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May 12

This calendar highlights special events and meetings happening this month

Please read all article for MANY more important events, activities and meetings!

Note: Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times and cancellations.



On Town Yard Sale Day (May 11), at the Town Hall...

\*Fire Association will be selling breakfast sandwiches at 7:30-9:30 am

\*AVS Destination Imagination will hold a bake sale at 9:30 am until sold out



# Town of Auburn Finance & Communication Assistant

The Town of Auburn is accepting applications for a part-time Finance and Communications Assistant. Primary responsibilities are processing accounts payable and payroll, and producing the town's communications with residents via the web and printed material. Other tasks include responding to resident calls and office visits.

This is a part-time position of approximately 16 hours per week, with some fixed and some flexible weekday hours. The successful candidate will have experience with data entry and ability in a variety of software applications. Payroll and/or Adobe publishing experience is preferred.

Applications and a full job description are available at www.auburnnh.us or at the Town Hall, 47 Chester Rd. Submit application, cover letter, resume to Town Administrator townadmin@townofauburnnh.com.

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# **Auburn Town Hall News**

Two key people in town hall are about to 'retire,' but fortunately we won't be losing them. Town Clerk Kathleen Sylvia is stepping down as of May 1st. Having just been elected Moderator, she won't be far away, and will continue to help in the Clerk's office. At the same time, Tax Collector Susan Jenkins will step down, and stay on as Deputy Tax Collector. At their request, we will hold off any thank you and recognition of these two long careers until each really retires. Until then, we are very happy that they will stay involved.

Stepping up to fill their shoes are our two Deputies – Town Clerk Caitlyn Folia and Tax Collector Trisha Loranger. Both have been preparing for the transitions and are ready to take over these essential roles in town government. Also in a new role is our new Deputy Town Clerk, Maria Plante.

Along with offices in town hall, seats on our boards and commissions often turnover after elections this year. Many of our volunteers have offered to continue serving, and the following have been reappointed by the Board of Selectmen or Moderator: to the Conservation Commission, Diana Heaton; to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Margie McEvoy and Mary Royer; to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Mike DiPietro and Kevin Stuart; and to the Budget Committee, David Wesche and Joanne Linxweiler. Thank you all for serving! Many town boards and commissions have Alternate Member positions available if you are interested in getting involved.

Keith Leclair

Michael Rolfe

Tom Carroll

#### **Auburn Board of Selectmen**



As part of Auburn's efforts to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on our lakes and streams, each month we will publish some tips for residents to help. SOAK up the rain NH is a program of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services.

#### "Green" Yard Care and Landscaping Tips

- Reduce the square footage of your lawn area by planting low-maintenance ground-covers, trees, flowers and shrubs to help water infiltrate into the ground and prevent soil erosion.
- For new lawns, use six to 12 inches of topsoil to encourage deeper root growth.
- Choose native grasses and ground coverings as alternatives to conventional turf lawns on some or all of your property.
   Native plants have originated and evolved in your area and generally require less water, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and trimming.
- Test your soil to see what it really needs before you apply fertilizer or lime (contact your county UNH Cooperative Extension office for information on soil testing).
- When fertilizer is necessary, use a slow-release fertilizer to avoid excess nutrients running off your lawn. The New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Protection Act prohibits the use of fertilizer within 25 feet of public waters.
- If you have an automated irrigation system, make sure it has a rain gauge or soil moisture sensor to prevent watering when it isn't necessary like when it is raining or immediately following a rain shower.

Next month: Yard Care and Landscaping, part II

# **Auburn Police Department News**

Do you have a United States, NH or POW/MIA flag that needs to be retired?

Did you know you could drop it off at the police department for proper disposal?

The Auburn Police Department will be hosting a US Flag retirement ceremony, on <u>Flag</u> <u>Day Friday June 14</u>. We will be retiring any United States flag, State flag or POW/MIA flag that is no longer suitable for display.

The ceremony has a tentative start time of 11:00 am. Feel free to stay for the ceremony and if you are not able to attend drop off your flag and we will ensure that it is retired in a dignified way.





#### STROLL WITH PATROL IS BACK!!!

Auburn Parks and Rec is starting a walking club this month and once a month Auburn Officers will be joining the group on their morning stroll.

