



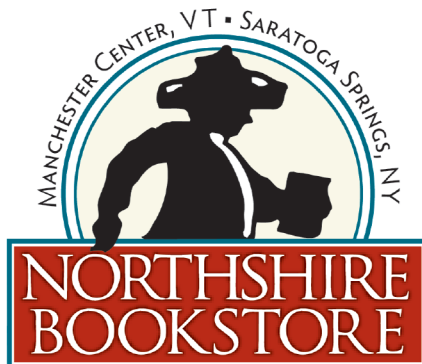
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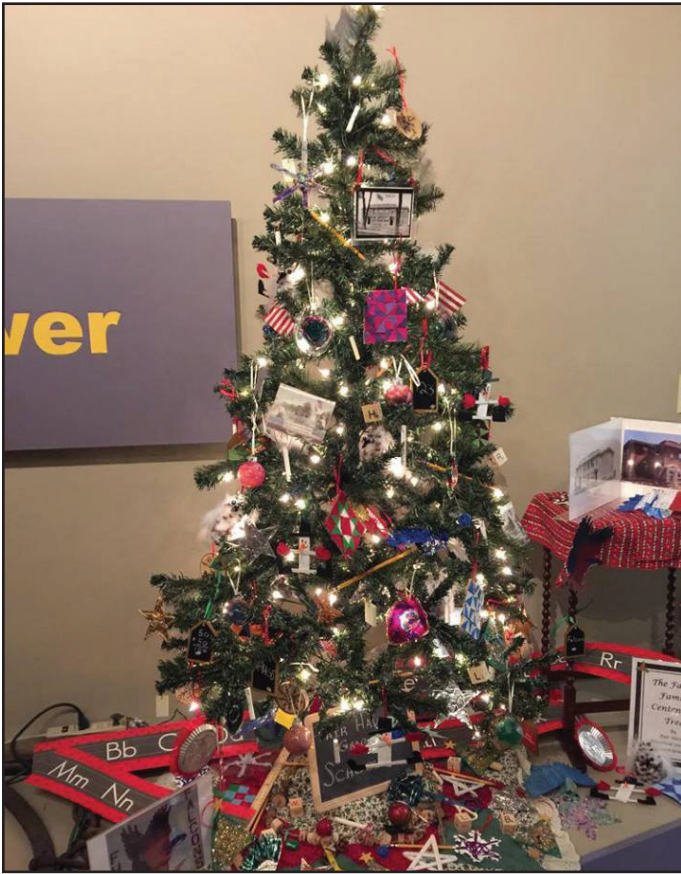
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Slate Valley Museum Festival of Trees



Trees from 2015 Festival of Trees.

GRANVILLE – The Slate Valley Museum is excited to host its sixth annual hosting of the Festival of Trees. As part of the museum’s December First Friday event, the Festival of Trees will kickoff at the Slate Valley Museum on December 2nd. Trees will be on display through December 10th all throughout

the museum.

The opening celebration will take place on Friday evening, December 2nd. The Festival will be open Saturday, December 3rd from 10am to 4pm and Tuesday through Friday (December 6th-9th) from 1pm-5pm. Saturday December 10th the museum will be open from

10am-4pm. On December 10th, the silent auction of trees will close at 3:30 when the winners will be announced.

“It warms the hearts of the community seeing so many organizations come together making trees for the festival”, said Krista Rupe, executive director of the Slate Valley Museum.

All organizations, individuals, schools, clubs, neighborhoods and more are encouraged to submit trees. Those interested in submitting a tree to display should pick up a registration form at the Slate Valley Museum located at 17 Water Street in Granville. If you wish to submit a tree, trees are accepted with a donation fee of \$25. The fee will be waived if you wish to donate the tree to be auctioned off in the silent auction.

The deadline for registrations is November 16th. All proceeds benefit the Slate Valley Museum.

All trees submitted must be artificial. They also should be labeled with a title and brief explanation of its theme. The museum requests that trees have their own lighting, a secure stand with limb sections and decorations that are firmly attached to avoid loss or damage.

Trees may be set up at the Slate Valley Museum on November 26th-29th. Those participating should contact Celani at 518-642-9765 or 518-361-9475 to set up an appointment to set up trees.

For additional information, contact the museum at 518-642-1417 or mail@slatevalley-museum.org.

Hubbard Hall Holiday Breakfast

CAMBRIDGE – The annual Hubbard Hall Holiday Breakfast will be held Saturday, December 3 with seatings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For twenty one years Hubbard Hall has been celebrating holiday traditions from around the world as a unique and festive fundraiser. This year we invite you to enjoy the tastes, sights, and sounds of a traditional French Christmas. Featured this year will be performances by the Hubbard Hall Youth Chorale under the direction of Kelvin Keraga. Reservations are suggested at 518-677-2495.

