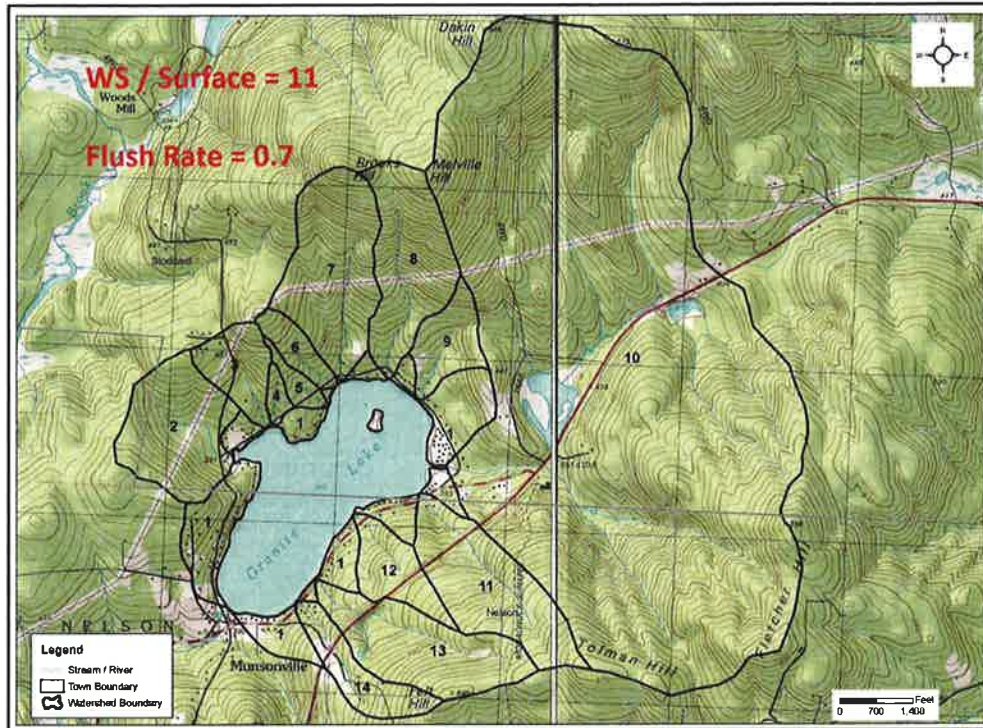


# GRANITE LAKE NEWSLETTER

We work together to preserve our lake.



## Granite Lake Watershed

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

David Pagniucci

#### What a winter!

It does look like it is finally over: the lake is open again, loons are already back, and Granite Lake is getting back to summer form.

Over the winter, the Granite Lake website was brought back to life and [www.granitelakenh.org](http://www.granitelakenh.org) – is our address. We have items posted for the membership already and will be adding to it regularly, including this newsletter. I would like to see the site become more active and lively to make it a valuable asset to our membership and a resource to find out what is going on with our beautiful lake. The executive committee will be discussing topics to add to our site, but certainly ideas from the membership are very welcome.

In other areas, we hope to finalize our formal 501(c)3 application to confirm our federal non-profit status. Bob Mitchell has done yeoman work in pulling together the application with all the required backup materials.

We also expect to finalize the content of the executive committee binders including protocols for each office. We hope this information will eliminate a barrier for members who may be hesitant to get involved in GLA committee service because of being “unsure of what it means.” The binders should be a confidence builder!

The NH Lakes Association is having its educational meeting on May 28 and 29. If you are interested in attending and don't receive the brochure, just go to [NHLakes.org](http://NHLakes.org) to sign up. It is a great opportunity to learn about other lake associations and how they operate and to learn about the challenges facing all NH lakes.

The main focus of the Executive Committee this year has been consideration of how the Association should address the problems in the lake of siltation and the phosphorous contamination that accompanies siltation. I would like to see the GLA “raise our game” in this area and respond with the same level of urgency that we mustered in response to the ongoing exotic species threat. Big storms certainly seem more the norm than the exception, and, as we all know, those storms have meant more dirt clouding up our lake. I hope we have a significant discussion at our annual meeting about this “happening now” issue facing our lake.

Finally, the Annual Meeting! Remember this is the first year we are experimenting with a SATURDAY MORNING meeting instead of a Sunday. The date is July 18, 2015 at 10 AM. Please mark your calendars. We hope the new day and time works better for all. I will commit to an adjournment by 11:45!

Let's hope in a few more months we will all be saying: **“What a Summer!”**



### WHAT A DIRTY DEED!

#### Vandalism at NYE Meadow.

A Serious Matter for our Lake:

Sometime overnight on May 2 and May 3, vandals knowingly destroyed a section of the Beaver dam holding water in the Nye Brook Meadow wetland. The beaver dam and the whole Nye Meadow are some of the most important filters protecting our lake from siltation year round, particularly during large storms.