Our first stroll will with the Monday Morning Walking Club will be
Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM
meeting at the Severance School Community Building on Manchester Road.
We hope to see you there!!!!

#### FUN FACT ...

Did you know that Chief Pelton and Lt. Chabot both have a hobby of making maple syrup?

Each spring both the Chief and Lt are also kind enough to plan a large breakfast for us, so get the chance to taste test the results of their hard work!!

Last month was the department's 5<sup>th</sup> year enjoying a pancake breakfast made with Auburn Maple Syrup!





#### THE NEW FACE OF AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Auburn Police Department in conjunction with Auburn Neighborhood Watch Leaders are pleased to announce that we have joined up with Nextdoor.com a website and app where the department and the community can stay informed together.

To those who have previously been on our email distribution lists, or have recently reached out to update your information, you will be getting an invitation to join our page on the site as soon as we have it set up and running.

We know that others in the community have created their own local version of this same site but we wanted to let our residents know the Auburn Neighborhood Watch page the department will be directly involved with; will be titled "Auburn NH Neighborhood Watch Group" with a photo of our department badge.

If you would like to join our Neighborhood Watch Group You can call the station directly at 603-483-2134, email your information to police@townofauburnnh.com or mail in the form below.

#### PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

Send to: police@townofauburnnh.com or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032





# **Parks & Recreation News**

auburnparksandrec.com

#### Shop the Town-Wide Yard Sale

It's almost time to shop the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Maps that show all the yard sale locations can be picked up starting on Friday, May 3 at the Town Hall or found online at auburnparksandrec.com. There will be a QR code that will link you to a google map. You can also pick up a paper map on the day of the sale at the Town Hall from 7:30 am-12:00 pm. Just follow the yellow "Town-Wide Yard Sale" signs around town. Have fun and happy shopping!



If you get hungry as you are out shopping, stop by the Town Hall for...

- Breakfast sandwiches with the Auburn Fire Association between 7:30 and 9:30 am.
- Baked goods with the Auburn Destination Imagination Team starting at 9:30 am until they sell out.

#### **Monday Morning Walking Club**

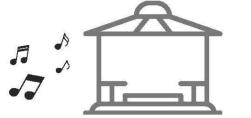
Enjoy the physical and social benefits of walking with friends. The Monday Morning Walking Club is back for a second year. It starts at 8:30 am at the Severance School Community Center beginning on May 13. The walks will take us through the trails of Massabesic to the front park. The walking program is for all ages and walking speeds. We do walk in most types of weather unless it is heavy rain. Please dress appropriately.

Once a month, members of the Auburn Police Department will join the walk. Their first "guest appearance" will be on Monday, May 20. There is no fee and registration required to participate in the Walking Club. Please call the Recreation Department at 603-483-5052 x101 with any questions.

#### Summer Concerts in the Park

The Parks and Recreation's annual summer concert series is back for it's 11th year!! Mark your calendars for free family entertainment. Bring the kids to enjoy the playground and sit back and relax to the music. All concerts are held at the Circle of Fun playground at 5 Bunker Hill Road starting at 6:00 pm.

June 20- Jennifer Mitchell Band July 18- Ukeladies August 15- Bob Pratte Band





Register for all programs online at auburnparksandrec.com



The following is a list of our spring session programs. For details on each and to register, visit our website at **auburnparksandrec.com**. If a location is not listed, the program will be held at the Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road.

#### **Adult Programs-Spring Session**

Crafts with Kelley- String Art Project - Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm (\$33 res/\$39 non-res)

Come create some String Art! Choose among three designs and use your creativity by choosing your own stain or paint color as well as your own string colors. This is a fabulous craft for all levels. The options are 1. State of NH 2. Succulent 3. Monogram. Please indicate your choice when registering.

Crochet Social Hour- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm. No fee.

Cookie Decorating- "Get Groovy"- Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-8:00 pm, (\$52 res/\$62 non-res)

Think peace signs & VW bugs in the fun new theme, "Get Groovy". This class is open to beginners and experienced cookie decorators, each participant will learn the basics of royal icing including how to handle a piping bag, pressure, and piping techniques.

Game Night-BUNCO- Monday, May 6, 6:00 pm. No fee. Cinco de Mayo theme with refreshments and prizes.