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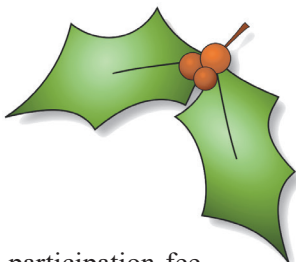
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- Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 am - Osteo Exercise Ask at the desk for an information packet.
- Thursdays 2:30 - 4pm LEGO Club - All ages, under 9 with caregiver.
- First Thursday of the Month 4-7 pm Boomerang Book Sale!
- First Monday of the Month 6-7:30 pm French Group - is back! Brush up on your conversational French. To sign up contact Gwenne Rippon at sylvia.gwenne@gmail.com.
- Second Wednesday of the Month 2 pm - 3:15 pm - Living with Loss Support Group. Open to anyone, registration not required.
- Second Wednesday of the Month 7 pm - Library Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- Second Thursday of the Month 4 - 5 pm Library Volunteer Orientation. Sign up at the desk or request a more convenient time.
- Hedbring Community Room Exhibit for November: Work of Sister Catherine Clare. Meet the artist Wednesday November 30, 2:30-4 pm.
- Pre K Building Blocks, the Greenwich Free Library's new program for preschoolers with their caregivers focuses on skills and behaviors for school suc-

cess. The fall programs will run until December 23rd. For more information call the library 692 7157.

- Mondays 11:00-12:00 St-Art Start the week with a story and art. A
- hands-on class; dress for mess!
- Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 Story Hour Stories, crafts, songs.
- Wednesdays 1:30-2:15 Kinetic Kids Games, dance, obstacle challenges.
- Thursdays 11:00-12:30 Story/ Play and Lunch Stories, songs, and Play! Bring a lunch to picnic at the library from 12:00-12:30.
- Fridays 11:00-12:00 Little Learners Learning through activities and projects.

Fab Fridays

Fab Fridays The Greenwich Free Library teams up with the Greenwich Youth Center to present a program for kids in grades 4 to 8. Kids will meet at the Youth Center on that Friday at 2:30 to check in, get a snack, then head to the library to set up for the program and start to Fabricate Something Fabulous! Parent pickup is back at the Youth Center at 5pm. **Class schedule:** You Can Do Art November 18, December 16; Hands-on Science December 2; Maker Camp December 9. Sign up ahead of time at the library 692-7157

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BENNINGTON, VT – Southwestern Vermont Health Care offers several educational opportunities and outreach events each month. A complete list of events scheduled for November appears below.

Diabetes Education

Ongoing by appointment

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Diabetes Education Program offers education on diabetes basics, nutrition for diabetes, and how to test your blood sugar by appointment on an ongoing basis in providers' offices. Call Paula Haytko at 802-440-4025 for more information.

FreshStart Tobacco

Cessation Class

12 – 1 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m.

Tuesdays

If you are using tobacco and you want to quit, join a free FreshStart class. Educational classes developed by the American Cancer Society, each class offers an opportunity to learn the facts about tobacco, find new ways to quit, get free nicotine replacement, and meet others interested in quitting. By the end of the class, participants will be able to set a quit date and maintaining their status as "quit" for good! For information, contact Kathy at kathy.dockum@svhealthcare.org or 802-440-4098.

Gentle Yoga for

Cancer Survivors

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

This gentle yoga class is free and open to cancer survivors and members of their support teams. Participants will learn basic balancing postures, breathing, and visualization techniques for relaxation, stress reduction, flexibility, and strength. The class is supported by the Cancer Center Patient Resource Fund. Contact Rebecca Hewson-Steller, RN at 802-440-4244 for more information.

Early Intervention

Play Group

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mondays (except holidays)

Held at the Bennington Free Library, this interactive play group offers a snack, story time, art activities, and free play for children 1 – 3 years old. Coordinators also provide education to parents and caregivers. Contact Jennie Moon at 802-447-2768 for more information.

Multiple Myeloma

Support Group

6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday,

November 15, 2016

The Southern Vermont Myeloma Support Network includes members from eastern New York state and the northern Berkshires in Massachusetts. We utilize the Difficult Conversations Workbook: Finding a Path through Illness, an interactive

toolkit produced by the Center for Communication in Medicine Speak Sooner initiative. Interested patients with blood diseases, caregivers, family members, and friends are encouraged to join us! Remember, knowledge is patient-power, so learn and share as much as possible about myeloma. Our group is affiliated with the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF). Contact Jan Martin Bopp at 802-375-5494 to join.

Childbirth

Education Class

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20,

2016

The childbirth education class offers expectant parents a way to explore the miracle of birth with dignity and confidence. Register during your fourth month of pregnancy to start class during your seventh month. Please

note, there is an \$80 registration fee, which includes you and one additional support person to attend this class, if you like. Some insurance providers will reimburse the costs. Contact your provider directly to learn more. Some reduced fees are available. Contact Karen Ranttila at 802-447-5160 for more information.

