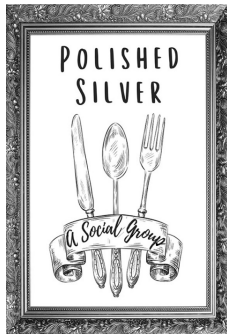


# Canterbury Community Newsletter

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## Tues., May 19, 11am-1pm

Join Canterbury's Polished Silver, a senior social group! Lunch (*salads, dessert, and beverage*) will be provided at NO CHARGE to Canterbury Seniors. Donations are always gratefully accepted. We are delighted to have some special guests from Canterbury Elementary School. Kindly let us know if you will be attending by May 17 by Emailing Mindy at [mindy.beltramo@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.beltramo@gmail.com) or call/text 603-731-8091. If you need a ride, let us know!



## Garden Club, Sat., May 23, 10am

Can you say Hügelkultur? Pronounced "*hyoo-gul-kulture*," meaning "*mound culture*." This is a centuries-old German gardening technique to make raised beds filled with rotting wood, and organic waste. These self-watering, self-fertilizing, and self-tilling mounds, often used in permaculture, offer superior nutrient-rich soil, retain moisture, and extend growing seasons through decomposition heat. The Garden Club will meet for a hands-on demo and building of a Hügelkultur bed. Join us at 107 Baptist Hill Rd. All are welcome!! No experience necessary. Come ready to participate.

## Welcome Back to Hummingbirds!

If you welcome hummingbirds to your yard each season, be sure to have feeders out by Mother's Day. To follow their migration along the East Coast, search online for "hummingbird migration tracker."

Nectar is easy to make: mix 4 parts hot water with 1 part granulated white sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves, cool before filling feeders. No red coloring is needed, as most feeders have red ports to attract the birds. Change the nectar every few days, especially in hot weather!

## Annual Plant Swap, Wed., May 6, 5:30-7pm

Meet up in Canterbury Town Center. Bring bare root perennials, house plants, seedlings. Nothing to share? That's OK — You are welcome to come and "talk plants", ask questions and take something home! For more info, please call Meg Miller, 603-387-1366



*If you'll be out in the garden, you'll want to come to this!*

## Free Tick Information and Presentation, Wed., May 6, 6pm, Town Hall

In observance of Lyme Disease Awareness Month, Lyme Disease Ecologist, Kathie Fife, will deliver a one-hour presentation and discussion on tick identification and testing, including a screening of a 9-minute video detailing the fascinating life cycle of black legged ticks. All attendees will receive free informational materials to take home. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and your questions.

~ Kathie Fife, Lyme Disease Ecologist, Governor Appointed Member NH Lyme Study Commission

## Canterbury Memorial Day Service, Mon., May 25, 10am at the Bandstand

Let us gather 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 ceremony in front of the Bandstand. The BHS band is unable to march this year.

If you are interested in participating in the ceremony, please contact Mark Stevens or Rachel Baker. Veterans in or out of uniform are especially welcome. People will gather starting at 9:45, if you would like to join us. Ceremony starts at 10:00am.

~ Rachel Baker

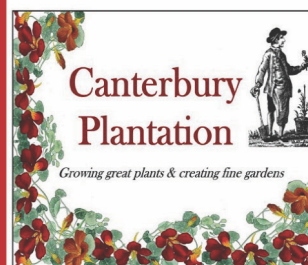
*Can you Dig-It!  
Get back in the  
Garden Groove...*

### May Hours

Thurs thru Sun  
9:00 to 4:00



- Early May starts us off with "cool-soil" annual and vegetable transplants, along with perennials
- Mid May brings on an even greater selection of annuals, vegetables and herbs for your beds, borders and planters.
- By late May we are in to the 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 on by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping experience, with unique plants and plenty of helpful advice.

364 Baptist Rd  
(entrance off Abberton Rd)

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

One of the phrases you'll hear often at Canterbury United Community Church is "Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here." Even though many of us are firmly rooted, and we love our traditions, we recognize that things change, and so do we, and so does our life in God. Honestly, I talk about faith as a journey so much that sometimes I worry it's an empty cliché, too overused to mean anything real. Am I talking about our human condition or advertising for a day-spa?

But I suspect that the faith journey is meaningful and helpful, especially in today's materialistic, buy-buy-buy world. Faith journeying has roots in ancient traditions, like the Hebrews wandering in wilderness, and Christians and Buddhists on pilgrimage, and aboriginal Australians on walkabout. People of faith have long recognized the connection between outward travelling and inner growth. Physically and spiritually, we are works in progress, and our faith is likewise dynamic, not static. So at CUCC we encourage growth and surprise in our relationships to God and our relationships with one another.

