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## Local and Meaningful: Let's Celebrate!

Our local community is a picture-perfect place to celebrate the holidays. Add something local and special to your celebrations this year, whatever your traditions may be!

### Project Shakespeare: A Christmas Carol, Friday, December 22

On Friday, December 22, at 7 pm, the DubHub will host Project Shakespeare's theatrical production of the



holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, to be held next door in the spacious Dublin Community Church sanctuary, 1125 Main Street. Tickets are \$15 for adults/\$5 for children 12 and under, and are available at the door 30 minutes prior to curtain. Visit: [projectshakespeare.org](http://projectshakespeare.org) for a complete performance schedule.

### Dublin Community Church

Advent Services each Sunday, December 3-24, at 10:30. The Christmas Eve morning service at 10:30 will feature the choir and the lighting of the fourth and final advent candle, the candle of love, to join the other candles representing hope, peace, and joy.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, at 6:30. Remember the birth of the Christ child with carols and candlelight at Dublin Community Church, a service of scripture reading, carols, and choir anthems culminating in the entrance of the Christ candle. All present will receive and then pass the light to the candle of their neighbor, reminding us that by sharing all the light we have, we illuminate the world.

**Pop-up Christmas Boutique** on Saturday morning, December 9, 10-noon on the east side of the Church.

### MVBC Christmas Program and Candlelight Service

On Sunday, December 17, at 6 pm, Mountain View Bible Church will present a special Christmas program titled, *A King Is Born*. Have you ever heard of the magi from the East who visited Jesus after his birth? Have you ever wondered how they knew to follow a star to find Jesus, or the reason they would travel so far just to find an infant? *A King Is Born* presents the story of the visiting magi through drama and song.

On Sunday, December 24, at 6 pm, Mountain View Bible Church will hold an hour-long Christmas Eve Candlelight Service reflecting on the glory of the birth of Emmanuel – God with us. This service will include the singing of well-loved Christmas carols, as well as instrumental and vocal specials, and scripture readings. The service will conclude with a candlelight singing of “Silent Night.”

### Hanukkah Event in Keene

The public is invited to a community Hanukkah Menorah Lighting for Light, Peace, and Hope at the Keene Family YMCA, 200 Summit Road in Keene on the 8th night of Hanukkah, Thursday, December 14, at 5:30 pm. This brief ceremony represents a celebration of Light, Peace,

and Hope. It will feature greetings from Rabbi Dan Aronson of Congregation Ahavas Achim and music by Elaine Ginsberg, music director of Congregation Ahavas Achim and Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts, and adjunct instructor of music at Keene State College. A number of community leaders have been invited to light each of the eight lights of the menorah. Registration is not required.

### Gift Ideas from the Harris Center

Looking for a gift that makes a difference? The Harris Center has got you covered! Share your love of nature with a donation in honor of someone special or an almanac, book, or hat at [bit.ly/harriscenter-gifts](http://bit.ly/harriscenter-gifts). New this year: owl adoptions through our saw-whet owl banding program, which come with a certificate that includes the owl's band number, age, sex, weight, and the date it was banded. We'll also notify the recipient if their owl is encountered again anywhere in North America! All proceeds support the Harris Center's environmental education, land protection, and conservation research efforts.

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## News from the Dublin Public Library

BY VOLKERT VOLKERSZ

Recently, my wife and I logged onto Kanopy, one of our Dublin Public Library online resources, to watch the Irish-language film, *The Quiet Girl* (with subtitles). We were delighted to learn that this Oscar-nominated film was based on the book, *Foster*, by Claire Keegan. I immediately wondered if I should order this book for our library. Then through a conversation with one of our patrons, who loved both the film and the book, I learned that we already have it in our collection. We have both since read the book and discussed it many times.

This whole interaction underscores the beauty of our little library, combining online resources, library materials, and patron interaction, resulting in the enhancement of our understanding of the world and other life situations.

During my first month on the job, I've enjoyed conversing with many of our regular patrons as well as visitors to our town who stop in to admire our beautiful historic building. In addition to checking books out and in, including the NH State Library Interlibrary Loan System, my favorite thing is chatting with our visitors.

I had a great time last month providing "Stories and Songs" for preschool children and their parents. We'll continue on Wednesday, December 6; however, at the request of the parents, we will shift our start time to 10:30 am. Please join us by entering through the downstairs door. I will provide some seasonal songs and stories as well as some music-related movement activity.

We have a great team of volunteers and a growing staff to serve you at Dublin Public Library. We hope to expand our open hours in the near future. Please check our website and/or Facebook page for additional open times and events as they are added. Also, please note that our email address was listed incorrectly last month. It should be [dublinnhlibrary@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dublinnhlibrary@myfairpoint.net). The old email address is no longer functional.

VOLKERT VOLKERSZ is the interim circulation librarian at the Dublin Public Library.

## Trustees Corner

BY CHRISTOPHER SPRAGUE

What do you want in 2024? How best can we serve you? With 2024 around the corner, we need your input and ask you to weigh in on the three topics below to give us the direction we need as we finalize our 2024 plans. Go to [www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org/](http://www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org/).

- 1. Awareness** How do you best like to learn about the library activities, share your experiences, and give us continued feedback?
- 2. Access** What days and hours would you (and your family) most likely use the library on a regular basis?
- 3. Engagement** What types of adult and children's programs (both on-site and virtual) are of most value to you as we build out our Life-Long Learning programs?

### Our Newest Face

Elizabeth Moore is the first of three library assistants we hope to hire by year's end. Currently head of the English Department and theater instructor at ConVal High School, she brings a wealth of experience in literature, theater, music, and technology.

One of our 2024 objectives is to engage children, teens, and adults with innovative programming. Elizabeth is already having an impact. She is proposing programs targeting Dublin Consolidated School, the Dublin School, Dublin Christian Academy, and ConVal. For others, she is proposing Tech Help sessions for those who want "anytime, anywhere" access. Meet Liz on Thursdays from 3–6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am–1 pm.

"I'm incredibly excited to build on the library's rich legacy," says Liz. "The building is a perfectly preserved moment in time. Yet inside its walls are opportunities and resources the original builders could not have dreamed of. Come on in and let's talk."

### Remembering Betty McIntyre

We recently learned of the death of the town's third library director, Betty McIntyre. Betty served as an assistant to Dorothy Worcester, who held the role for 67 years. Betty took over as the library director at the time the new addition opened in 1998. She served for over 20 years and was an important part of the library's legacy. We are so grateful to her for her service.

### More for Our Patrons

- **What to Believe on the Internet – Election Session** Our third and final Critical Media workshop will be held at 2 pm in the library Program Room on December 2.
- **Faster Computers** Thanks to a patron who tuned up our three patron-facing workstations, you can come in and see for yourself how quick and reliable they are now!

