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Everlasting Lights Christmas Tree Memorial

GREENWICH – Town Clerk Elaine Kelly is once again planning the “EVERLASTING LIGHTS” Christmas Tree Memorial. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd for the tree lighting which will be held at “The Commons” behind the Greenwich Town Office Building.

“EVERLASTING LIGHTS” is a lighted Christmas Tree memorial in remembrance of loved ones who are no longer with us. After a brief ceremony, 50 trees will be lighted simultaneously and will remain lighted throughout the holiday season.

Holiday Craft Fair

ARGYLE – It’s time for the Annual Holiday Craft Fair! The Argyle Central School PTSA will have over 60 vendors in their extended shopping areas! The PTSA continue to host our Peppermint Lane Raffle! So be sure to participate and enter for a chance to win \$50 of free merchandise! Raffle tickets will be given upon entering into the school. Gift wrapping will be available.

Over 60 door prizes will be drawn all day. There will be hot lunch items and hot and cold beverages available for purchase in our Cafeteria. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during the Craft Fair hours. Any questions please contact Jennifer Ballard 638-5481. The craft fair will be held November 18 from 9am to 3pm at the Argyle Central School.

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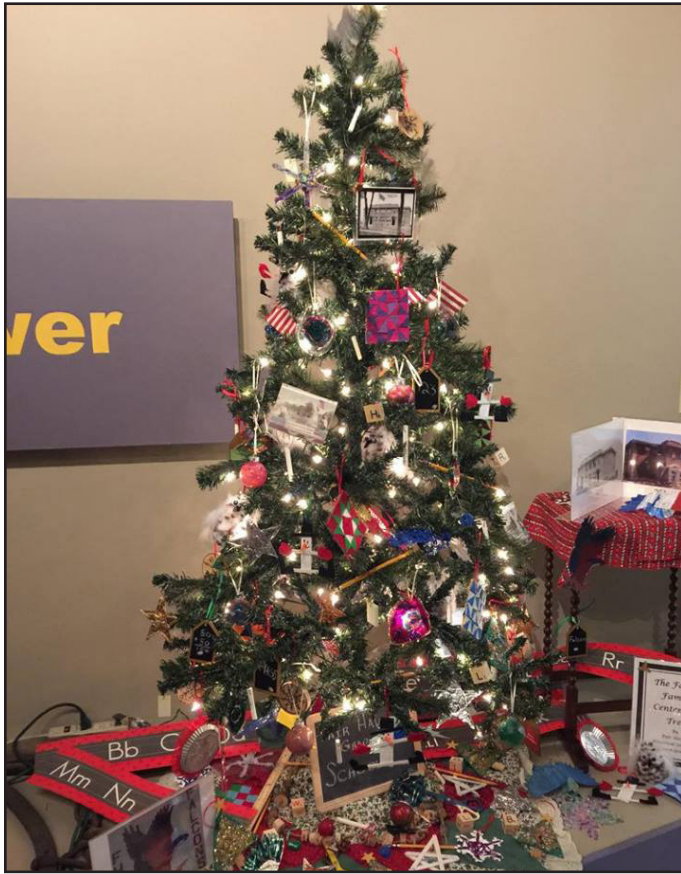
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Slate Valley Museum Festival of Trees



Trees from 2015 Festival of Trees.

GRANVILLE - The 6th Annual Festival of Trees at the Slate Valley Museum opens on December 1st as part of the First Friday celebrations. From 4pm to 9pm visitors will be able to enjoy SVM as one of the components of the Village of Granville winter celebration in Veterans Park. The museum will be filled with exquisitely decorated theme trees created by all those who love to take on the challenge of creativity! There are two categories of trees. Some trees are displayed at the museum and

then returned to their owners after having made a “display only” donation to the museum. Others trees are donated to SVM and become part of a fundraising silent auction. Bidding on the trees takes place the evening of the First Friday event and extends through the following Saturday, December 9th. At exactly 3:30pm on Dec. 9th the bids will be collected and the winners announced.

