

# The Dublin Advocate

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## Quigley Scholarship Awarded by NHCF

*Implemented to help Monadnock-area students study art.*

A scholarship in the name of Albert Duvall Quigley — an artist, musician, and frame-maker from Nelson, NH — has been established at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF). It will provide assistance to students from the Monadnock Region who are pursuing post-secondary education in the visual arts.

Recipients will be selected based upon creativity, passion for and commitment to the arts, and financial need.

Albert D. Quigley grew up in Frankfort, Maine, and moved to Nelson after his service in World War I. “Quig,” as he was known, quickly became an integral part of the fabric of the town and its rich history of artists and musicians as he played for contra dances, painted the region’s towns and people, and made frames to hold regional artists’ paintings. He died in 1961.

Quig painted pretty regularly in Alexander James’s studio on Old County Road in Dublin, while he and his family lived in the V-Lawn Inn across the way. After Alec died, Alec’s wife told Quig to continue painting in the studio until the house was sold (pp. 17 and 21, catalogue/book).

To remember Quig’s life and honor his legacy, this scholarship is a result of a com-

munity effort in Nelson. The first scholarships from the fund will be made in 2018, through the NHCF’s scholarship program. Applications open in February.

This initiative was launched by a group of people who joined together to mount an exhibit of Quigley’s work at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene last summer; to compose a comprehensive 184-page full-color catalogue of his work; and to create a scholarship in his memory. The Albert D. Quigley Exhibit Committee consists of artists, writers, and educators from Nelson and beyond. Generous people and businesses made donations to support the committee’s work and the scholarship fund. Visit [www.nhcf.org/what-were-up-to/albert-duvall-quigley-scholarship-will-help-students-study-art/](http://www.nhcf.org/what-were-up-to/albert-duvall-quigley-scholarship-will-help-students-study-art/).

Quig was not a wealthy man. His only formal artistic training was made available to him through scholarships. For much of his life, he bartered his paintings: for legal services, to purchase his home in Nelson, and in exchange for medical and dental services. Many of the paintings in the catalogue had been created as part of this exchange system.

Sales of the Quigley catalogue/book

“Team of Oxen in Field” wall mural by Albert D. Quigley, which appears both on the cover and on page 127 of the book, *Albert Duvall Quigley, 1891-1961, Artist, Musician, Framemaker*.



“Nelson Church” oil on board, which appears on page 105 of the book *Albert Duvall Quigley, 1891-1961, Artist, Musician, Framemaker*. Painting owned by Barry and Karen Hyman Tolman.

(published by Bauhan Publishing in 2017, and designed by Henry James) will support the scholarship fund (please inquire at [quigleyexhibit@gmail.com](mailto:quigleyexhibit@gmail.com)).

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awards nearly \$40 million in grants and scholarships every year, supporting high-impact initiatives in our communities. For information, please visit [www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org) or call 603-225-6641.

### Town Budget Hearing

Town Hall, downstairs

**February 13, 7:30 pm**

(snow date February 14)

### Pre-Town Meeting

By the Dublin Women’s Club

Town Hall, downstairs

**March 6, 7:30 pm**

Refreshments begin at 7 pm

(snow date March 7)

### Town Voting

**March 13, 8 am to 7 pm**

Town Hall, upstairs (elevator at back)

### Town Meeting

**March 17, 9 am**

Dublin Consolidated School

Park at Yankee and take the shuttle bus.



Courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County

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## Dublin Public Library

February is a month for groundhogs, valentines, presidents, and school vacations – something for everyone to celebrate. Books on each subject include *Ground Hog Weather School* and *Punxsutawney Phyllis*; *I Need a Valentine*, *Plum Loving*, *Ollie's Valentine*, and *Brava Valentine*.

Books about presidents include *A Time to Heal*, *Air Force One*, *Off the Record*, and *One Brief and Shining Moment*. On vacations, we have *Arthur's Family Vacation*, *Carrie Goes Off the Map*, and *The Vacationers*. There will be lots of books on display – so come on in!

Book Buddies meet on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30. We will begin talking about different countries and cultures and a great way to start will be to read some stories and traditions preceding the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

If your child has a particular country they have visited or would like to learn more about, we would be happy to do the research and add that to our “visits through the library.” We will also have supplies for making valentine cards, Legos, and a few new activities.

