

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Email your community news or event information to newslettercanterbury@gmail.com Deadline is the 18th of the month prior to the month you want your news to appear. Articles may be edited to fit! Photos accepted. No OpEd or opinion pieces.

Adult Clothing Swap, May 1st to 3rd, Parish Hall

Thursday, May 1st, Noon-7pm

Friday, May 2nd, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



You may drop off clothes and shop at the same time! Find us upstairs at the Parish Hall Community Center. You don't need to contribute in order to "shop."

Contact Judy Nelson 603-493-4207 or Denise Sojka 603-387-5380 with questions or if you'd like to help. ***Please note that CBS members are needed to assist with the clothing swap!***

Morris Dancing at the Store, May 3, 11am

The Checkerberry Morris Dancers will be dancing in front of the Canterbury Store to welcome in the May on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 am. Please come to watch this new Morris side bring you good luck for the season.



CBS to Meet Wednesday, May 14, 1pm

Canterbury Benevolent Society will meet at the Elkins Library on May 14th at 1:00 PM. The program will be Book Reviews led by Library Staff. Refreshments will be provided.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT Saturday, May 24, 10am to 2pm

Event held at the Canterbury Transfer Station for the residents of Canterbury. Be sure to bring your I.D.!

Limits apply:

Between 10am-12pm, 5 gallons or 20 lbs.

Between 12-2pm unlimited until the budget is gone.

Keep the product in its original container. Don't mix items!

DO NOT BRING: Ammunition, Explosives, Infectious Waste, Radioactive waste.

If you can clean it up with soap and water, DO NOT BRING it to this event!

For a detailed list of what you CAN bring, go to www.canterburynh.gov

Heads up: Brush collection closed on the day of this event.



Have you noticed? Almost every group in town is looking for volunteers! Are you new to Canterbury, or been here a while but haven't joined in yet? There are MANY opportunities!!

Dear Friends,

This month I've shared this 'pulpit' with another CUCC member. It's always good to encounter a diversity of voices on the journey! May's note is from Rick Crockford, an active member of the church and a devoted Fair volunteer who also helps out at Elkins Public Library and cooks up community meals. For many years, Rick also taught high school humanities in Laconia. He writes that all his work is connected with service, community, and the well-being that grows from kindness. ~ Becky

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As I was serving at a recent community dinner in the Parish House Community Center, a newcomer to town appeared. Contrary to all Yankee stereotyping, folks warmly welcomed her and invited her to share their table. But before she could sit down, she laid out a delicious dish she'd prepared to share with people she'd never met. Others asked me: What's her name? Where does she live? Do you think it would be OK if I asked her for the recipe? And I felt my faith renewed in our little community.

Selfless generosity and kindness, as particular as a casserole and an invitation to "come sit here," gentles our world. They don't require an ideology, a religion, or an organized belief system. Actually, some systems oppose compassion, kindness, and virtue as signs of weakness and vulnerability. But I believe the contrary, that when all is said and done, I will be remembered not for riches or success but the way I treated my fellow human beings. While cruelty and hatred seem ascendant in our world, we can still choose to act with compassion, generosity, and kindness in our little town, in our small state, and in our own lives. I believe this will add meaning to our lives, and while, as Viktor Frankl said, "Happiness cannot be pursued; it must ensue," we just might find our happiness through our choice to love, to share, and to care.



*In peace, Rick*



## Remembering Tom (Tucker) Moore

**Sunday, May 11 at The Broken Tee, Beaver Meadow Golf Club, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. All who knew Tom are invited to attend.**

Tom passed away on January 12th, at his new home in Scituate, MA, with family by his side, after a lengthy battle with dementia.

He and his beloved wife, Linda Hassan, lived in Canterbury for more than thirty-five years, and moved to Scituate in September, to be closer to immediate family and to a more extensive support network.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1963 (where he served aboard the USS Essex), Tom returned to school and earned his BA and MS degrees. After teaching for many years, he spent the remainder of his career working as a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Therapist, in his private psychotherapy practice in Concord where he was a highly regarded. In addition to Linda, he is survived by his son Colin Moore and by Linda's three children, Brett Hassan Seidman, Leslie Hassan-Seidman, and Emily Wood Hassan Seidman and their five grandchildren: Nova, Ryann, Riley, Truman and Maverick. Tom was their adored "Grampa Tuckie. He was an honorable, unpretentious and humble man, known for his keen perceptions and an impeccable ability to "read a room," with charm and a quick wit that provided levity, warmth and comfort.

He was dearly loved and will be missed by many. The family would like to thank the VA (NH and MA) as well as Old Colony Hospice of W. Bridgewater, MA for their compassion and care during his final months.