This summer perhaps you'll travel to someplace new, hike a new trail, or wander in new territory. Or maybe you'll return to a precious camp or beach or mountain and see something that surprises you. I hope you'll consider a trip to our friendly church in the center of Canterbury, whether you're a life-long Christian who's been away for a while or you're simply Jesus-curious. Here you'll find many faith-travelers, folks who are still growing and exploring

the meaning of their belief in Jesus Christ. They'll welcome you to the journey, to the comfort and challenge of travelling with others, and to sharing who we are and what we're learning. I hope I'll meet you under the steeple or the maple tree!

*Blessings, Becky*

## CUCC Happenings in May

Sundays: Worship at 10 am

Community Coffee and Fellowship to follow at 11:15 in the Parish House

Stillness in the Center, Wed's. 7-7:30 pm: Quiet prayer and meditation and candlelight in the Church

Bible Study Mondays 5-6:30: Ongoing discussion of the Gospel according to Matthew. Please join us in the Parish House ground floor meeting room. No experience necessary, and no homework!

May 10, Mothers' Day

May 24, Pentecost!  
Wear something red!



## Canterbury Benevolent Society @ the Library, Wed., May 13, 1pm,

Librarian Rose Howe will review 3-4 books from from the library. Members will each review a favorite recently read book of their own! Refreshments will be shared and 2026 Member booklets distributed. Please bring 2026 dues of \$5 each.



**17th and FINAL SEASON**  
May 2, May 6 - Sept 20 \*  
Wed-Sun 9am-6pm. Closed Mon-Tues

*THANKS! 1000s of visitors since 2010 have come to explore, play, pick flowers, hike, learn, get married, celebrate birthdays. . . . COME SEE US before we scale back to enjoy some quiet family time!*

**SEASON OPENER: World Labyrinth Day (May 2) \***  
Special add-on activities ([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 18-Aug 27, 9am-2pm **by reservation.**

**Handmade Gifts** on the Farm Stand porch:  
Leaf Stone Bird Baths, Swedish Almond Cakes,  
Farm Fresh Eggs, local products, and more!



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

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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.

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## Adult Clothing Swap, May 21-23, Parish House

Thurs., May 21, 9-5  
Fri., May 22, 9-6  
Sat., May 23 9-1



You can drop off and shop at the same time. Clothing must be bagged, clean and in good condition. We take anything except nightwear, swimwear, or underwear.

**Everyone** is welcome to this FREE community event. Clothing contributions are NOT required to participate!

**Volunteers needed** to help sort and pack clothes! For info or to volunteer, contact Judy Nelson at [603-493-4207](tel:603-493-4207).

*NOTE: All remaining clothing goes to Ecosmith recyclers, for which CBS receives a stipend.*



**Next Canterbury Fair Planning Meeting, Tues., May 19, 6:30 pm at the Parish House in the Thunberg Room!**

*All are welcome and all are needed :-)*

**Canterbury Fund: Time for Students to Apply, Dealine May 31**

The Canterbury Fund is a charitable trust administered by the Trustees of the Canterbury United Community Church, who also serve as Trustees of the Fund. It is funded primarily through the Canterbury Fair.

The Fund provides assistance to Canterbury residents facing financial hardship, supports higher education for deserving students, and offers grants or loans to individuals and local organizations for community projects which, in the opinion of the Trustees, benefit all Canterbury residents.

**Student Application Deadline: May 31** (no exceptions) Applicants will be asked to introduce themselves at an informal meeting in June.

To request an application: Please contact Jessie Tichko at [tshot04@gmail.com](mailto:tshot04@gmail.com)

**Canterbury Business Listing**

As promised, free copies of the "Canterbury Business Listing" will be placed in the Canterbury Post Office, and Elkins Library. There will be an update sent out on the Canterbury FB page, and to the town wide email list. There will be some at the Transfer Station and the Store when open. Look for them this summer at the Farmers Market as well.

*Barbie Tilton, Someday Farm*

**Celebration of Life / William (Tom) Cochrane**

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 13 From 2PM to 4PM at the NH Sno-Shakers Snowmobile Clubhouse at 70 Clough Pond Rd Canterbury, NH. Pastor Jim Wilson will be there to give us comfort. Please be prepared to share stories of Tom or share with us any stories he may have shared with you over the years. Light refreshments and cooling drinks will be provided.



**Strength and Stretch Class**

*"If you don't take care of your body, where else are you going to live?"*

Strength and Stretch Class celebrates 10 years of FREE and LOCAL exercise classes this year! New participants are always welcome. Bring a small pillow or a towel to roll up for support. Mats and extra weights are available. Just show up or call/text Judy Nelson (603-493-4207) for more information.