Ironically, the GLA Executive Committee had met earlier on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss our committee's efforts in "raising the game" against siltation and its long term threat to our lake. We reviewed opportunities to identify siltation threats to our membership at the annual meeting in July. The beaver dam had been a significant part of our discussion. Later that same night two members of the executive committee, Sally Ripley and Bill Steiniger, identified a rush of water and investigated the dam, which they found damaged. They made emergency repairs the next day.

While I can't understand the motivation of the vandal(s), the GLA Exec Committee is working on an educational program for our annual meeting to inform lake residents of the importance of Nye Meadow to the beauty and clarity of our lake. Our hope is that if the GLA membership is aware of how natural features of our watershed, like the beaver dam, are our best friends keeping Granite Lake beautiful and clean, that maybe vandals will leave our lake alone or be caught and punished for the destruction and damage to the property of others.

Please attend our annual meeting on July 18.

David Pagniucci, President, GLA

### Chapel by the Lake - 10:00 AM Munsonville, New Hampshire 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, July 18, 2015

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Chapel-by-the-Lake at 10 AM. The Granite Lake Association works for the protection and betterment of Granite Lake. The annual meeting is the forum for discussion of issues of common concern and for the determination of appropriate action.

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Remembrances David Pagniucci, President
3. Secretary's Report Sally Ripley, Secretary
4. Treasurer's Report / Contribution to Chapel Tom Newcombe, Treasurer
5. Lake Host Report Anita Flanagan
6. Loon Update Bill Steiniger
7. Guest Speaker:
8. Water Quality/VLAP update/Nye Meadow Issues Tom Newcombe/Bob Mitchell/Phil Hamilton
9. Nominating Committee Report Judy Walton  
(No new nominations)  
President: Dave Pagniucci -2nd year  
Vice President: Harry Flanagan, -2nd year  
Treasurer: Tom Newcombe -2nd year  
Officer at large Bill Steiniger -2nd year  
Secretary: Sally Ripley -2nd year
10. Membership/Newsletter Dita Englund
11. New Business Dave Pagniucci  
Web site update: [www.granitelakenh.org](http://www.granitelakenh.org)  
Raising siltation Awareness — discussion  
Annual meeting date and time 2016  
Annual Community Picnic Date Aug. 16 3PM  
Other
12. Motion to Adjourn Dave Pagniucci

#### Deaths

We extend deepest sympathy to the families of Daniel McDonald, Roberta Gordon, Robin Steiniger and Robert Eades.

## Tax Exempt Status Update

*Bob Mitchell*

The Executive committee continues to work on the Association's application for IRS 501(c)3 status. This will make tax deductible all donations to the GLA for the donor, and it will allow the GLA to apply for a much broader range of grants to address water quality and related issues. We are in the final stage of reviewing the application and expect it to have been submitted to the IRS prior to this year's annual Meeting.

## Granite Lake Village District State of New Hampshire 2015 Annual Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM, Saturday, April 18, 2015 by Sally Ripley, clerk, in the absence of moderator John Halter. Present: Sally Ripley, Bob Woods, Brian Pratt, Barbara Ropiecki.

Article 1. To choose one commissioner for a term of three years, and to see whom the inhabitants of the District will elect for the offices of auditor, treasurer, moderator, and clerk, each for a term of one year. Nomination for commissioner, Philip Hamilton; auditor, John Halter; treasurer, Barbara Ropiecki; clerk, Sally Ripley. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 2. To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the *Capital Reserve Fund for dam maintenance/repair/replacement previously established in December 2008*. Commissioners recommended. Discussion ensued about how much refacing of the dam would cost. Phil Hamilton will be calling Daniels Construction who last put in the new spillway and sides to get cost estimates. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 3. To see if the Village District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Village District expenses. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 4. To see if the Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to pay for liability insurance for one year for the District. Barbara Ropiecki reported that she had received a letter from

Property Liability Trust (our insurer) stating that they would not be in business after June, 2016. We discussed how we proceed to find a carrier. Barbara will call NH Municipal Association to which we belong. Because we belong to the Municipal Association, they provide legal advice at a reduced rate. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 5. To see if the Village District will vote to appropriately \$1,000 to repair the existing fence around the dam. Funds will come from an unassigned fund balance. Barbara said this was on the warrant last year and passed; the work did not get done last year. Sally said that Phil Hamilton would like to send a letter to the Town of Nelson stating that any damage due to plowing would be Nelson's responsibility. Plowing could be different to prevent damage. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 6. To see if the Village District will vote to hold its next annual meeting April 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chapel-by the Lake, Munsonville. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM was made and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Ripley, clerk