Learn to Crochet- Wednesdays, May 1-June 5, 6:00-7:00 pm (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session)

Needle Felting- Thursday, May 30, 6:00-8:00 pm., May 30, 6:00-8:00 pm. (\$39 res/\$47 non-res) Join us for our first intro to Needle Felting class. Needle felting is a creative craft that involves sculpting shapes and figures using wool and special felting needles. It's a simple yet versatile technique that allows you to create amazing creations with just a few supplies.

Resistance Training- Mondays, May 6-June 24, 6:30-7:15 pm (\$65 res/\$78 non-res for the 7-week session)

#### Strength Training for Active Seniors

Wednesdays, May 1-June 19, 8:45-9:30 am (\$80 res/\$96 non-res for the 8-week session)
Fridays, May 3-June 21, 8:45 am-9:30 am (\$80 res/\$96 non-res for the 8-week session)
\*Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class\*

Tai Chi- Thursdays, May 9- June 27, 11:00 am noon (\$58 res/\$70 non-res for the 8 week session)

Weekend Yoga Workshop: "Yoga Fundamentals"- Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am-11:15 am (\$35 res/\$40 non-res) Get back to basics with our invigorating 75-minute Yoga Fundamentals Workshop! Designed to demystify the foundational poses commonly found in yoga practices, this class is perfect for beginners and seasoned practitioners alike. In this workshop, we break down essential yoga poses seen in various yoga videos, focusing on alignment, form, and breath awareness. Led by experienced yoga instructor/corrective exercise specialist, Nicole Detellis, you'll delve into the intricacies of each pose, understanding how proper alignment enhances both the physical and mental aspects of your practice.

Yoga - Tuesdays, May 7-June 25, 6:30-7:15 pm (\$74 res/\$89 non-res for the 8-week session)

<u>Zumba-</u> Tuesdays, May 21-June 25, 8:30-9:30 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6-week session)

\*Drop-in Rate-\$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows\*

Register for all programs online at auburnparksandrec.com



#### **Youth Programs-Spring Session**

Jumping Beans - Wednesdays, May 1-June 19,9:45-10:30 am (\$56 res/\$66 non-res for the 8-week session)

<u>Fast Feet Running Series</u>- Sundays, May 5-June 9, 9:00 am (\$39 for 5-week program) at the Safety Complex Field for ages 2-14

<u>Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds & Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds</u>- Saturdays, May 4-June 8 (no soccer 5/25) at Wayne Eddows. The Tiny Tots program for 3-year-old runs 9:30 am to 10:00 am for a fee of \$50 (Players must be at least 3 during the session). The Tot Soccer program for 4-year-olds will be held at 10:00-11:00 am for a fee is \$65 (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)

Karate - Fridays, May 3-31 (no class 5/24) 4:30-5:15 pm for grades K -4

#### Youth Programs-Summer Camp

<u>Summer Basketball Camp-</u> Monday, August 12-Friday, August 16, 8:30 am- 2:00 pm (\$225 for the week) at the Auburn Village School Gym. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2024-2025 school year.

Camp Adventure— Week 4- There is still room in week 4 of Camp Adventure, July 29-August 2. Camp Adventure is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2024-2025.



#### \*New Senior Trip Registration Procedure\*

Registration for Parks & Rec Senior Trips will now be done by lottery. Over the past few years, interest in our trips has increased and the "first come-first serve" system is no longer working. To create a more fair way to register interested travels, here are the guidelines for this new registration procedure.

- You will have a week to return your registration form to Parks & Rec. Registrations forms will be accepted between May 1 through May 9.
  - Please return the form along with the fee to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. All forms must be received no later than May 9.
  - If you are traveling with a spouse or a friend, register them on the same form with you. You can include up to 4 names on a registration form so they can be drawn together.
- The cost for this trip is \$30 per person and is open to Auburn residents 65 and over.
- Registration forms will be drawn on May 10. The first 54 names will be added to the trip and the remainder will be put on the waiting list.
- Confirmations and waiting list notices will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form.
- Also new this year, we are offering 3 different trips! Yay! So if you are on the waiting list for this trip, you'll still have 2 more chances to join us this year.
- As always, the Parks & Rec Senior Trips are open to Auburn Residents, age 65+

Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 603-483-5052 x101 or email Recreation@townofauburnNH.com with any questions.

