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## New AEDs for Our Fire Department

BY K VANDERBILT

At last March's Town Meeting, Dublin's townspeople voted on and passed a warrant article allowing the Dublin Fire Department to purchase seven new AEDs (automated external defibrillators). Three of these AEDs will be given to the Police Department, one for each of their cruisers.

The members of the Fire Department would like to express our deepest thanks to the residents of the Town of Dublin for their continued support of our Department. It is our pleasure to volunteer and serve the community that we all live in!

K VANDERBILT is Deputy Chief / EMS of the Dublin Fire Department.



Fire Department members (L-R) are Brian Barden, Deputy Fire Chief; K Vanderbilt, Deputy Chief / EMS; Bob Edick, Firefighter; Jason Budzik, EMS / Firefighter; Andy Hungerford, Firefighter; and Tom Vanderbilt, Fire Chief.

Courtesy photo

## Storage Building Forms at Transfer Station

Construction is well under way on the new storage building at our Transfer Station. Andy Hungerford has stepped up to help oversee the project, and said it will be a "simple, basic structure" that resembles the replica that townspeople voted in favor of at the Town Meeting last March.



Station Superintendent, who spoke for this project at Town Meeting (held at Cricket Hill Farm), along with several others who were in favor.

Tom will be able to easily maneuver the forklift to lift and stack the sorted, bound bales of recyclable items up to four sections high into the

three-sided building, which will be constructed of a wood frame with steel siding and roof of concrete and metal.

Dubliners will see the sides and roof go up, with the entire project expected to be in place and functioning before the snow flies.

The foundation was poured by Brad Hunter of Dublin, the site work is being done by Chris Stewart of Francestown, and soon the construction will commence by an as-yet unannounced builder.

Most pleased is Tom Kennedy, Transfer

## Still Thanking Healthcare Workers

While many of us may have thought the public's exposure to COVID was in decline, the advent of the Delta variant has put us in peril once again. If you have not yet gotten a vaccine, consider doing so for the sake of all. It is also time to get flu shots ([www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm)).

In light of all this, once again we thank healthcare workers, here and everywhere, whose abilities and resources are still being stretched to the limit.

Doctors and nurses, staff and assistants, and all those who help them deserve our gratitude for continuing the efforts to keep people alive.

## Honoring Our Veterans

In Town Meeting last March, warrant Article 13 was voted in the affirmative to "raise \$17,270 to purchase and install two plaques honoring Dublin Veterans who served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War and to clean the two Veteran's plaques at Town Hall."

To date, the two new plaques have been ordered, and will be installed on the left side of the Town Hall's front doors. The WWI and WWII plaques are on the right side of the front doors (see page 16).

## Join the Energy Committee

BY KATE FULLER

The Town of Dublin will be forming an energy committee to research, study, and make recommendations on energy supply and generation on the Town's behalf. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Kate Fuller at [townadministrator@townofdublin.org](mailto:townadministrator@townofdublin.org) or 603-563-8544.

KATE FULLER is Town Administrator for Dublin ([www.townofdublin.org](http://www.townofdublin.org)), PO Box 277, Dublin, NH 03444. The fax is 603-563-9221.

## Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

On Halloween, the Library is invited to participate in the annual Trunk or Treat sponsored by Mountain View Bible Church. We hope to see you there! The Friends of DPL will be handing out not only candy, but also vouchers for a free book at the Library. Bring in your voucher anytime during open hours to pick out your book. We'll have a variety of children's and young adult books to choose from, plus you can sign up for a library card, borrow some additional materials, and learn about our other programs and services.

September was National Library Card Sign-up Month and each year all public libraries are invited to participate in the Granite State Library Card Challenge, hosted by the Concord Public Library. Dublin Public Library was announced the 2021 winner of the challenge with the highest increase in active library card holders! Thank you to all community members who came in to sign-up for a new library card! We will be receiving the trophy for display before the end of the year and our name will be engraved among the winners. Congratulations to our community and our amazing library members!

After Thanksgiving, we will be starting up an After-School Lego Club for all ages on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 4:30 pm. We are currently looking for Lego donations! All sizes and types of Legos are welcome, even sets and instruction booklets. We are hoping to find a volunteer to head the Lego Club. It will provide an after-school opportunity of free-play and building challenges. We will always provide a light snack, and the bus will drop off all ConVal District students, as long as schools are properly notified.

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

- **Thursday, November 11** – Veteran's Day
- **Wednesday, November 24** – closing at 1 pm
- **Thursday, November 25** – Thanksgiving

RACHAEL LOVETT is Director of the DPL.

## Share Your Ideas for the DPL

BY JULIE RIZZO

Far from becoming irrelevant in the age of the internet, a public library can serve as a vibrant center for community connections, a learning hub, a center for the arts, a champion for children and youth, and more.

The Trustees of the Dublin Public Library (DPL) are looking for your thoughts about how our library can become an even more vital resource for residents, businesses, and visitors in the months and years ahead.

In November, we'll offer three public listening sessions and an online survey to hear from you directly.

Whether or not you use the library now, please make an effort to attend one of the listening sessions and fill out the survey. Listening sessions will be offered on:

- **Saturday, November 13**, at 10 am at the library
- **Tuesday, November 16**, at 6 pm on Zoom
- **Thursday, November 18**, at 4 pm at the library

You can register for any of these sessions on the Library website [www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org](http://www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org), where you'll also find a link to the online survey. It is not necessary to register to attend the public meetings – you're welcome to attend anyway!