CHRISTOPHER SPRAGUE is the chair of the Dublin Public Library Board of Trustees.

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## Help Govern Dublin!

BY CAROLE MONROE

Dublin is governed by a legislative body, and that legislative body is you. The registered voters in Dublin are responsible for governing the town by electing officials and appointing committees. We need your participation.

There are 34 elected positions, 48 appointed positions, 23 staff positions, and numerous fire fighters, emergency medical service workers, and ballot clerks that serve Dublin. Of the elected officials, approximately 10 are elected each year. In many years, some positions are untested, and in some years, we have no one on the ballot, and the decision is made by write-in votes. It is best when candidates are listed on the ballot. Many committees also have appointed alternates who can step in to participate and vote if another committee member cannot make the meeting.

Please consider participation in Dublin. We need you to be part of the solution. On the town website, [townofdublin.org](http://townofdublin.org), you can find a list of positions. Most need only a willingness to learn. On January 13, from 10–11:30 am, we will hold an open house at the Dublin Public Library to introduce these positions. Officials will be available to answer your questions.

To run for an elected position, you need to sign up at Town Hall with the town clerk between January 25 and February 3.

CAROLE MONROE is the chair of the Dublin Select Board.

### 2023 Second Issue Tax Payments

Due **no later than December 11, 2023**. Thereafter, interest and penalties are likely to be incurred.

Payment options vary as follows:

- In the tax collector's office, by cash or check.
- By mail, check only to P.O. Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444.

Checks made payable to Town of Dublin.

Online payments submitted by going to **Town of Dublin Payments** and then clicking on the Property Taxes option.

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector Holiday Hours

In honor of the holidays, town clerk/tax collector's office will be closed as follows:

- Thursday, December 21
- Monday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 26

#### Normal Business Hours

- Monday: 7 am–2:30 pm
- Tuesday: 11 am–3 pm, and 4–7 pm
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 9 am–1 pm
- 2nd Saturday: 9–11 am



Photo by Eugenie Silverthorne

### Town Hall Greens Team

Sue Bird coordinated the installation of the festive greens in front of Town Hall, with the help of Anne Peirce, Nina McIntyre, Louisa Birch, Veronica Lima, with rhododendron branches supplied by Katie Featherston (not pictured). Nathaniel Peirce and Jerry Bird supplied support, music, and warm cider cookies.

## DCA's Volleyball Champs

BY BROOKE LANDRY

Dublin Christian Academy's girls' volleyball team secured their second state championship title in a row on October 20 in the New England Association of Christian Schools' state tournament. DCA's Stags defeated the South Merrimack Christian Academy Minutemen in just three sets. The NEACS named senior Sofia Anderson and senior Rayna Olson, of Sharon, to the north division all-tournament team and named senior Brooke Landry of Dublin most valuable player.

The Stags had a record of 6–1 in the regular season. After winning the state championship, the Stags advanced to the regional championship, where they put up a five-set fight against the Torrington Christian Academy Flames. The team played without their starting setter, Rayna Olson, due to injury, but lost 2–3. The NEACS named sophomore Samantha Fletcher and senior Brooke Landry regional all-stars.

Kara Olson coached the team, assisted by Liz Ogden and Kayla Olson. Kara has been coaching for Dublin Christian Academy for a total of 10 years over a 13-year span. The 2023 season was Kara's last as coach, and the team recognized her accomplishments and dedication to coaching at a party after the game.

Coach Kara Olson said the challenges the team faced equipped them for the state tournament when they had to change their starting line-up unexpectedly because of



an injury. "I am so proud of our team for staying united no matter who was on the court," Olson said. "Each player gave their best, and it came together on the court in a beautiful way – the lessons learned this season about a dependable God will stick with us for a lifetime."

BROOKE LANDRY is a member of the Class of 2024 at Dublin Christian Academy.

### Thank you from the *Advocate!*

The staff of the *Advocate* would like to thank readers who sent donations to help defray our rising production costs. Publishing the good news and recording the interesting events and milestones in our little town is a labor of love for the volunteer staff. Please remember the *Advocate* as you consider your year-end giving.

*Your donation of any amount is appreciated and can be mailed to The Dublin Advocate, P.O. Box 24, Dublin, NH 03444.*

## Dublin Community Foundation News

BY MAY CLARK

**D**CF has recently launched a new website! Check out photos and updates about our most recent work at [dcf-nh.org](http://dcf-nh.org). This is a great way for you to learn something about us and what we do, especially if you don't know much about this great organization.

At our annual meeting in September, we honored Jane Keough, who has worked on behalf of our town for 22 years. We are so grateful for her long-standing and efficient efforts, mostly in the role of treasurer but also as mentor to new board members, because she knows all the history. Jane is the one who has kept track of donations incoming and grants outgoing for such a long time. Thank you, Jane!

We are also endlessly grateful for our approximately 130 loyal supporters. In the last fiscal year, they enabled us to give out grants and scholarships totaling more than \$16,000, which were distributed to help meet the needs of families, individuals, and programs in Dublin.

We work under the radar, mostly, and we hope our new website will help make

us more visible to our community. Maybe some of you will be moved to contribute, and maybe some of you have an idea about

a project or program beneficial to our town that might need some financial help to get off the ground.

MAY CLARK is president of the Dublin Community Foundation board.

## Accessory Dwelling Units: Why They Matter

BY SUSAN PETERS

**T**he Dublin Planning Board is considering proposing changes to our Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Regulations as they apply to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to make the process easier and facilitate the creation of more housing. This article offers some background on the role of ADUs in providing housing in our community.

ADUs are independent housing units (each with a kitchen), typically created on single-family lots through remodeling or expanding the existing home or by constructing a detached dwelling. Detached ADUs may be freestanding or incorporated into another structure such as a garage or barn. Also known as "in-law apartments," ADUs can serve various purposes for their owners. Over time, these purposes may change as the owners' needs change. An ADU may assist an older homeowner in

maintaining their independence by providing additional income to offset property taxes and maintenance and repair costs. An ADU may also provide housing for a caregiver. A resident may choose to downsize by moving into an ADU on their property, allowing them to rent out the main house or make it available for family members to move in. Depending upon square footage, ADUs may include one or more bedrooms and bathrooms.

ADUs offer the potential of providing more affordable housing options while also facilitating compact growth that can help preserve community character. ADUs can be a cost-effective means of increasing the supply of rental housing in a community without bringing dramatic changes to the character of a neighborhood. While ADUs generally do not require the construction of new roads, homeowners must consider

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## DCS Finishes up the Fall

BY NICOLE PEASE

November was full of events here at Dublin Consolidated School! We had an amazing field trip to ConVal to see the play *Finding Nemo Junior*. It brought joy to our students, and we recognized some of the talented actors as former DCS students, which was an added bonus.

