

Music/Plays

A Few Good Men

Be part of the edgy courtroom drama at the Rochester Opera House, when the Rochester Repertory Company presents Aaron Sorkin's play *A Few Good Men* from Thursday, May 17 through Saturday, May 26. Stand in the shoes of two Marines, Lance Corporal Harold W. Dawson (Andrew Grassie) and PFC Loudon Downey (James Peck), who are on trial for the murder of one of their platoon members. Rookie Navy lawyer Lieutenant Daniel "Danny" Kaffee (Josh Bresette) expects a plea bargain and cover-up of what really happened. But, prodded by a tenacious female member of his defense team, Lieutenant Commander Joanne Galloway (Libby Page), Kaffee eventually makes a valiant effort to defend his clients and, in doing so, he also puts the Marine code of honor on trial. This Broadway hit, filled with suspense and doses of wise-cracking humor, is based on actual events at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and raises questions about the meaning of honor, dignity and humanity in an increasing complex world. "A Few Good Men is a play I've wanted to visit for a long time, even more so after serving in the military", says Director Jonathan Rockwood Hoar. "I want the audience to feel and to understand that there is a unique humanity and vulnerability shared by one's peers in the military, particularly in infantry units. It has been great to work with the actors from my old Mountain Infantry Unit and with several former Marines,



who helped with military customs and points to keep things authentic." Veteran actor Josh Bresette as "Danny" Kaffee, enjoys the opportunity "to present a great theater piece as the lead character with both experienced actors as well as inexperienced actors, who have actually had military duty." Andrew Grassie as Dawson is new to the acting scene, but has served in the military for twelve years, including two tours in Iraq.

Rockwood Hoar adds, "One of the more important aspects of this production is the Veteran's Tribute that will be on display in the lobby. We are working with

the Gold Star representatives from New Hampshire and Maine to hang photographs and biographies of military personnel, who gave their lives serving our country."

Reserve tickets online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.rochesteroperahouse.com>" or call the box office (603) 335-1992, M/W/F from 10-5 and two hours before the show. This show is sponsored by Eastern Propane and Oil, L. Wynn Sound and Foster's Daily Democrat. The Rochester Opera House is located in City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH. Tickets: \$12.



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Tribute to Joni Mitchell

Concord, NH – Blue: The Music of Joni Mitchell will be at the Capitol Center for the Arts on Friday, May 11, at 8PM. Tickets are \$39 and \$33 and can be purchased by calling 603-225-1111, online at www.ccanh.com, and at the box office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Joni Mitchell's exquisitely crafted words and music shine in this intimate, acoustic concert performed by top New York and Nashville musicians. Taking its title from her landmark 1970 album of poetic confessional songs, the concert presents Blue in its entirety, along with many other favorites from her other early albums, including "Song to a Seagull," "Clouds," "Ladies of the Canyon," "For the Roses" and "Court and Spark."

"The Great American Songbook." It's a phrase that's used to refer to the songs of the great composers and lyricists of the first half of the 20th century...a time when writers wrote, and singers sang. But what about the work of the great songwriters of the '60s, '70s and '80s-the singer/songwriters, whose recordings of their own material are etched in our minds as deeply as the songs themselves? Aren't their songs as much a part of the Great American Songbook as those of Gershwin, Berlin and Porter?

This is the question that gave rise to "Cover Stories,"



the thrilling new concert series celebrating the albums that launched the careers of the major singer/songwriters from the late '50s to the present. Blue: the Music of Joni Mitchell captures the spirit of the original recordings while reimagining the songs for new voices. This is no mere "tribute" show.

Leslie Ellis (Lead Vocalist)

Grammy Award winning vocalist Leslie Ellis performs live with music partner and hit songwriter Casey Kelly. Through her career Leslie has sung with many artists, including Celine Dion on "My Heart will Go On" (for which Leslie won the Grammy) and Thomas Dolby on his album Forty (featured on "Hyperactive.") As an actress, Leslie has appeared on television and on Broadway in Cats, La Cage aux Folles and City of Angels.

Jo Williamson (Lead Vocalist)

New York-based singer-songwriter and actress

Jo Williamson writes, sings and performs music in and around the tri-state area. In February 2008, she self-released her well-received debut EP Wake on the Hudson. As an actress, she most recently played one of her heroines, Joan la Pucelle, in Henry the Sixth: Blood and Roses at the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey.

