

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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## April Recycling Pick-Up Dates

April 9 & 10

April 23 & 24

## Brentwood Trails Committee



On Sunday, January 27, sixteen hikers explored the Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area on a guided tour with members of the Brentwood Trails Committee. Committee chair Debbie Briscoe led the group on one of several trails in this area, pointing out highlights along the way, including a heron nesting site and a large beaver lodge. The group also viewed New Hampshire Fish and Game reclamation areas for turtles and aspen trees.

This particular trail was 1.9 miles long and took about one hour to walk. Conditions were not favorable for snowshoes or cross country skis on this day; but with a good snow cover these trails would be ideal for those activities. One hiker noted how peaceful and remote the area felt, even though at one point the trail is less than a mile from route 101. The group enjoyed talking about the trail system and future activities over cocoa and treats at the end. Everyone was happy to have braved the cold, yet sunny and crisp, weather for this interesting walk! The Trails Committee plans to organize other

walks throughout the year. Watch for announcements in this newsletter.

At our monthly meeting on Monday, February 4, we learned the Brentwood Trails Committee has been granted permission by New Hampshire Fish and Game to utilize trails on its property on South Road at the Brentwood State Game Farm Wildlife Management Area. Work will now begin on clearing the paths. The committee also discussed the need for brief, written descriptions of all trails in the system, and this will be a priority for the group. If anyone is interested in helping with these activities, please contact Debbie Briscoe at [brentwoodtrails@aol.com](mailto:brentwoodtrails@aol.com).

The Brentwood Trails Committee helps to maintain, sign and monitor trails in town to provide healthful outdoor recreation, to understand the importance of natural areas for our environment and to assist landowners who allow trail use on their property. The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at the Brentwood Town Offices at 7:00 p.m. New members and interested individuals are welcome!

*Karen Ellis*

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff and locations Brentwood residents can use are:

Date: **Saturday, May 18, 2013**

Time: **8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon**

Place: Old Hampton Town Office/Fire Sta. parking lot, Academy Ave. & Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH.

There will be another collection date in September for drop off at the Brentwood Highway Shed. Date to be announced.

Brentwood residents may use either or both dates and locations. Brochures are available at the Town Office indicating the acceptable items.

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov)**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14  
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30  
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
 Friday 8:30-4:00  
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

**MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY**

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: [bartlettlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net)  
 On the Web: [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org)  
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5  
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1  
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1  
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310  
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:00  
 Friday 9:00-12:00

**PLANNING BOARD**

Phone: 642-6400 X 16  
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30

**SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Phone: 642-3487  
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>  
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

**From the Town Clerk**

- I wish to thank everyone who helped with the election on March 12.
- When transferring your plates to a new car, please bring the old registration. A copy will cost you \$17.50.
- Also when registering your car, please bring two checks, one for the State and one for the Town. We take only checks or cash.
- Dog licenses are in and all dogs must be registered by April 30; then fines begin.
- Just a reminder that on Tuesdays we are open from 9:00 am until 8:00pm.

*Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk*

**A Thank You Note**

A note to all my friends and neighbors and all who took their time to lend me a helping hand. I'm so grateful for your kind and thoughtful good deeds.

I appreciate all your help. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

*Bea DeLisle*

**Waste Tonnage Figures**

	January	February
Tons, mixed solid waste	119.73	93.5
Tons, recycled goods	44.23(26.9%)	23.68 (20.2%)

**Brentwood Democratic Committee**

Brentwood Democratic Committee held their 2013 Caucus on March 11 and we are pleased to announce the election of the following officers:

Chair: Eric Turer – Peabody Dr.  
 Vice Chair: Ed Wojnowski – North Rd.  
 Treasurer: Sue Mitchell – Sherman Ave.  
 Secretary: Liz McConnell – Stevens Dr.  
 At Large: Gene Orcutt – Middle Rd.

Our next committee meeting will take place on **Monday, April 8 at 7:00pm at 25 Peabody Drive.** We encourage all Brentwood residents interested in upholding progressive ideals in state and federal policy to attend the meeting or get in touch with any of our officers or members to share your thoughts. You may also email us at [BrentwoodNHdems@gmail.com](mailto:BrentwoodNHdems@gmail.com) and please visit/like our Facebook page (Brentwood NH Democratic Committee). Enjoy the return of spring!

*Eric Turer*

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Mail your articles to Linda Rousseau, 156 Front St., # 417, Exeter, NH 03833,  
 or e-mail to [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net)



Elected officials who took the oath of office at the Town Meeting on March 17 were, front row from left: Malcolm Allison, David Menter, Melissa Litchfield, Brad Stevens, Elyse Gallo Seeley, Gene Orcutt, Dick Chamberlain (who administered the oath), Bruce Stevens and Jeff Bryan.