Wednesday morning Story Time continues to meet at 9:30 each week with plenty of new books and activities. On February 7 we will read *My First Chinese New Year* by Karen Katz and create red dragons, the sign of good luck. Making a valentine card for someone special and reading the book *I'd Know You Anywhere*,

**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.

*My Love* by Nancy Tillman will happen February 14. We will learn a little Scandinavian folklore, read *The Tomten and the Fox* by Astrid Lindgren, and then create some trolls of our own on February 21. Come in on Tuesday, February 27, or Wednesday, February 28, during school vacation week and make a small lion fleece pillow by learning to tie knots. We will read *The Lion's Share* by Chris Conover.

Have you visited the library Facebook site? It is filled with lots of news about the library and what is in the collection. The address is [www.facebook.com/Dublin-NH-Public-Library](http://www.facebook.com/Dublin-NH-Public-Library).

## Check Your Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Fire Extinguishers

BY JEANNE STERLING

Twice a year, we're reminded to reset our clocks: “Spring Ahead and Fall Back.” At the same time, our memory is jogged to change the batteries in our smoke detectors. Sadly, many don't bother to do the battery bit on either date.

Even sadder is to hear of tragedies caused from the lack of a carbon monoxide detector, a smoke alarm, and / or fire extinguisher. If there is a fire extinguisher, is it still useable? They don't last forever! Homeowners should know there is an expiration date on the extinguisher, and abide by it. Extinguishers must be checked and replaced periodically. Does every family member know how to use one?

I received training on the use of a fire extinguisher at the Jaffrey Fire Department back in the '60s. I'm ashamed to say I don't remember how to use one! Perhaps the Dublin Fire Department could arrange to hold a training on the care and use of extinguishers sometime in the near future.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is the silent killer. It can be hard to detect if you have carbon monoxide poisoning. The same symptoms can be caused by flu or other problems. In the winter months, doctors may suspect carbon-monoxide poisoning in people who complain of severe headache, nausea, or dizziness.

This would be a good time to purchase a home-size fire extinguisher and/or carbon monoxide detector.

Let's start the New Year off with a heightened sense of safety in our homes.

JEANNE STERLING is advertising coordinator for *The Dublin Advocate*.



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## Removing Snow and Prepared for More

*New appointments made in Highway Department.*

BY RUSTY BASTEDO

Dublin's longtime Road Agent, Brian Barden, who recently retired from his duties, was honored in a town-wide cele-

bration last month. Brian will be succeeded by Roger Trempe, a longtime member of the Dublin road crew who has worked with Brian for the past 16 years. Trempe, who began work on New Hampshire roads as a 14-year old summer employee in Mason, NH, looks forward to learning the administrative skills required for his new position. He plans to follow Dublin's Five-Year Plan for the care and upkeep of Dublin roads, consulting with Brian when required.

Roger Trempe will be aided by Scott Martin, a resident of Greenfield, NH, who until recently was a long-haul truck driver of U.S. military equipment between towns north of Boston and Virginia military installations. Scott looks forward to working closer to his home base, and away from the Interstate Highway system.

Dublin's January 2018 snowstorm was a suitable introduction of our new Highway Department's personnel to *Dublin Advocate* readers. We look forward to seeing more of Roger and Scott as they work on our roads in the months and years to come.

RUSTY BASTEDO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Photo by Janice Pack



The Dublin Highway Department team is comprised of the new head, Roger Trempe and his assistant, Scott Martin. They join David Stone and Mike Howe, who remain long-time employees of the Dublin Highway Department.

Dublin Christian Academy's 1st-8th graders had a wonderful opportunity to provide supplies for the PJB Traveling Health Clinic, led by Dr. Adele de Vera. For the past five years, Dr. Adele has headed up a team to minister in Jamaica, providing medical care and school and dental supplies to hundreds of women and children. Our students decorated many bags with colorful and creative designs and filled them with school supplies to be distributed among the Jamaican children.

— Audra Maher is a graphic designer and art teacher at Dublin Christian Academy





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## School Board Update

BY BERND FOECKING

Budget season is coming to a close, and soon it will be up to you to decide if the School Board and the SAU can continue implementing the Strategic Plan and working toward excellence in education in the ConVal district. That is, in the end, what passing the budget is about.

The voters will be able to vote on the following:

- 2018-2019 ConVal School District Operating Budget
- Proposed Renovation to High School science classrooms
- CVEA Agreement
- Two Petition Warrant Articles
- Appropriations to District Trust Funds

This year, the proposed budget increases by 0.62%. Due to a significant loss in state revenue, the result on the District Assessment will be an increase of 5.53%.