## Water Quality Committee

*Bob Mitchell*

In 2014 the Water Quality Committee spent a lot of time identifying the source and cause of major lake siltation events associated with heavy rains in July. The committee took multiple treks, independently and with a variety of State of NH Agencies and the property owner, in the Stoddard portion of our watershed to inspect a major logging site. After implementing DRED (NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development) Forest Ranger recommendations, the site was found to be in compliance with State of NH standards and no further siltation events occurred. A major benefit of last year's activities is that the committee has established ongoing contact and relationships with State regulatory authorities so that if we need to act again, the response will be immediate. That said, Water Quality Committee members remain alert to adverse siltation events as should all GLA members. If you spot silt or other pollutants entering the lake, please note the source and immediately notify a Water Quality Committee or Executive Committee





member and they will bring the issue to the attention of the proper State authorities.

I encourage all GLA members and watershed residents to familiarize themselves with the boundaries of our 2,432 acre watershed and learn more about its dynamics. The good news is that our watershed is rather compact; however, any adverse event occurring within the watershed will eventually negatively impact Granite Lake. The best place to learn more is by reading the 2011 Granite Lake Watershed Management Plan prepared for the State of NH and the GLA with a grant from NH DES. The GLA has adopted this document as a roadmap for prioritizing our lake preservation activities. Our new web site at [granitelakenh.org](http://granitelakenh.org), will soon have a link to this 181 page report. Everyone should read at least the Executive Summary and Introduction.

## LOON CENSUS to occur on Granite Lake

LPC's annual **Loon Census will be held on Saturday, July 18 from 8-9 am.** Data gathered from this statewide event gives us a mid-season snapshot on how the loons are doing each year, it helps us discover new territories, track movements of loons, and generate more interest in the lake community about loons and ways to protect them. In 2014, 626 observers covered 133 lakes around the state. For more information or to download a census form, please visit [www.loon.org/census.php](http://www.loon.org/census.php), or send an email to [volunteers@loon.org](mailto:volunteers@loon.org) if you have any questions.



## Be a GLA Lake Host

*Anita Flanagan*

Jump in and join us in helping keep our lake healthy and safe for future generations.

As we begin to round the corner from spring to summer, our thoughts return to the lake. The summer weather never returns as quickly as I would like and this winter in particular has made us all long for summer more than usual.

As many of you know, The Granite Lake Association is a member of the New Hampshire Lakes Association, a member-supported non-profit organization that helps groups enjoy and protect all of the state's 1,000 lakes from problems like invasive species and polluted runoff water, and much more. Here at Granite Lake, they help us manage our Lake Host Program for which I am the Managing Point Person. The Lake Host Program is staffed by local volunteers and paid lake hosts who do courtesy boat inspections to help boaters prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Across the state, the Lake Host Program has tremendous volunteer participation. During 2014, 500 individuals volunteered as Lake Hosts, logging a total of 11,093 hours at boat ramps throughout New Hampshire teaching boaters how to clean, drain and dry their boats in order to prevent the spread of invasive species. At Granite Lake we logged over 500 hours of volunteer time and did 761 boat inspections last year. We have a team of twenty volunteers who give of their time weekly to man the boat ramp. Our Lake Host Program also helps us manage our payroll grant that lets us hire 7-10 young people who are paid to man the boat ramp on the weekends and holidays.

This year the New Hampshire Lakes Associations, Lake Host Program was recognized nationally for its volunteers who give their time to help others protect our lakes. The Awards Ceremony was held in Washington, DC, and New Hampshire joined recipients from Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, and Texas.

Our Lake Host Volunteers have done an outstanding job for our lake community and have helped our state win this national recognition. I hope if you have some time to volunteer this summer that you will contact me. Also, if you know a young person 16 years or older that you think would make a good lake host, please have them call me. Working together we can continue to protect the lake we all care for so much.

Anita Flanagan Managing Lake Host Point Person  
847-3082 anita.harryflanagan@gmail.com

## The Loon Preservation Committee

*Brian Reilly, Board member LPC*

The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) was created in 1975 in response to dramatic declines in loon numbers in New Hampshire. LPC's mission is to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons throughout New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and, to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world. A small but dedicated staff and a grassroots network of over 1,500 members and volunteers throughout the state work to accomplish LPC's mission through monitoring, research, management, and public education.

LPC's activities are grounded in scientific principles and the current understanding of loon ecology. Our long-term monitoring has created the most comprehensive database of loon populations and productivity in the world, and our research has investigated new and increasing challenges to loon survival and reproductive success. LPC's management efforts include providing nesting rafts on lakes where natural nesting locations are limited and protecting loon nests and loon families with signs, rope lines and volunteer surveillance. In 2014 LPC staff gave 117 presentations throughout the state to help educate the public about loons and their needs.