Where: Parish House Community Center

When: 8:30 to 9:30 AM, Mondays and Thursdays

**Yoga at the Parish House!**

Come join me for yoga at the Parish House in May! Tentative dates are Mondays in May from 7-8 with the exception of Memorial Day. 12\$ per class. Canterbury email on Wednesdays will have dates once confirmed. Email me with any questions, [akotr@comcast.net](mailto:akotr@comcast.net)

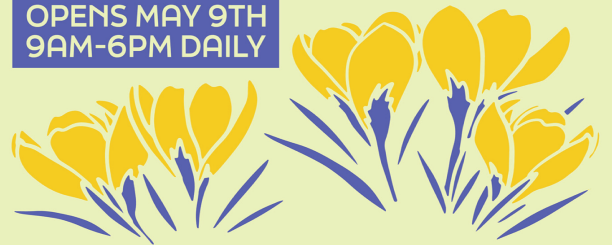
~ Audrey Knapp



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## Town of Canterbury

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office and the Town Office will be closed on Mon., May 25 for Memorial Day.

Regular Board of Selectmen's meetings are May 4 and May 18 at 6pm. Meeting agendas and a Zoom link are available on the Town website.

### Updates on 2026 Warrant Articles:

- The new-to-us packer truck was purchased and electric/hydraulic pump installed and is in use at the TS.
- The Waste Oil Burner has been installed at Highway Garage.
- The new Dump Truck for the Highway Dept. has been ordered, delivery in July.
- The Slide in Water Tank for Highway Dept. is ordered.
- The new Printer/Copier is hard at work at the Town Office.
- The new Extrication equipment for the Fire Dept. has been delivered. Training on the equipment starts soon.

### Other Town Updates:

- The Sam Lake House Garage renovation is complete and files have been moved inside the building.
- The Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, and Historic District Committee met for a "Land Use Board" meeting to discuss collaboration and communication on zoning issues and process improvements.
- The Fireworks at Canterbury Elementary School will be held on Sat., July 4 with a rain date of Sun., July 5. Once again, JPI Pyrotechnics will be providing the show.
- The annual audit of the Town's finances is being conducted by Plodzick and Sanderson.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator



After much deliberation and editing, the Board of Selectmen have approved a new town Center Sign Policy.

The primary purpose of the Center Sign Policy is to regulate the placement of advertising signs and other informative signage on the Town-owned land at the Town Center. This replaces the 2009 version of the policy and tries to clarify the standards for what types of signs may be placed, the appearance of those signs, and the maximum number of signs.

Those who wish to place signs on Town-owned property in the Center, must get approval from the Selectboard prior to placing the sign. The application is available on our website. Please print it out, and email the completed application along with the sketch of your sign to [selectmen@canterburynh.gov](mailto:selectmen@canterburynh.gov) -- OR -- drop it off at the Town Offices -- OR -- mail it to Town of Canterbury, PO 500. Thanks!



## Annual Checklist Verification Process

Under RSA 654:39, Supervisors of the checklist/registrars, who are responsible for adding and removing names from their city or town's voter checklist, must hold public sessions between April 1 and August 1 of 2026 to determine which voters on the checklist have not voted in any elections in the past five years and who have not registered since the 2024 State General Election. These voters are required to re-register if they want to remain on the voter checklist and vote in future elections.

Supervisors of the checklist must inform any voter eligible for removal, at least 30 days before removing their name from the voter checklist, that they will be removed from the checklist and need to re-register following the instructions in the letter/postcard. Supervisors of the checklist/registrars are required by law to remove these voters from the voter checklist, no earlier than June 1, even if they know a voter still lives in town.

**Canterbury Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on Mon., May 11, 1-2 pm, Sat., June 20 from 2-3 pm, and Sat., Aug. 1 from 10-11 am in the meeting room at the town offices (Sam Lake House) to conduct the annual verification and re-registration process.**



## Community Power: BYOB, Opt-out/in or Opt-up/down, Wed., May 13, 5:30-6:30pm

The Community Power Committee invites you to the Meeting House anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 on 5/13 with your electric bill. We'll do our best to answer your questions or help if you'd like to change your electricity supplier out of, or into Community Power. We can also help you choose more/less clean energy or to support the town's Renewable Energy Revolving fund through your electric bill. If you have questions, email Beth McGuinn at [bethm.canterburynh@gmail.com](mailto:bethm.canterburynh@gmail.com).

## Message from Central NH Regional Planning Commission

CNHRPC's new public engagement tool CNHRPC Connect ([cnhrpc-connect.org](http://cnhrpc-connect.org)) provides a forum for your feedback on area projects and topics. Please check out the [Regional Plan Update 2026](#) currently development and take the surveys.



# ELKINS LIBRARY



**There is no** meeting of the Library Board of Trustees in May.

**We will be closed** Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

**A daily calendar** of programs and events can be

found on Facebook or at [www.elkinspubliclibrary.org](http://www.elkinspubliclibrary.org). • Our open hours are Mon. and Tue. 9:00am to 5:00pm, Wed. and Thurs. 9:00am to 7:00 pm and Sat. 9-12pm.