Some of us are anxiously awaiting winter's snow, as DCS has one of the best sledding hills in the district. Through a generous donation, the Dublin Community Foundation supported the purchase of new sleds for the students. We appreciate the support and look forward to many trips down the hill!

Through a collaboration with DCS art teacher, Justin Melle-Bentley, and Jeannie



Connolly from Children and the Arts, students created fish lanterns, to be hung and lit up for the second annual Lantern Parade in Peterborough on Saturday, December 2, at 6 pm. This is a beautiful experience.

It has also been sweet to continue the tradition of the monthly Miss Emily award, given to a deserving student. At our whole-school meetings, a student is selected who demonstrates the thoughtful characteristics

of former DCS teacher Emily Brnger. She was always kind and caring in her actions, and we honor her memory with this award. Our students know the significance of the award and are so pleased when they receive the recognition of kindness.

Looking forward, we will have a holiday performance that will include individual classroom and school-wide performances. This is always a lovely time when we can celebrate the talents of our students as we welcome winter and celebrate the season.

The DCS staff wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

## News from the ConVal School District

BY ALAN EDELKIND

November was a very active month for the consolidation/reconfiguration project. We completed the data-gathering phase, wherein we heard feedback from the community about having elementary schools in the small towns, and about the possibility of having one middle school versus the two that we have currently.

In our commitment to community involvement, openness, and transparency, we held a listening presentation at our November school board meeting, which was livestreamed on YouTube on the ConVal channel. You can watch it at your convenience, at [bit.ly/ConValNov7](https://bit.ly/ConValNov7). The presentation is approximately 22 minutes into the meeting.

Prismatic Services, our partner in this

project, hosted a meeting on November 15 to review and analyze the information gathered from the community. The meeting included district administration and school board personnel.

This complex project has been in process since August 2022 and is critical to ConVal, our students, and our community as we head into the future. There is a lot of emotion and misinformation about this activity and impact. We are attempting to use every avenue of public information to keep our community informed. A recommendation will come out of this process, and we will make it available to the whole community for discussion prior to finalization.

We will use YouTube to post information and will entertain questions from

the community via email, which we will respond to. We will hold a community forum exclusively for this project on December 11 in the Lucy Hurlin auditorium at the ConVal High School starting at 7:30 pm. The format will include a presentation with questions and answers, held in-person and livestreamed on YouTube.

The completion of this project is scheduled for the end of December, to have time (by statute) to construct a warrant article for a vote by the public in mid-March 2024. We are taking this project very seriously and are openly addressing our commitment for the betterment of our students and community.

**Note:** I will report on the 2024–25 school district budget in the January *Advocate*.

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

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## Family Tribute: Jane Holmes

BY CHRIS GALLAGHER

Longtime Dublin resident Jane Holmes, 72, passed away peacefully at Pheasant Wood Center in Peterborough on November 2 after a long illness. Jane was originally a New York City girl, born on January 30, 1951, in the Bronx, and relocated to Miami, Florida, with her family. In 1975, she graduated from the University of Florida with a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology and made the bold decision to move to New England and work at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Greenfield.



Luckily, I was also working at Crotched Mountain at that time, and we very quickly fell in love. We purchased our Dublin home on Cobb Meadow Road in 1982. To call it a "fixer-upper" would be overly generous, but nevertheless, we made an offer on the spot and bought it for the princely sum of \$38,000.

Jane immediately became involved in Dublin town activities. Among the first local people she met was Doris "Granny D" Haddock, who recruited her for one of the committees during the "great bypass controversy." Jane would later make her mark in the community as a longtime trustee of the Dublin Public Library and member of the Recycling Committee. She was a strong advocate for the new building at the Recycling Center and felt very proud when it was completed.

Jane was also one of the few people in the world who loved doing door-to-door canvassing during election season. Family

members often had to search for her in darkness to ask her to come home!

Her greatest joy was her family. Daughter Clare was born in 1986 and son Brendan in 1989, and they became the center of her world through the Dublin Consolidated School, Brownies, Dublin Summer Playground, and local sports teams. In 2018, twins Emmett and Nora, children of Clare and her husband, Gary Gorski, were born, and she spread her love to a new generation.

Jane had a 37-year career as a speech pathologist at Rise for Baby and Family, an early intervention program for children from birth to age 3 in Keene. She touched the lives of hundreds of local children and their families through her good humor and clear, sensible approach to therapy. It was not unusual, many years later, for parents to approach Jane on the street or at

the grocery store and thank her for the support and guidance she had provided.

Jane was also very proud of her 100% Irish heritage. Both of her grandfathers were Irish immigrants who became New York City policemen. In 2018 and 2019, we visited Ireland and met relatives who still own the original family homestead.

In 2018, Jane was diagnosed with a rare degenerative disease called Multiple System Atrophy, which has no treatment or cure. Despite that, she never once complained or felt sorry for herself. She was always optimistic and willing to try something new. We lived for two years at Scott-Farrar in Peterborough, with me as primary caregiver, and appreciated the extra staff support that allowed her to live as independently as possible.

Jane was a unique, funny, kind, and gentle soul who will be missed by all.

CHRIS GALLAGHER, husband of Jane Holmes, is a retired social worker at both Cheshire Medical Center and Monadnock Community Hospital.

## Dublin Remembers Betty McIntyre

Elizabeth (Betty) McIntyre passed away on November 13, 2023. She was born May 24, 1937 to Edna and Horace Beebe in New London, Connecticut. She married Milton McIntyre on October 13, 1957 and they were married 37 years. They first resided in Milford, Connecticut, where they were very active in the First United Church of Christ.

They moved to Dublin in 1982, where Betty found her dream job at Dublin Public Library and ended her career there as library director. As an avid reader, this



was a perfect job for Betty. In Dublin, Betty was a member of the Dublin Community Church where she spent many years volunteering for the rummage sale and teaching Sunday school. In addition, she established the Milt McIntyre Memorial Fund for Music.

Per her request, there will be no services. Memorial contributions can be made to KC Pet Rescue (P.O. Box 987, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110), or Dublin Community Church Milt McIntyre Memorial Fund for Music (P.O. Box 308, Dublin, NH 03444).



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## Volunteers and Programs at The River Center

BY NISA SIMILA

The River Center is looking for new volunteers to join our tax team. Our volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free tax preparation to eligible households, helping people keep more of their hard-earned money. Last year, filers in our program saved over \$18,000 total in fees paid to professional tax preparers. This year, we want to help even more people save money, but we need more volunteers to do that. If you're interested, visit [rivercenternh.org/freetaxprep](http://rivercenternh.org/freetaxprep). You don't need experience; we'll provide the training to become either a tax greeter or preparer. Join us and be part of a team that's making a big difference in people's lives!

