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An Amateur Naturalist's Introduction to Foraging

BY EMILY BINGHAM

Foraging is the practice of finding and collecting edible food from nature – not necessarily wild and uncultivated but also not an agricultural crop. Urban foraging, done in towns and cities, often relies on landscaped plants and makes foraging accessible to more people. In downtown Peterborough, for example, there are kousa dogwoods that have red-skinned berries with custardy yellow flesh, often described as tasting like persimmon. I used these for one of a series of gelatins I've made. Several opportunist plants ("weeds" to many) that grow in parks, yards, and along sidewalks are also edible. Dandelion greens can be used in salads and their roots used as a digestive tea. Even the young shoots of Japanese knotweed, an invasive shrub that grows along roadsides, can be eaten. Wild edibles are everywhere!

My introduction to foraging was as a child on family hikes. The first edible I learned to identify was lowbush blueberry. It helped that I already recognized blueberries, the commercial fruit. I remember crouching lakeside in Maine, being quizzed on how to identify a blueberry



Milkweed blossom florets can be used to make a delicious gelatin.

by its five-pointed crown and the shape and luster of its leaves and warned soberly not to eat any berry I did not absolutely recognize.

The second edible wild food I learned to identify, cucumber root, was decidedly less tamed and opened wide the door to my curiosity. It grows in northeastern forests and has a characteristic whorl of leaves on one or two levels. If you dig carefully with your finger at the base of its stalk, you find a tuberous white root, one to two inches long. It is crisp and starchy and, when ripe, has an earthy sweetness.

Learning to identify woodland plants like cucumber root, wintergreen, and com-

mon tree species made hiking more interesting and drew me further into a relationship with my natural environment. In her book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Potawatomi botanist and author Robin Wall Kimmerer talks about the importance of sustainable land stewardship.

This includes foraging as a form of resource caretaking while building meaningful connections with cultural practices and the environment.

When I worked at Camp Takodah in Richmond, New Hampshire, my "I'm Lichen It" woodland identifica-

tion and edibles class was popular among campers curious about forest ecology or wanting to be more self-reliant.

Foraging is reemerging as a popular pastime among people who want to rebuild these kinds of connections or simply supplement their diets with wild foods. Social media has also provided platforms for content creators, like Alexis Nikole Nelson (@blackforager on Instagram), to engage a new generation of foragers. I am in several Facebook foraging groups specific to New England ecosystems and enjoy observing the seasonal cycles of what everyone is foraging.

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December Happenings at DPL

BY KAREN MADIGAN

Another year is almost in the books (pun intended), and the holidays have arrived. Stop in for some great new books and DVDs to keep you occupied on cold nights. Look for our new DVD shelving and a much larger selection of movies and TV shows. Our DVD sale was a huge success, as were Hollie Morales's book repair workshop and New Hampshire Humanities presenter Margo Burns's "From Mickey to Magoo: The Golden Age of American Animation."

December programs include "Storyfolds: DIY Books & Cards," presented by Pam Bator and Emaline Bergeron on Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 am. Create wonderful holiday presents or keepsakes. Ages 10 and up are welcome.

Take a few minutes from last-minute holiday shopping to stop in for cocoa and cookies on Tuesday, December 23, from 2–6 pm. DPL is closed Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, so please come check out books and celebrate the holidays with us on Tuesday.

On Saturday, January 10, at 10 am, Celeste Snitko presents a Dublin history program with the focus on fun facts about the library. DPL turns 125 in 2026, so we're kicking off the new year with a look back through time. Join us Saturday, January 24, at 1 pm for Rebecca Rule's New Hampshire Humanities program "Moved and Seconded: Town Meetings in New Hampshire." Perfect timing for our own town meeting in March!

With the library celebrating 125 years in the current building, we have a lot of festivities planned next year. Did you know there is a time capsule from July 1901 in the cornerstone? The 125th



Participants learn to mend their well-loved books.

anniversary committee of dedicated library-lovers, with the enthusiastic help of Paul Tuller, is working to unearth the time capsule. They plan a reenactment of the ceremony that occurred in 1901. More on the celebrations to come in next month's article.

As a staff, we too have unearthed a few gems about the library. We've been cleaning and organizing like crazy. Emaline has found wonderful photos and articles about the library in old file cabinets. They're on display atop the new books area. I've been organizing the stacks, which are basement shelves of old books that are in the collection but don't get checked out often. The "dungeon," as we like to call it, still needs a lot of TLC, but we're making progress.

In addition to December 24 and 25, DPL will be closed Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Emaline, Liz, Victoria, and I wish you all a safe, healthy, joyous holiday season filled with all things you hold dear.

KAREN MADIGAN is the director of the Dublin Public Library.

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First Annual Styrofoam Drive

BY JUDY MORTNER

Do you have leftover Styrofoam from the holidays? Don't toss it – recycle it! Dublin's Waste Reduction & Recycling Committee is hosting a foam collection drive on the last Saturday in January.

Date: Saturday, January 31

Location: Dublin Transfer Station

Time: 8 am–5 pm

All collected foam will be transported to Gilford, where it will be compacted into plastic ingots and transformed for use into new materials – saving space in our compactor and reducing polystyrene going into the waste stream, our waters, and our landscapes.

What to Bring?

- Clean Styrofoam packaging (such as from electronics or appliance boxes)
- Food containers (free of food residue)
- Cups, trays, and other foam packing materials

Remember to look for the #6 recycling symbol somewhere on the item. Please no packing peanuts, dirty foam products, or pipe insulation.

Thank you for participating! Your efforts make a difference in reducing waste and supporting sustainability in Dublin. Start saving your Styrofoam today, and see you at the transfer station on January 31!

JUDY MORTNER is the chair of the Waste Reduction & Recycling Committee.

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Updates from Town Hall

Winter Is Coming: A Reminder about Plowing

Since the town's winter plowing will be happening soon, you are kindly reminded to avoid plowing or shoveling snow onto or across a public road. In addition, please remember that there is no winter parking on town roads during a storm and for eight hours after, to allow for cleanup. Thank you for your help in keeping the roads safe!

