New Hampshire.



CVTC's Volunteer Drivers received statewide recognition. These awards honor outstanding volunteers – or groups of volunteers – who reflect the strong ethic of service and volunteerism in our state. Several CVTC drivers attended the annual ceremony held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on November 7.

For more information about CVTC, contact Transportation Coordinator, toll free at 1-877-428-2882 x 5 (or 821-0569). You are also welcome to drop in at 375 Jaffrey Rd., Suite 3, Peterborough, NH 03458.

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## WVKJ Radio Marks Six Years of Operation

BY GRETCHEN POST

If you've ever had the radio on and been surprised to hear the voice of one of your neighbors on the air, chances are you've tuned in to WVKJ, 89.9FM, a nonprofit Christian radio station that broadcasts out of Dublin from the Fairwood Bible Institute campus on Old Marlborough Road.

In December 2011, WVKJ received an FCC license as a Noncommercial Education Station (NCE) serving the town of Dublin, and they've been on the air ever since. Neil Sandford, station manager for WVKJ and administrator at the Bible Institute, says "It's hard to believe we have been in operation around the clock for six years, but it has been an interesting journey."

The students and staff operate the station as part of the school's training program. All through the day on the hour or half-hour, along with the station identification, there are radio spots with such things as church invitations, messages of encouragement from the Bible, or announcements of special activities. Whether it's recording station IDs, giving local weather reports, or doing a 1-minute radio spot, the students have had numerous opportunities to learn

about recording and broadcasting, as well as the behind-the-scenes kind of work needed to run a radio station.

Although most of the programming is currently rebroadcast by satellite feed from a Christian radio network in Milwaukee (VCY America), Fairwood produces several original local programs. One favorite, "Around the Town," airs on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 3 pm, and features fun and fascinating interviews with local residents, talking about their organization or business, or answering the question, "Why do I call Dublin home?"

Some recent shows included an interview with Todd Bennett about his family's experience sailing to Dominican Republic, and a talk about fishing and hunting given by Jeff Clough and Milt Brown at the Dublin Community Center. Also on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:45 to 8 am, there is a "Community Bulletin" news program, where items sent to [wvkjradio@gmail.com](mailto:wvkjradio@gmail.com) are announced over the air. Besides these, each weekday at 12:30 pm a sermon from one of the churches in the Monadnock Region is broadcast.

The goal of the folks at WVKJ is to use

the station to encourage others in their faith, and help people understand God's love for them, as well as to be a helpful resource to the community in other ways.

They're open to suggestions for more local programs, so if you'd like to give input, call Neil, the station manager, at 603-563-8120. And if you haven't listened before, tune in and check it out today!

GRETCHEN POST is on the staff at the Fairwood Bible Institute.

## Art Show at the Thorne

Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery announces the closing December 6 of the show, *Impulse and Discipline: 60 Years of Painting by Robert S. Neuman 1950-2010*, in which 50 works from the Carnegie, Currier, Fogg, and Hood museums and private collections were on view. Visit the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, at Keene State College, Wyman Way, Keene; call 358-2720; email [thorne@keene.edu](mailto:thorne@keene.edu); or visit [keene.edu/tsag](http://keene.edu/tsag).

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## Hundred Nights' 4th Annual Holiday Auction

On Saturday, December 9, a combination Live and Silent Holiday Auction to be held at the United Church of Christ in Keene at 8 am will help keep the Hundred Nights Shelter and Resource Center doors open this winter.

You can participate on [www.hundrednightsinc.org](http://www.hundrednightsinc.org) where all of the donated items, services, and gift certificates are

listed. When you see an item you would like to bid on, just send your name, email, and phone number to Mindy Cambiar at [mcambiar@hundrednightsinc.org](mailto:mcambiar@hundrednightsinc.org) with the description of the item and the amount you would like to bid, and then keep checking to see if you are still in the running! The bid that reaches face value, or higher, by December 7 at 3 pm will win that item.

Winners can pick up their items at the live auction.

The Live Auction will be in the Dining Hall at the United Church of Christ on Central Square December 9 at 8 am. Bidding will begin at 9 am. Please call Mindy at 352-5197 if you have any questions.

Hundred Nights Inc. is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency. Thanks to all of you who donate through the United Way!

## Peterborough Players' Winter Season

BY FRED LEVENTHAL

The Players presents its second winter season with a single play in December and two in February. Launching the season on December 7-17 will be *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* by Tom Mula, which critics have called "delectably zany" and "an anthem to human nature." The comedy reverses the focus of Dickens' celebrated holiday story from Scrooge to his business partner, Jacob Marley, who is given a



second chance to redeem himself and Scrooge from eternal torment. Directed by Charles Morey, this irreverent and funny tale features Bridget Beirne, Tom Frey, Kraig Swartz, and former intern Jared Starkey. Thursday to Saturday evenings at 7:30 with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at

2:00. Suitable for the entire family.

FRED LEVENTHAL is a member of the board of the Peterborough Players.