**Story Time:** Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 am for stories, songs, and a craft. Perfect for preschoolers!

**Tunes, Tales & Tumbles:** Join us Thursdays at 10:00 am for singing, dancing, musical instruments, and more. Designed for preschoolers and especially fun for our littlest patrons.

**Outdoor Story Time:** Warmer weather is here! Join us Thursdays at 2:00 pm for outdoor stories and play. With a focus on nature, this program meets outside rain or shine.

**Teen Night:** Join us June 2 at 5:00 pm for a Graduation Party honoring our graduating high school seniors!

**LEGO Club:** Join us Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:15 pm for imagination, construction, and friendship. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult per our EPL Safe Child Policy. Duplos will be available for younger patrons.

**The Old Man Boring Book Club:** Meets Thurs., May 7 at 6pm. This group reads nonfiction books, then gathers to discuss and share book reports. Stop by and check it out before their summer break.

**Evening Book Group with Rosie:** Will discuss "*Caleb's Crossing*" by Geraldine Brooks on Wednesday, May 20 at 6pm. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

**Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure — Plus Extras:** Meets May 26 at 2pm to discuss The Thursday Murder Club. Copies are available at the circ desk. All are welcome.

**Pins and Needles:** A wonderful group that enjoys knitting, crochet, mending, and conversation. Join your neighbors and craft together. Meets every Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Fireplace Parlor. All skill levels welcome.

**Elkins Free Seed Library:** No library card needed, open to everyone! Browse our gardening book collection, too.

**Special Program for Seniors:** ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center will visit Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00 am to discuss protecting yourself against Medicare and healthcare fraud. Learn how to detect, report, and prevent fraud. Part of our ongoing commitment to offering meaningful resources for older patrons.

**Free Tech Help:** Call the library to reserve a half-hour tech help appointment on Thursdays between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Kal's schedule fills quickly, so call soon-as-you-can. Thank you, Kal!

**Elkins Public Library of Things:** Our circulation numbers are soaring—thank you for your support! This month's featured item is the metal detector, perfect for spring cleanup projects. Call today to reserve it.

**Canterbury Chess Club:** A casual, all-ages, all-levels chess meetup at the Library. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5 pm. Enjoy relaxed, unrated games with whatever time controls the group chooses that evening. Bring your favorite board, or we have some to share.



**Farmers Market:**

It's habit forming — come to the Center on Wednesdays because the Canterbury Farmers Market is right outside our door! Bring back overdue books and materials while you're here. \*\* Please remember children must be age 10 or older to be in the library without an adult.\*\*

**FOEPL – Save the Date!** Be part of NH Gives, New Hampshire's biggest day of giving! Friends of Elkins Public Library will participate again in 2026. This 24-hour statewide fundraiser supports nonprofits across NH. It begins at 5pm on June 9 and ends at 5pm on June 10. More info soon!

## Got Lunch Belmont and Friends

Got Lunch! Belmont & Friends is dedicated to ending childhood hunger and reducing food insecurity in our community. Our mission is to ensure no child goes to bed hungry and every family has access to nutritious meals. Through community partnerships, volunteer support, and compassionate outreach, we work to build a healthier, brighter future for every child we serve.

**Enrollment is open until May 31** for families with school-aged children living in Canterbury or Belmont.



• Complete the assistance request form at [gotlunchbelmontandfriends.com](http://gotlunchbelmontandfriends.com).

• Scroll to "My Family Needs Assistance" to apply online or print a form to mail.

• Volunteers pack food bags each Sunday and Monday — new volunteers are always welcome!

• Drivers deliver bags directly to your home every Monday. Deliveries continue throughout the 10 weeks of summer.

• Meals include breakfast and lunch items to match those provided during the school year.



## Monster Concert

The CES band recently traveled to BHS for a day of rehearsals that culminated in the evening's Monster Concert. Our students did a fantastic job collaborating with one another and with the 5th–12th grade SRSD band members to deliver an amazing performance. Their effort, bravery, and persistence were on full display, and we are so proud of them. Way to go, CES band!



## Wellness Week

CES recently held its second annual Wellness Week, and it was a great success. Students enjoyed each themed day's special events and activities:

Move It Monday, Take a Breath Tuesday, Water Wednesday, Tech-Free Thursday, and Flavorful Friday. Thank you to our Wellness Committee for coordinating such a fun and meaningful week.



## 1920s Kickoff Event

Each year, we explore a different decade in history, and this year it was the Roaring Twenties. Students took part in many activities to learn about the era before their visit to the one-room schoolhouse later this spring. They watched silent films, danced the Charleston, completed woodworking projects, created items on an assembly line, heard stories from long ago, and more. It was a terrific day for all involved, and we appreciate the support of our amazing teachers and community members who helped bring it to life.



## Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night was a huge success last month. The evening began with a delicious pizza dinner, followed by classroom and office visits where students and their guests enjoyed fun, hands-on activities highlighting literacy, math, the arts, and science. It was a fantastic night filled with excitement, discovery, and community spirit. Thank you to the CES Leadership



## Kindergarten Registration Open

If you have a student who will be 5-years old by Sept. 30, it's time to think about kindergarten! Online kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. You can also register in person at CES from 9 AM - 2:30 PM.

For online registration, go to [www.sau80.org](http://www.sau80.org), then click on Resources. If you don't already have an Alma account, you then click <https://sau80.almastart.com/>

Call CES at 603-783-9944, or Email our secretary at [stowndsend-gray@sau80.org](mailto:stowndsend-gray@sau80.org) with any questions!

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



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## TRICENTENNIAL



### 300 Trees for 300 Years:

Our committee member, Mark Stevens, spent a morning with Mrs. Glines' second-grade class at CES, planting 34 sugar maple seeds in windowsill flower pots. The seeds



were collected last fall from the historic sugar maples that line "Maple Alley" at Shaker Village. Students will nurture sprouting "Tricentennial Trees" until school ends in June. Cheers to Mrs. Glines and her class for supporting the Tricentennial!



### Commemorative / Challenge Coins

**Are Here!** Designed by a local artist, these coins make wonderful keepsakes and gifts. Just remember: the unwritten rule of a challenge coin is that you should always have it on hand since you never know when a "coin check" might happen! Visit our Shop page for

purchasing info: [canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/](http://canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/)

**Let the Games Begin:** Our neighboring town of Gilmanton—also celebrating 300 years in 2027—has challenged us to a softball game. Now we need players! If you'd like to join Team Canterbury, contact us at [Canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:Canterbury300@gmail.com).



**Tricentennial T-Shirt Shop Reopens May 11–24:** Visit our Shop page for the store link: [canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/](http://canterburyhistory.org/tri-merc-order-form/)



**Tricentennial Quilt:** Creative minds are coming together to make a unique and memorable quilt. If you'd like to participate, contact BJ Entwistle at [beegbkr@gmail.com](mailto:beegbkr@gmail.com).



*Shaker Scene:  
A Meeting & a Parting ~ July 1796  
with Elder Brother Benjamin Whitcher,  
Reverend Young, and Sister Anne*

We are looking for someone experienced with lighting to join the film crew. Contact us at [Canterbury300@gmail.com](mailto:Canterbury300@gmail.com).

### The Canterbury Time Machine:

In April we filmed a Shaker scene titled "A Meeting & a Parting," written by Darryl Thompson. A huge thank you to Canterbury Shaker Village for allowing us to film there! Cheers to Jim, Rick, and Teresa, who braved the cold, dark barn to create a warm and memorable scene. Next up: *The Fort* by Bill Adams.

Coming In June

## Annual Town Yard Sale, Sat. June 13, 9-Noon

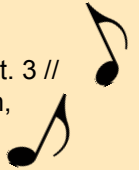
At the Center Gazebo Green, Rain or Shine! Come and Shop — OR — set up your own table and cash box and bring your own Treasures to sell! A small charge of \$3-\$5.00 for the Concord Monitor newspaper ad will be collected that morning. Leftover Treasures can be donated to the What-Not Sale at the Canterbury Fair. Contact person Jessie Tichko [rjtichko@gmail.com](mailto:rjtichko@gmail.com)

## Summer Music Is Back In Canterbury

Sessions in the Center – Live Music Series presented by Friends of Canterbury Center. All events are held at Canterbury Center and are FREE and open to the public.

### Concert Dates:

June 18, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3 // Special 4th of July Celebration, featuring "Club Soda"



### Become a Patron:

\$40 // Support Sessions in the Center — your contribution funds the concert series and keeps these events free for the community. Help us reach 100 Patrons!

### Donate online:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/friends-of-canterbury-center-summer-concert-series-patron>

### Donate by check:

Friends of Canterbury Center,  
PO Box 142, Canterbury, NH 03224



### Local Business:

To sponsor Sessions in the Center Email: [friendsofcanterburycenter@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcanterburycenter@gmail.com)

*Friends of Canterbury Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.*

## Open House, Sat., June 27, 11-2pm, Parish House

You're invited to help celebrate Judy Nelson's 80th birthday and her 30 plus years of living in this wonderful Canterbury Community. A light lunch is being sponsored by Canterbury Benevolent Society. No gifts please! However, a canned good donation for the Loudon Food Pantry would be happily accepted.