Closing the Transfer Station's Compost Pile

In the interest of public safety, the Transfer Station will temporarily discontinue composting food items. Although the pile is covered nightly with loose dirt, the area still attracts wildlife, including bears and rodents. Additional research will be conducted to find a safer, more effective way of composting. For now, the compost pile is closed.

2026-2027 Transfer Station Stickers

The new Transfer Station stickers are available at the Town Clerk's office, and they must be properly displayed on the passenger-side front windshield of the vehicle by January 1, 2026. Please bring proof of residency and/or your current vehicle registration.



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News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

November brought meaningful learning, celebration, and community connection to our school! We were honored to welcome local veterans to our Veterans Day assembly, where students expressed their appreciation through songs, poems, and heartfelt messages recognizing the courage, service, and sacrifice of our veterans.

As part of our Veterans Day recognition, DCS students took part in a schoolwide coin drive, and we raised over \$900 for the Wounded Warrior Project! When the donation was submitted, we were thrilled to learn that USAA Bank would match our contribution, doubling our impact. These experiences were powerful reminders of the importance of gratitude and service.

We are thankful for our caring and thoughtful community, and we could use your support in a few ways. DCS collects the plastic bags that heating pellets come in and the wrap used to hold the bags on pallets when they are delivered. Last year, DCS recycled over 1,000 pounds of plastic and received a bench made of Trex in

return! Please help us earn a second bench. We also hope you might have some metal forks, knives, and spoons you would be willing to donate. We avoid using plasticware as much as possible. Thank you in advance!

The first week of December will include two special events. Art teacher Justin Bentley-Melle helped students create flower lanterns that they will carry during the Lantern Festival in downtown Peterborough on Saturday, December 6, at 6 pm (weather date December 7). This year's garden theme brings blooming flowers, buzzing pollinators, and vibrant greenery to life through student-made lanterns. Families enjoy an evening filled with light, imagination, and celebration. At the end of the week, our students will have a visit from The Whalemobile, and will have a *whale* of a time as they climb inside Nile, the inflatable whale, learn about marine life, and discover how we can help protect



DCS students at their Veterans Day assembly

our oceans. This immersive experience brings ocean science to life in an unforgettable way.

The holiday season is officially here, and classrooms are buzzing with seasonal activities, festive crafts, and meaningful acts of kindness. This is truly a special time to come together as a community. The DCS staff extends our heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy holiday season and a wonderful start to the New Year!

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

Photo by Nicole Pease



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Celebrate the Holidays in Dublin

Worship Services

Mountain View Bible Church

🕊 **Christmas sermon series** – We will consider a series of messages titled “Who is Jesus?” from the first chapter of the Gospel of John in our Sunday morning services at 10 am throughout December. All are welcome to join us for this series.

🕊 **Christmas Program, December 14 at 6 pm** – This celebration of Jesus’s birth will consist of choral and congregational songs as well as readings that reflect on the five women named in Jesus’s lineage in the Gospel of Matthew.

🕊 **Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 6 pm** – In this reflective service, we will sing Christmas carols, hear readings from scripture, and close with our traditional candlelight singing of “Silent Night.” Stay after and enjoy some Christmas cookies and conversation.

Dublin Community Church

🕊 **Morning worship at 10:30 am** during the season of Advent features special readings and the lighting of the Advent wreath candles: 11/30 for Hope, 12/7 for Peace, 12/14 for Joy, and 12/21 for Love, led by the children in this year’s annual Christmas pageant, “Bethlehem Speaks.”

🕊 **Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7:30 pm**, a traditional candlelight service of lessons and carols, with the Dublin Community Church choir led by Tom Martin. All are welcome.

Unique Holiday Gift Giving

🕊 **Heifer Project Alternative Giving Market** (11/30–12/31) at the Dublin Community Church. The DCC Sunday School has been an active supporter of Heifer International for over 30 years. A “Living Gift Market” will be set up in the church hall, where you can purchase symbolic animals, plants, biogas stoves, solar panels, education programs, clean water, and so much more. Purchases can also be made through the DCC website at bit.ly/DCCHeifer. A group of Heifer donors will match every donation made, so your impact will be doubled!



🕊 **Used Book Sale and More** on Friday, 12/5 (8 am–6 pm), Saturday, 12/6 (8 am–6 pm), and Sunday, 12/7 (1–3 pm) in the fully accessible Dublin Community Church hall. Thousands of used books, plus maps, music, puzzles, games, old calendars, postcards, stationery, and more. Come relax and browse, with soothing music and a warm beverage. Proceeds benefit local needs.



🕊 **Pop-up Christmas sale**, Saturday, 12/6 (10am–2pm) in the boutique on the east side of the Church.

🕊 Volkert Volkert's two music CDs

The Crooked Road Home – Released in October 2025, this collection features songs written or rewritten between 2016–2021, including holiday/winter favorites “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” and “Christmas in New Hampshire.”

It's Cocoa Time! – Released in April, 2025, title song inspired by a ritual Volkert and his wife developed with their visiting grandchildren, as satisfying as a hot cup of cocoa.



Both albums are available for download at “name your price” at volkert.bandcamp.com. Physical CDs are available at the Toadstool in both Peterborough and Keene. They can also be ordered from Volkert for \$15 each (includes postage) at volksong@mac.com.

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Dublin is a special place to live because we are a community of people who value what we have and will do the work it takes to preserve the best of our past, take care of our present needs, and lay the groundwork for a prosperous future. Our neighbors and friends who invest time and effort in our town boards and committees do this valued work for all of us, and we are all grateful.

Volunteers are needed, so the *Advocate* asked members of Dublin's boards and committees to describe their work and the people who are needed to participate. Applications to run for elected office are due at Town Hall in January. Please give some thought to where *you* might contribute! You can find contact information for chairs of these boards and committees on the town website at townofdublin.org/boards.

Budget Committee

—from *Susie Vogel*

I was asked to run for the Budget Committee by a current member when they needed to fill a vacancy. It was a one-year position, so I knew if I didn't like the work, it was not for too long!

There are no specific qualifications needed to be on the Budget Committee, although having a basic understanding of how budgets work — and liking numbers — is quite helpful. We meet quarterly during the year, and then in the fall, we begin the budget season, when we have about 12 meetings on Tuesday evenings. We finish up in the late winter with a budget hearing and town meeting in March.