#### Auburn Parks & Recreation Senior Trip

## Billings Farm in Woodstock, VT with lunch at Quechee Inn Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Billings Farm & Museum is just a scenic stroll from the village center of Woodstock, Vermont, and is regarded as one of the finest outdoor history museums in the country. Combining a fully-operating Jersey dairy farm with educational exhibits and interactive programs and events, Billings Farm & Museum is committed to providing education and enjoyment to visitors of all ages.

Then we'll head to the historic Quechee Inn at Marshland for the Innkeeper Deli Platter Buffet. This includes house made soup, assorted deli meats and sandwich breads and fresh cookies.



Motorcoach transportation, farm admission and lunch is included in this trip. We will depart Auburn from St. Peter's Church at 8:30 am and expect to return around 3:30 pm on Wednesday, June 12.

#### Spring 2024 Senior Trip Registration Form

Your Name(s):	
Address:	
Email:	_Phone:
Your Name(s):	
Address:	
Email:	_Phone:

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#### Dan Szczesny, Library Director

22 Hooksett Road / PO Box 308 Auburn, NH 03032 (603) 483-5374 director@griffinfree.org www.griffinfree.org



#### Great News From Your Library!

#### OVER THE MOON ABOUT OUR ECLIPSE

PARTY: Once again, Auburn came out in droves to the library grounds to help us celebrate the April 8 eclipse. On behalf of myself, our staff, our trustees and our friends, thank you all for making this an incredible once in a generation event. We counted about 300 visitors over the course of the afternoon!

**OUR NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW:** In other wonderful patronage news, the

library's first quarter usage continues to increase by leaps and bounds.
Raw numbers continue to illustrate increased usage in all aspects of library service. Overall, first quarter circulation 2024 compared to 2023 is up 7.9 percent. Patron Count is up a whopping 37 percent first quarter 2023 to 2024! Thank you Auburn!

#### **News and Notes**

Creative Bug for Crafts and Art: In March, the library launched a new digital arts and crafts program called CreativeBug and it's been a huge success! This FREE service offers library card holders the opportunity to watch or take digital classes of awardwinning arts and craft videos. We are so grateful to our amazing Friends of Griffin Free Public Library for purchasing this resource for us. Click below and enter your library card number, subscribe with

your email and a password and you're all set. Get crafting!

https://www.creativebug.com/lib/griffinfree

#### May (and beyond) on Beanstack

The library always has reading challenges and fun for patrons up on our Beanstack. Simply register at griffinfree.beanstack.org or sign in to your Beanstack account, check out what the monthly challenge is and start tracking your books! This May, we have a Growing Readers 10 Book Challenge! At the end of the month, kids 5 to 15 who have completed the challenge will win!

Here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming in January:

#### Kids and Teen Programming

Sat., May 11, 12-2pm, Mother's Day Craft: Craft a handmade flower for mom! Join us in creating your own flower! Registration is required.

Sat., May 25, 12-2pm, Seed Bomb Craft: Create your very own seed bombs to plant around your neighborhood! Space is limited so registration is required.

Tues., May 7 and May 21, 4-5:30pm, D&D Club: Join Miss Jordan for an in person/ZOOM adventure as our Dungeons and Dragons Club continues their quest. The club meets every other Tuesday and is geared for players over twelve. Registration is required.

**REGULAR STORY TIMES:** Join Miss Mary for regular Story Times in May on **Tuesdays at 11 AM and Fridays at 1 PM**. Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed!

#### Adult Programming

Tuesday, May 11, 10am-2pm, Second Bi-Monthly Puzzle Swap: Bring a puzzle, drop off a puzzle, take home a puzzle. We're swapping all day! No registration needed and free!

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30pm, Robert Frost on the Farm: Join us for a NH Humanities program given by historian Jeffrey Zygmont. Seating is limited and registration is required.

Sat., May 25, 10am-12pm, Grant's Games Presents the Art of Tabletop Gaming: Join us for a morning of game play. Ages ten years plus. Registration is required and parents please stay with your gamers!

Thurs. May 30, 6-8pm, Adult Craft Night: Join us for our monthly craft night. This month, paper quilling class returns! Attendees will make a card or wine tag. Registration is required. This event is free and all supplies will be provided.