Last year, the School Board presented,

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and you passed, a flat budget. While our student numbers are still decreasing slightly, the projection is that this is the last year of the downward trend, and that the number of students will be stable over the next years.

The proposed budget does not reflect the cost for a new contract for those employees covered by the CVEA. The School Board unanimously voted against the adoption of a Fact Finder report that became necessary after negotiations did not result in a new contract. While the report's proposal was very expensive (over \$1.6 million), the decision to vote against it was not purely financial. The Board felt the recommendations from the report did not promote the goals of the ConVal District.

A last-minute counter-offer was not accepted by the CVEA. The offer was a compromise: neither party would have achieved all that they wanted, but union members and those covered by the contract would have been assured of wage/salary increases next year.

Personally, I feel that not agreeing on a contract is regrettable, and finding ways to prevent this from recurring needs to be a strong focus of the School Board over the

### Deliberative Session for SAU 1

2018/2019 School District Budget

February 6, 6 pm

ConVal High School  
(snow date February 8)

next season. Our teachers and professional staff deserve the support, respect, and fair compensation, and those charged with negotiating a contract must put that first.

We will soon publish background information on the School Board's website. Please make an informed choice when you vote March 13.

If you like our small-town schools, please pay special attention to one of the Petition Warrant Articles. Its passing would enable the School Board to close any school with an enrollment of 50 or fewer students for two consecutive years. We have a few small schools in the ConVal area, and Dublin would certainly be affected. Thank you for your support.

BERND FOECKING (bfoecking@conval.edu) is Dublin's Representative to the ConVal School Board, aka SAU 1.

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## News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

DCS students took full advantage of the early winter snow during “Winter Fun Days!” Whether at school enjoying extra recess, with sledding or snowshoeing, or skiing at Crotched Mountain through the PTO coordinated ski program, all of our students were able to learn some new skills.

We also had a return of the FACTS

(Famous Artists Come to School) presentation with Wendy White and with support from the Arts Enrichment Program. We are thrilled that this community connection through the Monadnock Rotary continues. Great thanks to the Rotarians’ willingness to work with our students and enrich their learning.

January also brought the Winter Benchmarking of academic progress. All students in Grades 1-4 participated in computerized MAP (Measures of Academic

Progress) testing. Students also completed AIMSweb probes, which examines fluency in reading and math. While this is a lot of assessing, it provides great information for teachers to be able to direct their instruction to build their students’ knowledge base. We administer these assessments in January as the end of the second quarter will be here at the end of the month. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year.

February brings many opportunities to our students. We will continue to focus upon our motto “DCS Cares” by planning ways we can show caring to each other. Our annual Movie Night will be February 16 at 5:30 pm. Students and their families love the chance to get together for pizza, popcorn, and of course a movie!

Just before February Break our PTO will coordinate a book swap for our students. It is a joy to see the excitement our students show when they get a new book.

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of children who will be 5 years old before August 25, please have their families contact our school.

NICOLE PEASE is Principal of the Dublin Consolidated School.



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## Planning Board Update

*Public hearing February 1 at 7 pm at Town Hall to discuss proposed amendment to Wetlands Ordinance.*

BY BRUCE SIMPSON

In addition to our other duties, the Planning Board has continued to work on the Master Plan Update, which is currently about 80% complete. Draft copies of the portions that are (nearly) complete can be found on the Town website under Planning/Other Documents. Included are the Vision Statement, sections on Population and Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regional Context. There are also some interesting maps, such as the one showing building constraints such as steep slopes, wetlands, and conservation land, thus giving a view of how little easily-developable land remains in Dublin. We will be keeping all these chapters, as well as the results of the Master Plan Survey, in mind as we move on to the Land Use Chapter in the coming weeks. We anticipate having the Plan completed by summer, and I am happy to report that we should be able to finish it about 25% under budget.

The Board is proposing an amendment to our Wetlands Ordinance, to be voted on in March. Currently the Ordinance establishes a 100-foot buffer within which very few activities are permitted, even the raking of leaves. We feel there are many situations where the ordinance is overly restrictive and limits peoples' use of their land, but currently we have no discretion to waive it even when it is clear the activity proposed would pose no danger to the wetlands. Accordingly, we propose the following amendment be added:

"The Planning Board shall have the authority to grant waivers to the wetland buffer rules if the Board is persuaded that the proposed activity (a) is not less than 50 feet from, and (b) does not pose a risk of harm to functioning wetlands. The Board may consider such factors as the nature of the proposed activity, the proximity to the wetland, and the slope, soils, and vegetative cover of the land. The Board may enlist, at the applicant's expense, the assistance of engineers, wetland scientists, or other experts in reaching an informed

decision, and may attach such conditions to the waiver as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the wetlands ordinance."