Car Seat Installation

& Safety Check

3 – 7 p.m. Monday,

November 21, 2016

A current and properly installed car seats is an important part of keeping your child safe. Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Women's and Children's Services department offers a free car seat fitting the third Monday of every month. Certified installers can install one car seat per 1/2 hour appointment time. Call 802-447-5160 to register.

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Wreath-making is fun for everyone!

Please join us for this holiday festivity, drink some tea, and enjoy the glow from our masonry woodstove. All ages are welcome! Please remember to sign-up before the event; space is limited to 10 persons, and spaces fill up quickly.

Merck Forest and Farmland Center is located at 3270 Route 315 in Rupert, VT (802-394-7836, www.merckforest.org).

Annual HAYC3 Holiday Pop-Up Shop

HOOSICK FALLS – In the spirit of community and the holiday season, and in keeping with its shop local and sustainability campaigns, HAYC3 is having their second annual Pop-Up Holiday Shop upstairs in The Perry Room at The Armory in Hoosick Falls. This year's Pop Up Holiday Shop will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2016. We will have vendors, holiday cheer, and even Santa!

This is an event where small business owners, craftspeople, artists, artisans, farmers, and even non-profits have a chance to sell their goods and services. Service providers and other non-profit organizations are welcome to share their information and/or sell their merchandise. The December 3 event runs from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. For more information, call HAYC3 at 518-686-9050.

Cambridge Holiday Vendor Fair

CAMBRIDGE – Cambridge Holiday Vendor Fair: Operation Santa Claus will be hosting the 20th Annual Craft, vendor & fine Arts Fair will be held this year December 3rd at the Cambridge Central School. Operation Santa Claus is now accepting applications. We always sell out so don't hesitate email Dawn Case for an application, avondawn-case@gmail.com or call 518-677-3959 for any questions.

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Advent Luncheons

CAMBRIDGE: It is almost time for the Christmas Season and that means the annual Advent luncheons. We are pleased to announce that they will continue at Embury Methodist Church on Main St. but on a different day. Rev. Debbie Erthrowl will oversee any event being held at Embury and this year they begin on Tuesday, November 29 at noon. Please mark your calendar. Lunch will be provided by area Methodist churches and St. Patrick's Church.

Christmas Bazaar



CAMBRIDGE – Please join us for our annual St. Martha's Guild luncheon and Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19. The cost of lunch is \$2 for children and \$4 for adults. Lunch will consist of variety of sandwiches, our famous St. Luke's soup, dessert and beverage. Lunch will be served from (11-1). We will also have a bas-

ket raffle which includes all local donations from Cambridge and Greenwich, a silent auction and baked goods for sale with Ms. Sally Kings famous horseradish cheese dip. Please invite everyone you know...you don't want to miss out! Hope to see you there! The basket raffle drawing will be at 2:00 sharp! You don't need to be present to win, you will be contacted by phone that day if you win. St. Nicholas will make an appearance from 12-1 so don't forget your cameras!

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The parade, organized by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, will meet at the parking lot of the Greenwich Central School and step-off at 6 p.m. and move down to the Main Street, it will then head east along the Main downtown retail district to Washington Street.

Space is limited so be sure to contact the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce to get your entry form. The Chamber is located at 6 Academy Street in Greenwich. Entry forms are also available on the Chamber's website at www.greenwich-chamber.org.

Contest winners will be chosen from the following categories: Best in Show, Best Use of Lights, Best Business Entry, Best Musical Entry and Best Antique Entry.

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Select members of the Hoosick Falls Central School Senior Chorus will once again be traveling to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall! The chorus will be joining a slew of artists & an orchestra to perform on December 1, 2016.

Senior Chorus teacher Ambigay Yudkoff has been working with this talented group of musicians for years and says, "performing at the iconic Carnegie Hall is always a privilege."

This year Ms. Yudkoff will be bringing 21 singers with her to perform on the legendary Carnegie Hall stage, and she observes that "even though it will be my fifth time there since 2010, the experience is always exhilarating since it will be the first time for many students."

The students are excited about the trip too. Not many schools that are right next door to a farm earn the chance to perform at the legendary Carnegie Hall in New York City.

For Senior René Saint Hilarie, this trip is living a dream all over again.

"This is my fourth time going to Carnegie Hall. I'm really looking forward to it! This will be my last time as high school student performing there. I am planning on going to the Crane School of Music, where I hope someday to have a solo career that will bring me back to the Carnegie stage."

For sophomore Conner Zedalis this is all a new experience. He says, "this is my first year going to Carnegie Hall. I'm very excited to be selected for a truly amazing experience. Earning the privilege to say that I have performed at Carnegie Hall is something to be excited about."

Ms. Yudkoff

adds, "For my singers and me, we live by the mantra, practice, practice, practice."

This is the 11th year of Tim Janis' "The American Christmas Carol." (For more information see below) Tickets can be purchased from the Carnegie Hall website via this special link: goo.gl/tN09su

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GLENS FALLS – The world famous Harlem Globetrotters, featuring some of the most electrifying athletes on the planet, will bring their spectacular show to the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, NY on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00pm during their 2017 World Tour.

New this season, for the first time ever, the Globetrotters will debut basketball's first 4-point line. The 4-point line will be located 30 feet from the basket – 6 feet, 3 inches beyond the top of the NBA's current 3-point line.

During their 2017 World Tour, the famed team will feature a star-studded roster that includes Big Easy Lofton, Ant Atkinson, Hi-Lite Bruton, Thunder Law, Bull

Bullard and Cheese Chisholm – plus female stars TNT Lister and Ace Jackson* – the Globetrotters' one-of-a-kind show is unrivaled in the world of family entertainment. Every game will showcase incredible ball handling wizardry, rim-rattling dunks, trick shots, hilarious comedy and unequalled fan interaction. After the game, Globetrotter stars will sign autographs and take photos with fans.

Tickets start at \$24.50 and are now for available for pre-sale at harlemglobetrotters.com, www.glensfallsc.com, the GFCC box office, or by phone at (855) 432-2849. Information on group and scout tickets can also be found at harlemglobetrotters.com.

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Eternal Illumination Tree Lighting

CAMBRIDGE - The Cambridge Lions Club presents Eternal Illumination, Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. in Memorial Park next to the Cambridge Public Library. Eternal Illumination is a lighted Christmas Tree memorial in remembrance of loved ones who are no longer with us.

Purchase a Christmas Tree (through the project) and decorate it in memory of a loved one. The

\$50 fee covers the cost of the tree, material for the sign, lead cords, replacement cords and adapters as need, etc. Participants will provide lights and decorations. Applications must be returned with \$50. to: Eternal Illumination – Cambridge Lions Club PO BOX 292 Cambridge, NY 12816

The Christmas Trees will be in and ready to decorate on Saturday, De-

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Annual Greenwich Breakfast with Santa

GREENWICH – Santa is coming to Greenwich!! The Annual Greenwich Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Greenwich Elks Club on Route 40 in Greenwich.



As always Santa is due to arrive by fire engine courtesy of the Greenwich Fire Department at approximately 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00

for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10 – tickets are available at the door. The breakfast is a family style pancake breakfast cooked by the Greenwich

Elks Club.

Children will have the opportunity to get their picture taken with Santa, make holiday crafts, create Christmas cards, and write Christmas Lists to Santa. The FFA, FBLA and local vendors will also have Holiday decorations, GCS Clothing and other craft items for sale. The Pooh's Corner Preschool will also be on hand to spread some cheer as they sing some Christmas carols.

The event is sponsored by the Greenwich Women's



Service Club in association with the Greenwich Central School District's FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society Clubs. The proceeds from the event go towards Operation Santa and local Community projects.

Greenwich Elks Memorial Service

The Greenwich Elks Lodge BPOE #2223 will honor former members who have passed on during their annual Memorial Service. The service will be held December 14, 2016 from 1 to 3 pm. For more information, please call the Elks Lodge at (518) 692-2061. The Lodge is located at 130 Bulson Road in Greenwich.

Everlasting Lights

GREENWICH – Town Clerk Elaine Kelly is once again planning the "EVERLASTING LIGHTS" Christmas Tree Memorial. It will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 4 for the tree lighting at "The Commons" behind the Greenwich Town Office Building. All trees will be lighted simultaneously and will remain lighted throughout the holiday season. For information, call Elaine at 518-692-7611.

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Celebrate and stay true to your budget this holiday season

The holiday season is a joyous time of year dominated by family reunions and seasonal soirées. And while kindness is a theme of the holiday season, this time of year can be especially unkind to personal budgets, many of which get stretched thin in the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Travel and shopping tend to do the most damage to budgets come the holiday season, when people hit the road to see family and friends, often with numerous gifts in tow. But the holiday season does not have to be so harsh on personal budgets, especially for those men and women who employ a few tricks of the trade to lighten their financial burdens during this festive time of year.

Set spending limits. Many families, especially those that are very large, establish spending limits with regard to how much each person can spend on gifts for their loved ones. Such limits still allow holiday celebrants to exchange gifts with their family members, but limits help celebrants reign in their holiday spending as well. No one wants to begin the new year with heaps of debt or an empty bank account, so don't be afraid to propose such spending limits to your relatives.