**The Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30am in May!

The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm. The book for May is "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.

#### Special Announcements

Annual Plant Sale: May 18, 10am-2pm: Join the Friends of the Library and the

Massabesic Garden Club at the library for their annual plant sale!

Plastic Bag Drive: The library's plastic bag drive will begin on June 1. Help us collect enough bags to earn a park bench. More info to come soon!



# Friends of the Library

Plants, tote bags, quilts and more! It's a busy time for the Friends and we're excited to hear from you.

#### Spring Plant Sale: May 18

We're again teaming up with the Massabesic Garden Club for our annual Spring Plant Sale on May 18 from 8:00-2:00 at the Library. In addition to having vegetables, perennials, and annuals, this year we will have some new offerings including local honey from Busy Beez and heirloom seeds. There will be a kids table where our young gardeners can pick a mug and pot their own flower.

To help us have a successful event, we're currently looking for:

- Donations of new or gently used garden related books, garden statuary, gardening supplies/tools, pots, etc.
- Perennial donations (Please label the plant type)
  - Can be dropped off at the library on Thursday, 5/16 or Friday 5/17

OR

 A member of our digging committee will be happy to come to get your plants or dig them up. If interested call Jess Traynor at (603)505-2359

#### Get Your Friends of the Library Tote Bag

Made in NH, each royal blue bag features white lettering and is perfectly sturdy for carrying books or groceries. The cost is \$20.

Place your order by emailing <u>vicepresident@friendsofgriffinfree.org</u> or <u>secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org</u>, or by visiting us at the Plant Sale on May 18th or future Friends' events. We accept payment by cash or check.

#### Solar Eclipse Celebration Success

What an extraordinary moment to witness the eclipse at The Griffin Free Public Library! Thanks to those who stopped by our table to learn more about our group and who purchased a tote bag, handmade ornament and/or baked goods.

#### Quilt Raffle: Tickets for Sale

We're thrilled to be raffling off a beautiful, book-themed Readerville Square Dance Quilt thanks to the very generous donation by one of our new members, Judy Bellerose.

Tickets are \$5/each or 5 tickets/\$20 and will be available for purchase at the Plant Sale on May 18th and future Friends' events. The winning ticket will be drawn at Auburn Day and the 31st Annual Duck Race on Sept 14th.





Friends of the Library

Griffin Free Public Library

#### Plastic Bag Drive → New Bench!

The Friends will begin their plastic drive in June. See next month's Crier for information.

#### Learn More About Us!

Visit our website (<u>friendsofgriffinfree.org</u>) for news, events, and event photos, as well as links to join or make a donation. You can also reach us at <u>secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org</u> or stop by our next meeting at 7:00p at the library on Monday, May 6.

#### TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fire Department 55 Eaton Hill Road Auburn, NH 03032 (603) 483-8141



Fire Chief Michael Williams



Deputy Fire Chief Robert Selinga

Auburn Fire-Rescue Monthly Fire Chief's Report March 2024

Incident Statistics		Fire Prevention Report	
Building Fire:	0	Annual Life safety inspections	3
Vehicle/equipment Fires:	0	Place of assembly permits	0
Brush:	0	Sprinkler inspections	1
Fires, all other:	0	Wood/pellet stove inspections	1
Alarm Call no fire:	5	Oil burner/tank inspections.	1
Hazardous Conditions:	5	Fire alarm inspection	0
EMS:	20	Plans review	1
Service calls:	12	Fire Prevention activities	0
Good intent calls:	9	Foster care inspection	1
Total calls 51		Tent Inspections	0
		Kitchen hood inspection	1

#### **Fire Chiefs Report**

- Submitted the monthly call firefighter payroll.
- Submitted Part time and fulltime firefighter payroll.
- The 2023 AFG grant was submitted for a new SCBA compressor/fill station.
- The NH forestry fire grant was awarded to Auburn for new forestry clothing.
- One of our fulltime firefighters left to become a fulltime firefighter in Manchester.
- Hosted the bimonthly AFD department meeting.
- AFD hired 4 new call firefighters over the past few months, probationary training is ongoing.
- AFD hosted a community CPR class here @ the Complex.
- AFD and APD held our annual awards night here @ the Complex.
- DHART helicopter training was completed here @ the Complex.
- The monthly NHFIRS reports were exported to the State of N.H.
- Continued working on the EOP and Hazard mitigation plan updates with assistance from Lt. Blais
- Continued Interviewing for fulltime and call firefighter positions.
- We continually meet with the Fire officers and Department members as needed and required.
- Responded to emergencies and meetings as needed and required.



