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New Castle Public Library

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. ~ Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut*

Library activities at MHT –

In case you didn't know ... I wear two hats at the library. In addition to being the Director of the public library, I am also the school librarian. As always, it has been a wonderful year working with the school. The first Friday of each month I present a **Book Talk to the students and staff**. It is always a delight to see the students' enthusiasm as they file into the multi-purpose room at 8am to learn about new books. I bring about 40 books each month and talk a little about each of them. After my presentation the students choose a book to checkout. I am always thankful to have Ms. Zacharias there to help broker deals when there is a rush for a particularly exciting book.

Over the winter I worked with Mr. Purcell for a series of book discussions in second and third grades. We read classics, contemporary fiction, and biographies where we discussed "big ideas", characters, important information, talking points, and finding evidence to support our opinions. I was so impressed by the thoughtful understanding and insights of these young students.

In March, Mr. Robinson and I had a great time discussing *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* with the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. In this classic Claudia Kincaid decides to run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. This is a story of self-discovery that turns into a mystery that kept us enthralled to the very end. E.L. Konigsburg won the Newbery Medal for excellence in American children's literature in 1968 for this book.

Kindergarten and first grade visited the library on Thursdays after gym in March and April. We learned about the library, how to find "just right" books, and fiction versus nonfiction choices. In an effort to encourage children to be curious and engaged readers we read a story each week and then went on a hunt for related fiction and nonfiction books to explore areas of interest that had been sparked by the story.

What's Happening at the Library -

The library introduced a new program in March - *Introduction to Bridge Fundamentals*. Dick Spaulding is leading ten eager learners in the art of playing bridge. With much guidance and great humor, Dick has this spirited, overconfident group already playing hands of bridge. Many thanks to Dick for leading this group, providing written material each week for easy review, and for bringing a great spirit to this endeavor!

On April 6th the library was fortunate to host Ann Beattie and her talk ***140 Years at Sea: The Oceanic Hotel on Star Island***. We had more than 50 community members who attended and enjoyed Ann's lively and informative presentation on the history of the Oceanic Hotel. Many thanks to Star Island Corporation, NH Preservation Alliance, Five Maples, and Isles of Shoals Steamship Company for sponsoring this program.

On April 27th the library hosted a bus trip to ***John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum***. We were greeted by a museum docent who provided an introduction and then participants were free to explore for a couple of hours. Carl's Take Away Café provided delicious boxed lunches for the bus ride home. It was a wonderful, hassle-free opportunity to explore the Kennedy Library and share the experience with friends!

The 2016 Library Summer Reading Program ***The Four R's: Reduce Reuse Recycle & Read*** begins on Wednesday, June 22nd with Lyndsay and Her Puppet Pals. We will meet on Wednesdays at 3pm for programs, arts & crafts, games, and activities. All ages welcome!

And ... we always welcome newcomers to our **Knitting Group** on Tuesday afternoons from 3-5pm, **Library Book Group** the first Wednesday of each month at 3pm, and **Story times** on Thursdays at 9:30am and Saturdays at 10am.

New Materials at the Library –

DVDs: The Martian, Bridge of Spies, Spotlight, In the Heart of the Sea, Steve Jobs, Irrational Man, Learning to Drive, Burnt, Our Brand is Crisis, Love the Coopers, The Intern, Carol, Sisters, Spectre 007, The Roosevelts: An Intimate History (Ken Burns), Downton Abbey - season 6,

Jesse Stone: Lost in Paradise, The Fall season 1, A Place to Call Home season 3, ...

Family Movie Night: Goosebumps

New Books: *Bitter Season* by Tami Hoag, *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout, *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson, *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, *12 Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong, *On My Own* by Diane Rehm, *Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, *Scandalous Behavior* by Stuart Woods, *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer, ...

New Audio Books on cd: *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger, *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes, *Paint the Wind* by Pam Munoz Ryan, ...

Library Hours:

Tuesday , Wednesday, Friday 12–5

Thursday 9–3, Saturday 9–12

Story Times: Thurs. at 9:30am & Saturdays at 10am

Drop in for a Stitch Knitting Group:

Tuesdays at 3pm

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

Introduction to Bridge: Wed. at 1pm
Happy Reading!

