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New Castle Public Library

"There's only about six to eight inches between an open book and a human being's heart. A lot can happen in those seven inches, perspectives, fresh perspectives occur and minds expand."

~ Aline Ohanesian

The Library's **2015 Summer Reading Program** was titled **Great Island Discovery**. Our kick-off event was held on June 24th with a visit from meteorologist Kevin Skarupa from WMUR-TV9. He talked about weather on the seacoast and about space. The children were particularly interested to learn that NASA sent its first spacecraft to Pluto in 2006. New Horizons spacecraft has been on a nine-year trek and is now sending back pictures of Pluto and its main moon Charon. The children are getting up-to-date information on WMUR-TV's website. On subsequent Wednesdays we hosted various activities and programs – Art Day, Perler Beads & Crafts, and Explore the Ocean Floor (with live sea animals). Our Summer Reading Program was generously sponsored again this year by former Superintendent George Cushing and the New Castle School Board.

In case you haven't already discovered ... we have a new library pass for the **Ogunquit Museum of American Art**. This is an extraordinary little museum overlooking the

ocean. The museum is open seven days a week May 1st through October 31st. Meander through the museum, stroll the outdoor sculpture garden, enjoy lunch or dinner in Perkins Cove, and then walk along the Marginal Way. A perfect outing!

New Materials at the Library –

DVDs: Big Eyes, Cake, Selma, Still Alice, American Sniper, Masterpiece Wolf Hall, Pelican Dreams, The Good Lie, A Path Appears, My Old Lady, I've Loved You So Long, Like Father Like Son, Orphan Black seasons 1 & 2, Parenthood season 6, Foyle's War season 8, Newsroom season 3, ...

Family Movie Night: Paddington, McFarland USA, How to Train Your Dragon 2

New Books: *Heretic* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Martian* by Andy Weir, *The Accident* by Chris Pavone, *The Bone Tree* by Greg Isles, *Falling in Love* by Donna Leon, *Hemingway's Paris* by Robert Wheeler, *The Road to Character* by David Brooks, *Whispering Shadows* by Jan-Philipp Sendker, *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald, *The Negotiator* by George Mitchell, *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough, *God in Ruins* by Kate Atkinson, *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume, *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova, *Memory Man* by David Baldacci, ...

New Audio Books on cd: *Big Rock Candy Mountain* by Wallace Stegner, *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald, *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, *Alan Turing: The Enigma* by Andrew Hodges, ...

Library Hours:

Tuesday 12–5

Wednesday 12–5

Thursday 9–3

Friday 12–5

Saturday 9–12

Story Times: Thursdays at 9:30am &

Saturdays at 10am

Adult Library Book Group: 1st Wed. each month at 3pm

Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group:

Tuesdays at 3pm

Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director

What is Flushable?

In a recent “Town and City” magazine, there was an article on what is flushable. Raymond Gordon writes that “wipes” were once used on for babies’ bottoms, now have expanded.

Wipes are for every conceivable need. This product, poorly labeled, should not be flushed even when noted to only flush one or two wipes. These products cannot be treated by sewer or septic systems along with other items such as dental floss, paper towels, cigarette butts, tampons, condoms and cotton swabs. These items have potential to clog the system costing municipalities thousands of dollars to deal with this problem. Waste water systems are designed for the “3P’s” (pee, poop, and paper).



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New Castle Historic Society

The New Castle Historical Society has had a busy year. We welcomed four active and knowledgeable members: Jerry Marvin, Ken MacDonald, Barbara Hughes and Debbie Tillar.

We continue to maintain and upgrade our wonderful old building, having most recently laid down a plastic membrane to reduce moisture in the building.

This year we established an Outstanding Service Award, and dedicated it to Bill Drew, a founder of the Historical Society, and long term lover of New Castle’s history.

In May, we collaborated with the Community Supper program to present a program about New Castle’s Mills. In June, we put on a wonderful reception for our members at the Piscataqua Café. Sandy Oliver, noted historical food historian spoke about *New Englanders and their food*.

Great programs are still coming up this summer:

August 21, Ray Demers will talk about his fascinating archeological exploits in Harts Cove

In September, we will explore the history of the New Castle Police Department

October brings our Antique Appraisal and our old favorite *rowing up in New Castle*

Thank you to our members and the New Castle community for their support and annual gifts. You sustain our projects and are our main revenue

We are looking forward to seeing you at our coming programs. Watch for our mailing in September.

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New Castle Writers Publish Chapbook **JUST WRITE WORDS**, a selection of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry written by students in the Great Island Writing Workshop is now on sale at the New Castle Public Library, Town Hall and RiverRun Bookstore. Copies will go on sale at the New Castle Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, July 25 and will soon be available at other local stores. Please ask your favorite bookseller for a copy.

The collection grew out of the library's writing workshop, which had its first meeting in June 2014. The students are, in a sense, young writers despite their ages, which range from fifty to "none of your business." The classes are led by Priscilla Hodgkins, a published writer with a graduate degree in Creative Writing and Literature who was the Associate Director of the Bennington Writing Seminars for fourteen years.

For more information please call Christine Collins, Librarian, at 603-431-6773 or email nwcstle.library@comcast.net

Priscilla Hodgkins
New Castle, NH



Hazardous Waste Day Schedule Change

Voters passed a warrant article at the May 2015 Town Meeting that allows for a change, and some significant cost savings, in the process for collecting and disposing of trash for the Town.

Part of that change will be the elimination of one of the two Household Hazardous Waste Days.