Our public library is a precious town resource – let's make the most of it!

JULIE RIZZO is a library trustee, and chair of the Strategic Planning subcommittee. She is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

On Saturday, November 13, the Friends of the Dublin Public Library will hold a Pop-up Book Sale. The Multipurpose Room of the Library is invited to have for sale books for donation only. The sale will run from 9 am to 1 pm, during Library open hours and is designed as a smaller, mini-book sale. Winter is coming, so come grab some great deals before it gets here!

**CANCELED**

### Pumpkin Carving

**Time:** Tatum and Jocelyn Worcester were joined by Juliette Langley at a local grocery store to choose which pumpkins were best suited for carving and painting: the children were allowed two pumpkins each for these purposes.



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## News from the DHS Archives

BY NANCY CAMPBELL

Sometimes donations to the Dublin Historical Society (DHS) come from out of the blue. At the end of February, the DHS received a photogravure of George deForest Brush's painting "The Indian and the Lily" that is in the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. Kathy and Stephen Hall of Schenectady, NY, donated this lovely photogravure,

When the Archives building was mostly inaccessible earlier in 2021, people left items out in the entryway, such as a booklet titled "Building the Dublin Community Center: A Place for All Ages" by Nancy Good Cayford. Anita Crowell left two 1890s photographs of the Sprague house (the white house at the corner of Route 101 and Frothingham Road).

If you are shopping for the holidays, the

DHS has several items relating to Dublin for sale. We have a limited supply of boxed notecards with color reproductions of five Abbott Thayer paintings for \$10 per box. There are also black-and-white postcards of early Dublin scenes and buildings available

which has now been conserved and framed and is on display at the Archives building, located at the back of the Town Hall. We encourage you to come in and see it.

Other unexpected donations relating to Dublin have come to the society by various ways; some by mail, including a postcard of Mt. Monadnock from Dublin that came from Plainfield, Wisconsin, and photographs of schoolhouse #3 (now a private residence located at the intersection of Lower Jaffrey Rd., across from Goldmine Rd.), and another photograph of one of students, teachers, and graduates taken at the Dublin Public Library in 1902.

in bundles of five for \$10, as well as the Centennial coasters with the Schoolhouse Museum, made by Dublin resident, Dan Hill, available for \$20 each.

NANCY CAMPBELL is assistant archivist at the Dublin Historical Society; so is Celeste Snitko. Dublin Historical Society Board members are Felicity Pool, Lucy Shonk, Judy Knapp, Donna Garner, Sara Germain, Laura Elcoate, Philip Gammons, and William Katt. Rusty Bastedo is Curator.

**T**wo new Trustees, Philip Gammons and William Katt, have been elected to the Board of the Dublin Historical Society.

## Fall Back for More Morning Light

Sunday, November 7, is the day to have turned your clocks back one hour from 2 am to 1 am local standard time instead.



Standard time is known as winter time; it is the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

To answer any questions, visit Daylight Saving Time Ends in USA & Canada at [www.timeanddate.com/news/time/usa-canada-end-dst-2021.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/usa-canada-end-dst-2021.html)

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### The 5th Annual Small Treasures Art Show and Sale

Online sales open December 4 at 12 noon and will end December 7 at 12 noon at [www.32auctions.com/smalltreasures2021](http://www.32auctions.com/smalltreasures2021)

Previews available November 29 - December 2 online at above website or in-person by appointment by calling Susan at 908-672-6481 or Mary at 603-831-6641.

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## Report from the School Board Representative

BY ALAN EDELKIND

**H**appy November! On a very happy note, your School Board voted to accept the generous donations from the Bitty Fund and the Dublin Community Foundation that will provide for the construction of a permanent pavilion for the outdoor use of the students and staff at DCS. Thank you to our principal, Nicole Pease, for her work in bringing this project to reality.

To follow up on the Community Forum that was held Thursday, September 30, we have all heard about negative feelings throughout our country relating to school boards, their activities, decisions, and interactions with their communities. We decided that the Board needed to move beyond “business-as-usual” and recognize that the community needed and deserved a way to better interact with the School Board and administration. We needed to provide for a venue that would allow for an open dialog and for full transparency. Out of this need came the formulation of the Community Forum.

Scheduled to be both in-person and livestreamed, the forum was scheduled for two hours and featured presentations of topics by the School Board that were selected by the community. We also provided for questions and answers on each topic and for an open question-and-answer period on any topic from the audience. We kept the forum informal and somewhat free-flowing. The main topics selected by the community were COVID/mask-related and the budget.

Our community should be very proud of the way the questions were asked and how the dialog took place. While folks are very

passionate on these issues, all recognized that being civil would allow for a much more meaningful experience. I believe that everyone knows that we all want the same thing: to provide for a safe, healthy, happy, and educationally rich environment for our students and community.

There were many excellent questions regarding COVID and mask wearing. The School Board looks to State and Federal agencies and the COVID monitoring team comprised of medical professionals and others for the information needed to make our decisions. We err on the side of cau-

tion. We are responsible for the well-being of more than 2,200 students and families.

The forum was well attended with approximately 35 attending in-house and more than 275 viewing on livestream. We are planning another Community Forum in January 2022. Remember, an engaged community is an informed community. The livestream is on YouTube for anyone to view. The link to access it is [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvinliTt7og](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvinliTt7og). If you cannot type in this link, please email me at [aedelkind@conval.edu](mailto:aedelkind@conval.edu) and I will email it to you.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board, aka SAU1.