Bob Stillman (Featured Artist)

Possibly the only acoustic singer-songwriter to have starred on Broadway opposite Vanessa Williams (in Kiss of the Spider Woman), Bob has lit up some of New York's best-known stages as writer, musician and actor, most recently on Broadway in the acclaimed Grey Gardens. He's been nominated twice for Tony Awards-first as actor, composer and onstage pianist in Dirty Blonde and later as one of the songwriters for Urban Cowboy: The Musical. TV appearances includes Star Trek: Voyager, Law & Order, Guiding Light and Nickelodeon's Allegra's Window.

Connie James (Featured Vocalist)

Connie James has spent the last 20 years as a club and studio singer in New York. She has also been nominated for a Pixie Award for Best Song/Soundtrack in a Motion Picture for the song "Three Words." A classically trained singer with a degree in music, several years ago Ms. James decided to add acting to her repertoire of talents, landing roles on NBC's Law & Order, Law & Order: Special Victim's Unit and Homicide: Life on the Street.

Tickets are \$39 Orchestra/Mezzanine and \$33 Balcony and can be purchased by calling 603-225-1111, online at www.ccanh.com, and at the box office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Classes/Programs

Summer Youth Programs at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center

HOLDERNESS, N.H. -- Registration is now open for free youth day programs taking place this summer at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness. These programs give youth (boys and girls) age 10-15 the chance to learn about the shooting sports, bowhunting and other outdoor skills. Sessions will be offered in July and August at Owl Brook, which is operated by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Pre-registration is required and will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited -- enrollment is limited to 20 youth per day -- so please register early. To register, call 603-536-3954. There is no charge for the sessions. Each program is hands-on, and all participants will be encouraged to be involved.

Day programs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless otherwise noted, beginning July 10 and ending August 9. Tuesdays will be for youth age 10-12 and Thursdays will be for youth age 13-15. In addition, a girls-only shooting sports day will be offered on Wednesday, August 8, for girls age 10-15.

Another popular offering is a dual Hunter Education



Certification week that will take place on August 14, 15, 16 and 17, during which students have the opportunity to earn both their Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education certifications. Youth ages 12-15 who attend and meet all requirements will receive their Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education Certification card.

Check out the action by viewing a three-minute video about the youth day programs at Owl Brook at http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_center.htm. Participants may register for one or more sessions, which are held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the dates listed below. Bring your own bag lunch.

WEEK 1:

Bowhunting/Archery skills
Tuesday, July 10 - (10-12 year olds)
Thursday, July 12 - (13-15 year olds)

WEEK 2:

Outdoor Skills
Tuesday, July 17 - (10-12 year olds)
Thursday, July 19 - (13-15 year olds)

WEEK 3:

NH Furbearers
Tuesday, July 31 - (10-12 year olds)
Wednesday, August 1 - (13-15 year olds)

WEEK 4:

Shooting Sports
Tuesday, August 7 - (ages 10-12)
Wednesday, August 8 - Girls only (ages 10-15)
Thursday, August 9 - (ages 13-15)

WEEK 5:

Hunter and Bowhunter Education Week
(Certifications issued upon successful completion of week)

August 14, 15, 16, 17 (4-day program -- ages 12-15)

"New Hampshire is still a relatively rural state, but fewer youth are taking advantage of outdoor opportunities," said Tom Flynn, Program manager at Owl Brook. "The Owl Brook Hunter Education Center is here to inspire young people to become involved in the outdoors. These free, skill-based summer workshops are a fun way to help them discover what it's all about."

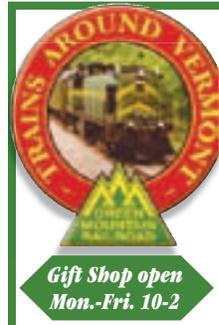
The mission of the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center is to educate individuals in the knowledge, skills,



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Classes/Programs

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New England Wild Flower Society

Framingham, MA – New England Wild Flower Society's Education Department has announced its May 2012 classes, courses, and field trips; and they are searchable/available online, downloadable online, and available by calling the registrar (508-877-7630, ext. 3303). For more information, visit <http://www.newenglandwild.org/learn>. May 2012 Listings – Adult Classes, Gardening, Horticulture, Field Trips in Vermont and New Hampshire

■ Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6-9 p.m., Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wildflowers of New England, Norwich, VT, and field site in Lyman, NH for Saturday session. A great way to begin the study of native plants, this course focuses on learning to identify wild



plants and provides field experience across the spectrum of New England flora. Instructor Chris Matrick, botanist, White Mountain National Forest, NH, will cover plant identification using Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. Students will become familiar with family characteristics, growth patterns, habitats, and pollination mechanisms of many of our native wildflowers. Practice plant identification and study plant habitats in the field. Bring a hand lens to each class. Fee: \$142 (Member) / \$167 (Nonmember). Cosponsored by New England Wild Flower Society and Montshire Museum of Science. Pre-registration is necessary, contact the Registrar at 508-877-7630, ext. 3303.

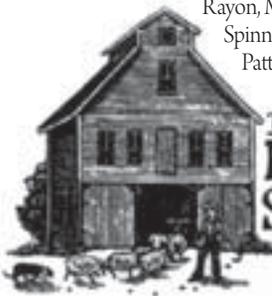
■ Saturday, May 19, 2012, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Landscape

Design for the Natural Garden, Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT. Gardening sensitively with native plants that suit the local landscape has many benefits, both environmental and ecological. Join landscape designer Liz Krieg to explore gardens that utilize indigenous and non-invasive perennials and grasses. These beautiful gardens function as low maintenance, water conserving, and erosion controlling communities. Fee: \$15 (Member) / \$18 (Nonmember). Cosponsored by New England Wild Flower Society and Montshire Museum of Science. Pre-registration is necessary, contact the Registrar at 508-877-7630, ext. 3303.

■ Sunday, May 20, 2012, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Flora Novae Angliae in the Field: Cathedral Ledge, North Conway, NH. Well known to rock climbers and vacationers who enjoy sweeping views of the Saco River Valley from atop its 500-foot granite face, Cathedral Ledge is also a botanical destination. Along the eastern flank of this peak is a rich, rocky slope that supports bountiful spring-ephemeral flora. Travel along the cliff base, identifying violets, sedges, crowfoots, and many others. Look at expanding ferns and learn to identify them by their partially coiled leaves. Summit the small peak and survey the dry cliff-top flora as well. Instructor: Arthur Haines, Research Botanist, New England Wild Flower Society, author of Flora Novae Angliae conducts this intermediate level class, designed for students with a basic understanding of identification and vocabulary who want to further their proficiency. Special challenges can be provided for more advanced students. Bring a copy of the new Flora Novae Angliae if possible. Fee: \$55 (Member) / \$62 (Nonmember). Pre-registration is necessary, contact the Registrar at 508-877-7630, ext. 3303.

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Classes/Programs

Beginning Fly-Fishing class offered

CONCORD, NH - An upcoming workshop offers a chance to learn about the traditional sport of fly-fishing. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" Program is pairing up with the Harris Center for Conservation Education to host "Fly-Fishing A-Z" on Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Harris Center in Hancock, N.H. There is no charge for the class.

To sign up, you must print out and return a registration form, available now on the Fish and Game website at http://www.fishnh.com/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm. Registration forms can also be obtained by emailing aquatic-ed@wildlife.nh.gov or calling Lisa Collins at (603) 271-3212.

Registration forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be received by May 7, 2012. Space in the class is limited. You will be notified if you are registered or have been placed on the waiting list. The class is open to anyone age 13 and over, however those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Designed primarily for first-time fly-anglers, the workshop will cover the basics of equipment, fly casting, stream ecology, knot tying, safety and how to find those "hot spots" along New Hampshire's rivers and lakes. The highlight of the two days will be Sunday, when the class will pull on waders and head out to a local fishing hole to put their newly learned skills to the test! Participants should plan to bring their own or borrowed equipment. A limited number of rods will be available for use; when you register, please indicate if you will need to use Fish and Game equipment.

Over the past ten years, the Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of adults and children to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit <http://www.fishnh.com>.

Registration opens for Bow 'Navigating in the Outdoors' Workshop

Learn how to find your way in the wilderness at a one-day "Beyond BOW" Navigating in the Outdoors Workshop set for Sunday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H.

Participants will learn how to use a compass, read a topographical map and use them together to find their way in the woods. The workshop will also provide an



introduction to a simple hand-held GPS unit. The session will be led by Al and Lorri Menard and Randy Curtis, who are certified Hunter Education and BOW Map & Compass instructors.