These activities have helped to triple New Hampshire's loon population over the past 40 years. Nevertheless loons remain a threatened species in the state of NH and continue to face growing challenges. Challenges include unintentional poisoning from lead and mercury, decreasing natural nesting habitat be-

cause of shoreline development, keeping water levels stable during the loons critical nesting period as well as others.

In 2014, 88% of loon chicks hatched in New Hampshire benefitted from LPC's management. . Despite dramatic increases in LPC's management and education/outreach efforts, loons have only achieved the minimum breeding success required to maintain their population in only three of the past nine years, and New Hampshire's loon population remains at about half of its historical levels. LPC is committed to continuing and expanding its efforts to help loons overcome their increasing challenges and recover New Hampshire's loon population.

Please visit our website ([www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org)) for additional information and please consider LPC membership to help us continue to restore healthy loon populations so others can enjoy the loons as much as you enjoy your loons here on Granite Lake.

**Want to stay mentally Healthy?** Check out: [www.liveyourlifewell.org](http://www.liveyourlifewell.org) This is a United Way web site with lots of good ideas about getting involved in the community

## BLS/AED

*Bob Englund*

Last last summer we hosted another successful BLS/AED (Basic Life Support/Automatic External Defibrillator) course at the Chapel by the Lake. Those who completed the course are now certified through the summer of 2016 when we will host another course. If you are interested in taking a BLS/AED course this summer, the programs are available through the Red Cross and through the Keene Family YMCA. See Bob Englund if you are interested or call 847-9727.

**IF there is a cardiac arrest, seconds can make the difference between death and survival.** It is to everyone's benefit for people to be trained in CPR and the use of an AED, and to know where the defibrillators are located.

A quick reminder: **Three defibrillators are available at the lake:** One is at Chapel by the Lake (located in a well-marked kitchen cabinet) and others are located at the homes of Nick Nicoletti and Bob Englund. (The Nicoletti AED is in a wooden case by the main entryway to their home, and the Englund AED is on a shelf in their garden shed adjacent to the parking area.)

## KEENE ART WALK

Art Walk will be held from May 29-June 7 on Main Street, Keene. Local businesses will host the artists' work for viewing by the public. Several special events are planned as well: Friday, May 29, 5-7 pm: Art Walk Opening. Saturday, May 30 and June 6th will be "Keene on Canvas" outdoor painting event. All artists welcome. bring your materials and paint downtown! *Plein air painting* opens a magical connection between artist and spectator by sharing the artistic experience. Email [keeneartwalk@yahoo.com](mailto:keeneartwalk@yahoo.com) to register and for further information. Saturday, May 30 and June 6 from 5:30 - 7 PM will be the "Band Playing on RR Square."

This celebration of local artists is one of the highlights of the Monadnock Region and the beginning of summer. Enjoy!

## The Friends of the Davis Public Library

*Angel Nicoletti*

The Friends of the Davis Public Library continue to augment the library collection of books, both audio and print. The library's media center has a Nook e-reader and Mp3 player for loan. Any book not owned by the library may be obtained through the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system and the DVD collection is substantial. The Friends pay for the Library's membership in the New Hampshire Downloadable Library System, so that members may download books onto their e-readers. We also pay for various passes that are available through the library. Current available passes are to the Children's Museum in Keene, the Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT, the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, S. Deerfield, MA, and the Currier Museum in Manchester, NH.

The major focus of the Friends since last summer has been our efforts to get an addition to the library including a bathroom. The Friends hired an architect who developed concept drawings with which we were able to get a warrant for \$30000 passed last May for a well, septic design and site work. The well is in, and the septic design has been approved by DES. The *Addition* committee with representatives from the Friends, the Trustees, the Board of Selectman and Stoddard residents has worked all winter with the architect and a construction management company to develop architectural plans. The plans and a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) will be presented at Town Meeting, May 19, as Warrant Article 3. (It passed 2:1! Thanks to everyone's efforts.)

The library is accepting book donations at the Library for the annual Book Sale on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday of Olde Home Days weekend. Donated books may be slipped through the book slot.

A fundraiser for the Davis Library on the evening of Aug 11<sup>th</sup> will take place at the Orchard Hills Breadworks Pizza. A percentage of the sales will go to the Davis Library. The Breadworks is on Old Settlers Rd, Alstead. They provide the pizza and cheese; you bring other toppings and the pizza is baked on site.

The Friends' Annual Meeting will be Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Ben Kilham (the Bear Man) will do a presentation on bear behavior. His web site is [www.benkilham.com](http://www.benkilham.com)

We always welcome those interested in the Library to come to our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 PM at the Davis Public Library.

For more information call me at 847-9547.

## Fall Foliage Art Tour

*Bob Englund*

The Fall Foliage Arts Studio Tour has become an annual event in Cheshire County over Columbus Day weekend.

