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DublinArts and Muse Gallery Opens Its Doors

BY JULIE RIZZO

What does a performer do when the curtain closes due to a global pandemic? How does a writer, painter, actor, designer, sculptor, event planner, or visionary cope with the forced isolation of COVID?

In Harrisville resident Molly McDowell's case, she gave some deep-rooted creative ideas a chance to germinate and blossom. Having just finished a play with the Firelight Theater in Peterborough when the COVID pandemic hit, she was in a state of both artistic exhilaration and limbo. She happened to drive past the vacant Window Master building on Route 101, and something about the building spoke to her. As soon as she saw the inside, visions of how to use it began percolating.

"In 15 minutes, I was envisioning a building full of creativity – a performance area with an actors' green room at one end, exhibit space on the ground floor, studios and writing spaces upstairs, gathering spaces for groups, and pairs of chairs all around for people to come together and share ideas, support each other, and be accountable to each other."

With several successful building renovations under her belt, she was optimistic from the beginning that she could create a space that would fill a need felt by artists still mourning the closing of the Sharon Arts Center in 2019. That weekend, she decided this was what she would do over the pandemic. "I'm a leaper," she said. "When the time came, I leapt."

She and her son, Chris Keck, worked diligently over the next two years to make her vision a reality. They stripped the inside of the building down to the studs and worked with architect Susan Phillips-Hungerford and contractor Ben Thomas to translate her ideas into plans and then walls, floors, and ceilings. Triangular windows, a curving stair rail made of vines from the property, multicolor doors, a real carousel pony, and repurposed furnishings give the space a whimsical feel, with surprises around every corner. "We were going for a mix of elegant and boho shabby chic," she said. "It has to be fun!"

On Friday, August 12, Molly opened DublinArts and Muse Gallery to the public with a ribbon cutting and an exhibit of 103 works by artists expressing the theme "Wit and Whimsy." Molly said, "I decided on the theme a year ago – we all needed something uplifting



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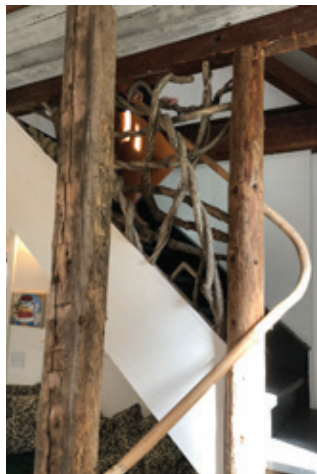
and delightful, something that makes you smile, laugh, think, and enjoy." Community members, curious about what has been happening there, packed the event. One gallery

visitor said, "I didn't know my art cup was empty, and this filled it to the brim!"

The space will be available for performances, classes, readings, artists' groups, exhibits, and more. The next exhibit will be a one-artist show in October, followed by a group show opening November 15 titled "Tiny and Tremendous," which she envisions as a playful exploration of scale. Details on these shows and other events can be found on the Facebook page DublinArts & Muse Gallery.

DublinArts and Muse Gallery is located at 1459 Main Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday–Saturday, noon to 5 pm.

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



Visitors explore studio spaces at DublinArts grand opening.

News from the Library

BY RACHEL LOVETT

Dublin Public Library is excited for a new school year to begin! Our regularly scheduled programming will start the week of September 12. This includes our after-school programming as well as Morning Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

This year, we are introducing a new after-school program due to the popularity of Book Buddies, which will continue every Tuesday for children in kindergarten and first grade. On Wednesdays, we will introduce our Book Worms club for children in second through fifth grade. Book Worms will focus on reading a chapter book together and discussing the content. As always, we'll have snacks, crafts, and games for both groups.

Finally, our Thursday after-school club will take on a new name: Creator Club. In Creator Club, we'll build, learn, explore, and create together! All after-school programs will run from 3:30-4:45 pm, in conjunction with the school calendar. Once again, we will have a ConVal bus stop right outside the library.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Last year, we participated in a friendly statewide library competition, and we *won* with the most library card sign-ups! There's never a better time than September to come in and get your DPL card. Also in September is Banned Books Week, from September 18–24. We'll have a display up, so come on in and check out some banned and challenged material.

Did you know your library has not only physical print magazines that you can check out and take home but also magazines available online? We have many periodicals in the library, ranging from *National Geographic Kids* and *Time to House Beautiful*.