Opening night of the Festival of Trees celebration will also feature a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in the early evening, a free hats and mittens tree for the children, delicious hot cocoa with cookies, and a fun kid’s craft.

After the Friday celebration, the museum is open for our visitors during our regular hours: Tuesday thru Friday from 1pm – 5pm and both Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Auction results will be announced at 3:30 on Saturday, Dec.9th with the festival closing at that time.

Individuals, schools, clubs, organizations, neighborhoods and friends are encouraged to submit trees.

Interested parties should pick up a registration form at the Slate Valley Museum located at 17 Water Street in Granville or find them on the SVM website. The “display only donation” can be completed by cash, check or credit card when registering.

The deadline for registration is November 25th. All proceeds benefit the Slate Valley Museum.

All trees submitted must be artificial, 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. Signs identifying the trees will be provided by the museum.

To set up trees between Sunday, November 26th and Wednesday, November 29th please contact Celani at 518-642-9765 or 518-361-9475 to make an appointment any time during the above dates.

For additional information, please contact the museum at 518-642-1417 or director@slatevalleymuseum.org.




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Bluebillies Old-Time Christmas Revue

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Also appearing will be the wonderful singer/songwriter/recording artist Heather Richards; father and son team “The Blue Jays” (the son is 5 years old <3); and of course your host band The Bluebillies,

featuring Mark and Mel Guarino, John and Orion Kribs, and Frank Orsini.

This is a family friendly holiday event that your entire family will enjoy, featuring traditional country, bluegrass and old-time Christmas music, refreshments, and loads of fun!

The concert will be held at the beautiful refurbished Strand Theater, 210 Main Street Hudson Falls, NY, 12839. The concert will take place on December 16 from 7-10pm.

Tickets available at the door for \$12 (\$10 seniors, 518-832-3484). For more info: www.mystrandtheater.org.

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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).



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Rupert Kittay Library Presents “Jack and the Beanstalk”

RUPERT, VT – The Rupert Kittay Library is pleased to host again this year the acclaimed “No Strings” Marionette company. Families and children of all ages are invited to celebrate the season and enter the wonders of traditional puppet theater with the performance of “Jack and the Beanstalk”. This classic show will be offered on December 1st Friday at 7:00PM at the Rupert firehouse. The firehouse is located on route #153 in the center of Rupert.

Come experience this well-loved tale from Britain, retold with all the magic and mischief our marionettes can muster! Marmalade the cow’s appetite drives the action from Jack’s humble cottage to the magnificent castle high

above in the clouds. With a nod to an ancient telling of the tale, we discover if Jack, by taking gold and geese from the giant’s castle, is a thief, or simply reclaiming his family’s heritage. The stage is hardly big enough to contain the one of a kind hand-crafted marionettes, let alone the ravenous, rum-maging Giant. A sense of adventure, optimism and three magic beans catapult Jack high into the sky where his destiny awaits.

You’ll thrill to the unexpected twists in this exciting production, which is tremendously suitable for people of all ages.

For questions please contact the Library at rupertkittaylibrary@gmail.com or visit the Library website at www.rupertkittaylibrary.org.

NYS Snowmobile Safety Course & Free Lunch Offered in Grafton



GRAFTON – On Saturday, December 2, 2017 the Grafton Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will host a snowmobile safety course for young people ages 10 to 18. Students must be at least 10 years old on the day of the course. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate. The course will be held at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall on South Road from 8:15am to approximately 5pm. The course will be taught by NYS certified volunteer instructor Jim Blessing. The course will cover topics such as

NYS laws and regulations, riding skills, trail emergencies, protecting the environment, maintenance and repair, trailering, etc. To register, call the Grafton Lakes State Park office at 518-279-1155 by November 30th, or e-mail Elizabeth.wagner@parks.ny.gov with the parent’s name, student’s name and age, and your phone number. Adults are encouraged to attend as well so please let us know if a parent will be accompanying the child. Space is limited, so no walk-ins please. The course is free of charge and lunch will be provided.