## Earth Day Clean-up

Hello Everyone:

You can tell it's really spring when the piles of snow by the sides of the roads melt away and leave a winter's worth of refuse in plain view everywhere. Yes, I know **you** didn't put it there, but if we (and please, if you can, you too) don't help pick it up we all will have to look at it anyway.

So, how about having some good outdoor community time pulling together to remove it? And maybe join together for some nice barbecue and maybe even some Memories ice cream to celebrate after a couple of hours?

We did this for the last two years, and the place did look better for a few months each time. Of course it re-accumulated, but it was a pleasure while it lasted.

For those who would like to be on the river in the spring, we can extend our pick up to include the river. The town has a number of canoes that are available for the asking, and the amount of trash along the river is always pretty astounding. We went down the river for this purpose last year on the same occasion and the flotilla gathered a sizeable number of bags of stuff, and had fun to boot.

So the Conservation Commission here in Brentwood is planning a clean-up morning on **Saturday, April 20**. Someone will be in the parking lot at Pilgrim Church (at the intersection of Haigh and Middle Roads) by 9 am, and will stay there all morning. Come by anytime in the morning, and get a blue bag or two, and go back to your favorite eyesore. Fill up the bags, put them next to the dumpster at the Town Highway shed, and come back to the church for a bite of lunch to celebrate with. We'll fire up the grill at about 11:30.

Do join us, have fun, and help keep Brentwood a lovely place to live.

Contact me, Emily Schmalzer, 642-5409, of the Conservation Commission, if you have any questions or suggestions. Contact Margaret Dullea, Town Recreation Administrator, at the town hall, 642-6400 X20 if you would like to use the canoes.

*Emily Schmalzer*

## **For the Kids, Through the Kids, By the Kids: "Connor's Climb, 'A Will to Live' 5K and Family Walk" for Suicide Prevention**

On October 24, 2011 family and friends lost Connor Ball to suicide. Connor's brother and five Exeter High School friends have come together to plan "Connor's Climb, 'A Will To Live' 5K and Family Walk" Awareness event on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

Connor was an incredible person with a great future ahead of him. He was a wonderful friend; he was a loving brother; he was an honor student; he was an athlete; he was an Eagle Scout; he was so much more. To lose a brother, son, or friend to suicide is devastating.

Losing this gifted young man to an irreversible decision of suicide impacted the family, his friends and the community as a whole.

On May 25, 2013 the planning committee for Connor's Climb hopes to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention with a 5K, family walk and kids' run event. The event will be held at Exeter High School beginning at 9:00 am. All funds raised from the event will go directly to suicide prevention programs in NH schools.

Connor's Climb has partnered with "A Will to Live Foundation," a 501c(3) non-profit that works with teenagers and young adults to promote teen suicide awareness and education. By creating and implanting awareness events and kid-centered activities, funds are raised for teen suicide prevention, education and counseling centers in our communities. The Foundation's mission is to create a foundation that is dedicated to improving the lives and the "Will to Live" of teenagers everywhere. For the Kids, Through the Kids, By the Kids.

Sponsors for the event include Bauer, Sea View Technologies, Starbucks Coffee and many generous raffle item donations from local businesses. The planning committee is still seeking sponsors; many opportunities are still available. To learn more about the event please contact Susan at 603.583.5062 or visit <http://www.will-to-live.org/foundation-events/connorsclimb/>.

Register for the event at <http://www.active.com/5k-race/exeter-nh/connors-climb-a-will-to-live-event-2013>. All level runners and walkers welcome. Online advance registration only.

## Swasey Central School Update

The seasons are changing from winter to spring, but it's hard to tell by looking at all the snow around us. I'm writing this on the first day of spring, which was the day after yet another snowstorm and another snow day for our students and staff.

I'd like to thank the town of Brentwood voters for coming to Swasey Central School on March 9 and approving our school budget for the 2013-2014 school year. We are pleased to have the support of the town in regards to funding our school district. The town's investment in quality education is money well spent. Our staff provides excellent programming for the students here and students have access to the best in instructional practices. We appreciate the continued support as we prepare our children for future learning. Thank you all.

The first week of March at Swasey was busy as the Brentwood Teacher's Association held a very popular literacy event at night. Families came to school to play games and read together. It was a fun night for all.

April activities at Swasey include our jump rope night at Exeter High School, where our students demonstrate all of the skills that they've learned this year jumping rope. We are so proud of their commitment to this program. Our Grade 5 students are excited about their weeklong overnight camping experience at Sargent Center. This annual event provides so much for each of them. Grade 2 and Grade 4 have two night events planned at Swasey in March and April. Students will be showcasing their knowledge on NH /State studies and Patriotism.

During the first two weeks of April, our Grade 3 and 4 students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment pilot test. This pilot test will provide testing information to those involved in creating the assessment. We are pleased to participate in this pilot session so our students can get a sneak peek at what they will be asked to do each year starting in 2015. The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be taking the place of the NECAP test and will provide data about student proficiency levels. We are confident that our students will have the necessary skills to demonstrate their learning.