# May at Canterbury Shaker Village

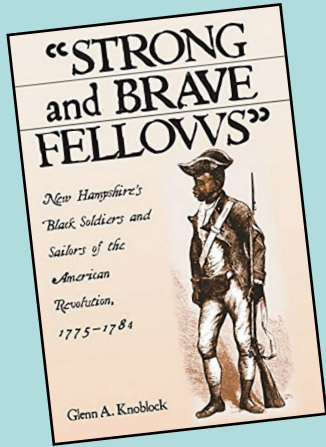


## Canterbury Historical Society

Our website's Feature Article of the month is entitled: "The Tales and Travels of Canterbury's Civil War Monument." Find it at [CanterburyHistory.org](http://CanterburyHistory.org).

A reminder for anyone wanting a Historic Sign for their old or not very old house. Information and order forms are posted on the Canterbury Historical Website ([www.canterburyhistory.org](http://www.canterburyhistory.org)).

~ Fred Brewster, President CHS



On Wed., May 13th at 6:00pm in the Town Hall, Glenn Knoblock will give a lecture entitled: "African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution."

## Actors Needed For Tricentennial Film

Scenes for the "Canterbury Time Machine" — our town's 300 year history — are being written & filmed throughout 2026, leading up to a premier in 2027! Please email Diane Modugno if you'd like to be part of this creative project!

[mdgn@gmail.com](mailto:mdgn@gmail.com)



Cast & crew of the first scene of the "Canterbury Time Machine."

## Opening Day and Shaker 5k: Sat., May 16 at 9:00am.

The Capital Area Race Series returns to the Village on Saturday, May 16 to kick off the season! The race at the Village is a 5K, cross-country event, which wraps around the Village's trails, fields, ponds, and pastures. This race coincides with the opening up of the Village in 2026 for tours, exhibits, and events for guests. Register at <https://www.runreg.com/canterbury-shaker-village-xc-5k>.



## "Raise the Roof Barn Dances: Thurs., May 21 at 7:30-9:30pm

A hot live band of David Millstone (caller), Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki (fiddler), and Sue Hunt (pianist) sing out the calls and play lively, foot-stomping square dances in a historic North Shop at Canterbury Shaker Village. The dances will be taught (no prior experience necessary), couples and singles are welcome, and all proceeds support the Village's building repair fund. The second dance of the series will occur Thurs., June 18.



## Movers and Shakers Trail Club: Sat., May 30 at 9:30-11:00am

Monthly trail club at Canterbury Shaker Village! Appreciate the 200-year history and legacy of the Canterbury Shakers at this National Historic Landmark, enjoy 4-miles of trails with both active (walking, running) and creative (photography, plein-air painting, reading with a view) recreation on the Village's 694 acres, and cultivate new connections with an evolving community of like-minded people. Meets last Saturday of every month at the Garden Barn.

## 4H Cloverbuds

The Canterbury 4H Cloverbuds April meeting focused on earth science. Christie prepared a wonderful module about tectonic plates, including hands on activities using graham crackers, marshmallow fluff, and rice cakes to help the kids learn how they move and engage with each other. The kids thought that the part of the meeting when they made a volcano erupt was a "blast"!

May's meeting will be Monday May "the" 4th at 5:00pm at the parish house. We will be preparing for our participation in the Memorial Day parade by making shirts to wear. June will be our last meeting of the 4H year, location and date TBD.

*The 4H Canterbury Cloverbuds is for children age 5-7 (by 1/1/26). It costs nothing to join and we meet monthly during the school year. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please email Caley & Christie at [canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com](mailto:canterburycloverbuds@gmail.com)*



## 4H Rascals

The 4H Rascals hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., March 28. The Egg Hunt is always fun and we love hosting it each year! Many thanks to CES for loaning us their field for the event. And thanks to all those who came out and shared the morning with us!

What else are we up to in the 4H Rascals? Last month several members of the Rascals attended a 2 part sewing workshop. The members learned how to use their sewing machines, and skills such as pressing, pinning, and measuring. In the workshop the Rascals made beautiful pillow cases for their beds! We also had a group of members learn to crochet. The Rascals in the picture below crocheted a cute yellow chick stuffie!



Our next meeting for 4H Rascals is on Thurs., May 7 at 6:30 pm at the Canterbury Parish House.



*Canterbury Rascals is a 4H club for children ages 8-18. New members are always welcome. If you would like more club info, please contact Adrienne Hutchinson at [adrienneart212@gmail.com](mailto:adrienneart212@gmail.com). Find more information about 4H, and links to sign up your child at: <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/what-is-4-h>*



*Message from the Energy Committee*

## Explore opportunities to make your home more energy efficient!

The **Home Heating Index tool** is an easy, online way to determine if your home qualifies for an energy audit that could help you earn energy efficiency incentives and rebates! Check it out at **NHSAVES.com**

Before you use the tool, gather the following info: Your heating usage for the past 12 months, the conditioned square footage of your home, your heating fuel source and your utility provider, your zip code.