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2017 Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade

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Awards will be given in eight categories: Best in Show, Best Use of Lights, Most Creative, Best Small Tractor, Best Float, Best Musical Entry, Best Antique Entry, and Best Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Member Entry. Tractor registrations will be accepted until the maximum of 75 entries is reached or November 15, 2017. Registration forms are available at many area businesses, at the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce office and online at www.greenwichchamber.org/holidaytractorparade.asp

Registration is open to all with a tractor and an imagination!

Winners in the eight categories will be selected at Greenwich Central School once tractors are lined up the night of the parade. Four well-known members from the local agriculture and arts communities have been selected as judges.

Numerous Greenwich organizations and churches are joining in the festivities. Look for their notices and signs letting you know about food offerings, rest facilities and parking.

Centenary United Methodist Church on Gray Avenue will be giving out hot chocolate during the parade and Bottskill Baptist Church on Church Street will have their parking lot available.

Many shops and eateries will be open along Main Street and throughout Greenwich. These eateries include Chamber members like Sweet Beet Bistro, one one one main street, Washington Square Deli, and Greenwich Village Café & Bakery. Local food vendor trucks (Moby Dick's Fish Fry, Bruce's BBQ and Farmers Feed Bunk) will be set up in the "food court" parking lot between 70 Main Street and the former Wallie's Restaurant. Local catering company, Un Petit Cochon, will have tacos near the Greenwich Free Library and Revolution Café will be offering a variety of food on the corner of Church Street and Washington Square. A Fried Dough truck will be parked near TD Bank on Main Street and Round House Bakery Café will have pizza in front of Battenkill Motors Repair at 50 Main Street. Reggie's Veggies will be set up at the eastern end of Main Street, near the Argyle Brewing Company, which will also be open.

New this year! Official Tractor Parade shirts! These and all other parade souvenirs (light sticks, hats, mugs, etc.) are available for purchase now at the Chamber office (6 Academy Street, Greenwich) and will be sold the evening of the parade at the Food Court near 70 Main Street and in Mowry Park. Also look for mobile vendors along Main Street where you can pick up some great parade memorabilia. Greenwich Central School FBLA will have souvenirs and food items for sale at the parade line up area at the School. There will be portable toilets in Washington Square, Mowry Park, the food court near 70 Main Street,



and 10 Main Street (corner of Washington Street and Main).

Parade organizers are encouraging people to arrive before 5:00 PM to find parking on side streets and in designated parking areas and to avoid any street closures and detours.

Parade organizers and the Greenwich/Cambridge Police Department will set up a detour route early on Saturday, November 18. Detour notice signs will be posted on the affected roads a week in advance to give travelers to Cambridge, Salem, Jackson, Hebron & Vermont time to make alternate travel plans for the evening of November 18 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

People traveling to Vermont, Salem, and points north should consider using State Route 40 North to County Rte. 49 to State Route 29 in East Greenwich. Motorists to Cambridge, Jackson, Easton, and southern Vermont will be detoured via State Route 40 South to Hegeman Bridge Rd. Turn right onto Louse Hill Road to the end and then turn left onto County Rte. 74. At the end of County Rte. 74 turn right onto State Route 372. The routes will be marked "Detour" in advance.

Parade organizers appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all travelers and hope that any inconvenience is minimal.

Local residents are encour-

aged to carpool or walk to the parade route. Parking will be prohibited along Main Street from Academy Street to Washington Street, both sides of Hill Street, John Street, Washington Street, Church Street and at certain corners along the parade route. There is a Handicapped Parking area on Woodlawn Avenue at the side of the Greenwich Central School Middle Grade building.

The 2017 parade begins at Greenwich Central School on Woodlawn Ave., in the High School parking lot. It then turns right onto Church Street, makes a left turn onto Main Street, takes participants through the business district, takes a right onto Washington Street, then right onto Bleecker Street, and left onto Hill Street. Please be patient with all tractors.

Suggested locations for viewing the parade are Mowry Park, Main Street between Academy and Washington Streets and anywhere else along the parade route.

