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## Power Independence: How New England Homes Can Stay Ready In Every Season



David Erunski and Ronald Millette of Powers Guaranteed Services with a Generac home generator – one of the brands of generators that can take over when there is a power outage.

By Mary Gamache

If your home lost power this winter, what would happen? Would the heat go off? Would your pipes freeze? How would you keep food safe or stay connected for work and school?

These aren't abstract “what ifs.” They're real questions thousands of New England families face every year when storms, ice, or even surprise grid failures hit. And while no one can predict the next outage, you can get ready for it. With standby generators, solar

panels, and energy storage systems, homeowners have more options than ever to stay safe, comfortable, and independent... no matter the season.

### A Three-Part Plan for Reliable Power

Powers Guaranteed Services, headquartered in Swanzey, has spent more than 30 years helping New England homes and businesses prepare for outages. Their team points to three key components of a modern, reliable power strategy:

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## The Colonial Theatre Presents Silkroad Ensemble: American Railroad Reimagined – A Musical Journey Through America's Untold Histories

The Colonial Theatre will present the Grammy Award-winning Silkroad Ensemble in American Railroad Reimagined, led by renowned pipa virtuoso Wu Man, on Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m.

In this reimagining of Silkroad's acclaimed American Railroad project, an eight-member ensemble of world-class artists weaves together a vivid sonic tapestry that celebrates the diverse communities who built – and were transformed by – the transcontinental railroad. The program honors the contributions of Indigenous and African Americans, as well as Chinese, Irish, Japanese, and other immigrant laborers whose stories have too often been erased from the nation's history.

“The Silkroad Ensemble embodies exactly what the arts are meant to do - connect us across time, culture, and experience,” says Keith Marks, Executive Director of The Colonial Theatre and Showroom. “Their music turns history into empathy and sound into understanding. Presenting this ensemble at The



Wu Man

(photo by Sebastian Schutyser, Aga Khan Music Programme)

Colonial is a way to celebrate how art can deepen our sense of place and shared humanity.”

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## HCS Poinsettia Sale Supports Care

For 30 years, the Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) Poinsettia Sale has brightened homes and lives. The annual sale is now live, offering beautiful blooms that help fund essential home care, hospice and community programs that serve neighbors throughout the region.

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Orders must be received by Friday, November 14th. Orders can be placed online at [www.HCSServices.org/shop](http://www.HCSServices.org/shop). Pick up will be available at HCS Keene (312 Marlboro Street) and HCS Peterborough (454 Old Street Road, Suite 208).

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## Monadnock Woodturners Host Exhibit And Fair



Bob Lindberg and Ken Greatbatch and their work. An interesting note: both bowls were slices from the same tree

As the Wood Turns, the annual Monadnock Woodturners' fine craft exhibit and fair takes place Saturday, November 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Whitcomb Hall in West Swanzey. The event is free and open to the public. Folks can come and see an array of fine wood creations by woodworkers of all ages and learn more about turning wood. Attendees will also find lots of items suitable for holiday gift-giving.



By Bob Lindberg

The Monadnock Woodturners is a group of wood-working enthusiasts who get together monthly and help each other learn how to make beautiful turned wood objects. Members range from newcomers who want to learn something about woodturning to professionals and gifted artisans. As the Wood Turns! is their annual show and sale.

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He'll do best in a calm environment with another friendly, social cat to help guide him and show him that people aren't so scary. A slow start in a cozy, contained space will help Tajin settle in and begin to build trust at his own pace. With patience, routine, and gentle understanding, Tajin will blossom into a peaceful presence in your home – a quiet reminder that love can come in many forms. For more details on Tajin or any of the other wonderful animals, call Monadnock Humane Society at 603-354-4004.

Tajin is a two-year old neutered male, orange tabby. The Adoption Center is located at 101 West Swanzey Road just outside of Keene on Route 10 South. Its open hours are Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more at [www.monadnock-humanesociety.org](http://www.monadnock-humanesociety.org).

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The event will feature cider, donuts, and holiday treasures, plus a chance to meet the artists.

Since founding Woodfield Press in 2004, Cindy Hendrick has created more than 120 designs that capture the joyful magic of New England life. Each pen, ink, and watercolor piece invites a moment of warmth and connection, whether it's a snowy woodland path, a candlelit window, or animals gathering under winter skies.

This year's Open House will also showcase new work by Walpole-based photographer Beck Paffrath, presented in the form of fine art prints and bespoke giclée greeting cards.

Visitors will enjoy direct access to a curated selection of handmade treasures; notecards and stationery, matted prints and giclée artworks, both framed and unframed; and holiday calendars and advent calendars. Proofs of giclée prints will be offered at special prices.

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Barbara Taylor Plumley passed on to the spirit world October 23, 2025 at the age of 94. She was born Barbara Stoffer Taylor in New London, CT on June 20, 1931. In 1956 she moved to Walpole, NH with her family and made it her home until the time of her death. Over the years she was active in the community, leading the 4-H sewing group, a member of the Grange for more than 60 years and volunteering for community activities. Barbara served her church in many ways including volunteering in the food kitchen and acting as a member of the Vestry. She is predeceased by her sister, Virginia Fenger. She is survived by her children: Jennie Cure, Serena MacLean, and Julian Plumley, and their families. Memorial Services will be held at the Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St, Bellows Falls, VT, 2PM November 9, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, please send your donation to:  
Gwen Yardley, 361 Valley Road - Walpole, NH 03608  
for the Walpole Grange in support of programs to benefit the community.

## The Memoir Workshops With Pam Bernard Fall Sessions

Award-winning author Pam Bernard will hold her popular memoir workshops this fall. They will begin the week of November 10th and continue through early January. Days and times vary depending on which workshop is most appropriate for each writer.