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Check out the Canterbury Newsletter website for town news, resources, and calendar of events!  
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## Opening Day of the Market is Wed., June 3, 4-6:30 pm



**Wear your "Happy Hat" on Opening Day, as we kick off our 20th season! You can find the Market in our traditional spot in the parking area and meadow next to the Elkins Library.**

**This summer you will find:**

- 20 great local vendors
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UNH Extension Master Gardeners have been a valued part of the Canterbury Farmers Market — but Extension offerings extend far beyond our Market! Explore the events and learning opportunities offered by Extension in their quarterly Merrimack County Newsletter. • The easiest way to find the current newsletter is to Google "UNH Extension Spring 2026 Newsletter" – OR – use the link you will find in upcoming Town Emails.

## The 2026 WindowDressers Team is Ready!

This not-for-profit energy conservation project is volunteer run and focuses on supporting communities to save energy and \$\$, conserve fuel, and be more comfortable. WindowDressers custom fitted interior storm inserts work in both old and new homes!

Are you ready to reduce drafts, be warmer next winter, and save \$\$ on heating?

— Go to [WindowDressers.org](http://WindowDressers.org) to sign up for inserts.

— Call or text: Ruth Heath (603-724-4343)  
Claudia Leidinger (603-568-4713)  
Nancy Frank (240-461-5947)

— Email us at [MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com](mailto:MerrimackValleyWD@gmail.com).

— Our Community Build will be Oct. 29 -- Nov. 3 in the Canterbury Town Hall.

— Our measuring teams are prepared -- and already have four orders. We can't wait to work on your custom inserts!



## FILTER Arsenic Study



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### is your well water safe?

A research team at Dartmouth College is conducting a study on arsenic in well water that may be especially relevant to Canterbury residents. In New Hampshire, 1 in 4 wells contains arsenic above state health guidelines.

If you participate, you will receive a free test kit to check your well water for arsenic. The study aims to make arsenic testing easier and help families reduce exposure through drinking water.



Participants may receive up to \$400 in gift cards, and can also enter for a chance to win a \$100 gift card by completing a short eligibility survey.

To learn more, email [FILTER.Arsenic.Study@dartmouth.edu](mailto:FILTER.Arsenic.Study@dartmouth.edu) or call (603) 646-5421 during business hours. A study team member will respond within 48 hours.

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**Sat., June 6, 8-Noon —OR—  
Sat., June 20, 8 - Noon**

Where: Parish House

Last year, approx. 375 hand-pies were made. Help us get to 400 this year! Contact Judy Nelson (603-493-4207) to let me know which session you'll be attending.



## What-Not Needs Volunteers

Mark your calendars and join the fun! <— *really, it's fun!*

— Sun., June 28

Move tables and set up (after church).

— July 1 thru 18

Mon.s, Wed.s., & Fri.s 4-7pm, Sat.s Noon-5pm

— July 20 - 23, 4-7pm

— Friday the 24, Noon-4pm

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**CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER:** accepts applications for 2.5-12yr children. Reggio-inspired, Art & Nature-based education; meeting the needs of busy families year round. M-F 7am-6pm. 603-783-4370 or [CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com](mailto:CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com)

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PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224

**Church Office Hours:** Mon. 10-2,  
Wed. 10-2, Thurs. 1-4, Fri. by appt.

**Parish House rental:** 603-783-9365.  
mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

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

### Community Newsletter:

Deadline is 18th of month before publication. For events early in the month consider also submitting news 2 months ahead. // Editor: Beth Blair, 603-783-4333. To submit news: newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

**Community Newsletter Website:**  
CanterburyNewsletter.org

### Town Email List:

Managed by Kal McKay. Join or submit news by Emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com

- Deadline to submit news is Tues. by 8 pm. Email sends Wed., 4 am.
- Unless something is urgent (e.g. snow storm), no special editions.
- Please keep news short as possible. No pictures or attachments.

### Tricentennial Committee:

Canterbury300@gmail.com

### Post Office:

603-783-4158  
**Hours:** Mon. - Fri., 10 am to 5 pm  
(closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm for lunch);  
Sat., 8:30am-Noon

### Elkins Public Library:

603-783-4386.  
**Hours:** Mon. & Tues., 9-5  
Wed. & Thurs., 9-7 // Sat. 9-12.  
Online: elkinspubliclibrary.org  
elkinspubliclibrary@gmail.com

### Stores

**Canterbury Country Store:**  
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Building open to access the Post Office, see hours above.

### Brookford Farm Store:

9am to 6pm daily; 603-783-4084

### Wildlife

**Questions / Concerns**  
NH Fish and Game (603) 271-3421  
www.wildlife.nh.gov

### Wildlife Rehabilitation

Maria Colby, Henniker. (603)  
428-3723. wingswildlife.org

## Town of Canterbury

### EMERGENCY? Dial 911

**Canterbury Police Department:**  
603-783-0433 for non-emergencies.  
canterburypolice@canterburynh.gov  
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Merrimack County Dispatch:**  
603-228-1010 for non-emergencies.