SCS is an excellent school. Our stellar classroom teachers create a community of learners and provide high quality core instruction for all students. The kitchen and custodial teams are top-notch, making sure student needs are met, and that we have a clean facility. Our special education team, teachers, coordinators, and paraprofessionals, provide support, caring, and specific instruction for students with various needs. The office staff and our nurse are first-rate as they help each and every day with student, parent and staff needs. The specialists here work with all students and provide

lessons in art, music, physical education and media studies, which round out their educational day. The SAU staff and our Brentwood school board support us in so many ways as well. All of these roles come together here at Swasey to create a high quality school experience.

A reminder that we are currently accepting registrations for children turning 5 and 6 years old (*by September 30, 2013*) for next year's Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes. Please call us at the office, (642-3487) to get information on how to register your child for the 2013-2014 school year. That's all for now. Please check us out on the SCS website for specific events and classroom information.

As always,  
*Ron W. Kew, Principal*

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## Parent Faculty Group at Swasey

Mother Nature snowed out the normal day for our monthly gathering but we managed to pull together everyone for a meeting the next week to discuss many things on the agenda. One of the items was the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Mrs. Buswell, Swasey's art teacher, had the students working very hard to produce a piece of art work to be featured on various items; aprons, note-paper, mugs to name a few. The orders have been placed and are expected to be ready for pick-up at Swasey sometime in April. Keep an eye out for more information. Thank you to all who made an order.

*The New England Brass Quartet* came to Swasey on March 7 and entertained us all. The students learned about brass instruments and enjoyed the antics of this very talented group. This event was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Parent Group fundraisers. The students and staff at SCS would like to thank you for supporting this experience.

There was a terrific turnout for the Community Day at The Rinks in Exeter. Seventy-three people attended. The PFG provided special sleds from Northeast Passage to accommodate children who needed extra assistance. Skating with a group is a fun way to introduce or reacquaint one with a lifetime sport. We live in New Hampshire which provides a climate for lots of outdoor pond time.

Odd and Ends: Please keep those Box Tops coming in; each one is worth ten cents. If you don't have a child at school, feel free to clip and drop off at the school. Spirit clothing will be available in the fall.

*Sheila Lane*  
*Swasey Central School*

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## Team GBC Goes Above and Beyond



**Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons** in Brentwood, NH, competed in the 2013 Pink Invitational Gymnastics Meet in Philadelphia, PA last month. This was a 3-day competition and outreach event that unites gymnasts in a sanctioned Junior Olympic meet where athletes compete in a sport that they love while supporting breast cancer initiatives and learning about the importance of lifelong wellness.

*Team GBC and Action Kids at Brentwood Commons* also participated in the Pink Invitational "Above and Beyond Team Challenge" to help raise money for the Unite for HER Foundation. Together, they successfully raised over \$6,660.00 and placed 4th out of 43 participating gyms. Unite for HER makes a positive difference in the lives of women and girls by supporting and providing breast cancer and wellness programs that educate, empower and restore.

This was such a positive experience for everyone involved! It was amazing to see children, coaches, parents and community members all coming together for such a great cause!

*Holly Lenihan*

## Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast

Cub Scouts of Pack 192 are having a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday morning, April 13 from 8-10am** at the **Brentwood Community Center**. We hope people will come and have breakfast before they go to work cleaning up the town's ball fields, which is the same day. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from local scouts. Proceeds go to scouting events and awards for achievement.

**When:** Saturday morning 4/13 from 8-10am  
**Where:** Brentwood Community Center  
**How Much:** \$3 Kids, \$5 Adults, Families \$15

*Garett Lasewicz*  
 Cub Master  
 Brentwood Pack 192



## Achievement

**Brentwood Dental Designs** is one of the first 100 dental practices in the world to achieve the Eco-Dentistry Association's Gold Certification, by successfully completing the EDA's GreenDOC™ program. Dr. Tamatha L. Johnson's office uses digital imaging and digital patient charting, which reduces landfill waste and patient radiation exposure by as much as 90%, and has installed a special device capturing mercury-containing material before it enters local water supplies. Dr. Johnson's office implemented a wide range of initiatives listed in the GreenDOC program and achieved 286.5 points, allowing it to earn the Gold Certification.

## Historical Note

"There was a great many flowers in the meeting house today and two cages of birds and the birds sang sweetly." -- June 20, 1886.

*From "Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967," page 117.*

## Conference for Women at Grace Ministries

Grace Ministries of Brentwood, New Hampshire is pleased to announce "*Dance with Me*" Women's Conference on Friday-Saturday, April 12 & 13, 2013. The internationally known speaker Pastor Lynn Lucas of Long Island, New York will be the primary guest speaker for this event. Pastor Lynn is author of "No Longer a Victim" and will be ministering along with Pastor Lucie Cook of Grace Ministries, and Rosemary Moore of Messiah Christian Church in Wells, Maine. Pastor Lynn is also a well-known speaker for the Women of the Word conferences held nationally and well attended here in New England.