Writing memoir involves more than recounting experience. In fact, the compelling memoir has little to do with verifiable experience. Rather, the work of memoir is in the struggle to understand what to do with that experience, how to perceive it as the adult narrator who receives flashes of memory, often unbidden. Ultimately, the central task of memoir is to fashion a narrative, to weave the disparate threads of our lives into a story with which a reader can identify, because that story is, above all, emotionally true.

"We never really know ourselves until we begin to write about our unique experience. A safe, nurturing space in which to begin is crucial, to experiment, to challenge one's assumptions," Bernard explains. These workshops combine the serious study of craft – narration, voice, tone – with ample writing from prompts. During each workshop, participants will begin a fresh draft, as well as have the opportunity for existing drafts to be critiqued by the group.

A retired adjunct professor, Bernard is author of four books, the most of recent a verse novel titled



A workshop reunion: Yvette Yeager, Keene; Carol Ripley, Keene; Prudence Baird, Brattleboro; Linda Elkan, Marlow; Sue Perry, Westminster; Judith Petry, Westminster; Lucy Masters, Burlington; Wylene Branton Wood, Westminster; Pam Bernard,

Esther. She is also an editor, teacher, writing coach, and writing mentor. Her many awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Email [pambernardwriter@gmail.com](mailto:pambernardwriter@gmail.com), visit [www.pambernard.com](http://www.pambernard.com), or call for more details, including days and times, 603-439-1809.

## Antique Roadshow, Raffle & Basket Bonanza Is Benefit For Shelter From The Storm

Shelter From The Storm (SFTS), a non-profit organization that provides transitional housing and support services for the homeless in Cheshire and surrounding counties, will be holding its 14th Annual Antique Road Show Style Event and Raffle as well as a silent auction "Basket Bonanza" just in time for the holidays.

The event will be held on Friday, November 21st at the Woodbound Inn in Rindge, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event will help SFTS raise monies for the shelter program. Cash prizes totaling \$2025 are included with purchase of a ticket.

Appraisers are very interested in gold and silver items and gold and silver coins, sterling silver objects, fine jewelry, and other fine antiques.

A \$50 ticket admits two people; a single ticket

admits one. Each ticket allows one item to be appraised at the Roadshow by professional appraisers, and a chance to win over 15 raffle prizes, \$2025 in cash prizes, refreshments, and live entertainment.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction including a ton of wood pellets, restaurant gift certificates, golf foursomes, local artwork, themed baskets, and items for everyone just in time for holiday gifts. They will also have a Year of Wine raffle again this year.

Tickets may be purchased online by going to Upcoming Events at [www.shelterfromthestormnh.org](http://www.shelterfromthestormnh.org). Use the paypal receipt as the ticket at the door.

For more details, call 603-532-8222 or visit their web page. To date, they have been able to help over 150 families to move on from homelessness.

## Power Independence: Homes Can Stay Ready In Every Season

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1. Standby Generators – Always ready, these systems automatically kick on within seconds of an outage, keeping lights on, heat, or A/C running, and food safe in the fridge.

2. Energy Storage Systems (ESS) – Using powerful batteries, ESS provides seamless backup power while also helping homeowners manage energy costs by storing power for use when rates are highest.

3. Solar Panels – Clean, renewable, and increasingly affordable, solar panels reduce reliance on the grid and still qualify for a federal Residential Clean Energy Credit through the end of 2025.

Individually, each system is a smart investment. Together, they create true resilience.

Al Powers, founder of Powers Guaranteed Services, says, "Generators are reliable, solar is sustainable, and storage is flexible. When you combine all three, you're not just prepared for outages. You're investing in real energy independence. It means your family isn't at the mercy of the grid."

### Installing All Year Long

One common misconception is that generator or solar installation has to wait for warmer weather. That's simply not the case.

"We hear it all the time," says Sean Newman, Director of Operations at Powers. "People think they have to wait until spring. But winter is when outages hit hardest, and our crews are trained and equipped to work through snow and frozen ground. If you wait, you're gambling on going months without protection."

Whether it's adding a new generator, upgrading an electrical service panel, or installing a solar-plus-storage system, this year-round ability means



Zach Obuchowski and Camron Tracy of Powers Guaranteed Services on top of a roof working on a solar panel installation.

homeowners don't have to put off essential projects.

### Why Backup Power Can't Wait

For homeowners, the costs of an outage can add up quickly. For businesses, the stakes are even higher, with lost revenue and downtime.

"Some projects are nice-to-haves," says Powers. "Backup power isn't one of them. It's about protecting your family, your home, or your business. Now with solar and storage, you can also protect your budget for the long term."

### The Long-Term Savings

Beyond the security of reliable power, the financial benefits are real. Energy storage helps avoid peak utility charges. Solar panels cut monthly electric bills and lock in decades of savings while reducing reliance on fossil fuels. And thanks to the federal tax credit, families can save up to 30 percent on qualifying solar and storage projects, but only until December 31, 2025.

### A Partner in Reliable Energy

By offering generators, solar, and energy storage – plus complete electrical and gas work – Powers Guaranteed Services stands out as a one-stop provider. Their turnkey approach means customers don't have to juggle multiple contractors or worry about the details.

As Powers sums it up: "We're not just installing equipment. We're giving families the security of knowing their home will stay safe and connected, no matter what New England weather brings."

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(Prepared by the Historical Society of Cheshire County)



On what Keene Street was this early 20th century photo taken?

(Photo courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County)



The winner of last week's Mystery Photo contest was Warren Steinberg of Keene. The local shop was The Quality Shoppe.