Note that this only gives us authority to allow harmless activities in the range of 50-100 feet from the wetlands; we

could not allow anything closer than 50 feet, which is full buffer size in many NH towns. We will hold a public hearing to discuss this proposed amendment on February 1 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

BRUCE SIMPSON is chair of the Planning Board.

## Monadnock Rotary Club Speakers

BY BOB MEISSNER, JR.

The public is invited to hear speakers scheduled by Monadnock Rotary during breakfast meetings at 7:30 am Tuesdays, downstairs in the Church Hall at the Dublin Community Church.

On January 30, Steve Ryder of Keene, and CEO of True North Networks, LLC, will speak about "CyberSecurity and you." True North provides managed hosting, technology, and security services within the financial services industry. In 2015, True North launched SecureWorkplace, a suite of cybersecurity services designed to reduce the likelihood of a successful cyber-attack on their clients.

On the following Tuesday, February 6, Robin Eichert, a personality-profiling consultant from Jaffrey/Peterborough, will speak on "The Exciting New United Way Strategic Direction for 2018 and Beyond." Robin Eichert is founder of PeopleSense Consulting, a practice that helps organizations of all sizes and industries build healthy workplace relationships, through support of hiring and management development processes. She was a long-time member and past president of the Monadnock Rotary Club, as well as past Assistant District Governor for the Rotary District 7870.

On February 13, Susan Abert, Elder Law Attorney with Norton and Abert in Keene, will cover "Top Ten Things to Know About Powers of Attorney." Ms. Abert is the

Monadnock Region's only Board Certified Elder Law Attorney. She has served as President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Estate Planning and Probate Law Section.

On February 20, Nate Morison, Owner/Manager of Vicuna Chocolate Factory in Peterborough, will share the secrets of their award-winning chocolate. Nate and his business partner Casey are the second owners of Vicuña Chocolate, a bean-to-bar chocolate factory in downtown Peterborough. Nate graduated a year early from high school and took the opportunity to turn around and grow a local business.

On February 27, Becky Sakellariou, long-time volunteer with the Greece refugee crisis will speak on "Stories of the Refugees in Greece." Becky Dennison Sakellariou has spent most of her adult life in Greece, although she was born and raised in New England. She speaks fluent Greek, holds Greek citizenship and has been a teacher, counsellor, writer and social activist/organizer in Greece over the past 40+ years. She has also written six books of poetry. In the past three years, she has been engaged in many facets of the refugee crisis that is going on in Greece and in larger Europe.

BOB MEISSNER, Jr. is a member of the Monadnock Rotary Club.

## Keep NH Families Safe

BY SHERYL NIELSEN

In a recent *Safety Educator* a grid to plan an escape route reminds families of the importance of having an escape plan, a meeting place, the understanding of getting out and staying out, as well as calling 9-1-1. This plan supports the Fire Prevention Week theme of "Every Second Counts... Plan Two Ways Out!"

May everyone take the time to *Plan Two Ways Out* of your home and building — *Every Second Counts* in an emergency.

SHERYL NIELSEN, M.Ed., is the Public Education Specialist at the Youth Firesetter Intervention & Education at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (33 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH 03305; 223-4289).





## John McKenna, 1924-2018

John McKenna (1924-2018) was a Selectman over a 15-year period from 1967-1991; he was the welfare administrator for eight of those years, and the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board. He was elected to serve on the Planning Board for five years, served as Measurer of Wood and Bark for a year, and was a member of the Memorial Day Committee for five years. He always attended Town



John and Alice McKenna in 2011.

Meeting and had something to say about most everything! John was a WWII veteran serving in the Navy off the coast of North Africa. A full obituary was printed in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* January 4, 2018, on page 17.

There is a story in *Village on a Hill* (the recent town history written by Tom Hyman) about how John won his first Selectman's race. Also, Jeanne Sterling wrote a profile of John and Alice McKenna in *The Dublin Advocate* in August 2011.

Information courtesy Dublin Archives.

## NH Coverts Project Offers Workshop

The N.H. Coverts Project is accepting applications from new volunteers interested in learning about wildlife conservation and forest management for the 2018 volunteer training workshop, May 2 to 5 at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield.

