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Keene State College's 'An Evening of Dance' April 20 through April 23

A specially commissioned dance by New York choreographer Yanira Castro will premiere along with three new works by Keene State College faculty during An Evening of Dance presented by the Keene State Department of Theatre and Dance. This annual modern dance concert of original works will be performed by the talented and always engaging Keene State dancers on Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre of the Redfern Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for senior citizens and children, and \$6 for KSC students. For tickets, contact the Redfern Box Office, open Monday to Friday noon to 6 p.m., call 603-358-2168, or order online at

keene.edu/arts/redfern.

An Evening of Dance, directed by KSC Dance Pro-gram Director Marcia Murdock, offers nine new modern dance pieces by guest artists, faculty, and students that burst with the creative energy of Keene State's vibrant dance community.

This year's concert features the premiere of 7 Dancers + Curtain by Yanira Castro, the 2015-16 choreographer-in-residence for the KSC Theatre and Dance Department. This dance is based on material from Court/Garden, a full evening length multi-media dance performance inspired by the Imperial ballets of Louis XIV's French Court. 7 Dancers + Curtain will be performed by an ensemble of seven KSC dance students who have been working with Castro throughout the academic year. Music is by composer Stephan Moore, the same person who wrote the music for Court/Garden. Castro, a Puerto-Rican born and Brooklyn-based director and choreographer, formed the collaborative group, a canary torsi in 2009.

An Evening of Dance was created in 1975 by the late Alta Lu Towne, an English Department lecturer, who also taught dance classes, and went on to develop the college's dance program. This annual celebration of



original modern dance choreography continues 41 years later under the leadership of Dance Program Director Marcia Murdock assisted by Dance Professor William Seigh. Both Murdock and Seigh will premiere new works during the concert.

Marcia Murdock's new dance Matter of Balance is a reworking of a quartet she choreographed with students in a Modern V class 26 years ago. She was inspired to revisit this work when one of those students, Paul Besaw '88 now director of the University of Vermont Dance Program, asked if he might place the piece on his dancers. KSC Music Professor Christopher Swist's original music Duality will be performed live by faculty violinist Marcia Lehninger as the quintet of dancers explores the balance for which each dancer is ever striving.

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Protecting Special Places in the North Atlantic dinner lecture

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Robbie Lamb, a marine ecology PhD candidate and diver with the Witman Lab at Brown University will join Dr. Priscilla Brooks of Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) to discuss these ecological wonders.

Cashes Ledge is an underwater mountain range located approximately 80 miles off the coast of Cape Ann. Home to the largest coldwater kelp forest along the Atlantic seaboard, many marine species benefit from the safe haven that Cashes Ledge's rocky crevasses and forest of kelp provide. The recovering Atlantic cod is found here, and an abundance of other fish provide steady feeding sources for whales, sharks, seabirds, and more.

The New England Canyons and Seamounts are located approximately 150 miles off the coast of Cape Cod. Five undersea canyons – some deeper than the Grand Canyon – and four underwater mountains, or "seamounts," make up a unique geographical wonder, home to diverse marine wildlife and vivid corals (some of which take



centuries to grow). New and rare species are discovered here upon every expedition.

CLF is leading a national coalition working together to permanently protect these fascinating, beautiful, and important places, with the goal of convincing the Obama Administration to designate these areas as the first Marine National Monuments in the Atlantic before the end of the president's term. The cost is \$50 for members of the

Seacoast Science Center; \$60 non-members, and includes a fine catered dinner, beverages, and the presentation, thanks to event sponsors Appledore Marine Engineering, Liberty Lane Catering, and Smuttynose Brewing Company.