*~ Submitted by Emily Hassan Seidman*

## CUCC Happenings

**Sundays:** Intergenerational worship, 10 am.

Community Coffee and Fellowship to follow - 11:15 in the Parish House. All are Welcome.

**May 4:** We celebrate communion at an open table.

**May 18:** Breakfast Church (potluck) in the Parish House. We'll worship around tables, sharing good food and engaging conversation.

**Wednesdays:** Stillness in the Center, 7-7:30 pm. Candlelight and quiet prayer and meditation. Give yourself some quiet time. You are welcome here. Come for a few minutes or a half-hour.



## CBS Annual Picnic, Tues., June 3

Canterbury Benevolent Society's annual "picnic" BBQ is being held at the home of Denise Sojka (297 SW Road) at noon on Tuesday, June 3rd. It's potluck!!! Contact Denise (603-783-9209) to let her know you're coming so enough chicken can be provided. See you there!



Please note that CBS members are needed to assist with the May 1-3 clothing swap!



## Canterbury Students Headed to the Robotics World Championships!

Two robotics teams from the Shaker Regional School District—with strong roots in Canterbury—have qualified for the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championships in Dallas this May!

We're thrilled to support these incredible students on their "Road to Worlds" and are currently at \$6,890 of our \$12,000 goal.

### How You Can Help:

Mail a donation to:  
Friends of Shaker Robotics  
P.O. Box 142  
Canterbury, NH 03224

Know a company that might sponsor us?  
Please connect them to us!

Want to make an online donation or share a sponsor lead?

Email:  
[friendsofshakerrobotics@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofshakerrobotics@gmail.com)

Friends of Shaker Robotics has applied for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Once approved, all donations will be retroactively tax-deductible.

Let's come together to get these kids to Worlds!



Elkins Library and The Canterbury Community Farmer Market

## Welcome The 2025 Summer Farmers Market Season with a musical collaboration!

**Wednesday, May 14, 6:00pm in the Town Hall.**

Many of you may remember Hari from Fresh Start Farms at the summer Farmers Market. Hari always dressed to beautifully match the most colorful vegetable, fruit, or flowers she was bringing that day! What many of you didn't know is that Hari is also a classically trained musician. In collaboration with the Elkins Library we are pleased to welcome Harimaya Adhikari (Hari) and the Himalaya Heritage Performing Arts group to the Town Hall. Join us in paying tribute to international music AND local farmers. Thanks to our Friends at the Elkins Library for being the motivating force behind this great event!

## The Canterbury Memorial Day Service will be held In the Center on Monday, May 26th. Parade starts at 10:00am.



Let us gather together to remember and recognize America's veterans who died while serving in the United States armed forces. This year we will honor the fallen with our traditional parade and Memorial Day Service in the Bandstand, with the addition of some new traditions.

If you are interested in participating in the ceremony or parade, please contact Mark Stevens or Rachel Baker. Veterans in or out of uniform are especially welcome. Parade will form up at the elementary school at 9:45, if you would like to join us. In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors.

## Spring into Celebration with our Polished Silver Luncheon! Monday, May 27

Canterbury's seniors are invited to a joyful springtime gathering filled with great food, warm company, and the spirit of community! A delicious lunch will be served!

**Date:** Monday, May 27

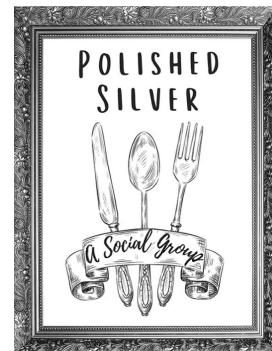
**Time:** 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Location:** Parish House Community Center

**Kindly RSVP by May 24**

Email: [mindy.beltramo@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.beltramo@gmail.com)

Call/Text 603.731.8091



## Save the Date! Learn About Land Conservation Options, Wednesday, June 4

The Conservation Commission and Five Rivers Conservation Trust will provide an introduction to land conservation for Canterbury residents who may be interested in conserving their property, or just curious about how it works. We'll give an overview and answer your questions. More info in the June newsletter, Town Email, and website.

~ Kelly Short, vice-chair,  
Conservation Commission

**Your home town store where you can meet, greet and eat!**

**MAY EVENTS**

**Thurs. May 1** 4:30-5:30: Meet Rebecca Rule; new book signing.

**Sat. May 10** 11am-2pm: Meet Heidi Pauer; demo & Kind Finds jewelry trunk show.

**Fri. May 16** 5-6pm. Meet the artists in the Garden Gathering art show. Food & drink sampling.

Groceries ♦ take-out food ♦ wine & beer ♦ art & crafts

**CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE**

3 Center Rd. - 603-783-9933  
[CanterburyCountryStore.com](http://CanterburyCountryStore.com)  
M-Sat 7-6, Sun 9-4

We need more Shaker Hand Pies... and more Hand Pie makers!