## An Open Tribute to Volunteers

**V**olunteers are not determined by gender or age, but rather by heartfelt inclination and motivation.

Whether they are on the fire department fighting fires — in person, volunteers are living among us who take social and/or civil service seriously.

These volunteers are largely folks who, having retired from busy careers, are well-equipped to handle the endeavors that interest them, or that call upon their skill set.

Such is true in our small town, as across the country: every position not paid is handled by volunteers, people who see it as their civic duty to give back.

And for those with even a little time to spare, they do not need to possess a special set of skills. In some cases, for example, a request can be as simple as needing a ride.

Volunteers who give their well-earned time to local boards or efforts are often cheerful, ethical souls who care about the wellbeing of people in their communities.

What can we do to honor these folks who ask so little, yet give so much? Other than recognizing who they are, and in addition to thanking them for their service, we can take their example, and do likewise.

It is incumbent upon all of us to help protect our fragile web of society. Community efforts need the help that we can give back — and younger generations will benefit from our good works.

**T**own Offices will be open limited hours the week of Thanksgiving. Please plan ahead!




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## DCS News

BY NICOLE PEASE

It was with great excitement that we welcomed families into DCS for our annual Open House on October 6. Last year, we held this event remotely, which made the fact that now we can have visitors in the building especially meaningful. Screening was done at the door, masks were worn inside the building, and we limited the number of people in the classrooms. These procedures did not diminish the energy the students displayed as they entered the building and prepared to guide their families through their classrooms. It was lovely to watch how seriously students took this role, and how carefully they followed their teachers' expectations for the event.

One of the interesting things to have come out of the last school year was the positive impact of using outdoor learning spaces. This fall we have been very appreciative of the tents that have created structures for students and staff to use for learning on the school grounds. We are thrilled to inform our community that we will be adding an outdoor pavilion as a permanent structure for instructional



Courtesy photo

and non-instructional uses, through very generous donations from the Bitty Fund and the Dublin Community Foundation. We are planning for the construction of the pavilion to be completed by early spring. I continue to be so thankful for the amazing community in which I work and live.

The strong sense of community at DCS is valuable. Each fall, our staff and students participate in events to deepen the

connection as well as to welcome our new students into the community.

This year, we chose to celebrate the DCS motto "DCS Cares, about ourselves, each other, our school and community," with the creation of heart collages. With the help of Art Teacher Andy Shultz, students were given a piece of art to color. Each piece was one of four needed pieces to complete the heart collage. This process of taking individual art and combining the pieces to create collages not only provides stunning artwork for our school walls, it also strengthens our community.

We also welcomed artist Mark Ragonese to DCS to continue to celebrate students' hopes and dreams for the year with the creation of wish flags. These will be displayed outside and will remind us each day as we arrive at school what we are hoping and wishing to happen this school year.

DCS staff and students were thrilled to hold the annual Walk to School Day. Students arrived at Dublin General Store on a beautiful fall day, and with the Dublin Police escorting us safely across Route 101, we walked up the hill to our wonderful school. We are looking forward to another beloved tradition of dressing up for Halloween and hiking up the steep Dublin hill to the center of town. It is so wonderful to bring back events that have made DCS so special over the years!

All of us at DCS hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with family and friends. Stay healthy!

NICOLE PEASE is Principal at DCS and HES.

## Farm Painting Comes Home to DCA

BY BRADY LANDRY, DCA CLASS OF 2022

On Saturday, October 9, at Dublin Christian Academy's (DCA) annual Blue and Gold Barbecue for alumni, DCA board member and alum Bill Blount ('72), son of Nelson Blount, presented an original painting to the Academy.

The picture was painted by Mr. Gordon

Langenegger, the art teacher for DCA in the early 1970s. The Blounts, who donated the Staghead Farm property for the establishment of DCA in 1964, commissioned the painting for their son, Robert Blount ('67), who loved farming. After Robert passed away, Bill and his wife Debbie felt that the painting belonged at DCA.

The painting shows the property in the 1970s, featuring the dairy-barn-turned-classroom building. The Jersey cows shown in the picture were added later because Robert wanted cows in the picture. The cows at Staghead Farm were actually Holsteins, but Jersey cows were painted instead to enhance the painting's aesthetic.

BRADY LANDRY of Dublin is a senior at Dublin Christian Academy (dublinchristian.org), 106 Page Road, Dublin, NH 03444; 603-563-8505.



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## A Successful 25th Art Tour

BY MARY LOFTIS

Over the long Columbus Day weekend, Monadnock Art celebrated its 25th Annual Art Tour with 58 participating artists, more than ever before. Five Dublin artists showed their work, and two of them shared their spaces with a visiting artist.

Art “tourists” had the opportunity to visit artists in their studios – all while leaf peeping between stops!

**Rebecca Welsh** displayed a rainbow of hand-dyed silk scarves, soft knitted hats and ponchos, and fanciful jewelry.

**Kimberly Kersey-Asbury** set up her interesting sculptural ceramics and paintings outside in her garden.

**Rosemary Mack** had transformed the garage adjacent to her studio into a gallery for her intricate dioramas, which ranged from whimsical to personal to humorously political.

**Miriam Carter** showed her elegant, embellished felt hats in the studio piled with the antique wooden forms she uses to make them. Her garden out back was the setting for the dramatic clay vessels by visiting artist Stephen Proctor.