Share hosting duties. In addition to travel and shopping, hosting holiday parties requires a considerable financial commitment on the part of the host. Rather than forcing holiday hosts to shoulder that burden on their own, families can share the hosting duties, even if the party is still slated to take place at one person's home. Make the holiday dinner a potluck affair so holiday hosts don't have to assume the cost of the entire meal on their own. Request family members bring certain items, asking one person to provide beverages for the night while another takes care of dessert. Sharing such duties makes the cost of hosting a large holiday dinner much more manageable while freeing up time that holiday hosts can spend with their loved ones.

Make your own decorations. Holiday decorations go a long way toward feeding the festive atmosphere

of the season. But store-bought decorations can be expensive. Instead of outsourcing your holiday decorating, make homemade decorations with materials purchased at a nearby arts and crafts store. Gather the family together for a crafts night and enjoy this time spent together

during what's typically a hectic time of year. Homemade decorations also create lasting memories, as you and your family can enjoy reflecting on the fruits of your labors every holiday season for years to come.

Start shopping early. One way to stretch your holiday shopping budget is to start shopping early. Though many holiday shoppers have been given such advice, very few take it to heart. Shopping early affords you more time to find deals and comparison shop, and beginning your search for gifts early allows you to patiently wait for sales or other discounts that might not be available once the holiday season hits full swing. If you plan to purchase any big-ticket items well in advance of the holiday season, first confirm the return policy, specifically how long you have to return the gift, as you don't want your loved one to end up with a gift they can't return if necessary.

The holiday season finds many people stretching their budgets. But men and women can employ several strategies to save money while still enjoying a memorable and festive holiday season.



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Local Students In 125th Annual Production



HOOSICK – Students at Hoosac School are busy rehearsing for the 125th production

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tion involves all of Hoosac's boys and girls and faculty members.

Divided into two parts, the celebration begins with the Boar's Head carol representing the gathering of Elizabethan gentry at the manor house to celebrate the birth of Christ. A solemn procession heralds the entrance of guests bearing food for the feast. In the place of honor is the boar's head, decorated with flags representing the Holy Roman Empire in the 16th century and symbolizing the conquest of good over evil. A flaming plum pudding also has a place of honor. Its richness and gaily colored fruit represent the gifts of the three kings. Shepherds enter in song seeking the newborn child. The carol between King Wenceslas and his page symbolizes the virtues of caring for the less fortunate. The three kings sing in solemn procession bearing their gifts.

A medieval banquet is served during intermission by Beefeaters in the school's Memorial Dining Hall, a vaulted, cathedral-like structure with flags lining the rafters. The flags represent the home countries of students who have attended Hoosac during the past 120 years.

A shift in mood takes place in the second act when the revels begin, and the country folk join the gentry in song and games. The wassail bowl is carried in, and Father Christmas, accompanied by sprites usually played by faculty children, brings in the Yule Log which is lit with a torch made from last year's embers. A hush falls over the audience as the house lights go out and the Jester enters declaring himself the "Lord of Misrule." Following the Jester, sword dancers entertain with a ritualized duel. A mummings play, a medieval burlesque of St. George slaying the dragon, is performed.

The evening closes with caroling. This year's pageant will be held on December 15 (Community Night), December 16 (for Alumni and Trustees) and December 17 (for Parents).

For more information about the pageant contact the school at 518-686-7331.

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Christmas in Cambridge weekend December 2nd-4th

Santa arrives 6:00pm on Friday night with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in Memorial Park. There will be caroling, extended shopping hours and sales in many locations. Stroll the village lit by luminaries and enjoy the shops, the fire pits and the spirit of the season. Eggnog, cookies and treats will be provided in shops and at the fire pits. Stop in NV Boutique in their new location and take advantage of their special bag sale.

On Saturday December 3, has a very full day of events. Cambridge Valley Fine Artists will be having a tour and sale beginning at 10am, visit their website for more information, cambridgevalleyart.org. The Cambridge Assisted Living Residence will have an open house from 2 to 4, with hot chocolate and cookies, plus tours of the home every 15 minutes. There will be the Christmas Goodies Holiday Bazaar at the Cambridge United Presbyterian Church, and holiday sales and specials throughout the village. Many shops will be offering special sales, like discounted Holiday Gift Certificates from Country Gal's Cafe and Hot Cider tasting at Black Dog Wines & Spirits. Valley Artisans Market will be providing arts and crafts demonstrations throughout the weekend.

Sunday December 4 celebrates the holidays with the lighting of the Eternal Illumination Memorial trees at 5:30 pm. Please contact the Cambridge Lions Club if you would like to purchase a tree. During the day visit the Cambridge Valley Farmer's Market from 10-2 in the Lovejoy building on the Hubbard Hall Campus, Valley Artisans will be open and hosting artist demonstrations and Artist Matt Chinian is holding an Open Studio on West Main Street.