All Dublin library cardholders also have access to the online app, Libby (which replaced OverDrive). Libby not only offers eBooks and digital audiobooks but magazines as well. Libby is provided to us via the New Hampshire State Library and the New Hampshire Downloadable Consortium and can be accessed directly from our website or catalog. You'll simply need your library card number and your PIN. We can easily reset your PIN if needed; just give us a call at 603-563-8658. Libby has a wide variety of titles, such as *The Economist*, *New Scientist*, *Ultimate Cross Stitch*, and *Everyday Vegan*. Check out a magazine today!

Visit the website to register for our programs: www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org. Not only are after-school programs starting up,

but this month we will have a needle felting class in which we'll learn to create mushrooms and gnomes. We'll be starting up a book club for adults (so let us know a good time for you – and a good book for the group), and we are planning a family movie night for the last Friday in September. And don't forget to sign up for the monthly email newsletter!

RACHAEL LOVETT is the director of the Dublin Public Library.

Historical Restoration at the Dublin Public Library

BY NANCY CAYFORD

After six months of waiting for the new catch basins and downspouts to be fabricated for the Dublin Public Library, all the parts arrived on July 7, and the gutter system was completely installed by July 9.

The library received a grant of \$9,600 in 2021 from NH State Council on the Arts for the sole purpose of reproducing the 1901 copper catch basins and downspouts that had been on the front and west sides of the library for about 100 years. The beautiful old pieces were found in the crawl space of the library and deemed unrepairable. The Tin Shop in Beverly, Massachusetts, owned by Ed and Peter Packard, was contracted to reproduce the pieces. One unit was taken completely apart by metal artist Peter Packard. Patterns were made from the old pieces, and new parts were cut from corrugated copper and fashioned into catch basins and downspouts exactly like the originals. Rainflow of Keene installed the gutters and attached the new system to inground drainpipes.

NANCY CAYFORD is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Dublin Public Library.



Photos by Nancy Cayford



Don't forget! New Hampshire primary elections are Tuesday, September 13. Refer to the August issue of the *Advocate* for a list of the candidates on the Republican and Democratic ballots as well as their contact information. The polls in Dublin's Town Hall are open from 8 am to 7 pm. Absentee ballots are due Monday, September 12.

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50th Annual Dublin Gas Engine Meet

BY DIDDIE STAPLES

The 50th Annual Dublin Gas Engine Meet will be held at Cricket Hill Farm field (Route 101 between Peterborough and Dublin) on September 9, 10, and 11. This show features



antique gas and steam engines, tractors, trucks, antique cars, and farm equipment. There will be a variety of antique “one-lunger” engines, working machinery, and other items of similar vintage.

An antique shingle mill at the event will show how shingles were manufactured in the past, and a lathe will produce baseball bats.

On both Saturday and Sunday, there will be a tractor and antique car parade at 1 pm. Various food vendors will be available to feed hungry spectators throughout the days, and there will be a

Saturday night dinner. See our website www.dublinhgasengine-meet.com for details.

Daily admission is \$10 per person; kids under 12 are free.

DIDDIE STAPLES is the secretary of the Dublin Gas Engine Meet.

The Fall Rummage Sale Is on the Horizon

The fall rummage and yard sale at the Dublin Community Church will be held at the end of the month. The sale begins on Friday, September 30, from 1 to 6 pm, and continues the next morning, Saturday, October 1, from 8 am to noon. The sale will move back inside the church hall, with furniture and larger items set up outside on Saturday morning. The Boutique, on the east side of the church, will be open both days with jewelry and special surprises. Come shop for clothing for the whole family, as well as linens, kitchen gear, dishes, furniture, and other yard sale treasures. All items are without prices – contribute as you wish. Proceeds go to the church’s outreach programs.

The sale is sponsored by the Dublin Community Church, an open and affirming church, at 1125 Main Street in Dublin. For more information, go to DublinChurch.org.

Monthly Community Take-Out Suppers Return

On Tuesday, September 27, the Dublin Community Church will offer a free take-out supper for all. The menu will be roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, and dessert. Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. Reservations are required. Please call Laurie at 603-876-5003 by Friday, September 23.

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News from Our ConVal School Board Representative

BY ALAN EDELKIND

By the time you read this, ConVal students will be back for the 2022–2023 school year. As noted in my previous article, the ConVal School District has implemented school security and operational plans that follow the state template and meet guidelines set out in RSA 189:64 requirements. Below is an update on our two new initiatives.

SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER (SRO)

We have completed the process of engaging a School Resource Officer. The SRO, who is an employee of the Peterborough Police Department, will be stationed at ConVal High School. The SRO will adhere to all policies and procedures of the police department. Some of the duties are as follows:

1. The School Resource Officer will be a resource for students, which will enable them to be associated with a law enforcement figure in the students' environment.
2. The School Resource Officer will be familiar with community agencies, such as mental health clinics, drug treatment centers, etc. that offer assistance to dependency- and delinquency-prone youth and their families. Referrals will be made when necessary.
3. The School Resource Officer will coordinate all of his/her activities with the principal and staff members concerned, and will seek permission, guidance, and advice prior to enacting any programs within the school.
4. The School Resource Officer is first and foremost a law enforcement officer.
5. The School Resource Officer will wear

department-issued duty weapon/s in accordance with Peterborough Police Policies.

6. The School Resource Officer is *not* a school disciplinarian. Disciplining students is a school responsibility, and only when the principal and the School Resource Officer believe an incident is a criminal law violation will the principal request police involvement, and ask that the School Resource Officer take action.

7. The SRO shall be familiar with the Emergency Plans of the District.

There are always differences of opinion as to the need for an SRO. We, as a school board and administration, strongly feel that an SRO is needed. We feel we have struck a proper balance in our implementation plan, and the utilization of an SRO will be a positive development.

SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT

Recently, the ConVal School Board began a discussion to determine the viability of engaging with a consultant to perform a security audit and to recommend changes or enhancements. This was unanimously accepted, and we are in the process of sending out a request for information from selected organizations, including NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

There is always a lot going on in the district, and as the newly elected vice chairman of the School Board, I will continue to provide you with key updates in this space. If you have *any* questions, please email me at Aedelkind@conval.edu. I will respond quickly.

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

Preservation and Conservation Merge

BY JAY SCHECHTER

The Dublin Lake Preservation Committee (DPLC) was established in 1996 by the Dublin Select Board to monitor and report on the condition of Dublin Lake. This group of volunteers also creates plans for improving the water quality of the lake. Coordinating annual water testing, weed watches, and the Lake Host Program are just some of the methods used to protect our natural treasure.

Early this summer, at the request of its members, DLPC merged with the Dublin Conservation Commission (ConCom) to form the Water and Wetlands Subcommittee. The ConCom is charged with preserving Dublin's natural resources, including water bodies, aquifers, and wetlands.

Folding the two groups into one has several advantages: an increased focus by the ConCom on Dublin's water resources, including, but not limited to, Dublin Lake, Frost Pond, Howe Reservoir, Mud Pond, and Stone Pond; more efficient utilization of volunteers; and an increased likelihood of obtaining water-related financial grants. This merger also recognizes how land and water resources are inextricably entwined.

All of the members of the ConCom and DLPC look forward to working together to protect the many natural resources of Dublin. We welcome input by the public and always welcome volunteers willing to work to help accomplish our goals.

JAY SCHECHTER is the chair of the Dublin Conservation Commission.

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Electricity Rate Hike: Some Options

BY SUSAN PETERS

This summer, the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved a sizable increase in the default supply rate that Eversource charges its residential customers. Eversource supply rates are approved for six-month periods. The latest approved energy supply rate is 22.566 cents per kilowatt hour, effective August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023. This is on top of Eversource’s delivery charges for maintaining and upgrading the grid.

On your monthly Eversource bill, supply charges appear separately from delivery charges. The total kilowatt-hour cost will add up to about 32 cents – up from 19 cents: 23 cents for electricity supply plus about 9 cents to deliver it. There is also a \$14 customer charge.

You have options. While this news is quite concerning as we look ahead to fall and winter, Dublin residents *do* have some options to help cope with the increase. (Thank you to Harrisville’s Electric Aggregation Committee for providing helpful material and links for this summary.)

Check out competitive suppliers. You can select another provider for electricity supply. (Eversource maintains electricity delivery.) These suppliers offer different supply rates and varying percentages of renewables (such as solar, wind, and hydro). They also offer different contract terms. When evaluating these offers, be careful to understand the terms of the contract and watchful not to fall for a scam or deceptive marketing.