**Susan Barker** had converted a garage space into a gallery to display her beautifully crafted “statement” necklaces. She shared the space with her daughter **Nina Brogna**, also a jeweler.



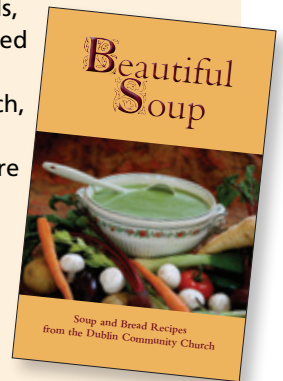
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Susan Barker and Nina Brogna; Rebecca Welsh; Rosemary Mack; Miriam Carter; and Kimberly Kersey-Asbury.

For more information about the annual tours, these artists, and those not showing this year, visit the website for Monadnock Art/Friends of the Dublin Art Colony at [monadnockart.org](http://monadnockart.org).

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

### Soup Recipes

The Dublin Community Church's "Beautiful Soup" cookbook of 69 soups and 13 breads, with recipes collected from members and friends of the church, is for sale in the Dublin General Store and at the church office for \$15 each. Proceeds benefit the church's community outreach program.



## Community Take-Out Supper Is for Everyone

On Tuesday, November 23, a free Community Take-Out Supper is offered by the Dublin Community Church (1125 Main St.). Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. The menu will be pasta, salad, and dessert. Reservations are required. Call Laurie Jameson at 876-5003 by **Friday, November 19**, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call. All are welcome.

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## One Happy Ebike Rider

*"There's always a climb back home to Dublin."*

BY KEN LEVIN

Many folks in Dublin rode bikes when they were younger but find our local hills to be too difficult, even with good gears on a bicycle. That was my case, at least.

This spring, I found a solution, an ebike, also known as an electric bike. An ebike is a regular bike with an electric motor and battery. The motor provides a boost when going up a hill. With a decent ebike (not all are) hills are no longer something to dread. Yet one can still get exercise, as much as you want, by adjusting the amount of power from the motor.

There are many styles of ebikes. Some are more like scooters, and have throttles. Others are like regular bicycles, with gearshifts. Inexpensive ebikes often have the motors built into the wheel, called a hub motor. These are the most heavily advertised bikes and the least expensive, but they're more suited to cities. They don't have the power to help us up our hills.

Bikes more suitable to our hilly area have motors built into the crank – the pedal

assembly – and are called mid drive. Their advantage is that boost from the motor works with the rider, in a mode called pedal assist, and the boost works with the gears to give the rider more climbing ability. Pedal assist means you only get motor power when you're pedaling, so the power from the motor just makes pedaling easier. It feels very natural.

How long will your battery last? It depends on your bike, and also your riding style. If you ride with maximum power all the time (speed freak?) you might only get 15 miles. If you only use the motor to help with your leg power going up hills, and use your leg power on flatter areas, you might get 60 miles or more of range.

In other parts of the country, riders often stick to crowded bike trails because of road traffic. Not around here! Most of our roads are lightly travelled enough that riding on them is a pleasure.

Our favorite rides are to Harrisville,



Hancock, and Peterborough for lunch. We avoid 101 and 137 on these rides, taking back roads instead.

There's always a climb back home to Dublin, but the motor assist makes it tolerable. Our favorite ride takes us up Old Harrisville Road, past Chesham Pond and Silver Lake, then into Harrisville for lunch and a return past Skatutakee Lake.

Finding an ebike for sale may be the biggest challenge today. Demand has

been high, and dealers have had trouble keeping stock on hand. Norm's Ski and Bike Shop in Keene sometimes has ebikes in stock. Goodale's in Nashua is a good-sized store that usually has several Trek models in stock. Electric Bikes of New England, in Londonderry, has a wide range of bikes from several manufacturers. A good source of information (perhaps too much) is [electricbikereview.com](http://electricbikereview.com), especially the forums it offers.

KEN LEVIN and his wife Denise Frankoff moved to Dublin from Washington, DC, in 2016.

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# November Events at the DubHub

BY VOLKERT VOLKERSZ

## Coffee and Conversation

With the weather getting colder, Coffee and Conversation will move indoors to the North Room, with face masks and social distancing. Masks can be lowered while eating or drinking. We continue to meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon.

## Knit with Nancy on Fridays

Knit with Nancy continues via Zoom every Friday at 10 am. Contact Nancy Cayford at [npcayford@myfairpoint.net](mailto:npcayford@myfairpoint.net) for an invitation.

## Herbal Home Remedies for Cold / Flu Season

On Tuesday, November 9, at 7 pm, Katherine Gekas will offer a class on herbal home remedies for cold and flu season that can be made with grocery store ingredients, and will be made during the class. She'll discuss how each herb helps your body and share recipes and stories about how she's used them with loved ones

and friends. The class is in the South Room of the DubHub.

Each participant will go home with small samples of what was made during class and a handout so they can be made again at home. The class is on a sliding scale, pay what you'd like.

This is the first in a new monthly series of classes to be offered by Katherine Gekas, clinical herbalist, who has been teaching community-level classes on how to stay healthy with herbs for more than 10 years. For further information, email [katherinegekas2@gmail.com](mailto:katherinegekas2@gmail.com).

## DubHub Songwriters Group

The DubHub Songwriters Group meets on Monday, November 15, at 7 pm, and is open to all active or aspiring songwriters. Attendance is limited to 12 participants, and currently face masks are required. Participants are asked to bring an instrument and copies of a song they're working on to share with the group. Volkert Volkersz hosts this group. For more information, or to reserve a spot, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).