Kindly reserve your seats online by April 3rd at www.seacoastsciencecenter.org. For more information call 603-436-8043. The Seacoast Science Center is at 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, NH

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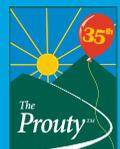
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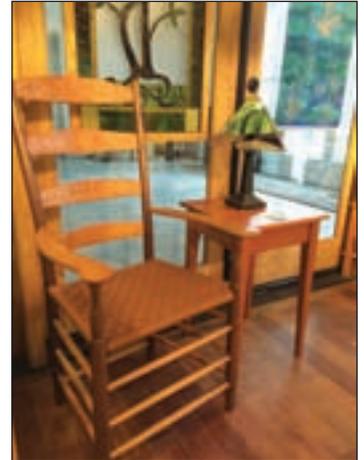
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The Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters hosts Fine Craft Exhibition

The League of NH Craftsmen is showcasing the work of its newly juried members in the Continuing the Tradition fine craft exhibition at The Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters on 49 South Main Street in Concord from April 1 through June 17. (A list of participants appears at the end of this release). All the participants have met the League's stringent jury standards for skill and creativity. A wide range of media is represented, such as metal jewelry, felted wool animals and hooked rugs, stoneware bowls and platters, stained glass art, woodblock prints, Shaker-inspired furniture, curved baskets, and much more. An opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with the participating exhibitors, is scheduled for Friday, April 1 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays, during the exhibition, 10 am to 4 pm.



"Our new juried members bring their fresh creative visions and ideas, which keeps the League vital and strong. This exhibition gives us an opportunity to introduce these skilled craftspeople and their work to the public," said Jane Oneail, executive director of the League of NH Craftsmen.



The Grodin Permanent Collection Museum: Visitors to the Continuing the Tradition exhibition can also enjoy the fine craft displayed in the League's Grodin Permanent Collection Museum. The Permanent Collection features craft from the League's early years to the present, including pieces made by some of the world's renowned craftspeople, such as Otto and Vivika Heino and Edwin and Mary Scheier. The museum provides fascinating insights into the evolution of fine craft and should not be missed. Admission to the museum is free. For more information about the current exhibitions, the Gallery, or the League of NH Craftsmen, call 603-224-3375, email nhleague@nhcrafts.org, or visit the League's website at www.nhcrafts.org.



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Events for All Things Spring in Mt Washington Valley

April 2, 16: Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg, Maine: The Met Opera Live in HD series presents Madama Butterfly (April 2) and Roberto Devereux (April 16) at 1:00pm. Lake Region Caterers will be serving lunch in the lobby starting at noon. \$26-Adults, \$23-Seniors, \$18-Students. Pre-order tickets online at boxoffice@fryeburgacademy.org or 207-935-9232.

April 2 - 3: 24 Hours of Music at White Mountain Hotel, North Conway, NH: From noon to noon enjoy the 6th Annual 24 Hours of Music presented by Mountain Top Music. Student performances juxtaposed with professional valley musicians. Dinner offered on April 2 and brunch on Sunday Order tickets: (603) 447-4737 x304music@mountaintopmusic.org.

April 3: 3rd Annual Cat Scratch Fever Mogul Freeride at Wildcat: Participate and shred in this feature spring mogul event taking place in The Chutes at the base of Wildcat Mountain or watch and cheer on competitors and sway the judges scores from easy vantage points located at the Bobcat Base Lodge or from the decks of the Main Base Lodge. No matter where you are, a party atmosphere will surround you with live music after the event. \$10 fee to register – open to all ages. Registration: 8am-11am, event starts at noon. Info: <http://www.skiwildcat.com/events-calendar/>.

April 9: Wildcat Spring Pond Skim: Come celebrate a spring tradition by skimming, shredding, or swimming across the bond. Registration from 8:30-11am, event starts at noon. Info: <http://www.skiwildcat.com/events-calendar/>.



April 9: Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon:

The Tuckerman Inferno adventure race started in 2000 as the annual fundraiser for the Friends of Tuckerman Ravine. The race pays homage to the original American Inferno ski races of the 1930's. While the classic American Infernos were top to bottom ski races only, the Tuckerman Inferno now includes running, kayaking, biking, hiking and skiing to create a pentathlon event that is one of the most challenging adventure races in the country. Individuals and relay teams of up to five people compete to see who will be the fastest to cover an approximately 36-mile course that starts in the Mount Washington Valley and finishes in Tuckerman Ravine. Champions are crowned Tuckerman and Tuckerwoman and there are terrific prizes for all categories of competitors. Come compete or come watch. Info: <http://www.friendsoftuckermanravine.org/inferno>.