## Shaker Hand Pie Making, Friday, June 20

Come join us in the Parish Hall kitchen to assist (*experienced makers*) or learn (*beginners*) to make these well-loved treats for the Canterbury Fair. We begin at 8:00am and go until the dough is gone.

Contact Judy Nelson at 603-493-4207 (*call or text*) to sign up. A big thank you to all who helped last year to make a record number of 300 hand pies. Let's beat that number this year!

~ Judy Nelson

Speaking of volunteers...and hands...

## Farmers Market Looking For Helping Hands

The Canterbury Community Farmers Market is always looking for energetic help to set up and take down the Market each week. We are fun and friendly, and our great volunteers are a BIG part of why vendors like coming to Canterbury! Feel free to show up at the Market any Wednesday afternoon around 3:30 when set-up begins. Market runs from June 4 - Oct. 1. We will make you VERY welcome!

2025 is our 19 season in the center. THANKS in advance for helping us to make it one of the best.



"Always the last Saturday in July"

## Canterbury Fair News

2025 makes year number 67! One of the historic mainstays for this special day in July is to support the Canterbury Community Church and the Canterbury Fund — a charitable fund administered to help needy residents and provide scholarships for students.

This year will not disappoint as it will offer some of the old time favorites like Hand Made Shaker Pies, Frappe Bar, Woodchuck Classic Road Race, Book Sales, Fantastic Children's Games, What Not Shopping, Morris Dancing, Toe Tapping Musicians, Wonderful Artisans and Vendors, Demonstrations, Chicken BBQ ...and more!

We will also have some new attractions. One being a choice of food from a line up of food trucks! (Variety is the spice of life, you know.) This is just a taste to spark your interest.

Get your old books and what not collections together. Drop off will begin in June! A schedule will be posted soon. We regularly post on Facebook and Instagram so check us out.

It all happens rain or shine and it happens with busy volunteers eager to help. We welcome volunteers ALWAYS. In any capacity. There's much to be done before, during, and after the Fair day so please consider adding your energy to this wonderful community event. Every little bit helps and is VERY much appreciated.

Contact: [canterburyfair@gmail.com](mailto:canterburyfair@gmail.com) [canterburyfair.com](http://canterburyfair.com)



Where **Nature** meets **Nurture**  
Among the Gardens

**16th SEASON: May 10 - Sept 28 \***  
Wed-Sun 9am-6pm. Closed Mon-Tues

**SPECIAL EVENT: World Labyrinth Day (May 3) \***  
Special add-on activity ([petalsinthepines.com/labyrinths](http://petalsinthepines.com/labyrinths))

**Trail Walks & Labyrinths** (*NO PETS, please!*) Walk our labyrinths and 2+ miles of woodland trails, garden paths, and our certified pollinator meadow.

**Connecting Kids with Nature**

**SAVE MONEY**  
with a **Season Pass!** \*

**"Tale Trails"** Self-guided trail walks, reading a nature story along the way. Free passes at Elkins Public Library.

**"Spread Your Wings"** Creative outdoor play, most Thursdays (June 19-Aug 28), 9am-2pm **by reservation**. Closed Aug 14.

**"The Tale of Peter Rabbit"** (July 11-12) Two-hour program: Live performances with Beatrix Potter and Mr. McGregor, seed starting and activities; **by reservation**.

**Fresh Garden Flowers** Bouquets Fri-Sun, starts mid-June.

Pick-Your-Own flowers Wed-Sun, starts late July.

Flower Arranging Workshops, July & Aug.

**Handmade Gifts** on the Farm Stand porch:

Leaf Stone Bird Baths, Swedish Almond Cakes, labyrinth jewelry, local products, and more!



Jim & Donna Miller (603) 783-0220

126 Baptist Rd. Canterbury [donna@petalsinthepines.com](mailto:donna@petalsinthepines.com)

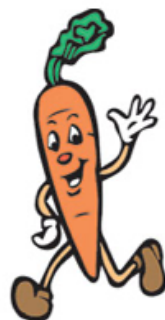
\* Visit [petalsinthepines.com](http://petalsinthepines.com) for prices, plus details on all events.

Canterbury Community Farmers Market

**Opening Day is Wednesday,  
June 4th, 4:00-6:30 pm.**

Our weekly market is an important place for the community to connect with local food producers!

**Here are 3 great ways to help the Market...**



### BECOME A MARKET MEMBER

Memberships are 50% of our basic operating budget. Your \$25 helps the Market, and the farmers it supports, to thrive.