At the Song Circle in October, Nancy Nolan, Bruce Simpson, and Volkert Volkersz go over a song together, as Edith Jenkins listens.

## Take-Out Community Lunch

Due to the colder weather, Take-Out meals will be served at the free Community Lunch on Thursday, November 18. From noon to 1 pm, drive by the entrance of the DubHub to pick up your meal, or park and come to the main entrance. The menu will be soup, corn muffins and dessert. For more information, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

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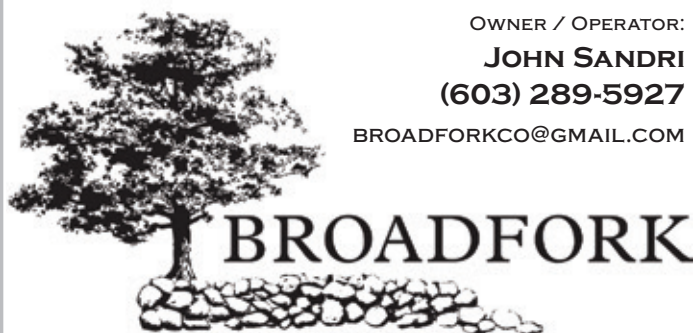
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## Open Stage

The Open Stage moves to the third Friday of the month, starting at 7 pm on **November 19**. With limited space due to social distancing, performers will be broadcasting from the DubHub to our YouTube page, where the community can enjoy the session at home. Search for "Dublin Community Center – The DubHub" on YouTube. To sign up for a performance slot, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

## Red Cross Blood Drive on November 20

The Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Dublin Community Center from 10 am to 3:30 pm on **Saturday, November 20**. For more information, contact the Red Cross at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search under zip code 03444.



The Red Cross van at the bimonthly Blood Drive at the Dublin Community Center on September 18.

## Small Treasures Art Show and Sale

The 5th annual Small Treasures Art Show and Sale, a fundraiser for the Dublin Community Center, will take place online again this year from noon on



Guests admire the artwork of April Claggett at the art opening on September 17.

## December 4 through noon December 7.

Patrons and visitors may view the exhibit prior to the sale, by making an appointment, Monday, November 29, through Thursday, December 2.

Small Treasures showcases as many as 40 local artists who exhibit 2D and 3D pieces no larger than 5 x 7 inches for purchase. Each artist contributes the proceeds of the sale of one piece, and the Community Center takes a 20 percent commission on the sale of all other pieces.

To schedule an appointment to view the show, please call Susan at 908-672-6481 or Mary at 603-831-6641.

## Dublin Stories and Poems Revived

Plans are under way to revive the Dublin Stories and Poems that was cancelled last summer (three times) due to rain. The hope is to livestream the show on the Dublin Community Center YouTube channel, and possibly on Facebook. Date and time to be determined. Check the weekly

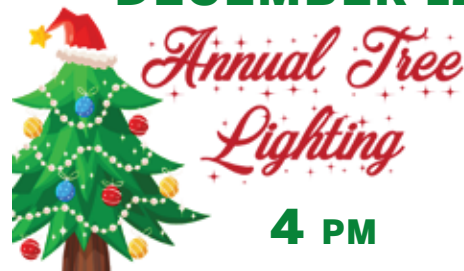
Hubbub newsletter, the DubHub Facebook page, or visit [dublincommunitycenter.org](http://dublincommunitycenter.org).

## Connect with the DubHub

New members of the Dublin community are invited to sign up for the weekly Hubbub from the DubHub newsletter at [eepurl.com/bLCNTz](http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz). We plan to host some online newcomer activities in the near future.

VOLKERT VOLKERSZ has been the Program Coordinator at the Dublin Community Center, aka The DubHub, since 2017. Located at 1123 Main Street (PO Box 249), Dublin, NH 03444, call the Hub at 603-563-8080; or email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org). The new website can be found at [dublincommunitycenter.org](http://dublincommunitycenter.org).

## DECEMBER 12



## Lighting Dublin's Tree

Come Sunday, December 12, at 4 pm.

The tree-lighting event for all to colorfully light up the Christmas tree will be held between the Fire Department and Yankee parking lots in the village.

Everyone is welcome, especially children who want to see Santa. There will be carol singing and refreshments. More details to come in the December *Advocate*.

This event is sponsored by Dublin's Recreation Committee. Members are Megan Suokko, Karen and Caleb Niemela, and Ramona Branch.



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## Walden School's Summer in Dublin

BY SAMMI STONE

The Walden School's summer music programs for creative musicians of all ages returned to the campus of the Dublin School in June and July 2021, after a one-year hiatus in 2020 when Walden's programs went online and remote.

The Creative Musicians Retreat (CMR) is a one-week retreat for adult creative musicians 18+ who seek instruction,

out the summer, including International Contemporary Ensemble, Hub New Music, Aurora Nealand and the Royal Roses, and guest lecturers from MacDowell.

We gathered for outdoor choral rehearsals and other activities under a giant wedding tent (when the weather was fair). Our community hiked Mt. Monadnock, Gap Mountain, and Mt. Skatutakee (in between rainstorms!), and went swimming at Greenfield State Park and in Dublin Lake.