## Piano Trios By Brahms & Schubert With Acclaimed Cellist Tommy Mesa November 7th In Keene, November 9th In Jaffrey



British chamber musicians Louisa Stonehill (violin) and Nicholas Burns (piano) will be joined by acclaimed cellist Tommy Mesa.

Ashuelot Concerts will offer a concert at Stonewall Farm on Chesterfield Road in Keene on Friday, November 7th

at 7:30 p.m., and at The Park Theatre on Main Street in Jaffrey on Sunday, November 9th at 3 p.m.

British chamber musicians Louisa Stonehill (violin) and Nicholas Burns (piano) will be joined by cellist Tommy Mesa to perform two piano trios by Brahms and Schubert.

Mesa, a Cuban-American cellist, has established himself as one of the most charismatic, innovative, and engaging performers of his generation.

Stonehill and Burns have been performing worldwide for nearly two decades. Together they have released four critically acclaimed albums for Nimbus and Lyrita and broadcast on BBC Radio 3. In 2016 they moved to Keene from London, and shortly after created Ashuelot Concerts.

Online booking for both concerts is encouraged in advance as concerts often sell out. For tickets, visit [www.ashuelotconcerts.org/events](http://www.ashuelotconcerts.org/events).

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# The Solar Revolution Is Here

Thunderclap Newman said it best: "There's something in the air, we've got to get it together sooner or later, because the revolution is here." Finally, the solar revolution: solar is taking over. It's cheaper, cleaner, and allows for energy independence. What's not to like? As climate activist Bill McKibben says, "We live on a planet where the cheapest way to make power is to point a sheet of glass at the sun." Clean energy is what we need if we are to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Although solar provides only 7 percent of the world's electricity right now, that amount is expected to double by 2026. Solar energy has grown faster than any other energy source throughout history. It took from 1954 to 2022 to install the first one terawatt of solar power (=TW=one trillion watts), but then only another two years to install the second terawatt. China is leading the way in this – installing one gigawatt per day (=GW=1 billion watts), about 100 panels every second!

Here in the US, the solar revolution is also going wild: In 2024, 61 percent of new electricity generation came from solar, adding a record 30 GW to the US grid; this trend is expected to continue in 2025. While California currently leads the country in amount of installed solar, another big state will soon overtake it – Texas! With abundant sunshine, a rising population, a streamlined permit system, and money from the federal government, Texas will add 11.6 GW of new solar power this year.

**Green Monadnock**

with Catherine Owen Koning



What are the forces behind the revolution? As former President Bill Clinton famously quipped, "It's the economy, stupid!" While electricity prices overall have increased in New England, mostly because of changes in natural gas prices, infrastructure problems and increased demand (AI centers and electric vehicles, etc.), solar electricity prices have declined. Because of efficient technology, cheaper components and large-scale manufacturing, the cost of solar panels has decreased 64 to 82 percent since 2010. Generating electricity from solar costs 2 to 9 cents per kilowatt-hour (=kWh) (on a utility scale, it is more expensive for a homeowner), compared to 4 to 8 cents per kWh from natural gas power plants, 14 to 18 cents for nuclear power, 4 to 8 cents for wind turbines on land, 7 to 16 cents for offshore wind and 4 and 5 cents for electricity from existing hydropower.

This isn't the only good news on the energy front. According to the US Energy Information Administration, about 7.7 GW of wind capacity will be added to the US grid in 2025, despite roadblocks and misinformation. (Wind turbines do not kill whales! In fact, ocean-based wind turbine structures often enhance marine habitats, acting as artificial reefs, attracting fish and other ocean creatures and creating great fishing spots. Talk to the recreational fishermen off Block Island for some tips.) Half of the new wind energy installations will happen in Texas, Wyoming, and Massachusetts. For example, Vineyard Wind, between Martha's Vineyard and Block Island, is almost complete, bringing 800-megawatt (MW) of clean energy to the east coast.

Since the sun doesn't always shine, and the wind doesn't always blow, a key to the clean energy future is battery storage, which is also soaring. In 2024, the highest amount of battery storage – 10.3 GW – was added, and analysts expect that record to be broken in 2025 with an additional record 18.2 GW of additional battery storage.

If we can produce enough clean electricity, we can power our lives without producing harmful planet-warming pollution. You can drive an electric car, cook on an induction stove, heat and cool your house with efficient heat pumps – all powered by sun and wind.

To find out how you can do this at your house, contact the Monadnock Sustainability Hub – we can set you up with a volunteer "Home Energy Coach" to help you figure out how to make your home more efficient and power your life with clean energy. Be part of the clean energy revolution: <https://monadnocksustainabilityhub.org/programs/hub-energy-coaching>.

And the Beatles also had their say on this topic: "Say you want a revolution, well you know, we all want to change the world... Don't you know it's gonna be all right!"

*Catherine Owen Koning is a Professor of Environmental Science at Franklin Pierce University, where she co-coordinates the Institute for Climate Action. She is also a member of the Monadnock Sustainability Hub's Board of Directors and co-chairs the Keene Clean Energy Team.*

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# Wildlife Activities In November

Autumn gently ebbs away as the last of the leaves fall towards the end of November. Much of our natural world breathes a deep sigh before their winter rest. But, before that happens, there's still plenty of wildlife activity.

We are approaching our coldest and darkest months of the year. The dramatic reduction in daylight hours and plummeting temperatures are clear cues for wildlife. For many mammals, it's time to prepare their winter hibernation dens. Bears prepare for hibernation by engaging in a period of intense eating called hyperphagia, where they consume large amounts of food to build up significant fat reserves. Not all wildlife goes dormant during the colder months. For birds, it's time to search for food. In fact, the countryside is full of wildlife activity in November.

This is a really good time to spot mammals scurrying about trying to find a suitable place to hibernate. They're particularly fond of wooded areas and leaf piles. Mice, squirrels, voles, and chipmunks are busy filling their nests and burrows for winter. Typically, they can be found around dense, low growth and woodland foraging for food. If you walk along the woods this month, take it slow and listen.

Also, field mice try to get into garages and homes if you live in the countryside. We have had an abundance of mice finding their way into our garage, more than we ever had in years past. I've been watching the chipmunks in our yard scurrying back and forth across the back deck with cheeks full of either birdseed or acorns. They've been very busy and their stretchy cheek pouches can hold up to 70 sunflower seeds or 12 acorns!

Fox are also active this month, both in urban and rural areas. They'll be breaking away from the safety of the family unit in search of new territories to breed. So, a walk this month, particularly during the evening, may indeed feature a bold and adventurous fox.

Listen to the wind whistling through bare trees, the crunch of leaves and acorns underfoot, or the sounds of migrating geese that create the soundscape of November woods. In some areas, you may notice low water levels in streams and ponds due to drought conditions, as seen in parts of New Hampshire this year.

There's a lot to be said about birds during November and through winter. Our pair of cardinals have come back again, and the juncos, black-capped chickadees, blue jays, sparrows, and our family of mourning doves are back feeding in our yard. We call the black-capped chickadees our "bush" birds as they enjoy our huge bush out back where we toss birdseed. They all hang out and enjoy the privacy and protection of this 15-foot diameter evergreen bush just beyond our deck where we enjoy watching them, especially our cat, Lukas. They are great entertainment for him during the morning and early evenings when they all come around to feed. We have a very busy yard during the winter months.

Starlings deserve their own spotlight. In November, you might be lucky enough to witness one of the most stunning natural spectacles there is: a starling

murmuration. These murmurations are essentially thousands and thousands of starlings flying in unison in the sky. It's breathtaking to see; a constantly transforming mass of birds, which pulsates, shifts, and changes as the starlings swoop and dive in a complex synchronized pattern. This phenomenon is a safety tactic against predators and to conserve heat, with each bird following simple rules in relation to its neighbors. The name comes from the low humming sounds their wings make, which sounds like a murmur.

**Woods and Gardens**

with Rose Kowaliw



This collective movement creates the illusion of a single, shape-shifting entity in the sky, composed of thousands of individuals moving in unison. The swirling, unpredictable patterns confuse predators like falcons, making it difficult for them to single out and attack an individual bird. The large flocks also serve as a way to exchange information about feeding areas and help birds stay warm at night.

Murmurations mainly occur during the fall and winter months, with peak activity often between November and February. They typically happen at dusk as the birds gather to roost, and sometimes in the morning as they leave their roosts. The specific locations vary, but they can be seen in open areas like the countryside, near bodies of water, or even in cities. Some organizations maintain hotlines during the season to provide up-to-date information on where the birds are roosting.

We actually look forward to the winter months so we can watch our feathered friends visit and feed in our backyard. I notice they all get along well together, too. The squirrels don't bother the birds and the birds are very kind to one another. I've never seen them squabble, they give each other space and enjoy the banquet we present for them each day. We also put some seed on the deck, and Lukas enjoys a front row view as he sits on the dining room chair watching through the picture window. Seeing the birds keeps him happy and out of mischief!

*Rose Kowaliw has enjoyed gardening for over 40 years and also has a variety of houseplants, including a few she's had for over 20 years.*

## Create & Sip: Make A Bird Feeder On November 13th

The Jaffrey Woman's Club will be holding a Create & Sip event on Thursday, November 13th, at 6:30 p.m., a "fun'draiser" called Take Wing. Attendees will create a two-sided bird feeder from broken, recycled glass and resin. Patterns will be available to follow with the option to create a design. Local artist Judy Bosies of Wicked Glass Art will guide the process.

This event is open to the public. The fee is \$30. Refreshments and all supplies will be provided. Home kits also will be available for purchase. Wicked Glass Art will donate a portion of each ticket sold towards supporting the club's mission of community support programs along with the continued preservation of the historic Cutler Building.

To register, visit [www.jaffreywomensclub.org/events](http://www.jaffreywomensclub.org/events). The Jaffrey Woman's Club is located at 33 Main Street in Jaffrey.

## HCS Is Celebrating 118 Years of Service

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) will hold its 2025 Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 6th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 312 Marlboro Street in Keene.

The annual celebration honors the dedication and accomplishments of HCS over the past year, and looks ahead to the future of compassionate, community-oriented, holistic home care in southwestern New Hampshire. Guests will enjoy an evening of connection, reflection, and gratitude featuring live music from Hospice at HCS musicians, refreshments, and a silent auction supporting ongoing HCS programs.

The evening's program will feature keynote speaker Paulette Schwartz, LCSW, MHP, CPXP, Director of Human Centered Care at Hartford HealthCare's Community Network, presenting on "The Emotional & Economic Cost at the End of Life."

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## Veterans Day Observed In Jaffrey

John Humiston Post #11 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5613 and the town of Jaffrey invite citizens of Jaffrey and the surrounding towns to join them on Tuesday, November 11th, to observe Veterans Day.

Parking for the parade will be at Community Field, where there will be facilities. The parade of veterans will assemble at Blake Street at 10:15 a.m., step off at 10:40 a.m., and march to the Town Common. There a prayer will be offered, a wreath laid, an address delivered by the Commander of the Jaffrey VFW Post #5613, Dale Smith, and the National Anthem will be played.

They extend an invitation to those veterans who have served, and those who are still serving their country, to march with them. Those who need a ride should call Marc Tieger at 603-532-8765. At the conclusion of the parade, light refreshments will be available at the American Legion on Webster Street. At noon The Park Theatre will offer complimentary pizza for veterans and all military personnel, and will show the 1960 vintage movie *Where Eagles Dare* starring Clint Eastwood and Richard Burton. This free movie will be shown at 12:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.

## Monadnock Woodturners Host Exhibit And Fair

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“Whitcomb Hall was restored to its original grandeur by volunteers for the most part within the last five years. It was a big project – both from a fund-raising and labor point of view,” says Ken Greatbatch, a long-time member of the Monadnock Woodturners’ Club, “so it makes for a really interesting place to display art work.”

In 1905, West Swanzey resident George Whit-

comb, said that if the town could raise \$1500, he would build a community center for the residents of West Swanzey, although he didn’t believe the town could do it. The money was raised in no time. Built in 1916 after being commissioned by local industrialist Whitcomb, it served as a community gathering place until it was shuttered in 1988.

For more details about As the Wood Turns, contact Greatbatch at kenbatch33@gmail.com.

## The Colonial Theatre Presents Silkroad Ensemble: American Railroad Reimagined – A Musical Journey Through America’s Untold Histories

SILKROAD, Continued from page 1

Under the direction of Wu Man, the ensemble features tabla master Sandeep Das, Congolese guitarist Niwel Tsumbu, Chinese suona player Yazhi

Guo, bassist Shawn Conley, violinist Michi Wiancko, percussionist and Japanese flute player Kaoru Watanabe, and Italian multi-instrumentalist Francesco Turrisi. Together, they bring Silkroad’s mission of cross-cultural collaboration to life with exhilarating energy and emotional depth.

The performance blends traditional instruments from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas – including Indian tabla, Japanese taiko, Chinese pipa and suona, and European accordion – creating an immersive journey through time and sound. Featuring new works by Silkroad members and guest composers, American Railroad Reimagined illuminates the complex history of the railroad and the people who built it, while inviting audiences to consider how these interwoven legacies continue to shape America today.

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# Plan Ahead To Promote Safety During Holiday Gatherings

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to recognize that the gathering of friends and family could potentially put kids at risk.

As much as we want to assume that all friends and family members have the best interests of children at heart, we need to remain alert to the potential for dangers of having large gatherings and extra house guests, especially when parents may be extra busy preparing for the holiday festivities and socializing with friends and relatives they may not get to see frequently. In fact, at least one in 10 children experience sexual abuse before the age of 18, and 90 percent of the offenders are people the child and family know and trust. Thirty percent are immediate or extended family. Additionally, researchers believe that most cases of child sexual abuse go unreported, so the numbers may be significantly higher.

and teaches children to be empowered to say no if someone is touching them in a way that feels uncomfortable.

Discussion of boundaries is a way to help your child recognize and respect the boundaries of others if they are likely to struggle with giving others space as needed. Again, pay attention to signals that your children may be crossing the boundary for another family member and intervene to support everyone feeling comfortable with their personal boundaries. Some adults may not recognize the importance of respecting boundaries set by children. If you encounter this, tell the relative not to be offended, it's not personal, but you encourage children to be comfortable setting boundaries.

Have an "open door" rule during gatherings for rooms other than the bathroom or when changing for privacy. Open doors can help prevent kids from getting stuck in a room with someone. Pay attention to where the kids are and check on them frequently. If groups of kids are playing together, especially mixed ages, pay attention to the conversation. It's generally a good idea to have a pulse on the activities and conversations to which your kids are being exposed. This can be especially important regarding content on phones or tablets.

Have a secret code for your children to let you know of any problems or concerns. With more people around, your child may hesitate to bring up concerns. A secret code allows your child to alert you to their need for a private conversation. Shortly before the gathering, check in with your child to ensure they remember the secret code phrase. This also reinforces that you want to know if there is a problem, which makes it easier for kids to bring up concerns.

Create a web of safe adults for kids to speak with. While talking about body safety, help your child identify additional safe adults that they want to include on the list. If they aren't able to

reach you, they have alternative people they can go to. Make sure you and your child are both in agreement with the safe adult list, and reassure your child that they can talk with any of the safe adults if they aren't feeling comfortable sharing a concern with their mom or dad.

After the affair, create a habit of debriefing with your children. This can be on a car ride home or just before bed. Spend some time talking about the gathering. You can ask questions such as what their favorite part was, if they learned anything interesting about relatives they spent time with, if anything happened that was surprising, if anything made them scared, sad, or uncomfortable, and if there is anything they would like to change before the next gathering.

Holiday gatherings with friends and family can be joyful and exciting experiences. It's up to the adults to help create safety and comfort for all.

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**Monadnock Family**  
with Sheri Lapointe



So how can parents increase safety for their children? Communication is key. Parents can talk with kids about body autonomy, consent, and proper names for body parts to help kids stay safe. Starting these conversations when kids are very young will help normalize the conversations and make it easier to talk about sexuality when they reach adolescence. Having open conversations about sensitive topics will create a supportive environment that makes it easier for kids to disclose if something happens.

Before any gatherings this holiday season, have a discussion with your children and develop some household rules to increase safety. The first rule to establish involves personal boundaries. Let children know that physical touch (hugs, kisses, and tickles) is optional. This reinforces the concept of consent

and teaches children to be empowered to say no if someone is touching them in a way that feels uncomfortable.

Discussion of boundaries is a way to help your child recognize and respect the boundaries of others if they are likely to struggle with giving others space as needed. Again, pay attention to signals that your children may be crossing the boundary for another family member and intervene to support everyone feeling comfortable with their personal boundaries. Some adults may not recognize the importance of respecting boundaries set by children. If you encounter this, tell the relative not to be offended, it's not personal, but you encourage children to be comfortable setting boundaries.

Have an "open door" rule during gatherings for rooms other than the bathroom or when changing for privacy. Open doors can help prevent kids from getting stuck in a room with someone. Pay attention to where the kids are and check on them frequently. If groups of kids are playing together, especially mixed ages, pay attention to the conversation. It's generally a good idea to have a pulse on the activities and conversations to which your kids are being exposed. This can be especially important regarding content on phones or tablets.

Have a secret code for your children to let you know of any problems or concerns. With more people around, your child may hesitate to bring up concerns. A secret code allows your child to alert you to their need for a private conversation. Shortly before the gathering, check in with your child to ensure they remember the secret code phrase. This also reinforces that you want to know if there is a problem, which makes it easier for kids to bring up concerns.

Create a web of safe adults for kids to speak with. While talking about body safety, help your child identify additional safe adults that they want to include on the list. If they aren't able to

## Dance Features "Champagne Jam" This Saturday

Monadnock Tri-State Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, November 8th from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at ELMM Memorial Community Center at 21 Durkee Street in Winchester.

The dance will feature live music

by Champagne Jam. There will be free refreshments, a 50/50 raffle, and all are welcome. Admission is \$12.

For more details, call Rich at 603-398-8539

## Hope Chapel To Host Veterans Dinner Friday

Hope Chapel invites the community to join in an evening of gratitude, good food, and heartfelt fellowship at their Annual Veterans Dinner on Friday, November 7th. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and entertainment to follow.

For years, this event has served as a way for the Hope Chapel family and the greater Monadnock community to say a sincere "thank you" to the men and women who have served the nation. This year's dinner will feature a catered meal prepared by Chef Jenna Lequire of Fritz Restaurant, known

for her creative and flavorful cuisine. Guests will also enjoy a performance by the Keene Cheshiremen Chorus, bringing their signature harmony and joy to the evening.

"All are welcome," says Pastor Michael McCosker. "You don't need to be a veteran to attend – just come ready to love on and appreciate our veteran community."

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# Join Me For Teatime!

*"Perhaps no invitation opens the door to such lovely moments as this simple appeal; Join us for teatime."  
The Art of Tea: Recipes & Rituals  
editors of Victoria magazine*

While many people find calm in enjoying a single cup of tea in the comfort of their favorite chair, welcoming friends and neighbors to share 'a cuppa' in your home offers a jolly time.

A cup of tea has always been an expression of hospitality and kindness. Serving tea can be as simple or complex as desired, ranging from a single pot of tea and a plate of biscuits to a tiered dish offering bite-sized sandwiches, scones, and sweet or savory pastries. A tea table can be set with pretty cups, simple plates and napkins or go elegant with fine china, silver, and flowers. Before the rush of holiday entertainment, consider sharing the time-honored rituals of teatime with a few friends – it's an invaluable chance to slow down for a few restorative hours of quiet.

## Cooking Corner

with Nancy Adams



### Gingerbread Raisin Scones

Wonderful served with some clotted cream or whipped cream.

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups flour  
1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/8 teaspoon cloves  
6 tablespoons chilled butter, cut into pieces  
1/4 cup milk  
1 large egg  
3 tablespoons molasses  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Blend flour, sugar, baking powder, and spices in a food processor, or combine in a mixing bowl. Add butter and process until mixture resembles coarse meal (or cut in butter with a pastry blender or knives). In a bowl, beat milk, egg, molasses, and vanilla to blend. Add flour mixture and raisins; stir gently until dough forms. Gather dough into a ball. On lightly floured surface, press dough into a one-inch thick round. Cut round into eight wedges and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

### Salmon Tea Sandwiches

These sandwiches, served on pumpernickel bread, are a nice contrast in taste and color to any assorted sweets.

**Ingredients:**  
1/4 lb. thinly sliced smoked salmon  
1/2 (8-ounce) pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill  
1 package square pumpernickel party bread

In food processor, chop salmon and cream cheese until smooth. With rubber spatula, fold in dill until well mixed. Spread salmon mixture evenly over half the bread slices and top with rest of bread. Cut each

sandwich diagonally into two triangles; if you had to use a larger pumpernickel bread, cut into four triangles. Place on tray or plate; cover with slightly damp towel or plastic wrap. Refrigerate until serving time. Makes 48 tea sandwiches.

### Chutney Crescents

Quite easy to make and an attractive and tasty addition to a tea party.

**Ingredients:**  
1/2 cup butter, room temp.  
1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, room temp.  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup chutney, your own or purchased  
1/4 cup sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine and cream together the butter and cream cheese in a bowl. Add flour and continue to mix to combine. Chill dough overnight. Remove dough from refrigerator 30 minutes before use.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness; cut dough into three-inch rounds. Place a small spoonful of chutney on each round; fold over each and press edges together with a fork or fingers. Bake on ungreased sheet pan for 13 to 15 minutes. When cool, roll in cinnamon-sugar.



A tea tray made to serve a friend recently.

### Pots de Crème

These small pots of chocolate pudding are made in a blender and a lovely addition to any teatime table.