### SPONSOR A MUSICIAN

Great music makes us a summer destination! We'll highlight your business or group name at the musician's performance and in all our Market promotions for that week.

### BRING A FRIEND

Our recent survey showed that most people hear about the Market by word-of-mouth. Please help spread the word by encouraging a friend to join you on Wednesdays!

[www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CanterburyFarmersMarket.com)

2025 is our 19th season in the center!



## Town of Canterbury News

**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed May 14th** for Training. They will also be closed, along with the Town Office on Monday May 26 for Memorial Day.

**Michelle Hammond has been hired to fill the Land Use Administrator position.** Michelle has been the Secretary for the Planning Board, Historic District Commission and Solid Waste Committee. We once again say thank you to Jan Stout for having filled this position temporarily since last fall.

**The town is working with Aries engineering on the suitability study of an upgrade at the Transfer Station.** Representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Solid Waste Committee, Highway Dept. plus the Town Administrator and Transfer Station manager met with Aries for a walkthrough of the facility on Wednesday, April 23.

**UPDATE: SLH Garage Renovation Project.** The bids the Town has received for the renovation of the garage at the Town Office are going to be opened at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 5. Note: The bidding process was open from April 7, 2025 and closed on May 1, 2025.

**The insulation work at the library was completed the week of April 14.** This should result in lower heating and cooling costs for many years. The town applied for a grant from NHsaves for a portion of the cost. We should have the final figures next month.

**The Fireworks** at Canterbury Elementary School will be held on Saturday, July 5 with a rain date of Saturday, July 12. Once again, JPI Pyrotechnics will be providing the show.

**The annual audit** of the Town's finances is being conducted by Plodzick and Sanderson.

**Regular Board of Selectmen's meetings** are Monday, May 5 and Monday, May 19, 6pm in the Meeting House.

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## Styrofoam Now Collected at Our Transfer Station — Recycled in Gilford

Hard, white packing foam, otherwise known as expanded polystyrene (EPS) or Styrofoam, is a difficult to recycle material that most Towns don't accept. You can identify it by looking for a #6 recycle symbol somewhere on the material. Gilford is the first NH hub for foam collection and recycling!

### TO LEARN MORE:

- Go to [www.gilfordnh.gov](http://www.gilfordnh.gov)
- Use the FIND IT FAST link on the Home Page
- Click on RECYCLING
- Scroll down to FOAM RECYCLING PROGRAM
- Use link to FOAM RECYCLING 101

You can also call 603-527-4778

### Gilford is asking for volunteers to help!

Join any Wednesday to help process regionally collected foam. 2 hour shifts. Let's help our neighbors take care of our trash!

Scan this code to sign up ----->



## Heads Up: New Ban on Lithium-ion batteries in the trash!!

Starting July 1, 2025 it will be illegal to put rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in the trash! They **must** be recycled through special battery collection programs and **NEVER** mixed with regular trash or recyclables. This new lithium-ion battery disposal ban has been added to the existing ban for lead acid batteries and electronic devices in [RSA 149-M:27](#).

Lithium-ion batteries are used in a wide variety of consumer products, including:

- Automotive vehicles.
- Electric bikes and scooters.
- Lawncare equipment.
- Portable electronics such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, cameras, wireless headphones, speakers, rechargeable toothbrushes and other rechargeable electronic devices.
- Cordless power tools.
- Toys

### Where can I recycle my lithium-ion batteries?

The Canterbury Transfer Station is able to collect these items. **DO NOT** put them in the green bags or the packer! Make sure to ask an attendant where to place the items when you drop them off.

If you aren't able to make it to the Transfer Station, many businesses like Staples, Best Buy, or BatteriesPlus in Concord offer collection boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. To find a drop-off site nearby, check [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org), or visit one of the retail locations mentioned above. Remember – if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable!

For more information about the ban, you can view the announcement from DES on the Town website.

~ Message from Town Administrator Ken Folsom

## Job Opportunity

Seasonal Help Needed for Mowing Cemeteries and other Town Property / \$20.00 per hour. Must be at least 16 years old.

Full Job Description available on the Canterbury Town Website [Canterburynh.gov](http://Canterburynh.gov) —OR— contact the Canterbury Town Office at 603-783-9955.



# CES News

## Monster Concert

The CES band traveled to BHS recently to participate in a day of rehearsals, which led to that night's Monster Concert! Our students did a fantastic job collaborating with one another as well as with the 5th-12th grade band members of SRSD to put on an amazing show. Their effort, bravery, and persistence were evident and we are so proud of them! Way to go, CES band!