Outings to The Friendly Farm and other local attractions provided welcome study breaks for our students and staff. We are especially grateful that each of our program communities had an opportunity to enjoy thought-provoking views of the stars and planets at Dublin

School's Perkin Observatory.

Walden's 2021 concert series was livestreamed to the public from the Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall at the Dublin School. In 2022, we hope that our concert



Walden musicians play keyboards and other instruments on the Dublin School quad last summer.

inspiration, and a chance to present new musical works. The Young Musicians Program (YMP) is a five-week program, equal parts academic school, summer camp, and music festival, where students aged 9-18 have the opportunity to create music, make new friends, and study with our talented and caring teaching faculty.

This year, students, faculty, and staff of both CMR and YMP enjoyed many aspects of being together in Dublin that we missed during our year away. We listened to performances by visiting artists through-

doors will be open once again to audiences. Please visit [www.waldenschool.org](http://www.waldenschool.org) to learn more about The Walden School and stay tuned for announcements about our summer 2022 programs.

SAMMI STONE is Director of Operations at The Walden School's summer programs, the Creative Musicians Retreat and the Young Musicians Program.

## Advocate Update

At *The Dublin Advocate's* annual meeting, which was held in the North Room of the Hub in early October, new staff was welcomed, bylaws were amended, and a new slate of officers was approved. Kim Allis is now president, Jean Barden is VP, Lorelei Murphy is secretary, and Denise Frankoff is a member. Everyone attending voted to retain Bill Goodwin as treasurer.

Many thanks to departing board members Rusty Bastedo, Sally Shonk, and Mary Loftis, who all remain on staff.

The *Advocate's* records will be housed at the Town Hall.

The existing staff consists of Jeanne Sterling (advertising coordinator); Rusty Bastedo, Ramona Branch, Lisa Foote, Jill Lawler, Mary Loftis, Susan Peters, Julie Rizzo, and Sally Shonk. Margaret Gurney continues as editor.

The staff and board members regularly attend editorial meetings once a month to plan ensuing issues.

You can view *The Dublin Advocate* online in color at [DublinAdvocate.com](http://DublinAdvocate.com) and [TownofDublin.org](http://TownofDublin.org). To contact the *Advocate*, please email [DublinAdvocate@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAdvocate@gmail.com).

As always, *The Advocate's* Board and staff are grateful to Dublin townspeople for support each year at Town Meeting.



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## Youth Mental Health

BY MARY LOFTIS

In collaboration with The River Center, the Dublin Community Center is presenting a two-part program on October 28 and November 4 from 9 am to 1 pm on Youth Mental Health. Because COVID-19 protocols limit attendance, the program, taught by Peterborough Fire Chief Ed Walker, is being offered first to staff at The River Center, DCS, Dublin School, DCA, Fairwood, Mountain Shadows, and the homeschool network.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

MARY LOFTIS is on the board of MATS, the Hub, and is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

## NH Audubon Awards Conservation Winners

*NH Audubon protects thousands of acres of wildlife habitat in the state.*

Eric Masterson of Hancock, NH, has been awarded the Goodhue-Elkins Award for outstanding contributions to our knowledge of New Hampshire birds. Eric has spoken in Dublin at the Community Center.

From the time he arrived in NH from Ireland, Eric has worked diligently to explore the state, understand its bird life, and share his knowledge with others. His book, *Birdwatching in New Hampshire*, is a user-friendly guide to where to find birds in the state.

Whether through writing, biking to South America following the migrating Broad-winged Hawks, reporting his bird sighting data, or leading field trips, he

shares knowledge generously.

NH Audubon is a nonprofit statewide membership organization dedicated to the protection of New Hampshire's natural environment for wildlife and for people. Independent of the National Audubon Society, NH Audubon, which is a voice for sound public policy on environmental issues, has offered programs in wildlife conservation, land protection, environmental policy, and environmental education since 1914. Its expert educators offer programs to children, families, and adults in schools and at nature centers throughout the state.

To contact NH Audubon, call 603-224-9909, or visit [www.nh-audubon.org](http://www.nh-audubon.org).

## Electric Earth Concerts: Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"

On Sunday, November 21, at 4 pm at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey, Vivaldi's

"Four Seasons" for violin solo and chamber ensemble, will feature violinist Jesse Mills. This perennial favorite was groundbreaking when first performed. Unusually narrative, Vivaldi's seasons musically describe the accompanying sonnets. Four Seasons is one

of the earliest and most detailed examples of what came to be termed program music.



This concert is sponsored by Belletetes, Inc.

Two-time Grammy nominated violinist Jesse Mills enjoys performing music of many genres, from classical to contemporary, as well as his own composed and improvised music. We do require masks and practice social

distancing in the hall. Admission is \$30, payable online or at the door. Students may attend for free.

For information, call 603-499-6216, email [joan.electricearth@gmail.com](mailto:joan.electricearth@gmail.com), or visit [www.electricearthconcerts.org](http://www.electricearthconcerts.org).

## Cheshire County awards federal COVID relief grants to businesses, nonprofits

BY MIA SUMMERSON, SENTINEL STAFF, OCT 21, 2021, [WWW.SENTINELSOURCE.COM](http://WWW.SENTINELSOURCE.COM)

"Nearly 50 local businesses and nonprofit organizations received funding from Cheshire County as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act; The county earmarked \$1 million for the grants, of the total \$7 million it received from the government."



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Parent educator, Shannon McNamara, will guide this virtual support program for parents of tweens every other Wednesday. Share in the joys and struggles of these ages and stages with others, while learning strategies to keep you connected to your maturing and changing adolescent.