We are always looking for volunteers and feedback. Contact the chamber at cambridgechamber@gmail.com to volunteer or ad an event. Visit



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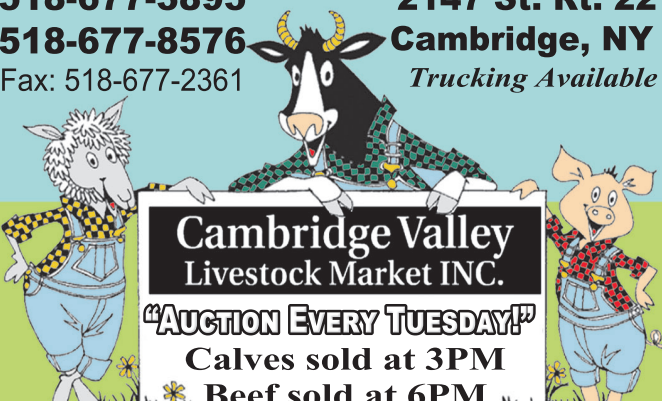
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Fri, Nov 18 – (7:30-9:30PM) – Sonny and the Suspensions, Hudson River Music Hall, 10 Maple St. Hudson Falls. Sonny and the Suspensions will bring you back to a time when transistor radios ruled the airwaves cranking out all the hits from the 60's. They play 1965 to 1969 mega hits with the sights and sound of the era. You will find yourself transported to a great time in pop music's rich history, when you knew the words to every song. Join us in reviving the vibe of the 60's with Sonny and the Suspensions. \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors and students. Tickets available at the door. For more information, please call 518-832-3484.

Sat, Nov 19 – (7:30-10PM) – Whiskey River Band, Hudson River Music Hall, 10 Maple St. Hudson Falls. Classic Country music. \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors and students. Tickets available at the door. For more information, please call 518-832-3484.

Sat, Nov 19 (10AM-2PM) – Courthouse Community Center - Shoppe Off Broadway Holiday Bazaar. Free event. Something for everyone in the Great Hall.

Sat, Nov 19 – (10AM-5PM) – McCartee's Barn - Christmas Merry Making.

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Sun, Nov 20 – (1-3PM) – ARTSPACE exhibit, Hudson River Music Hall, 10 Maple St. Hudson Falls. Art exhibit reception for our local artists.

Wed, Nov 23, (7:30-9:30PM) – Open Mic Night Hosted by Pete Perillat, Hudson River Music Hall, 10 Maple St. Hudson Falls. Bring your talent to the stage! Join us for Wednesday Open Mic Night at the Hudson River Music Hall. Musician Pete Perillat will be hosting this event. Sound, lights and a listening space provided. Sign-up is at 7 p.m., start time is at

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December Events

Thu, Dec 1 - "Boomerang Books in the Basement" (4 PM-7 PM) - Greenwich Library, 148 Main St., Greenwich. Book sale on the first Thursdays of the month; hardcovers, paperbacks, DVD's, CD's, Books-on-Tape, Young Adult & Children's books; visit, browse, & choose from our vast selection. 518-692-2027

Fri, Dec 2 - Breakfast with Santa (7:30 AM-10:30 AM) - Greenwich Elks Lodge, Rte 40S, Greenwich. Come eat a pancake breakfast, get your picture taken with Santa, and make some holiday crafts! For more information, email: ckelly@greenwichcsd.org. 692-9542 ext 7637



gives people the opportunity to support the non-profit Hudson River Music Hall by buying virtual gifts for their family and friends. The event is being held on Friday, Dec. 2nd and Saturday, Dec. 3rd at Mean Max Brew Works (193 Glen Street Unit 2, Glens Falls). Make a donation in the name of a loved one or friend to the Music Hall, receive a card describing what was purchased and then gift the card to your loved one. What a unique, generous gift to give! This opportunity of giving a virtual gift in support of the Music Hall can also be done online throughout the month of December by going to www.glensfallsgiftback.org. Thank you for your support. We look forward to bringing you great music, theater, film and more in 2017!

Sat, Dec 3 - Courthouse Annual Arts and Crafts Sale (10 AM-2 PM) - Courthouse Community Center, 58 E. Broadway, Salem. Unique hand-crafted items perfect for holiday giving. For more information call 518-854-7053 or email HSCPA@salemcourthouse.org.

Sat, Dec 3 - McCartee's Barn - Deck the Halls with McCartee's Barn in Salem.

Fri, Dec 2 - (5PM) - Gift Back: An Alternative Gift Fair at Mean Max Brew Works, Mean Max Brew Works. This event

Sat, Dec 3-4 - (9AM-5PM) - Gardenworks - Holiday Wreath, Kissing Ball or Table Top Tree Workshop. A 22' evergreen



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wreath or 14 kissing ball or 15" Table Top Tree. Materials provided. Registration.