A brochure and mail-in registration form are now available at <http://www.nhbow.com>. The cost for the class is \$25, which includes lunch and use of equipment. Participation is first-come, first-served, so sign up right away if you're interested. Women must be 18 years of age or older to take part. Applications will be accepted starting on Monday, April 9, 2012.

"Beyond BOW" courses expand the offerings of the traditional Becoming an Outdoors-Woman fall and winter workshops. These in-depth courses are designed to give women the skills to do the outdoor activity on their own.

New Hampshire's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman programs are co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (<http://www.WildNH.com>) and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation (<http://www.nhwhf.org>).



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Perennials, herbs, and shrubs from local gardens will be available for sale. Visitors can receive expert advice and resources from UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. This event is rain or shine; event programs include: Gardening for the Birds, Butterflies, and Bees, Herb Heaven, Oyster Restoration in Great Bay, Creative Spaces for Growing Vegetables, Coexisting with Critters



in Your Gardens, Soil pH Testing (bring a sample to test), Maintaining Your Lawn Organically, Perennials on Parade: Natives, Newbies and 'Nockouts!, and Invasives to Natives: Making the Transition.

Welcome spring and attend any or all of these fun and educational events. For more information, contact Rockingham County Master Gardeners Gale Rosenberger at eglose@comcast.net or Nell Griffin at nellgrif12@comcast.net. UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. For more information on the UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program, call (603) 679-5616 or visit <http://extension.unh.edu/Agric/AGMastGD.htm>. The Nature Conservancy

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May 19, Peregrine Falcon Festival, 11am-3pm

Manchester: The Amoskeag Fishways presents a special event to celebrate peregrine falcons. The fastest bird in the world lives right here in Manchester. A live falcon will be our guest. Participants will enjoy raptor presentations and community art projects throughout the day. Groups will walk across the bridge to the Brady Sullivan building where an interpretive naturalist will be on hand to assist in spotting our Manchester peregrine falcons. Please bring binoculars if possible. Cost: \$3 per person or \$6 per family. No registration required. Call 626-3474 for more information. www.amoskeagfishways.org

May 4, Finned Friends, 7-8 pm

Manchester: The Amoskeag Fishways presents a family program about fish. Through games and activities, participants will learn about these underwater river creatures. Families will find out which fish live in NH, which don't, and which ones aren't really fish at all! Cost: \$5 per family. Advance registration with payment required. Call 626-3474 for more information.



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May 18, Family Fishstravaganza, 7-8:30 pm

Manchester: The Amoskeag Fishways presents a family program with a fish season tour. Some of our Merrimack River fish travel amazing distances. Families will find out which go the farthest as we play fish games, make a fish craft, and look for migrating fish in our ladder. Cost: \$5 per family. Advance registration with payment required. Call 626-3474 for more information. www.amoskeagfishways.org

May 23, Fin-Tastic Voyage, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Manchester: The Amoskeag Fishways presents a pre school program about some amazing Merrimack River fish.

Children will discover what makes fish special and which fish make a long journey from the ocean to the river each spring, and then look for fish underwater in our fish ladder. Cost: \$5 per family. Advance registration with payment required. Call 626-3474 for more information. www.amoskeagfishways.org

April 30 – June 16, Celebrate the 2012 Fish Season!, 9am – 5pm

Manchester: The Amoskeag Fishways celebrates the 2012 fish migration season April 30th through June 16th. We will be open seven days a week, 9 am-5 pm. The center will be closed Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day. Walk-in visitors are always welcome and guided fish season tours are offered to groups of 10-30 participants. For more information about fish season or to schedule a tour, call 626-FISH. www.amoskeagfishways.org

Start Summer early in the NH Lakes Region

Kick off the season as the weather warms up in central New Hampshire. Fans of the Lakes Region long for May each year. Spring is in full bloom, and the long Memorial Day weekend at the end of the month serves as the unofficial kickoff to summer for residents and visitors alike, according to the travel experts at the New Hampshire Lakes Region Tourism Association.