If you are curious about how the town's budget is derived, you enjoy working with

numbers, and you have Tuesday evenings free in the fall and winter, you'll find that the Budget Committee is a nice introduction to the workings of the town.

Cemetery Trustees

—from *Kiki Sangermano*

I have always thought the cemetery was beautiful, with its view of the mountain and lake, the lovely mountain laurel grove in early summer, and its amazing historical monuments.

To serve as a cemetery trustee, you need a desire to keep the cemetery in its lovely state while following state and local rules and regulations. You also need a willingness to learn the rules and layouts of cemetery areas, stone walls, and trees.

We have one meeting per month (not always in the winter) plus any time you want to volunteer to help lay out new areas or assist the superintendent (e.g., getting quotes, etc.). Extra volunteer time is not required.

Capital Improvement Program Committee

—from *Bill Gurney*

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee aids the Select Board and Budget Committee in preparing the annual budget. The committee is appointed by the Planning Board and makes recommendations on future needs of the town for new capital purchases, such as equipment and building or road maintenance, through yearly contributions to the Capital Reserve Accounts.

Our goal is to plan major expenditures to maintain a consistent tax rate from year to year. The committee meets four to six times

per year and consults with department heads to determine current and future needs.

Committee members often have backgrounds in construction, finance, heavy equipment, or technology. My goal in joining the committee was to serve as a liaison with the Budget Committee. Committee meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are available on the town website. To be considered, let the chair of the Planning Board know of your interest.

Conservation Commission

—from *Jay Schechter*

The mission of the ConCom is to preserve Dublin's most important natural resources, especially its watersheds, aquifers, scenic vistas, and forest and woodland environments. We are an informal group, meeting once a month, and try to have fun while...

- Monitoring conservation easements
- Treating invasive plants
- Managing the Lake Host and Water Testing Programs
- Managing the Dublin Park
- Working with the Planning Board
- Submitting articles to *The Dublin Advocate*

I was motivated to join the Conservation Commission by a desire to give back to our community. If you have a love for natural resources and a willingness to work, you will be a great addition to our group! Contact Jay Schechter at JSchechter@FocusSales.us for more information.

Library Trustees

—from *Linda Abram*

When my children were young, Dublin Consolidated School was a large part of my community. I spent many hours volunteering there and felt I had a finger on the pulse of Dublin. Since then, I missed



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the feeling of belonging and contributing, so when I was asked if I wanted to be a library trustee, the opportunity felt right. I have found it exhilarating to be part of a committed team of like-minded people working toward making our little library the best it can be. Our work focuses on supporting the library staff, supporting programs, and maintaining the historic building. The time commitment varies – we have a two-hour meeting every month, and individual committees (Finance, Goals and Objectives, Buildings and Grounds, and Personnel) meet separately. It is worth it – and you won't be bored!

Town Moderator

–from Sterling Abram

I was originally appointed as moderator by the Supervisors of the Checklist due to a vacancy when Tim Clark passed away mid-term. Since then, I have run for reelection twice, for the sake of continuity and a desire to serve the community.

I think the most important qualifications for moderator are a love for peace and a commitment to stay informed regarding New Hampshire election law and its frequent changes as well as local town business and ordinances.

The time requirement is concentrated around managing the polls for local, state, and national elections and conducting the annual Town Meeting. To perform well, it's important to take advantage of training provided by the state, not only to be informed but to achieve a good understanding of the laws, how they are applied, and how to perform the duties of moderator.

If you respect law and order, are willing to be patient and tolerate others, you can do this job. A little sense of humor is helpful, too.

Planning Board

–from Archie McIntyre

I ran for Planning Board because I wanted to find a way to help out in the town, and the Planning Board was a practical vehicle to help ensure that Dublin remains a lovely place to live.

No specific professional qualifications are required, just an ability to listen, work cooperatively in a group, and follow the rules and regulations as laid out in the zoning ordinance. If you are open-minded and work well in a group, you are well-suited!

The Planning Board meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, usually about two hours for each meeting. Occasionally, there are site visits in addition to this. We have nonvoting alternate members who are an important part of our committee and can be appointed relatively easily without having to run for elected office.

Select Board

–from Susan Peters

Since my first volunteer role as a Planning Board alternate in 1996, I have found service on town boards and committees to be rewarding. When an opening arose on the Select Board in 2021, I jumped into the race, a little nervous about the time commitment and varied responsibilities, while also excited to do work that helps our town thrive financially and as a community.

For the Select Board, it's helpful to have served on at least one other town board or committee. The Select Board generally meets weekly (currently on Mondays) and every other week during the summer. Each Select Board member also serves on at least one other town board or committee. Fall and winter are somewhat busier,

with the budget planning process and the lead up to Town Meeting. It's helpful to speak with others who have served on the board when assessing the work and time commitment.

Ideally, a Select Board candidate is able to serve a full three-year term. Board members who serve a second (or even third) term bring a lot of valuable experience. An eagerness to learn, an attention to detail, and a love for Dublin all help to make the job more fun.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee

–from Judy Mortner

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee (WRRC) is committed to being good stewards of Dublin's beautiful environment by educating our town about solutions for reducing plastic pollution and keeping more out of our waste stream. We partner with the Transfer Station and Select Board to keep more out of the compactor and save money for taxpayers.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Between meetings, members make phone calls, attend occasional Select Board meetings, write news articles, and participate in activities such as Styrofoam drives, plastic education forums, and Earth Day events.

We would love for you to join us! Ideal members have a passion for protecting the environment and enjoy working alongside others to generate new ideas and implement our shared goals.

Editors' note: We hope to share information from the Energy Committee, the Supervisors of the Checklist, our School Board representative, the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and the Zoning Board in our January issue.