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#### P & S Janitorial Service

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# May Notes from the Massabesic Garden Club

Hello and Happy May!

The big event this month will be our plant and garden related items sale with the Friends of the Library on May 18th, at the library. Our club is looking for members or the public that would like to assist with donations of plants, garden themed books, statuary, plant pots and child friendly coffee mugs for the kids table (no business logo mugs, please). If you have plants to share and are unable to dig, please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers on 5/17 and 5/18. For more info, please contact Jess Traynor at (603) 505-2359.

Our May meeting will be held at Severance school on May 8th at 6pm. This is our 4th anniversary and so we will celebrate together! We will be having a pot luck. Please bring your favorite dish! We are hoping that our members will come that evening prepared with a garden or nature themed story to share with the group. Stories can be funny, disastrous, meaningful, strange or beautiful. You can also share what you like about the club or how you got into gardening, birding, hiking, etc. Story telling is optional of course. If it is nice weather, we may go outside for an after dinner stroll and a meditative exercise along the lines of forest bathing. We will also have an exciting announcement about a photo contest that we are sponsoring which is open to members and the public! We have a special guest coming for this. Stay tuned for details in next month's crier if you can't make the meeting.

The public is always welcome to come join in to see what we are all about. We are very informal in comparison to some clubs that are very structured in terms of member obligations, memberships to national garden clubs, mandatory volunteering, etc. We are in it to have fun, provide a public service and share our love of gardening. All are welcome and we do have some non gardeners and that's ok too! Last member count was in the 80s with a solid 20-30 in attendance each time. We have members from surrounding towns as well. We are looking for board members as we are operating on a skeleton crew. Being a board member is not a big time obligation outside of the meetings; perhaps 0-2 hours a month maximum extra. Plus, we have a lot of fun. I personally cherish the friendships I have made with the board and the members. What a very special group of folks we have in the club!

We will be on a break from meetings from June- September. We will continue to work over the summer on the Barn Garden that we have 'adopted' at the Massabesic Audubon Center. Please email us if you would like to participate in this project. The subcommittee, chaired by member Stephanie Hanson, has been meeting over the winter to plan the next steps for the project. A big thanks to member Hope Garner for loaning her garden design skills for this garden and to all of the committee members. We will be out there several times a month during the season, it is always a fun time. This is a fun way to get outside, meet new friends and get some exercise no matter what your mobility, or garden ability is. We welcome photographs of the site. Please feel free to snap photos during the growing season and send them to us! For questions, please email <a href="massabesicgc@gmail.com">massabesicgc@gmail.com</a>. You don't need to be a garden club member to participate, but we would have to sign you up as an Audubon volunteer (which entails filling out a few forms on the spot).

For more information on the Massabesic Garden Club, including the calendar of events and member info, please see our website <a href="https://www.massabesicgc.org">www.massabesicgc.org</a>. We can also be found on Facebook.





# **Longmeadow Serves!**

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

Spring has definitely arrived, a time of new growth, new life and new beginnings as well as rejoice in many beloved traditions. We give thanks for all those who joined us in Holy Week and Easter celebrations. We had a huge crowd at our Sunrise service than we have had in years, including many people who joined us for the first time at this special service to welcome the joy filled day. Our flower-filled Family Easter Service brought many people to worship as well and gave us the opportunity to work together once again to create a flower adorned cross for our front porch as well as having many plants to deliver. If you joined us for the first time this Easter, we hope you felt welcomed and will join us again soon.

We feel so blessed that attendance at our Community Breakfasts has been increasing by leaps and bounds. We will be having breakfasts in both May and June before we break for the summer and it has delighted to serve so many, both our "regulars" and people who have only recently discovered this fun community gathering where you can chat with neighbors over a delicious meal. These all-you-can-eat meals are held on the second Saturday of each month for the amazingly low price of \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for the littlest ones. In addition, our Christian Education Committee have also been providing activity kits for children to grab at the breakfast either to use then or to take home.