This Christian Women's Conference will kick off on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Saturday's session will begin at 9 (doors opening at 8:30am), and will include a luncheon, as well as a Saturday afternoon session, including personal ministry time with these incredible speakers. Advance registration is requested, and can be found at [www.gracemi.org](http://www.gracemi.org). The cost is \$45 and includes the luncheon. Prices increase after March 31. For more information you may contact the church office at 603-642-7848. Please join us as we learn, grow and rest in God's Love for us as women, and as we invite God to 'Dance' with our lives.

*Paula Sargent  
for Grace Ministries*

## To the Editor

March 9, 2013

As it was last year, and the year before, I have just received the March issue of the Brentwood Newsletter. So, much for attending the March 9, 2013 School District Meeting, where voting has been commenced on the Swasey School budget, of which I am contributing to pay for, through my taxes. It remains to be seen, as to whether or not my husband, who works from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm (someone has to help pay for the faculty and staff of the school to get 'cost of living' increase raises, even though my husband, personally, has not received a raise in 10 years, and so many taxpayers of this state can't get employment or are underemployed) will be able to get an absentee ballot in time. So, my question is: WHY do you make the March issue every year about the elections, considering the elections are VERY early in March? Should not February be the election edition? Would this not make the most logical sense? Give people time to plan and be prepared to vote on the issues? To me, at this time, without any explanation, it leads me to believe that the "powers who be" in Brentwood do not want an educated and well informed public, or else you would give them plenty of notice to be aware of the issues and *any amount of time* to contemplate them.

SB2 Ballot Question: This year I was surprised to find that the letters in opposition to this question

haven't been as offensive as the ones in the past couple of years, but of course there is one or two points that were written that mirrored some of the points made in the past that, quite frankly, are not only offensive, but I believe to be appalling. In the To the Editor letter, it states, "The move to the SB-2 form of Town Meeting, in my view, would restrict the voting opportunities of registered voters of the Town of Brentwood," and "These procedures are all aimed at developing budgets that meet the needs of the town and doing it in an inclusive and transparent manner." Really? How are the town and school meetings inclusive and provides greater opportunity for taxpayers? My husband and I have NEVER been able to go to any town or school meetings....to vote. Obviously, he works all day and night, and I go to school at night. We can't be the only taxpayers, in Brentwood, with similar situations. If we had absentee ballots, and a longer time window to vote—that would be inclusive and greater opportunity.

The letter to the editor goes into *trying* to portray that if the town and school meetings were replaced by a 'deliberative session' that there would be a lower turnout. Well, maybe people should refer back, in this March issue, to the article, "School District Meeting," does it not say, and I quote, "In the past voter turnout at the School District meeting has been very low....." If the percentage of the total registered taxpayers attending the voting sessions is small, then doesn't that go to show that something is wrong? Is it conscionable to vote on issues, with such great importance, with such a small percentage of the total registered voters' partaking?

As well, I have heard year after year about how if we change the government of Brentwood that we will have uninformed voters; tough. Unless someone is legally and mentally incompetent, and outside of what is required in legal notification as it pertains to town issues, this should not be an argument against SB2—it is offensive and appalling. Going on that argument, then I would guess that about half the people who vote in a presidential election should be excluded from voting, because how many are really that well informed on the issues? Please. It seemingly appears, year after year, it is the same group of people who are fighting to keep the voting on town issues that impact all of us exclusive, when you should be fighting hard to be as inclusive as possible, and this should start by listening to the people, and take into consideration that people work, go to school, have children, or are elderly with medical conditions that prevent them from going to town meetings, whatever the reasons for not attending.....they are living their lives, and they should not be held in contempt (as other letters in the past have implied) or penalized for it.

**A. Hall**

*excluded registered voter and taxpayer of the  
Town of Brentwood—for how long? Is this  
really relevant?*

## The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

**Where Adventures Begin!** When you step into the Brentwood Library your world just got bigger. Whatever you need to know or understand, the staff at Mary E. Bartlett Library can get you started. Whether you want to learn a subject, find a good book, borrow a movie, advance your career, or ensure your child's success, we are the place to start. Please join us during **National Library Week (April 14 – April 20)** to help us celebrate and see all that we have to offer!

Congratulations to **Gene Orcutt** on his recent election to the Library Board of Trustees. Officers were voted in at the March 18 meeting as follows: Bob Gilbert (Chair), Don Petterson (Treasurer) and Gene Orcutt (Secretary). We truly appreciate all of the hard work our trustees do on the library's behalf. The next board meeting will be held at the library on **Monday, April 15** at 6:30pm. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

We'd like to shout out "Congratulations!" to Brentwood's newest young author – **Emma Wellington**. **Dragon Ice**, the first book in her teen trilogy is now available to borrow at the library. Nicely done, Emma!