## Wellness Week

CES held our first-ever Wellness Week, and it was a great success! The students enjoyed learning some new yoga poses on Mindful Monday, sampling less familiar fruits and vegetables on Tasteful Tuesday, trying out their new CES water bottles with fruit-flavored water on Water Wednesday, engaging in creative learning during Tech-Free Thursday, and dancing to Chameleon Jazzmania Big Band, the winning song from March Music Madness on Fitness Friday! Thank you to the CES Advocates (CES PTO) for their support in covering the cost of the food and water bottles, and thank you to our Wellness Committee for coordinating the week's events and activities.

## Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night was a huge success last month! We kicked off the evening by enjoying a delicious pizza dinner. Then, students and their guests visited the classrooms and offices, joining in fun, hands-on activities that showcased learning in literacy, math, the arts, and science. It was a fantastic night filled with excitement, discovery, and community spirit! Thank you to the CES Leadership Team for coordinating this event, and thank you to the CES Advocates for sponsoring the veggies and desserts for the event.



**Q: What did the musical director do when the trumpet player cut his finger?**

*A: Gave him a BANDaid.*

**Q: What do you call a crazy band competition?**

*A: BANDamonium!*



## Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a student who will be five years old by September 30? It's time to think about registering for kindergarten! On-line kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open NOW!



To access the online registration,

- Go to [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org) and click on Resources.
- Go to <https://sau80.almastart.com/> (If you don't already have an Alma account)
- Please call CES at 603-783-9944, or email our secretary at [rmanita@sau80.org](mailto:rmanita@sau80.org) with any questions.

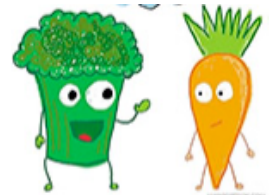
***We are so excited to welcome our new kindergarten friends. Fall will be here before we know it!***

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an important day for our nation to remember all who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the U.S. military. On Friday May 23 at 9:15 AM, CES students from grades K-4 will pay tribute to our fallen soldiers. We will parade from CES to the town center, gathering at the gazebo for our annual Memorial Day program. All community members are invited to attend. In the case of rain, the event will be held in the CES gymnasium.



How do you know carrots are good for you? I have never seen a rabbit wearing glasses!





## Canterbury 4H Rascals News

In April, the Canterbury Rascals were very busy organizing our annual Easter Egg Hunt. In New Hampshire, the weather in spring is always unpredictable and this year, we were surprised with snow! This did not stop our dedicated club members from putting together a fun event! Thank you to all the Rascal members for working so hard. Also, lots of thanks to the community members who came to participate! We are so appreciative to have such an active community here in Canterbury.



Through the early spring, Canterbury Rascal members have also been involved in workshops on making braided rugs, learning about maple syrup, and learning sewing skills.

—> NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, May 5, at 5:00 pm

### Memorial Day Parade, Mon., May 26,

**9:30am:** 4H members, both Rascals and Colverbuds, will meet at the Canterbury Elementary School parking lot and walk in the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade. We will then stay for the Memorial Day events at the gazebo in the center of town, and place flowers in the cemetery to honor fallen soldiers.



*The Canterbury Rascals is a 4H club for children ages 8-18. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Adrienne Hutchinson at [adrienneart212@gmail.com](mailto:adrienneart212@gmail.com)*

## 4H Cloverbuds News

In April, the Cloverbuds celebrated spring! Members made spring cheer baskets with paper flowers, bright stickers, and candy. Pastor Becky worked with our club to hand these baskets out to members of the Canterbury community. Cloverbud members also made silly faces on cups and planted grass seeds in the cups, so when the grass seed grows it will look like the hair! We enjoyed time spent with each other and a chance to meet new friends at the meeting.



Here is what we will be up to in May and June!

### Mon., May 5, 5pm / 4H Learning Theme: Citizenship and Civic

**Education:** In May we will be preparing for the Memorial Day parade. We will be making club tee shirts featuring the 4 leaf clover, which is the 4H emblem. We will also be playing team-building games! On May 26, we will walk with other groups in the Canterbury Memorial Day Parade.

### Mon., June 2, 5pm / 4H Learning Theme: Plants and Animals:

We will be meeting at the Glines Farm to learn about dairy farming. Cloverbuds will learn about how the farm cares for the cows, and will get to watch cows being milked. Participants will also learn to make butter from the fresh milk. This is our favorite meeting of the year!

*Canterbury Cloverbuds is a 4H club for children ages 5-7. New members are always welcome. If you have questions contact Kate Mason and Emily Perlet at [canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com)*



## Brookford Farm Heifer Parade Saturday, May 10, 10am - 3pm

Come explore the farm, meet friendly cows, and learn about sustainable farming practices! The day of fun includes: Rhythmic Drumming Performance, Deluxe Cow Parade, Kids' Activities and Crafts, Spring Celebration Folk Dancing, farm-to-table food (available for purchase), and hayrides.