**Fire Department:** 603-783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email Chief at canterburyfire@canterburynh.gov

**Town website:** canterburynh.gov

**Transfer Station:** Tue. and Wed.,  
4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm.  
Call 603-783-9980 or email  
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**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:**  
603-783-0153. // Mon. and Wed.,  
9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7.  
spapps@canterburynh.gov

**Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor:**  
603-783-9955.  
Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2.  
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assessing@canterburynh.gov  
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**Building Inspector:** 603-783-9033  
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**Highway Dept:** 603-783-4123  
canterburyhighway@  
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**Planning Board:** 603-848-2059  
planningboard@canterburynh.gov

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Check Town website for agendas, minutes, and meeting updates such as change of venue or cancellations. All regular meetings currently scheduled in the Meeting House.

**Board of Selectmen:**  
1st and 3rd Mon., 5 pm

**Canterbury Community Power:**  
2nd Wed., 7 pm

**Conservation Commission:**  
2nd Thurs., 7 pm

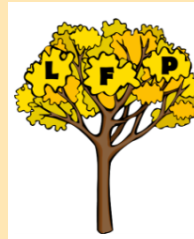
**Energy Committee:**  
2nd Mon., 7 pm

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

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

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**  
Quarterly, 5:30 pm

**Zoning Board:** 4th Wed. of the month, as needed.



## Loudon Food Pantry

*We supply food to anyone who qualifies and lives in Canterbury, Belmont, Chichester, and Loudon NH. There is never any fee or charge for receiving food. All food given out by appt. only.*

In March 2026 Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 318 individuals for them to prepare 10,064 meals. Of these people, 153 were aged 60 and older (48%), 66 were aged 18 or under (21%), and 99 were between those ages (31%).

Have food to drop off when we're not open? The Lions Club has sponsored a donation drop off box for us at the Market Basket at Merchants Way (I-93, Exit 17 in Concord)!

**Do you need food?** Call Meghan at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

**Hours:** Office open for donations and volunteers Tues. 9-6, Wed. 9-1, Thurs. 9-4 // Closed Mon. and Fri.

**Service:** ONLY by appointment, same hours as above.

**Location:** Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd. Unit D, 30 Chichester Rd., Loudon, NH 03307.

**Contact:** 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or our website: www.loudonfoodpantry.org.

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## Trash Talk

**A few reminders about how to bring trash to the Transfer Station (TS):** Canterbury has been a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) community since Oct., 2006. If you bring trash to the TS, it should be in the green PAYT bags. This system helps ensure that residents who generate trash help offset disposal tipping fees.



### Green PAYT bags are available at:

- Transfer Station. *Can pay by cash, check, or credit.*
- Sam Lake House (Town Offices) during business hours
- Market Basket at Exit 17

### PAYT Bag prices:

- Roll of 10 Small (20-gallon) bags — \$15.00
- Roll of 10 Large (30-gallon) bags — \$25.00

### If you bring trash in regular black bags, the drop-off fees for full bags are:

- Small (20-gallon) — \$3.00 each
- Large (30-gallon) — \$5.00 each
- Extra-Large (50-gallon) — \$6.00 each



### Recycling is mandatory in Canterbury.

- Sorting cans, bottles, paper, corrugated cardboard, etc. *before* arriving at the TS helps keep the line moving.
- If you have questions about what can be recycled, or where it goes, be sure to ask the staff at the TS.
- An updated recycling list is being prepared and should be available later this summer.
- If you use a private trash pickup service such as Casella Waste Systems, you may still bring your recycling to the Transfer Station!
- Check the fee schedule posted at the TS and on the Town Website for items such as old tires, sofas, and construction debris. When in doubt — ask! :-)

## NH Energy Week, May 4–5

Your Energy Committee works to help the town save \$\$ on energy costs AND educates and support us all in using energy wisely. Check out the NH Energy Week free events happening across the state, including:

- Zoom “Button-Up” sessions on saving energy and \$\$ at home, plus how to apply for free energy audits
- Energy Trivia Nights at NH breweries
- (For energy geeks!) Conversations on grid infrastructure and energy policy
- Tours of the new solar site in Warner (*it will power 1,000 homes!*) and clean energy tech at the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch
- Fireside chat with Jeanne Shaheen on NH’s energy future
- Lunchtime Zoom sessions from our friends at 603 Solar on “Solar 101” and “Solar Myths”
- A community bike ride in Portsmouth celebrating people-powered transportation

**Full schedule:** [nhenergyfuture.org/events/](http://nhenergyfuture.org/events/)

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