While we know what Eversource will charge for electricity supply through January 31, 2023, we don’t know what that rate

will be in the next six-month cycle (February–July 2023). Future rates could be the same, higher, or lower. Look out for fees. A plan that does not charge a cancellation fee would be ideal. The following are some helpful resources about alternative sources of electricity supply.

- How to shop for cheaper electricity in the Granite State: bit.ly/cheapelectricityNH
- List of suppliers authorized to sell to Eversource customers: bit.ly/comparesuppliersNH
- PUC on what to look for in contract terms: bit.ly/suppliercontractterms

Reduce electricity consumption. For a list of energy saving tips and resources, check out bit.ly/NHsaveslips.

- Switch to LED light bulbs.
- Find and manage household energy drips (start in the home office or entertainment center).
- When replacing old appliances, look for Energy Star-rated appliances.
- Insulate attic, basement, hot water pipes.
- Consider an energy audit to identify possible savings.

Review income-based assistance. Explore whether you are eligible for the Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program that is part of NHSaves (nhsaves.com). There are electric assistance and fuel assistance programs for eligible New Hampshire residents. Southwestern Community Services is a local point of contact for these energy assistance programs. Visit bit.ly/NHenergyassistance to review income criteria used to determine program eligibility.

Know about Eversource bill payment plans. Check out Eversource’s bill payment plans, one of which will divide monthly

payments into equal amounts throughout the year. It is important to understand the payment plan rules. To view payment plans, visit bit.ly/eversourceplans.

Generate your own electricity. There are a lot of possibilities and configurations worth checking out. The new federal climate bill provides tax incentives for clean electricity.

Explore community power. Community power offers a path for residential customers to come together to form aggregate electricity-buying groups in order to have greater control over electricity supply costs and over the renewable energy mix. The Dublin Select Board has voted to form an Electric Aggregation Committee, which will begin exploring community power with town residents this fall through a survey and public meetings. All residents are encouraged to participate in this exciting project.

SUSAN PETERS is on the staff of the *Advocate* and is a member of the Dublin Select Board.

Dublin History Quiz #7



FROM THE DUBLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1. How many previous names did the Dublin General Store have, and what was its prior location?
2. Name four Dublin businesses that have flourished at the site of DelRossi’s Trattoria.
3. Carr’s Store was originally located at a different site. Where was it, and why was a move necessary?
4. Name four significant businesses in Dublin that burned, other than the Leffingwell Hotel.

Answers can be found on page 11.

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Walking to Work

BY MARY LOFTIS

In the 21 years Jane Simpson has been walking from Dublin to her picture framing business in downtown Peterborough, she has encountered about ten other humans on a woody trail that's maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers. She has, however, seen lots of wildlife: deer, beavers, three different types of turtles, and a coyote that boldly followed her for a while. Her walking routine is seasonal, beginning in the early spring when there's still ice underfoot, and continuing until hunting season in autumn. She keeps an eye on the sky – and the weather report – and doesn't set out if rain or thunderstorms are predicted. It is, of course, a round trip, so the early evening weather forecast is a factor, too.

Jane drives from her home on Pierce Road to Rt. 137 and parks at one of two turnoffs. There are several possible routes through the woods, which end near MacDowell Dam. There she picks up Union Street to walk into downtown. The longer



route is 8.9 miles round trip and takes about an hour and a half each way, depending on her speed. Sometimes she jogs through the woods and listens to books or podcasts as she walks along the sidewalk section. On days when she doesn't have as much time, the shorter route can get her from her car to her framing studio in an hour. On this trail, she has encountered groups of kids and elders enjoying a trek in the woods.

In the two decades of her seasonal commute, Jane has chronicled changes in the woods, and there are always surprises. Recently, she found a perfectly intact Canada goose egg nestled next to the trail. How did it get there? One day, she said, she was “slogging through a huge flooded section, when I saw a rather large water snake skimming the surface toward me. Yikes! I paused, stayed in my lane, and the snake

zipped right by me. Clearly, it was on a mission or late for a meeting.”

The pedestrian route to work isn't just for urbanites. Jane would be happy to show others the trails.

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

Labor Day Sunday with Nelson Town Band

BY RUSTY BASTEDO

For those in the know, and for others who merely like ice cream with all the toppings, the annual Labor Day Weekend Band Concert will be held outdoors on Sunday, September 4, at the Nelson Congregational Church. The festivities start at 3 pm, weather permitting. Bring your own folding chairs and blankets to sit on, and enjoy an hour of John Philip Sousa marches and Broadway show tunes performed by the Nelson Town Band.

Once upon a time, most New England towns had their own town bands, before radio and TV took over our entertainment hours. Make the most of this opportunity to meet outdoors for an hour of “good old good ones.” Happy Labor Day!

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

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Explore the Wantastiquet-Monadnock Trail

BY LISA FOOTE

Mount Monadnock is the terminus of three long-distance trails. You may be familiar with two long-standing trails: the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail and the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail. The third and newest one is the 50-mile-long Wantastiquet-Monadnock Trail.

The Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail stretches nearly 50 miles between the two mountains. Originally developed in the early 1920s, the trail was no longer maintained after the Hurricane of 1938 and the onset of World War II. A new route was designed and built in the mid-1970s, thanks to a partnership between the Forest Society, also known as the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

The 114-mile-long Metacomet-Monadnock Trail begins at the Connecticut and Massachusetts border. UMass Amherst Professor Walter M. Banfield designed the trail in the 1950s as a northward extension of the Metacomet Trail, which originates on the Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound.

The third trail, the Wantastiquet-Monadnock Trail (WMT), lies entirely in Cheshire County. Although completed only in 2018, this greenway corridor between Mt. Wantastiquet in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, and Mt. Monadnock was envisioned as early as the 1980s. Tom Duston, one of the original visionaries and current WMT Coalition Coordinator,

explains, “The main ambition for developing the WMT was to connect the existing protected wildlife corridor with a hiking trail.”

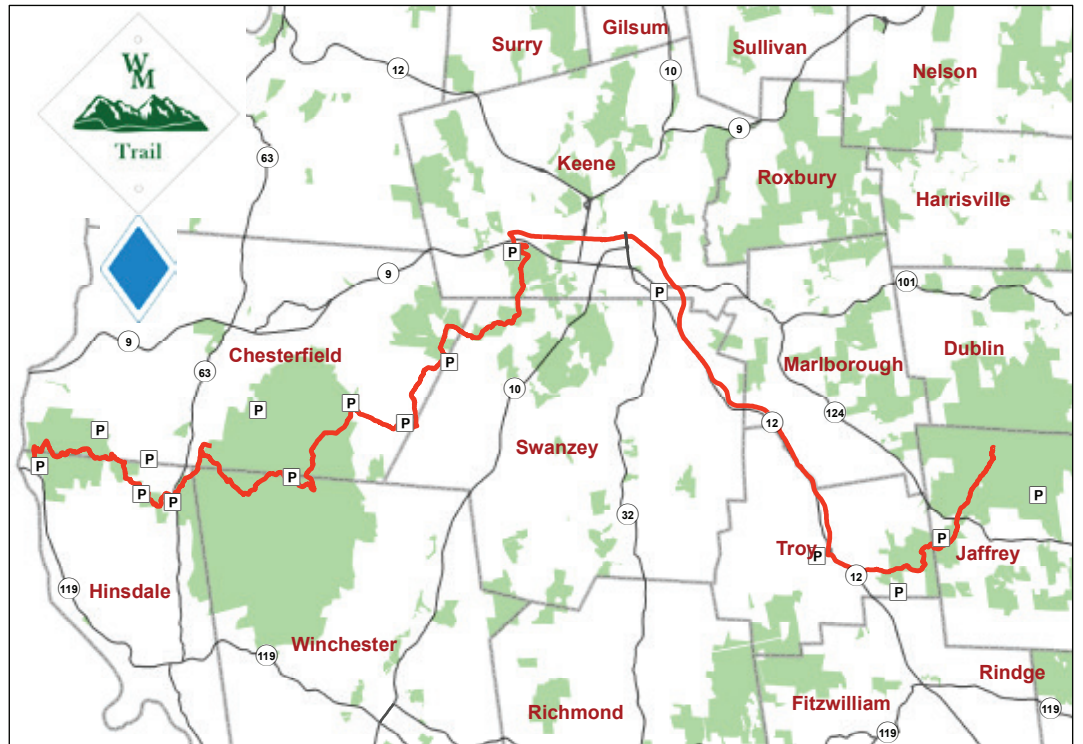
A culmination of collaboration, negotiation, and planning spanning 25 years, the completed WMT links public preserves like the Forest Society’s Madame Sherri Forest, Pisgah State Park, and the Horatio Colony Preserve. Once in Keene, the trail overlaps with the Cheshire Recreational Rail Trail. From there, the WMT passes through the Forest Society’s Gap Mountain



Reservation and the Mount Monadnock Reservation to reach Mt. Monadnock’s summit.