Started in 1995, the N.H. Coverts Project has trained more than 500 volunteers in promoting wildlife conservation and forest stewardship throughout the state. There is a \$50 registration fee; program sponsors fund all lodging, food and other expenses. In exchange, participants commit to volunteer for 40 hours and motivate others to become stewards of the state's wildlife and forest resources.

To apply, download and complete the 2018 N.H. Coverts Project Application at [www.nhcoverts.org](http://www.nhcoverts.org). The deadline for receiving applications is March 1. For more information, visit [nhcoverts.org](http://nhcoverts.org) or call 862-5327.

## Help NH Audubon Statewide Bird Survey

Help track our bird populations by taking part in the annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey on Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11. Biologists need assistance from citizens all over the Granite State to get a clear picture of what's been happening with our winter birds. For instance, where are all the chickadees? Anyone can participate in the Backyard Winter Bird Survey by counting the birds in their own backyard on the survey weekend and reporting on-line or sending the results on a special reporting form to NH Audubon. To receive a copy of the reporting form and complete instructions, e-mail your name and address to [bwbs@nhaudubon.org](mailto:bwbs@nhaudubon.org) or call 603-224-9909. Forms are also available at NH Audubon centers in Auburn, Concord and Manchester, and on-line. Find more information about the survey at [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org) under Get Outside-Birding.

## Call-of-Entry: Spring Art Exhibit

The Jaffrey Civic Center is seeking artwork from the public for our Annual Spring Art Exhibit. We are looking for all types of media including but not limited to photographs, paintings, drawings, textiles, glassworks, paperworks, pottery pieces, woodwork, and other 3D disciplines. The show will run from Friday, February

16, through Friday, March 16. A free opening reception, will be on Saturday, February 17, from 5 to 7 pm with great food and drink. Drop off artwork February 5 through February 10.

Entry forms are available at [www.jaffreyciviccenter.com](http://www.jaffreyciviccenter.com) or at the Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey. For more information, call 603-532-6527, e-mail [info@jaffreyciviccenter.com](mailto:info@jaffreyciviccenter.com).

Emalee Coutu, a 2017 ConVal Graduate, of Dublin, has made the Dean's List at NHTI in Concord in her first semester studying Liberal Arts. She will be studying business this semester. Emalee is the daughter of Karena Karo, of Dublin; sister of Linda McLean, Troy; and granddaughter of Linda and Larry LaFlamme, pictured below. Emalee has worked at both Carr's Store and the Dublin General Store.



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## Events in February at the Hub



### Chris Reid, Featured Artist

Pastel artist Chris Reid of Jaffrey, NH, is the featured artist in February. All are invited to the opening reception Friday, February 2, from 5 to 7 pm.

Chris Reid's pastel and oil landscapes are noted for their "intense color and masterful use of light." Reid has been the recipient of numerous national and international awards, including the "Best in Show" from the National Northeast Pastel Exhibition, the "Pastel Journal Award" from Maine's 7th annual international juried exhibit, the "Dick Blick Award" from the 4th Annual Northeast Pastel Exhibition, and the "Artist Clean Air Award" from the Pastel Society of New Hampshire.

The past year Reid's work was exhibited

at the Salmagundi Club in NYC, the 18th International Juried Exhibit, Kennebunk, ME, The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, and more. Reid's work can be viewed by appointment or visit [chrisreidstudio.com](http://chrisreidstudio.com).

### Decatur Creek at Open Stage

The band Decatur Creek amazed the audience at the Puerto Rico Benefit Concert in November, so they have been invited back to be our Open Stage feature on Friday, February 2, immediately following the artist reception. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 7:30. Performers can sign up for a 10-minute set in advance at [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org). The open stage has nine slots available and concludes the evening with the feature. Admission is \$5. A collection will also be taken for the band. Attendees are encouraged to bring a snack to share. Coffee, tea, and hot cider will be provided, but you can bring your own beverage.

### Coffee & Conversation

The DubHub is open for coffee and conversation every Monday and Wednesday, from 9 am until noon. It is open all

day on Mondays until 5 pm, along with free Wifi and a comfortable chair, and on Wednesdays until 4 pm.

### Lyme Disease Support Group

If you suffer from Lyme disease, or know someone who does, please join Deb Golden for mutual support and to share valuable information. This group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month, which is February 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

### Community Lunch & Nurse Is In

Join us on Tuesday, February 20, for delicious home-made Butternut/Leek Soup and Cream of Broccoli soup, with salad, crusty bread, sweets, and drinks. Cost is \$3. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm. Come enjoy delightful conversation with your neighbors over a tasty meal, each and every month.

Plus, the Nurse Is In wellness clinic is also on Tuesday, February 20, from 12 pm to 1 pm. The HCS wellness nurse will check blood pressures and be available to answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. This screening is open to residents of all area towns and is offered free of charge. No

The Dublin Community Center, aka The Hub, 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).

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### Monadnock Ukulele Group

The Monadnock Ukulele Group will meet on Friday, February 16, from 7 to 9 pm. Song lists will be emailed to participants ahead of each meeting and the member must bring their own copy. No lessons given, but easy two-and-three chord songs are always included each month. Please email Nancy at thoreaucottage@gmail.com or call 603-785-9857 to request a song list or ask to be put on the monthly email list. Beginners and advanced uke players are welcome. Please bring your own ukulele. A \$5 contribution to the Community Center is appreciated.

### Song Circle Gatherers

The monthly DubHub Song Circle meets on Friday, February 23, from 7 to 9 pm. Usually a dozen musicians and audience members gather to share songs. Participants may bring copies of songs for others to follow along, or may choose to sing solo. Bring your own beverage. For

more information, contact Bruce at bruce\_simpson@msn.com.

### Community Forum on the U.S. Constitution

At the February Forum on Saturday, February 24, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, discussion will center on the U.S. Constitution after talks by the retired judge L. Phillips Runyon III, and members of the history faculty of the Dublin School: Lindsay Brown and Brooks Johnson. Dublin youth will begin the Forum with a sampling of music from "Hamilton."

Adults and children are all welcome, and we encourage you to think about and answer the following questions from the Naturalization Test: What does the Constitution do? When was the Constitution written? What is one right of freedom from the First Amendment? Under the U.S. Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government? Under the U.S. Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?

These are just a sampling of the 100 questions that a person who is seeking citizenship can be asked during their interview. Copies of the Constitution will

be available to participants at the Forum. Come and brush up on your American History in a fun and relaxing discussion!

### Ongoing Movement Classes

On Mondays, Zumba is led by Deb Giaimo, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. You may contact her 563-8648. Cost is \$10/class or \$35/8-week session.

Every Wednesday from noon to 1 pm, QiGong is 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.

Also on Wednesdays: Gentle Yoga with a kick is taught by Margaret Gurney from 4 to 5:15 pm. All are welcome. Cost is \$15/class or \$60/6 classes. Contact Margaret at margaretsgurney@gmail.com with questions.

### Learn To Knit

Knitting classes for ages 6 years to 99, men, women, boys or girls. You don't have to bring needles or yarn! All supplies will be provided. Come on two Saturdays, March 3 and 10, from 10 to 11:30 am. Lessons taught by Nancy Cayford. A small donation gladly accepted.

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## Raylynmor Opera Presents *Madame Butterfly*

BY RICK MACMILLAN

Raylynmor Opera's 2017–2018 Season continues with Giacomo Puccini's 1904 classic, *Madame Butterfly*. This beautiful and tragic tale, one of the most performed operas in the world, will mark the premiere of the piece at Raylynmor. It will be presented Friday, March 9, at 7:30 pm and Sunday March 11, at 2 pm. Both performances will be at Peterborough Players.

As originally set, this is the story of a 15-year-old geisha, Madame Butterfly, who marries an American naval officer, Pinkerton, stationed in Nagasaki, Japan, and the plot goes on from there.

Our production will be the premiere of a brand-new English libretto, written by Raylynmor Artistic Director, Ben Robinson. This libretto will serve as commentary on the ongoing controversy of racial stereotypes portrayed in opera.

For this production, Raylynmor Opera continues its efforts to partner with diverse groups of artists and performing arts and cultural organizations. For *Madame Butterfly*, we will be presenting the work of origami artist Jillian Karlicek, a student at ConVal Regional High School. Ms. Karlicek's exquisite work will be on display as the main set component (an elaborate cherry tree) of the "show within the show."

While the opera, written at the height of the bloody Russo-Japanese War, focused on cultural values, it was American President Theodore Roosevelt who led the negotiations concluding with the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905, one year after the Milan premiere of *Madame Butterfly*. To connect the relevance of *Madame Butterfly* to our times, Raylynmor will be collaborating with the Japan

Society of New Hampshire by offering two lectures to provide an historical overview of the era and to delve into the cultural and diplomatic undertones that serve as the backdrop for the opera. One lecture, featuring Charles Doleac, will take place at the Dublin Public Library, March 3, at 10 am. The other lecture will take place at the Peterborough Public Library, March 3, at 1 pm. Doleac will address President Roosevelt's role in negotiating the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1904. In addition, Raylynmor cast members will perform selections from the opera in Portsmouth, March 8, at the 3S Art Space. Done in conjunction with the Japan-American Society, this event will highlight Japanese and American cultures.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.raylynmor.com](http://www.raylynmor.com).