Attractions begin to open their doors (visit the HYPERLINK "<http://lakesregion.org/SeasonalEvents/tabid/790/Default.aspx>" Seasonal Events page for a full

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Events

list), entertainment venues draw the big-name performers, and boating fans get ready for their first ride across their favorite lake. Temperatures average in the 60s and 70s during the day and cool off into the 30s and 40s at night – but highs in the 80s and even 90s aren't unheard of. Below are a few May event highlights; many others can be found on the LRTA's HYPERLINK "<http://lakesregion.org/CalendarTest/tabid/791/Default.aspx>" Events Calendar on its website:

Moose and Bear Tours: Saturdays May-June. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, 23 Science Center Road, Holderness. Get ready for an evening of watching moose and black bears! Visit hotspots where these animals often roam. Members, \$18; nonmembers, \$22.

"Fork in the Road" Cooking Classes: May 4-6. Manor on Golden Pond, 31 Manor Drive, Holderness. What could be better than learning to cook amazing dishes? How about cooking with craft beer? Experiment with brews while cooking, and learn more about food/beverage pairings. Prices vary with packages.

22nd Vintage Racing Celebration: May 10-13. New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 Route 106 North, Loudon. On May 10-11, watch oval racing with vintage midget, sprint, champ, Indy, modified and stock cars. May 12-13, racing will feature formula and sport cars, as well as motorcycles. Adults, \$10; children, \$5.

Mother's Day Creations: May 12. Beans & Greens Farmstand, 245 Intervale Road, Gilford. Family event; children



can participate in creative activities for Mom and register to win her a prize! \$5.

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch: May 13. M/S Mount Washington, 211 Lakeside Ave., Weirs Beach. Get ready for the first cruise of the season, and celebrate with a champagne brunch. Cruises depart at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Weirs Beach. Adults, \$39; children 5-12, \$19; children younger than 5, free.

Mother's Day: May 13. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, 23 Science Center Road, Holderness. Mothers enjoy free admission to the Gephart Exhibit Trail with another paid admission.

Days of Peace and Harmony: May 16-20. Canterbury

Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. Drepung Gomang monks visit the village in preparation for opening day on May 20. Participate in stone painting, watch a Snow Lion Dance and more. Donations appreciated for monastery fundraiser.

New Hampshire Restaurant Week: May 18-25. Throughout the Lakes Region. Dine at some of the Lakes Region's favorite restaurants for lunch and dinner with three-course prix fixe specials. Participating restaurants include the 104 Diner, Cactus Jack's, Camp, Canoe, Common Man, Corner House Inn, Foster's Boiler Room, Fratello's Italian Grille, Giuseppe's Showtime Pizzeria, Hart's Turkey Farm, Homestead Restaurant, Inn on Newfound Lake, Italian Farmhouse, Lago, Lakehouse, Manor on Golden Pond, O Steaks & Seafood, Patrick's Pub & Eatery, Shibley's at the Pier, T-BONES, Tilt'n Diner and Wolfe's Tavern. Three tiers of price points available.

The LRTA also regularly promotes a number of discounts from its members to visitors, making it even more enticing to spend time in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Visit the LRTA's website for more information on HYPERLINK "<http://lakesregion.org/RegionalInfo/TravelPackages-Deals/tabid/71/Default.aspx>" Travel Packages and DealsFor more information or visitors guides, visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.LakesRegion.org>" LakesRegion.org. The Lakes Region can also be found on HYPERLINK "<http://www.facebook.com/nhlakesregion>" Facebook, HYPERLINK "<http://www.twitter.com/lakesregionnh>" Twitter and HYPERLINK "<http://pinterest.com/nhlakesregion/>" Pinterest. The LRTA office is at Exit 20 on Route 3 in Tilton, and it can be reached by calling (800) 60-LAKES.



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Contra Dance in Nelson NH on Saturday May 12

The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Nelson Second Saturday Contra Dance on May 12th, featuring Nils Fredland calling with Jane Orzechowski and Bob McQuillen. Nils Fredland has been making music, leading dances, and bringing people together for 20 years as a teacher; singer; instrumentalist; contra, square, and community dance leader; and workshop leader. He shares his skill, charisma, grace and goofiness with contra dancers coast to coast every weekend. He is known for his technical skill, disarming friendliness, comfortable stage presence, and soothing voice.

In 1997, Bob McQuillen received the Governors Arts Award in Living Folk Heritage from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. In 2003, he received a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, our nation's highest honor for a traditional artist. He has received several Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grants to teach young musicians to follow in his footsteps in preserving contra dance music in New Hampshire. Bob is joined by Jane Orzechowski on fiddle who was part of the delegation representing New Hampshire at the 1999 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC.