**Ingredients:**  
6 ounces semi-sweet or dark chocolate chips  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
pinch of kosher salt  
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons heavy cream  
whipped cream and cocoa powder for garnish

Place four to six small pots, ramekins or tea cups on a plate or pan. Place chocolate chips, sugar, egg, vanilla, and salt in a blender container. Pulse a few times to mix the ingredients. Remove center cap from the blender cover and place a small funnel into the opening. Pour cream into a microwave-safe bowl. Make sure it's a large enough bowl/cup as mixture will bubble up when heated. Heat on high power for about 1½ minutes, or until cream is vigorously boiling. Turn blender on low speed and blend for 15 seconds. Slowly begin pouring the hot cream into the funnel. Once all cream has been added, place your hand on the funnel to keep it in place and increase blender speed to high. Blend for one minute, then pour into prepared pots and refrigerate for one hour. Can be made two to three days in advance. Cover with plastic wrap when storing. Serve with a dollop of whipped cream and dust it with a bit of cocoa powder, if desired.

### Pistachio-Raisin Biscotti

These twice-baked treats will keep wrapped for up to a week.

**Ingredients:**  
2¼ cups flour  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 cup shelled, unsalted pistachio nuts  
3/4 cup golden raisins  
1½ teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl, mix flour, sugar, pistachios, raisins, baking powder, and salt. In small bowl, whisk together eggs and vanilla; add to flour mixture and use hands if necessary to mix it well (dough will be stiff). Divide dough in half. On lightly floured surface, roll each dough half into a 12-inch log. Place logs on a baking sheet and gently press to a 7/8-inch thickness. Bake until risen and firm, 15 to 20 minutes. Cool completely on baking sheet, about 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees. On a cutting board, use a serrated knife to cut logs into 1/2-inch thick slices. Lay slices in a single layer on baking sheet. Bake until dry and just starting to brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Transfer to a rack to cool completely. Makes 48 biscotti.

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# Honoring Our Ancestors

It is that time of year for holidays that focus upon the honoring of ancestors of various types. As I write, it will be Halloween (or Samhain or Day of the Dead) in a few days. And beneath the plastic masks and store-bought candies and blown-up decorations of skeletons and such, this time is spiritually about connecting with the ancestral realm. Believed by many people of many sacred traditions to inhabit a different, yet sometimes interconnected, realm than ours. These ancestors like to be remembered, sometimes, by us, the living.

**Healing Perspectives**  
with Skye Stephenson



In Chile, where I lived for more than a decade, November 1st was a national holiday. I so enjoyed seeing whole families with picnic baskets perched atop the grave of a deceased family member, eating their favorite foods, laughing, singing, re-remembering those who have passed away with joy. The future generations will keep the knowledge and memory of these people close to their hearts.

Our ancestors can be viewed more widely than by bloodline. For there are many kinds of ancestors that support and help us in our short walk on planet Earth. There are the deceased loved ones with whom we may not share any blood connection – people who may have helped raise and/or sustain us. There are those with whom we once frolicked and laughed and ate with who have left this realm before us.

And then there are also those we once had a mixed kind of relationship with that are still close to us, energetically speaking. For reconciliation and healing continues after physical death, in both directions.

There are also ancestors of place. One kind of ancestor of place are the human beings who walked upon this land long before we did. We know that there have been people living in this region for at least 12,600 years. A sign by the Junior High School running field reminds us of this truth – Tenant Swamp.

So, too, does the large mural at 9 Court Street – People of the Dawnland.

The celebration of Thanksgiving is allegedly about the honoring of natives and whites at a harvest festival. In truth, the story of this celebration is bloodier and more convoluted than what I was taught in elementary school some decades ago. Check out this article in the Smithsonian magazine

to learn more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/thanksgiving-myth-and-what-we-should-be-teaching-kids-180973655>.

How can we honor these ancestors of place in a heart-full and also truthful manner? I find this challenging when I know well the legacy of some of my ancestors, who arrived here from Europe, had their lands and spaces seized with guns and force. This can be so hard to acknowledge that some people, it seems, want to not talk about it at all. Some even deny it.

To this big question, I have no real answer. Not publicly.

(A few years ago, when I wrote about the true story of Thanksgiving in my column, I received hateful phone calls. I was harassed.)

I once heard a New Hampshire representative in Concord state that there have never been any Native Americans in New Hampshire. Ever. And yet our region – the Monadnock Region – is named for a mountain with a Western Abenaki name meaning, probably, “isolated mountain.” Although it might mean “smooth mountain.”

The river that flows through the heart of Keene is also named by the ancestors of place, the Western Abenaki. Ashuelot means “Land between Place” in Western Abenaki. The river way and its environs have been a major crossroads for millennia.

These physical presences of mountain and river can also be thought of as our ancestors. For they are more ancient than even the most ancient of human-beings. And they have known and witnessed all that has transpired here in the sometimes happy, sometimes sad, sometimes complicated course of our human histories (and her-stories).

There are many ways to honor our land and landmarks, just as there are many paths to trying to honor (as best as we can) the ancestors, those human beings, of place. And, also, our own personal ancestors whose memories and blood flow through our veins as genes and stories and whispers.

Love is always a good way to start, and end.

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LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

"Button Up" Workshop 6pm. Keene Recreation Center Rm 22, 312 Washington St., Keene. A 1.5-hour presentation plus Q&A about how to improve the energy efficiency of a home. Free. www.plymouthenergy.org/button-up..

MISCELLANEOUS

Learn to Play American Mahjong 1-3pm. Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St., Keene. Four week class. For beginners but experienced players are welcome to come and play their own game. Runs until November 26th. Amy Kraemer: 603-352-0157. akraemer@keenenh.gov.

Book Crush Romance Reader Group 6-7pm. Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St. Non-traditional book club for romance readers. Every month will have a theme related to romance tropes, conventions, and subgenres. Parker Goodreau: 603-352-0157. pgoodreau@keenenh.gov.

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Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-2:30pm. Jaffrey Bible Church, 133 Turnpike Rd. To make appointment call 800-733-2767. www.redcrossblood.org.

Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:15am. Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St.. Geared towards ages 3 to 5, who can sit and listen to short stories and participate in simple songs and rhymes. Stories and songs about bunnies. Amy Kraemer: 603-352-0157. akraemer@keenenh.gov.

Richmond Reminisces 11am. Richmond Public Library, 19 Winchester Rd., Richmond. These memories will be recorded for future generations to enjoy. Richmond Public Library: 603-239-6164.

Thursday, Nov. 6

MISCELLANEOUS

Introduction to American Sign Language with Katrina Rosa 5:30-6:30pm. Hancock Town Library, 25 Main St., Hancock. Thursdays November 6th through December 18th. Ages 16 and up. Register by calling or e-mailing. 603-525-4411. hancocklibrary@comcast.net.

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Mom's Club 6:30pm. Richmond Public Library, 19 Winchester Rd. A chance for moms to get together to make a fun craft. Richmond Public Library: 603-239-6164.

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Friday, Nov. 7

ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Artist's Reception: Maryann Mullett 4-6pm. Hancock Town Library, 25 Main St., Hancock. 21 pastel paintings by this artist will be on display through November 13th.

The Kukuleles in Concert 7pm. Hancock Town Library, 25 Main St., Hancock. Singers, ukuleles, guitar, bass ukulele and other instruments. Songs from many eras, including singalong choruses and guest solos. Free. 603-525-4411. hancocklibrary@comcast.net.

Ashuelot Concerts: Piano Trios by Brahms & Schubert 7:30pm. Stonewall Farms, 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene. Tickets at www.ashuelotconcerts.org.

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Drawing for Beginners with Marie-Lise Reilly 10am-1pm. Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St.. Each class will consist of a half-hour demonstration followed by drawing time and teacher guidance. Jaffrey Civic Center: 603-532-6527.

DINING PLEASURES

Hope Chapel Annual Veterans Dinner 5:15pm. Hope Chapel Fellowship Hall, 667 Main St., Keene. Free and open to all. Visit www.hopechapel.us.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beginner Ukulele Class with Amy Conley 4-5:30pm. Hancock Town Library, 25 Main St., Hancock. Basic ukulele rhythms, common chords in the key of C, and songs to play instantly in a fun, educational and entertaining Playshop. Loaner ukuleles available to the first 12 people who register. 603-525-4411. hancocklibrary@comcast.net.

Saturday, Nov. 8

ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Monadnock Tri-State Dance Club 7-10pm. ELMM Community Center, 21 Durkee St., Winchester. Live music by "Champagne Jam." Everyone welcome. \$12. Refreshments available, 50/50 raffle. Rich: 603-398-8539.

Peterborough Folk Music: David Wilcox 7pm. Bass Hall, 19 Grove St., Peterborough. \$30/\$35. 603-318-9196. www.pfmsconcerts.org.

DINING PLEASURES

Second Saturday Roast Beef Supper 5pm. United Church of Bernardston, MA, 58 Church St. Second seating at 6:15. Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, baked dessert. \$15. Call for reservations or to reserve take-out meals. 413-648-9306.

7 Course Meal: Benefits Stonewall Farm 5:30-8pm. Aloha Keene Yoga Studio, 83 Court St., Keene. Seasonal foods, community, and live music. Complete with take-home recipes, grocery lists, and a unique spice blend to recreate the flavors at home. \$108. Limited to 12. www.vagaro.com/alohakeene.

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Hancock Holiday Craft Fair 9am-3pm. Hancock Vestry and Meeting House, 47 Main St., Hancock. Over 30 local vendors, artists, artisans, craftspeople and food vendors.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**Opening Reception: Felt Experience by Susan Garry** 5-7pm. Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey. Exhibition Dates: November 7, 2025 - December 20, 2025. Jaffrey Civic Center: 603-532-6527.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** 9am-2pm. Monadnock Covenant Church, 90 Base Hill Road, Keene. Donors schedule appointment at 800-733-2767. www.RedCrossBlood.org.

**Monadnock Railroad Club Train Show** 10am-3pm. The Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm St., Peterborough. Suggested donation \$5 adults/free, children under 12. Proceeds go to Funding Cures for Children's Catastrophic Diseases.

## Sunday, Nov. 9

### ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

**Ashuelot Concerts: Piano Trios by Brahms & Schubert** 3pm. Park Theatre, 19 Main St., Jaffrey. Tickets at www.ashuelotconcerts.org.

## Monday, Nov. 10

### ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

**Teen Crafternoon: Shrinky Dinks** 3:30-5:30pm. Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St.. Middle and high schoolers, design Shrinky Dinks keychains, earrings, magnets, and more in the teen space. Eleanor Green: 603-352-0157. egreen@keenenh.gov.

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**Line Dance Classes** 1-2pm. Keene Rec. Center, 312 Washington St. Mondays from Nov. 10th - Dec. 1. Adults and older youth. Register: 603-357-9829 or www.keeneparks.recdesk.com.

## Tuesday, Nov. 11

### ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

**Cheshiremen Chorus: Weekly Meeting & Singing** 6:30pm. United Church of Christ-Keene, 23 Central Square. All men welcome. Use Vernon St. entrance. 877-312-7467. www.cheshiremen.org.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Red Cross Blood Drive** 10am-4pm. Best Western Plus, 401 Winchester Street, Keene. Donors are asked to call or visit to schedule appointment at 800-733-2767. www.RedCrossBlood.org.

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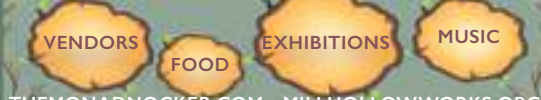
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