In May we look forward to the annual coming together with different churches throughout the state as we bring our donations of School Supply Kits for Church World Service to their New Hampshire drop off depot. Thanks to donations from within the church as well as from you, our Auburn neighbors, we assembled not only backpacks filled with supplies for local children in need but also kits for children across the country in areas where resources are limited. This year we are also pleased to add Menstrual Health Kits assembled by our Ladies' Circle to provide these essential supplies for women in need and our Dinner Church attendees finished of Personal Hygiene Kits as well. It is a privilege to work alongside CWS and other communities of faith to walk alongside our most vulnerable neighbors in some of the most overlooked and underserved communities in over 65 countries around the world.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Ladies' Circle Yard Sale on June 1, 2023. We are excited to once again be able to hold this annual fund-raising event. If you are doing any Spring cleaning and would like to donate, please call the church to arrange a drop off time.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish all our Auburn friends the ability to stay warm this winter and seek to serve where we can, following with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 603-483-2907.

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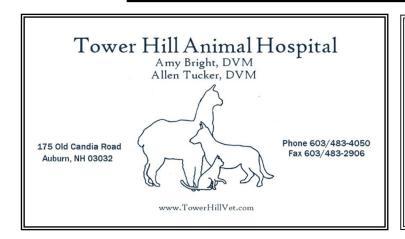
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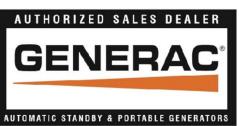
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#### **GROWING BACKYARD BERRIES**

May 16, 6-8pm

Small-scale production of berries can be a rewarding investment, but not without its own management challenges! In this workshop, we'll focus on blueberries, brambles (blackberries and raspberries,) and strawberry production for the backyard gardener, covering topics that include varieties, establishment, maintenance, pruning, and major pest and disease management. Weather permitting, we'll walk out to the UNH Extension Demonstration Gardens where we'll see some techniques in practice. Appropriate footwear is helpful. Register by May 14.

Visit our Event Calendar to register. Cost is \$10/NH Audubon members & Extension Master Gardeners or \$15/non-members.

#### SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

May 31, 5-7pm

Join Camp Administrator, Claire Adams on May 31 from 5-7pm at the Massabesic Center for our final 2024 Nature Day Camp Open House!

During this free event, Claire will be hosting a "morning circle" activity, complete with a name game and camp song, to give you and your campers a taste of what our camps have to offer. Throughout the event, she will also be available to answer questions and provide hand-outs about the camp philosophy, camp session themes, and policies. Several NH Audubon educators and staff from Media Power Youth will be on hand to answer questions and facilitate activities, including a chance to meet some of our Ambassador Animals.

This is a great opportunity for first-time campers or for folks looking to expand into the next level of the camp. Bring the kids. RSVP on our event calendar to let us know you are coming. We will be serving dinner, snacks, and beverages between 5:45-6:45pm. Come for dinner and stay for the crafts and games!





#### **CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Registration is open for all 2024 camp sessions on our website. Each week hosts a different, exciting theme. Reserve your spot today!

Please contact Claire Adams, Camp Administrator, with any questions at (603) 224-9909 ext. 404 or cadams@nhaudubon.org.

#### SPRING WILD MEDICINAL PLANT WALK WITH HERBALIST & AUTHOR MARIA NOËL GROVES

May 30, 5:30-7pm



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 $\label{eq:Visit} \mbox{Visit our Event Calendar to register.} \\ \mbox{Cost is $12/NH Audubon members or $15/non-members.}$ 

#### MAY BIRDING OUTINGS



All ages and skill levels of birders are welcome. If you are new to birding, come and learn the basics! If you are an avid birder, come to learn new techniques, network with other birders, or share your expertise with the group.