From 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, twenty four artists and craftsmen throughout Cheshire County will open their studios for self-guided tours showcasing sculpture, painting, drawing, fiber, photography, glass, pottery, and woodturning. The towns include Stoddard, Munsonville, Antrim, Nelson, Rindge, New Ipswich, Swanzey, Keene, and Spofford. Artists on Granite Lake include Sue Kingsbury and Bob Englund. Further details about other artists may be found at [www.fallfoliageartstudiotour.com](http://www.fallfoliageartstudiotour.com)

## EVENTS IN STODDARD

### Stoddard Historical Association

**June 19: "An Introduction to Genealogy."** Jeanne and Peter Jeffries will discuss how to begin your genealogy, where to look for information, how to keep records, and other details to get you started. They will follow up on this program with a workshop at a later date for a small group of members who want help with their own genealogy.

**August 21: "An End to Innocence: Cheshire County Faces the Civil War."** William Marvel, nationally known Civil War author and author of the new book *An End to Innocence*, will use a Powerpoint program to discuss Cheshire County and Stoddard in the Civil War. Annual meeting and potluck dinner at Lakefalls Lodge. Dinner begins at 5:30, business meeting at 7:30.

**October 16: "New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones"** with Glenn Knoblock. Illustrated program on New Hampshire gravestones and the stories they tell, as well as the art and carvers of the stones. A New Hampshire Humanities Council Program.

The April 17, June 19, and Oct. 16 programs will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Stoddard Town Hall. All are welcome!!

### STODDARD OLDE HOME DAYS, July 10-12

**Friday, July 10:** Musical Event at Stoddard Congregational Church, 7 PM

**Saturday, July 11:** Parade - 10-11 AM; BarBQ 12-3 at Fire Station; Stoddard Historical Society Book Sale with Davis Library 9AM -2PM; Crafts Fair at Town Hall; multiple local yard sales; 3-5 Steel Band; 7-11 Dance, **no alcohol, JFES.**

**Sunday: Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9 at JFES. Church Service 10-11AM;** in afternoon Alan Rumrill will lead **trip to Twin Hills and Stoddard Town Farm.** Call Steve Rockwell for more info home 446-7357 cell 398-3079 or Barbara Rockwell, 499-0081. Donations send to Steve Rockwell, 73 Route 123 So, Stoddard, 03464.

**Open House at Studios at Crescent Pond, 100 Chalet Drive, Stoddard on Saturday June 13 and Sat-**

**urday, August 9.** Call Richard Whitney or Sandy Sherman at 603-446-7476 for more information,,

## GRANITE LAKE COMMUNITY POTLUCK PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUG 16** at 3 PM with the Nelson Band Tour of the Lake performing at 4 and touring the lake at 5. Everyone is invited. Call Donna Hamilton 847-3288 or Angel Nicoletti 847-9547 to volunteer to help. Many hands are needed to make this a successful event.

## EVENTS IN NELSON

### Happenings at

### Chapel by the Lake, Munsonville

**603-847-9900; [www.chapelbythelakeumc.org](http://www.chapelbythelakeumc.org)**

**Tuesday, May 26 at 7 PM.** Munsonville Ladies Group will present Alan Rumrill speaking on "Damned Yankee Spy - Stoddard's Jonathan Davis Hale in the Civil War." Donations accepted for the Historical Society of Cheshire County School field trips.

**Saturday, June 20: 9AM-1PM; Flea Market** at the Chapel. Call Marion Frazier at 847-3231 for more information or if you have something to donate.

**Saturday, July 4: Chicken BarBQ;** Orders should be made in advance as supplies are limited. Chicken Half: \$6.00; Salads: \$2.50/lb. Pick up at the Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon. To place orders call: Marion at 847-3231 or Marline at 446-7857.

**Church Bake Sale, Saturday, July 18** at the GLA Annual Meeting.

**Knitting Circle** at Munsonville Church meets every other Thursday from 10-12 at the Chapel. Call Angel Nicoletti at 847-9547 or Marline at 446-7857 for confirmation of dates and program.

**Regular Sunday Services at the Chapel - 11AM.** Eric Feustel, pastor. If you need to reach him or for pastoral emergencies, call 603-485-4857.

**Saturday, Oct. 10; 9 AM to 1 PM. Apple Fest.**

## Other Events in Nelson

**Mondays all year long at 7 PM. Nelson Town Hall Contra Dances.** Small charge, All ages and experience are WELCOME.

**Sunday, July 12** Nelson Church Ice Cream Social and Nelson Town Band, 3 pm ;

**Sun-Sat, Aug. 13-16** Nelson Old Home Days. Aug. 15, Book sale & craft table; 9 am chicken Bar-BQ and speaker. Old Home Day concert at the church at noon.