If it's April, it must be tax time. For those of you looking for IRS forms, we still have some of the basic ones here at the library. If we don't have the forms you need, we will be happy to print them from the IRS website for you at no cost.

April also brings the **Swasey School Art Show** to the library. Please come by to admire the wonderful artwork created by Mrs. Buswell's students – it's always one of the library staff's favorite art displays!

**Photo Contest: How I Spent 'Drop Everything and Read Day 2013.'** Friday, April 12 is National Drop Everything and Read Day – how will/did YOU spend it? Bring in a photo for our display board by Tuesday, April 16 and be eligible to earn a great prize. Creative, humorous and tasteful photos only, please!

On **Thursday, April 11**, Brentwood resident George Hangen will display his personal collection of **Henry David Thoreau** letters and memorabilia for those who can drop in between 7 and 8:30pm. Thoreau was an American author, philosopher, and naturalist from Concord, Mass. He is best known for his "Civil Disobedience" essay, which he wrote after spending a night in jail for not paying the poll tax; and for his two-year retreat to Walden Pond, detailed in his book, *Walden*. All "Different Drummers" welcome!

**Silent Movie Night – Thursday, April 18 at 7pm.** Silent movie pianist Richard Hughes will take us on a trip to the past when he performs piano accompaniment for 3 short comedy films from the Silent Movie Era. You bring the laughs, we'll provide the popcorn!

**School Vacation Week** (April 22-26) Joyce and Joyce have a fun week in store for those of you planning

staycations. Activities will include drop-in crafts, a LEGO Block Party, an afternoon movie and more! Check out the library website or stop by the front desk for further information.

**New Service!** Patrons are loving the new disk-cleaning service offered by the **Friends of the Library** – check out our website for more information about this great way to repair your old CDs, DVDs and game disks.

**New Hours!** The library will be extending its operating hours to **7pm on Thursdays** in May and June.

**Summer Student Volunteers.** We are pleased to offer a Summer Volunteer program for students ages 12-15 in July 2013. More information about this program will be described in the May Brentwood Newsletter.

Last, but not least, the **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **April 29 at 7pm** to discuss another great story. This month's title is **Snow Island** by Portsmouth author Katherine Towler. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library.

*Betsy Solon, Library Director*

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## Friends of the Library

Do you have old and scratched DVD's or video games that your kids still want to enjoy but can't? Bring them to the library and we can clean up the scratches. It is \$3 for DVD's and \$5 for games, which is a bargain!

There are some fun events coming up at the library. On **April 18** the Friends will host silent movie pianist Richard Hughes, as he takes you on a "trip into the past" when films flickered in black and white and the piano played the mood music. The films shown are classics and will entertain audiences of all ages, so bring your kids! On **May 16**, the Friends are welcoming back Michael Tougias. He will be discussing his very funny book *There's a Porcupine in my Outhouse* about his adventures in becoming an outdoorsman. On **Saturday, May 18** the Friends will host the ever popular book/bake sale from 9-noon.

Please take a minute to view the passes that are available at the library. There are great locations throughout New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. It does not have to cost a fortune for the whole family to have a day out and enjoy some culture. We are looking into add some new ones so be on the lookout.

The Friends meeting will be on **Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 am**. We would love to welcome new members who love the library as much as we do. Come join us for coffee and chat about events you'd like to see at the library.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply email [marybartlett76@yahoo.com](mailto:marybartlett76@yahoo.com). We do not share this information with anyone else.

*Cheryl Scott*

## Brentwood Recreation News

Watch for our new website, coming soon!  
A new look including online registration and online payment option.

### Archery Class (Beginner and Intermediate level)

This course will take your young archer (and you, if you're interested!) up through the basic fundamentals of shooting target archery focusing on safety and form. Class appropriate for 8-yr.-olds and older.  
**Tuesdays April 29–May 20, 3:30pm. Cost: \$55.**

### Women's Self Defense Course

Adult women and teenagers - Join us for a one-day event to increase your awareness, help you avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques. This 4-hour class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack.