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December 2025 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Coffee & Conversation, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 am–noon

Adult Yoga, Mondays, 3–4:15 pm

Early AM Yoga, Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 am

Open Hours, Tuesdays, 9 am–3 pm

Open Hours w/DubHub Director, Wednesdays, 10 am–3 pm

Qigong, Wednesdays, noon–1 pm

Needle Mania, Wednesdays, 3:30–5 pm

Mahjong Group, Thursdays, 1–3 pm

Knit with Nancy, Fridays via Zoom, 10 am

Smartphone Photo Contest Call for Photos

The annual Smartphone Photo Contest features images caught over the course of 2025 by those who live, work, or go to school in the Monadnock Region. The deadline for photo submissions is January 5. The contest is open to photographers in three categories: amateurs, professionals (defined as anyone who has received remuneration for their photography), and children (age 12 and under). Each entrant may enter up to three photos taken between December 2024 and December 2025 of a person, a place, a detail shot, or an event anywhere in the Monadnock Region. Prizes will be awarded at a reception on Friday, January 9, from 5–7 pm. The fee for entering the contest is \$10 per photo, which covers the cost for printing a 8" x 10" glossy copy that you may keep. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org for payment options and more information.

POP-UP Holiday Cookie Market, Saturday, December 6

Please stop by anytime from 11 am–2 pm to purchase a delicious assortment of homemade cookies to enjoy or share with your family and friends. All proceeds will benefit area food pantries this holiday season.

Holiday Singalong Song Circle, Sunday, December 7

All are welcome at Song Circle, which meets the first Sunday of each month from 3–5 pm. This month, there will be a set list of special holiday songs, and refreshments will be served. Bring your instrument if you have one, including your voice! If you're a musician who would like the set list in advance of this event, please email David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com.

Building True Community, Monday, December 8

Join Balmeet Lasky and Leaf Seligman from 6:30–8 pm on the second Monday of every month as they host a community circle experience. This is time and space for slowing down and connecting deeply with self and other community members. All are welcome – please join us and spread the word! For more information, email lasky.balmeet@gmail.com or leaf1231@gmail.com.

Herb Class, Tuesday, December 9

Join trained herbalist Katherine Gekas at 7 pm as she teaches how to make holiday cordials and elixirs – super fun! The fee for class is a sliding scale (\$10–\$40), and everyone will go home with small samples and a handout with resources. For those who would like one-on-one consultation time with Katherine, she offers private office hours at the DubHub on the third Tuesday of the month from 4–6 pm. Email her for more info at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Wendy & Walden's Concert, Saturday, December 13

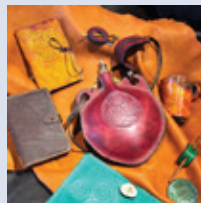
Join Wendy Keith and Walden Whitham at 7 pm as they perform songs to celebrate the winter holidays on multiple instruments, including vocals, guitar, flute, clarinet, Celtic harp, and more. Come with your bells on! There is a suggested donation of \$15 at the door.



Small Treasures Art Show & Sale: Friday, December 5–Monday, December 8

Small Treasures showcases the artwork of local artists who exhibit two- and three-dimensional pieces that are no larger than 5" x 7". All items are available for purchase over a four-day period, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the DubHub. An average of 40 area artists participate each year in one of our largest fundraisers. From the beautiful to the fanciful, you are sure to find the perfect gift among the paintings, sculptures, handmade jewelry, and more. The opening

reception is on Friday, December 5, from 5–7 pm, and the show and sale will continue on Saturday, December 6, from 10 am–3 pm; Sunday, December 7, from 12–3 pm; and Monday, December 8, from 10 am–3 pm. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.



Lyme Healing Circle, Tuesday, December 16

Join trained herbalist Katherine Gekas at 10:30 am as she leads an herbal healing circle for those who have been or are currently going through Lyme Disease. Everyone leaves with a personal protocol and some herbal coaching. Email her to sign up or for more info at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Storytelling & Spoken Word, Wednesday, December 17

On the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30–8:30 pm is the Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, an open mic to share stories, poetry, rap, comedy, or truly any kind of spoken word, going round the circle. The organizers are

Sebastian Lockwood and Papa Joe Gaudet. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoestorytelling.com and Sebastian at bit.ly/slockwood.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, December 20

On the third Saturday of each month, there is a combined Coffee House & Open Mic from 6–9 pm. Coffee and snacks are available. Attendees are also welcome to BYOB and dinner/snacks. A featured performance takes place for about 60 minutes, with open mic slots available before and after.

This month, we are pleased to feature the Tara Greenblatt Trio, with Tara Greenblatt on percussion and lead vocals, Ramsay Thomas on bass guitar, and Richard Doherty on electric and acoustic guitar,



Tara Greenblatt, center, with trio members Ramsay Thomas and Richard Doherty

dobro, and supporting vocals. Greenblatt writes contemporary folk originals laced with stunning strings and jazzy harmony arrangements. Her music and energy emanate wildness, nature, and creative power.

Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org to reserve a spot on the open mic sign-up, or just show up that evening to try your luck at finding an available spot on the list. A suggested donation starting at \$5 (or more) can be given at the door to help offset costs, and a hat will be passed during the performance for contributions for the featured performer(s).

A Christmas Carol, Sunday, December 14

Project Shakespeare brings its festive annual production of Charles Dickens's classic holiday play. The company, led by founder and director Deborah Thurber, includes students (ages 10–19) who sing, dance, and bring their engaging storytelling to this time-honored tale of love,

family, and redemption. Join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer that promises to be a "Dickens" of a good time for the entire family. The play begins at 4 pm. Tickets (\$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under) are available at the door half an hour before the show. Project Shakespeare will also hold a Holiday Quilt Raffle. Judy Michaud, master quilter, is donating a beautiful handmade quilt. Purchase one ticket for \$5 or three tickets for \$10 at the performance or in advance. For reservations and quilt tickets, email projectshakespeare@gmail.com.



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A Dublin Holiday Tradition

BY YUMMY CADY

Just as the beautiful church on the hill is an integral part of our community, so too is the creche that becomes the focal point of the Dublin Community Church sanctuary for the six weeks of Christmastide.

The Dublin Community Church creche was the creation of Elizabeth Pool. When she and her family moved to Dublin in 1951, there was an tradition to have the town's children receive gifts from Santa at annual church parties. Mrs. Pool thought the children should focus on giving rather than receiving, so with the enthusiastic support of Rev. Lyman Rutledge, she set out to create a creche that would center the true meaning of Christmas – a place where the children could lay their gifts for others.

