

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day." *Author Unknown* **May 3, 2023**

History of Glass Making in New Hampshire



Michael George, an avid collector and antique glass dealer, will be at the **Pittsfield Historical Society**, 4 Oak Street, on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 pm to present a program on the history of glass making. As a boy, he would search dumps and landfills looking for medicine bottles. Over the years, his expertise of bottles expanded into historical flasks and Early American glassware. Also, he has extensively researched the production of 18th and 19th century glasshouses throughout New England.

Examples of early New Hampshire glass will be on display. The public is also encouraged to bring in a bottle for an evaluation/appraisal after the program. This program is free and open to the public. *Liz Dimmick*

Lots of New Stuff Growing at Josiah Carpenter Library

Learn About our local Free Seed Library!

As New Englanders, we look forward to the change of seasons, especially a warm, bright spring after the cold, snowy winter. In preparation, Josiah Carpenter Library has lined up a variety of Spring Fun! A free seed library has been added, a garden book display was organized and a variety of speakers and events have been set.

On Thursday, April 20 Nikki Seavey from Blueberry Ridge Blooms & Farmstead here in Pittsfield joined about 20 townsfolk at the library to teach them about growing flowers in our area. She shared her love of dahlias with us and also encouraged folks to take home a variety of different seeds to start for their own home gardens. We are looking forward to a tour of her gorgeous gardens on Sunday, July 23rd at 10am.

On Saturday, April 22 over 15 patrons planted and/or swapped over 50 varieties of different seeds and borrowed a variety of garden books during our "Seed and Read" event. A special thank you to Brooke Weldon for her donations and expertise for this event.

The Seed library is an ongoing project at the library where folks can take seeds to plant at home to grow their own veggies, flowers and herbs. Over the next few weeks, pots and soil will be available for patrons to start their own seeds and bring them home for their own gardens.

We hope folks will continue to help our seed library grow by saving seeds this fall and lend some back to the library for community members to plant next year. We also encourage anyone who has more seedlings than they need to bring them in for our "Seedling Swap"- a designated shelf at the library to give an opportunity to donate or swap seedlings of different varieties. Later this summer and fall, we urge folks to take part in our "Harvest Swap", where they can bring extra garden grown items into the library to donate/swap with others. The library will provide a big community basket where everyone can share their bountiful harvests!

As a reminder, we have a new Library of Things collection where patrons may borrow a bulb planter, edger tool, loppers, pole saw, and more! *Melissa Babcock*



Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, email or call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346.

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The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is Hiring! After school teen center is looking for an energetic and creative individual to help enrich the lives of young people, by providing high quality and fun activities during out of school time. Both Full-Time and Part-Time positions available. For more information please visit our website at www.pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.

New Hampshire law (RSA 466:1) requires all dogs to be licensed at four months of age. Proof of a valid rabies vaccination is required. The license period is May 1 through April 30, however dogs may be registered in Pittsfield as early as January. Please stop at the Town Clerk's office or visit the website www.pittsfieldnh.gov.

Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd will be hosting a FREE Movie night on Friday, May 5 at 6:30pm. Join us to watch "Lyle Lyle Crocodile" and enjoy free snacks and drinks too.

The Pittsfield Conservation Commission will be holding a Roadside Litter Cleanup. It will take place on Saturday, May 6 and will be held rain or shine. It will start at 9:00 and end at Noon. Meet at the Drake Field gazebo. Please wear bright-colored clothing for visibility. Trash bags, disposable gloves, doughnuts and cider will be provided to volunteers.

American Legion Scholarship Peterson-Cram Post #75 is offering Two scholarships to student(s) from Pittsfield Middle High School in 2023. If interested, please contact your school counselor for details and eligibility requirements. Forms must be submitted by May 15, 2023 Additional American Legion scholarship funds information can be found at: <https://legionnh.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards>.

Save the Date, Saturday, July 22 for Pittsfield Old Home Day and the theme is "Red, White & Blue- It's All Up to You!" This is a nod to a Patriotic theme or in honor of the ALL CLASS Reunion – the colors of Pittsfield Middle High School. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com. New members and volunteers for that day are always needed. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm.

Pittsfield Old Home Day Committee is looking for vendors for their Community Craft Fair on Saturday, July 22 at Dustin Park from 9-1pm. 10x10 spaces in outdoor venue. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a vendor, send an email to ohdvendorfair@yahoo.com.