For more information on these and other programs and to register, visit [www.rivercenternh.org](http://www.rivercenternh.org) or call us at 603-924-6800.

If you visit us on the web, you may notice that things look a little different. We hope you'll stick around and explore our

all-new website, all-new look, and all that we have to offer!

The River Center Family and Community Resource Center provides community connections, parenting support, tax assistance and money coaching to

## For Aficionados of THE LOOM Poetry

BY REBECCA KAISER GIBSON

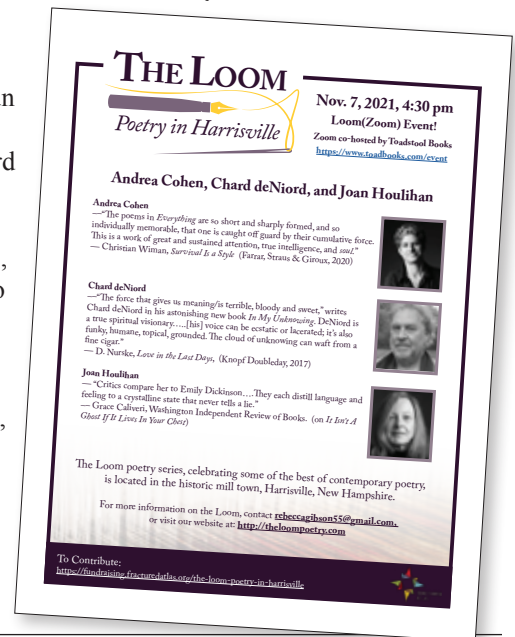
The upcoming Loom Poetry reading is Sunday, November 7. Our poets are Joan Houlihan and Andrea Cohen, returning to The Loom with brand new books, and Chard deNiord, former Vermont Poet Laureate.

Though we regret that it will still not be live in Harrisville owing to Covid concerns, we are celebrating the ability to reach out to a wider audience, with your help.

Please let friends from farther away know. Again, the wonderful Toadstool Books will co-host the LoomZoom. Just go, as the flier says, to [toadbooks.com/event](http://toadbooks.com/event).

REBECCA KAISER GIBSON ([www.rebeccakaiser-gibson.com](http://www.rebeccakaiser-gibson.com)), a former lecturer at Tufts University, is the Founder of THE LOOM, Poetry in Harrisville. Her second book of poetry, *Girl as Birch*, is forthcoming from Bauhan Publishing in 2022.

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## The Boom Heard 'Round the County

BY ERIK SCHMITT

On October 10, a “boom” was heard throughout Cheshire County that, by process of elimination and a telltale flash on imagery from a weather satellite, is likely the result of a meteor entering our upper atmosphere. This begs the questions of why the sound came from the sky and why there isn’t a smoking crater somewhere nearby for us all to go marvel at?

If you ever enjoy Dublin’s rural dark skies by doing some stargazing, or just happen to look up at the right moment at night, you stand a pretty good chance of seeing a “shooting star.” While they are much more frequent during meteor showers, every location on Earth has a couple of shooting stars every hour, every night. These shooting stars are actually tiny asteroids that were orbiting the Sun just as the Earth is until we crossed paths.

Earth is constantly being pelted by what is essentially “space gravel.” Like a car merging into your lane, space gravel does not respect the boundaries of Earth’s orbit. Worse, as the gravel travels about the solar system, its path is altered by the planets, moons, and even other asteroids. The slightest gravitational nudge can redirect a pebble or a boulder to where Earth will happen to be thousands of years later.

It has been estimated that 37,000 to 78,000 tons of material collides with Earth every year, mostly in the form of dust. Pebbles are far more numerous than

boulders. Car-sized asteroids are relatively rare, and building-sized ones rarer still. Rarity is relative though, and on average we are struck by a car-sized meteor every year and a building-sized meteor a few times per century. A 10-kilometer wide meteor resulted in a major extinction event commonly known as “a bad day to be a dinosaur” 66 million years ago.

Even small asteroids have mind-boggling amounts of kinetic energy because they are traveling at orbital velocities that are staggeringly fast compared to what we humans here on the ground are accustomed to. For example, a bullet travels between 1,000 and 2,000 MPH. The Earth orbits the sun at a speed of 67,000 MPH and the International Space Station needs to travel at 17,130 MPH around Earth to maintain its orbit. If the idea of a belly flop into water elicits a wince, then you can grasp what a space rock must experience when it slams into our atmosphere at tens or hundreds of thousands of miles per hour with the assistance of gravity and a very long fall. The braking force of air resistance in the face of so much kinetic energy results in extreme friction, which in turn results in extreme heating. As the meteor plummets deeper into the atmosphere the air gets thicker, which causes more friction and more heat until

the meteor reaches a critical tipping point and explodes in an airburst.

The conversion of kinetic to thermal energy means that even a car-sized meteor can and often will completely vaporize high in the atmosphere, leaving no solid chunks left to continue down to strike the ground.

The boom heard in Cheshire County that Sunday may have been the sonic boom of the meteor hurtling through our atmosphere at supersonic speeds — or it could



A view of typical activity in our night sky over time, taken by Reed Colloton ('22), a student at the Dublin School. The horizontal line that stops above the Perkin Observatory is the International Space Station.

have been from the thermal explosion of the meteor itself. Either way, when you go outside today and take a breath of fresh air that may contain a particle or two of vaporized space rock, consider taking a moment to appreciate that the air you are breathing serves another utility, that of allowing us to build thin roofs.