Some topics covered: Situational Awareness, Time/Space distance for defense/protection, Action vs. Reaction drills, Stance and Balance, Take Downs and Escapes. Learn to defend yourself. *Bring a friend, bring your daughter, bring your sister and join us!*

**Saturday, April 27 11:30am- 3:30pm**  
**Brentwood Community Center. Cost: \$10.**

### Baseball and Softball

**Field Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 13**  
All schedules will be available on our website.  
**Picture Day Sunday, May 5.**

### Join Us at Foxwoods Casino!

Join us on Monday, **April 22.** It's so easy to experience "the wonder of it all" at the beautiful and fun Foxwoods Resort and Casino in southeastern Connecticut. Passenger receives a bonus package worth up to \$34 at the casino upon arrival. Enjoy coach bus transportation with coffee and donuts for the ride down and a snack on the return trip. Bus leaves the Brentwood Recreation Area at 7:30am and returns approx. 7:30pm. Please call the Recreation office by April 15 to reserve your seat. **Cost: \$35.**

### **Sign-Ups have started for our SUMMER PROGRAMS:**

**Red Cross Babysitter Training Course – August 1, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Mad Science "Secret Agent Lab"**  
**July 15-19 9:00am-3:30pm**

**Engineering with LEGO®!** Jedi Engineering or Jedi Master Engineering. **June 24<sup>th</sup>-28**

Challenger Sports **Soccer Skill Camp Aug. 19-23**

**Multi Sports Camp July 22–26.** Registration has already begun online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

### **Surf Camp – July 15-19**

**Bruce Joyce Baseball Camp** July 29 - Aug. 2

### Yoga Classes

#### **Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm.**

All ability and experience levels welcome.  
Next 8 week session begins March 5.

**Cost: \$64 /eight week session. Drop-ins always welcome!**

### Adult Over 30 Coed Softball

We will again be offering our over 30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. The season will run late June through mid-August. If you are interested in playing or have a group interested in forming a team, sign up at the Recreation office or registration forms will also be available on our website. Individual or team **sign-up deadline is May 15.** For more information contact the Recreation office.

### ZUMBA Classes! *Get Fit with Sara*

**Zumba classes** feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. There's no other fitness class like a Zumba Fitness-Party.

**Zumba Toning** raises the bar (or rather, the toning stick). It combines targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness-party.

Every Wednesday beginning **February 6.**  
By licensed instructor Sara Cloutier of *Get Fit with Sara.*  
**6pm Zumba (45 mins) \$5**  
**6:45 Zumba Toning (45 mins) \$5**  
**Both classes \$9/night**

Drop-ins, beginners, advanced, young and old are all invited to join the party. Pre-registration is not required. Any questions can be directed to Sara at 603-702-2765, [sara@ZumbaWithSara.com](mailto:sara@ZumbaWithSara.com) or [www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithSara](http://www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithSara).

### **Facilities Rental**

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov). Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

### *Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director*

642-6400 ext. 20 [recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov) .

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm.

Commission meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov).

## At the Historical Society 400 Years of Fishing in New Hampshire

All area residents, and especially those who love fishing, are invited to come and hear **Jack Noon** at the Brentwood Historical Society Museum on **Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 pm.** He will give a talk on "Four Centuries of Fishing in New Hampshire: Yankee Character, Yankee Priorities." The Historical Society has recently offered programs on the livestock that were so important to our forebears – cows, sheep and oxen. Now the focus will be on fishing, salt water and fresh water. The program is presented through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and is free and open to the public.

A dedicated outdoorsman for over thirty years, Jack Noon has delved into every aspect of fishing in this state since the first white settlers arrived. A Dartmouth graduate, he has two camps in Sutton, has worked with several Outward Bound groups, and has written both novels and non-fiction centered around the outdoor life of New Hampshire. A few of his book titles demonstrate the variety of his interests: *Fishing in New Hampshire: A History*; *The Bassing of New Hampshire: How Black Bass Came to the Granite State*; *Parson Jack Russell: The Hunting Legend, 1795-1883*; *The Squam Lakes and Their Loons*; and *Muster Days at Muster Field Farm: NH's Muster Day Tradition, 1787-1850*. Mr. Noon has also written books as a humorist under the name of M.J. Beagle: *Sit Free or Die* and *The NH Primer: a Guaranteed Guide to Winning the NH Primary*.

As Mr. Noon will mention, fishing history in New Hampshire runs the gamut of nets, spears, guns, clubs, weirs, seines, fish pots and hooks. Also involved are the Yankee tinkering and tampering instinct which has resulted in often unforeseen results. Those attending this program are welcome to bring examples of old fishing gear to be displayed for the evening. There will be time after the program for refreshments and conversation.

There will be a business meeting of the Historical Society the morning of **April 11, beginning at 10:00 am at the Museum.** All members are welcome to attend. Membership dues are being received now for the current calendar year. Any member who has not yet paid his/her annual dues (\$5.00 per person), or anyone who would like to join the Historical Society, should send their checks to Albert E. Belanger, Secretary, 128 Middle Road, Brentwood 03833.

For their May program event the Historical Society will join the Friends of the Library at the Mary Bartlett Library on **Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm,** to hear Donna and John Moody. They will talk about the Native American tribes of Abenaki and Penacook peoples, from the era of early settlement to today. Donna Moody is a Tribal Elder in the Abenaki Nation. The program is

sponsored through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

For more information please contact Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635, or visit the Historical Society web site, [www.brentwoodnhhistory.org](http://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org).

*Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society*

## Meeting Planned to Re-Start Agricultural Committee

Apple Annie and Stout Oak Farm invite Brentwood farmers and homesteaders to gather to meet each other and gauge the interest in reinvigorating the former Brentwood Agricultural Committee. Come to the Bartlett Library on **Monday, April 8 from 6:00-7:00 pm.** For questions or more information, please contact Emma Loosigian (Apple Annie) at 778-3127 or [appleannieh@gmail.com](mailto:appleannieh@gmail.com).

## Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors had an enjoyable March meeting, starting with a tasty pot luck Irish buffet luncheon. Entertainment was provided by Jim Barnes, the balladeer.

### April meeting to be a Thursday, not Wednesday.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 18,** at the Brentwood Community Center as usual. This is to accommodate the entertainers, who could not come on Wednesday. The program will feature the lively dancing of a group of tap dancers. Members should arrive at 11:00 am for appetizers and social hour. The buffet will be a pot luck luncheon. After a short business meeting, led by President Sandy Thorsell, the lunch buffet will be ready for serving. The tap dance program will begin after luncheon.

You do not have to be a resident of Brentwood to come and enjoy the Seniors meetings. Membership is available to area residents and friends. Parking is always easy at the Community Center and the monthly programs are always varied, always interesting. For more information please call Sandy Thorsell, president, 772-4476.

*Linda Rousseau for the Seniors*

## Mailing Crew for March

Many, many thanks to the terrific "All Points/Emergency" crew who assembled the March issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Ken Christiansen, Sue Cox, Joanne Davis, Merrill Dwyer, Jim McGean, Ann Melendy, Jane Storm, Diantha Wade and Norman Wilson.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

## Celebrating Christ in the Arts

Grace Ministries International (GMI) will be presenting two days of creative Christian expression through workshops, speakers and presentations. The church, which is located at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood, welcomes the community to participate in celebrating Christ in the Arts. These events will be held on **May 10 and 11, 2013**. The workshops and presentations will vary from dance expression, to pottery to various painting, drawing and collage, etc.

Artists, in general, operate from a place of passion. Whether musicians, or potters, dancers or painters; every medium of art is birthed from a place of deep creativity placed within from the Creator. Joining GMI on Friday, May 10, 2013 is Robyn Goulette and Saving Grace Dance Ensemble. A 'Worship Dance' workshop will start at 6:30 pm for all ages, and all skill levels. Beginners are welcome. The evening will include dance class, performances by Saving Grace Dance Ensemble and opportunities to learn choreography and experience spontaneous worship developed and inspired by the practicum. Dress to Move! Dancewear is best or loose fitting pants. The workshop fee is 10.00 and advance registrations are being accepted.

Opening Saturday morning, May 11, at 10:00 am is Michael Ferris, "A Journey to the Potter's House; An illustrated parable that will help you understand God's workings in your life." Michael is a minister, consultant and educator from Connecticut who teaches counseling at the Masters level. While using a potter's wheel, Michael skillfully blends his gifts of craftsmanship, creative communications, his love for people and his love for God to bring a life-changing message of hope, healing and redemption, as we live our lives as clay in the hands of the Potter. This is slated to run until noon. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering for Michael at the conclusion. GMI will offer a café-style lunch from noon until 1:15 pm.

On Saturday afternoon, May 11, from 1:30 pm to 4:30pm, is artist and speaker, David Costello of Freeport, ME. David is a gifted and trained Christian artist whose work is birthed in the secret place with God. His work has been exhibited extensively in the United States and Europe, winning a number of international and regional awards.

David will speak extensively on the creative process. Topics include Dreams and Visions, Imagination, Productivity, Sustaining the Flow, Seeing with the Heart and The Creative Spirit. The session will conclude with a hands-on Art Workshop where participants can create their own artwork. Tickets to this portion of the event are \$25 and include all art materials (register by April 26).

Further information can be found online at [www.gracemi.org](http://www.gracemi.org) or by phone at 603-642-7848.

## Business Card Directory

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

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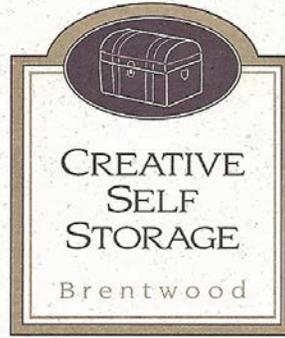


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## **Brentwood Gardeners**

The Gardeners' regular 3rd-Tuesday meeting in March was snowed out, but we managed to have a catch-up meeting the next week on Tuesday the 26th. Becky Feeney had worked hard to prepare an interesting program on Cactuses and Succulents. These plants have become a favorite with her and her daughter, as an answer to the problem of poor soils and fickle New England weather. Thanks to Becky for a fine program.