Dancing begins at 8:00 PM, with a short workshop beforehand. Beginners and singles are welcome and all dances are taught throughout the evening. Admission is \$8 or \$6 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town Hall in Nelson, NH. For more information call 603.762.0235 or visit www.monadnockfolk.org. The Monadnock Folklore Society has presented contra dances and concerts of traditional music since 1982.

2012 NHTA Tow and Trade Show

Enjoy the family fun and events at the 2008 NHTA Tow and Trade Show on May 19 starting at 9 a.m. Returning to Hampton Beach State Park. This popular event features a huge parade of trucks, vendors, a rodeo competition, food raffles, and family oriented activities.

For information on the NHTA family Tow and Trade Show, call (603) 863-4206, or visit nhtowingassociation.org. 1 Ocean Blvd, State Park, Hampton Beach, NH. Phone: 603-863-4206. Email: newhamshireta@comcast.net. Website: www.hamptonbeach.org

Art In Action May 5-6

Art in Action returns to Mack's Apple Farm Stand, 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to the public this free event features 26 artists returning to Mack's demonstrating their creative process in Oil, Acrylic, Pastel, Water Color, Pen and Ink and Colored Pencil.

Toast to the Coast

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Settlers' Green welcomes Waterford-Wedgwood-Royal Doulton

North Conway, NH – Settlers' Green Outlet Village expands their growing luxury brand tenant mix with the addition of the Waterford-Wedgwood-Royal Doulton Company Store. WWRD US, LLC, is a leading manufacturer of famous home and lifestyle products including Royal Albert, Johnson Brothers, Franciscan and Waterford, Royal Doulton and Wedgwood. Waterford started manufacturing their famous Irish crystal in 1783. Wedgwood, the English company started in 1759, produces exquisite ceramic pieces including dinner ware that is quintessentially English and widely acknowledged



as "timeless, elegant, classic and understated," according to the company website. Their products are collected by generations of consumers and a recent partnership with Vera Wang and Jasper Conran assures the development of contemporary pieces that appeal to a younger consumer. Royal Doulton is synonymous with the finest English china ever made. The company was established in 1815 by John Doulton. The brands are sold worldwide through premium department and specialty stores and include a vast product range of dishes, stemware, serving pieces and more in a full spectrum of price ranges.

The company currently operates nine factory outlet company stores and their expansion into New Hampshire

includes Settlers' Green Outlet Village and the new Merrimack Center. The Settlers' Green store will open in late Spring in approximately 3000 square feet and located next to the Stonewall Kitchen store in the newly renovated south courtyard. The Waterford-Wedgwood-Royal Doulton Company Store joins a collection of upscale, name brand outlet retailers including Coach, Timberline, J. Crew, Brooks Brothers and Chico's.

Settlers' Green Outlet Village and Settlers' Crossing are operated by O.V.P. Management, Inc., based in Newton, Massachusetts, the company has developed over a half million square feet of retail shopping, restaurant and service centers in North Conway. For leasing information please contact Robert M. Barsamian at 617-965-9700.

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Something completely new at Canterbury Shaker Village

Canterbury, NH – Something new is coming to Canterbury Shaker Village. A revival of sorts, or perhaps more accurately, a rethink. Canterbury Shaker Village is a site steeped in history, and a wave of brand new events and workshops starting this spring seeks to tie that history to the present. The rethink begins May 16 with a four-day visit to the Village, of the Drepung Gomang Monks of India. This special event includes a comparative discussion of Buddhist and Shaker values, the building of a large sand mandala, and a yoga class for a select number of registrants. The melding and merging of traditions continues June 2 and 3 with the Traditional Arts Weekend, a weekend of hands-on workshops in a variety of traditional arts as practiced by modern craftspeople. And that's just the beginning.

The Shakers were an industrious community, known as innovators, so it seemed necessary in the mind of Executive Director Funi Burdick, to enliven the village this season with some modern twists on their cherished traditions. Canterbury Shaker Village is a treasured historical site in the state of NH, bringing a stream of



visitors of all ages, every year, to explore and learn about the Shakers as they lived. Preserved buildings and tour guides demonstrate the daily lives of the Shakers, a denomination which stuck close to its ideals. But with innovation at the heart of the Shaker tradition, it was important to honor that principle in the present day.