- MAY 4, 8:30-10am at Broadview Farm in Derry
- MAY 11, 8-9:30am at Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary in Sandwich
- MAY 11, 6-8am or 8am-2pm in Whitefield
- MAY 11, 8:30-10am at the Massabesic Center in Auburn
- MAY 16, 7-11am at Weeks State Park in Lancaster
- MAY 24, 8-9:30am at Paradise Point in Hebron

Tickets are \$8/Members, \$10/Non-members. Binocular rental is included in ticket cost. See more information and reserve tickets by going to our Event Calendar: nhaudubon.org/events

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# News from the Auburn Historical Association

#### Eaton Hill Farm, written by Dan Carpenter





Above left: Albert E. Eaton, Emma (Kimball) Eaton, Eva French, Ben Eaton, Gertrude Wood, Albert J. Eaton, Melvin R. Eaton, Marguerite Pauline (Eaton) Gagnon, Ruth Borkovec, George A. Eaton and Harland W. Eaton - photo taken in 1938. Above right: Eaton Hill Farm in 2020 (photo by Deb Mancini)

Back in the "Good 'Ol Days", back before RFD (Rural Free Delivery, 1896) houses weren't numbered in the country. Everyone 'called' at the Post Office and the Postmaster would check to see if you had mail. In order to distinguish your farm, rural residents named their farms and put up signs to help visitors. Until recently, there were only 4 signed properties still in Auburn - Massabesic Farm, Intimate Friends Club, Victoria Cottage, and Eaton Hill Farm.

Now, the Eaton Hill homestead is sold and the sign is down. Four generations of Eaton's owned the farm for 183 years, an average of over 45 years per generation. For 4 generations, the property passed from father to son. It never came on the market.

- 1. Lyman Eaton (1812-1863) and Lucy. Lyman moved from Candia in 1840 and purchased the farm from the Underhill family. The deal was completed with the understanding that the widow Underhill had a home for life. (Try explaining that condition to a real estate agent.). Lyman Eaton was a cooper, a barrel maker (the cardboard box of its day.). He had a separate building for the business in his side yard.
- 2. Benjamin Eugene Eaton (1844-1910) and Sarah. Ben farmed and they took in summer boarders. Eaton Hill Farm advertised that they could accommodate 15 guests. Room and Board was \$1 a day. With his wife cooking and cleaning, farmers could make good money catering to vacationers.
- 3. Albert Eugene (1880-1962) and Emma, The farmhouse burned about 1905. Bert and his father, Ben, built the present house. Bert started out logging with horses. As a young man, he logged with a team one winter and was given the 90 acres that became Spruce Lane. Eventually, he owned portable sawmills and had crews working in the woods. He gave a young Reverend Ken Sanford from the Longmeadow Church a house lot on Dearborn Rd. Bert was proud of providing house lots for 6 of his relatives.

# News from the Auburn Historical Association

4. Harland (1927-2022) and June. At one point, Harland had Black Angus beef cows. After the cows left, he replaced the barn with a 3 car garage. Cars over cows. In the 1950's, Auburn was swept into the great megalopolis that stretched all the way to Virginia. Regional growth spurred the construction industry and the Eaton brothers were engaged in various types of construction. Harland and his brother William started out as shovel operators (early backhoe). Harland became involved with the union and was elected President of the NH AFL-CIO. His oldest brother, Ben, lived just down the hill and headed up Robie Construction. George lived across the road from the homestead and spent his entire career with Granite State Asphalt of Hooksett. Brother Albert had a portable sawmill, was an Auburn Selectman, Chief of the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department, Chief of the Grenier Field Fire Department, and then got with NASA and the manned space program.

Today, the homestead with 3 acres is sold but the 76 acre farm is part of a conservation trust. There will not be any further development on that side of Eaton Hill Rd between Raymond and Colman Roads. Six Eaton families still reside on Eaton Hill Rd.



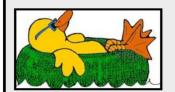




Thursday, May 2nd, 6pm at the AHA, 102 Hooksett Road in Auburn. Speaker Kevin Gardner: New England Stone Walls. Kevin's informal talk covers a few main topics of his book "The Granite Kiss", which is about New England stone walls and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Kevin will explain how and why New England acquired it thousands of miles of stone walls and how their styles emerged and changed over time. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions and participate. This event is sponsored by the New



Hanging Plant Sale: The Auburn Historical Association will be selling and delivering hanging plants again this year. It's not too late to order! Delivery will be May 10th. If you would like to order, please contact info@auburnhistorical.org by May 8th.



#### The 2024 Auburn Day and 31st Annual Duck Race—Sept 14th!

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