The Pittsfield High School ALL CLASS REUNION is planned for Saturday, July 22, 2023 (Old Home Day!). Calling all graduates or attendees (and families) of Pittsfield Academy or Pittsfield High School – join us at the High School, Oneida Street from 2-5pm for visiting and catching up with schoolmates, light refreshments and a self guided tour of the school. A chicken BBQ will be held at 5:30-7pm (\$10 each). The committee has tried to reach a key contact person from each class to help spread the word about the reunion. Please help us by spreading the word to any of your classmates, friends and family. For more information and Invitation & RSVP form, please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com. You can visit the school website at <https://sau51.org/pmhs> and click on the ALUMNI tab to view the Invitation and RSVP form. If you would like to join the committee planning the Reunion or if you would like to volunteer to help that day – please contact Andi Riel. The next meeting is on **Monday, May 15 at 6:30pm** at the PMHS Media Center (library) or there is a Zoom Meeting option.

The Pittsfield Players present Comedy "Jack of Diamonds," Directed by Carole Neveux, May 19 & 20 at 7:30 PM and May 21 at 2pm. Call (603) 435-8852 to reserve tickets over the phone or visit our website at www.pittsfieldplayers.org.

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Happy Birthday wishes to Marissa Butterfield on Thursday. I hope you enjoy your special day!



Cook's Corner Chicken Cacciatore

I'm fairly certain there are at least a thousand recipes for Chicken Cacciatore, but this is the one I've been making since I first learned to cook. A few tips – you can remove the skin from the chicken pieces or not (it's healthier); you don't have to dredge the chicken in flour, if you remove the skin, you might want to. Using fresh rosemary sprigs is better than dried. Also, if you feel your sauce needs to be saucier, add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of either white wine or red wine (I prefer red). You will definitely want to add fresh, chopped basil for serving. This classic, one-pot dish, is great with a side of cooked pasta, although I typically just put out hot, crusty rolls (to soak up the sauce) and a simple green salad dressed with vinaigrette. Enjoy!

- 2 TBSP olive oil
- 5 lbs chicken pieces, bone-in, such as legs and thighs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
- 1 large onion, cut vertically into $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wedges
- 8 oz mushrooms, cut in half
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced or minced
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary or 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chicken or beef broth
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground black pepper
- 2 red bell peppers, sliced fairly thin
- 2 green bell peppers, sliced fairly thin
- Fresh basil leaves, chopped, for serving

Heat oven to 350. Dredge chicken pieces in the flour. Heat oil in a Dutch oven, over high heat. Working in batches, brown the chicken, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a platter and keep warm. Reduce heat to medium, add onion, mushrooms and garlic, cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add more oil if necessary. Stir in rosemary, oregano, basil, crushed red pepper, tomato sauce, crushed tomatoes, broth, salt & pepper. Stir and bring to a gentle boil. Return chicken to the pot, along with any juices. Top chicken with the bell peppers. Transfer to the oven and bake, covered, for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Skim off fat from the sauce before serving. Mangia! *MP Christakos*

Looking for something to do?

Come join the Parks and Recreation Commission with their spring clean up at the FB Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool) on May 10, from 11-1 or until done.



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Save the date – NH Gives June 6-7 – Help PYW Stay Free!

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) will be participating in NH Gives, a 24-hour online giving event, and we need your help! Last year, thanks to all our generous supporters we were able to raise \$36,504.58 in just 24 hours! Special appreciation goes to The Foss Family Foundation for matching \$17,920 in donations, and a special anonymous donor who gave \$10,000 through the NH Charitable

Foundation. What amazes us even more is that 62 community members and groups joined together to raise \$7,920 to help keep PYW free for all our young people.

PYW wouldn't be able to do what we do without the generous support of donors and community members who care about the youth in our town. We are once again hoping you will join us in helping to keep PYW free for all these young people. We are excited to share that once again, the Foss Family Foundation has generously agreed to match donations during NH Gives up to \$17,500! If you are interested in learning more, helping PYW spread the word, or contributing your own match or challenge give us a call at 603.435.8272. Keep an eye out for more updates and details as we get closer to the big event. *Zach Powers, Pittsfield Youth Workshop*



