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## 48 Peaks: Hiking NH's 4000-Footers

*Two Dubliners scale New Hampshire's mightiest peaks.*

BY CATHY CARABELLO

In September 2019, less than two and a half years from when we began, Andrea McGill-O'Rourke, my neighbor, and I completed our quest to hike the 48 highest mountains in New Hampshire.

Our hiking story really began three years earlier when Andrea and I first set out on a number of local hikes, never imagining where they would lead us. Here we were, two 50-something women who, through a twist of fate were brought together thanks, in part, to a painting (see *Advocate*, March 2017, p. 7).

Andrea was new to the area and to our neighborhood. Both of us were fairly new to our teaching jobs and, amidst a myriad of other commonalities, we both happened to enjoy hiking.

After numerous local hikes and achieving the challenge of summiting Mount Monadnock in winter, we were ready for more. So, we headed north and snowshoed Mount Willard in Crawford Notch.

After what seemed to be an easy but steady climb through the woods, suddenly we found ourselves on a precipice with jaw dropping views of Mt. Washington and the valley below. It was our first taste of being on top of the world — and we were hooked. A spring hike up Mt. Pierce challenged us yet again and we knew that day, as we ate our PB&Js on the summit, freezing rain pelting us, that these mountains were making us feel alive in a way that nothing else ever had.

Thus, our journey began. The NH4Ks



Atop Mt Pierce.

range in elevation from Mount Tecumseh at just over 4,000 feet to Mt. Washington at over 6,000 feet — the tallest peak in the Northeast. We quickly learned that shorter did not necessarily equate to easier; there would be many other factors to consider.

With each hike, the life lessons were many and we began to trust ourselves and each other more. Early in our hiking journey, we often found ourselves in unanticipated situations, sometimes terrifying, that were largely unavoidable. We were forced to face fears and we did so by mindfully putting one foot in front of the other, concentrating only on the present.

There were many instances when we were facing challenging situations and a hiker would suddenly appear to offer a hand, take our poles, or simply cheer us on. We like to think of them as "Trail Angels." We never felt alone in the woods, even on our most

remote hikes. There was an amazing sense of comradery amidst the hiking community, especially in the White Mountains.

There were hikes we knew would be difficult and we became more diligent in our research. We read trail reports, watched videos, checked and re-checked summit weather reports, and joined a couple of Facebook hiking groups that allowed us to access up-to-date information from fellow hikers and gain their support. We became more efficient at packing our backpacks and learned, besides plenty of water, to always carry four important items: a banana (the potassium helps relieve leg cramps), chips (to replenish lost salt), vitamin water or other source of electrolytes, and Advil.

It was typical for us to leave Dublin at 5 am to begin the three-hour trek north in order to get an early start on the trail. It was not uncommon for the round-trip driving time to be longer than our hiking time. We took turns with the driving and whoever wasn't driving home would journal the day's experience. It was a great way

to process and discuss important takeaways for future hikes. For many of the mountains, it was more efficient to hike multiple peaks simultaneously. On those days, we would be in the woods for 10-12 hours; covering stretches of up to 20

miles in a day.

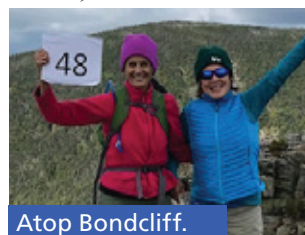
Despite the many physical and emotional challenges, there was no deterring us from our final goal. We found much solace in the woods and every peak recharged our souls. I suspect that we will always find our church in nature.

Since completing the NH48, Andrea and I are now working on completing the NE67, which includes the Vermont and Maine 4Ks.

CATHY CARABELLO and her husband raised their family here in Dublin. She has worked in child education all her life, and used to run the Preschool.



Atop Mt Willard.



Atop Bondcliff.

## Dublin Public Library

Melting snow reveals an  
 Altogether more familiar vista, as  
 Rain washes away the last of the freeze;  
 Cold days begin to lengthen slowly, then  
 Heat up – a blessed relief for my knees.