RICK MACMILLAN is president of the Raylynmor board.

## Winter at the Peterborough Players

BY FRED LEVENTHAL

The Peterborough Players continues its second annual winter season with two recent plays, both new to the Monadnock Region. Each play will run for two weeks in February with performances on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and matinees at 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

From February 1 to 11 *Every Brilliant Thing*, a comedy-drama by Duncan MacMillan will be presented. Joel Ripka stars in this heartwarming production about a boy trying to restore a mother's faith in the world in order to convince her to stay. It is an interactive play which enlists the audience to help tell the story.

This will be followed by *Ripcord*, a comedy by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, successfully produced last season at Boston's Huntington Theatre. Set in a senior living facility, this delightfully inappropriate comedy deals with what happens when an endlessly chipper new resident is assigned to share her facilities with a cantankerous occupant, eager to get rid of the infuriating new roommate. The two women make a seemingly harmless bet that escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals truths each would like to remain hidden. *Ripcord* will be directed by Gus Kaikkonen and is presented February 15-25.

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



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Lorraine Hanson, 1928-2017



## Thank you, Brian

It is no small feat to serve as a town's Road agent for 30 years.

Many townspeople attended Brian Barden's retirement party December 30, where Brian received two awards from Selectman Walt Snitko on behalf of the town administration. Walt read aloud the following commendation from Senator Annie Kuster:

Dear Brian,

It is with great pride and admiration that I offer my sincere thanks for your decades of service to the Dublin community.

Whether it's serving in the U.S. Army, or locally as Dublin's Road Agent, Fire Warden, Water Commissioner, Transfer Station Supervisor, and Emergency Management Director, you have made meaningful contributions to our community and our state. Thank you for your service to our nation, the state, and the Town of Dublin. It is Granite Staters like you that make New Hampshire such an incredibly special place to live!

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, thank you again for your years of service to Dublin. I wish

you the best in your retirement and future successes.

Sincerely,  
Ann McLane Kuster  
Member of Congress

Walt then presented Brian with the town's own plaque, which included a 3D Mack Truck bulldog logo, expressing appreciation for his 30 years of unrivaled devotion to the safety and wellbeing of residents living on and off Dublin's 40 some odd miles of roads. A group of hearty townspeople started up a chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, Which Nobody Can Deny." Indeed.



The celebration was hosted by Dublin School in its Fountain Arts Building and refreshments were provided by the Dublin General Store.



Brian is flanked by Selectmen Dale Gabel, Walt Snitko, Sturdy Thomas, and Town Administrator Sherry Miller.



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## Christmas Bird Count

*Citizen science at work.*

BY TOM WARREN

The annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for the Keene/Peterborough area provided the usual surprises. The Count started 115 years ago in the United States and Canada in response to hunters killing birds instead of observing them.

The Count takes place in hundreds of locations in all kinds of weather and is a remarkable example of citizen science as the data is used to monitor avian populations. It compiles a remarkable database showing fluctuations in population.

In contrast to last year's bitter cold, this year we were birding in mild December conditions — the warmest on record since records have been maintained since 1875.

All lakes and rivers were open water. Ducks included Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Ring-necked Duck and, other water birds normally not here for Christmas Counts included Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, and Common Loon.

Raptors included Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Coopers Hawk, and Northern Goshawk.

The usual winter finches have not made an appearance yet, but 125,000 Redpolls were sighted recently in Quebec so we may yet have plenty of them as winter continues.

Among other unusual birds seen during the Christmas census: Hermit Thrush, Chipping Sparrow, Flicker and Ruby-crowned Kinglet were identified. Southern birds that have moved into the Dublin area with climate warming were in short supply. Carolina Wren and Red-bellied Woodpecker were not seen on many other

counts. Perhaps they were confused by the unseasonably warm weather and headed south.

The Christmas Count always includes some of the areas and the nation's leading field ornithologists, good cheer, and a festive potluck dinner as the total observations are compiled.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

## Gap Mountain Timber Harvest Tour

*A mid-winter tour of an active timber harvest on a Forest Society Reservation.*

Join forestry professionals at Gap Mountain for a public tour February 10, from 10 am to 1 pm for a working timber harvest and introduction of the basics of conducting a well-planned, careful timber harvest operation. Inclement weather date is Saturday February 17.