Dublin residents Ann Ackerman and Blanche Burnett were asked to make figures for the manger scene. These two friends were experienced dollmakers, and with imagination and ingenuity, they set out to create lifelike figures with materials from their farm. They used fur from the tail of their Saint Bernard, hair from their Black Angus steers, and horsehair from an old mattress to create beards and hair!

The costumes were created with exacting detail: The kings'

robes are lavish and colorful, while the garments of the shepherds, Mary, and Joseph are appropriately more common. Ann and

Blanche pored through magazines to find just the right eyes, noses, and mouths to create unique facial expressions. Baby Jesus is a simply made baby wrapped in light blue swaddling clothes, resting in a crude manger filled with hay.

Mrs. Pool found beautiful Steiff plush animals to be part of the scene: a gray donkey, a large brown camel, a recumbent brindle cow with hay in its mouth, and a white mother lamb and her three babies. William Pickford of Dublin constructed the stable that housed this creation for many years.

In 1952, the Pool family gifted the creche to the Dublin Community Church. In 1991, the original stable, worn and shaky from 40 years of service and storage, was replaced by one made by the Cady family of Harrisville.

On the first Sunday of Advent each year, the stable is pieced together, fresh hay is spread inside, and the figures and animals are brought out of their tissue paper storage, placed in the stable where they remain in the front of the sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

YUMMY CADY is the director of church school at the Dublin Community Church.



Jaya and Jackson Cherian and Yummy Cady in front of creche in 2021.

Photo by Lisa Meyers



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The Benefits of New Hampshire's Open Space

From the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

New Hampshire's Conservation Commissions are often asked to support the protection of our natural resources, and a new report shows how open space provides a broad range of benefits, support a dynamic Granite State economy, improve our health, and enhance our quality of life. Our forests, farmlands, and waters provide diverse and extensive natural resources that form the fabric of the Granite State. A new statewide report, released by a coalition of conservation organizations, shows how our farms, forests, and natural lands are more than scenic – they are essential. From providing clean drinking water and preventing floods to supporting \$3.9 billion in outdoor recreation, New Hampshire's open space delivers lasting value.

Other key findings from *The Benefits of New Hampshire's Open Space*:

- **\$2.5 billion** in annual output from the forest products industry
- **\$513.8 million** in economic impact from agriculture
- **32,000 jobs** supported by outdoor recreation
- **\$5.2 billion** spent on wildlife-related recreation annually

The report was a collaborative effort between The Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, New Hampshire Audubon, New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, and Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment as well as input provided by New Hampshire Housing and New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation.

The full report can be read at forestsociety.org/page/why-open-space-matters-more-ever.



Dublin School Youth XC Ski Programs

Get outside this winter with the Dublin XC Ski Club:

- The Youth Program (for grades K–8): Learn and improve your skiing through play and drills. Grades K–2 learn classic ski technique. Grades 3+ skiers explore both classic and skate skiing through games, skill-building, and teamwork, topped with hot cocoa.

- The Junior Program (for high school students): Our juniors train together to grow stronger, faster, and more confident – competing at local and regional levels. We work hard but keep a fun and supportive team culture. Dublin XC runs out of the Dublin School Nordic Center. Scholarships are available. For more information, please visit our website: dublinxc.com.

Swap Shop Statistics

BY HANNE HANSEN

An average of 75 items were “rehomed” every Saturday at the Swap Shop in 2025. That is more than 2,100 items not going into a landfill this year. As we are now closed for the season, many remaining items will be donated to various charities. Next spring, please bring items that are still usable to the Swap Shop – we will post a list of acceptable items at that time.

Are you looking for an opportunity to

volunteer? The successful operation of the Swap Shop depends on our volunteers. We have four shifts of 1.5 hours every Saturday from 9 am–3 pm from April through November. If you are interested, please stop by the shop when it opens in the spring, or look for announcements on the Dublin Nextdoor app. You can also email Laura at lelcoate@yahoo.com.

The Swap Shop is located at the Transfer Station and is staffed by volunteers selected by the Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee. It provides an exchange

point for clean, usable items. Items subject to tipping fees are not permitted without the consent of a Swap Shop attendant, who is authorized to reject any unsuitable item. (Leaving items outside the shop when it is closed is prohibited.)

HANNE HANSEN is a Swap Shop volunteer.

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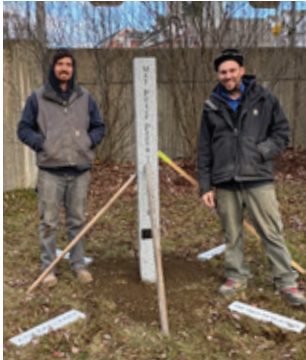
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Peace Pole Celebration Planned

BY BALMEET LASKY

On a frosty morning in November, the Peace Pole was installed in the green space between our Town Hall and Library. This installation is the culmination of a full year of conversations with people in town who wanted a monument dedicated to peace in a public space. This Peace Pole project connects with communities all over the world sharing this common goal. We are now the international Peace Pole community, in the historical registry and “on the map,” so that other people may visit to share in this global contemplation (worldpeace.org/peace-pole-map-2/).

This has truly been a community project. At the 2025 Town Meeting, we voted



Kyle Higley and Broderick Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble & Granite

to support the project financially, so that we all share ownership. DCS students created a ballot of languages to be engraved on the pole, and the whole town had the opportunity to vote. The final languages selected are English, Abenaki, Spanish, French, Chinese, Hebrew, Arabic, German and Braille.

The Northern Flicker

BY TOM WARREN

The northern flicker is a large and common woodpecker of our Monadnock Region. Throughout the United States, it is known by 125 common names.

On April 13, 1842, Henry David Thoreau wrote about the rejuvenating quality of the bird's spring notes: “It is the age and youth of the time, and its call enriches all of the woods and fields. Its note puts life into withered grass and leaves and bare twigs.”

Flickers often choose a hollow tree or nesting box for breeding. Flickers, bluebirds, and

We invite you all to the celebration of this peace monument on December 9 at 2 pm. We will have a short dedication and students from DCS will sing an original song composed by Volkert Volkorsz. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their hopes for our community.

BALMEET LASKY is a member of the Peace Pole committee.

screech owls have been observed nesting on the same branch. Once, a female flicker laid 17 eggs in 73 days when each egg was taken from the nest on consecutive days.