Our winter/spring programs are starting back up the first week of December. We will have music programs on Tuesday mornings for 1- to 5-year-olds, our ever-popular Mini Explorers on Wednesdays, a parent/caregiver and baby group on Monday mornings, a parenting book club, and much more. Safe Sitter classes for your middle schoolers will take place later in the winter. If you want to get out of the house and mingle or explore the Monadnock Region with your children, visit our website at [rivercenternh.org/register](http://rivercenternh.org/register) to learn more or call (603) 924-6800 to speak to someone about a program.

NISA SIMILA is the communications and money matters coordinator for The River Center.

## Support MATS with Donations, Lights, and Love

The Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS) presents Lights of Love 2023, an annual event to honor and remember your loved ones. We invite you to participate by purchasing a light that will be placed on the tree near the Healing Arts Gallery at Monadnock Community Hospital. This year, the tree-lighting ceremony will take place in-person on Thursday, December 7, at 5 pm, at the tree. Please join us – cookies and cider will be served! To find out more about MATS and to purchase a light, please visit [matsnh.org](http://matsnh.org). Lights are \$5 each.

MATS has a permanent donation box at Steele's Stationers in Peterborough, where people can leave wish list items. Items we need include toothpaste, toothbrushes, women's deodorant, women's bodywash, and children's hair and body care products. If you have larger items you wish to

donate, please email [admin@matsnh.org](mailto:admin@matsnh.org) to arrange collection. Thank you.

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is Thursday, December 21, the longest night of the year. MATS will be honoring those who have passed away while experiencing homelessness, by holding a memorial service in front of the Peterborough Town House at 5 pm, December 21. Please join us.

*MATS offers safe, comfortable housing for families, couples, and individuals as they move from homelessness to home. Founded in 1991 by concerned citizens, MATS serves the towns of the greater Monadnock region. Our goal is to help our participants return to self-sufficiency in a home of their own by supporting them in the areas of education, life skills, access to transportation, social services, and medical care.*

## Dublin in 1822

The following description of Dublin is from a letter dated March 15, 1822, at a time when Harrisville was part of Dublin, from Cyrus Chamberlain, the town clerk, to Messrs. Farmer and Moore, publishers of *A Gazetteer of the State of New Hampshire*, Concord, 1823.

This is abridged from the November 1989 Dublin Historical Society Newsletter.

Dublin is situated on the height of land between [the] Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Its streams are small, and those on the west side of town run into the Ashuelot, and those on the east side into the Contoocook.

There is a pond in the middle of town called Centre Pond, one mile in length and about the same in breadth.



The first settlements made in the town were in 1762 by John Alexander, Henry Strongman, and William Scott, who were natives of Ireland, after the capital of which country the town was named Dublin. [There is some debate as to whether this is the actual origin of why the town was named Dublin.]

A handsome meetinghouse, built for the congregationalists in 1818, stands in the height of land, so that the rain which drops from the west roof runs into the Connecticut and that from the east into the Merrimack.

A Baptist meetinghouse stands in the northwest part of the town, and near

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# December 2023 Events at the DubHub

## Ongoing Activities

### Coffee & Conversation on Mondays & Wednesdays

Coffee & Conversation from 10 am–noon. All are welcome.

### Adult Yoga on Mondays

Adult Yoga is taught by Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn from 3–4:15 pm. The cost is \$54 for the 6 weeks or \$11 per class for drop-ins. Classes will resume in January. For information, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

### Iyengar Yoga on Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays

Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher, Kerry Doyle, is now offering classes on Mondays from 5–6:15 pm and Thursdays & Fridays from 9–10:15 am. Introductory offer of three classes for \$36. Kerry encourages students to try out the class to see if it's a good fit for them. Advance registration is required. Questions? Email [kerry@ahayoga.com](mailto:kerry@ahayoga.com).

### Early AM Yoga with Meenakshi on Tuesdays

Early Morning Yoga with Meenakshi Moses is held at the DubHub, 6:30–7:30 am. Start your day with breath-centered hatha yoga to stretch and energize. All levels welcome. \$40 for 4 classes prepaid, or \$12 to drop in. Please bring your own yoga mat. For information, email [meenakshi@namarupa.org](mailto:meenakshi@namarupa.org).

### DubHub Open Hours on Tuesdays

The DubHub is open from 9 am–3 pm for residents to study, use the Internet connection, check out the art, play a game, or meet friends.

### Qigong on Wednesdays

Qigong class taught by Ginnette Groome is held from 12–1 pm. \$12 for a single class, and \$10 per class when paying for the month up front.

### Knit with Nancy on Fridays

Knit with Nancy via Zoom at 10 am. Email [npcayford@myfairpoint.net](mailto:npcayford@myfairpoint.net) for information.

## Navigating Our Digital World Part 3, Saturday, December 2

Come at 2 pm for the third and final session on developing critical media literacy. Facilitated by Dublin School faculty member Sophie Luxmoore, topics will include AI, bias, digital manipulation & misinformation, and privacy in the digital age. This program is a part of the Lifelong Learning Series sponsored by the Dublin Public Library and the DubHub.

## Holiday Family Craft Workshop & Photo Booth, Sunday, December 3

The DubHub will provide all the materials for kids and families to make holiday cards and ornaments. There will be a festive holiday photo booth for some fun family pictures. Come dressed in your Santa hats, reindeer antlers, elf ears, and even your holiday jammies if you're feeling extra jolly! Stop in between 2–4 pm to find your inner elf, and then head to Dublin's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony next door at 4 pm.

## Holiday Cookie Market, Saturday, December 9

The DubHub will sell a variety of home-baked holiday cookies by the pound

## The 7th Annual Small Treasures Art Show & Sale, December 8–11

Small Treasures showcases the artwork of local artists, who exhibit two- and three-dimensional pieces no larger than 5 x 7 inches. All items will be available for purchase over a four-day period, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the DubHub. This is one of our largest fundraisers. An average of 40 area artists participate each year. You are sure to find the perfect gift among the paintings, sculptures, handmade jewelry, and more! The opening reception will be on Friday, December 8, from 5–7 pm, and the show and sale will continue on Saturday, December 9, 10 am–3 pm; Sunday, December 10, 12–3 pm; and Monday, December 11, 10 am–3 pm.

Calendars are always evolving. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page, [facebook.com/dublinhub](https://facebook.com/dublinhub), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter, *Hubbub from the DubHub* (which can also be found on our Facebook page), for updated information about events. Email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org) if you would like to be added to the *Hubbub* weekly mailing list.

from 1–3 pm during the Small Treasures Art Show & Sale. All proceeds from the cookie sale will be donated to the Food Pantry.