Sat, Dec 3 – (10AM-5PM) - The Flower Shop @ Laura's Garden, Holiday Open House. Specials, Treats & Hourly Drawings!

Sat, Dec 3-4 – Gardenworks (11AM-4PM) - Photos with Santa for kids of all ages.

Sat, Dec 3 – Courthouse Community Center (10AM) - 10th Annual Art & Craft Sale. Unique handmade items.

Sun, Dec 4 - "Everlasting Lights" (5 PM) - Town Commons, 2 Academy St., Greenwich. On the first Sunday of each December, join us for our Annual Holiday tree lighting memorial, "Everlasting Lights", in the Town Commons. For more information, call 518-692-7611 ext. 1 (Town Clerk).

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Wed, Dec 7-28 - Greenwich Farmers' Market (3 PM-6 PM) -

106 Main St., Greenwich. Every Wednesday from 3pm to 6pm; Enjoy fresh naturally grown vegetables, grass-fed beef, prepared foods, pastured pork & chicken, eggs, and more from our market. For information, call 518-944-7149 or greenwichfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Thur, Dec 8 – Gardenworks (4-8PM) - Shopping Night. Quality gifts & treats. Free chili & gift wrapping!

Sat, Dec 10 – Gardenworks (9-10:30AM) - Evergreen Table Top Tree/Candle Centerpiece Workshops. Materials provided. Registration.

Sat, Dec 10 – McCartee's Barn (4-7PM) - Christmas and Art Exhibition: Tis the Season. Art Reception. Free.

Sun, Dec 11 – Gardenworks (9-10AM) - Breakfast with Santa. Cocoa & cider donuts. Reservations.

Sun, Dec 11 - Greenwich Holiday Tour of Homes (2 PM-5 PM) - Participating homes in Greenwich. A festive tour of several Greenwich homes decked out for the season. Each year the tour changes, adding new homes as well as a few "regulars". A tradition to be shared with friends and family. For questions, information, or tickets, call Michelle Spigner at 518 692-7017

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Do-it-Yourself Decorating that Lasts All Season Long

(BPT) - As the holidays roll around, it's natural to want to spread good tidings and cheer with festive decorations like wreaths, candy canes and Santa Claus figurines. But this year, instead of digging out the same old holiday decorations, why not create some new looks that will last the entire winter season, even after you put away the gift wrap and ornaments?

Stimulate the senses

Nothing says winter like the fresh smell of pine and the soft, warm glow of candle light. Repurpose simple glass bottles into an outdoorsy candelcape with Krylon Natural Stone Textured Finish spray paint. Available in eight colors, like Olivine, it goes on easy and gives you the natural beauty of stone and an elegant, professional-looking appearance. Once dry, wrap artificial garland with pinecones around the bottle's neck or let the garland cascade down the bottle. Place pine tree-scented white taper candles in the bottle openings, light and enjoy for a fresh look and smell that will

stimulate your senses well into 2015.

Color works wonders

Another easy way to excite the senses during a drab, gray winter is with pops of color. For a decorative display that lasts all season, avoid the red and green color combination associated with Christmas and branch out with more contemporary choices like teals, blues, purples and pinks. Metallics like silver and gold are also a great way to glitz up the season without looking like the North Pole in overdrive. Try Krylon's ColorMaster Metallic in Gold to spice up old ornaments, vases, frames, centerpieces and more in no time at all. Group spray-painted ornaments or pine cones in a hurricane vase or glass bowl and display on the mantel for added ambiance to any living room.

Deck the halls

Looking for a way to display the abundance of holiday cards from friends and family? Repurpose an old window shutter to create a unique display. Start by spray painting



it with a festive shade, such as green or burgundy, which adds a touch of holiday spirit. Once dry, hang the shutter in the kitchen or entryway and place holiday cards in the slats of the shutter for a creative way to stay organized. Once the holidays have passed, you can still use the shutter to display birthday cards, thank you notes, party invitations and more all year long.

Outdoor decor

The inside of the home isn't the only space you can be creative. Make a lasting statement before house guests even step inside your home by fo-

cus using decorative attention to the outside. Line walkways and driveways with lights or faux miniature pine trees, and place white flameless candlesticks on each windowsill to add a simple touch of holiday spirit without going overboard. Prop a vintage snow sled outside the front door to welcome guests.

So, this year instead of the same decorations, consider some fun and easy ways to re-beautify them into pieces that you'll be proud to display throughout the winter season. For more product or project ideas, visit www.krylon.com.

Holiday Shopping to Benefit Local Youth Groups

CAMBRIDGE - Cambridge Youth Soccer, Lacrosse and the Cub Scouts invite you to the American Legion Captain Maxon Post #634 to get a jump start on your holiday shopping. A fun collaborative effort offering great vendors, a basket raffle featuring many local businesses, refreshments, and a bake sale. Parents can also sign their children up for spring lacrosse and soccer.