Migration to the southern United States begins in October after the first frost. Here in Dublin, we see the flicker feeding on ants on the ground and, in flight, showing a clear white mark on its rump. On the shore, it feeds on bayberries, a favorite food, but ants on the ground comprise 50%

of its food. The flicker, a friend to corn growers, also destroys the European corn borer. Remember that next summer when you enjoy fresh corn on the cob!

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.



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Raphael Pumpelly's Adventurous Life

BY TOM SILEO

Raphael Pumpelly, an early resident of Dublin, is known for marking a trail from Dublin Lake up Mount Monadnock, but this was merely one among many adventures during his life.

Pumpelly was born in 1837 in Oswego, New York, into a prominent family traced back to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Though expected to attend Yale, he instead traveled to Europe, where he became interested in geology and attended the Royal Mining Academy in Freiberg, Germany.

After his return to America, he traveled to the Santa Rita Mountains and Tubac in Arizona to work as an engineer in the silver mines. To get there, he rode the railroad to its western end in Missouri and then spent 16 uncomfortable and dangerous days traveling on overland stages.

In his 1870 book, *Across America and Asia*, Pumpelly relates many frightening events during this ride, including being wrongly arrested for murder. After arriving in Arizona, Pumpelly felt ambivalent about it: He judged its beauty as unsurpassed, but he was also fearful. On his way to Fort Buchanan in Santa Cruz, he witnessed evidence of Apache raids.

After living in this "Apache stronghold" for eight months and smelting for six, Pumpelly was ready to move on. He didn't agree with how Native Americans were treated. He witnessed their violence against settlers, but he also saw how the government pushed them off their ancestral lands to starve.

After traveling to Asia, Pumpelly returned to teach geology at Harvard, where he encountered prominent 19th-century artists, scientists, and academics. In 1883, while visiting his sister-in-law, Lucy Hill, in Dublin, Pumpelly bought two abandoned farms and built a home on a 1,800-foot-high pasture with views of both Mount Monadnock and Dublin Lake. According to Nancy Douglas Bowdich in *George de Forest Brush* (1970), he spent much of his time in a little workshop, where he turned minerals collected from around the world into exquisite jewelry for his family.

"The Pumpellys were extremely socia-

ble," according to Bowdich, "and many parties and festive gatherings were held at their home." After a fire destroyed Pumpelly's home, he built another – "a far handsomer stucco structure somewhat in the Italian style," according to Bowdich. "A music studio was built near the house – a large

room with high ceiling, suitable for entertainments, with a fireplace at one end and a door leading into a small apartment. Many beautiful concerts and delightful charade parties were given there." Pumpelly often hiked the slopes of Monadnock, and in 1884, "he arranged little piles of stones [cairns] to mark the trail, now known as the 'Pumpelly Trail.'"

Wondering what drove Pumpelly to mark this trail, I found a hint in advice he wrote to his son about a school assignment:

"Go and spend the night on Monadnock, alone on the heights from sunset through night to sunrise. Watch the unfolding of the eternal drama that inspired religions of the



Raphael Pumpelly with his family in their pre-1910 automobile

Photo courtesy of the Dublin Historical Society

ancient world. Then describe it as you saw it and felt it. Present it in direct language; don't use similes."

- *Reminiscences*, by Raphael Pumpelly
(Vol. 1, 1918)

Pumpelly Trail, the longest trail to the summit, offers the most beautiful views back to Dublin Lake and out to distant mountains. Pumpelly himself must have spent hours along the trail observing the region's geology. Given his history as an adventurer, marking the Pumpelly Trail seems a fitting accomplishment for this fascinating Dublin resident.

TOM SILEO is a financial advisor and writer.

End 68 Hours of Hunger

We all know that food insecurity is getting national attention these days. At the local level, Dubliners have once again been stepping up to provide much-needed food for the food-insecure children of the ConVal School District, and we at End 68 Hours of Hunger are extremely grateful.

If you'd like to leave food donations at the west entrance of the church this month, we hope you'll consider donating small containers of shelf-stable milk as well as Market Basket plastic bags. We really need more of those bags!

We also welcome financial donations, which allow us to make bulk purchases and stretch your dollars further. The link for online donations is end68hoursofhunger.org. Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the ConVal group.

Thank you all so much for your continued support.

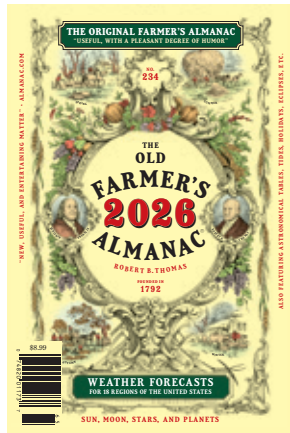


The 2026 Old Farmer's Almanac

“Mostly mild, with pockets of wild.” That’s the year’s weather forecast in the 2026 *Old Farmer’s Almanac*, published right here in Dublin and available now at bookstores and magazine stands. The folks at Yankee Publishing go on to say:

“Time flies, heals all wounds, and is the wisest counselor. It also brings new seasons, reasons to celebrate, and the latest edition of the nation’s most beloved keeper to time and tradition, with its good humor, sage advice, and, of course, 80% accurate long-range weather forecasts.”

The *Almanac* is predicting “a winter with temperatures near normal to slightly milder across much of the United States — except across the Appalachians, Southeast Florida, and the Ohio Valley, where colder-than-average conditions are forecast.



“Overall, the country will trend drier than usual, with widespread dry spells coast to coast. Snowfall should be near or below normal for most areas.”

But, of course, *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* has more to offer than the weather. Learn the secrets of sugar maples, revisit the record-setting summer of Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio, learn how to tie the perfect angler’s knot,

try some winning tomato recipes — and enjoy some timeless New England wisdom. The *Almanac* celebrates America’s 250th anniversary and has some trend predictions for 2026 in the worlds of farming, food, health, pets, and more.

For hours of fun and casual perusing, pick up this most-local of publications at the most-local of bookstores in Peterborough and Keene. It’s hot off the press!