Tickets: At-the-Door \$13. Kids under 12 free!

-- OR -- Pre-buy tickets on-line at Eventbrite.

No pets, please.

Event schedule at [www.brookfordfarm.com](http://www.brookfordfarm.com)  
Farm located at 250 West Road, Canterbury, NH



## STREETS

are for cities  
sometimes  
wend their way  
into the burbs  
they have farms on streets  
Maplehurst Dairy  
94 Maple Street

Up here in the woods  
we live on roads  
I live on one  
with a grass strip  
They gave me a number  
but being poor in math  
I have jumbled it

Just the grass strip

*Dudley Laufman  
Dance Caller, Musician, Poet*

## Calling All Volunteers for the Canterbury Fair

### Children's Games

We need both donations of small toys, tchotchkes, treats, stickers, etc. in good condition to stock up our prize supply, and volunteers who are willing to donate a couple hours on fair day, July 26th from 10am-4pm.

We have a dedicated, but small group of volunteers who set up and take down everything. If you or your family have benefitted from the Fair experience or received scholarship funds from money raised at the fair, we could really use your help!

Contact Adrienne at [AdrienneArt212@gmail.com](mailto:AdrienneArt212@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer. Prize donations can be dropped off at the Canterbury Whole Child Center (Inside the Parish House) any weekday between 7am and 6pm right up until the Fair!



### What Not

**Saturday June 21st and Saturday July 5th from 12-4pm**

— monitor drop off items at the barn.

**Sunday July 13th-** strong volunteers to move to and set up 20 tables at CES (after church/takes about 45-60 min)

**Tuesday July 15th from 5-7pm-** trucks and trailers and strong volunteers to move items from barn storage to CES. (about 90 min)

**Saturday and Sunday July 19th and 20th from 12-5pm**

— sorting and pricing at CES

**Monday thru Thursday July 21st-July 24th- from 4-7pm-** sorting and pricing at CES

**Friday July 25th from 9-5pm** — pop in any time for sorting and pricing at CES

**FAIR DAY:** 3 hour shifts: 8-11, 10-1, 1-4, 4-6 (clean up)

Contact Sally Hayslip at

[sfh1957@msn.com](mailto:sfh1957@msn.com),

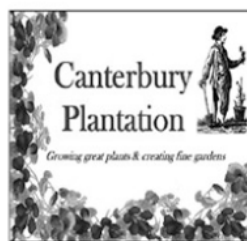
text or call 603-848-6408

**Food for Thought** is a discussion group led by members of the Canterbury Community Farmers Market Board. This monthly group will focus on developing ways to strengthen our farmers market, food system, and community!

**Join us from 3-4:30pm** in the Feed Loft, located in the Canterbury Country Store. Come early and get coffee and snacks at the store!

**Our topic on May 14 – Plan Ahead! Walk through the NH Food Alliance Strategic plan.**

The 2025 NH Food and Agriculture Strategic Plan is a first for the state. "In order for food grown, raised and caught in NH to remain a fixture in the lives and culture of Granite Staters, everyone has a role to play. The strategic plan brings together many voices, opinions and experiences into one comprehensive playbook we can look to for guidance in the years ahead," said Commissioner Shawn Jasper of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food.



### Farm Stand Open

#### May Hours

Thurs-Sat 10:00 to 5:00

Sunday 10:00 to 4:00

- Early May starts us off with pansies, perennials and cold weather vegetable transplants.

- Mid May brings on a larger selection of cool-soil tolerant annuals, vegetables and herbs.

- Late May will bring us into prime planting season with all manner of plants, both heirloom & hybrid varieties, ready to go home to your pots & plots!

So, grab a friend and stop by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping excursion, some unique plants and helpful advice.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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## Student Application Deadline is May 31st (no exceptions)



The Applicants will be required to introduce  
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# Yes you “May” Find Something New at the Elkins!

**Closed:** We will be closed on Mon., May 26 for Memorial Day.

**Trustees:** The next meeting of Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees is on Monday, May 19 at 6pm.

**SUPER Special Program, Thursday, May 1, 10am.**

**WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS: TINY CREATURES SHOW!** This super sensory show includes a visit from an Armadillo, Chinchilla, Python, Tarantula, Tortoise and a Bullfrog! This is a show for all ages!

**Story Time:** Join us on Tuesdays at 10 am for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for preschoolers.

**Tunes, Tales & Tumbles:** Join us on Thursdays at 10am for a program filled with singing, dancing, rhymes, musical instruments and more! This program is perfect for our littlest patrons.