**Sun., Aug. 16** Nelson Town Band On Granite Lake at 5 pm. Picnic potluck on Sandy Beach at 3.

**Sun., Sept. 6** Nelson Church Ice Cream Social and Nelson Town Band Concert, 3 p.m.

Olivia-Rodham Memorial Library, Nelson

**Summer Forum**, Thursdays in July at 6:45 PM

**Children's Reading Program**, "Every Hero Has a Story." **Adult Reading Group** weekly. Check web site: [library@townofnelson.com](mailto:library@townofnelson.com) or call 847-3214. Fabulous line-up!

July 9: Betsy Perry, *The Untold Story of Bessie Hardy Lyman, 1913-52*. 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

July 16: Bee Tolman: *Food Hub: putting a good idea into practice*. About the locavore movement

July 23: Paul Klemperer, *Traditional Music and Cultural Continuity*.

July 30: Martha Craig: *It's Just Like Shakespeare! Small towns: Stratford and Nelson*.

## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Saturday, June 6, TAKE A HIKE FOR HUMANITY 9-2**; to benefit Monadnock Habitat for Humanity. For information call 603-357-8474 or email: [mhfh@nh.acadia.net](mailto:mhfh@nh.acadia.net).

**Friday, June 19. Annual Butterfly Release.** Butterfly Park, 320 Marlboro Street, Keene. By calling before June 10, you can reserve a butterfly to honor or in memory of a loved one. Donations for butterflies are gratefully accepted at the event. Orders are being accepted for engraved edging stones for the new garden also. To order, find the order form at [www.HCSServices.org/ways-to-give](http://www.HCSServices.org/ways-to-give). For more information, call Karen at 352-2253.

**12th Annual 4 on the 4th Walk/Run Benefit**, July 4, 2015. Railroad Square and Main Street, Keene, NH Register 7:00 a.m., Walk 8 a.m. Run: 8:30 a.m. Race will be held, rain or shine. Donation: \$25.00. Proceeds benefit PFK (Pathways for Keene, Inc.) For complete details go to [www.tlaorg.org/pathways](http://www.tlaorg.org/pathways)

**10th Annual Give Peace a Tri**, hosted by **90%Mental Multisports** whose mission is "to create a just and non-violent world for all children" on **7/18/2015**, Surry Mt Rec Center, Rt. 12A, Surry, NH. Registration on line or 6-7:45 for both triathlon or 5K Run. Start time 8AM for Tri; 9AM for Run. Check website to register for individual and team prices. Information call Robyn Hannett 603-585-2205 or [www.90percentmental.org](http://www.90percentmental.org)

**Sat. Sept 5 Otter Limits Triathlon.** Otter Brook Rec Center, Keene. More info: [www.90percentmental.org](http://www.90percentmental.org)

**13th Annual Linda's Closet 5K run/walk.** Sat., Sept. 13, 2015. Nelson School; Check website for registration prices. Registration and checkin; Race/Walk Start 8:30; 9:45 Awards Ceremony. Make checks payable to Linda's Closet and send to Linda's Closet, 29 Center St., Keene, NH 03431 Attn: Race Registrar. For more info: 603-357-1015. or [www.lindascloset.org](http://www.lindascloset.org)

**Keene Family YMCA**, 200 Summit Road, Keene; 352-6002. Lots of great summer programs and activities for all ages. [www.keene-ymca.org](http://www.keene-ymca.org)

**Historical Society of Cheshire County**, Main Street, Keene. 603-625-1895 or [www.hscenr.org](http://www.hscenr.org) June 24-August 7: Exhibit: **Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 - to the March on Washington, 1963.** Wyman Tavern opens in June with lots of interesting afternoon programs. **Film Series "Challenges and Celebrations"** on Wednesdays at 6:30PM with Larry Benaquist and guests: 7/8 *NE Story & Keene* at Keene Public Library; 8/12 *Anita (HILL) Speaking Truth to Power* at KPL; more films on 11/18 & 12/16 at HSCC. 8/15: Jonathan Daniels Walking Tour, 11AM HSCC; 8/22 Screening of documentary *Here I Am Send Me - The Journey of Jonathan Daniels*, 7 PM The Colonial Theatre, Keene.

**Cheshire Children's Museum**, Great site for kids on a rainy day. Colony Mill Marketplace, 2nd Floor, Keene. For info on programs visit: [www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org) call 603-093-1800, Deb Ganley.

**Peterborough Players:** call 924-7585 for program information and reservations. Specials for families and children. Call for specific dates and reservations. [www.peterboroughplayers.org](http://www.peterboroughplayers.org)

**Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.** Beautiful walk and tour. 2 PM Sunday concerts during the summer. Open May to late October. For info 603-675-2175; visit [www.nps.gov/saga](http://www.nps.gov/saga).



**Sunday, May 31 at 9 AM 5K Run.** at Well School in Peterborough The net proceeds will be donated to the Harris Center!. An awards ceremony and raffle drawing for a stand-up paddle board package will follow the run.