Emily Edick, a Town of Dublin resident and Special Olympics athlete with the Monadnock Valley Patriots team, participated in the bowling tournament at Bowling Acres in November, and proudly came home with a silver medal. A special thank-you to the Dublin police officers who came out to present the awards!

Dublin Food Pantry Opens Its Doors

BY BRIE MORRISSEY

We’re happy to announce the opening of the Dublin Food Pantry, a neighbor-helping-neighbor initiative designed to support our community during this holiday season and beyond. The pantry is located at 1283 Main Street, Unit 8B (loading dock down the driveway to the left).

It’s open 24/7 and is self-serve. Come anytime!

How It Works:

- Drop off what you can spare
- Take what you need
- No questions asked, no paperwork required

This is a perfect opportunity to clean out your pantry. We’re accepting nonexpired items, including cereal, pasta, canned goods, paper products, hygiene items, pet food, and more. We even have limited refrigeration space for perishable items.

Ways You Can Help:

- Get the word out to those who may be in need

- Donate nonexpired food and supplies
- Help keep the pantry clean and organized
- Keep track of items that need restocking
- Shop for pantry items
- Assist with trash removal
- Pick up donations from neighbors who have items to give but can’t bring them to the pantry
- Offer delivery services for less mobile neighbors in need by delivering pantry items to them

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Let’s come together as a com-

munity to ensure our neighbors have what they need this season.

Most-Needed Items:

Please check our website for our current needs.

- Food staples
- Infant formula and diapers
- Personal care items
- Household essentials

For monetary donations, please visit our website, dublinfoodpantry.com, or contact me at briemorrissey@gmail.com.

BRIE MORRISSEY is one of the Dublin Food Pantry’s organizers.



December Crafting at MAXT

MAXT Makerspace in Peterborough offers some intriguing workshops this month, opportunities to create handmade holiday gifts:

Pysanky Holiday Ornament Making on Monday, December 1, 6-8:30 pm, focuses on traditional Ukrainian wax dyeing to create a multicolored ornament from a simple egg.



Introduction to Glass Fusing on Tuesday, December 2, 6-8 pm, teaches how to cut, break, and arrange pieces of glass and then embellish small dishes with other materials before they are fired.

Pen Turning on Wednesday, December 3, 6-9 pm teaches the basics of wood turning. Participants learn to prep blanks, mount to the lathe, and create a fully functioning pen (to write their holiday cards)!

Do these classes sound like fun? How about Needle Felted Gnomes, Clay Ornaments and Candle Holders, Earrings in a Day, Textured Rolling Pins, or a Hand Cut Paper Wall Piece?

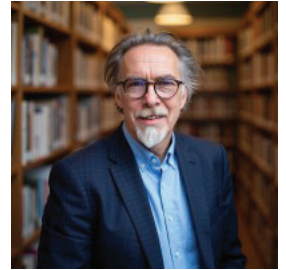
With these offerings and more, you can skip on-line and big box shopping and learn a new skill at the same time! To register, go to maxtmakerspace.org/classes.



Colton Seale to Speak

On Friday, December 5, 5-6 pm, the Jaffrey Civic Center presents Peterborough resident Colton Seale speaking on "How to Talk to Terrorists and Everyone Else." This presentation is part of the monthly "Stories to Share" series.

Colton Seale spent 22 years as a FBI Special Agent, conducted thousands of interviews, and led specialty teams in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. As part of his role in the FBI, Seale worked with researchers around the world to develop the U.S. Intelligence Community's premier interviewing course.



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To the Dump, Dump, Dump!

BY JEANNE STERLING

In conversation awhile back, I referred to our longtime senior citizens as “the old guard” – and then was shockingly aware that I too am one of them. Here I sit, in the same house on Snow Hill Road for the past 61 years. I’m not the only one in this category, and a few have surpassed my time here.

Things change daily and sometimes so fast that it’s easy to forget what they used to be like. I’ve told people that I don’t live in the past, but I do like to visit it on occasion. It’s part of the history of this village. So, before old age freezes my memory, I’d like to share some of it.

We all trek our sorted trash to the Transfer Station several days a week. The station is well organized and clean, with nary a whiff of any kind of stench. Lovely – but all so boring.

There was a time (back in the early 60s when I moved here) when it was known only as “the dump.” Everyone made their trips to the dump just about any time they wanted to. The only separating that was done was of appliances, mattresses, and maybe biohazard stuff.

Sometimes the dump pile would resemble a slag pile at a mining site. Bert Pierce, our road agent, and his wife, Flossie, would head there in the early evening to “touch it off.” The flames grew quite high, yet I

don’t remember seeing a hose anywhere in case things got out of control.

Some of the teenage boys would show up with their BB guns and shoot the rats as they escaped from their hiding holes. The other entertainment was to count the number of aerosol cans exploding. Bert and Flossie would remain there, watching and listening until all was relatively quiet, then start up the pickup and go home.

Although roads leading to the dump had lovely names – e.g., East Harrisville, Brush Brook, and Cobb Meadow – they were always referred to as “the dump roads.” I venture to guess that new residents of town only speak of the lovely names on the street signs. That’s a plus.

JEANNE STERLING is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Introduction to Foraging

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I’ve learned a lot from the questions others ask and answer. It can be fun to get feedback from other foragers on foods I’ve dabbled in making – including milkweed flower cordial, balsam fir spruce panna cotta, and gelatins from bee balm, lilac, milkweed, multiflora rose, peony, and pineapple weed. Foragers enjoy sharing their knowledge and showcasing their creative foraged meals throughout the year.

Although it seems unlikely to collect plants in winter, there are choice edibles to be found in all seasons. Amber jelly fungus, which grows high on trees, can be found on fallen branches after heavy snows. It can be sautéed or used in soups. Needles from evergreen trees like pine, spruce, and fir can be used to make



Cucumber root and its identifying leaf whorl

vitamin-C-rich teas or fermented into wine and beer. And who could forget a New England favorite: maple syrup? Birch sap and hickory bark can also be made into syrups. Various hardy fruits will overwinter, and edible seaweed species grow near the coast.