Christine Collins, Library Director



WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

As written in this year's Town Report, the Commission, in conjunction with the Select Board, have continued to clarify the current conditions of both the sewer and water infrastructure of the Town.

Underwood Engineers has completed the report on the sewer infrastructure evaluation. Copies of their "Executive Summary" can be found on the town website (<http://www.newcastlenh.org>) or a hard copy can be reviewed at the Town Hall.

The Select Board has also hired Underwood Engineers to perform an infrastructure evaluation of the Town's water system, with emphasis on the firefighting capacity.

The discussion with Portsmouth regarding the takeover of the water and sewer system continues to be on-going. The results of the tests performed by Underwood Engineers will no doubt influence Portsmouth's decision.

As a reminder, the Water & Sewer Commission meets the second Wednesday of every month at 3:00 in the Town Hall. All residents are invited to attend the meetings. If you would like to speak on a specific topic, please notify Pam well in advance of the meeting, so that you can be placed on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter Liff, Chairman

"GREEN WASTE DAY"

The green waste dumpster will be available to island residents one **Saturday** each month during the 2016 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.

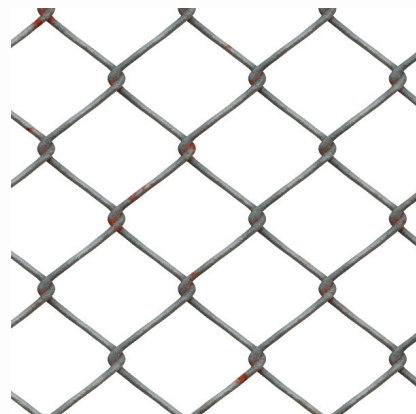
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MAY 7TH, JUNE 11TH, JULY 9TH, AUGUST 20TH, SEPTEMBER 10TH, OCTOBER 15TH, NOVEMBER 19ST

GREAT ISLAND COMMON

BACK GATE AT THE COMMON

The back gate at the Common will be closed to the public from mid-May until mid-September.



NCCC Guild

The NCCCG is non-denominational and welcomes members of all faiths, if interested contact any of the Guild officers or members. Our mission is to provide fellowship and raise money for our church and other worthy causes.

Upcoming fundraisers are:

The Annual Rummage Sale and the Arts & Crafts Fair & Strawberry Social.

The Rummage sale will be held on Saturday May, 21 from 8AM to 1PM in the Parish Hall. Co-Chairs are Joanne Armitage and Sylvia Marple. We are accepting clean donations of clothing, fabric, shoes, etc., books, white elephants, collectibles, small furniture, small working appliances, no computers or TV's please.

If you have items you wish to donate, you may bring now and leave in the large room in the basement only.

There will be fresh steamed hot dogs with all the fixings and the kitchen will be selling cookies, small breads, muffins, etc.

The Arts & Crafts Fair will be held on July 23 from 9AM to 3PM on the church grounds and the Strawberry Social will be held from 11AM to 1:30PM or until sold out in the Parish Hall, rain or shine.

Contact Deb Schulte, Maggie Kennedy or Denny Turmelle about the Arts & Crafts or Pat Trueman or Margaret Riffe regarding the Strawberry Social.

Numerous New Castle artisans participate each year, lots of talent on our little island. Again fresh steamed hot dogs will be served along with cold sandwiches from the kitchen along with tasty goodies and cold drinks.

Please take time to check out the Raffles in the Gazebo, there are always fantastic items to take a chance on.

The 2015 unveiled New Castle Cookbook will be available for purchase. If you have a favorite recipe that isn't in the book, bring it along for the next addition!

The Guild Monday Morning Crafters continue to meet Mondays, except the 3rd Monday of the month. We will be taking July and August off. Please feel free to stop in, learn a new craft or bring a new craft to the table. Coffee, snacks, and laughs provided each week!! Craft leaders: Deb Schulte, Nancy Deleeuw, Diane Muir Andrews, Jo Ireland and Donna Kearns (we won't let her go!) Time: 9:30AM-12 Noon.