**Play Based Learning Story Time:** Thursday, May 29 is the 5th Thursday of the month, so we will be filling the children's room with learning stations. This is the perfect time to observe and participate in your child's play, fostering their curiosity and working on their cognitive, social, physical and creative skills. Program starts 10 am.

**Chess Mates:** This youth chess club meets Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30. Participants are asked to join us after the last Chess Mate program, Monday May 20th at 4:45.

**On Pins & Needles:** This group meets Wednesdays at 2pm by the fireplace. Bring your work in progress and enjoy some lively conversation!

**The Old Man Boring Book Club (OMBBC):** This group meets to discuss non-fiction titles that they have read and enjoyed. Thursday, May 8 at 6:00pm. Please note that this program is usually on the first Thursday (May 1) but these boring people most definitely want to see REBECCA RULE!!

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure (MMM):** It's Movie Time! We will watch “To Kill a Mockingbird”. We read the book, and had our discussion on courtroom dramas and now we will watch the movie. Come join us on May 27 at 2:00 (Note earlier time).

**Evening Book Group:** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 6pm to discuss the book: The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson. Copies are available at the circulation desk. All are welcome.

**Mental Health and Aging:** Come into the library and grab a cup of tea at the fireplace on Thursday, May 29 at 2:00pm and attend the informational session. Our friends from Home Instead are returning to present this program. 18 people attended the Dementia 101 program in April.

**Free Tech Help:** Call the library today to reserve your half hour tech help appointment on Thursdays between 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. No question is too small! Kal's schedule fills up weeks in advance so call the library now to reserve a space. Thank you Kal!

For other Elkins Public Library Speaker Series events; check out all our social media PLUS the Concord Monitor Town Crier!

## Elkins Public Library Speaker Series

### Thursday, May 1

#### Rebecca Rule comes to Canterbury!

This is a collaboration with the Canterbury Country Store and the Community Gallery show Funny Bones running March 31 to May 4. Artist's inspiration: What makes you crack up? Funny signs you have seen? Your pet being stupid? A rhetorical situation? Photograph them, draw them, paint them, stitch them and share in this show! Images that make us laugh until our bones hurt!

Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 – 5:30 meet Becky in the Feed Loft of the Store for a book signing then head on over to the Town Hall for her 6:00pm stand-up storytelling.

### *The Elkins Library and Canterbury Farmers Market* **Wednesday, May 14, 6pm, Town Hall** **HARI & Himalaya Heritage Performing Arts**

That's right! Harimaya Adhikari and the Himalaya Heritage Performing Arts group will be in the Town Hall as part of a collaboration between the Elkins Library and our favorite Canterbury Community Farmers Market. Get in the habit of coming to the Center on a Wednesday night and come see this very special show featuring a world class musical group. Hari sings and plays the harmonium (*a hand pumped reed organ*) to present Indian, Bhutanese and Nepali communities in NH and throughout the northeast. She will play classical Indian music as well as some sacred and popular tunes. Perhaps she may also play one of her own compositions in the South Asian tradition. Let's fill the Center with music and support your public library and community farmers market!



### Thursday, May 28: Ai Demystified

A Journey Through its History and Impact Artificial intelligence with Melissa Christensen. Artificial Intelligence has evolved from early rule-based systems to advanced machine learning models that influence our daily lives. In this session we will explore AI's history and the different types of AI, from narrow AI to the possibilities of general AI. A live demo of generative AI tools will highlight their capabilities and limitations. Whether you are intrigued or cautious, this session will provide a clear look into AI's past, present, and potential future.



Thanks you FOEPL for funding the following ...

## Yoga in the Library

Spring is here – time to get out and get moving! Coming in May, the Friends of Elkins Public Library will be sponsoring a yoga class. No fee will be charged but participants will be asked to donate to FOEPL. All donations will be used to support library programming. Join us for stretching, strength, flow and community! Date to be posted soon!

## Seed Library

Have you checked out the Elkins seed library yet? We have many varieties of seed all donated by generous seed companies. High Mowing, Burpees, Baker's Creek and others. In addition to vegetable, herb and flower seeds, we are offering over 60 varieties of native plant seed donated by NH Pollinator Pathways for you to try. Our native seed is ready for planting through cold stratification. Instructions for three types of cold stratification are located at EPL next to the seed library.

All are welcome to take seed from the library during the library's open hours. You do not need to have a library card or be a Canterbury resident to take seed.

## What is FOEPL anyway?

FOEPL is a registered 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support Elkins Public Library. If you are interested in joining us, or you need to renew your annual membership, please pick up a registration/renewal form at the library.



## The Annual Canterbury Plant Swap, Wednesday, May 14, 6:00-7:00pm

Find the Swap in the gazebo in the center of town. Bring your labeled, divided perennials, bulbs and native plants, or extra flower and vegetable seedlings you might have.