One of the most important rules of

foraging is *never eat something you cannot absolutely correctly identify*. While some plants are simply unpalatable but not necessarily poisonous, berries and mushrooms, in particular, can be hazardous to eat without a proper identification. Apps like Seek by iNaturalist (which can identify common plants with a camera phone) make it easy for novices to get started identifying new plants, edible or otherwise. But even apps and AI chatbots can incorrectly identify common plants, so always double- or triple-check before you put anything into your mouth! If you are curious about foraging, join a local or online group, download an app, or pick up a plant identification book. There’s always something new to learn about nature.

EMILY BINGHAM grew up in Peterborough and is a former science teacher with degrees in environmental studies and ecological economics.

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Dublin Earns Bronze Award for Solar Process

BY SUSAN PETERS

This year, Dublin was one of 32 New Hampshire municipalities working with national solar energy technical adviser SolSmart to review and update local solar zoning regulations. SolSmart's free technical assistance team helps local governments and regional organizations streamline processes and remove barriers to affordable solar energy in their communities. At Clean Energy NH's Local Energy Solutions Conference this fall, Dublin was honored with SolSmart's bronze plaque in recognition of the town's work toward enhancing best practices in the solar permitting process.

The SolSmart designation recognizes cities, towns, counties, and regional organizations that have adopted measures to save municipal staff time and money while maintaining safety, actions that help make solar energy more affordable and accessible. Expanding solar energy use brings many



Select Board member Susan Peters (far right) accepts plaque.

local benefits, including economic development, job growth in the energy sector, and improved community health and welfare.

Dublin residents looking to install a solar array on their property should contact code enforcement officer Mike Borden to discuss the permitting process. On the town website, residents can find a solar permitting checklist with details about the process. The code enforcement page on the town website may be found at townofdublin.org/code-enforcement.

SUSAN PETERS serves on the Select Board and is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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Holiday Specials at the Park Theatre

The Park Theatre in Jaffrey announces a month full of special programming:

- 12/5** Dickens Fest Opening and Proclamation Reading, 6 pm. (*Dickens Fest is sponsored by Viking River Tours.*)
 “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” with the Heather Pierson Trio, 7 pm
- 12/6** Dickens film classic *Great Expectations* (1946), 6:30 pm
 Dickens film classic *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (1935), 6:45 pm
It's a Wonderful Life, 7 pm
- 12/10** Holiday trivia, 7 pm
- 12/12** A Yankee Christmas, with Fred Marple and Rebecca Rule, 7 pm
- 12/13** Currier and Ives cookie tour, 10 am
- 12/14** Annual Santa party with *Home Alone*, 1 pm
The Muppet Christmas Carol, 4:30 pm
- 12/19** Dickens film classic *David Copperfield* (1935), 6:30 pm
 Dickens film classic *Scrooge* (1935), 7 pm
- 12/20** Kazoo caroling on Main Street (kazoos provided), Noon
 A Swingin' Yuletide, featuring the New Hampshire Jazz Orchestra, 7:30 pm
- 12/21** Project Shakespeare presents *A Christmas Carol*, 4 pm

The Park is also seeking volunteers to act as greeters, concession assistants, and other administrative roles. Contact parktheatre.org/volunteers for information.



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The Dublin School Chorus will combine with the Monadnock Chorus in performances at the *Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.* community celebration at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Monday, January 19, from 5–6 pm.

The theme of the 2026 ceremony is “Lift Ev’ry Voice: A Celebration in Song.” The combined chorus will sing the title song, the deeply moving “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” along with other music. The event highlights the importance of music to Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. is free and open to all, and tickets may be obtained at the door. More details will appear in the January *Advocate*.



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Holiday Singalong

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Sunday, December 7



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DECEMBER 2025 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 YPL Christmas Tree Lighting 4pm 	1 TH Cemetery Trustees 9am; Select Board 4:30pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm	2 HUB Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Dublin GOP 5:30pm	3 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Storytime & Homeschool group 10:30am; OPA Volkert 10:30am	4 HUB Mahjong 1pm; DPL Snow Date for Mickey-Magoo program 6pm; TH Planning Board 6pm	5 DCC Used Book Sale 8am-6pm; HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; Small Treasures Art Reception 5-7pm	6 DCC Used Book Sale 8am-6pm; DPL DIY Books & Cards 9:30am; HUB Small Treasures 10am-3pm; Pop-up cookie market 11am-2pm; PTC Lantern Festival 6pm
7 HUB Small Treasures 12-3pm; Holiday Singalong 3-5pm; DCC Used Book Sale 1-3pm; PTC Lantern Festival weather date 6pm	8 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Small Treasures 10am-3pm; Yoga 3-4:15pm; Community Circle 6:30-8pm; DPL DHS 4pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm	9 HUB Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Herb Class 7pm; DPL Duplicate Bridge Club 9:30am; Monadnock Bridge Group 1pm; Waste & Recycle 5pm; FDPL 5pm	10 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Storytime & Homeschool group 10:30am; Trustees 5pm	11 HUB Mahjong 1pm	12 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am	13 DPL Dublin Dems 10am; HUB Wendy & Walden concert 7pm
14 HANUKKAH BEGINS HUB A Christmas Carol 4pm; MVBC Christmas program 6pm	15 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm	16 HUB Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Lyme Healing Circle 10:30am; Herbal office hours 4-6pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Group 1pm; Tech Night 6pm	17 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; Storytelling Circle 6:30-8:30pm; DPL Storytime & Homeschool group 10:30am; TH Cons. Com. 5pm	18 HUB Mahjong 1pm; TH Planning Board 6pm	19 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am	20 HUB Coffeehouse & Open Mic 6-9pm
21 WINTER SOLSTICE DCC Children's Christmas pageant 10:30 am	22 HANUKKAH ENDS HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm	23 TH CLOSED; HUB Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Group 1pm; Cocoa & Cookies 2-6pm	24 CHRISTMAS EVE TH CLOSED; DPL CLOSED; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; MVBC Christmas Eve Service 6pm; DCC Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY TH CLOSED; DPL CLOSED	26 KWANZAA BEGINS TH CLOSED; HUB /Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am	27
28	29 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm	30 HUB Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Group 1pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon	DCC Dublin Community Church DPL Dublin Public Library HUB Dublin Community Center MVBC Mountain View Bible Church PTC Peterborough Town Center TH Town Hall, Dublin YPL Yankee Parking Lot		

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