One needn’t hike the entire length of the WMT at one time. Individual sections of the trail can be accessed from many different locations, as there are 18 separate parking areas along the trail. Four tent sites (two in Chesterfield, one in Swanzey, and one in Troy) are available for those who wish to include a night’s camping along the route. Download trail maps from the Internet at <https://wmtcoalition.org>.

LISA FOOTE is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



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September 2022 Events at the DubHub

DubHub Coffee and Conversation, Mondays and Wednesdays

Coffee and Conversation is on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon, indoors or in the Garden Sanctuary behind the Dublin Community Church.

Knit with Nancy, Fridays

Knit with Nancy via Zoom is on Fridays at 10 am. Email npcayford@myfairpoint.net for info.

Qigong, Wednesdays

Qigong meets on Wednesdays, from noon to 1 pm. Weather permitting, the group meets in the Garden Sanctuary. For information, contact Ginette Groome at 603-313-9828.

Games for All Ages, September 8 and 22

The DubHub, in partnership with the Dublin Public Library, is launching "Games for All Ages" with backgammon and chess on the second and fourth Thurs-

day, respectively, of each month. Please bring your own boards. We will have extras just in case.

Strategic games have long been a part of Dublin's heritage. We look forward to reintroducing play at the DubHub. The Dublin Public Library has posted links to game sites and videos to remind players of the key rules and tactics.

Play begins as follows:

Backgammon: September 8 from 6 to 8 pm. To help players brush up on their skills, Chouette, a form of team backgammon, where players collaborate and learn together, will be introduced.

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Maureen Ahern & Paul Cooper Art Opening, September 2

Paintings by Maureen Ahern and sculptures by Paul Cooper will be featured at the Dublin Community Center during the month of September. The opening reception will be on Friday, September 2, from 5 to 7 pm.

Maureen Ahern got her BFA from UMass Amherst and her



"Muffled Hope" by Maureen Ahern

MA in painting from SUNY Albany. Her artwork focuses on the natural world, using reflective materials, acrylics, and interference paint. As the viewer moves in front of the work, the image changes its appearance. The effect of the interference paint is shown on her website ahernartist.com.

A Dublin resident, she continues creating art and experimenting with various media in her unique pieces.

Paul Cooper is a sculptor living in Dublin since 2014. His work is primarily in wood and metal. He has a BA from Bennington College and an MA from Goddard College. He has taught at UMass Boston Continuing Education, Goddard College, the University of Iowa, and Keene State College. Residence fellowships include MacDowell in Peterborough; Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, New York; and Millay Arts in Austerlitz, New York.



Sculpture by Paul Cooper

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DubHub Events continued

Chess: September 22. At 5 pm, *Introductory Chess* for families (one adult and child/children with rudimentary game knowledge) will introduce strategies, opening moves and systems, tricky tactics, and more. At 6 pm, *Chess Night* begins with players from across town. Families can stay on and play. This initiative is being spearheaded by Chris Sprague, a Dublin resident and library trustee proficient in both games.

Song Circle, September 11

Song Circle is on Sunday, September 11, from 3 to 5 pm. Singers, instrumentalists, and listeners are all welcome to this informal gathering to enjoy music from various genres, including folk, Americana, show tunes, standards, Celtic music, originals, and more. Bring extra copies of songs you wish to share. For information, contact Bruce Simpson at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Healing Salve Class, September 13

On Tuesday, September 13, Katherine Gekas will offer another herbal remedy class. This time, we'll be making a healing salve with locally grown plants. Each participant will go home with a hand-out that includes a recipe and resources for making the salve at home and a little jar of the salve we make together in class. The class starts at 7 pm in the South Room of the DubHub. Class is limited to 12. The fee will be sliding scale, pay as you'd like to:

\$5–\$40. Katherine Gekas has been teaching community-level classes on how to stay healthy with herbs for over 10 years. To sign up or for more information, email her at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Community Lunch, September 15

The next free Community Lunch will be on Thursday, September 15, from noon to 1 pm. Enjoy your meal at the DubHub, or get it "to go." The menu will be soup, sandwiches, and cookies for dessert. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive, September 17

Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the DubHub on Saturday, September 17. Check <https://www.redcrossblood.org> for times.

DubHub Open Stage, September 30

Open Stage will be on Friday, September 30, starting at 7 pm. All styles of music and performing arts are welcome, as well as audience members to enjoy the performers. The featured musicians will be announced later. Contact host Volkert Volkercz at info@dublincommunitycenter.org for more information. Performance order will be randomized at 6:55 pm.

Songwriting Workshop with Cosy Sheridan Coming Up

Another Songwriting Workshop with Award-winning songwriter Cosy Sheridan is being planned for this fall. Dates and times are to be determined. If you are interested in participating, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org or check the HubHub newsletter for updates.

Dublin Local Business Fair and New Residents Reception

Perhaps you moved to Dublin right before or during the pandemic and haven't had a chance to meet your neighbors. Or perhaps your Dublin business could benefit from some outreach after the isolation of the past few years. The Dublin Community Forum series, sponsored by the DubHub, invites new residents (as well as folks who have lived here for years) and local businesses and nonprofits to an upcoming community Business Fair and Newcomers Reception on Saturday, September 24.

The Business Fair will run from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Tables will be set up throughout the Community Center for businesses and nonprofits to hand out their promotional materials and share what they offer.

This event was last held in March 2019 and was well-attended and lively – some baby goats from The Friendly Farm even made an appearance! A business directory of the participants will be published and distributed to attendees. Businesses and nonprofits must contact Balmeet Lasky at lasky.balmeet@gmail.com if they want an exhibit table and a listing in the new directory.

The Business Fair will be followed by the Newcomers Reception, which will run from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. New Dubliners will have a chance to meet and mingle with longtime residents, enjoy refreshments, and possibly win some Dublin-themed raffle prizes. All are welcome!

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The Dublin Women's Community Club News

BY REBECCA OJA

Each season is coming to a close at the DWCC beach. We've had almost 130 members enjoying the beach this summer, we aided five families with scholarships, and we have five club-only members this year.

It was wonderful to bring back swimming and sailing lessons and see those making good use of our new hybrid kayaks.

Friends old and new celebrated together on our annual Beach Day, the traditional day-long event that begins with a swim

across the lake, followed by a BBQ lunch, sand castle building, and games. Thanks to all of those who helped to organize this special event to make it a success!



The Board of Directors extends our thanks to our employees and members who volunteered this summer to help with building, equipment, and grounds maintenance as well as our June setup and August cleanup.

Dublin Women's Community Club,

Inc., is a not-for-profit organization. Donations are always welcome and appreciated; send to PO Box 121, Dublin, NH 03444.

REBECCA OJA is chair of the DWCC Board of Directors.

End 68 Hours Resumes Deliveries to Schools

BY SHARON SMITH

The new school year means End 68 Hours of Hunger returns to delivering weekend bags of food to schools for food-insecure students to take home. As we restock the storeroom shelves, it's worth thinking about those children we serve.

Katharine Fox has been collecting food donations from the Dublin Community Church this summer, and she has seen the impact of this program firsthand. "As an educator at South Meadow," she wrote us,

"at the end of the day, I would take my class to the front hall to get ready for dismissal. Students eligible for weekend packages of food went into the office to pick up their bags. One eighth-grade student came out of the office with bags of food lifted over her head and squealed, 'Look at all the food I get to take home for my brothers and sisters this weekend!' I found out later that she was responsible for caring for her younger siblings all by herself; what a responsibility for a middle-schooler!"

If you know a child who needs weekend food, please encourage the family to contact the child's school principal to sign up for End 68 Hours of Hunger. The process is completely confidential.

If you'd like to help fill the bags of food for children in need, we welcome donations of ramen, soup, canned chicken, and boxes of instant oatmeal. These foods can be left at the Dublin Community Church, and Katharine will bring them to the End 68 Hours storeroom. Thank you very much!

SHARON SMITH is the program co-coordinator of End 68 Hours of Hunger.

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The Common Nighthawk

BY TOM WARREN

These birds are not hawks, but they are goatsuckers, family Caprimulgidae, which includes the whip-poor-will, another summer resident of the Monadnock Region. The nighthawk is gray-brown with broad white bars across pointed wings.