**Calling all bakers:** If you would like to participate, just whip up a batch or two of your favorite cookies, bars, or confections to donate to our sale. To sign up, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

## Herbal Class with Katherine Gekas, Tuesday, December 12

Katherine Gekas has been teaching classes on how to stay healthy with herbs for over 10 years. This month, the class will discuss herbs for sleep and make a tincture for sleep. Each participant will go home with resources and samples of the herbal products created in class. Class starts at 7 pm. The fee is sliding scale, pay as you'd like: \$10–\$40. To sign up, or for more information, email [katherinegekas2@gmail.com](mailto:katherinegekas2@gmail.com).





## Monadnock Woodturners' Show & Sale, December 15–16

The Monadnock Woodturners' show will showcase the fine craftsmanship of a diverse group of people who love working with wood. A unique medium, wood comes in a rainbow of colors, densities, and peculiarities, from acacia to zebrawood! Some of the best woodworkers in the region will be showing and selling vases, bowls, art pieces, and other beautiful creations. On the evening of Friday, December 15, there is a reception from 5–7 pm, and on Saturday, December 16, the Show & Sale will continue from 10 am–3 pm. Some of the artisans will be there to answer questions.



## Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, December 16

From 7-10 pm, our third-Saturday Coffee House & Open Mic features Eve Pierce & Gordon Peery. Eve and Gordon are an energetic duo with material ranging from Ella Fitzgerald and Harold Arlen, to Brandi Carlisle and Taylor Swift. Eve is a singer-songwriter whose stage energy knows no bounds. Gordon brings musical magic informed by decades of playing for contra dances, and more recently delving

into jazz, blues, and rock and roll. Gordon accompanies Eve on keyboard, and with voice, guitar, and harmonica. Their “folk cabaret” features arrangements that are eclectic and creative.

Email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org) to reserve an open mic spot, or just show up and try your luck at finding a spot on the list.

## Song Circle Holiday Special, Sunday, December 17

All are invited to attend a fun and festive Holiday Sing-Along from 3–5 pm, led by the Song Circle. Words to follow along will be on the big screen TV. Come fill your hearts with holiday cheer and your bellies with hot cider, cocoa, and cookies! Fa-la-la-la-la!

## Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, Wednesday, December 20

On the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30–8:30 pm, the DubHub hosts the Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, an open mic for participants to share stories, poetry, rap, comedy, and truly any kind of spoken word. The organizers are Sebastian Lockwood and Papa Joe Gaudet, both of whom have 20-plus years of experience as professional storytellers. All are welcome, participants and listeners. For more information, contact Papa Joe at [papajoe storytelling.com](http://papajoe storytelling.com) and Sebastian at [bit.ly/slockwood](http://bit.ly/slockwood).



## DubHub Community Lunch, Thursday, December 21

All are invited to the DubHub's delicious, free Community Lunch, held on the third Thursday of most months from noon–1 pm. On the menu this month: an Italian pasta holiday luncheon! For more information, contact [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org).

## Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, December 30

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, December 30, from 9am–2pm. Visit [redcross.org/](http://redcross.org/) to schedule an appointment, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## Smartphone Photo Contest

The DubHub is hosting another smartphone photo contest this year. The contest is open to amateurs, professionals, and children (age 12 and under). Each entrant must live or work in Dublin. Participants may enter up to three photos taken between December of 2022 and December of 2023 of a person, place, or event anywhere in the Monadnock Region.

Each digital entry must be electronically submitted as “full size” or “large.” Entry fee is \$5 per photo. The deadline is December 31. Email digital entries with your name, title of photo, and category to: [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org). Send payment in the form of a check written out to the Dublin Community Center and mailed to: P.O. Box 249, Dublin, NH, 03444, or to the Square link found at [bit.ly/DHsquare](http://bit.ly/DHsquare).

All entries will be printed and on display at the DubHub during January 2024, with contest winners announced at the opening reception on January 12.

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## Exploring the Natural World – in Books

BY MITCH THOMASHOW

One of the great joys of living in Dublin is our common appreciation of the natural world. Over several upcoming columns, I'd like to recommend some books that deepen our appreciation and extend awareness. Eventually, I will also recommend books that effectively explore some of the environmental challenges we encounter.

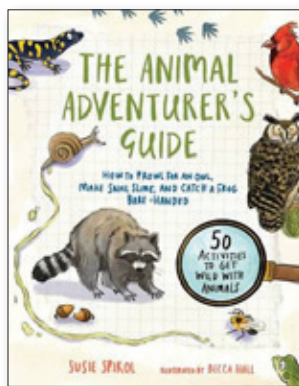
Let's start with some excellent books that cover the natural history of the Monadnock Region – what we observe every day. I have a bias that I'll explain up front. For 30 years (1976–2006), I was the chair of the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch University New England. Our former faculty and students are crucial to the region's environmental workforce and intellectual capital. If you spend time at the Harris Center or the Monadnock Conservancy, or just about any local environmental organization, you are sure to run into someone who went through the Antioch program.

I'd like to highlight some fine books from Antioch-related authors. Taking a walk with Tom Wessels, an extraordinary teacher,

was always an enlightening experience. His wonderful book, *Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England*, brings you into the field with him. He explores the various landscapes you are likely to see as you traipse through the woods. He asks questions that help you uncover the ecology, geology, and environmental history of these places. As a supplement, check out Tom's *Forest Forensics*, which serves as a terrific photographic field guide to those same landscapes and forest scenes.

Susie Spikol's excellent book, *The Animal Adventurers Guide*, is a hands-on environmental educator's delight, conveying Susie's unsurpassed sense of wonder in book form. It's a beautifully illustrated guide to environmental discovery, ideal for families and filled with intriguing natural history knowledge and ecological relationships. You can always take a Harris Center workshop with Susie, while this book allows you to take her spirit and approach anywhere.

David Sobel is well known nationally



for his work on children's special places and forest kindergartens. His latest book, *Best Bike Rides in New England*, is much more than your typical travel guide. David has a remarkable eye for landscapes, cultural history, and the natural world. If you are a bicyclist, whether "old school" or now electrically powered, this is an outstanding book, and it

includes five Monadnock Region rides.

As I've gotten older, when I walk in the woods, I need to pay closer attention to where my feet are stepping. Hence, I tend to gaze down and at eye level. The most prominent eye-level feature is bark! Michael Wojtech, an Antioch graduate, wrote a remarkable book called *Bark: A Field Guide to the Trees of the Northeast*. It's accessible, thorough, and beautifully illustrated. In these winter months, it's a fine way to better know our trees.