— John Carter Brown (Jan 2014)

Even if you don't need relief for your knees, you might agree that March is a tough month to endure: snow, melt, snow, melt and teasing days of warmth. DPL has a fix. Come to the library on all the Saturdays in March and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, sweets, or the usual cup of coffee, if you prefer. And oh yes, we can offer you tea as well.

While you're sipping or chatting, glance around. You might notice an item to check out. For instance: Robert Hillman's *The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted*; James Patterson's *Criss Cross*; an Alex Cross mystery #27; or Adam Davidson's *The Passion Economy: The New Rules for Thriving in the Twenty-First Century*, which explores new ways of making money; or the *Downton Abbey* DVD of the 2019 movie.

Children, too, are eager for March to turn into a lamb. Our *Book Buddies* program for children in grade K-5 runs throughout the school year on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. On Wednesday mornings *Story Time* begins at 9:30 am. Families bring pre-K kids to listen to stories, create a craft, and enjoy time with friends. A few of the books we'll be reading this month are *The Stars Are Waiting* by Marjorie Dennis Murray, *If the Dinosaurs Came Back* by Bernard Most, *Green Shamrocks* by Eve Bunting, and *Red Sky at Night* by Elly Mackay.

So, if you're looking for something to chase the winter blues away, stop in the library. We hope to see you soon.

## Zine Workshop at the Library

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library are bringing back Josh Dannin of the MAXT Makerspace/Sharing Arts to present a Zine workshop at the Dublin Public Library on Saturday, March 28, from 10 am to noon.

The beauty of the zine ("zeen") is that anyone can make one with a single sheet of paper. They have a rich history in the U.S. and abroad, giving people a platform to voice and distribute their ideas in the form of a small publication, a great format for self-expression and experimentation.

This workshop will introduce participants to producing a one-sheet zine that folds into multiple pages, and opens up into a poster. We'll use a variety of drawing and collaging materials, giving participants the opportunity to work in whatever way speaks to them. Everyone will leave with a collection of zines!

Josh Dannin ([joshdannin.com](http://joshdannin.com)), who runs Directangle Press ([directanglepress.com](http://directanglepress.com)), a letterpress and risograph studio in Goffstown, teaches printmaking, letterpress, and design at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

If you wish to sign up for the Zine Workshop, go to [monadnockartxtech.org/events](http://monadnockartxtech.org/events) or contact Kimberly Kersey Asbury at [kkasbury@anselm.edu](mailto:kkasbury@anselm.edu) with questions.

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**Dubliners, Did you miss *Moby Dick* in February?**

See Joel Clark ConVal '01, demonstrate and play his creations:

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**Dublin Public Library, 10:30 am, Saturday, March 7**



## A Preview of Dublin's 2020 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

*Final sums and exact wording subject to changes at Town Meeting.*

1. Selectman, Supervisor of the Checklist, Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Library Trustee, Budget Committee, Cemetery Trustee, Planning Board, Trustee of Trust Funds.  
*[To see if the town will vote...]*
2. To adopt Planning Board's Amendment 1 for Dublin Zoning Ordinance to require a conditional use permit for transient housing...and amend Table of Uses and Definitions accordingly?
3. To adopt Planning Board's Amendment 2 for Dublin Zoning Ordinance to provide for a process to issue conditional use permits to implement innovative land use controls pursuant to NH state planning law?
4. To adopt Planning Board's Amendment 3 for Dublin Zoning Ordinance to eliminate inconsistencies in the Town's wetland rules...regarding requests for waivers from the 100-foot wetland buffer requirement?  
*[Above 4 items to be voted on March 10 at Town Hall. The remainder below to be determined at Town Meeting March 14.]*
5. To raise \$1,300,000 to provide Broadband and to issue a bond in said amount ... through a 20-year agreement with Consolidated Communications [not to come from taxation but from user fees]...
6. To raise \$2,095,373 for general municipal operations, not including warrant articles etc. voted separately.
7. To raise \$62,985 to chip seal Town roads, and to withdraw same from the Town's unassigned fund balance.
8. To raise \$5,000 to repair front access to the Post Office, and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
9. To raise \$201,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established: Heavy Highway Equipment (\$10,000), Police Cruiser (\$18,000), Fire Equipment (\$30,000), Road Construction (\$90,000), Bridge Repair / Replacement (\$15,000), Town Buildings Maintenance (\$38,000).
10. To raise \$5,000 to add spray foam to basement walls at Library and to withdraw same from the Library Major Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
11. To raise \$3,600 to fund the operation and publication of *The Dublin Advocate* newsletter.
12. To raise \$7,372 to be contributed to [nine] agencies that provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.
13. To raise \$7,000 to support the mission of the Dublin Community Center.
14. To raise \$13,808 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds (Revaluation, Master Plan, Town Buildings Repair).
15. To raise \$175 from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with same to come from the unassigned fund balance.
16. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from various funds previously established.
17. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$500 to \$750.
18. To see if the Town will vote to modify for an optional tax credit for a Service Connected Total Disability on residential property.
19. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