In the past HHWD's occurred in May at the Public Works facility in Hampton, NH and August or September at the Highway Garage in Brentwood, NH. New Castle residents have historically found the Hampton facility to be more convenient with approximately 20 cars per year dropping materials at Hampton. Over the past 4 years, just 2 cars have dropped materials at Brentwood.

For that reason, and with the change in collecting and disposing of trash, New Castle will now offer just one Household Hazardous Waste Day in the Spring.

A notice for the next collection date will be communicated sometime in early 2016.



Living History Event at former World War II Coastal Artillery fort

Saturday, August 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local living historians bring history to life to commemorate the 70th anniversary of WWII, 1939-1945. Camp setups, military vehicles, field offices, home front and military displays allow the public to interact and learn about life for men and women during the war. Reenactors will be dressed in period military and civilian attire to help represent all branches of the military as well as those who supported the war effort at home.

Fort Stark State Historic Site, 211 Wild Rose Lane in New Castle, will be hosting this outdoor display. Ample free parking, guided historic trail, small, unsupervised beach and the displays in the Visitor Center will also all be available. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

□ Please visit with caution as this is a former military installation. Beware of the dangers of unprotected stairs, high walls, rough ground and slippery rocks. Adult supervision of children is required. The Visitor Center is not handicapped accessible.

For further information please send an e-mail to fortstarkfriends@gmail.com or visit the state parks website at <http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/state-parks/fort-stark-state-historic-site>

NEW WATER/SEWER RATES

The new water and sewer rates effective immediately are:

Water - \$2.72 per unit

Sewer - \$11.24 per unit

The 20 unit minimum bill would show:

Water \$54.40 and Sewer \$224.80

Total bill for minimum - \$279.20

“GREEN WASTE DAY”

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one **Saturday** each month during the 2015 growing season. The dumpster is located at the Common next to the library.

Green waste volunteers will be on duty from 8 AM to 11AM. No afterhours dumping is permitted. Because plastic bags are not biodegradable, these must be emptied and reclaimed. Using disposable paper bagging keeps clothes clean and dispositions cheerful.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

AUGUST 15th, SEPTEMBER 12th, OCTOBER 17th, NOVEMBER 21ST

Great Island Garden Club

Join the Great Island Garden Club on September 15th at 9 AM for its first meeting of the season, featuring Jennie Summer all's program, The Constant Gardener: East. An exploration of botanical images in the non-Western world, this lecture will describe the symbolism and traditions of floral art in China and Japan as a sequel to the fascinating talk on Western art Jennie gave earlier this year. Members and non-members are invited. The Macomber Room, above the New Castle Library at the Commons, 301 Wentworth Rd., New Castle, NH.

NEW CASTLE WEBSITE

The New Castle website, **newcastlenh.org**, is a wonderful resource of information about what is happening in the Town. There's a calendar of when meetings are taking place, important updates and information from each department in town, and the opportunity to sign up for receiving agendas and minutes from all the town boards and committees. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the homepage to sign up.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPDATES

The Commission has been addressing the problem of invasive plants on the Island for many years, and is now completing an experimental study aimed at reducing/eliminating the invasive plant *Phragmites* (or Common Reed) with the assistance of the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD). *Phragmites*, a highly invasive plant, is often found adjacent to wetlands and salt marshes. The study is using a solarization technique to stop future rhizome (root) growth and spread of *Phragmites* in the Lavenger Creek saltmarsh. A presentation will be offered on the results of this study, and will include information on the health of the Lavenger Creek salt marsh. This presentation is planned for Saturday afternoon **OCTOBER 24TH (2-3:30)** at the Pump House at Quarterdeck Lane (with Sunday afternoon as a rain date). Dr. Dave Burdick, Interim Director, Jackson Estuarine Laboratory TIDES MS Program Coordinator at UNH will provide information on salt marsh health and what landowners can do to help preserve it. Information on the presentation will also be found on the Town of New Castle website, and flyers will be posted in town.

In addition, during the next few weeks RCCD will assist the Commission in reviewing the Town's 2005 Wetlands Study to review/update any changes in wetland health and the health of adjacent buffers. Wetland buffers are vegetated upland transition zones that not only enhance the quality of the wetland resources, but also "buffer" the sensitive aquatic habitats from human activities. On-site reviews will be completed in September and October by RCCD staff, Mike Cuomo, CWS, CSS who will

complete the evaluation. This may result in changes and/or an addendum to the 2005 study, as well as other protection/restoration recommendations.

Funding for these activities have been provided by the NH Department of Agriculture Markets and Food, IPM program, and in part by a grant from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), as authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program. If you have any questions or thoughts on this project, please don't hesitate to contact Lynn McCarthy, Chair of the Conservation Commission at ncconservation@gmail.com or Tracy Degnan at RCCD (679-2790 x14) or rccdted@comcast.net.



PROCLAMATION

WE, THE SELECTBOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

By this certificate, are pleased to announce that the

BOSTON POST CANE

is presented to

Caroline Elizabeth Stewart


Who, to the best of our knowledge and belief, at age 99, born August 24th, 1915, is the oldest resident of this Town.

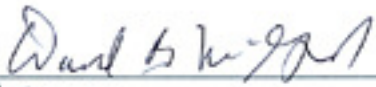
This cane is handed down to New Castle's oldest resident since 1909. Now, because of its historic significance, the Cane is on permanent display at the Town Office, while the Certificate is issued in its place.

On behalf of the people of New Castle, we congratulate Caroline on this distinction and extend best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

In witness we affix our signatures and the seal of the Town of New Castle,
July 22, 2015




Chair of Selectboard


Selectperson


Selectperson


Town Historian