## Benefit for Puerto Rico

BY NANCY NOLAN

The Monadnock Ukulele Group and the Dublin Song Circle are pleased to announce that their benefit concert for Puerto Rico raised \$1,834 for the Hispanic Federation UNIDOS fund, which assists Puerto Ricans in need after Hurricane Maria. Along with the ukulele group and song circle, local musical acts included Rick and the Redhead, Decatur Creek, Jibe Man Co, and Bob Pope who all performed for an appreciative audience. It was an evening to remember. Thank you to all who donated.

NANCY NOLAN organizes the ukelele group.



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## The Wood Duck

BY TOM WARREN

The Wood Duck is a common bird in the Dublin region, frequenting streams, wooded swamps, and beaver ponds. It is one of seven ducks that nest in tree cavities and bird boxes. Well adapted to its woodland habitat, it has large eyes that help it maneuver through the forest.

It was very common in the 1800s and the early settlers were quite familiar with it. By the early 1900s it began a steady decline owing to excessive killing, deforestation, and draining of its wetland habitat. Spring shooting, even after females had laid eggs, nearly caused its extinction. But the Wood Duck made a great recovery by the 1950s.

After protection by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, the Wood Duck began a steady recovery aided by the use of nest boxes, increase in beaver population, and restricted harvests. It is sought by hunters and only the Mallard Duck is more frequently shot. Wood Ducks comprise 10% of the annual harvest in the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways.

The male has a beautiful green head, white throat, red eye, and a long green,



purple, and white crest. It almost appears as if painted by a gifted oil painter.

The female is a drab brownish gray, with a white eye patch, white throat, and gray crest for easy camouflage that helps protect her while she is nesting.

The Wood Duck migrates from our area before ponds freeze, often in late November, and spends the winter in southern states. They migrate at night in small flocks.

Ninety percent of its food is vegetable matter, seeds, sedges, duckweed, wild rice pondweeds, aquatic insects, and especially acorns in autumn. It can swallow as many as 30 acorns aided by a distensible esophagus. Females eat a large number of invertebrates, which are rich in protein and calcium, just before laying her eggs, which may number 7-15 and hatch in 30 days, all at one time.

The female will not begin to incubate her eggs until all eggs have been laid.

Wood Ducks use hollow trees and bird boxes for nest sites. The female will pull out her own feathers from her breast to line the nest cavity. Predators on young and adults include snapping turtles, mink, raccoons, squirrels, large fish, and snakes. Hooded Mergansers often dump their own eggs in Wood Duck nests.

The Wood Duck is one of our most beautiful ducks, a destroyer of insects, especially mosquito larvae, and a much sought-after game bird. In Dublin, it will be gone by early December.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Photo credit: Cornell

### Easygoing Hike around MacDowell Reservoir

Join Lee Baker and Rich Taylor for a moderately strenuous, 3-mile hike around MacDowell Reservoir on December 1. Plan for some icing underfoot. Bring lunch, and meet at 10 am at T-Bird at the intersection of Routes 101 and 137 in Dublin. Back by 3 pm. For more information, contact Lee at 525-5262 or Rich at 827-4105. Sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

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## DECEMBER 2017 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCA</b> Dublin Christian Academy <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>DS</b> Dublin School	<b>HUB</b> Dublin Community Center <b>MRC</b> Monadnock Rotary Club <b>MVBC</b> Mountain View Bible Church <b>TH</b> Town Hall			<b>30</b> XC Ski informational at Dublin School Recital Hall 5:30 pm	<b>1</b> Lighting of Dublin Christmas Tree 6 pm; Harris Center hike around MacDowell 10 am-3 pm, meet at T-Bird	<b>2</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures Art Show 10 am-2 pm; <b>DPL</b> Democrats 10 am
<b>3</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures Art Show 12-3 pm	<b>4</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9 am-5 pm; Coffee 9-noon; Small Treasures Art Show 10 am-3 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm	<b>5</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; <b>HUB</b> MVBC Craft Night 7-9 pm	<b>6</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-12 & 1-4 pm; Coffee 9-12; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Two-Hat Group 7 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>DCS</b> Annual Holiday Concert 6-7 pm	<b>9</b> Auction to benefit Hundred Nights, Keene, 8 am
<b>10</b> Fairwood Christmas Dessert Banquet 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9 am-5 pm; Coffee 9-12; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; Richard Nevell Book Signing 7 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>12</b> <b>HANUKKAH</b> begins at sundown; <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>13</b> <b>HANUKKAH</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-12 & 1-4 pm; Coffee 9-12 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>14</b> <b>HUB</b> Lyme Support Group 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>15</b> <b>HUB</b> Holiday Sing-Along with Ukulele Group and Song Circle 7-9 pm	<b>16</b> DelRossi's Holiday Music 8 pm
<b>17</b> <b>DCC</b> Christmas Pageant 10 am	<b>18</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9 am-5 pm; Coffee 9-12; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm	<b>19</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch/Nurse is In Noon-1 pm; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>20</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-12 & 1-4 pm; Coffee 9-12; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>TH</b> Conservation Commission 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Winter Solstice</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>DCC</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm; <b>MVBC</b> Christmas Program & Carol Sing 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> Town Offices closed; Library closed; HUB closed	<b>26</b> <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>27</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-12 & 1-4 pm; Coffee 9-12; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>28</b> <b>TH</b> ZBA 7 pm		
<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>						

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