The round-the-table question of the evening was: what is your favorite time of day in your garden? It was interesting to hear how many people cherish a slow early morning walk around their gardens with a fresh cup of coffee.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 16**, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church. Gladys Ray will be in charge of the program, which will be about goats. We can be sure Gladys will have a wonderful way of connecting goats with the fine art of gardening

All Gardeners are asked to gather on **Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am** at the Dalton Road triangle for a general spring clean-up of that area and the other town roadside gardens.

### **Annual Plant Sale May 18**

All Gardeners and any other interested residents are asked to look carefully at their gardens as they clean up for spring, and put aside extra, unneeded plants in pots for the annual Plant Sale at the Library on Saturday, May 18. The plant Sale will be in conjunction with the Friends' annual Book and Bake Sale. Please don't forget to attach a label saying what the plant is and what color. We have found people won't buy them when they don't know what they're getting. The proceeds from the Plant Sale are used to maintain and improve the public garden areas of the town. For more information about the Plant Sale, please call Gladys Ray, 778-9424

For information about the Gardeners in general please call the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3848, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

*Linda Rousseau*

## **Gardening Tips for April**

- Get the jump on weeds by applying a pre-emergent weed killer to beds and borders. Put it down in early April for best results. It works by preventing seeds from germinating, so don't apply anywhere you're planting seeds or hoping self-sowing annuals will appear.
- Finish tree and shrub pruning, but don't touch spring bloomers until flowers fade. You can prune evergreens until late summer. Don't prune later or new, tender growth will get zapped by winter cold.

- Tackle mower maintenance if you didn't last month. Replace spark plugs, oil, and air filter. Sharpen the blade. In early spring, cold nights can make a shed-stored mower slow to start. Set it in the sun an hour or two before starting and let the sun warm the engine. Covering the engine with a black trash bag warms things up even quicker.

## **Historical Note**

### **Chickens and Eggs**

The chicken and egg business once played a very large role in the economic life of Brentwood. The largest of these operations in recent memory was operated by the Melvin Moul family, starting in 1923 with 27 chicks. They built several large buildings housing laying, incubating, and hatching chickens behind what is now 135 Crawley Falls Road near the entrance to Old Gordon Road, and a hatchery at the present 506 Middle Road. By 1938 the operation encompassed more than 150 acres. Much of Rte. 111a west of Rte. 125 was chicken range.

The Moul family bred and raised chicks for sale nationally and candled and sold eggs. At the height of the operation they would have 40,000 chicks twice a week during the months of October to June.

People who lived in Brentwood after World War II can remember the Japanese workers who were brought here. They were particularly adept at separating the young chicks by sex and packing them in large cardboard boxes for shipment by truck and even by Parcel Post.

The changing times and the economy finally forced the Moul family out of business in 1954. The farm was subsequently operated by the Einhorn family and more recently by the Whitehouse family until 1986.

Other large chicken and egg farms were run by Harry and Ethel Twitchell on Scrabble Road; the Hall family in the 1920s at 483 Middle Road; the Thyng family on Deerhill Road; and Helen and Cornelia Pike on Deerhill Road. There were also large chicken ranges on North Road.

*Information from Brentwood's 250th Anniversary Program and Historical Souvenir, page 20.*

## **Sympathy**

Sincere sympathy to the family of Leona M. Fennelly ("Lee"), who died in Manchester March 4, 2013. Lee and her husband Bill owned Lindy's Country Store for over ten years beginning in 1986. They continued to live in Brentwood for several years after they retired and sold the store. A memorial service will be held May 19, 11 am, at Brewitt Funeral Home, Exeter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 5 **Community dinner & Forum – speaker Wilhelmina Bradley**, 5:30 pm, Pilgrim Church
- April 8 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library  
**6:00-7:00 pm, Library: meeting to discuss re-forming Brentwood Agricultural Committee**  
 Brentwood Democratic Committee – 7:00 pm, 25 Peabody Drive
- April 9 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 10 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 11 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library  
 Historical Society – **Jack Noon, speaker: "Four Centuries of Fishing in NH,"** 7 pm, Museum  
**Thoreau letters & memorabilia collection of George Hangen** – 7-8:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 12 **"Dance with Me," Christian Women's Conference**, beginning 7:00 pm, Grace Ministries
- April 13 **Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast** – 8-10 am, Brentwood Community Center  
**"Dance with Me" Conference continued** – 9 am, Grace Ministries
- April 15 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 16 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
 Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, **program on "Raising Goats,"** Pilgrim Church Fellowship Room.
- April 18 **Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Community Center, program by tap dance group**  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
**"Silent Movie Night with Richard Hughes"** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 20 **Earth Day roadside clean-up – All welcome. Report to Pilgrim Church parking lot 9:00 am on**
- April 23 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building  
 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 29 Brentwood Bookers Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 30 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 2 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- May 4 **Gardeners' clean-up of town roadside gardens. All welcome. Dalton Rd. island at 9:00 am**
- May 6 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
 Firemen's Association – 7:00 pm, Fire House

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