Jo Ireland

TOWN PICNIC

The Town is hosting the USS Providence and have planned a Town Picnic to include the crew and families of the submarine on Tuesday, July 19 at the Great Island Common. Please watch for times.



NEW CASTLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thank mother-nature spring is finally here! As the earth awakens and we begin to spruce up our yards in the coming months, please keep in mind that there are many choices we can make that will help reduce the amount of pollution that goes into our wetlands, tidal creeks, rivers and oceans.

New Castle is proud to be a leader on the seacoast in reducing the amount of fertilizer that runs off into our waters. Please remember, if you choose to use a fertilizer this spring, don't forget that only fertilizers that contain a minimum of 50% slow release nitrogen is allowed on the island. And don't forget to remind your landscaper that this is a town ordinance. The landscapers that the commission worked with to provide guidance on reducing runoff stated that there is no increase in the cost of fertilizing with a slow release formulation.

Another way you can help reduce pollution going into our waters is to plant native plants near the edge of a wetland or shoreline and upland. This will help reduce pollution and erosion, will help slow and absorb waters from flooding, and provide fish and wildlife food and cover habitat. And please remember that removing brush under 3 feet in height within a wetland buffer is not allowed without a permit from the town and state.

Thank you for taking part in protecting our islands natural resources!

New Castle Conservation Commission.

NEW CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

..... has a great schedule of programs for the spring and summer. We will keep you posted!

May 24th - We will join with the Community Supper for dessert and a talk about the historic Frost Cemetery next to Henry's Market. Joanna McKnight from Historic New England will give a brief talk about her organization and historic properties they care for. Carol White, from the New Castle Historic Society will speak specifically about the Frost Cemetery and the people buried there. Carol will guide us to the cemetery where we will also celebrate the installation of a historic marker which tells the history of the cemetery.

July 12th - We celebrate our Members with sumptuous appetizers and wine at the Piscataqua Cafe. Paul Amazeen, former longtime owner, will tell us stories about the history of the café and famous New Castle landmark. Owner Valerie Sobel will join Paul in the presentation

A future program planned is an exhibit of archaeological artifacts found underwater in the 1970's at Salamander Point and other locations in New Castle by Raymond Demers and his son John. This generous donation to our museum captures the early history of our Town and is an incredible addition to our exhibits. More information to come later. It will be an exciting exhibit!

We look forward to seeing you at our Museum and Programs.
Always, a big thank you to our supporters!

The New Castle Historical Society extends its sincere sadness to the Edmund Tarbell family for the loss of their and the town's

historical treasure, The Tarbell House. It is a reminder of how important the mission of the Society is “to ensure the preservation of and stimulate interest in the heritage of the town of New Castle”.

To that end, the Society is presently developing numerous programs and exhibits:

- The MHT students visit to the museum to talk to Jim Cerny about life “Back in the Day”,
- Joining with Discover Portsmouth to celebrate the Tarbell Exhibit, *Illuminating Tarbell, Life and Art on the Piscataqua*
- Joining with The Community Supper to learn about the Frost Cemetery (next to Henrys’ Market) from Historic New England field trip with MHT to the tidal grist mills on the back channel, and studying an actual model of how a tidal grist mill works A Fort Stark celebration of the Summer Solstice

Jerry Marvin has put together an astonishing replica of a tidal grist mill. It shows the moon controlling the tides, and the complete process of how the tides set in motion the grinding, all powered by tiny computers. This ingenious model will be installed at the museum this spring and well worth a visit!

The Board of Directors would like to thank our volunteers who help make the Society successful. A special thanks to the *Growing up in New Castle* participants:

Donna Cerny, Judy Ward, Brooks Kennedy, Phil McDonough and Burt Drew who delighted us with their stories. We also awarded Ruth Lanham and Bill Drew our *Outstanding Service* award, recognizing their strong contributions to the preservation and celebration of New Castle’s history.

Our Board Officers for the year 2016 are:

President:	Nancy Borden
Vice Pres:	Jane Sweeney
Treasurer	Ken McDonald
Secretary	BJ Riordan
Town Hist	Jim Cerny

New Board Members: Adele Pulitzer
Carol White, Doug Pinciario

Thanks to Ann and Mark McAndrew for the collection of New Castle Post Cards, donated in honor of Ann’s Sister, Betsy Miller.