The visit of the Drepung Gomang Monks represents an exciting opportunity to comparatively explore shared principles and participate in something truly unique. The Traditional Arts Weekend offers a roster of diverse experiences for all levels – beginners as well as more experienced learners are welcome. Workshops for that weekend include the “Collaborations with Nature” woodworking intensive with master furniture-maker Jon Brooks, “Discovering The Artist Within You”, a songwriting workshop with Berklee School of Music instructor Vinx, “Exploring a Traditional Craft In A Modern Way”, modern twists on textile arts with Merrill Comeau, letterpress basics with Jim MacNab, and many more including quilting, needle-felting, and bee-keeping.

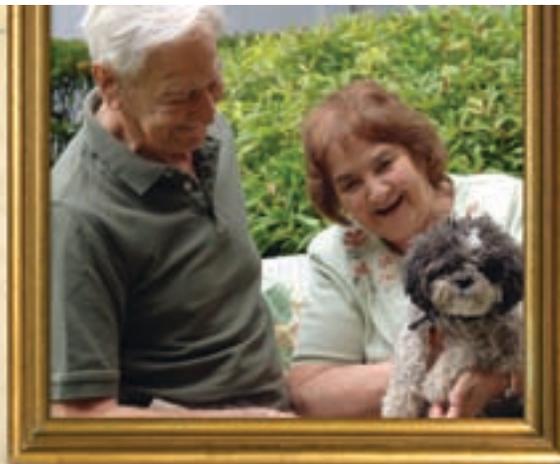
The offerings this season embody Shaker values in a modern, living way. More information about the upcoming season of events and workshops at Canterbury Shaker Village can be found at the Village website, shakers.org or by calling (603) 783-9511 x230.

Northern Tire Mud Run and Smoke Show

Jump start your summer by attending the Mud Run and Smoke show on May 26 starting at 10 a.m. Who will need a tow out? The mud pit will be dug out, filled with fresh screened mud and ready for the mud run. A ‘Northern Tire Mud Run’ is when the 4x4s big and small try to make it all the way through the mud pit! Be prepared if you

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Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum opens Contemporary Art Gallery

First Exhibit to Feature Native American Regalia

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is pleased to announce a new exhibit, "Aln8baw8zow8ganal (al-non-ba-won-zo-won-gan-al): Splendid Clothes, Splendid Traditions" in our new Contemporary Art Gallery this coming season. Aln8baw8zow8ganal is the Abenaki word for the traditionally-made clothing we call regalia; literally translated as Indian clothes. The exhibit will feature regalia and accessories by artists Monica Alexander, Rhonda Besaw, Natalie Holt Breen, Andy Bullock, Chris Bullock, Liz Charlebois, and Darryl Peasley. Regalia also feature in painting and photographic media through the works of Tammy Bucchino, Annie Holt and Pam Tarbell.



The Wabanaki beaded hood is by Andy Bullock.

This is the inaugural exhibit of our Contemporary Art Gallery. We created this gallery in response to a request by

basketmaker Bill Gould and craftsman Darryl Peasley. They asked director Lynn Clark if MKIM could provide a place for local artists to display high quality, locally-produced art.

Curator Nancy Jo Chabot and director Clark recognized that visitors and artists alike would benefit from displays of current works.

The theme of regalia suggested itself as artists showed their work to Chabot. Making and wearing regalia is a highly visible way of communicating identity and of connecting to tradition. It is not surprising then that many Native-themed arts revolve around regalia.

Aln8baw8zow8ganal: Splendid Clothes, Splendid Traditions is open from May 1 through July 15. Many of the pieces will be for sale. Admission to the Contemporary Art Gallery is free. Admission to the rest of the museum is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and students, \$6.50 for children ages 6-12 with a family maximum of \$26. Admission is free for members.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum was founded in 1990 by Charles "Bud" and Nancy Thompson as an educational and cultural center to connect visitors with Native American culture, past and present, and to encourage respect for our environment.