Online registration closes May 27, and onsite registration is available on the day of the race, starting at 8 a.m. To register, or for more information about the run and raffle prizes, please contact Russ Freeman (603-924-6908 ext. 27 or [athletics@wellschool.org](mailto:athletics@wellschool.org)) or visit [thewellschool5k.org](http://thewellschool5k.org).

### **Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music**

**Concerts every Tuesday** night at the Center on Apple Hill Rd, Nelson; 7:30 PM beginning on June 23. Dinner served 5:30-6:30 (reservations preferred). Call for Information/Reservations or bring your blanket and sit on the lawn. **ListenUP:** 6:45-7:15. Take your music listening to the next level in this weekly preconcert series with ED Lenny Matczynski and featured faculty.

**Open Rehearsals:** Five Sundays, at 7:30 PM  
**Participant concerts;** Alternate Saturday at 7pm; Sundays at 1pm beginning June 27: Free; come for as long as you want. These are especially good opportunities for children and adults to familiarize themselves with classical music and to hear very talented performers of all ages from many parts of the world. Call Apple Hill for details. 847-3371 or [www.applehill.org](http://www.applehill.org).

**Monadnock Sierra Club** has many hikes and outings for all ages. For information call 603-363-4505 or [www.monadnocksierraclub.org](http://www.monadnocksierraclub.org)

**Stonewall Farm:** 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene; 352-0457 or 357-7278. Great gift store!

**Monadnock Music:** Free concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Donations accepted on site. Concerts in Nelson, Harrisville, Hancock, and Sullivan. For more information call 924-7610, [www.monadnockmusic.org](http://www.monadnockmusic.org)

**Harris Center:** for program information: 525-3394; Many wonderful hikes and activities for adults and children. For more info: [www.harriscenter.org](http://www.harriscenter.org)

**Mariposa Museum** in Peterborough has many Activities for children and adults. Fabulous programs. Call 603-924-4555 for more information or [www.mariposamuseum.org](http://www.mariposamuseum.org) Special show on Fairy Tales with many related events.

**Into Out of the Woods Fundraiser for Mariposa.** May 30 for information go to [www.mariposamuseum.org](http://www.mariposamuseum.org)

Another fabulous Mariposa event at Lakefalls is being planned. Save the date of August 5, late afternoon. It will be a fairy tale theme also.

### **Learn to Tango**

**Every Wednesday night. 7-8:30 pm at the Mariposa.** RSVP recommended: (603)547-0402 or e-mail [randy@itangonh.com](mailto:randy@itangonh.com).

**TO PROTECT THE NESTING LOONS,  
PLEASE GO SLOWLY AROUND THE ISLAND  
CREATING NO WAKE AND NOT  
GETTING TOO CLOSE. THE LOONS GET  
NERVOUS AND WILL ABANDON THEIR  
NEST, AND THE WAKES FLOOD THE  
NESTING SITE.**

**Please post these in your home or rental property so everyone can read the following.**

**Granite Lake Association  
REMINDERS**

1. Boat traffic around the lake, and specifically around the island, should be counter clockwise.  
  
2. Safety rules: (taken from the NH Boating Regulations)  
    \*\*Boats must keep 150 feet from other boats, swimmers, floats, docks, marked swimming areas, and the shore itself, when traveling above headway speed.  
    \*\*Boats must adhere to headway speed in the cove. PWCs must be at least 150 feet from shore when traveling above headway speed  
    \*\*All boats - power, sail, canoes, kayaks, wind surfers - must have one Coast Guard approved flotation device for each person aboard. Ski belts are not acceptable.  
    \*\*Children age 5 and under **MUST WEAR** an approved jacket or vest.  
    \*\*In NH, boats under 16 feet in length must carry an oar or paddle  
    \*\*The driver of any motorboat with an engine of greater than 25 HP must be 16 years or older unless accompanied by an adult. All drivers must have a license.  
    \*\* Single or dual passenger ski craft with capacity of over 20mph and carrying 1 or 2 people are not allowed by law on Granite Lake  
    \*\*For water skiing, two people in the boat are mandatory: the driver and the observer (13 or older). Additional observers are required for additional skiers.  
    \*\*All boats operating after sunset and before sunrise must display proper lights.  
    \*\*Questions and complaints should be directed to the Marine Patrol (603-293-2037)
3. Inspect boats and trailers coming from other lakes to insure they are free of all traces of aquatic life to prevent the introduction of hazardous forms (e.g. Exotic Milfoil or Zebra mussels) to Granite Lake. Inspect the boat; flush the cooling system, bilge areas, and wells with tap water. Discard all bait that may have contacted infested waters.  
    \*\*Let your boat dry for 48 hours. If extensively fouled by algae, wash the boat with hot water (140 F) which kills Zebra Mussels. High pressure will also remove them.