In my next column, I'll recommend some additional books about the natural and environmental history of New England.

MITCHELL THOMASHOW, Dublin resident since 1979, is the author of four environmental books ([www.mitchellthomashow.com](http://www.mitchellthomashow.com)).



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# The Problem of Plastic

BY MAY CLARK

At the Recycling Committee’s Forum at the DubHub in September, I signed a pledge to try for a plastic-free October. I already knew what some of the hurdles would be, but in the end, I did reduce my use of plastic some. More than that, I educated myself and raised my consciousness about the problem of plastic.

Here’s a little background: I don’t shop much, and I hate doing it. I don’t create much trash, and I have already been limiting my use of single-use plastic for quite some time. Some things I didn’t need to change – I never accept a grocery store single-use bag. (I think I rattled a cashier one day when I wanted Brussels sprouts but, refusing to use a plastic veggie bag, placed my Brussels sprouts in a little pile on the conveyer belt.) I *do* need to get a couple of reusable bags to put veggies in.

I didn’t switch my plastic bottles of laundry soap, shampoo, and dish soap, because I haven’t run out yet, but I do know where and how to get better alternatives. I also haven’t switched my kitchen trash bags, same reason, but I have limited my use of them. I fill one kitchen trash bag in

a month. I used to take it to the dump after two weeks, half full, but no more.

I learned that one can no longer buy cream or half & half in a plain carton – they all have a plastic spout. Grrr. And I am heavily dependent on Greek yogurt. I switched to a brand with a foil inner cover instead of plastic, but I can’t get that delicious thick yogurt in glass bottles. I do, however, always take my yogurt tubs to a recycling place where they are accepted. I don’t think they recycle very successfully, but I hope it’s marginally better than putting them in the dumpster.

I still get milk in plastic jugs. I bought raw milk in glass jars for years when my kids were small, but I don’t have the motivation anymore, nor do I use enough to make the extra trip worth it. I should add that I hate Amazon and am wary about ordering new plastic-free brands that have to be sent – a lot of packaging, but at least it’s not plastic. I dislike shopping and don’t want to drive my car hither and yon to find plastic-free items!



The Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee bulletin board at Dublin Community Church

So I guess my experience was mixed. I *did* learn a lot. I am relieved to learn that recycling #1 and #2 plastic works fairly well, and I recycle it religiously. I wash and reuse zip-lock bags until they fall apart. And thank goodness, we can recycle those in Dublin now, too.

I worry that I haven’t reduced my footprint even more, or not yet, but I also know that my footprint is pretty small. I don’t drive much, I recycle everything I can, I try not to buy anything plastic, and I will change over to the good stuff as soon as I run out of the bad stuff!

MAY CLARK is president of the DubHub board, president of the Dublin Community Foundation board, and former principal of Dublin Consolidated School.

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## A More Natural Lawn – And Other Tips

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON

Is your lawn immaculately groomed for the coming winter? If the answer is no, don't feel bad. You're actually doing a good thing for your soil and for many beneficial insects. A mature forest of trees can drop 2,000–3,000 pounds of leaves per acre in the fall, where they form a protective layer that conserves soil moisture and prevents erosion as well as returns nutrients to the forest floor. The benefits of leaf litter can be applied to your lawn and garden if you first chop them up with the mower and then allow them to decompose over the winter. Another strategy is to rake leaves into the woods or into the garden in inconspicuous piles.

Another good reason for leaving your lawn and gardens in a more natural state is to support the beneficial insects that will overwinter in leaf litter and dried stems, and the birds who will feed on dried seedheads.

Have you ever been on a spider hunt in the fall? Simply go outside after dark with a headlamp, or hold a flashlight to your forehead and cast your light across the leaf litter. If spiders are hiding there, you will see the reflected light of their eyes sparkling back at you. It's really a fun activity! As the nights get colder, the leaf litter provides an essential winter home for

spiders and many other insects, including luna moths and fireflies. Luna moth larvae feed on a variety of tree species (white birch, walnut, hickory, sumac, and alder) and pupate in fall among leaves and soil. Same for fireflies.

Insect populations in general are threatened by habitat degradation and loss, light pollution, pesticide use, and climate change. Most noticeably affected are bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, dragonflies, and damselflies. For their sake, consider allowing parts of your lawn to grow tall and wild, let leaves accumulate, avoid chemicals, and turn off outdoor lights.

More heavily researched and documented than insect decline has been a frightening decline in bird populations. According to a study published in *Science* magazine in 2019, there has been a loss of three billion birds since 1970! We are losing birds at an alarming rate for many of the same reasons we are losing insect populations. The Cornell bird lab ([bit.ly/birdsback](http://bit.ly/birdsback)) or [ABCbirds.org](http://ABCbirds.org) recommend simple ways to help birds:

1. Make windows safer, day and night. Products applied to the outside of your windows can save birds' lives.

2. Keep cats indoors. Indoor cats live longer, healthier lives. Outdoor cats kill more birds than any other non-native threat.

3. Reduce lawns by planting native species. The United States has 63 million acres of lawn. Reducing that number has a huge potential for supporting wildlife.

4. Avoid pesticides. Look for organic food choices, and cut out some of the one billion pounds of pesticides used in the United States each year.

5. Drink coffee that's good for birds. Shade-grown coffees are delicious, economically beneficial to farmers, and help more than 42 species of North American songbirds, preserving their forest habitat.

6. Protect our planet from plastics. 91% of plastics are not recycled, and they take 400 years to degrade.

7. Watch birds, and share what you see. Bird-watchers are one of science's most vital sources of data on how the ecological world is faring.

This is a problem everyone can solve. So kick back and have another cup of shade-grown coffee while you watch the birds!

KATIE FEATHERSTON is the secretary of the Conservation Commission.

## Taco Treats at End 68 Hours of Hunger

End 68 Hours of Hunger is now including a recipe once a month in the weekend bags of food we send home with students. This month, it was Taco Friday – always a big hit, as we included the recipe and all the fixings for chicken tacos. In addition to alleviating food insecurity, it's fun to give the kids a little something extra to discover in those bags.

If you'd like to help fill those bags, donations are always welcome at the Dublin Community Church. As the weather gets colder, it's helpful to avoid items that might freeze, so at the top of this month's wish list are ramen, Ritz crackers, and saltines. Thank you so much for your continued support!

## The Golden Eagle

BY TOM WARREN

The "Raptor of the Month" is the golden eagle. One has been observed flying over Pack Monadnock, probably on its way to the southern Appalachians from Greenland, Labrador, and northern Quebec.

Look for this majestic bird with the golden head and fierce eyes in its adult plumage, while immature birds show white at the base of the tail and white flashes at the wing tips. In the western United States, it is called "Autumn Gold."