*The original of the above shortened draft was submitted in full by the Dublin Board of Selectmen: Dale Gabel, Chairman; Walter Snitko, and Chris Raymond.*

### Important Town Dates

**Friday, February 28:** Third Broadband Informational, Dublin School, Recital Hall, 7 pm

**Tuesday, March 3:** Annual DWC Pre-Town Meeting, Town Hall, downstairs, 7 pm

**Saturday, March 7:** Meet Dublin Town Candidates, DPL, upper level, 10 am

**Tuesday, March 10:** Vote on Town Warrant & School District, Town Hall, 8 am-7 pm

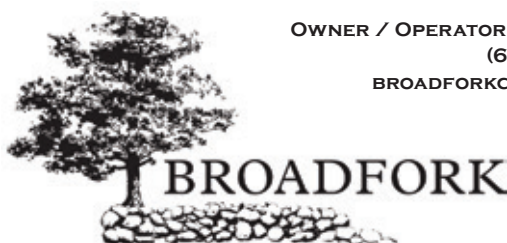
**Saturday, March 14:** Town Meeting, DCS, 9 am (park at Yankee, take shuttle bus)

### Dublin Women's Club Pre-Town Meeting Forum Tuesday, March 3

(snow date: March 4)

7 pm refreshments; 7:30 meeting  
Town Hall, downstairs

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## Candidates for Town Offices

### Selectman

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**Carole Monroe**

**Allan "Jeff" Pinney**  
(Write in)

### Supervisor of the Checklist

Six Years (Vote for One)

**Sarah Sangermano**  
(Write in)

### Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Three Years (Vote for One)

**Jeannine R. Dunne**  
(Write in)

### Library Trustee

Three Years (Vote for Two)

**Nancy Good Cayford**  
**Suzan L. Gillette**  
(Write in) (Write in)

### Cemetery Trustee

Three Years (Vote for One)

**Loring Catlin, Jr.**  
(Write in)

### Budget Committee

Three Years (Vote for Two)

**Nancy E. Campbell**

**Karen Eng Vanderbilt**  
(Write in) (Write in)

### Planning Board

Three Years (Vote for Two)

**Frederick MacMillan**

**Caleb W. Niemela**  
(Write in) (Write in)

### Trustee of Trust Funds

Three Years (Vote for One)

**Charles F. Champagne**  
(Write in)

### Representative to the ConVal School Board

Two Years (Vote for One)

**H. Alan Edelkind**  
(Write in)

*Meet the candidates, March 7,  
10 am at Dublin Public Library.*

In keeping with the tagline of *The Dublin Advocate*, "to encourage and strengthen our community," our newsletter focuses on the dissemination of community information and entertainment. The editor reserves the right to select and edit all editorial and advertising. The views expressed in these issues are not necessarily those of *The Dublin Advocate* or its staff. —Ed.

## Conservation Commission and You

*Join us on third Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Town Hall.*

BY JOHN MORRIS

The Dublin Conservation Commission is tasked with "the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of" Dublin. (NH RSA 36-A). A tall order for sure!