Remember to renew your membership and join us at our programs. We rely on your support to celebrate our history and preserve it for later generations.

Nancy Borden
Historical Society President



Percy Thomas Whitney

Photo by Jim Cerny

The Select Board is pleased to announce that the Boston Post Cane was presented to Percy Thomas Whitney.

LIVING HISTORY EVENT **AUGUST 20-21, 2016**

*FORT STARK HISTORIC SITE
WILD ROSE LANE
NEW CASTLE, NH*

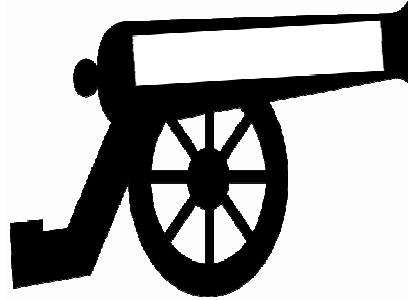
After last year's very successful one day World War II Living History Event at Fort Stark, it has been decided to expand the event to an entire weekend. In conjunction with the Living History Association, the reenactors hope to portray various military groups from the Revolutionary War until the present.

Some of the things which may be presented are: Camp setups, military vehicles, field offices, the home front and displays of military memorabilia which will allow the public to interact and learn about life for men and women during the wars. Reenactors will be dressed in period military and civilian attire to help represent the branches of the military as well as those who supported the war effort at home.

The Civil War ladies will demonstrate a camp laundry and ladies' fashions. Other eras will have similar demonstrations which they will present. Some military groups may be able to give a presentation on how to properly load and fire their muskets and military drills may be given at various times during the day.

As the planning for this event is only just beginning, you can find more up-to-date information and schedules at Fort Stark's Facebook page. We hope you'll be able to attend.

<https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Stark-Brigade-Friends-1312647702889>



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY HAMPTON, NH TRANSFER STATION SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016 8AM – 12 NOON

The Town of Hampton is providing a Waste Collection Day and New Castle residents may take advantage of this opportunity. Costs of this service are covered by the Town of New Castle. Residents using this service will be required to give name and address for tracking purposes.

See attached flyer for more information.



TOWN CLERK NEWS

TOWN MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 10

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the residents of the Town of New Castle will have the opportunity to cast their votes in the town elections at the Recreation Building – 301 Wentworth Road. The polls will be open from 9am to 7pm. The business portion of the meeting will follow at 7pm.

NEW RESIDENTS & NEW VOTERS:

You may register to vote at the polls. Be sure to bring photo ID and proof of residence that shows the street address, not the PO box number.

REGISTERED VOTERS:

When you check-in to vote you will be asked for an official photo ID. See Secretary of State's web site (<http://sos.nh.gov/VoteNH.aspx>) for more information about New Hampshire's voter ID laws.

ARTICLES I THROUGH VII TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT FROM 9 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

ARTICLE I

TOWN OFFICE CANDIDATES

Select Board – 3 Years

Thomas Maher

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 3 years

Priscilla Hodgkins

Treasurer – 1 year

Tom F. Smith

Budget Committee – 3 years

Gary Rumph

Cemetery Trustee – 3 years

Carol A. White

Library Trustee – 3 years

Sandra DeSisto

Trustee Trust Funds – 3 years

David McArdle

Supervisor of the Checklist – 4 years

Mary Harte

Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years

Joann L. Ireland

Town Moderator – 2 years

MAUDE H. TREFETHEN SCHOOL

School Board—3 years

Randall “Randy” Lynch

J. Michael Donovan

School Moderator—3 years

Michael S. Traister

School Clerk—3 years

Julie Mittleman Whitehouse

School Treasurer—3 years

Jane Lannon

BALLOT ARTICLES II THROUGH VII – SEE YOUR TOWN REPORT UNDER 2016 WARRANT

Priscilla Hodgkins

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



PICTURES AROUND TOWN TAKEN BY JIM CERNY



Etoile Holzaepfel holding plaque commemorating the inclusion of the Town Hall on the State Registrar of Historic Places.



Peter Rice and friends at the New Castle Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast.