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Local Farms & Farmers Markets

Milford's Winter Farmers' Market kicks off its second season on Saturday, October 20th

As the Milford Farmers' Market closes out its 35th Summer season on October 13th at Granite Town Plaza, it will immediately launch its Winter Market on Saturday, October 20th in the Milford Town Hall Auditorium from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Hoping to build on the success of last year's inaugural market, organizers are working closely with the Milford Improvement Team and St. Joseph's Hospital to enable a diversity of local produce, quality food products and to especially emphasize the importance of a healthy life style.

Over a dozen vendors will be able to provide an array of products from produce, baked goods, meats including chicken, pork, beef and elk , together with goat products including milk, cheeses and soap.

Several vendors will also offer additional products such as cider, jams & jellies, maple syrup and honey.

Of special interest, with the upcoming Holiday Season, will be premium Alpaca wools and fleeces.

To enhance the shopping experience, local area musicians will be preforming and this year a small listening area with chairs and tables to entice everyone to relax and enjoy the music.

The Milford Winter Farmers' Market will be held on the first and third Saturday of each month from October through April 6th. EBT (SNAP), VISA and MASTER CARD are accepted by select vendors.

For more information contact : WWW. milfordnhfarmersmarket.com

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For the Foodie

Thanksgiving Weekend Gingerbread Houses

11/24/2012(11:30AM)

Learn to decorate a professional looking gingerbread cottage! Work on your own or with a group, and choose from freshly made colored icing, candies and other various landscaping material for your unique house. Eat your creation or take it home to use as a splendid, homemade holiday decoration! Event Fee: $35 per Group. Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH. Phone: 603-783-9077
Email: lhenderson@shakers.org
Website: www.shakers.org

Get Ready for the Holidays

11/16/2012 (11:00AM)

Our annual food and wine weekend is a fun way to get a jump on—and in the mood for--the holidays. Join us for two nights at the Inn. On Saturday after breakfast, we'll get you ready for entertaining with cooking demonstrations of party appetizers at a local inn. Then spend the afternoon shopping (tax free, of course) for unique holiday gifts at our local shops, galleries and outlet stores – we'll even give you coupons to make it easier. Finish your day with a fabulous four-course dinner paired with different wines. We'll have our innkeepers join you at dinner to answer any questions you may have about the carefully chosen wines.

We'll send you home with lots of new holiday entertaining ideas and recipes plus a special gift to ensure you're "ready for the holidays". Event Fee: Two night package: $368 to $448 per couple. 322 Route 16A, Intervale, NH 03845. Phone: 603-356-9772.
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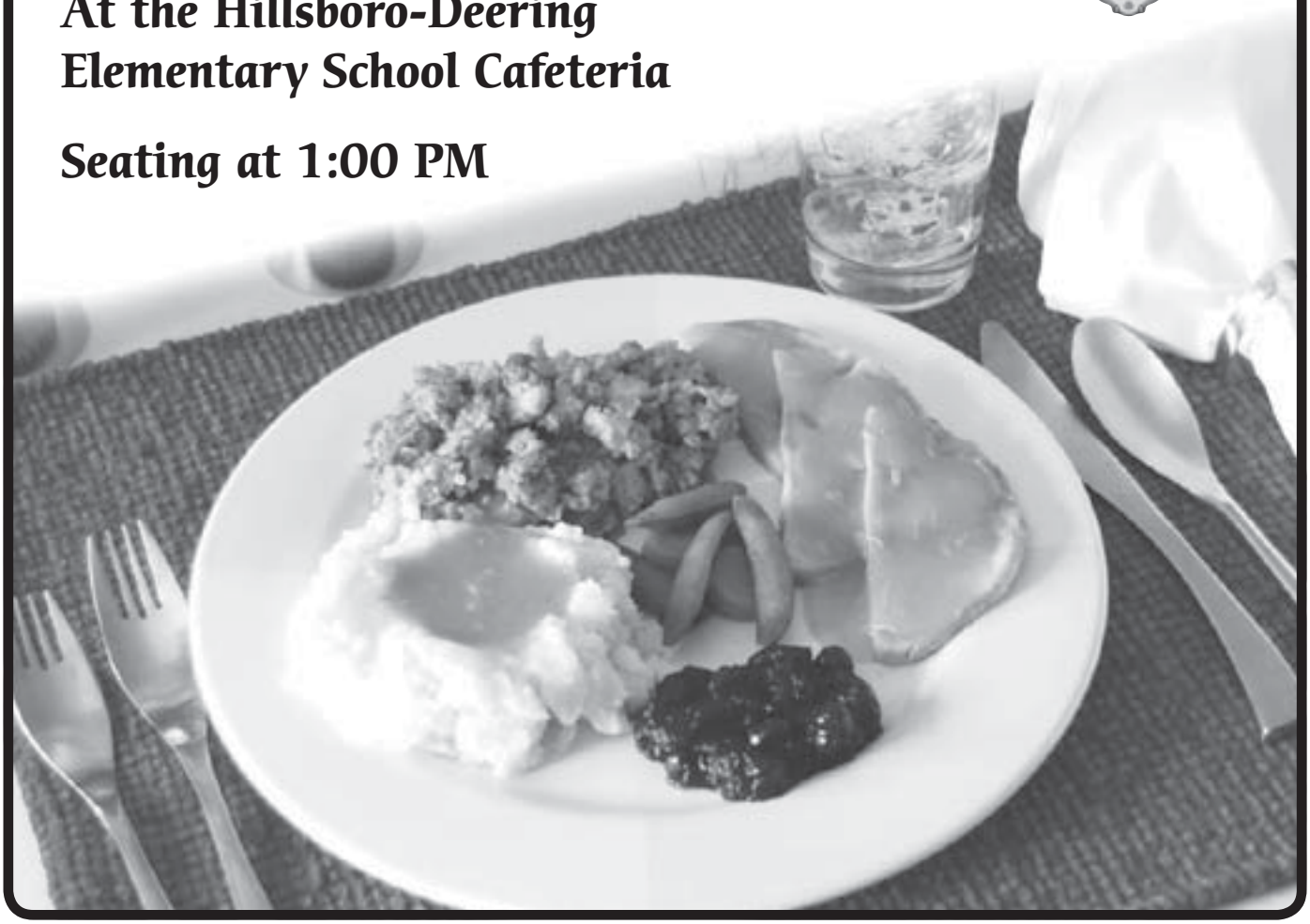

For the Holidays

"Fez"tival of Trees

11/17/2012 (10:00AM)

CONCORD - Fun for All Ages, the 12th Annual "Fez"-tival is an extravaganza of fully decorated, artificial trees decorated in a Christmas or other theme. All trees are beautifully lit for the enjoyment of the viewers who will come to participate in the associated festivities and purchase chances to win the trees. Throughout the event there will be refreshments, silent auction items to bid on, gift shop, and visits from Santa, offering an enjoyable event for everyone. Event Fee: Adults-$5; Seniors-$4; Children 12 and under-FREE (Group rates available). 189 Pembroke Rd., Concord, NH. Phone: 603-225-5372.
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Winter Holiday Stroll

11/24/2012 (5:00PM)

NASHUA - Each year, close to 30,000 people from across New England visit downtown Nashua to enjoy this FREE holiday event. The evening kicks off with a procession from City Hall to Railroad Square where the City's official Christmas tree is lit. Much of the downtown is closed to traffic for the evening, allowing Strollers to enjoy the live entertainment, sample offerings from street vendors, dine in downtown's fine restaurants and do holiday shopping at our unique specialty shops and boutiques. Main Street, Nashua, NH. Phone: 603-883-5700. Email: info@greatamericandowntown.org. Website: http://downtownnashua.org/winter-holiday-stroll-2012/

A Franklin Pierce Christmas

11/3/2012(10:00AM)

Decorators, designers, antique dealers & artisans deck the halls of the President's 1804 Homestead. Tours, history, decorating, ideas and shopping for gifts. NH Open Doors, A Statewide Shopping and Touring Event, is supported by League of NH Craftsmen, NH Dept. of Cultural Resources, NH Art Association and VisitNH.Gov. Event Fee: $20.00 per person. 301 2nd NH Turnpike
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Christmas Tree Farms

Bet You Can't Just Buy One...Christmas Tree

When One Christmas Tree Just Isn't Enough

Gone are the days when consumers were content with celebrating the holidays with just one Christmas tree as their festive focal point. Increasingly, consumers are choosing to purchase multiple Christmas trees, both real and artificial, to decorate more than one room in their home as well as their outdoor spaces.

According to the American Christmas Tree Association (ACTA), the trend this season will find consumers choosing different sizes, shapes and colors of Christmas trees, both traditional and non-traditional, as more than a place to put the Christmas gifts. "We're finding that the many Christmas tree options available to consumers today are being utilized more and more as holiday decorative accents, such as wreaths, swags and garlands," said Jami Warner, Executive Director of the American Christmas Tree Association.

"The two-plus tree household is evidence that the family Christmas tree has evolved into a design feature, both indoor and out, rather than the main traditional decoration during the holiday season," said Warner."Because Christmas trees are available in so many different styles that can fit into any space and any budget, there's really no obstacle to buying a different Christmas tree for every room in the house, as well as the front and back yards," said Warner.

Leading retailers have reported their customers are tending to buy more than one tree, with their research suggesting that the second, smaller one is

being bought for children's bedrooms, giving parents and their children an opportunity to express themselves during the holidays with their own style.

American Christmas Tree Association

Trees for Troops

For many years, Christmas tree growers have been providing free trees for charitable purposes. In 2005, the National Christmas Tree Association developed the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to advance the spirit of Christmas. The foundation quickly developed plans for a national program that could unify the individual programs of tree growers and state Christmas tree associations. FedEx became involved as the inkind sponsor – and the Trees for Troops program was born. Trees for Troops provides Real Christmas Trees to armed forces members and their families in the U.S. and stationed overseas. To date, more than 103,000 trees have been donated and provided to troops and military families, and FedEx has provided the in-kind service of shipping these trees while logging more than 291,600 miles.

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At The Rocks Estate, it always feels like the holidays!

BETHLEHEM, N.H. - The Rocks Estate, with its neat rows of Christmas trees and spectacular views of the White Mountains, gets visitors into the holiday spirit like no place else. This year The Rocks has added a few new twists to its tried and true holiday favorites.

For decades The Rocks has offered fragrant farm fresh Christmas trees and beautiful handcrafted wreaths. The Christmas tree farm, owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, also strives to keep things fresh by introducing new holiday ideas each season.

"Each year we try to bring something new to Christmas, while holding onto the traditions that people expect when they come to experience the season at the farm," said longtime Rocks Estate manger Nigel Manley. Over the years, Manley and his staff have added new features to create an atmosphere of fun and festivity around choosing a Christmas tree. Visitors to the Christmas tree farm are invited to enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride through the picturesque estate and visit with The Rocks' own "Green Santa," who presents each child with a fir tree seedling.

The more adventuresome visitors may try a dogsled ride courtesy of the dogs from Muddy Paw Kennel in Jefferson. Those looking for the perfect gift or a one-of-a-kind ornament will find plenty of options at the new Rocks Estate Market Place, introduced last winter and featuring unique offerings from dozens of New Hampshire artisans.

New this year, The Rocks has added Canaan Firs to its traditional Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir Christmas trees. Guests may cut their own tree from the extensive fields around the estate, or choose a fresh-cut tree in the lot. Families visiting The Rocks this holiday season will also find a large birch deer – made of birch logs and nature's other offerings – which makes a perfect perch for children for a family photo.

Among the beautiful holiday wreaths, handcrafted right at The Rocks, are a Chris Moose wreath decorated with cones, canella berries, statice flowers and a whimsical stuffed moose. The Christmas Star wreath is adorned with pepper berries and statice. A limited Trees For Troops wreath features a stuffed bear in military fatigues and dog tags, with proceeds benefitting the Trees For Troops program, which delivers thousands of trees each Christmas to military service members and their families.

The Rocks Estate opens for the Christmas tree season Nov. 17 and will remain open every day from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Wagon rides and dog sled tours are offered Nov. 17, 23, 24, 25, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15. Reservations are recommended for both. The Rocks' Green Santa will be at the farm each Saturday, joined most days by a family of beautiful and friendly Bernese Mountain dogs.

Owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the landmark 1,400-acre Rocks Estate includes numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, extensive walking paths, and 45 acres planted with Christmas trees.For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.therocks.org.

For the Holidays

14th Annual Festival of Trees set for Nov. 29, 2012

EXETER - The Festival of Trees (FOT) Committee is gearing up for its 14 th Annual Fundraiser which will take place during the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce Open House. This year's event will be held on Thursday, November 29th at the Exeter Town Hall from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The festival, which includes a silent auction of more than 50 decorated trees (plus a Raffle Tree filled with gift certificates) and Mrs. Claus' Cookie Room, will be opento the public and admission is free.

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees are donated to the Chamber Children's Fund, which provides warm clothing vouchers to children in need who live in the local areas of Brentwood, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Kensington, Kingston, Newfields, Newmarket, Raymond and Stratham. Over the past fourteen years, the FOT Committee has raised $250,000 to benefit the fund. Last year, over 50 trees were donated, decorated and displayed for the silent auction.

Exeter's annual Festival of Trees not only lights up the Town Hall every year, but touches many people in

the community who come together to create beautiful trees, enjoy the evening's festivities and offer hope and light for children and families in the surrounding communities. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Festival of Trees or in decorating a tree, can contact the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce at 772-2411.

The Festival of Trees Committee recently held its Kick-off Meeting to organize letters to tree decorators, prepare lists of tree donors and decide donation and underwriting categories. Many decorators have already signed up for this year's event but committee members want to emphasize that space is limited and the 50 available slots are filling rapidly. The registration fee is $60 plus the cost of decorations. The deadline for decorators is Monday Oct. 15, 2012.

Historic Thanksgiving Signature Event

11/10/2012(1:00PM)

TAMWORTH - Spend the afternoon watching and learning about outdoor Colonial cooking and 19th-century open-hearth cooking and savor samples of delicious seasonal foods. Enjoy tractor wagon rides, cider pressing, crafts & games, and learn the history of Thanksgiving through historic exhibits and shop in our Museum store for Remick-made products and baked goods. Event Fee: $5 per person age 4 & over; member discounts. 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Remick Museum, Tamworth, NH

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Santa to arrive by Dog Team, Tree Lighting, and Fireworks

Waterville Valley Resort, NH -- On Saturday, November 24, Santa Claus is coming to town, but this time is leaving he reindeer at the North Pole. For the 22nd year in a row, Santa will make an arrival by Dog Team at the Town Square in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire.

Pulled by a team of Alaskan sled dogs, Santa and his elves will arrive in Town Square at 3:30 p.m. Visits with Santa will be offered in the Nordic Center in Town Square after the dogs are safely unharnessed, and will continue until Santa sees each and every child. Each child will receive a small gift and candy from Santa and his elves. For a suggested donation of $5 per child, photo opportunities with Santa will be available. All proceeds will be donated to the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth, NH. Visit www.wholevillage.net for more information.

At 7:00 p.m. Santa will light the tree in the courtyard in Town Square, signaling the annual fireworks display over Corcoran's Pond. Shops and restaurants in the Town Square will be open during the event.

Various people and organizations are donating time and resources to support this event, including musher Lidia Dale-Mesaros, the Waterville Valley Public Safety Department, Whole Village Family Resource Center, the merchants of Waterville Valley Town Square, and Santa Claus.

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Thanksgiving Celebration

11/23/2012 (12:00AM)

Kick off the 2012/13 ski and snowboard season at Bretton Woods! Friday evening will feature our annual screening of Warren Miller's 63rd annual feature film. Don't forget about all the great prizes from Omni Mount Washington Resort's very own TreeTop Sports. Saturday will bring great skiing, music, food, and of course our annual Homecoming Brew Tasting! 99 Ski Area Rd., Bretton Woods, NH. Phone: 800-258-0330 Email: resortinfo@mountwashingtonresort.com Website: http://brettonwoods.com/activities/event

For the Holidays

Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour

11/24/2012 (11:00PM)

JACKSON - Nestlenook Estate and the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to make your reservations early for the Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour. Named one of the 5 "Tasty Tours of New England" by the Concord Insider "Engage all your senses". This Horse Drawn Austrian Sleigh Ride through the Village of Jackson is so popular that each year it sells completely out. We recommend you book early to assure your chance to attend. Just call a lodging member listed on our website www.JacksonNH.com book your stay and let them secure your seats today. Reservations are reserved for visitors staying in one of Jackson New Hampshire's premiere properties. Reservations will open to the general public October 10th. Upon arrival at Nestlenook Estate you will be presented with your Jingle Bell, your first Chocolate Treasure and a Christmas Goodie Bag that you can store any Chocolate Treasures you do not eat along the way. You will Board the Sleigh and begin your special journey through Jackson Village stopping at the Inn at Jackson, the Chamber of Commerce, The Wentworth, An Elegant Country Inn, J-Town Deli & Country Store, The Thompson House Eatery, the Snowflake Inn, Flossie's General Store and returning you to Nestlenook Estate. As you approach each stop you ring your Jingle Bells and the owner or a representative of the hosting property will meet your sleigh, tell you about themselves and the decadent Chocolate Treasure they are about to gift you. The 2011 Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour Recipe Book will be on sale again this year... back by popular demand. Tickets for Adults and Children are $25. Children under 2 sitting on mom or dad's lap not receiving Chocolate Treasures ride free. Call the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce any time after October 10th to make your reservations before it is to late... 603-383-9356 or prior to October 10th call any of our lodging members, book your stay and let them

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Santa party

11/23/2012 (1:30PM)

LITTLETON - After starring in the 26th Annual Christmas Parade on November 23rd, Santa will hop on his reindeer and stop at the Littleton Opera House on his way back to the North Pole to read one of his favorite Christmas stories to the audience. All the good little boys and girls in the area are welcome to sit and listen to Santa read his story. Afterwards, children may play games, have their picture taken with Santa and tell him what they would like for Christmas. 2 Union Street, Littleton, NH. Phone: 603-444-6561
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Ringing in the Holidays

11/17/2012(10:00AM)

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For the Holidays

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and The Hampton Christmas Parade 2012 planning season has begun

HAMPTON - Kick off the holidays on Friday November 30th when the Hampton Recreation & Parks Department "lights up" the streets of Downtown Hampton. Beginning at 6:30 PM, everyone will be able to enjoy a variety of refreshments, entertainment, horse drawn hayrides and caroling. This is a perfect night to gather with friends and families around the Gazebo to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

On Saturday, December 1st, beginning at 1 PM the Annual Christmas Parade with many floats, bands and entertainers will be marching through Downtown Hampton. Experience Hampton, a local community group organized to create and support events that show Hampton to be a great place to live, is hard at work encouraging even more participation in this year's parade.

Ginni McNamara, Hampton Christmas Parade Chairman and Dyana Martin, Director Hampton Recreation and Parks Department.

"SEA the Miracles" was selected as the 2012 theme in honor of our lovely seacoast. Individuals and organizations will soon be busy designing floats and deciding how best to portray this theme while capturing the spirit of Christmas.

Parade committee members are working hard on Parade logistics so that everyone can enjoy watching their friends, neighbors and perhaps a celebrity or two march down Lafayette Road. Applications for parade participation with complete details will soon be available for an early registration. Please check the Experience Hampton website, www.experiencehamptonnh.org and our Facebook page to read about Parade progress.

Gift In Hand at Canterbury Shaker Village Showcases Handmade Wares

CANTERBURY – Special seasons require special gifts, and Canterbury Shaker Village will be plush with unique handmade items for Gift In Hand, the Village's annual three-day artisan show and sale. Gift In Hand takes place in the historic North Shop of Canterbury Shaker Village, and runs from 10am to 4pm at the Village on November 9-11, 2012. Admission is to the event is free. Contact the Village at (603) 783-9077 x230 with questions.

Gift In Hand is a gifting-focused shopping event featuring unique, handcrafted gifts created by some of the area's most talented artists in a wide range of mediums. Represented media include textiles, stuffed animals, woodworking,