So, what does the Conservation Commission actually do? Much of what we do is driven by the interests of the town and board members. You have (hopefully) seen or read about our work on controlling invasive species (knotweed, loosestrife, milfoil). You may have applied for a permit from the Town or NH DES that we have commented on.

We have participated in assembling natural resource inventories and open space plans. We monitor conservation easements on numerous properties, and hold easements on a few more. We connect with other groups and attend conservation classes. We try to share what we learn with you.

Dublin relies heavily on volunteers to keep the town going. An important part of living in a small town is participating and contributing your time and ideas.

Please join us on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm, in Town Hall or contact John Morris at 563-7042/jamnh@myfairpoint.net if you are interested in joining, have suggestions or questions.

JOHN MORRIS is Chairman of the Dublin Conservation Commission. Other members include Rusty Bastedo, Sue Bird, Katie Featherston, Thom Hulslander, Jay Schechter, and Wendy White.

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## The Proposed Zoning Amendments

*Some notes about the zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board.*

BY BRUCE SIMPSON

The first amendment was prompted by the increasing popularity in NH of AirBnB and similar online methods to advertise and offer short-term rentals. Our current ordinance allows for Bed and Breakfast establishments by Special Exception in most of the town, but requires the operator to live on the premises.

Many short-term rentals advertised through venues like AirBnB do not have an owner or operator living on the property being rented, and often the owner is in another city or state. Therefore, under the current rules, this type of rental would not qualify as an approved use and would not be allowed.

The proposed amendment would allow this type of activity, but with some restrictions, based in part on issues that have been addressed in other NH communities. Among these issues are: nuisances which can occur when a short-term rental becomes a 'party house,' adversely affecting the people who live in the neighborhood; life safety issues such as reasonable

emergency exits and appropriate parking and access; and the ability of the existing septic system to handle the number of anticipated guests.

Applications for this type of business activity would come before the Planning Board for a Conditional Use Permit, which is similar to a Special Exception but can be revoked if the property owner violates the conditions of the permit.

A related proposed amendment establishes a procedure for granting conditional use permits, as our ordinance does not currently have one. It describes the information required for an application: Planning Board's procedures, including public notices and notices to abutters, the type of conditions that may be imposed by the Board, and a procedure for revocation.

A third amendment clarifies some vague and/or conflicting language regarding wetlands, and outlines the procedure for the Planning Board when considering waivers to the 100' wetland setback, making it clear that the Conservation Commission shall be given advance notice of any waiver consid-

eration, and the opportunity to be heard at the required hearing on the matter.

The full text of these proposed amendments is on file with the Town Clerk if you wish to review them.

The proposed zoning changes will be on the ballot to be voted on at Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10.

BRUCE SIMPSON is Chair of the Dublin Planning Board. Other members include Steve Baldwin, Vice-Chair; Walter Snitko, Selectmen's Representative; Gregg Fletcher, Donna Garner, Allen Hearn, Caleb Niemela; Suzan Macy, Alternate; Neil Sandford, Secretary and Alternate.

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office Hours

*Adjusted for the week of March 9.*

**Monday, March 9** 9 am to 5 pm only.

This is the last day to return absentee ballots filed in person.

**Tuesday, March 10**

Closed for Town Election Day

**Wednesday, March 11** 10 am to 5 pm

**Thursday, March 12** 9 am to 4 pm

JEANNINE R. DUNNE (townclerk@townofdublin.org) is Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk. She can be reached at PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; 563-8859 or fax 563-9221.

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## Non-Profits Serving Dublin Residents

Cast your vote at Town Meeting March 14.

BY MAY CLARK AND LUCY SHONK

This past year, each of the nine agencies listed here served many of our Dublin residents at associated total costs of \$288,837.00.