Due to the transmission of the invasive jumping worm that can happen when swapping plants, we ask that you **bring all dug plants as bare root**. Use a high-pressure setting on your hose to spray all the soil off. Bring your plants in shallow trays or plastic bags with enough water to keep the roots moist.

The Swap is open to anyone in town no matter your gardening experience. If you're new to Canterbury, it's a great way to pick up some plants to landscape your yard and meet your neighbors at the same time. There's always plenty to share so come even if you don't have much to bring.



Master Gardeners Donna Miller and Meg Miller will be on hand with gardening handouts and will help answer your gardening questions. Call Donna at 603-783-0220 or Meg at 603-387-1366 if you have any questions.

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**Online:** canterburychurch.org  
facebook.com/MyCanterburyChurch

### Community Newsletter:

Deadline is 17th of month before publication. For events that are very early in the month we suggest submitting news 2 months ahead.  
Editor: Beth Blair, 603-783-4333.  
Submit news by Email to  
newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

### Canterbury Fair:

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### Town Email List:

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## Town Offices and organizations

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**Fire Department:** Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at  
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**Town website:**  
canterburynh.gov

**Transfer Station:** Tue. and Wed.,  
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### Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

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Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1;  
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**Planning Board:** 603-848-2059  
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### Monthly Meetings

(Check town website for details,  
agendas, and minutes.)

**Planning Board:** 2nd Tue.,  
7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed, MH

**Conservation Commission:**  
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**Historic District Commission:**  
3rd Wed., 7 pm

### Selectmen:

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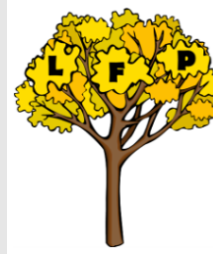
### Solid Waste Committee:

Monthly on 2nd Monday,  
3:30 pm, Library

**Zoning Board:** As needed.

### Energy Committee:

2nd Mon., 7 pm, Library



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## *The President's Report*

### Canterbury Historical Society

**2025 has been busy** with various committees working on several significant projects. Of particular note is the creation of the Tricentennial Committee, co-chaired by Naomi Scanlon and Heidi Southard, that is tasked with coordinating the Town's celebration of its Tricentennial in 2027. The committee is considering various events to be conducted throughout the year and is actively looking for volunteers to participate in the celebrations.

**The "One Room Schoolhouse" Committee** is working with the Canterbury Elementary School (CES) to conduct the one room schoolhouse program at the Houser Museum in May for all CES students. This is the 16th year of the program. This year's event will focus on the 1930's and include topics on music, railroads, hobos, and current events of the era.

**With the emergence of Spring**, the "Cellar Hole" Committee is preparing for new explorations of cellar holes, foundations, and abandoned historic sites. Volunteers are needed for research and exploration, a good opportunity for an enjoyable walk in the woods. (See summary below on the results of one exploration).

**The "Historic Homes" Committee** continues to prepare descriptions of 18th and early 19th century homes in the community with the goal of publishing a book for the Tricentennial celebration.

**Community Education** - In an attempt to expand knowledge of our history, various lectures and information sessions are being planned and will be offered throughout the year. Our first lecture of the year is scheduled for May 15, 2025, presented by Dr. Glen Rogers on "Count Rumford of Concord". We encourage everyone to attend this informative presentation.

**CHS Website** - Lastly, Alan Stone has been working with each of the CHS committees to upgrade the Society's website and create a truly integrated data base which will allow access to a broader range of Society materials. While still in the developmental stage, this effort should greatly enhance historical research as well as provide an accessible centralized resource for capturing and presenting information about Canterbury.

**For more information** about any of these projects, see [Canterburyhistory.org](http://Canterburyhistory.org)

*~ Respectfully submitted, Fred Brewster*



*Apologize for not including the Findings from the Cellar Hole Committee – there just wasn't enough room this month! We will surely give this report top billing in June. Thanks for understanding...*

## ★ Tricentennial 2027 ★

The Tricentennial Committee, a subcommittee of the Historical Society, was formed to honor the rich history of Canterbury. Its mission is to plan, organize and conduct multiple events during 2027, our Tricentennial year.

2027 is less than two years away and we need your help planning a year-long 300th birthday celebration! The committee is already at work, planning for at least one event a month, plus the creation of commemorative items.

What are your thoughts and ideas? Do you have an expertise you are willing to share? Please let us know by filling out a questionnaire found at the Canterbury Store, Sam Lake House Office or Elkins Library, or email your ideas to [canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury300@gmail.com).

*Thank you, the Tricentennial Committee, and  
Co-chairs Naomi Scanlon and Heidi Southard*

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