The Forest Society will be conducting a timber harvest on a 50-acre portion of the 1,120-acre Gap Mountain Forest Reservation in Troy and Jaffrey. The harvest is located on the south side of Gap Mountain off Fern Hill Road. The area includes a portion of the Metacomet - Monadnock Trail. This harvest includes prescribed thinning, patch cuts, and group selection to favor growth of oak and mixed hardwoods along a network of skid trails radiating from a central landing. We will tour compartments within the harvest area, discuss goals and operating considerations, learn which trees are marked to be cut and why.

Co-sponsored by The Monadnock Conservancy, Cheshire County Cooperative Extension and Bay State Forestry, consulting foresters. Visit the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at [forestociety.org/event/gap-mountain-timber-harvest-tour-jaffrey](http://forestociety.org/event/gap-mountain-timber-harvest-tour-jaffrey).



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## The Bobcat

BY TOM WARREN

Bobcats used to be rarely seen in our area, but even though they are now regularly observed and photographed, occasionally on house decks, they are still elusive animals.

Bobcats walk in their own tracks and other animal tracks and often backtrack. In the rocky slopes of Mount Monadnock they leap from rock to rock or windswept open ground, making tracking them difficult. Bobcats are like fishers, and can roam many miles in a night. Observant trackers should never walk in tracks for there may be a need to backtrack or allow other hikers to see what you have seen.

Bobcat dens are located in caves, hollow logs, rocky ledges, or overturned stumps. Their favorite food is snowshoe hare or cottontail rabbits, but they also eat mice, squirrels, foxes, house cats, fisher cats, ruffed grouse, and other birds. Bobcats cache their food under snow and hemlock branches.



Photo by John Davy 2007, hangs in front hall of The Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock.

Bobcat litters of two to three, occasionally up to seven, are born in early May after a gestation period of two months. They remain with their mother for a year. Recently a "pride" of bobcats (a family) was seen at a home on Old Harrisonville Road. During breeding season, they make a loud yowl similar to your house cat.

Bobcats have scent posts where they deposit urine to mark territories. These scent posts can be found along the

Pumpelly Trail and the Mountain Brook.

As with turkey and deer, bobcats have made a strong population recovery in the Monadnock Region.

When the Emerald Diner was still standing in Dublin, there were pictures of Lynx and Bobcat caught by trappers in the 1920s and 1930s. The Lynx, a close cousin of the bobcat, is no longer found here and its population was always closely connected to hare populations.

Tracking the bobcat is easy in wet snow: four round prints range from 2–2½ inches in diameter. Males can weigh up to 40 pounds and are larger than females. Their trail is not a straight

line; the straddle is wider.

With the increase in bobcat populations and sightings, we see fewer fishers and more porcupines — as the fisher is the great enemy of the porcupine, catching it unawares and biting it by the nose, thus avoiding being quilled.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.



Paw print of a bobcat

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> <b>HUB</b> Coding Club 3:30 pm; <b>TH</b> Planning Board hearing wetlands ordinance 7 pm	<b>2</b> <b>HUB</b> Art Opening 5-7 pm Chris Reid; Open Stage: Decatur Creek 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-5 pm; Coffee 9-Noon; Coding Club 3:30 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>6</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; <b>ConVal</b> Deliberative Session 6 pm; <b>HUB</b> Craft Night 7-9 pm	<b>7</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon, Open 1-4 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Republicans 6 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>8</b> <b>HUB</b> Coding Club 3:30 pm; Lyme Support 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-5 pm; Coffee 9-Noon; Coding Club 3:30 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>13</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch Noon-1 pm; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> 2018 Dublin Budget Hearing 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon Open 1-4 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>15</b> <b>HUB</b> Coding Club 3:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>DCS</b> Annual Movie Night 5:30 pm; <b>HUB</b> Ukelele 7-9 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Washington's Birthday</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-5 pm; Coffee 9-Noon; Coding Club 3:30 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>20</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch 12-1 pm; & HCS Nurse Is In 12-1 pm	<b>21</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon Open 1-4; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>22</b> <b>HUB</b> Coding Club 3:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> Recycling 6 pm	<b>23</b> <b>HUB</b> Song Circle 7-9 pm	<b>24</b> <b>HUB</b> Community Forum "The U.S.Constitution" 4:30-5:30 pm
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>HUB</b> open 9-5 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> System of Care 4 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>27</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>28</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon Open 1-4 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<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		

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