Monies raised will help purchase equipment, cover overhead costs - includ-

ing referees, tournament fees and training for the Cub Scouts, Soccer and Lacrosse programs.

Cambridge Youth Soccer has been a staple of spring and fall athletics in Cambridge for over twenty years serving both boys and girls in grades Pre-K-12th grade. Cub Scouts offers valuable skills and learning opportunities to boys in grades 1-5th. Cambridge Youth Lacrosse has worked to develop and promote the game of lacrosse for players' K through

12th grade. Collectively the programs serve more than 200 local children.

The Holiday Shopping and Basket Raffle takes place on Sunday, November 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion at 2106 NY RT 22, just north of the Village.

For more information about these programs please visit them at: Cambridge Youth Soccer www.cambridgeys.siplay.com or Cambridge Youth Lacrosse www.cambridgelax.com.

Celebrate with safety

around your tree this holiday season

Christmas trees are a beloved staple of the holiday season. Whether you prefer a freshly cut tree or an artificial alternative, the day a Christmas tree is brought home or erected is when many people truly grow excited about the holiday season and begin to be overtaken by holiday cheer.

But as beautiful and inspiring as Christmas trees can be, it's important that men, women and children exercise caution around trees so no accidents occur. The following are some Christmas tree safety tips courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association.

Choose the right tree. The tree you choose can go a long way toward ensuring the tree will make it through the season accident-free. Artificial trees should be identified on their labels as fire retardant, which means they are less susceptible to fire, something that's especially important since so many people drape their trees in decorative lights. A freshly cut tree should have fresh, green needles that do not fall off when the tree is touched. This indicates that the tree is not dried out and less susceptible to catching on fire.

Do not place the tree near a heat source. Even freshly cut and flame retardant trees can catch fire, so it's important that trees are not placed in close proximity to any heat sources, including fireplaces, radiators, heating vents, baseboard heaters, and candles. In addition, avoid placing the tree near lights or lamps that emit a lot of heat.

Keep the tree clear of exits. A Christmas tree should never be placed in a spot that bars an exit.

Should an accident happen and the tree light on fire, all exits should be easily accessible so residents and guests can quickly get out of the home.

Add water to the tree stand every day. Water should be added to the tree's stand every day. That water will not only help the tree maintain its color and aesthetic appeal, but also helps to prevent the tree from drying out. A dry tree is a significant safety risk, so be sure to check if the tree needs water when you wake up each morning and again before going to bed. Many trees initially need water both in the morning and at night. As the holiday season wears on, the tree will likely consume less water, but it's still best to monitor the stand's water levels every day until the tree is discarded.

Inspect lights before decorating the tree. All Christmas lights should be inspected before they are hung on the tree. Replace any loose or burned out bulbs, and inspect cords to make sure they are not worn down or frayed. Follow manufacturer instructions carefully when stringing lights, as there may be specific guidelines as to how many strings of lights can be connected at one time.

Use appropriate lights. Many lights are exclusive to indoor or outdoor use, so be sure to use the appropriate lights for your indoor tree.



The wrong lights could be a safety hazard. Do not hang lit candles on a Christmas tree.

Turn lights off before going to bed. Though a Christmas tree may look beautiful when it is illuminated in the middle of the night when no other lights are on, the lights on the tree should always be turned off before going to bed or leaving your home.

Properly discard the tree. Trees that have dried out pose a considerable fire risk, so it's best to discard a tree when it starts to drop needles. Do not place a discarded tree in the garage or lean it up against your home. If necessary, consult a local recycling company to determine the best way to discard your tree.

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Celebrating the Season



Annual Holiday Gala

On Saturday, December 3 from 7 to 10 p.m., Bennington Museum hosts the premiere event of Bennington's Holiday Season and the museum's largest annual fundraiser, the Holiday Gala. Free childcare on site is offered, but space is limited, so call early.

Tickets for the Gala are \$100 per person, \$175 per person for a Gala Supporter. Tickets may be purchased by calling the museum at 802-447-1571.

Family Day

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the museum while it is all dressed up for

the holiday season. Any child that brings school supplies for children is admitted free.

Visit with Santa from 1 to 3:00 p.m., enjoy holiday-themed crafts and more. Of course, there is also the Children's Shopping Boutique starting

at 10:30am. Children, ages 4 to 12, are invited to do their holiday shopping with us. Shoppers' Helpers will be on hand to help children pick out presents for their friends and family members.

All proceeds from the festival benefit education programs at the museum.

There are so many ways to celebrate the holidays at the Bennington Museum. So call your friends, gather your family and mark your calendar to visit.

The museum is located at 75 Main Street (VT Rt. 9), Bennington in the Shires of Vermont. Visit www.bennington-museum.org or call 802-447-1571

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