In the Monadnock Region, it can be seen on clear, bright days with a slight north-west wind between 10 am–2 pm. For the intrepid hiker, the golden eagle can be seen from the ridgelines along the Pumpelly Trail in clear weather or snow flurries. Its head is smaller than the bald eagle's and its tail longer. Given its large size, the golden eagle is one of the few raptors with feathers down to its toes.

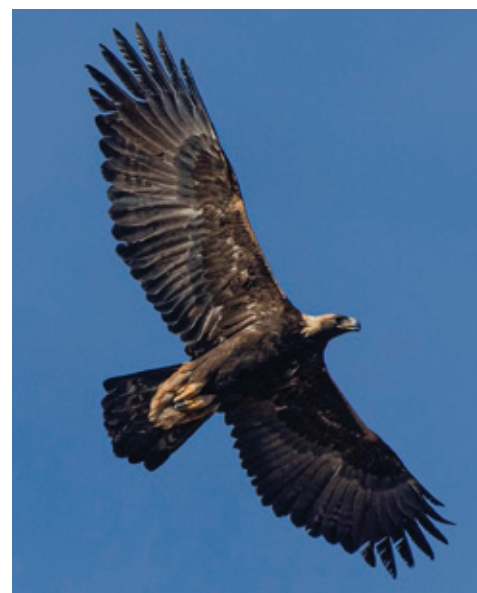


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While its normal food consists of mammals, including rabbits and squirrels, it is known to attack foxes and small deer.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

# Enthusiastic Recommendations: Stone Carver to Bread Maker—It’s in the Hands

BY JUDY MORTNER

Les Bonnes Miches, or “The Good Loaf” if you don’t speak French, is a small but growing bread-baking business started by Nicolas Papoin, who came to the United States from the Brittany region of France, making a stop in New York City before landing in Peterborough in 2020.

When Papoin first arrived in the United States, he really missed good bread, something he’d enjoyed since childhood. To him, “good” means bread that is “less uniform, less perfect. I like simple things,” he says.

“Old-fashioned” and “simple” are words that came up a few times when I recently chatted with Nicolas over coffee. He uses no chemical yeast, or any yeast, actually; instead, he uses a sourdough starter brought with him from his native Brittany. He relies on the starter for the fermentation of his sourdough loaves because, as he explains, “sweet doesn’t work with sourdough.” He also buys organic flours from Quebec, which he picks up regularly in Keene.

Currently, Papoin makes 10 different breads because, like any creative person, he likes to mix it up! They range from crusty sourdough rounds to multiseeded whole-wheat loaves that combine poppy,



sesame, or even black nigella or fennel seeds to a marble-chocolate bread with cranberries – a great bread to have around over the holidays.

Nicolas is busy with his bread-baking five days a week, with a sixth day spent delivering to local accounts.

Roy’s Market and Nature’s Green Grocer in Peterborough, the Harrisville General Store, and Fiddleheads Café in Hancock all carry Les Bonnes Miches bread.

At Fiddleheads, under new ownership, the bread shows up alongside shakshouka for Sunday brunch or in their delicious sourdough French toast.

Something I found fascinating is the relationship between Papoin’s former career in France as a stone carver and stained-glass artist (he’s worked on several cathedrals!) and his work with bread. He explains, “That’s why I like bread – I see some connection between what I did with stone, and bread.” And he adds, “I’m good at old things and the old-fashioned way of doing things. I can repair an old window

but don’t know how to install a new one.” Obviously, this is someone skilled with his hands.

It’s difficult to be a bad baker in France, says Papoin. “There’s too much good bread to choose from, so you wouldn’t make it – good is not enough; you have to be really good. Some villages have three bakeries!”

You can find Les Bonnes Miches bread at the shops and restaurants mentioned in this article, as well as at local farmers markets, including the Peterborough winter market in the Community Center on Elm Street on Wednesdays from 3–5 pm.

While there are plenty of good bakeries to choose from in the Monadnock Region these days, Papoin likes his bread to be simple. “Pastry is pleasure,” he says, “but good bread – it’s food.”

If you have comments or suggestions for future “recommendations,” please send them to Judy at [jmortner7@gmail.com](mailto:jmortner7@gmail.com).

JUDY MORTNER is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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## December Offerings at MAXT

**M**AXT in Peterborough is offering many interesting classes and workshops in the month of December. Visit their website, [maxtmakerspace.org](http://maxtmakerspace.org), to learn more and sign up. Here are a few to tempt you:

### CNC for Beginners (age 18 and above): Holiday Sign

Thursdays, November 30–December 14, 6–9 pm

V-Carve a holiday-themed sign or decorative item on our computer numerical control (CNC) machine. Over three sessions, the class will cover the concept of v-carving and compiling and customizing a 2D design using Inkscape. Sample designs and fonts will be provided. Students will learn to import and prepare their designs for v-carving using Fusion 360, simulate toolpaths, set up and cut a design on the CNC, and finish the item.

### Wood Turning – Holiday Ornaments

Wednesday, December 13, 6–9 pm

Get into the holiday spirit in the woodshop! A great introductory class to wood turning.

Students will learn the basics of lathe and tool safety with our experienced instructor Doug. Then it's onto making some jolly holiday ornaments with some beautiful woods in a variety of forms. Learn the same skills as our other beginning wood-turning courses, with a holiday twist. It's a regular Santa's workshop!

### Sparkling Gemstone Trees

Thursday, December 7, 3–8 pm (age 14 plus)

Create a stunning ornamental gemstone tree with our wire-wrapping teacher Gabby. Each unique tree is assembled from gemstone chips and jewelers' copper wire, then anchored to a beautiful section of natural stone. Perfect to add some extra ambience to a peaceful place in your home.

**There are more offerings:** Felted Tapesstry, Gnomes, Holiday Cards and Paper-making, Ceramic Tiles, Block-Printed Coasters, and Linocut Printing.

MAXT Makerspace is holding an **Open House, on Saturday, December 2**, from 1–5 pm, the perfect opportunity for some holiday cheer and samples of "making" galore!

## Accessory Dwelling Units

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existing septic and well capacity on properties with a private well and septic system such as in Dublin.

Housing in America has changed significantly over the last 100 years. ADUs were relatively common before World War II, frequently created by older Americans looking to take in boarders after their children moved out. During the war, ADUs housed workers in the war industries. Following the war, a primary focus for developers was building single-family housing. In 1950, the average single-family home was 983 square feet. According to the U.S. Census, the average single-family home completed in 2019 was 2,301 square feet.