At Town Meeting, we will vote on the Non-Profit Warrant Article 12, which will amount to \$7,372.00 for all the agencies: Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), Court

Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Southwestern Community Services (SCS), Monadnock Family Services (MFS), End 68 Hours of Hunger (providing meals on weekends for food-insecure students), Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), The River Center – Family and Community Support, Community Volunteer Transportation Company

AGENCY	# DUBLIN CLIENTS	COSTS ASSOCIATED	REQUESTED 2020
BBBS	9 children	\$13,500	\$500
CASA	20 children served by Jaffrey Court*	\$1,460 per child	\$500
SCS	207 units to 81 households	\$68,607	\$685
MFS	152 appts	\$8,130	\$1,996
End 68 Hours of Hunger	provided 1,290 meals to 30 students	\$13,170	\$500
HCS	342 nursing appts, 216 PT appts, 23 hours chronic care; 273 home health aide visits	\$193,415	\$1,690
The River Center	25 residents 34 times	\$3,400	\$500
CVTC	Volunteer drivers 235 miles (2019); 571 miles (2018)	\$180 (2019); \$750 (2018)	\$500
Hundred Nights Shelter	64 visits	\$654	\$500

\* Due to privacy issues, Dublin numbers are not separated from those served by the Jaffrey Court.

(CVTC), and Hundred Nights Shelter.

At left is a summary of services rendered to Dublin residents for 2019 and the agency funding attributed to Dublin residents.

We believe that the benefits to our Dublin residents far outweigh the investment the town makes to these agencies.

MAY CLARK and LUCY SHONK are two Dublin residents whose careers span decades of education administration and nonprofit management within the immediate region.

## Dublin Transfer Station

The Dublin Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, March 14, until the conclusion of Town Meeting.

In other news, the Recycling Center has added natural corks to the list of recyclable items accepted at the facility. You can place your corks along with your bottles on the glass tray. If you are interested in the story behind this decision, visit [recork.org](http://recork.org).

TOM KENNEDY is Superintendent, Dublin Transfer Station.

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- Patricia Alexander, Daughter of Scott-Farrar resident Priscilla Bourgoine

## DCS News

BY NICOLE PEASE

As I look back at February, it was quite busy! Staff and students engaged in a few midyear assessments, in order to examine student growth so teachers can adjust their instructional groups as needed. Despite the limited snowfall, many of our students continued to participate in the Friday Winter Fun Days and attended the Ski/Snowboard Program at Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride coordinated by our wonderful PTO and supported by many parent volunteers. Those who stayed at school enjoyed extra recess and indoor fun with other students.

February also brought a focus on Acts of Kindness. Students wrote notes on post-its that were spread around the building. We also created a "Kindness Matters" bulletin board and acts of kindness were posted there. The work our staff has put into focusing on kindness has increased the acts of caring students have shown toward stu-



dents and staff. DCS students truly care! We also celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day!

The month ended with the Winter Break, ushering in March. We are looking forward to March in hopes of the onset of Spring and all the excitement that brings.

DCS staff has been working to create a school-wide study of Australia that will last for the month. There will be many different activities in classrooms to help students gain an appreciation of the land down under! This work will culminate with a variety of centers for students to

demonstrate hands-on learning. Students love the opportunity to choose what center they will start with and with whom they will work. While these engaging opportunities require a lot of preparation from staff, the learning that takes place makes it very much worth the time!

The annual Movie Night is scheduled to take place on March 20. It is such a treat to have families come together to enjoy pizza at 5:30 and the

movie (with popcorn!) at 6 pm. Thanks to the DCS PTO for making this happen as well as all they do for our students.

Kindergarteners are wanted. If you know of a child who will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their parent contact our school. Please don't forget to vote on March 10 and come to Town Meeting on March 14! We welcome visitors to our wonderful school; please just give a call first at 563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is Teaching Principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

*Peterborough Folk Music Society presents:*

### Kenny White

**Saturday, March 7th at 7:30 pm**

**Bass Hall at the Monadnock Center,  
Peterborough**

Cost: \$20 in advance; \$23 at the door.  
(Cash or check only)

### Birds of Chicago

**Saturday, March 28th at 7:30 pm**

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## School Board Update

*An informed public makes informed decisions.*

BY ALAN EDELKIND

Happy March! As winter winds down, we look forward to making important decisions that will affect our pocket-books as well as our children's education and their futures. It is time to vote on the ConVal school warrant that contains the 2020-2021 ConVal budget. While it is your School Board's responsibility to manage and communicate the proposed budget, it is your (the voters') responsibility to agree or disagree with our proposal. There is an entire process that is required to complete and present our proposed budget. The details of the process and details of how the budget works are on the ConVal website (see below for the website link).