The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum seeks to challenge all of us to improve the quality of our lives and our world. The museum is open daily May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on weekends November through mid-December. See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: [HYPERLINK "http://www.indianmuseum.org"](http://www.indianmuseum.org)

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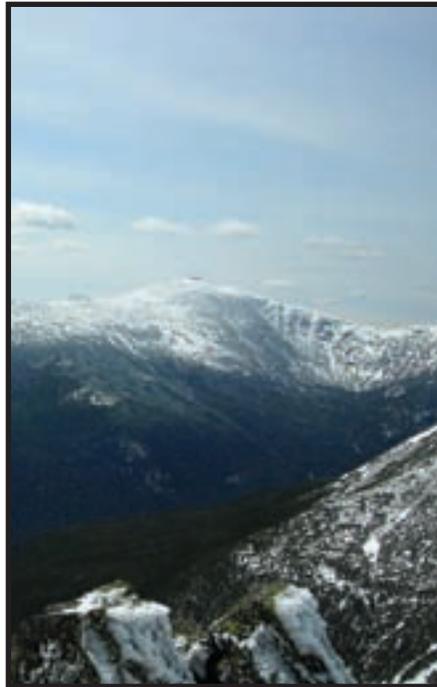
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Mount Sunapee Mountain Mucker Race

A 5K obstacle race on May 19 starting at 9 a.m. on Mount Sunapee featuring 14 obstacles for competitors age 16 or older. It's a weekend festival featuring live music, food & beverage and activities and entertainment for the whole family. Mini-Mucker and Mico-Mucker for kids ages 5-13. To register and for more information visit www.themountainmucker.com. Event Fee: \$15.95. 1398 Route 103, Newbury, NH. Phone: 603-763-3500. Email: info@mtsunapee.com. Website: www.mountsunapee.com.

The Fort at No. 4 Living History Museum opens

The Fort at No. 4 Living History Museum opens it's 18th Century Fortified Village May 12 starting at 10 a.m. Visit the various homes within the village and engage in period games. View period cooking, baking, spinning, sewing, artillery and musket demonstrations. Event Fee: Children under 5 - \$0; Youths 5-12 - \$7; Adults - \$10; Seniors 55 and above - \$7. 267 Springfield Road (NH RT 11) Charlestown, NH. Phone: 603-826-5700. Email: info@fortat4.com. Website: <http://www.fortat4.org>



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Alton Weagle Day May 26

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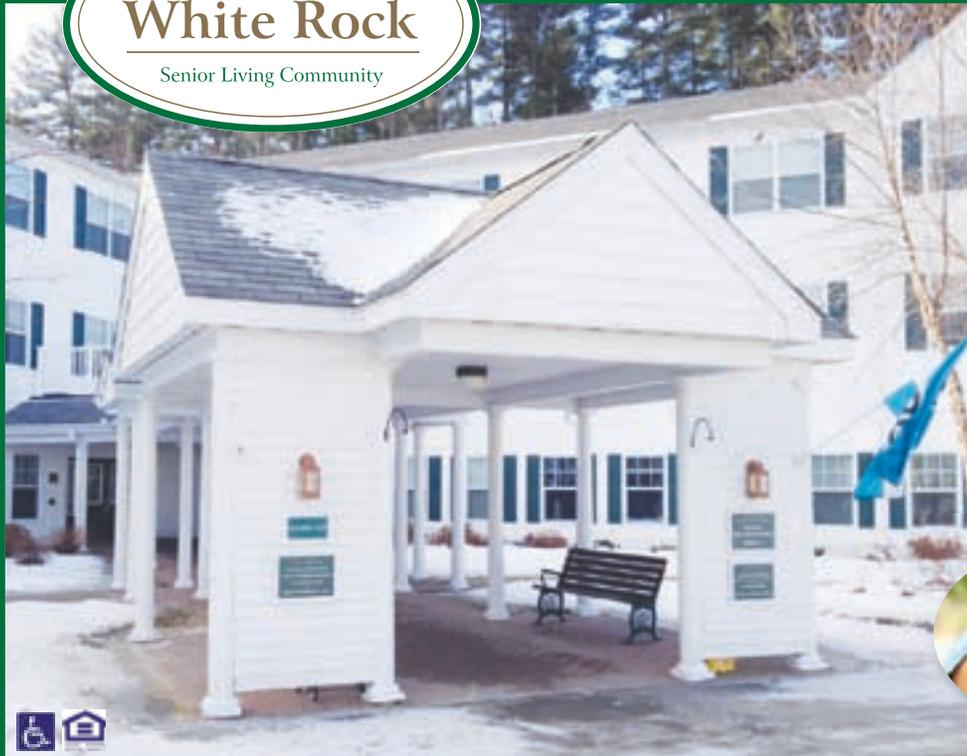
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