    \*\*Avoid driving through vegetation to prevent the spread of Milfoil. Disposal of vegetation should occur well away from water sources.

4. Fishermen are asked to discontinue use of lead sinkers -- stainless steel replacements are available.

5 Fertilizer, except for limestone, is not to be used within 25 feet of the water's edge. Phosphorus-free fertilizer, IRONITE, is approved for lakeside use by the Dept. of Environmental Services.

6. Lake residents should be sure their guests are informed of, and observe, all applicable rules and follow appropriate behavior.

7. Boat operators are urged to operate their boats in a safe, legal and considerate manner, knowing that excessive noise can be disturbing to their neighbors on the lake and damaging to wildlife.

8. Use environmentally friendly products. Never use soap in the lake.

9. Do not feed any wild water fowl on the lake. In order to protect the lakes, ponds and surrounding watershed, both Nelson and Stoddard have regulations against intentionally feeding wild waterfowl. Individuals violating the regulation may be subject to a fine of not more than \$50. The birds may look nice, but they are a major source of pollution.

10. Please keep the Island safe and attractive by avoiding unsafe conditions, such as those caused by broken glass or any other debris, and by removing your rubbish when leaving the island. It is a natural preserve owned by Granite Lake Assoc. However, for insurance and legal reasons, GLA does not provide any trash removal service.

11. No overnight camping, camp fires, or fireworks are allowed on the Island.

12. Do not hesitate to call the NH Marine Patrol if you see flagrant abuses of these rules or dangerous behavior. Their number is 877-642-9700.

For Boater Education courses call 888-252-2125.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections** are held throughout the state. For times and locations, please call the Department of Environmental Services at 603-271-3503, or visit [www.state.nh.us/des/hhw](http://www.state.nh.us/des/hhw)

**A special thank you to those families responding with extra gifts to GLA 2014 initiatives and to Bob and Hillary Kingsbury for funding the Nelson Town Band on the Lake in August.**

**Thanks to Sally Ripley for the photography**

### **SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Carlisle Wide Plank Floors	446-3937	Mill Village Country Store	446-7393
Mr. Mike's	446-7811	Garnett Land Contractors	446-3302
Pitcher Mountain Realtors	446-7778	Tolman Electric	827-3732
Stan's Auto body	352-0396	Ed Schillemat -Rubbish Removal	847-3290
Sullivan Little Country Store	847-9383	PJD Septic	446-7106
Kathy Wichland, Realtor	847-3459	Hayes Car and Truck Repair	446-7755
Hancock Inn	525-3318	Harrisville Inn	827-3163
Phil Hamilton, Excavating	847-3288	Harrisville Designs	827-3996
Harrisville General Store	827-3138	Sally Ripley, photographer	847-9751
Studios at Crescent Pond	446-7476	John Meehan, House Painter	847-3037
Monadnock Boat Store	847-9300	Carol Knutson, Masseuse	446-7046
S.W. Tucker Landscapes	562-7367	Ryan Lavigne, Construction	313-4264
Fiddleheads Cafe	525-4432	Monadnock Food Co-op	355-8008

Others?? Please list on your return membership form.

**MAY 2015** Please return this section with your check to ***Granite Lake Association:***

**Thomas Newcombe, Treasurer, Granite Lake Association**

**701 Granite Lake Rd, Munsonville, NH 03457(603-847-9505)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$50.00 family households**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$35.00 one-person household**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Donation to Water Quality Projects**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake telephone # or cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you volunteer to help? Circle: Lake Host, Picnic, Executive Committee, Newsletter, Web Site**

**Comments:**

**Join NH Lakes (Association)**

(NHL) New Hampshire Lakes is a statewide, nonprofit, member-supported organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's lakes, which are integral to the quality of life and economic health of the State. NHL serves as a source of information about lakes and lake issues through its educational materials and programs, and through its work with state legislators. It advocates on issues of water quality, boater education and boating safety, invasive species prevention, appropriate public access and a balance of lake uses.

**Please join NHL. New Hampshire Lakes 5 South State Street Concord, NH 03301 Check their web site: <http://www.nhlakes.org>**

**HAVE AN OLD CAR, SUV, ATV, RV, AIRPLANE OR BOAT?**

If you need to get rid of an old vehicle, donate it to NH LAKES. When you **donate your vehicle**, you will get **free towing, a tax deduction, a great feeling, and a neater yard. Most donations can be picked up within 24-72 hours. This program helps support the mission of NH LAKES.**

**Go to [www.NHLAKES.org](http://www.NHLAKES.org) -- Donate Your Vehicle or call 855-500-RIDE (7433).**

Consider also joining the **Loon Preservation Committee. More info: 603-476-LOON or [www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org)**

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