Friday, April 22: Earth Day at Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm: A full "Earth Day" of hands on family friendly events will focus in on the role Mother Earth has played in our lives then and now.

April 24: Funergy Festival: 4 Our Kids Recycling Services will present the Funergy Festival, with exhibits and educational displays focused on clean energy and recycling at North Conway Community Center.

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Spring Barnyard Baby Animals come to Strawberry Banke, April 23 - May 1

Portsmouth, New Hampshire (March 7, 2016) – Strawberry Banke welcomes Spring by opening a week early this year to showcase a variety of more than a dozen heirloom breeds of Barnyard Baby Animals (and their moms) that would have been familiar to earlier generations. The event, which takes place under a tent on museum grounds, April 23rd through May 1st is a family-friendly opportunity to learn more about domestic livestock typical on coastal northern New England farms from the 17th century to present day.

Peter Cook, who assists with the coordination of animals for the museum's NH Fall Festival, is curating the event, securing breeders from NH, Maine and MA farms who are expert in heritage animals including lambs, kids, calves, piglets, bunnies, chicks and ducklings. The participants answer visitors' questions, explaining the developmental needs of the babies, the various aspects of husbandry that are required to raise them and why they have chosen to preserve these sometimes-endangered domestic animals for future generations. Many farms are family projects enthusiastically supported by multiple generations of caretakers. The emphasis is on educational and interpretive information but there will also be opportunities to interact with some of the animals who are accustomed to being handled.

The Spring Barnyard Baby Animals showcase livestock that became popular during different centuries as settlers from the UK, Ireland, Europe, Africa and South America contributed to local agrarian cultural heritage. Among the 15 or more types of animals participating are:

- Newly-hatched baby chicks, turkeys and ducklings in specially-constructed viewing brooders that limit intrusion
- Gloucester Old Spot pigs that arrived in New England in the 1900s and are often referred to as "orchard pigs" for their delight in foraging in fall groves.
- Old Black pigs, whose mothers are particularly nurturing and are now rare but not endangered.
- Soay sheep, one of the oldest domesticated animals known to man and now quite rare. These brown-to-black-colored sheep are native to the St. Kilda group of islands west of the Outer Hebrides.
- Clun Forest sheep, an old breed from Shropshire in Northern Wales and recently introduced to the US with migrants from Nova Scotia
- Jacob sheep, identified in the Book of Genesis and prized in New England for their soft dark fleeces that are ideal for many weaving projects.
- Belted Galloway cows which are not common in many areas but are known locally from well-established herds in northern New England by their distinctive markings – basically dark, with a rich white band across their midsections. "Belties" are small, which makes them easy to manage on small New England farms.

In addition to the animals, visitors can participate in family activities in some of the historic houses and the TYCO Visitors Center where hands-on weaving programs will take place. The café will be open daily.

"Strawberry Banke is dedicated to interpreting life as it was lived on Puddle Dock from the earliest times of settlement," said Lawrence J. Yerdon, president and CEO of Strawberry Banke Museum. "We look forward to sharing information about domestic barnyard animals that would have been familiar to past generations but are not so ordinary today. Besides, who can resist baby animals in the Spring?"

Strawberry Banke welcomes visitors to Spring Barnyard Baby Animals from 10 am to 5 pm daily, April 23 through May 1. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-17; and free to children under 5, members and active duty military and their families. Group visits are encouraged.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Maple Celebration

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Holderness, NH - Celebrate maple season with Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and see maple sugaring in action. See clouds of steam rise from sap in an evaporator. Meet a sugar maple tree and find out how and why sap flows. Discover how trees are tapped and participate in a sap taste test. Learn how Native Americans first made syrup through a live demonstration. Top off your experience by enjoying a maple syrup-smothered snack. Activities will take place both indoors and outdoors; please dress accordingly. Cost: \$7 per member; \$9 per non-member. For details about this event, upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

Homeschool Series: Be a Scientist!