Parade organizers are asking for your help with parking on side streets and using side streets to exit the village after the parade. Please spread the word about the Detour routes for those who need to get through the village of Greenwich on the evening of November 18.

We hope you enjoy this year's Parade!

Hubbard Hall Events

Holiday Breakfast

• December 9 at 9 and 11am, \$12 General Admission/\$7 Students. Our 22nd Annual Holiday Breakfast continues to celebrate holiday traditions around the world with food, dance, music, and holiday specialties from various cultures!

The McKrell Brothers

Christmas Show

• December 10 at 4 pm, \$25 General Admission, \$15 Student. Kevin McKrell and his brother return to Hubbard Hall for a charming Christmas Show; a perfect blend of storytelling and music that is amusing, sentimental, and full of Holiday Cheer! Featuring his popular Celtic and bluegrass song-style, this Holiday Treat is not to be missed!

A Bob Warren Cabaret

• February 10, 2018 at 7 pm,

\$25 General Admission, \$15 Student. Based on the enthusiastic response to last year's show Songs & Singers 2, Bob Warren and special guests are back! This year's show offers an entirely new line up of songs that will warm your heart

Blues & Brews Fundraiser

• February 17, 2018 at 7pm, \$20 General Admission, \$10 Students. Cash Bar available for 21+ with ID; all ages welcome! A Smokin' Hot Fundraiser for Hubbard Hall featuring the Road Side Blues Band. \$20 admission includes chili, cornbread, jambalaya, desserts and soft drinks (\$10 for Kids 12 and under). Cash bar for beer and wine with ID. All ages welcome.

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Celebrating the Season at the Bennington Museum

The Festival - Time for the Holidays!

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GALA

The Festival - Time for the Holidays!

Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Join us for the highlight of the Bennington holiday season, an evening of music performed by Jay Sager, Mowgli Giannitti, and Krista Speroni. Delicious Traditional Holiday Offerings with a Modern Twist. Full Cash Bar and, of course, the silent auction. Back this year is the closed-bid auction of works created by regional artists. Free babysitting on site. Gala Benefactor and Sponsorship opportunities are available. Watch the Museum website for details.

FAMILY DAY

The Festival - Time for the Holidays!

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy a wonderful day of children's shopping, Santa, crafts, bake sale and more. \$3 Admission for everyone - children who bring school supplies or individual non-perishable school snacks for the Seedlings Program are admitted free.

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- Shopping helpers and free gift wrapping for children ages 4 - 12
- Photos with Santa - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Children's Crafts - All day
- Bake Sale - All day while "goodies" last

The Festival - Time for the Holidays!

Thursday, December 28

Closed-bid Art Auction closes at 4 p.m.

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.benningtonmuseum.org or call 802-447-1571

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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.

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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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Hubbard Hall Invites you to an Opening Night Dinner for *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*



CAMBRIDGE – To celebrate the new chamber edition of Rupert Holmes’ Tony Award-winning *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, opening Saturday, November 18 at Hubbard Hall, The Roundhouse Bakery Café is providing an amazing Opening Night Dinner that is sure to please your palate and satisfy your taste buds! For \$40, you

can enjoy a beautiful spread of Tavern Cheddar, Pickles/Chutneys, Native Apples, Queen Victoria’s Chicken Pot Pie, Lemon/herb dressed Salad, and for dessert, Pumpkin Pudding with Spiced Fruit in Port. The Opening Night Dinner will be held at the Roundhouse Bakery Café, now located on the ground floor of Hubbard Hall


on Saturday, November 18 at 5:30pm. Space is limited, so reservations must be made in advance. You can reserve your seat at the table online at hubbardhall.org or by calling the Hubbard Hall Box Office at 518-677-2495.

Rupert Holmes has created a new version of his Tony Award-winning musical just for Hubbard Hall, with new characters of local references and flavor. Mr. Holmes has been in rehearsal with the company and is providing new orchestrations for this production. Based on Charles Dickens’ incomplete last novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* is solved by the audience, giving each cast member the chance – and challenge – to be the murderer, while delighting audiences with a new out-

come every night. It’s a rollicking comedy full of love, mystery, and intrigue all set inside of Hubbard Hall! Performances of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* will run Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, December 3, Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2pm and 7:30pm, and Sundays at 2pm. No performance on Sunday, November 19. Please call or visit our website to see special Preview and Weekday Matinee opportunities. Tickets are \$30 General Admission/\$15 Student. All tickets are available online at hubbardhall.org or by calling the box office at 518-677-2495. If you cannot attend but would like to continue to support the work of the Hall, please donate or sign up for the e-newsletter at hubbardhall.org, or like and follow us on Facebook.

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MANCHESTER, VT – Holiday cheer and shopping will kick off early at Southern Vermont Arts Center with the Winter Member Show Opening Reception on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 2-4 p.m. The exhibit will include artwork representing many mediums and styles including landscape, still-life, abstract and portrait. All of the current works will be offered for sale.

“We’re excited to open up the 10 galleries in our 100-year-old Yester House building to the community and showcase the talent of

our artists,” said Elizabeth Paxson, Executive Director.

On view in Gallery I will be winter landscapes from the SVAC Permanent Collection including works by Luigi Lucioni, Jay Hall Connaway, Brian Sweetland, Aldro Hibbard, and Virginia Webb.

The Winter Member Show will run through Saturday, Dec. 30. SVAC will then close to the public for the winter, reopening early May.

For more information, go to svac.org or call 802-367-1405

A Victorian Evening of Dickens and Carols

SARATOGA SPRINGS – Join the Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church for a relaxing and enjoyable evening of music and theater, as we present a dramatic reading, in costume, of Charles Dickens’ beloved Christmas Carol. There will be wassail at the entrance, music throughout, special scenery and trappings to help create a Victorian London setting for this favorite tale of the miserly Scrooge and his Spirits: Past, Present, and Future. This is a version created by Mr. Dickens himself for just such

events, usually presented in parlors of his day. Families with children are encouraged to attend. There will be a toothsome (look it up!) take-home surprise at the end! Admission at the door is by free-will donation, suggested donation \$10.

Please come and help begin the Christmas season with this endearing and entertaining tale from one of the true storytelling masters of all time. A Victorian Evening of Dickens and Carols will be held Saturday, December 2 at 7pm at 175 Fifth Ave. (corner of Henning Road).



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- 11/17/17 Kristin our Dietician will speak, Mike McWhorter from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office will be here for Coffee with a Cop also at 11:30
 - 11/20/17 join us for Bingo after lunch at 12:00
 - 11/21/17 Ralph will be here for the monthly blood pressure clinic 11:30
 - 11/28/17 Judy will join us for her Exercise class at 11:00.
- Please call 518-499-2482 between 10:00a and 2:00p the day before to make reservations to join us for lunch, there is no charge for the programs but a \$3. Donation is appreciated.

Health Care Foundation’s Announces 2017 Jingle Bell

BENNINGTON - One of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) Foundation’s most anticipated events of the year is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Hermitage Club in Wilmington, VT.

Center technology, telemedicine, and the relocation of the Deerfield Valley Campus. The Putnam Challenge continues this year, and funds raised will again support the Deerfield Valley Campus.

Last year’s Jingle Bell hosted a sold-out crowd of 160 people and raised more than \$153,000 for Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC). The 2016 sponsors included presenting sponsor, the Equinox Resort; lead sponsors, the Bennington Banner, Flowers by Cara, Hays Companies, Nixon Peabody, and Stratton Magazine; and many supporting and host sponsors.

The Jingle Bell reflects the giving spirit of the season and provides local businesses and community members the opportunity to demonstrate their support for SVHC in a fun and festive way. Highlights of the Jingle Bell include dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring an exceptional selection of donated items. This year’s auction items include vacations, exclusive memberships to ski and golf clubs, and much more.

Sponsorships for the 2017 Jingle Bell are available. Tickets are \$175 per person and can be purchased online at svhealthcare.org/thejinglebell. For more information about sponsoring and to reserve a table, contact the SVHC Foundation at 802-447-5017 or by e-mail at foundation@svhealthcare.org.

The Putnam Challenge, a call to support a specific need within SVHC, is a featured part of the program. Since its inception in 2014, over \$700,000 has been raised through the Putnam Challenge at various events. Funds have benefited Cancer

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Managing Your Woods

SALEM – The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) invites all landowners to a presentation on woodland management with Rich McDermott, NYS DEC forester from the Warrensburg office. Rich has worked for the DEC for 19 years. His work as a state forester includes administering recreation, timber sales, trespass, permits and many more duties on NYS forest land. In addition Rich participates in educational programs for students and teaches the silviculture and ecosystem portions of the New York logger training in our region. A big part of Rich's job is working directly with private landowners to develop stewardship plans, and administering the 480 and 480a tax law programs for

Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties. Rich has a wealth of information and experience to answer your forestry questions. The presentation will be on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Proudfit Hall, next to the Bancroft Library, 181 Main St. in Salem. The program will cover forest management plans, 480a tax law program, boundary posting, timber trespass, consulting foresters, selling timber, DEC programs and EQIP cost share programs available for landowners, plus your questions. The program is free and all are welcome. To help us plan adequate seating, please register for this free program at the ASA website www.agstewardship.org or by calling the ASA office at 518-692-7285.

Farmland Protection Workshops

GREENWICH, New York – Two upcoming informational sessions, free and open to the public, are being held so that local farmers may learn more about the competitive state Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) grants. The workshops will discuss the parameters of the state program so farmers can determine whether it might be suitable for their farms and how to apply for funding. The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) is accepting pre-applications for the state farmland protection program through December 31st. Attending the workshop is not a prerequisite to complete the pre-application, but is highly encouraged.

The sessions are being held:

- Monday, December 4th 7pm to 9pm – ASA's office; 2531 State Route 40, Greenwich (across the street from the USDA offices)

- Tuesday, December 5th 1pm to 3pm – Brunswick Community Center; Keyes Lane (off Hoosick St.), Troy

The state program provides financial compensation to farmers who voluntarily wish to conserve their farms for agricultural use by selling their development rights. Farmers often use the funds to make improvements on the farm, expand or diversify their operation, purchase support land, help transfer the farm to the next generation, reduce debt, or establish a retirement fund.

For the selected pre-applications, ASA, with the endorsement of the Washington and Rensselaer counties Agricultural and Farmland Protection Boards, writes the grants free of charge and submits them to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for consideration. The state ranks the proposals on a regional basis.

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The chapel will be adorned with clever decorations created by the Halfmoon But-

ton Club. There will even be a 'surprise visitor' for the young and young at heart. You're bound to leave feeling happier than when you arrived.

You may pay at the door but advance reservations will help ensure enough refreshments for all: 1-800-556-6273. The concert will be held Saturday, December 9 & 10 at 1pm. The cost is \$10 per family.

Proceeds go to the not-for-profit Friends organization



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At Gift Back, various not for profit agencies in the Glens Falls area will offer holiday shoppers a unique local opportunity to purchase impactful gifts for their coworkers, friends, and loved ones. Some examples of gifts may be a \$16 donation to provide 100 pounds of food for a local pantry or a \$40 donation to support a teen in a 10 week outdoor adventure program to learn leadership and decision-making skills. The impact of these gifts will last much longer than any material gift! In addition, all gift purchases are tax deductible!

The ten local organizations

involved in Gift Back for 2017 are Amanda's House at Glens Falls Hospital, Amorak Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks, Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc., Glens Falls Medical Mission Foundation, Greater Glens Falls Senior Citizens Center, Inc., Hudson River Music Hall Productions Inc., Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC), Little Theater on the Farm, and Feeder Canal Alliance.

Sponsors for Gift Back include Glens Falls Area Realty, Mebmusic, Neighbors NY, and Nichols Electric.

Be sure to stop by and get the people on your gift list something meaningful this year while you enjoy our refreshments, kids' activities and live music! Purchases can also be made on-line at www.glensfallsgiftback.org during the months of November and December, or one of our representatives may be available to

present "Gift Back in a Box" to your company or organization. Interested in becoming a sponsor and make a single

donation to all of the charities at once? See our website, or contact any of the participating charities for information.

HAYC3 Holiday Pop-Up Shop

HOOSICK FALLS – In the spirit of community and the holiday season HAYC3 is having their fourth annual Pop-Up Holiday Shop upstairs at The Armory in Hoosick Falls. This year's Pop Up Holiday Shop will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 10-2pm. There will have local holiday vendors, food, and even Santa will be there from 10am-noon!

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On Nov 24th and 25th, visitors to Gardenworks can sample cheeses, as well as delicious holiday appetizers and desserts. Wonderful handmade gifts as well as fresh cut fir and balsam wreaths, trees, and table decorations will be available. The marketplace

will be stocked with specialty chutneys, jams, chocolate sauces and a world of wonderful cheeses and condiments.

On Saturday, November 25 at 2 pm, the LaMothe-Gee Family Singers, a family of five musical children and parents, will perform songs of the season.

For further information, call Gardenworks at 518-854-3250 or visit them on the web at www.gardenworksfarm.com. Directions to Gardenworks: From the traffic light on Route 22 in Salem, head west on Route 30 (also West Broadway). Gardenworks is five miles from the traffic light.

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Local Students In 126th Annual Production

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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 Beef-eaters 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 14 (Community Night), December 15 (for Alumni and Trustees) and December 16 (for Parents).

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Craft Fair at GCS

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Christmas at St. Luke’s

CAMBRIDGE – Celebrate Christmas with St. Luke’s in Cambridge:

- Saturday November 18 Annual Christmas Bazaar 10 am -2 pm
 - Saturday December 9 The Story and Music of Christmas 4 pm. There will be lessons and carols for the family ending with Christmas Treats and Cocoa
 - Sunday December 24 An Early Christmas 9 am
 - Sunday December 24 A Traditional Christmas Eve 5:30 pm. Carols, candles & communion
 - Monday December 25 Christmas Day 10 am
- St. Luke’s is located at 4 St Luke’s Place in Cambridge.

Events at Greenwich Library

Friday November 17, 2:45-3:45pm Fab Friday Challenge Edition: Candy Stem Challenge. Put that leftover Halloween candy to good use. Work together to complete a series of candy-based building projects. At the Greenwich Free Library 148 Main St. Please sign up ahead of time, 518-692-7157.

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November 18, 9-3:30 pm – AARP Driving Course, in the Hedbring Community Room, Greenwich Free Library, 148 Main St. Call the library to sign up, 518 692 7157. Any questions contact Laura Goodman 518 692 9444.

Thursday November 19, 1-2:15 Contemporary Classics Book Club led by Barry Targan. This month’s book is ‘Stoner’ by John Williams. Copies are available at the desk for check out. Greenwich Free Library, 148 Main St. 518 692 7157.

Wednesday November 29, 1-2pm Tech on the Go: Skype! Connect to the world for free. Part of our learning series led by Sarah McFadden. Please sign up for this class. Greenwich Free Library, 148 Main St. 518 692 7157.

Cambridge Museum to Hold Holiday Sale Plus!

CAMBRIDGE – The Cambridge Historical Society & Museum, located at 12 Broad Street, will hold a holiday sale plus on Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 1pm at the Museum. There will be homemade pies, breads, candy, cookies, etc., as well as some interesting gifts for sale. No need for you to bake for the upcoming holidays. Please come and support the Museum.



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The craft fair traditionally has a multitude of festive and talented vendors for you to visit. In addition, a ticket raffle will offer the chance to “win” items donated by vendors. Also, yummy, warm snacks and lunch items will be available from the Cambridge Booster Club.

Be sure to attend this holiday craft fair at Cambridge Central School from 10am-4pm on Saturday, December 2. (ticket raffle ends at 3:00)

This event raises money for Operation Santa Claus, (sponsored by Cambridge Faculty Assn.) that provides warm clothing for children in the Cambridge School district that need warm clothing for the winter.

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SALEM - Bancroft Public Library in Salem is pleased to announce that the fabulous Sarah McFadden from Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County will be presenting another workshop for our patrons: Sell, Buy, and Browse with eBay. This free computer class will be held on Thursday, November 30 at 6pm. Feel free to bring your own device.

Contact the library to register: 518-854-7463 or slm-director@sals.edu.

Holiday Service of Remembrance

GREENWICH – During the holiday season, we invite members of the Greenwich, Schuylerville and surrounding communities to attend a “Holiday Service of Remembrance” held at the Greenwich Elks Club, at 7 pm December 11, 2017.

During the service, members of the clergy community will lead a healing service, to help provide comfort and healing to grieving families united together.

So that we can include the names of those who have passed in our program, please email us at Flynnbrosinc@gmail.com, or call us directly at 518-695-3138 or 518-692-2680, with the number of family members who will be attending as well as the name of your loved one.

With this special service of remembrance, our staff at Flynn Bros. Inc., hope to help give others strength to face holiday season.

Christmas Bazaar

CAMBRIDGE – On November 18th from 10-3 we will be having a Christmas Bazaar at St. Luke’s parish hall in Cambridge! We will have a luncheon from 11-1; \$2 children and \$5 adults. We will have a variety of over 50 different basket raffles! All the proceeds will go directly towards the food pantry, beaver cross scholarships and families for Christmas! Please come by and check it out! Hope to see you there! St. Luke’s parish hall is located at 4 St. Luke’s Place in Cambridge.

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Free Thanksgiving Dinner

GREENWICH – Greenwich VFW and On Thyme Catering will be offering a Free thanksgiving dinner on November 23 from 2-4pm at the Greenwich VFW at 63 Abeel Avenue in Greenwich. Open to public. Reservations appreciated not required. Call Charlie 518-692-7568.

Ham Dinner

HEBRON – Please join the Hebron UP Church East for a community ham dinner and devotions on Monday, November 20 at 6pm at 6559 State Route 22 in East Hebron. The dinner is free to everyone, but donations are always gratefully accepted.

Christmas Shopping

EASTON – Do your Christmas shopping on Saturday, November 25 at the Burton Hall in Easton from 10am-3pm. Some vendors that will be there are Premier Designs, Arbonne and 31, as well as handmade crafts.

Hawaiian

Christmas Show

GREENWICH – Join the Greenwich Senior Citizens for dinner and a Hawaiian Christmas Show at HuKe-Lau in Chicopee, MA on December 14. The \$55 cost includes bus from Greenwich. Information: Eileen at 518-937-1838. Deadline Nov 22

American Snapshot Talk at MCL

MANCHESTER CENTER – We live in what writer John Rember calls, “the thin moment of the present.” When we take a snapshot, we are intuitively aware of our fleeting and ephemeral lives - and hope to preserve it in time and place. The snapshot is at once, both folk-art and poetry of the commonplace.

On Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m., Peter Bosco, MFA will share from his vast snapshot collection of America in an illustrated talk at Manchester Community Library. In “The American Snapshot: Poetry of the Commonplace,” Bosco and the audience will explore the Golden Age of American snapshots, between the early 1900s through the 1960s. Be part photo-detective, archaeologist, and sociologist in this fun and lively discussion. Social, cul-

tural and political overtones are revealed both by lens and the distancing of time. We will compare the earlier snapshot with our current iPhone/Snapchat culture.

The program is free and open to all. Manchester Community Library is located at 138 Cemetery Ave. in Manchester Center, VT. Info: 802-362-2607.

Christmas in November Sale

SALEM – Shoppe off Broadway Thrift Store will celebrate the 12th Annual Christmas in November Sale on Saturday, November 18 from 10am-2pm. Gently used new and gently used holiday items! Something for everyone! Proceeds of this event go towards Children's Programs in Salem.

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