One of the most important questions relating to the budget is: What if the budget is voted down? If that is the case, we use what is called the Default Budget. This is the budget that is reflective of last year's budget amount, which simply means that significant cuts will have to be made in the proposed budget to come back to

last year's figure. The impact of these cuts significantly limits our ability to provide a quality, safe, and forward-looking education to our students.

The School board has provided an article that will explain the Default Budget and its impact. We urge you, the voting public, to read this article.

The link below will get you right to the ConVal Budget Digest page, where you will see categories of information. Under the category Documents you will see an article titled "2020-2021 Default Budget." Click on that document for all the information you need about the Default Budget impact. We are currently adding to that

page so stop back more than once. The other articles of interest are the "ConVal Budget Overview" and "A School Budget Primer."

If you are reading this the old-fashioned way, you can access this Digest page by typing either one of the links below into your browser. Also, on the ConVal School District website, it appears at the top: ConVal Budget Digest.

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ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's School Board Representative to the School Administrative Unit 1 (SAU1).

Dublin Christian Academy (dublinchristian.org) students enjoyed a game of big ball volleyball in the snow during the school's winter camp in February. Photo courtesy Bethany Paquin, DCA Development Assistant, 563-8505 ext. 16.



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## March Events at the DubHub

### Kate O'Dell Art Reception

Throughout March, the DubHub features the artwork of Kate O'Dell. Her medium of choice is watercolor on Aquabond. The opening reception will be on Friday, March 6, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

### Song Circle Meets

Song Circle will meet on Friday, March 6, starting at 7:30 pm. For information, email Bruce Simpson at Bruce\_Simpson@msn.com. Admission is free, donations are welcome. BYOB and snacks.

### Dance Fit Mini-Session

Deb Page is the guest instructor during a five-week Dance Fit with Deb. Come Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30. Snow make-up class will be held the following day (Tuesday). For information, call Deb Page at 731-9754 or Deb Giaimo at 563-8648.

### Qigong Ongoing

Qigong classes continue on Wednesdays, from noon to 1pm. New students

are welcome any time. For information, contact instructor Ginnette Groom at ammatwirl@aol.com or 603-313-9828.

### New Code Club Starts Again

Code Club starts its next session on March 5, and runs through April 16, meeting weekly on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The club is open to any Dublin students, grades 2 through 8, as long as they can read. Please email your questions to dubhubcodeclub@gmail.com.

### Community Lunch

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, 12-1 pm. The menu this month is green pea soup with or without ham, rolls, salad, sweets, and drinks. A \$3 donation is welcome. Come enjoy Irish-flavored music with Bruce Simpson and Volkert Volkersz, as well as conversation with neighbors over a tasty meal.

### Open Stage

Open Stage will be hosted by Bruce Simpson on Friday, March 27, at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. Performers should

come prepared to do 3 songs or 15-minute sets. Attendees may bring a snack to share and BYOB. Coffee and tea will be available. Sign up in advance by email at info@dublincommunitycenter.org, or at the door.

### Mud Pond Forum

The Community Forum will focus on Mud Pond: its history in connection with late 19th century hydroelectric plants, 20th century efforts to preserve it, and Mud Pond's current ecology. Artistic representations of Mud Pond will be displayed during the forum. Speakers will be Paul Tuller, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Betsey Harris, and Susan Peters. The forum will be held at the DubHub starting at 4:30 pm.



Mud Pond, painting by Dan Thibeault



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## Rotary Club News

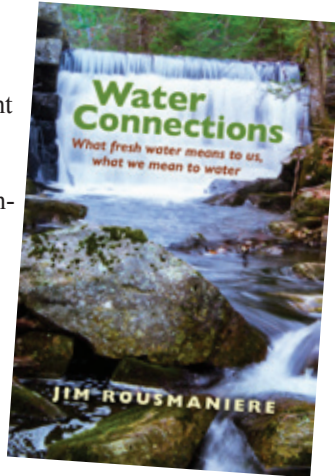
BY PEGG MONAHAN

On February 11, Roxbury resident Jim Rousmaniere spoke about inland waters to a meeting of the Monadnock Rotary Club. His presentation was based partly on research that went into his non-fiction book, published last year by Bauhan Publishing of Peterborough, that explores our changing ways around fresh water since the beginning of the water-powered industrial revolution in the 1800s. The book, which focuses largely on New England for its distinctive topography, rainfall patterns, and development history, is titled *Water Connections: What fresh water means to us, what we mean to water*.

His presentation included several references to Dublin regarding citizen action and local government initiatives around water, including the eradication of the invasive weed milfoil in Dublin Lake, the town's experience with water power, and the 19th century discovery of a unique species of trout in the lake.

Rousmaniere, a longtime journalist who retired six years ago from the editorship of *The Keene Sentinel*, reported that he continues to research and write about water, principally through a blog at <https://www.waterconnections.net/blog>.

PEGG MONAHAN is President of Rotary.



## DHS: Potluck & Storytelling

The Dublin Historical Society is holding its Annual Potluck Supper on Friday, March 20, at 6 pm downstairs in the Dublin Community Church. The presentation will begin at 7 pm by Jenna Carroll, Director of Education at the Cheshire Historical Society, who will lead the participants in a storytelling activity.

## Black Fly Story Hour Returns

*True stories told by local folks.*

On Friday, March 27, at 7:30 pm, defy cabin fever and come hear an exciting lineup of storytellers, including Paul Tuller, who will appear at Black Fly for a second time. Other Dubliners appearing for the first time include Traceymay Kalvaitis and Volkert Volkorsz. Yankee Publishing President Jamie Trowbridge reprises his role as emcee for the evening. The event is always held in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School.



Black Fly Story Hours, occurring biannually in October and March, support the initiative to build Thornton Wilder Center for the Arts. This facility would serve residents and students of the ConVal school district.

Buy tickets at Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough after March 1, or online at [www.ThorntonWilderCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.ThorntonWilderCenterfortheArts.org).

Tickets (\$15) available by advance purchase only! Snow date is Saturday, March 28.

For more information, contact Martha Eichler at [martha\\_gunn@comcast.net](mailto:martha_gunn@comcast.net).



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## The Winter Wren

BY TOM WARREN

There are 63 species of wrens in the world. Only the Winter Wren occurs beyond the Americas. Highly adaptable, it has moved from the Bering Strait to Siberia and then to Eurasia and North Africa.

One of the smallest wrens, the Winter Wren is found at ground level among mosses and ferns in damp cool forests of fir, spruce, and hemlock as well as deciduous forests. In these forests, they search for food amid downed logs, moss, and root tangles. It would rarely be seen except for its high-pitched song of tinkling calls and crystal notes. An observer might think a mouse had appeared. It is an energetic small bird, bobbing its tail and moving quickly on the lower levels of forest matter.

In winter, it feeds on tiny insects such as spiders, millipedes, ants, flies, and caterpillars. It also feeds on small aquatic organisms. Once I observed one for the entire winter under a small footbridge in the forest. It was like a troll protecting its territory. How they survive winter on their diet remains a mystery.

The male builds several dome-shaped



nests or it will nest inside of natural cavities. The female will choose which nest she prefers and then commence helping the male to finish building the inside of the nest, lining it with feathers and animal hairs. During the breeding season when the male becomes a polygamist, the other nests will be useful.