Thursday, April 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Holderness, NH - Squam Lakes Natural Science Center offers a series of programs specifically designed for homeschool students. Be a Scientist is for ages 7 to 10 and looks at a different type of scientist each month. Participants will become a scientist as they develop and test predictions and participate in and conduct experiments. Attendees will learn how to use keys and books to identify living and nonliving ecosystem components that make New Hampshire so unique. April will focus on Entomology. All homeschool programs align with the New Hampshire Science Framework. Reservations are required in advance by calling 603-968-7194. Adult must accompany child at no additional cost. Cost: \$9 per member child; \$11 per non-member child. For details about this event, upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

Homeschool Series: Using our Five Senses

Thursday, April 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Holderness, NH - Squam Lakes Natural Science Center offers a series of programs specifically designed for homeschool students. Using Our Five Senses is for ages 4 to 6 and looks at a different sense each month. Participants will learn all about senses and put them to work while exploring what types of information we get from each sense.

Learn how animals use their senses. April will focus on celebrating all five senses. All homeschool programs align with the New Hampshire Science Framework. Reservations are required in advance by calling 603-968-7194. Adult must accompany child at no additional cost. Cost: \$9 per member child; \$11 per non-member child. For details about this event, upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

Signs of Spring

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Holderness, NH - Squam Lakes Natural Science Center invites children ages 5 and up to dig into their new book, 50 Nature Activities for Kids by Senior Naturalist Dave Erler. The book, published in celebration of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center's 50th anniversary features activities kids and adults can do to get nearer to nature. Signs of Spring features activities for the season including Bird Nesting Materials, Sucking in a Bird, and Visit a Vernal Pool. Activities take place both indoors and outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$7 per member child, \$9 per non-member child.

April School Vacation Camp: Junior Wild Animal Keepers

Monday, April 25 through Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Holderness, NH - Children ages 8 to 12 can learn about and get up close to animals during the Science Center's April School Vacation Camp: Junior Wild Animal Keepers. What are otter popsicles? What do you do during training time for a coyote? What kinds of treats and puzzles do opossums like? Does a child you know love caring for animals? Do you wonder what the Science Center's animals eat for dinner? Junior Wild Animal Keepers will spend the week learning how New Hampshire's wild animals survive. Participants will then apply that knowledge by helping with the care and feeding of the wildlife at the Science Center. Go behind the scenes to watch staff train animals and then build puzzles and treats to engage our resident animals. On Thursday, family, friends, and Science Center staff will stop by to learn about your adventures. Cost: \$230 per member; \$250 per non-member.

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Talk focuses on impact of NH women farmers, local food movement

WILMOT – Learn about how women farmers are making a difference in New Hampshire’s local food movement at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at the Wilmot Community Association’s (WCA) Red Barn, 64 Village Road. The program is sponsored by the WCA and the Wilmot Garden Club.

Helen Brody, author of “New Hampshire Women Farmers: Pioneers of the Local Food Movement,” and Leslie Tuttle, the book’s photographer, will discuss the importance of women farmers in New Hampshire. Two farmers featured in the book, Donna Sprague and Suzanne LeBlanc, also will participate in the program.

Brody also wrote “New Hampshire: Farm to Kitchen.” She is president and founder of the nonprofit

educational website, New Hampshire Farms Network, an outgrowth of “Farm to Kitchen.”

Tuttle, a resident of Wilmot, is a social documentary photographer who has worked from non-governmental organizations in developing countries including Oxfam America and Partners in Health. LeBlanc owns Autumn Harvest Farm and Quilt Studio in Grafton and Sprague is the fifth-generation owner



of Huntoon Farm in Danbury.

In 2012, New Hampshire ranked third nationally in the percentage of principal farm operators who are women – 1,258. These women are transforming what it means both to be a farmer and to run a successful farm. Women farmers in the Granite State are revitalizing farming by creating value-added products for their locally grown food. These innovations keep farms profitable and relevant. Often their roles include being an accountant, marketing expert and educator.

The WCA, founded in 1963, owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center on Village Road, and Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road. More information at 603-526-7934.

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