ERIK SCHMITT is the Director of the Perkin Observatory at the Dublin School.

**Ed. Note:** To read an earlier article mentioning Erik Schmitt, see the July 2021 *Advocate* on skyglow.

### Cheshire County Meteor

[www.nytimes.com/2021/10/12/us/boom-new-hampshire-massachusetts-meteor-shower.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/12/us/boom-new-hampshire-massachusetts-meteor-shower.html)?



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## Specific Items Most Needed at Hundred Nights

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- Toiletries needed include unscented hand lotion, lip balm, shampoo and conditioner (full size), deodorant (women & men), razors (multiple blades), shaving cream (travel size), medicated foot powder, hairbrushes, combs and hair ties.

- Paper products needed are paper towels, toilet paper, Q-tips, and tissues (travel size).

- In the bedding and outdoor categories, items most needed are blankets and sheets (twin size only), Mylar blankets, back-packs, tents and tarps, ropes and stakes, flashlights and batteries (AA, AAA, D).

- In the kitchen/laundry/cleaning department, items needed are laundry soap (HE), spray air freshener, disinfectant wipes and spray, and tall kitchen garbage bags (13, 30, 55 gallon).

- Food items needed are powdered creamer, sugar, hot chocolate mix, breakfast cereals, jelly, ketchup, mayonnaise, microwavable mac & cheese cups, ramen noodle cups, canned goods with easy-open pull tabs (soup, tuna, ravioli, etc.), canned soups and stews (vegetarian options too), drink mixes (lemonade, ice tea, tang), sturdy plastic cutlery, and lunch foods (sliced deli meats and individually wrapped cheese slices).

- In the outdoors clothing department, please send hats (Thinsulate or homemade with fleece lining), gloves (Thinsulate), thermal long underwear (women & men), winter coats, waterproof winter boots, lightweight jackets (also for rain), hand warmers, socks (new or very gently used) wool blend.

- For the indoors, clothing most needed are men's jeans (especially 30-38 waist & 30-36 length), long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts (women & men), men's boxers and women's panties (new; all sizes), and women's bras (new or very gently used).

Thank you for helping our emergency shelter and resource center enable people who are "reaching for the warmth of home."

## Still Working to End 68 Hours of Hunger

These are busy times at End 68 Hours of Hunger, as we shop, shelve, pack, and transport more than 200 bags of food every week! We're so grateful to volunteers like Karen Conrow, who delivers all of those wonderful Dublin food donations to our storeroom each week, and Cathie Runyon, who transports filled bags to DCS.

Donations can be left at the west entrance of the Dublin Community Church. This month we're especially looking for packets of Ramen and full boxes of nutrition bars. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program!

### CVTC's Goal

CVTC needs 12 more volunteer drivers to achieve its goal of having 75 active drivers by the end of 2021. Can you help CVTC provide "no fee" transportation to non-emergency medical and social service appointments, grocery shopping, and other basic needs? Call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5 for more information about becoming a volunteer driver or visit [www.cvtc-nh.org](http://www.cvtc-nh.org).

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## Interesting Birding Tales

BY TOM WARREN

### CONNECTICUT WARBLER

Several years ago, I made my annual trip to Pt. Pelee National Park in Ontario for the May migration, an 11-hour drive from my home here in town.

During this visit, it was wet with numerous thunderstorms. During a break in the rain, ducking a thunderstorm, a man approached me and asked me to show him where the Connecticut Warbler had been seen earlier near the Tip of the park.

When the shower stopped, we took the tram to the Tip and stood with a small group, many armed with huge cameras, waiting for the warbler to appear. About five feet in front of us was a large tree stump, and I told the man to keep an eye on the stump while I used my binoculars to scan more distant areas. He was curious as to why I mentioned the stump. I told him my 8th grade biology teacher, who took interested students on birding trips every weekend, said that decaying stumps often produced major sightings.

Not five minutes later, the Connecticut Warbler walked out from behind the stump

for a wonderful view. I told the man that occasionally a Connecticut Warbler, on a wet, showery day, will fly to a sapling and preen its feathers, a fact I had learned the night before while reading the Pete Dunne book on warblers. Two minutes later, the bird flew across the trail to a sapling and preened its wet feathers.

The next day one of Canada's leading field ornithologists came up to me and said, "I overheard you yesterday discussing the Connecticut Warbler. I am never going to look at a stump the same way again."

### CERULEAN WARBLER

During that same week in May, I rose early about 6 am and walked down to the area not far from the parking lot where I had seen a Cerulean Warbler through the rain and thunder. My science teacher in the 8th grade had told me that song birds do not migrate



at night during a thunderstorm, and to wait until the next morning.

I found the Cerulean Warbler in the same location now with the bright sunlight bringing out the beautiful blue colors.

I had passed a woman on the trail and walked back to tell her she might enjoy seeing a bird. She joined me and got excellent views. As she watched the bird, I could see the tears in her eyes flowing down her cheeks. She was so moved to be able to watch this lovely bird. Sensing a private moment, I slipped away and headed for the Visitor Center.

The next day at the Visitor Center a man approached me and said, "You are the person who introduced my friend to the Cerulean Warbler yesterday. She lost her husband and son in an auto accident last year. Seeing that Cerulean Warbler was very emotional for her. Thank you for taking the time to show her that bird."

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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