4-H Merrimack County Fashion Show

Victory Workers members complete Merrimack County Fashion Show held at the Pittsfield Scenic Theater. Project start in late December with members learning basic sewing skills which advance as the members grow in the project. Members then are judged on their projects, participate in the fashion show then exhibit in the Hopkinton Fair in September. Cloverbuds members who participated in sewing this year were Kinzlee Babcock, Payton Desrosiers, and Evan Osborn. First year

members who completed pin cushions, rice packs, and aprons were Angel Drew, Auren Dutra, Gabriel, Mary Joe, and Monty Hutson, Heidi Locke, Nora Martin, Saydra Perron, and Alivia Withum. These members have all received county recognition. Second year members who completed pillow cases and lounge pants were Ariadne Borden, Faith Chapman, Shelby Clark, Faith Mewkill, Elsie Moser, Olivia Osborn, and David StGeorge. These members all received county recognition. Third year members who completed pajamas were Erica Hutson and she received county recognition and was selected to represent Merrimack County and NH at The Big E this fall. Fourth year member who completed a cape was Avery Mahanes. Fourth year members who completed fleece jackets were Keagan Huse, Melody Perrion, Michaela St. George, and Caitlyn Wood. These members all received county recognition and those members selected to represent Merrimack County and NH at the BIG E this fall were Keagan Huse, Caitlyn Wood, Michaela St. George. Sixth year members who completed pants and a skirt were Kara Braley. Joshua Chapman made pants and a vest. Both were chosen to receive county recognition and Kara was selected to represent us at the BIG E this fall. Eighth year member who made a jumper was Taylor Huse. Owen Joubert made a dress shirt. Both are county winners and Taylor will represent us at the Big E.

Participating the Fashion Selection Consumer part of the project were Addison Babcock, and Vera Littlefield. Both member are county winners and will also represent us at the Big E this fall.

Making a sewn pillow was Genevieve Smith. Knitting a Tote Bag was Addison Clark and Crocheting a tank top was Vera Littlefield both were selected as county winners and will represent us at the Big E in the fall. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS.... giving many hours to help these members with their projects this year. Sue Elliott, Linda Martin, Robyn Ladd, AnnMarie Chapman, Judith Wherett, Melissa Babcock, Jay Dutra, Lydia Borden, Carrie Lougee & Pamela Clattenburg. Jr. Leaders helping this year were: Keagan Huse, Kara Braley, Josh & Jeremiah Chapman & Taylor Huse. *Keagan Huse*



PMHS Student Film Festival

Did you know that Pittsfield Middle High School is hosting a student film festival? The first ever PMHS Student Film Festival is Thursday May 25, 3:00pm - 6:00pm in the Greenleaf Auditorium. The Pittsfield Middle High School Film Making Learning Studio will present its feature length movie *Cocka Doodle Doom* and you'll be able to see productions from Alvirne High School, Portsmouth High School, Nashua North High School, and Nashua South High School.

The Film Festival takes place during Pittsfield Middle High Schools Exhibition of Learning, which runs from 1:00pm to 6:30pm at PMHS. This marks the eleventh annual Exhibition at Pittsfield Middle High School. Exhibition provides a unique opportunity for students to share high quality work to authentic audiences. The best work to share demonstrates critical thinking and problem solving skills, and work that has evolved through multiple revisions. Examples of work to showcase include student writing, art work, performances, experiments, projects, videos, and presentations.

We encourage the public to join us for the Film Festival and to also check out some of the students' presentations of learning going on during the Exhibition. Stay tuned to PMHS social media and the Pittsfield Post for more information about the Film Festival and the PMHS Exhibition of Learning, and plan on attending this unique day at Pittsfield Middle High School. *PMHS Film Making Learning Studio*

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What is an SLC?

PMHS students conduct Student Led Conferences (SLCs) twice each school year, in November and April. As part of our emphasis on student-centered learning, PMHS expects students to take a lead role in discussions that articulate their academic, personal, and social growth.

Through SLCs students learn to:

- Organize and run a meeting
- Discuss their goals with trusted adults in their lives
- Develop their post-secondary (after high school) plans
- Connect their school experience to their post-secondary plans and to the Pittsfield Vision of Learner
- Self-assess their progress in school and toward their goals
- Improve their understanding of how they learn, and become a better self-advocate for their own learning
- Celebrate their accomplishments

SLCs are also an opportunity for families to clarify understanding about school programs and procedures. Families are always welcome to schedule a more traditional parent-teacher conference meeting with a teacher outside of the SLC windows to discuss specific course concerns or questions. *Kiza Armour, PMHS*

Victory Workers

Young Entrepreneurs at Dowboro Farm

Will be opening their farmstand on Thursday May 4 the hours will be:

Thursday to Saturday 9:30am to 6pm and Sundays 10:30am – 4pm.

We have many new items including hanging plants, vegetables plant, annuals, perennials.

We have 11 Young Entrepreneurs this year and many new ideas.

Please come check us out. We are handicap accessible and super friendly, you can find us at 615 Dowboro Road in Pittsfield were 4-H Grows!
Keagan Huse

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