This bird wanders in migration all the way from the islands of the Arctic to Patagonia. It can be observed at any time of the day or night catching flying insects, which it can see at any time.

The nighthawk has an enormous stomach to accommodate its great appetite to provide energy for its seemingly endless flights. Its large mouth is open continuously when it flies and scoops up great numbers of insects. It is usually gorged with insects right to the bill. A professor in Maine once found 500 mosquitoes in a nighthawk's stomach. Another had 1,800 winged ants, while a third bird had 60 grasshoppers.



It nests on the ground on a farm or on gravel rooftops in Keene, Concord, and other cities. Anyone who has attended a Red Sox game at night has seen nighthawks flying over Fenway

Park throughout the game.

Nesting is in June–July; the nest is on the ground and found in upland fields, rocky pastures, and burned-over land. The normal clutch contains two elliptical eggs, whitish with spots.

Late in August, usually the last two weeks, a southern migration begins and continues into September. You can see hundreds of nighthawks late in the afternoon flying over river valleys, fields, and golf courses.

A large part of the migration occurs at night, when they ascend to a great height. Once, at a wedding at Alyson's Apple Orchard in Walpole, the groom interrupted the pastor and said to all of us and to his bride, "Look, a nighthawk migration!"

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Answers to DHS History Quiz #7 on page 5:

1. It was the Union Store, the Mason Store, the H.D. Allison Store, and the Clover Farm Store. For more than 100 years (until the 1980s), it was where the Dublin Community Center is now.
2. First it was a farm, then the Dublin Electric Company, next the Birch Acre building of Beech Hill Hospital, and finally DelRossi's Trattoria.
3. From the 1920s until 1960, Carr's Store was on the northwestern corner of Routes 137 and 101; when the latter was widened in 1960, the business had to relocate and rebuild at its current site on the northeastern corner.
4. Significantly damaging fires occurred at The Esquimo in 1934, at Carr's Store in 1946, at Worcester's Garage in 1948, and at The Emerald in 1950.

Quiz questions and answers were taken from the "Dublin Businesses: Then and Now" exhibit at the DHS Schoolhouse Museum on Main Street.

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SEPTEMBER 2022 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		CEM Cemetery Trustees DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DHS Dublin Historical Society DPL Dublin Public Library DWC Dublin Women's Community Club HUB Dublin Community Center TH Town Hall, Dublin		1 TH Planning Board 7pm	2 HUB/Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am; Art Recep 5-7pm	3 DPL Coffee 9-11am; DHS "Dublin Businesses" exhibit 10am-1pm	
4	5 Labor Day TH closed; DPL closed	6 ConVal School Board 7pm	7 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm	8 HUB Backgammon 6-8pm	9 HUB/Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am	10 DPL Coffee 9-11am; DHS "Dublin Businesses" exhibit 10am-1pm	
11	HUB Song Circle 3-5pm	12 CEM Cemetery Trustees 9am; HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; TH Select Board 4pm	13 TH NH Primary Elections 8am-7pm; DPL Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm; HUB Healing Salve Class 7pm	14 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Story Time 10:30am; Book Worms 3:30-4:45pm; Trustees 5pm	15 DPL Creator Club 3:30-4:45pm; HUB Community Lunch 12-1pm	16 HUB Zoom/ Knit with Nancy 10-11am	17 DPL Coffee 9-11am; HUB Blood Drive 9am-3pm; DHS "Dublin Businesses" exhibit 10am-1pm
18	DPL Banned Book Week begins	19 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; TH Select Board 4pm	20 DPL Book Buddies 3:30-4:45 pm; ConVal School Board 7pm	21 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Story Time 10:30am; Book Worms 3:30-4:45pm; TH Conservation Commission 5pm	22 DPL Creator Club 3:30-4:45pm; Needle Felting 5-6:30pm; HUB Chess 6-8pm; TH Zoning Board 7pm	23 HUB/Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am	24 DPL Coffee 9-11am; HUB Business Forum 4:30-6:30pm
25	Jewish New Year Begins at sundown	26 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; TH Select Board 4pm	27 DPL Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm; DCC Community Supper 5:30pm	28 HUB Coffee and Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Story Time 10:30am; Book Worms 3:30-4:45pm	29 DPL Creator Club 3:30-4:45pm	30 HUB/Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am; DPL Family Movie Night 6pm; HUB Open Stage 7pm	

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