The nests are difficult to locate because they are camouflaged so well — being built from moss, twigs, rootlets, and grasses. Once a Cornell ornithologist spent hours attempting to locate one and, after several hours, gave up and rested on a rotten stump. A few minutes later a wren flew between his legs to feed a large family of nestlings in the stump! A clutch can include as many as nine eggs and the wren

will produce one to two broods per season. The eggs are small with reddish brown to pale spots on one end of the egg.

Historically, the Winter Wren has been depicted as a villain in Celtic and Christian legends for betraying Irish soldiers to their Norse enemies and St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. During St. Stephen's Day festivals, the Wren's bodies were carried on poles in processions.

The Irish custom of "going on the wren" involves the use of an artificial or live wren in a cage with children and adults going house to house to collect money for community projects.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist and leads nature walks and seasonal paddles.

## Dublin Women's Club: Spring Fling

Please join the Dublin Women's Club for a night of games, snacks, and conversation. Bring your favorite card game, dice game, puzzle, whatever you want to share. We will gather at the Town Hall Thursday, March 26, from 7 to 9 pm. Spouses are welcome, but no children, please. Light refreshments will be provided.

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## MARCH 2020 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>3</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Hilltop Group 6:45 pm; Census job opportunity, 4-8 pm; <b>TH DWC</b> 's Annual Pre-Town Meeting 7 pm	<b>4</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm; <b>DPL</b> Census job opportunity, 9 am-noon; Story Time 9:30 am; DAGOP 6 pm	<b>5</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm	<b>6</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee, Knit with Nancy 9 am-Noon; Art Reception 5-7 pm; Song Circle 7:30-9:30 pm	<b>7</b> <b>DPL</b> Meet Dublin Town Candidates 10 am, upper level; Joel Clark on his Moby Dick Game 10:30 am, lower level; Hot Chocolate Saturdays 9 am-2 pm
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings:</b> Spring Forward	<b>9</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH</b> Last Day to file absentee ballots in person (9 am-5 pm); <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>10</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Hilltop Group 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> Warrant & School District Voting 8 am-7 pm ( <b>TH</b> offices closed) <b>VOTE</b>	<b>11</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am, Trustees 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm; <b>TH</b> Open 10 am-5 pm	<b>12</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>TH</b> Open 9-4 pm	<b>13</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee, Knit with Nancy 9 am-Noon	<b>14</b> <b>DCS</b> Dublin Town Meeting 9 am (park at Yankee); <b>DPL</b> Hot Chocolate Saturdays 9 am-2 pm (Transfer Station closed until conclusion of Town Meeting)
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>17</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; Hilltop Group 6:45 pm; Trustees 7 pm; <b>DPL FDPL</b> 6 pm; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch 12-1 pm	<b>18</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>19</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> MW Book Group 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee, Knit with Nancy 9 am-Noon; Ukelele Group 7-9 pm; DHS Potluck at <b>DCC</b> 6 pm, program at 7 pm; <b>DCS</b> Annual Movie Night, Pizza 5:30 pm, Movie 6 pm	<b>21</b> <b>DPL</b> Hot Chocolate Saturdays 9 am-2 pm 
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>24</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; Book Buddies 3:30 pm; Hilltop Group 6:45 pm; <b>DCC</b> Community Supper 5:30-6:30 pm	<b>25</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>26</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>TH ZBA</b> 7 pm; <b>TH</b> DWC Spring Fling: Games, Snacks & Conversation 7-9 pm	<b>27</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee, Knit with Nancy 9 am-Noon; Open Stage 7-9:30 pm; <b>CV</b> (P'bro) Black Fly Story Hour 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> <b>DPL</b> FDPL's Create a Zine magazine with Kim 10 am-Noon; Hot Chocolate Saturdays 9 am-2 pm; <b>HUB</b> Community Forum: Mud Pond 4:30-5:30 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9 am-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>31</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; Hilltop Group 6:45 pm		<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>DS</b> Dublin School <b>DWC</b> Dublin Women's Club <b>HUB</b> Dublin Community Center <b>MRC</b> Monadnock Rotary Club <b>TH</b> Town Hall, Dublin <b>ZBA</b> Zoning Board of Adjustment		

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