Today, we are seeing many people looking for the simpler lifestyle that can come with a smaller home. Studies and news sources are also reporting that we have a widespread housing shortage, including in New Hampshire. ADUs can offer the win-win opportunity of meeting an owner's needs while also creating a separate home for others to live in.

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**Midwinter Revels on the Road**

Anyone who has enjoyed the holiday tradition of Midwinter Revels in Cambridge, Massachusetts, or Lebanon, New Hampshire, will be excited to know that this year, you can revel closer to home in Brattleboro, Vermont! Each year, the Midwinter Revels celebrates the turning of the year with singing, dancing, and games that span the centuries and the globe. This year, Revels North is taking the Midwinter Revels on the road while it renovates its home at the Lebanon Opera House in preparation for its 50-year anniversary

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this, there are several potteries, in which considerable quantities of coarse earthenware are made annually [this Baptist church still stands in Chesham, then called Pottersville]. A building for a town and school house is to be erected this year [the brick town house, which stood on the old common opposite the 1818 meetinghouse.] There are three stores in town and one tavern [Cyrus Chamberlin kept this tavern in the house which is located next to the

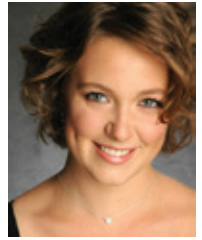
in 2024. Revelers will perform be at the Latchis Theater in Brattleboro on December 10, at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [revelsnorth.org](http://revelsnorth.org).

**Holiday Music in Hancock**

On Saturday, December 16, at 4 pm, Music on Norway Pond brings their annual holiday concert to the Hancock Congregational Church. The Norway Pond Festival Singers and the youngsters of Jr. Mints, conducted by Artistic Director Jody Hill Simpson, are joined by the Anything Goes Trio, with vocalist Jazimina MacNeil, violinist Marjorie Gere, and pianist Dan Sedgwick. Get your tickets early – it

often sells out! Adults \$25; students and kids free; purchase at [musicon-norwaypond.org](http://musicon-norwaypond.org).

Then on Wednesday, December 20, at 4 pm, join us for “Caroling on the Common,” held on the Hancock Common across from the Hancock Meetinghouse. The caroling is free (donations are always welcome). We’ll provide carol booklets and once again will be led by professional trumpeters leading the favorite tunes. Bring a candle!



Jazimina MacNeil

Dublin Community Church.]. The number of Saw mills in town is 8 – Grist mills 7 – Fulling mills 2 – 1 carding machine and 1 Bark mill.

The number of school districts is 10, and there are 10 school houses. The average number of scholars in each district is 50. [Students were up to 20 years of age.]

A social library was incorporated December 1797 and contains 110 volumes. A Ladies Library instituted in 1802 contains 140 volumes. The Dublin Musical Society was incorporated June 1821.

*Community supper info for your calendar:*

**No supper in December**

**January 23, 2024**

Roast turkey & gravy, dressing, roasted potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, dessert.  
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## DECEMBER 2023 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School  <b>DHS</b> Dublin Historical Society  <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library  <b>HUB</b> Dublin Community Center  <b>MVBC</b> Mountain View Bible Church  <b>TH</b> Town Hall, Dublin</p>					<p><b>1 HUB</b> Iyengar Yoga 9-10:30 am; Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am</p>	<p><b>2 DPL</b> Media Literacy Part III 2pm; <b>Main Street Peterborough</b> Lantern Parade 6pm</p>
<p><b>3 HUB</b> Crafts and Photo Booth 2-4pm; <b>Yankee Parking Lot</b> Christmas Tree Lighting 4pm</p>	<p><b>4 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15pm; <b>TH</b> Cemetery Trustees 9am, Select Bd 4:30pm</p>	<p><b>5 HUB</b> Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; <b>TH</b> Budget Com. 7pm</p>	<p><b>6 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; <b>DPL</b> Stories and Songs 10:30am</p>	<p><b>7 Hanukkah begins at sundown;</b> <b>HUB</b> Iyengar Yoga 9-10:30am; <b>TH</b> Planning Bd 7pm; <b>MCH</b> Lights of Love 5pm</p>	<p><b>8 HUB</b> Iyengar Yoga 9-10:30am; Zoom/Knit w/Nancy 10-11am; Small Treasures Opening 5-7pm</p>	<p><b>9 HUB</b> Small Treasures Sale 10am-3pm; Cookie Market 1-3pm; <b>DCC</b> Pop-Up Christmas Boutique 10am-noon</p>
<p><b>10 HUB</b> Small Treasures Sale 12-3pm; <b>Latchis Theater Brattleboro</b> Midwinter Revels 2pm</p>	<p><b>11 TH</b> Town Taxes due; Select Bd 4:30pm; Waste and Recycling 5pm; <b>HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15; Small Treasures sale 10am-3pm; <b>ConVal</b> Comm. Forum 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>12 HUB</b> Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Herb Class 7pm; <b>TH</b> Budget Com. 7pm</p>	<p><b>13 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; <b>TH</b> Cons. Com. 5pm; <b>DPL</b> Library Trustees 5pm</p>	<p><b>14 HUB</b> Iyengar Yoga 9-10:30am; <b>Keene YMCA</b> Menorah Lighting 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>15 Hanukkah ends at sundown;</b> <b>HUB</b> Zoom/Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; Woodturners Opening 5-7pm</p>	<p><b>16 HUB</b> Woodturners Sale 10am-3pm; Open Mic 7-10pm; <b>Hancock Cong. Church</b> Noel on Norway Pond 4pm</p>
<p><b>17 MVBC</b> <i>A King is Born</i> 6pm; <b>HUB</b> Song Circle 3-5pm</p>	<p><b>18 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15pm; <b>TH</b> Select Bd 4:30pm</p>	<p><b>19 HUB</b> Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; <b>TH</b> Budget Com. 7pm</p>	<p><b>20 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; Storytelling Circle 6:30-8:30pm; <b>Hancock Common</b> Caroling on Common 4pm</p>	<p><b>21 TH CLOSED;</b> Planning Bd 7pm; <b>HUB</b> Iyengar Yoga 9-10:30am; Community Lunch 12-1pm; <b>Peterborough Town House</b> Homeless Memorial Service 5pm</p>	<p><b>22 HUB</b> Zoom/Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; <b>DCC</b> Project Shakespeare, <i>A Christmas Carol</i> 7pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24 MVBC</b> Candle-light Service 6pm; <b>DCC</b> Candle-light Service 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>TH CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>26 TH CLOSED;</b> <b>HUB</b> Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p><b>27 HUB</b> Coffee &amp; Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29 HUB</b> Zoom/Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am</p>	<p><b>30 HUB</b> Red Cross Blood Drive 9am-2pm</p>
<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b> <b>HUB</b> Smartphone photo contest deadline</p>						

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